

Lawmakers discuss policy, principles of 2014-15 National Planning Bill

NAY PYI TAW, 30 Jan — Lawmakers discussed the policy and principles of the National Planning Bill for the 2014-2015 Financial

Year at Pyidaungsu Hluttaw here today.

U Thein Yi of Htantabin Constituency has suggested to include a plan

for repairing sluice gates, dredging creeks and repairing river water pumping stations in Htantabin Township in the 2014-2015

National Planning Bill.

U Thurein Zaw of Kawkareik Constituency has called on implementing the plan for construction of

grids and main sub-powered stations in the 2014-15 fiscal year as part of the five-year plan to be able to (See page 9)

Electric cars, educational books donated to Pyidaungsu Hluttaw

Officials are to fulfill requirements of locals in Letpadaungtaung project area

NAY PYI TAW, 30 Jan — Officials at different levels are to cooperate in imple-

mentation of Letpadaungtaung copper mining project and fulfill the requirements

of local people, said Union Minister at the President Office U Hla Tun at the meeting

of the Implementation Committee of the Report of the Investigation Commission

for Letpadaungtaung Copper Mining Project in Monywa yesterday afternoon.

Progress of education, health, social economic sectors being undertaken by the implementation committee is to be explained to the local people, the Chairman of the committee Union minister added.

Vice-Chairman Chief Minister of Sagaing Region U Tha Aye discussed undertakings of education, health, economic and social matters in the project area and plan of implementing the project.

Member of the committee Union Minister U Win Tun explained environmental conservation matters. Officials presented reports on their respective sectors.

Managing Director Maj-Gen Zarni Win of Union of Myanmar Economic Holdings Ltd discussed progress of project tasks and job opportunities for local people.—MNA



Union Minister at the President Office U Hla Tun speaking at the meeting.—MNA

Yintinetaung Dam being extended for sufficient water supply

Yintinetaung Dam is located at the foot of Myaing Hill near Inyaung Village-tract of Myaing Township, Pakokku District, Magway Region.

Embankment of the dam is being extended to be 1500 feet long, 44 feet high and 16 feet wide embankment.

Earthen works are being undertaken with the use of heavy machinery. Workers and engineers of Irrigation Department (Mechanical) emphasize timely completion of construction work under the supervision of Pakokku

District Irrigation Department.

Upon completion, the dam will supply water to the people of Inyaung Village and its environs sufficiently and benefit farmlands in its surrounding areas and help transform crops lands into farmlands where monsoon and summer paddy can be grown through double and triple cropping patterns.

Local authorities supervise the construction works and inspect progress of tasks severally for regional development.

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Embankment of Yintinetaung Dam under extension.

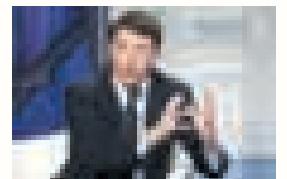
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LOCAL NEWS

Introduction to mechanized farming in Sagaing Tsp



A tractor used in preparing the farmlands to be able to grow cold season crops in rural areas of Sagaing Township.

SAGAING, 30 Jan—Villages in Sagaing Township are engaged in cultivation of cold season such as groundnut, maize, bean and chilli plantations.

At present, paddy plantations on some low-lying areas have been harvested.

Preparations are being made for cultivation of cold season crops with the use of power-tillers and tractors.

The local farmers hired tractors to plough the farmlands at K 20000 per acre.

In Sitee Village-tract, farmer U Kyaw Myo Shan (a) Japangyi gave service of ploughing farmlands.

Local people prefer using of farming machinery including tractors so as to complete farming works in time.

Kyemon-Myo Win

Parliamentarian Affairs

Chin State Hluttaw Workshop held in Haka

HAKA, 30 Jan—The Chin State Hluttaw Workshop was opened at the hall of State Government in Haka of Chin State on 28 January morning, with an address by Chin State Chief Minister U Hong Ngai.

It was also attended by state level officials,

Deputy Speaker of Chin State Hluttaw U Ohn Lwin, State Hluttaw MPs and departmental officials and UNDP officials.

At the workshop, Mr Elgsaether Edin and Mr Feulner of UNDP gave lectures on parliamentarian affairs.—Kyemon

Voluntary Services

Workshop on rights of the child held in Magway

MAGWAY, 30 Jan—SCVG Social Care Voluntary Group organized the Workshop on Rights of the Child at Central Lodging in Magway of Magway Region yesterday.

It was attended by

members of writers association and media persons and enthusiasts totalling about 30.

The workshop was aimed at disseminating knowledge about rights of the child to the participants of the workshop

and enabling the homeless children to enjoy the right of child.

The workshop continued at the same venue today.

MMAL-Nyi Nyi Maung (IPRD)

Development

New school building handed over at Nyaunggaing BEHS in Meiktila Tsp

MEIKTILA, 30 Jan—A ceremony to hand over new school building worth K 16.5 million was held at Aung Yadana Hall of Basic Education High School in Nyaunggaing Village of Meiktila on 27 January.

Retired Managing Director U Tin Aung of

Ministry of Electric Power-Daw Kyin Myaing, U Zeya Thura Mon, U Thein Win-Daw Moe Moe Win formally opened the new building.

Assistant Director Daw Khin Swe Win of the District Education Office made a speech.

Wellwishers U Tin

Aung and U Zeya Thura Mon explained the purpose of donation.

Wellwisher Daw Moe Moe Win handed over documents related to the building Headmistress Daw Khin Than Win.

Wellwisher U Tin Aung presented prizes to SAT Daw



Mu Mu Aung who taught her pupils to have distinction in Chemistry.

Patron of the School Board of Trustees U Kyaw Nyunt spoke words of thanks and urged all to maintain the school buildings.

The new school building is 180 feet long, 30 feet wide and 14 feet high. It cost K 61.5 million.

Those wellwishers also donated Po Yazar school building spending K 35 million.

They also built 20 toilets, 160-gallon capacity water tank and 800-gallon capacity water tank at the school.—Kyemon-Tin Hlaing (Meiktila)

Wellwishers formally open new school building at Basic Education High School in Nyaunggaing Village of Meiktila Township.

K 87 million allotted for construction of school building, toilets

YAMETHIN, 30 Jan—No 2 Basic Education Department (Mandalay) allotted K 87 million on construction of a school building and 30 toilets at No 1 Basic Education High School (Nyaungyan) in Yamethin of Mandalay Region in 2013-14 fiscal year.

The old Nyaungyan School Building will be dissolved.

A new building which will be two-storey structure, 100x30 feet, will be constructed spending K 72 million.

In addition K 15 million will be spent on construction of 30 toilets.—MMAL-011

Loans disbursed to cooperative society members

MANDALAY, 30 Jan—Central Cooperative Union shared K 50 million from China EXIM Bank to its cooperative syndicates of regions and states.

Mandalay Region Cooperative Syndicate disbursed K 10145.194 million to 109,688 members of 1638 cooperative

societies from 20 townships.

For ensuring monetary security, the region cooperative syndicate opens its bank accounts at CB banks in Mandalay, Kyaukse, Meiktila, Pyawbwe, Yamethin, Taungtha and Kyaukpadaung townships.

MMAL-Tun Hla Aung

WORLD

Next Iran nuclear talks to be held in Geneva

TEHERAN, 30 Jan — The next round of talks on Iran's nuclear programme will likely be held in Geneva in mid- to late February, Iranian Deputy Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi told *Kyodo News* on Wednesday. In an exclusive interview, Araghchi said one of the key topics of discussion at the upcoming multilateral talks is likely to be Iran's Arak heavy-water reactor, which is currently under construction and which could yield plutonium.

Iran is "ready to take care of" nuclear proliferation concerns associated with the reactor, he said.

"The Arak heavy water

reactor is the result of more than three decades of hard scientific work by ourselves without help from outside — it is a question of national pride," he added.

Araghchi described the prospect of further negotiations as fraught with difficulty but said the parties have already set out "common objectives." For a comprehensive solution, Iran should act transparently to assure the other parties its program is peaceful and allay concerns, and in turn the other parties should remove all sanctions, he said.

"If we see the same sense of goodwill and determination we saw in

previous negotiations in Geneva, I do believe we would be able to come to a compromise in this round of negotiations, although it is still very difficult because we have difficult subjects on the table," he said.

An accord reached last November between Iran and the other parties involved requires Iran to stop uranium enrichment above a fissile purity of 5 percent and halt construction of the Arak reactor.

In return, the other parties will remove the precious metals trade embargo on Iran, while refraining from imposing new sanctions for six months.



Iranian Deputy Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi is interviewed by Kyodo News in Teheran on 29 Jan, 2014.—Kyodo News

The location for the upcoming talks, between Iran and Britain, China, France, Germany, Russia, the United States and the European Union, had been reported to be New York by some media.—*Kyodo News*

Indian-origin woman nabbed in London in anti-terror raid

NEW DELHI, 30 Jan — An Indian-origin woman banker was arrested in Britain as part of an ongoing anti-terrorism operation in London, said local media on Thursday.

Kuntal Patel, 36, who worked at Barclays Bank in Canary Wharf, has reportedly been under arrest since Sunday after her home in east London was raided by the Metropolitan Police's

Counter Terrorism Command, said Press Trust of India.

She is also the daughter of magistrate Meena Patel, who sits on the bench at Thames Magistrates' Court in east London.

British authorities are making inquiries "as part of an intelligence-led pre-planned operation", the report quoted British officials as saying.—*Xinhua*

US readies financial sanctions against Ukraine

WASHINGTON, 30 Jan — The Obama administration is preparing financial sanctions that could be imposed on Ukrainian officials and protest leaders if violence escalates in the political crisis gripping Ukraine, congressional aides said on Wednesday.

Congressional aides, who asked not to be identified by name because of the sensitive subject, said they had discussed the sanction preparations with administration officials.

They said final details of the package have not been worked out, but it could be put in place quickly against government officials — or leaders of the protest movement — in case of widespread violence.

Six people have been killed in Kiev and other Ukrainian cities in protests that erupted more than two months ago after President Viktor Yanukovich walked away from a treaty with the European Union under pressure from Russia.

Alarmed by the crisis, Washington has revoked the visas of some Ukrainian officials.

President Barack Obama

referred to Ukraine in his State of the Union address on Tuesday, voicing support for the principle that all people have the right to free expression.

Vice President Joe Biden has spoken to Yanukovich at least three times. And two US senators, Republican John McCain of Arizona and Democrat Chris Murphy of Connecticut, traveled to Kiev last month and addressed demonstrations.

The House Foreign Affairs Committee on Wednesday passed a resolution calling on all sides in the confrontation to refrain from violence and work toward a peaceful resolution.

"The situation in Ukraine remains very volatile and more needs to be done," said Representative Eliot Engel, the New York Democrat who sponsored the resolution. "We must remain engaged."

However, US lawmakers and Obama administration officials said they were encouraged by recent developments, including the Ukrainian parliament's vote to repeal anti-protest laws.—*Reuters*



Members of various anti-government paramilitary groups gather at Independence Square during a show of force in Kiev, on 29 Jan, 2014.—REUTERS

Italy vote reform moves to parliament as parties agree changes



Italy's centre-left Democratic Party (PD) leader Matteo Renzi gestures as he appears as a guest on the RAI television show Porta a Porta (Door to Door) in Rome on 21 Jan, 2014.—REUTERS

ROME, 30 Jan — Italy's main political parties agreed adjustments to centre-left leader Matteo Renzi's electoral reform proposals that should clear the way for the closely watched package to come before parliament on Thursday.

The measures,

designed to prevent the kind of messy stalemate left by last year's deadlocked elections, are seen as vital to allowing the creation of stable governments capable of tackling deep reforms to Italy's stagnant economy.

They would favour strong coalitions or parties,

setting higher minimum thresholds for entry into parliament and guaranteeing a solid majority to the winner with a run-off round if needed to decide the result.

Renzi, who is not in government but who has assumed an ever greater role as head of the largest party in Prime Minister Enrico Letta's ruling coalition, says election reform would be the prelude to broader economic reforms.

The changes agreed by Renzi's Democratic Party (PD) and Silvio Berlusconi's Forza Italia would make it slightly easier for smaller parties to enter parliament by lowering the minimum entry threshold from 5 percent to 4.5 percent.

At the same time, they would make it more likely

that an election would require a run-off vote by raising the minimum threshold a party or coalition would need to claim outright victory in the first round from 35 percent to 37 percent. The winning group or party would then receive a winner's bonus guaranteeing a majority of over 50 percent.

Dario Nardella, a PD deputy close to Renzi, told reporters that a definitive accord had been signed between the PD, Forza Italia and the small New Center Right (NCD) group led by Interior Minister Angelino Alfano. "I hope other groups will sign up to it as well," he said.

The package will now go to the lower house on Thursday afternoon but would not be passed before April.

Reuters

Edward Snowden nominated for Nobel peace prize

OSLO, 30 Jan — Two Norwegian politicians on Thursday sent a letter to the Norwegian Nobel Committee, nominating the US whistleblower Edward Snowden for the 2014 Nobel peace prize.

Baard Vegard Solhjell, a former Norwegian minister from the Socialist Left party, and his party colleague Snorre Valen, jointly wrote the nomination letter, in which they said that Snowden's revelations of US monitoring of internet communications have contributed to the trust between nations and peoples that is necessary for peace.

The public debate and

the political changes that have followed Snowden's whistleblowing has "contributed to a more stable and peaceful world order," they said in the letter.

Snowden has provided critical knowledge of how monitoring takes place in a modern society and "his actions have reintroduced trust and transparency as guiding principles in security. These values can not be overstated," said they.

Both Solhjell and Valen are members of the current Norwegian parliament. The deadline for nominating candidates for the Nobel Peace Prize for 2014 is 1 February. But the Norwegian Nobel

Committee members can make their nomination as late as in late February at their first meeting after the expiry of the deadline.

Those entitled to nominate include former Nobel peace prize laureates, members of national assemblies and governments, university professors in certain disciplines such as history and social studies, and members of international courts.

Snowden was nominated by the Swedean sociology professor, Stefan Svallfors, in July 2013. This nomination stands good as nominations which come after the deadline are normally included in the following

year's assessment.

The five-member committee, which received 259 nomination letters last year, never provide a list of nominees and claims that it is independent of outside influence when it makes a decision on the winner.

At the first review, the committee prepares what is called a short list, which usually contains the names of five to 20 nominees. Although a choice is usually made in mid-September, a final decision can be up to the last moment before the announcement of the laureate or laureates, which takes place on the second Friday in October.—*Xinhua*

Israeli ruling coalition wobbles as US peace proposal looms

JERUSALEM, 30 Jan—A pending US framework proposal to propel stumbling Israeli-Palestinian peace talks forward chipped away on Wednesday at a troubled alliance between Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and an ultranationalist ally in his governing coalition.

Adding to the fray was a warning by centrist Finance Minister Yair Lapid that any failure of US-brokered peace talks could cause a “dramatic setback” in Israel’s economy, citing boycott threats against Israel already heard in the West.

No date has been announced for US Secretary of State John Kerry to unveil his blueprint for an Israeli-Palestinian deal, but new skirmishing between Netanyahu and far-right partner Naftali Bennett suggested crunch time was near.

Bennett’s Jewish

Home party advocates annexation of some of the West Bank — occupied territory that Palestinians seek for a state — and it has threatened to end its partnership with Netanyahu if, he says, any handover of land of biblical significance to Jews were in the offing.

In a hard-hitting speech to an international security conference on Tuesday, Bennett aired veiled criticism of Netanyahu — sending a signal that he believed the Israeli leader was primed to accept Kerry’s peace guidelines.

“Neither our forefathers nor our descendants will forgive the Israeli leader who gives away our land and divides our capital,” said Bennett, an Orthodox Jew. In a speech at the same Tel Aviv security forum, Netanyahu said Kerry would offer “American positions” and that “Israel does not have to agree to anything the Americans



Israel’s Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu attends the weekly cabinet meeting in Jerusalem on 9 Dec, 2012.—REUTERS

present”. Israeli officials, speaking anonymously, were livid over Bennett’s accusations, and he seemed to try to defuse the crisis later by saying in a speech that “if the Prime Minister was insulted I definitely regret it”.

Lapid, who heads the largest centrist party in Netanyahu’s government, cautioned that scuttling the peace talks could also spell trouble for Israel’s export-dependent economy.

He told a conference on security near Tel Aviv that European and North American countries were likely to

blame Israel for any failure in Kerry’s mission.

“If the negotiations with the Palestinians get stuck or explode and we wind up in the situation of a European boycott, even a very partial one, the Israeli economy would regress, the pocket of every Israeli citizen will be hurt.”

“Let’s not delude ourselves, the world listens to us less and less. We must recognize that if the talks fail the world will believe they have failed because of us, and this would come at a price,” Lapid also said.

Reuters

US intel official praises Japan for enacting secrecy law

WASHINGTON, 30 Jan—A top US intelligence official praised Japan on Wednesday for enacting a law protecting state secrets last month, saying it will encourage the United States to share more classified information with its close ally.

“The Japanese are emerging as great partners,” James Clapper, director of national intelligence, told a hearing of the Senate’s Select Committee on Intelligence.

Clapper said relevant Japanese officials “are really emerging as great in-

telligence partners, and this extends to the prime minister.”

The secrecy law was part of Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe’s efforts to strengthen the country’s intelligence gathering and its conduct of foreign and defense policy.

Abe’s government and his ruling bloc came under fire over the process of enacting the law as they rammed the bill through parliament, leaving many questions about matters such as how to check the validity of designation of state secrets.—Kyodo News

Baghdad bombs and shooting kill at least 19

BAGHDAD, 30 Jan — Car bombs in mainly Shi’ite districts of the Iraqi capital and a shooting killed at least 19 people on Wednesday, police said, driving the death toll so far this month to nearly 1,000, according to Iraq Body Count.

No group claimed responsibility for the blasts, but members of the country’s Shi’ite majority are often targeted by Sunni Islamist insurgents, some linked with al-Qaeda, who have regained ground in Iraq over the past year.

Twin blasts in the capital’s southern Shula District on Wednesday evening killed seven people and a car bomb in New Baghdad claimed a further five lives. Another explosion in Talibiya killed four, and in Camp Sarah, a mainly Christian neighbourhood, gunmen shot three more dead.

The al-Qaeda-affiliated Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) has exploited resentment among minority Sunnis against the Shi’ite-led government for policies

perceived as unfairly penalizing their once-dominant community.

On 1 January, militants overran two cities in the Sunni heartland province of Anbar, which shares a border with Syria, where ISIL is also active.

During his weekly televised address, Prime Minister Nuri al-Maliki blamed renewed militancy in Iraq on the Syrian civil war, which has inflamed sectarian tensions across the Middle East.

“What happened in Syria was what restored terrorism to us,” Maliki said, blaming unspecified countries for supporting al-Qaeda by arming mainly Sunni rebel groups fighting to overthrow Syrian President Bashar al-Assad.

“I repeat what I said, that ... to send weapons to terrorist groups and extremists in Syria, means supporting them in Iraq.” Violence in Iraq reached its highest level in five years in 2013, with nearly 9,000 people killed, the United Nations said.—Reuters

Brahimi expect no substantive results from ongoing Syria talks



UN-Arab League Special Envoy to Syria Lakhdar Brahimi speaks during a Press conference in Geneva, Switzerland, on 29 Jan, 2014.—REUTERS

GENEVA, 30 Jan—UN-Arab League Special Envoy to Syria Lakhdar Brahimi on Wednesday said that the gaps between the two parties were huge, and he did not expect to achieve substantive results from the ongoing

Syria peaceful talks. Brahimi told a press conference after today’s meetings that the fifth day of joint meetings between delegations of Syria government and the opposition involved tentative discussions on transi-

tional governing body. “We talked about the transitional governing body, but of course it’s a very, very preliminary discussion,” Brahimi said. Both sides were willing to continue the talks, but the gap between the two sides were “quite large”, as Brahimi noted.

Humanitarian issues, in particular about Homs, were also among the topics for today’s meeting, according to Brahimi, who said that negotiations between the United Nations and the Syrian authorities were still going on.

The UN mediator added that this round of talks was expected to conclude on Friday when they will discuss over the date to resume the next session, “most

probably after about one week.” The special envoy said he did not expect “anything substantive” could be achieved from this first time.

“This (first time) is exactly what I thought we would do, is just talk to one another and also agree that we will continue talking to one another. So this is what we have achieved,” said Brahimi, hoping the second round” will be more structured and hopefully more productive.”

Representatives of the two parties Wednesday held discussions within the framework of Geneva Communiqué which was adopted after Geneva I, the first international conference on Syria held here in 2012.

Xinhua

Poll shows runoff likely in election for Costa Rica president

SAN JOSE, 30 Jan—A recent poll showed that a runoff is expected in Costa Rica’s upcoming presidential elections scheduled for Sunday.

The candidate of the ruling National Liberation Party (PLN) Johnny Araya leads the voting preference with 17.4 percent, closely followed by the center-left Broad Front (FA) candidate

Jose Maria Villalta, with 14.4 percent, according to a poll released by the University of Costa Rica (UCR) on Wednesday.

The poll by the UCR’s Political Science Research and Studies Center (CIEP) has a margin of error of 3.46 percent, so Araya and Villalta are locked in a dead heat. Villalta is also closely followed by the candidate

of the Citizen’s Action Party (PAC) Luis Guillermo Solis, who is in the third place with 11.6 percent.

The candidate of the Libertarian Movement (ML) Otto Guevara is in the fourth place with 7.3 percent, while Rodolfo Piza from the Social Christian Unity Party (PUSC) is in the fifth place with 3.4 percent.

Xinhua



Japanese men take the stage in Hibiya Park in central Tokyo to shout words of love to their wives in an annual contest on 29 Jan, 2014. The contest is jointly organized by the Japan Aisai (adoring husbands) Organization and the Tokyo florist shop chain Hibiya Kadan around 31 January every year, as the date can be pronounced aisai, meaning beloved wife in Japanese.

KYODO NEWS

WORLD

Syria has shipped out less than 5 percent of chemical weapons

AMSTERDAM, 30 Jan — Syria has given up less than 5 percent of its chemical weapons arsenal and will miss next week's deadline to send all toxic agents abroad for destruction, sources familiar with the matter said on Wednesday.

The deliveries, in two shipments this month to the northern Syrian port of Latakia, totalled 4.1 percent of the roughly 1,300 tonnes of toxic agents reported by Damascus to the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW), said the sources, who spoke on condition of

anonymity.

"It's not enough and there is no sign of more," one source briefed on the situation said.

The internationally backed operation, overseen by a joint OPCW-United Nations mission, is now 6-8 weeks behind schedule. Damascus needs to show it is still serious about relinquishing its chemical weapons, the sources told Reuters.

The issue is to be discussed at a meeting of the OPCW's executive council on Thursday in The Hague, a senior US State Depart-

ment official told Reuters.

The meeting will focus on the lack of progress and confirm that no more than 5 percent of the chemical weapons material has been removed from Syria, the official said, speaking on condition of anonymity.

Failure to eliminate its chemical weapons could expose Syria to sanctions, although these would have to be supported in the UN Security Council by Russia and China, which have so far refused to back such measures against President Bashar al-Assad.

Reuters



One of two cargo ships intended to take part in a Danish-Norwegian mission to transport chemical agents out of Syria docks in Limassol, on 14 Dec, 2013.—REUTERS

New Czech Republic gov't sworn in

PRAGUE, 30 Jan—Czech President Miloš Zeman sworn in a new coalition government on Wednesday, more than three months after the elections.

The new government was formed by the centre-left Social Democrats (CSSD), the centrist ANO movement, and the centre-right Christian Democrats (KDU-CSL).

According to an agreement reached by the three coalition partners, CSSD got eight cabinet seats, with ANO gaining six and KDU-CSL three.

It is believed that a major goal of the new government will be stabilizing relations with the European Union.

The previous centre-right cabinet, which ended amid corruption allegations last year, was lukewarm in its approach to Europe and characterized by its euro-skeptic attitude. The new Minister for Foreign Affairs, Lubomir Zaoralek, has already indicated that Europe will be one of his focuses, particularly the adoption of the euro currency, a radical departure from previous governments. The new government is faced with a series of challenges, namely a stagnant economy, European integration, low worker productivity, corruption and bureaucracy in the country.—Xinhua

Nigeria's ruling party rules out automatic tickets for members for upcoming elections

LAGOS, 30 Jan—Nigeria's People's Democratic Party (PDP) on Wednesday said there is not automatic tickets for any members to contest the 2015 general elections, including incumbent President Goodluck Jonathan.

National Chairman of the party Ahmad Muazu announced this in Abuja after a closed-door meeting with

the PDP caucus of the House of Representatives. He said automatic tickets were only given by parties that were undemocratic. "We have a democratic process and we will go through that, those that deserve it will surely get it," he said. Muazu said that he was not aware of any promise made by the immediate past national chairman of the party, Bamanga

Tukur, of giving automatic ticket to any member. Earlier in an address of welcome, the Majority leader of the House, Mulikat Akande-Adeola, had demanded that the party offer automatic tickets to the lawmakers to contest in early 2015. Nigeria, the most populous country in Africa, is scheduled to hold presidential and legislative elections on 14 February.—Xinhua

More engagement in Mali, no combat missions in CAR: Merkel

BERLIN, 30 Jan—Chancellor Angela Merkel vowed a stronger engagement of German armed forces in training missions in Mali and ruled out combat missions in the Central African Republic as she was giving a major policy speech in parliament on Wednesday.

Merkel said Germany believes that conflicts cannot be solved only by military means. German foreign and security policy is based on a network of military and

civilian means, she added.

Speaking about Germany's roll in Africa, the chancellor said her government is going to strengthen its Mali mission in training local security forces. As for the Central African Republic, Merkel said the government would think about how to support its allies. German forces will not take part in combat missions, but probably assist in providing help in areas like medical aid, she noted.—Xinhua



Libyan Interior Minister Sadiq Abulkarim Abdulrahman speaks during a news conference in Tripoli, on 29 Jan, 2014. Libya's interior minister escaped unharmed from an assassination attempt on Wednesday in the country's capital, a report from Libya's official news agency said.—XINHUA

Int'l cooperation breaks cross-border child abuse ring: New Zealand authorities

WELLINGTON, 30 Jan — New Zealand law enforcement agencies said on Thursday they had broken up an international Internet child sexual abuse network and helped rescue a 6-year-old victim in the United Kingdom.

Operation Hyper began in June last year when a tip from police in Queensland, Australia, led to a Customs raid on the Auckland home of a 41-year-old man, where they found information identifying other offenders in New Zealand and the UK, said a joint statement from New Zealand authorities.

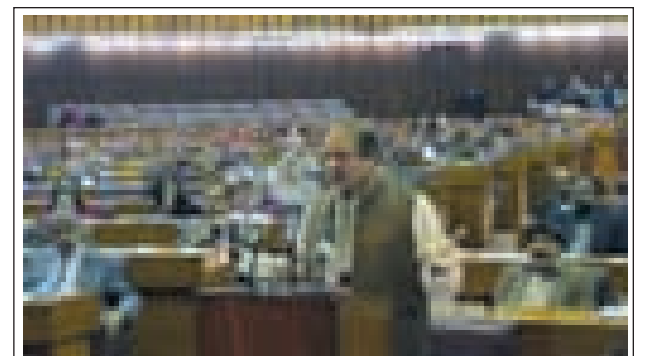
Internal Affairs, police and Customs officers conducted simultaneous raids in Auckland and the lower North Island town of Levin, while UK police arrested a man in West Yorkshire, where another man living in the UK was identified.

In December, UK police arrested a 62-year-old, rescuing his granddaughter from physical sexual abuse, which was also being filmed and distributed, while Customs and police officers raided another home in New Zealand's far north.

"The operation required meticulous planning

and execution to ensure enforcement activity did not jeopardize potential victim safety or alert suspect offenders who could warn others in their network," Customs manager border operations Shane Panettiere said in the statement.

As a result of the operation, four New Zealand children had been identified as being at risk of harm; a 53-year-old New Zealand man was sentenced to two years and five months imprisonment on 30 related charges; and two other New Zealand men were facing charges in relation to the abuse.—Xinhua



This handout photograph released by Prime Minister House on 29 Jan, 2014, shows Pakistani Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif addressing the parliament in Islamabad, capital of Pakistan. Pakistan Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif on Wednesday offered peace talks to the Taliban militants and constituted a four-member committee for the talks.—XINHUA

New Zealand prime minister mulls referendum on changing flag

SYDNEY, 30 Jan — New Zealand Prime Minister John Key on Wednesday raised the possibility of holding a national referendum on changing the national flag to one that would not easily be confused with that of Australia, according to local media.

"I'd like to see a change," Key told reporters. He said the former British colony's current flag, which features a Un-

ion Jack in the upper left-hand corner just like that of Australia, as well as other similarities, "sometimes gets confused with the Australian flag" in international circles. Key said changing it to something like a silver fern on a black background — his personal preference — would be "part of the modern new look of New Zealand."

"In my view, the silver fern is something which is applied to our greatest

sporting teams...It has international recognition and cache," he said. Players of New Zealand's national rugby team, the All Blacks, wear a silver fern on their black jerseys, for example.

Key said he would consult with his senior ministers on whether to pursue the matter, and would not rule out a referendum on it as part of this year's general election.

Kyodo News

BUSINESS & HEALTH

Antioxidants may boost cancer risk in smokers, high-risk patients

WASHINGTON, 30 Jan — Vitamin E and other antioxidants may increase the risk of developing lung cancer in high-risk populations such as smokers, according to a new study released Wednesday by the US journal *Science Translational Medicine*.

Antioxidants are chemical compounds that prevent oxidation of other molecules, thus delaying some types of cell damage that could cause cancer. They include vitamins A, C and E, as well as some medications. For a long time, antioxidants were thought to be potentially

useful for preventing cancer, but recent clinical trials have suggested that antioxidants do not actually prevent smokers from getting lung cancer. However, the reason for this effect has been unclear. Swedish researchers used two common antioxidants, vitamin E and a drug called NAcetyl Cysteine to examine the impact of antioxidant supplementation in mice, which already had small tumors in their lungs.

“What we found is that antioxidants caused a three-fold increase in the number of tumours and also tumour

aggressiveness,” lead author Martin Bergo, professor of the University of Gothenburg, Sweden, told a Press teleconference. “The effect of the antioxidant was dose-dependent, which means that if we gave a low dose, tumors increased a little bit, and if we gave a high dose, tumors increased a lot,” Bergo said. The researchers also looked into human lung cancer cell lines and found that the antioxidants increased the growth of the cells, which were cultured on plastic plates. “So those findings suggest at least the possibil-



ity that these findings will be applicable to humans with lung cancer,” Bergo said.

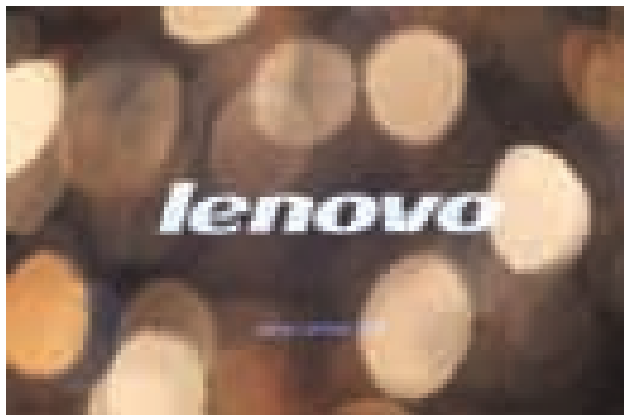
The antioxidants seemed to boost cancer progression by decreasing the amount of a key tumor suppressor protein called p53, though they can also reduce

levels of reactive oxygen species that can harm cells. When p53 in the mice and in human lung cancer cell lines is knocked out, the antioxidants will have no effect, the researchers said. The findings suggested that people carrying small undiag-

nosed tumours in the lungs, which is possible in anyone, but more likely in smokers, should avoid taking extra antioxidants because they may accelerate tumor progression, though more studies are needed.

Xinhua

Lenovo to buy Google's Motorola in China's largest tech deal



The logo of Lenovo is seen on a computer monitor during a news conference in Hong Kong on 27 May, 2010.

REUTERS

NEW YORK, San Francisco, 30 Jan — Lenovo Group said on Wednesday it agreed to buy Google Inc's Motorola handset division for \$2.91 billion, in what is China's largest-ever tech deal as Lenovo buys its way into a heavily competitive US handset market dominated by Apple Inc.

It is Lenovo's second major deal on US soil in a week as the Chinese electronics company angles to get a foothold in major global computing markets. Lenovo last week said it would buy IBM's low-end server business for \$2.3 billion.

The deal ends Google's

short-lived foray into making consumer mobile devices and marks a pull-back from its largest-ever acquisition.

Google paid \$12.5 billion for Motorola in 2012. Under this deal the search giant will keep the majority of Motorola's mobile patents, considered its prize assets. Shares of Google climbed 2.6 percent to about \$1,136 in after-hours trading. Google Chief Executive Officer Larry Page said that Google would be best served by focusing on smartphone software rather than devices.

Reuters reported the deal earlier on Wednesday, citing sources familiar with the deal.

The purchase will give Lenovo a beach-head to compete against Apple and Samsung Electronics as

well as increasingly aggressive Chinese smartphone makers in the highly lucrative US arena.

In 2005, Lenovo muscled its way into what was then the world's largest PC market by buying IBM's personal computer division. It has powered its way up the rankings of the global smartphone industry primarily through sales on its home turf but had considered a US sortie of late.

“Using Motorola, just as Lenovo used the IBM ThinkPad brand, to gain quick credibility and access to desirable markets and build critical mass makes a lot of sense,” said Forrester Research analyst Frank Gillett. But Motorola has not been shooting the lights out with designs or sales volumes in smartphones.

Reuters

Being overweight in kindergarten sets stage for later obesity

NEW YORK, 30 Jan — Children who are overweight when they start school are far more likely to be obese by the time they become teenagers, according to a new study of nearly 8,000 children. Overweight five-year-olds were four times more likely to be obese by age 14 than children who started kindergarten at a healthy weight. Overall, 27 percent of kids in the study were overweight or obese when they started school and that ratio increased to 38 percent by eighth grade. Half of childhood obesity occurred among children who had become overweight during the preschool years, researchers led by Solveig Cunning-

ham of Emory University in Atlanta wrote.

“If we're just focused on improving weight when kids are adolescents, it may not have as much of an impact as focusing on the preschool-age years,” Cunningham told *Reuters Health*. The study “doesn't tell us what to do about it, but it helps tell us when we need to think creatively about what to do.” “I think it will make pediatricians a little bit more conscious of helping families and parents with weight-related problems early,” said Dr Ihuoma Eneli, medical director at the Centre for Healthy Weight and Nutrition at Nationwide Children's Hospital in Columbus, Ohio.—Reuters

Cigarettes kicked out of school in China

BEIJING, 30 Jan — China has banned smoking in schools, state media reported on Wednesday, the latest step in a government drive to kick the country's pervasive tobacco habit. Despite years of campaigning by health activists, China is the world's largest consumer of cigarettes and smokers can be spotted everywhere, even in schools and hospitals.

But with a huge public health burden looming ever larger, China has recently intensified efforts to stamp out smoking. The State Council, or cabinet, is aiming for a nationwide ban on smoking in public places this year, and several cities have already introduced anti-smoking regulations. But critics say authorities only

enforce bans sporadically, if at all, and it is common to see people puffing away in front of no smoking signs.

The latest ban, imposed by the Ministry of Education, covers kindergartens, elementary and middle schools, and vocational schools. Universities

must set up smoking areas and forbid lighting up in academic buildings. Anti-tobacco efforts have been hampered by the country's powerful tobacco monopoly, health campaigners say, which pays hundreds of billions of yuan in taxes every year.—Reuters

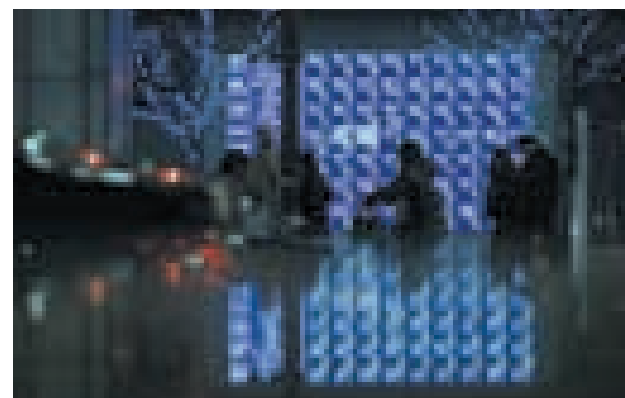


Pupils break cigarettes as a gesture showing their determinations of non-smoking at an elementary school of Jinan, the capital eastern China's Shandong Province on 29 May, 2006.—REUTERS

Asia shares in retreat, China data darkens mood

SYDNEY, 30 Jan — Asian shares took a spill on Thursday as strains in emerging markets returned with a vengeance and the Federal Reserve further scaled back its stimulus — sending investors scurrying to safety in bonds and yen. Adding insult to injury, a measure of Chinese manufacturing slipped to a six month low for January and gave speculators a fresh excuse to target risk assets such as the Australian dollar.

While analysts emphasized that January data is heavily distorted by the timing of the Chinese Lunar holidays, the drop in the HSBC PMI was bound



Pedestrians walk past an electronic board showing various stock prices, which are reflected in a polished stone surface, outside a brokerage in Tokyo on 24 Jan, 2014.—REUTERS

to cause ripples in already skittish markets. Japan's Nikkei .N225 was already down 3.1 percent at its lowest since mid-November. Shanghai. SSEC slipped

0.5 percent while MSCI's broadest index of Asia-Pacific shares outside Japan. MIAPJ0000PUS lost 1 percent.

Reuters

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Pyithu Hluttaw Representative U Aung Myo Min and party looking around huts in west Ducheertan Village, Maungtaw Township.—MNA

Three Bangalis who will carry out terrorist attacks arrested in Bangladesh

NAY PYI TAW, 30 Jan — Bangladesh police arrested three Bangalis who arrived Bangladesh from Pakistan on board a flight to conduct special military operations and bomb-making training in Bangladesh-Myanmar border area.

The three militants were arrested by special security force in Bangladesh on 19 January and

they are Mehmod, Osman, and Fakhrul Hasan and they had received terrorist training from Afghanistan-based Al-Qaeda group and had worked for the group for three years.

According to police interrogation they aimed at illegally entering Myanmar to carry out attacks and conduct bomb-making and small arms trainings in

Buthidaung, Maungtaw and Sittway in attempts to establish Talaiban in Arakan State in Myanmar's Meyu area.

Osman is the brother of Bandan Edri, treasurer of Bangladesh-based Rohingya Solidarity Organization and from the village of Bak-kagonna in Ceylon Kyun Village-tract, Maungtaw Township.—MNA



Three Bangalis who received training from Afghanistan-based Al-Qaeda group arrested by Bangladeshi special security force.—BANGLANEWS24.COM

Job vacancy at BEHS of Reed Sub-Township

REED, 30 Jan—Basic Education High Schools No.1 in Reed Sub-Township of Chin State needs a teacher for Mathematics Subject in 2014-2015 academic year.

"Students faced difficulties in the previous year because the Maths teacher resigned from the school for attending M.Sc course. Therefore, the numbers of students are not increase. We reported our need to the

officials but we have not yet today. At the moment, we need teachers not only for mathematics but also for science subject. So, we hope that officials concerns take it into consideration," said the chairman of Sub-Township Development Committee. At present, about 34 students are attending the school which is only one BEHS in the sub-township.—NLM-005

Seminar on research findings on communal strife held

YANGON, 30 Jan — Internews, working on international research projects on media sector, organized a seminar on research findings came from a media watch that took eight weeks to access news reports about communal strife in Myanmar.

The seminar aims to better understand challenges and opportunities, paving a way for improv-

Ducheertan Village fire engulfing 16 huts was arson fire..

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roof of the house No. 56 owned by Adu Bawshawl and a pile of wood in the house No. 54 owned by Mamed Hashein.

"The pile of wood was found in the house, not in the kitchen and they have already been caught fire. We have reached the conclusion that the fire is arson and we will take actions against the culprits of the arson attack," said Rakhine State Security and Border Affairs Minister Col Htein Lin.

"Such kind of arson was found during the conflict in Sittway," he added.

While fire fighters and

local authorities were fighting with the flames engulfed the house of Abu Bweyar, 50, at the village, another fire broke out at house of Annawah Salam, 50, about 150 yards south of the first fire.

Firefighters and local authorities found about three to four Bengalis run away from the house of second fire when they went there to put out the fire.

There was no injuries nor death happened during the fires.

MNA

Photo shows straw seen on the roof of hut.—MNA



Sports trials of tri-athlon event for 28th SEA Games

NAY PYI TAW, 30 Jan—Sports trials of tri-athlon event for the 28th SEA Games organized by the Ministry of Sports will be held at Wunna Theikdi Sports Complex and Ngali-like Dam in Nay Pyi Taw on 1 March and the Ministry canceled date and venue of pervious declaration.

Triathlon includes men's/women's 500-m swimming, men's/women's 30-km cycling and men's/women's 7.5-km marathon events. The Ministry will award K 3 million to first, K 2 million to second, K 1 million to third, K 500,000 to fourth, K 300,000 to fifth and sixth and K 200,000

each from seventh to tenth winners.

Athletes must enlist with medical certificates endorsed by respective township medical officers not later than 20 February to regions/states sports and physical education departments. Swimming test will be held in Nay Pyi Taw five days ahead of the contest. For detailed information, anyone may inquiry at SPEDs as of 1 February.—MNA

and criminals; stories about violence are on the front pages of infant media businesses; and that no radio reports inciting violence found.

Presentation of findings came after conducting the two-month long research on news reports about conflict in electronic and print media was made at the seminar to media persons at the seminar where Q and A session was also held.—MNA

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Friday, 31 January, 2014

Fire prevention is everyone's awareness

Thieves cannot be able to steal our property but fire can. Fire can destroy our property for which we had to take a long time to acquire, leaving us homeless within minutes. We should aware that fire is the most dangerous enemy for us.

With increasing in using electronic equipment and utensils in urban areas, overheated electronic equipment and utensils can spark fire any time and homes in urban areas are more vulnerable to fires.

Users should be cautious when they use even modern electronic equipment. Most of the people assume that fire can only start at a kitchen and that wrong thinking is one kind of carelessness.

We should not think that mosquitoes coins and candle lights cannot spark fires because we had witnessed many fires started from a mosquito coin when it dropped to the floor and had set it on fire.

We considered that summer is the fire season. However, fire can start anytime due to overheating and electric short-circuit of electronic equipment.

Summer season is vulnerable to fires due to overheated equipment and all users should be cautious with them.

Besides, fire can come from a chemical reaction between oxygen in the atmosphere and some sorts of goods stored in a garage.

Everyone should have a greater awareness about fire prevention and safety.

Myanmar-Japan Air Services Agreement amended

Myanmar and Japan sign a Protocol amending the Myanmar-Japan Air Services Agreement.—NLM

YANGON, 30 Jan—A Protocol amending the Myanmar-Japan Air Services Agreement concluded in 1972 was signed by U Tin Naing Tun, Director-General of the Department of Civil Aviation, Ministry of Transport and Mr. Mikio Numata, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Japan to the

Republic of the Union of Myanmar, at the Embassy of Japan, here, at 11 am today.

The Protocol provides both countries with the rights to designate more than one airline for operating air services between and beyond their respective territories.

NLM

The 2nd Myanmar Development Cooperation Forum: One of The Milestones for the Year 2014

The fact that an inspirational Myanmar is emerging: Myanmar demands more opportunities, greater choices, better infrastructure, and enhanced safety and security. With those commitments that have been made in the 1st MDCF held in 2013, the adoption of *Nay Pyi Taw Accord* which was a kind of Roadmap not only for the Government of Myanmar but also the Development Partners. Those commitments did in 2013 are also in conformity with the current reform processes undertaken in the past 30 months with momentum by the Government. It has been clearly stated in the Opening Speech of the President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar at the 2nd MDCF held on 27 January 2014 at Nay Pyi Taw.

President U Thein Sein recalled the year 2013 as very encouraging year in the history of Myanmar which made those milestones events with the collective efforts. President U Thein Sein also emphasized the need for increased efforts to accelerate implementation, both in translating policy reforms into actual practices on the ground and in the execution of development projects and programs. The importance of sustaining the focus in implementation of the cooperations has been stressed too. He also gave the scenarios of Myanmar and its state building efforts and how progress will be made through actions.

The remarkable Key-note Address was given by the World Bank Group President Dr. Jim Yong Kim, who stressed the importance of health, electricity, and agriculture at the Opening Ceremony too. He also expressed strong and generous support to the historic efforts that Myanmar has made. In his Speech, Dr Kim committed that in the present and for future, the World Bank Group will be a strong partner with the Government of Myanmar since it took bold steps towards achieving a democracy dividend for all. He also promised to substantially increase the World Bank Group support for Myanmar in the coming year, through a multi-year public

and private sector investment program of around \$ 2 billion dollars. The funding will help in three areas, namely; energy, health and agriculture. He also shared with the Government's commitment to expanding reliable, affordable access to electricity, especially in rural areas and the World Bank Group seeking to invest \$ 1 billion dollars in Myanmar's power sector by supporting country to be prospered and reduce poverty. Next, he touched on the most important investment to be made in health sector in Myanmar whose target was

them have been achieved and assessed where "Myanmar" was. He viewed that *The Nay Pyi Taw Accord* has been adopted for the Effective Development Cooperation and for the strategy, the endorsement of the Framework for Economic and Social Reforms (FESR) was made and recommended by all participants.

He also explained why the Theme of this year's forum is "*Accelerating Actions for Progress through Enhancing Inclusive Coordination.*" After the 1st MDCF, there remained many obsta-

were also highlighted in her remarks. She also touched on the Prioritizing Key Quick Wins that worked in Myanmar. In addition, she announced that ESCAP will have allocated approximately US\$ 4 million to support Myanmar for improving the livelihood in Dry Zone. She also mentioned that ESCAP would remain committed to support the long-term development partners for the Government and the people of Myanmar on their journey towards sustained and shared prosperity.

Those Strategies for the Future have been come up with the comprehensive Presentations made by U Tun Tun Naing, the Director-General of Foreign Economic Relations Department, H.E. Daw Lei Lei Thein, the Deputy Minister for Ministry of National Planning and Economic Development and Dr Zaw Oo, Economic Advisor to the President. They pointed out how the national development strategy evolving and what issues need to be addressed in regard to the aid effectiveness agenda. we were able to share for the first time a clear outline of the new National Comprehensive Development Plan(NDCP). Moreover, the reactions indicated that the NCDP presents a compelling long-term strategy.

This was followed by the Session 3, which focused on the efforts to the built peace and democracy, which underpinning of the development efforts and chaired by H.E. U Aung Min, Minister of the President Office (4). Under the "Strengthening Culture of Democracy and National Harmony", Dr Kyaw Yin Hlaing, the Director of the Myanmar Peace Centre(MPC) and U Tin Htut Oo, the Chair of the National Economic and Social Advisory Council made presentations on their papers.

The most practical and interactive Session was the Session 4 which consist of 8 parallel sessions, conducted in two blocks. Parallel Session I has 4 sub sessions dealt under the sectors: Improving the capacity of Myanmar's Human Resources, (See page 9)

Director-General Historical Research and National Library Department

to achieve universal health coverage by 2013. To endorse the target made by Myanmar, the Donors have committed to a combined \$ 800 million dollars for the next three to four years and also the World Bank Group planned to invest \$ 200 million dollars to support the Myanmar Government's efforts to meet its target. The technical assistance and funding to improve the agricultural productivity in Myanmar, the World Bank Group agreed to help Myanmar. He also envisioned Myanmar's potential to regain its place as one of Asia's most dynamic counties.

His Address was followed by the Address given by Minister U Soe Thane of the President's Office (3) who stressed on the importance of sustaining the focus in implementation of the co-operations. The Video Presentation also highlighted the ongoing political, economic and social reforms undertaken in Myanmar.

The Union Minister for Ministry of National Planning and Economic Development and the Chairman of the 2nd MDCF commenced the 1st Day Deliberations and made the Review of the Achievements of the 1st MDCF. He recalled the two key themes: namely, the central importance of having a coherent national development strategy and the importance of effective coordination between the Government and its Development Partners, and how those implementations of

cles that need to be clearly understood and overcome, through coordinated actions and concerted efforts of all stakeholders. This calls for Actions to be accelerated for the adopted *Nay Pyi Taw Accord* through enhancing inclusive coordination.

In accord to the Programme of Day ONE, the Session 2, focused on reviewing the progress over the past one year It looked ahead in the two areas; namely, Government-Development Partner coordination and the implementation of the overall reform program. Firstly, the floor was given to H.E. Dr. Noeleen Heyzer, Under-Secretary-General of the United Nations and Executive Secretary of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific with her remarks. She started her highlights with what the Industrialist, Henry Ford, once said: "*Coming together is a beginning; keeping together is progress; working together is success.*" She envisaged the good progress in Myanmar that has been made, though the reform agenda, with the beginnings of shared success already visible today. How ESCAP committed to continue the development journey; accelerate the process of reform; invest in peace, respect, and the rule of law—especially for minority groups; and increase both regional and international support for the social and economic transformation initiated by the Government,

Lawmakers discuss ...

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supply power to states and regions when the country boosts generating power.

Daw Mi Myint Than of Ye Constituency has urged Ministry of Education and regional governments to hold talks with experts from national people over revitalizing the culture, literature and traditional customs of national races.

U Sun Doke Ciint of Chin State Constituency No 6 has suggested Ministry of Health to set aside the budget for construction of a rural health centre at Haylay Village in Tiddim Township in the ministry's budget for the 2014-15 fiscal year as the ministry promised to construct the health centre in the 2013-14 FY.—MNA

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**Chairman of ILBC
U Tin Maung Win
donates books on education to Pyidaungsu
Hluttaw through
Chairman of Pyithu
Hluttaw Education
Promotion Committee
Dr Chan Nyein.—MNA**



Electric cars, educational books donated to Pyidaungsu Hluttaw

NAY PYI TAW, 30 Jan—International Language & Business Centre (ILBC) donated three electric cars to Pyidaungsu Hluttaw at its hall, here, this afternoon.

Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and Pyithu Hluttaw Thura U Shwe Mann explained education sector development.

Chairman of ILBC U Tin Maung Win donated books on education to Chairman of Pyithu Hluttaw Education Promotion Committee Dr Chan Nyein and documents related to the cars to Deputy Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and Pyithu Hluttaw U Nanda Kyaw Swa.—MNA

The 2nd Myanmar ...

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Enhancing Public Administration Reform and Development, Environmental Conservation and Food Security and Strengthening Private Sector Participation and Tourism Development. Under Parallel Session II, Session 5 dealt with Enhancing Social Protection and Human Security, Session 6, Finance Management and Development, Session 7 dealt with Rural Development and Poverty Reduction and Session 8 dealt with Investing in Myanmar's Infrastructure Development respectively.

All those sessions provided an important opportunity to discuss how to accelerate the development process in key sectors and thematic areas. In particular, the participants from government sectors, private sectors, NGOs and Development Partners, identified specific constraints that need to be overcome to accelerate the implementation of development programs and projects. The sessions were also guided to give attention on how aid resources were distributed in the flows across different States and Regions, as well as in the flows to different sectors. Geographic equity in particular has been asked to keep in mind when the specific issues were discussed.

Each parallel session was chaired by one from Government of Myanmar and co-chaired by Development Partner and for Discussants, not only from the Government side but also from DP and additional discussant representing civil society, academia or from the private sector. Participants

ranged from different ministries depending on the topic of discussion. For the Parallel Session 1: Improving the Capacity of Myanmar's Human Resources, it was chaired by H.E. Dr Daw Thein Thein Htay, Deputy Minister for Health and Co-chaired by Mr Michael Hassett of Australia. For Session 2, Co-chaired by Director-General U Tun Hla Aung of Home Affairs and Emma Morley of UNDP; Session 3, chaired by H.E. Dr Thet Thet Zin, Deputy Minister of MOECF and co-chaired by Bijay Karmacharya, UN-Habitat; Session 4 chaired by H.E. Dr Tin Shwe, Deputy Minister of MOHT and co-chaired by Irina Scheffmann, Germany; Session 5 chaired by DDG U Aung Tun Khaing of MOSWRR and co-chaired by Bertrand Bainvel of UNICEF; Session 6 chaired by H.E. Dr Maung Maung Thein, Deputy Minister of Ministry of Finance and co-chaired by Shabih Ali Mohib, World Bank; Session 7 chaired by H.E. U Tin Ngwe, Deputy Minister of Ministry of Livestock, Fisheries and Rural Development and co-chaired by Leslie Marbury of US AID and the last Session, Session 8 was chaired by H.E. U Thauang Tin, Deputy Minister of Ministry of Communications, and Information and Technology and co-chaired by Patu Kamayana of ADB.

On the second day, the cross-cutting issues from the outcomes of these parallel sessions, and those agreed on the way forward were continued to be discussed as Session 5. It was started with the Summarized Reports by the Rapporteurs. For the Sessions 1 to 4, by Dr Myo Thein Gyi,

Director-General of the Myanmar Education Research Bureau and 5 to 8 was done by Deputy Director-General U Aung Tun Khaing of Department of Social Welfare. These sessions were useful in identifying key challenges in each area, including practical constraints that are preventing acceleration of development efforts.

In accord to the those challenges pointed out by each session, there were THREE main issues being shared by the participants: First relates to the lack of clarity in procedures, ranging from the decision processes within the GoM, procurement rules, to issuance of visas or other permits; Second seems to relate to the differences, in the understanding of the problem and the solution between the development partners and the Government counterparts; Third relates to the operating mode of some or many developing partners that is overstraining the existing capacity on the Government side.

The Session 6 was the Roundtable Discussions and it was chaired by H.E. Dr Kan Zaw and the representatives of the private sector, national NGO community, and INGO community shared their views and continued support. Those expressed revealed what many development partners view as key constraints to their efforts. It was acknowledged by the Chairman that they encouraged to continue with the transformative reform process that had been embarked on 3 years ago. The number of constraints that need to be overcome through better coordination and joint efforts were highlighted too.

Then it came to the Decision that to ensure effective and coordinated actions to accelerate development,

the Government and its development partners agreed to formulate a new Nay Pyi Taw Accord Action Plan as soon as possible. The Development partners also pledged to step up their efforts to align their support to the emerging national strategies and priorities, and to give their strongest support to capacity building in government institutions. He then read out the Joint Statement and the Adoption of the Joint Statement has been done by all participants to the 2nd MDCF and made the remarkable significance.

The Union Minister for National Planning and Economic Development, Dr. Kan Zaw, closed the Forum by reflecting the general satisfaction of the participants over open and substantive discussions as well as a sense of shared progress toward greater cooperation and delivery of tangible results. The significance of this 2nd MDCF was that various commitments made at the Forum will be monitored closely, and reviewed systematically at a mid-year review meeting. It is also announced that the next Myanmar Development Cooperation Forum will be held in 2015.

Among the highlights of his Closing Remarks, it has been stated that Myanmar is at a point of 'developmental take-off'—a stage of acceleration in the development process. But for that to happen, to build well on the solid foundation that has achieved, through **effective and inclusive cooperation**, both within Myanmar and between Myanmar and its international development partner.

The recent Forum proved the commitment of Myanmar and the endeavours made by the government and

its initiatives on promoting transparency, collaboration, leadership, ownership and management of development efforts. The efforts of FESR and its assessment on social reforms have been participated by inclusiveness of civil society. It is a forum for advice, shared accountability and shared learning and experiences to support the implementation of principles that form the foundation of effective development cooperation. From the Development Partner, the Global Partnership has to be envisioned. Through global partnership it can help drive progress and support the implementation of the global development agenda that will also follow the Millennium Development Goals target year of 2015 too.

Another essence added to this Forum are those documents distributed at the Forum to the Participants: IMF's Paper on "Myanmar—Macroeconomic Overview" and the Joint Statement by the EU on "Second Myanmar Development Cooperation Forum". Those are the clear commitments made by the IMF and EU. The IMF stated their appreciation of recent economic reforms made in Myanmar, the favourable of current economic outlook, the maintaining the form of intensive engagement and good expectations of Staff-monitored Program(SMP). The European Union also welcomed the efforts and progress made by the Government and the development partners and their implementing of the Nay Pyi Taw Accord in 2013, the contributions of EU by providing the best platform for debate among the Government, civil society and private sector representatives and launching

of the EU-Myanmar Task Force. They also committed to increase development cooperation with Myanmar in the 2014-2010 period and their support to the main focal areas like peace building, governance, rural development, health, education, and trade and private sector development.

Building capacity is another critical development challenge at all levels in Myanmar—not just in the formulation of policy, but also for implementation. As the government staff, we have the opportunity to participate, engage and witness those progress made by the Government since 2011 through several Forums and Workshops that imprinted as the remarkable milestones. The Poverty Reduction Workshop, Social Protection Workshop, the 1st MDCF, the Third Myanmar Green Economy Green Growth Forum, the World Economic Forum, etc. which made all of us convinced that the discussion sessions there provided to have a fruitful debate on development policies for the region and the deliberations supporting the sustainable economic growth, improved social development for the people of Myanmar and those constraints and challenges. They are also upgrading the staff to be in line with good governance to enhance their capabilities by taking active roles. Moreover, they also bring the updating the public and promoting the awareness of People-Centred Development and how the inclusiveness plays the important role in the Myanmar Development Agenda.

There is a time and a place for everything.

Buddhist culture instructor course opens in Dawei



DAWEI, 30 Jan—Dhamma Ray Dhammadana and Training Course Committee jointly conducted the Buddhist youth culture instructor course at the hall of Basic Education High School No 1 in Dawei on 28 January morning.

Taninthayi Region Chief Minister U Myat Ko made a speech. Region

Education Officer U Han Sein explained the aim of the course.

Chairman of Dhamma Ray Dhammadana U Hla Myo explained the purpose of training course and matters related to the training.

The course was conducted on 28 and 29 January.

Similar training courses

were opened in Launglon Township on 24 and 25 January, Maungmagan Village BEHS in Launglon Township on 26 and 27 January and Yebyu Township on 30 and 31 January.

Likewise, a plan is underway to conduct the similar course in Thayetchaung Township on 1 and 2 February.

The course was aimed at

turning out polite and dynamic new generation youths on whom the State can rely in the future.

Kyemon-Kyaw Kyaw Latt

Illegal sawn timber seized in Shwebo District

SHWEDO, 30 Jan—Assistant Director U Hsan Aung of Shwebo District Forest Department, Staff Officer U Than Naing Win and staff of Kanbalu Township Forest Department searched the vehicles at Sabei Natha-Yayaye camp in Kanbalu Township on 25 January evening.

While discharging duties, they caught up the vehicles with loads of illegally sawn timber that run away from the checking.

At 10 pm, they seized

the vehicle with 0.7966 ton of Tamalan illegal sawn timber with owners.

From 1 December 2013 to 25 January 2014, the officials of the Forest Department seized 11.582 tons of illegal sawn teak timber, 72.9618 tons of sawn timber, 45.267 tons of group (1) sawn timber and 35.0834 tons of other sawn wood timber, totalling 164.8942 tons, 28 timber smugglers, 16 vehicles and three trawlergy vehicles.

In seven townships of

Shwebo District, officials seized over 67 tons of teak timber, over 118 tons of Tamalau timber, over 64 tons of group (1) timber and over 106 tons of other wood timber totalling over 356 tons of timber along with 46 timber traffickers, 22 vehicles and three trawlergy.

Shwebo District Forest Department has made a plan to continue seizure of illegal sawn timber and arrest the suspects.

Kyemon-District Forest Department

Surprise check at vehicles performed in Zabuthiri Township



ZABUTHIRI, 30 Jan—Members of Zabuthiri Township Vehicle Inspection Team and Truck Inspection Subcommittee together with members of Nay Pyi Taw Traffic Police Corps

and officials of Transport Planning Department checked vehicles near Shwekyabin Guest House on Pyinmana-Taungnyo Road in Zabuthiri Township on 28 January.

They inspected the

large and small automobiles and motorcycles whether they abide by prescribed traffic rules.

Their activities were aimed at reducing traffic accidents in Nay Pyi Taw Council Area.—*Kyemon-Khin Zaw (Mingala)*

Migratory bird arrives in Haka

HAKA, 30 Jan—While working at farms, farmer of U Kye Hmon of Myothit Ward in Haka recently caught a migratory bird.

A pair of bird ate dead

body of a cow. When the farmer caught them, one of two fled away and the remaining one was caught. The farmer decided to breed it, it was learnt.

A staff of Township Forest Department said that the bird is of Australian vulture. The bird is 6.5 feet wide in stretching wings.

The bird will be shown at

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the significant festival, said the owner of the bird. Such bird cannot be seen in other seasons.—*Kyemon-Gae Pe (IPRD)*

Areca nuts, fish powder flow into Yangon market

YANGON, 30 Jan—MV Thamudaya and MV Yadana Htaik Aung docked at jetties of Wadan No 6 and Kaingdan No 1 ports in Yangon Port Area on 27 January afternoon.

Both vessels were loaded with 1377 bags of areca nuts, 8451 bags of fish powder and other regional products that run along Myeik, Palaw and Kyunsu Townships of Taninthayi Region.

Officials of mobile teams checked the products and goods on board to be able to prevent illegal trade and goods.

The traders will sell areca nut at K 2600 per viss. Each bag of areca nut contains 60 viss.

In addition, the entrepreneurs will sell bags of 60-viss fish powder.

Kyemon-Kyaw Myint Aye (IPRD)

Aungthuhla Road linking Pyapon-Bogale highway upgraded to concrete one

PYAPON, 30 Jan—Pyapon Township Development Affairs Committee is upgrading Aungthukha Road linking Pyapon-Bogale Highway in addition the roads leading to the seas. Aungthukha Road bustling with vehicles and people is longest one in the town but it is narrow. Therefore, the road is expanded with road shoulder on both sides and concreted along the road. It is aimed at reducing traffic accidents and safe transport of local people."

In addition, the committee is building Natsinkyaung concrete bridge across Ye Creek in the township.

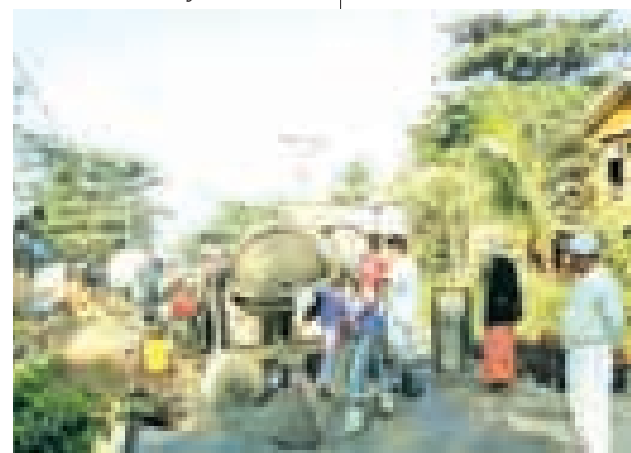
Senior Engineer U Tin Maung Soe of Township DAC said,

"Pyapon Township is placing concrete along the road connected with Pyapon-Bogale Highway and Pyapon-Yangon Highway in addition the roads leading to the seas. Aungthukha Road bustling with vehicles and people is longest one in the town but it is narrow. Therefore, the road is expanded with road shoulder on both sides and concreted along the road. It is aimed at reducing traffic accidents and safe transport of local people."

The Township DAC is upgrading the road spending K 32 million from its fund.
Kyemon-071

Construction

Township officials supervise repaving of local road in Pyapon.



REGIONAL

Premier Li vows good lives for rural grassroots

Xi'AN, 30 Jan — Chinese Premier Li Keqiang has pledged that the government will care for the most impoverished people and let them feel warmth of society. The premier made the remarks during a tour of two of the most deprived regions in the northwestern province of Shaanxi and the provincial capital Xi'an.

As the nation's most important traditional festi-

val draws near, the premier extended his best wishes to the people.

On Li's three-day schedule from 26 to 28 January, he made visits to migrant workers' families, assistance stations for homeless children and elders, new apartments housing relocated residents, and an embroidery company providing training for women.

Shangluo and Ankang, the two poverty-stricken destinations on Li's tour in the province, are located in mountainous regions and home to 1.5 million people with very low standards of living. On his train trip to the two regions, he said that the country will wage a war against poverty with a stronger resolve and prevent it from afflicting future generations. —Xinhua



Chinese Premier Li Keqiang (2nd R) visits relocated residents living in new apartments in Yungaisi Township of Shangluo City, northwest China's Shaanxi Province, on 26 Jan, 2014. Li paid a visit to Shangluo, Ankang, and Xi'an of Shaanxi Province from 26 to 28 January.—XINHUA

Online banking users suffer 1.4 bil yen in damage

TOKYO, 30 Jan—The National Police Agency said on Thursday it received reports on 1,315 illegal remittance cases targeting online banking users last year, causing around 1.4 billion yen in damage.

In many cases, criminal groups cracked IDs and passwords of Internet banking customers by using computer viruses, secretly transferring their deposits to other accounts. In slightly under 20 percent of the cases, money was directly remitted to 17 countries outside Japan, mainly in Europe and Asia, without going through bank accounts. The NPA started collecting the data in 2011, when 165 cases racking up a total of 308 million yen in damage were reported. The figures rose eight-fold and 4.6-fold, respectively, in the following two years.

"The increase must have come as a result of the criminal groups evolving computer viruses," an NPA official said. "Online banking users should be cautious if they are asked to perform unusual computer operations."

As a preventive measure, the agency provided financial institutions with information on illegally used bank accounts. As a result, more than 1,000 accounts were frozen from last August to the mid-January.

Kyodo News



A man adds the name in English of a street in Hiroshima on 29 Jan, 2014. Japan's infrastructure ministry started work that day in Hiroshima to replace signs with Japanese street names written in Roman letters with ones with the names written in English, as part of efforts to make signs across Japan easier to understand for foreign visitors.

KYODO NEWS

Mongolia to build heavy industrial park

ULAN BATOR, 30 Jan —The Mongolian government said on Wednesday the research phase of Sainshand heavy industrial park would be completed by June, and development contracts would be signed this year.

Ganbold Dogsom, head of the heavy industrial policy department under the Ministry of Industry and Agriculture, said the development of the park would begin next year and would be completed by early 2018.

Discovery of a large underground water deposit near Sainshand solved a water supply issue, the biggest challenge to the project, the official said.

Development of the industrial park project will require investment of about 5.5 billion US dollars, according to a preliminary estimation.

It is estimated about 5 million tons of steel will be produced annually and about 10,000 new jobs created under the project.

Xinhua

Maruha Nichiro president apologizes to shareholders for food poisoning case

TOKYO, 30 Jan — Maruha Nichiro Holdings Inc. President Toshio Kushiro on Thursday apologized to shareholders for a food poisoning case involving one of its subsidiaries in which a factory worker has been arrested on suspicion of lacing frozen food products with pesticide.

"I apologize for the huge anxiety and annoyance caused to consumers," Kushiro said at the company's extraordinary general shareholders meeting in Tokyo.

More than 2,800 peo-

ple have reported falling ill after eating the products, according to the Health, Labour and Welfare Ministry.

About 540 shareholders attended the meeting. A 68-year-old man from Nagoya said, "I want to know how the company will improve labour conditions," while a 57-year-old man from Saitama Prefecture said, "I expect the company to do a proper job of ensuring food safety."

Kushiro told the shareholders that his company will tighten controls over production and improve its

crisis management capability, while setting up a third-party panel to compile preventive measures.

Kushiro and Yutaka Tanabe, president of the subsidiary Aqlifoods Co, will resign at the end of March to take responsibility for the incident.

The arrested suspect, contract worker Toshiki Abe, 49, has admitted to poisoning the food items, according to the police, saying he was dissatisfied with the way he had been treated at work.

Kyodo News

Bus accident in N Thailand injures 25 Chinese tourists

BANGKOK, 30 Jan — A total of 25 Chinese tourists were injured in a bus accident in northern Thailand's Chiang Mai Province on Wednesday, according to the Chinese Consulate-General in Chiang Mai.

A bus carrying 25 tour-

ists from southwest China's Sichuan province collided with a van at around 11 a.m. local time and rolled over, the Chinese Consulate-General in Chiang Mai said.

All the injured were then rushed to a nearby hos-

pital, and 19 of them have already checked out of the hospital.

The other six who are badly injured had to cancel their plan to fly back to Sichuan in the evening and remain under treatment.

Xinhua

Central China fog stalls holiday travel

HAGNSHA, 30 Jan—Heavy fog enveloped several regions in central China on Thursday, with expressways being closed and more than 219 flights delayed or canceled, local authorities said.

The foggy weather has hit most cities in Hunan, Hubei and Jiangxi provinces since Wednesday evening, causing travel misery for the millions of Chinese prepared to move heaven and earth to get home for Chinese New Year's Eve gatherings.

Visibility at Changsha Huanghua International Airport in Changsha, capital city of Hunan Province, has been reduced to as low as 100 meters.

A total of 79 flights from the airport had been

canceled and 50 more delayed by 11 am, according to the airport's operator.

Visibility in the cities of Wuhan, Huangshi, Xiaogan and Xianning in Hubei Province has reduced to less than 100 metres on Thursday, according to forecaster Gu Yonggang from the capital city's meteorological center.

The Huangshi city's Meteorological Centre in Hubei issued the first red alert for heavy fog at 6 am on Thursday, demanding temporary closure of airports, highways and suspension of ferry services.

Tianhe International Airport in Wuhan has been temporarily closed, affecting 90 flights, according to the airport. The Jiangxi Provincial Meteorological

Centre issued a yellow alert for fog at 6 am this morning and forecast the fog will expand to cover a larger area.

As of 9 am, the fog has forced the temporary closure of around 10 expressways in Jiangxi, monitoring from the provincial traffic emergency command center shows.

Visibility is less than 100 meters at Changbei International Airport in Nanchang, capital of Jiangxi Province, and conditions were expected to last until about 11 am, staff from the airport said.

This year, the 40-day Spring Festival travel rush, the world's largest seasonal migration of people, will see 3.6 billion passenger trips, government statistics suggested. —Xinhua



A man decorates his shop with flowers for the upcoming Chinese New Year in Phnom Penh, Cambodia, on 29 Jan, 2014. Cambodian culture experts said the Chinese New Year, or Spring Festival, has been broadly celebrated in Cambodia thanks to the country's respect for cultural diversity and close relationship between the peoples of two countries.—XINHUA

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(2/2014)**

Open tenders are invited for supply of the following respective items in United States Dollars and Myanmar Kyats.

Sr.No	Tender No	Description	Qty	Remark
(1)	IFB-176(2013-2014)	Geological Servery Field Equipment	(2) Items	US\$
(2)	IFB-177(2013-2014)	50 KW Generating Set (Driven By Natural Gas Engine)	(1) Set	US\$
(3)	IFB-178(2013-2014)	Electrical Parts for HDD Rig	(23) Items	US\$
(4)	IFB-179(2013-2014)	Wash Pipe and Packing for N-69 and N-815 Swivel	(2) Items	US\$
(5)	IFB-180(2013-2014)	1/2"x1 1/4"x5 7/8" Tong Dies	(2000) Nos	US\$
(6)	DMP/L-053(2013-2014)	4" x 4" Twin Reciprocating Air Compressor and Water Transfer Pump	(2) Items	Ks
(7)	DMP/L-054(2013-2014)	Allison Transmission Assy for Well Sevicig Truck	(3) Nos	Ks
(8)	DMP/L-055(2013-2014)	Electrical Spares for HDD Rig	(1) Lot	Ks
(9)	DMP/L-056(2013-2014)	H-Beams and U-Beam for EMSCO Mud Tank	(3) Items	Ks
(10)	DMP/L-057(2013-2014)	Centrifugal Pump with Motor Driven and Portable Water Transfer Pump	(2) Items	Ks

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Tender Document shall be available during office hours commencing from 29th January, 2014 at the Finance Department, Myanma Oil and Gas Enterprise, No(44) Complex, Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar.

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Palestinians accept gradual Israeli withdrawal from West Bank

RAMALLAH, 30 Jan—The Palestinians would accept a gradual Israeli military withdrawal from the West Bank within three years as part of a peace agreement, a senior Palestinian official said on Wednesday.

Hanan Ashrawi, the official of the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO), told *Xinhua* that the gradual Israeli withdrawal from the West Bank will include the Jordan Valley area in the framework of a permanent peace agreement.

"We are ready to accept the gradual Israeli military withdrawal from the West Bank within an agreed three-year period," said Ashrawi, adding "We won't accept the Israeli proposal to do this within ten years."

Meanwhile, Ashrawi said the Palestinians would oppose any Israeli military presence on the territories of the future Palestinian state after the withdrawal is completed. Earlier Israeli media said that US Secretary of State John Kerry, who sponsors the Israeli-Palestinian talks, presented new security arrangements that guarantee full Israeli security control on the borders with Jordan.—*Xinhua*

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE MV SN QUEEN VOY NO ()

Consignees of cargo carried on MV SN QUEEN VOY NO () are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 31.1.2014 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of M.I.T.T where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

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Six suspects detained in Jiugui Liquor case

CHANGSHA, 30 Jan — Six suspects alleged to have stolen 100 million yuan (16.5 million US dollars) from a bank account belonging to Jiugui Liquor have been detained, police in central China's Hunan Province said on Thursday.

The suspects were caught in Hunan and Zhejiang provinces, said Ouyang Xu, police bureau chief in Xiangxi Tu Autonomous Prefecture. Ouyang said the investigation is ongoing.

Jiugui Liquor Co, Ltd, based in Hunan, said on Tuesday that 100 million yuan had vanished from one of its bank accounts in east China's Zhejiang Province in December.

The account was set up in the company's name

on 29 November at the Agriculture Bank of China in Hangzhou, provincial capital of Zhejiang, a Jiugui Liquor statement said. A total of 100 million yuan was deposited.

Over the course of three days from 11 December to 13 December, a series of withdrawals were made leaving only 1,176 yuan in the account. Jiugui's shares tumbled 4.41 percent to close at 11.91 yuan on the Shenzhen Stock Exchange on Tuesday following the company statement.

China's quality liquor makers have been frustrated by their performance on the stock market recently, partly due to the government limiting official spending on banquets.—*Xinhua*

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**Patience is a
virtue**

A Yemeni expert collects illegal pesticides that were found buried underground at al-Jiraf district in Sanaa, Yemen, on 29 Jan, 2014. According to Saba News Agency, Yemeni Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation launched a campaign to remove illegal pesticides buried underground around the capital of Sanaa. Many pesticides banned under international standards are used in Yemen which is one of the most impoverished Arab country.—XINHUA

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE MV E.R TURKU VOY NO (036)

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CLAIMS DAY NOTICE MV KULNATEE VOY NO ()

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ENTERTAINMENT

Larger than life Oprah celebrating 60th birthday quietly at home

LOS ANGELES, 30 Jan—Fifty came with a televised bash, celebrity friends and a black-tie dinner, but Oprah Winfrey will have a low-key 60th birthday at home in California on Wednesday.

The billionaire media entrepreneur will have a “quiet dinner” in the seaside town of Montecito, 90 miles (145 km) northwest of Los Angeles, says a source familiar with her plans.

Winfrey had previously said she would have “the biggest blowout party I can

dream of,” but scaled back the affair after the guest list grew too large, the source said.

Instead, last week she and her friends in West Hollywood attended a birthday SoulCycle spin class, an indoor stationary cycling exercise with motivational coaching. Winfrey posted a video online after the class with a group of people wearing navy blue T-shirts with “Happy Birthday Oprah” on the front.

A self-made woman, she rose from poverty as an African American born

to a teenage mother in rural Mississippi to become one of the world’s most powerful celebrities, with an estimated net worth of \$2.9 billion, according to Forbes magazine.

She runs her own cable TV channel, the Oprah Winfrey Network, in partnership with Discovery Communications Inc.

Winfrey’s popular daytime talk show ended in 2011, and her trademark interviews were a must for public figures looking to remake their images.

She told CBS tel-

evision’s “This Morning” programme last October: “The 6-0 number, I’ve always said to people to own it. Even I, who has said to women all these years, own it, own it, own it, took a pause for that.”

Her 50th birthday party in 2004 on her “Oprah Winfrey Show” featured actor John Travolta, comedian Jay Leno and singers Tina Turner and Stevie Wonder, who all surprised her on set. She followed up with a high-profile luncheon and black-tie dinner.

Reuters



Oprah Winfrey presents the Joel Siegel award at the 19th annual Critics’ Choice Movie Awards in Santa Monica, California on 16 Jan, 2014.—REUTERS

Metal band Motley Crue to call it quits after farewell tour

LOS ANGELES, 30 Jan—Metal rock band Motley Crue, which became emblematic of the hard-partying hair metal acts popular on 1980s MTV, will call it quits after their scheduled farewell tour concludes next year, the band said on Tuesday.

Best known for hit songs “Dr. Feelgood” and “Girls, Girls, Girls,” Motley Crue made the decision legally binding by signing a cessation of touring agreement at a news conference in their hometown of Los Angeles.

“Tommy said it best recently when he said a farewell tour is when a band does a farewell tour and then gets back together and does another farewell tour and breaks up and gets back together,” bassist Nikki Sixx said, referring to the band’s drummer Tommy Lee.

“We decided to call this a final tour and sign

a contract telling you this is real because we want to be proud of Motley Crue and we want our fans to be proud of Motley Crue for decades to come,” he said.

The band’s final tour is due to begin on July 2 in Grand Rapids, Michigan,

and its North American leg is scheduled to conclude on 21 November in Vancouver before the group goes overseas in 2015.

Motley Crue was formed in 1981 by lead singer Vince Neil, guitarist Mick Mars, bassist

Sixx and Tommy Lee and has sold more than 80 million albums. Its popularity peaked in 1989 with the album “Dr Feelgood.”

Singer Neil left the group in 1992 but rejoined in 1997. Lee also left from 1999 until 2004.—Reuters



Members of rock band Motley Crue (from L-R) Vince Neil, Nikki Sixx, Tommy Lee and Mick Mars pose at a news conference announcing The Final Tour in Hollywood, California on 28 Jan, 2014.—REUTERS

Pop singer Justin Bieber waves to fans as he leaves a jail after being released on bail in Miami, Florida in this still image taken from video on 23 Jan, 2014.

REUTERS

Justin Bieber’s arraignment set in drunken driving case

MIAMI, 30 Jan—Teen pop star Justin Bieber will be arraigned next month in Miami, following his arrest last week on a charge of drunken driving when he was caught drag racing in a rented Lamborghini, according to court records published on Tuesday.

Bieber, 19, will be arraigned on 14 February on the driving under the influence charge, as well as charges of driving on an expired license and resisting arrest without violence.

The pop star is not expected to appear at the Valentine’s Day arraignment.

It was the first arrest for the Canadian singer, whose life off-stage has taken a tumultuous turn in the last year with problems ranging from scuffling with paparazzi in London to a felony investigation into whether he pelted a neighbour’s house with eggs in his gated community near Los Angeles.

If convicted of the charges in Miami, Bieber

could face jail time of up to six months, although experts say he will likely get off with a lighter sentence for his first offense.

He was spotted by police in the early morning on 23 January in a yellow Lamborghini alongside another driver, aspiring R&B singer Khalil Sharieff, in a rented red Ferrari drag racing on a four-lane road in a residential area a few blocks from Miami Beach’s South Beach tourist and night life district.

Two SUVs had blocked off the road so Bieber could race Sharieff, police said.

Bieber was driving the sports car 55 to 60 miles per hour (88 to 96 km per hour) in a 30-mile-per-hour zone (48 kph), according to police.

Bieber, who is one of the top celebrities on Twitter with nearly 50 million followers, told police he had taken prescription medicine, had been smoking marijuana and had consumed alcohol.—Reuters

Award-winning actor Kevin Spacey to be honoured by NY museum



Actor Kevin Spacey arrives at the 19th annual Critics’ Choice Movie Awards in Santa Monica, California on 16 Jan, 2014.—REUTERS

NEW YORK, 30 Jan — Award-winning actor, director and producer Kevin

Spacey will be honored for his contributions to films, television and theater by New York’s Museum of the Moving Image at its annual salute in April.

Spacey, 54, who won the best actor Oscar in 2000 for “American Beauty” and a best supporting actor award four years earlier for “The Usual Suspects,” will join the ranks of past honorees including Tom Cruise, Robert DeNiro and Julia Roberts, the museum said on Tuesday.

“We’ve always wanted to honour him since he de-

livered these tremendous screen performances for which he won Academy Awards,” said Carl Goodman, the executive director of the museum, said in an interview. “Since then it has only become more clear that his strength as an actor and his willingness to take risks have led him to make great performances in any medium on any screen,” he added in an interview.

Spacey currently stars as a charismatic and ruthless politician in Netflix’ (NFLX.O) political drama series “House of Cards,”

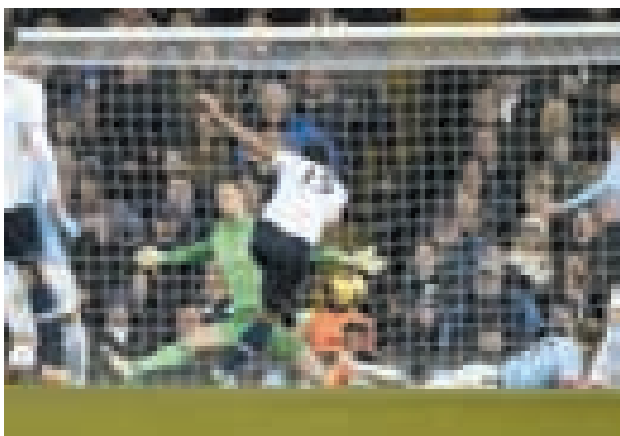
which he also produces.

For his stage work, he picked up a best supporting actor Tony award in 1991 for the Broadway production of Neil Simon’s play “Lost in Yonkers.” Spacey has been the artistic director of the Old Vic Theater Company in London since 2003.

“The fact that we are the only museum devoted to the full sweep of media makes it more exciting for us to celebrate someone whose full work is not defined by a single medium,” said Goodman.—Reuters

SPORTS

Man City out to make Chelsea latest home victims



Tottenham Hotspur's Etienne Capoue (C) scores a goal against Manchester City during their English Premier League soccer match at White Hart Lane in London on 29 Jan, 2014.—REUTERS

LONDON, 30 Jan — Manchester City will bid to extend their perfect Premier League home record this season when they defend top spot against third-placed Chelsea on Monday.

City, who went top of the table with a crushing 5-1 win at Tottenham Hotspur on Wednesday, host Chelsea after Jose Mourinho's team were held 0-0 at home by West Ham United in a London derby on Wednesday.

The big clash at the Etihad, where City have scored 42 goals in 11 league wins this season, will be a prelude of the team's FA Cup fifth-round tie at the same

stadium in mid-February.

Former leaders Arsenal, who dropped two points in 2-2 draw at Southampton on Tuesday and are now one behind City, face improving Crystal Palace at home on Sunday in a rarely-played derby between the two London sides.

Arsenal have lost three times against Palace in 34 matches since they first met 80 years ago and while they should beat them again as they usually do, Palace have become far more resilient since Tony Pulis became manager in November.

Palace were bottom when Pulis arrived but are now 14th, five points clear

of the relegation zone after losing only one of their last four league games.

Palace striker Marouane Chamakh would like nothing more to score against the side that let him leave last year, but Arsenal have only conceded three goals in their current unbeaten nine-game run.

The Gunners will be without Mathieu Flamini, starting a four-match ban after being sent off against the Saints, but it would still be a major surprise if they did not take all three points.

Liverpool strengthened

their claims for a top-four finish for the first time since 2009 when they crushed Everton 4-0 in the Merseyside derby on Tuesday and look capable of extending their unbeaten six-match run when they travel to 15th-placed West Bromwich Albion on Sunday.

England international Daniel Sturridge has returned after injury with five goals in four matches including two against Everton, while Luis Suarez, who scored a hat-trick against West Brom in a 4-1 win at Anfield in October, will

be looking to inflict more damage and add to his 23 league goals. Everton, who have slipped from fourth to sixth in the last two weeks, will be looking for a quick return to form against erratic Aston Villa, but will have to look elsewhere for goals following top scorer Romelu Lukaku's ankle injury against Liverpool which could sideline him for weeks.

Tottenham, smarting from Wednesday's crushing defeat, visit Hull City for the third meeting between the teams this season following Spurs' 1-0 victory in the League and their 8-7 penalty shootout win in the Capital One Cup after a 2-2 draw at White Hart Lane.

Hull, who lost 1-0 at Palace on Tuesday, have never beaten Spurs at their KC Stadium, and will be looking to end a streak of four successive Premier League defeats, their worst run of the season.

Manchester United, boosted by the arrival of 37.1 million pound (\$61.5 million) club record signing Juan Mata who had a fine debut in the 2-0 win over basement club Cardiff City on Tuesday, face another

old favourite on Saturday.

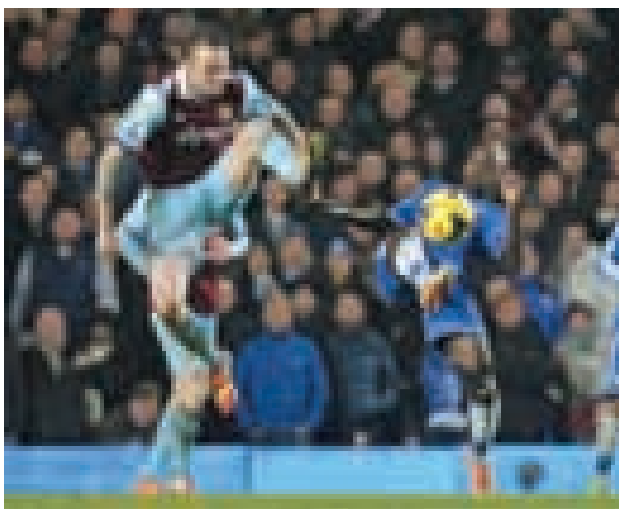
They make the short trip to Stoke City, managed by ex-United striker Mark Hughes, for the second time in five weeks after winning a Capital One Cup quarter-final there 2-0 last month.

Stoke badly need a win after no victories in eight league matches, a run which has seen them slip from 10th to 16th in the last month, while seventh-placed United need to close the gap on the top four.

The weekend kicks off with the always fiercely passionate north-east derby between Newcastle United and Sunderland, who are looking to complete a league double over Newcastle for the first time since 1966-67. Sunderland's results have steadily improved since Gus Poyet became manager in October culminating in their Capital One semi-final success over Manchester United last week which has set them up for a Wembley date with Manchester City in March.

In the weekend's other matches, Cardiff City host Norwich City, struggling Fulham entertain Southampton and West Ham are at home to Swansea.

Reuters



West Ham United's Matt Taylor (L) challenges Chelsea's Ramires during their English Premier League soccer match at Stamford Bridge in London, on 29 Jan, 2014.—REUTERS

Mickelson to shake off back pain, defend Phoenix Open title



Phil Mickelson hits his tee shot from the ninth hole during the first round of the Farmers Insurance Open golf tournament at Torrey Pines Municipal Golf Course.—REUTERS

NORTH CAROLINA, 30 Jan — Phil Mickelson, who was recently diagnosed with locked facet joints in his lower back, said on Wednesday he will defend his title at this week's Phoenix Open.

The five-times major champion had been in doubt with a back injury that prompted him to withdraw from last week's PGA Tour event at Torrey Pines in Southern California after two rounds.

"I had a good practice session, though I didn't go full speed for much of it. I

feel fine. I expect to play and play well," Mickelson said in a statement ahead of the 30 January- 2 February Phoenix Open.

Mickelson, who was diagnosed with and treated for locked facet joints in his lower back, says he also plays to play next week's Pebble Beach National Pro-Am.

The 43-year-old Californian won last year's Phoenix Open at the TPC Scottsdale with a wire-to-wire victory that included an opening round 60.

Reuters

Distin signs contract extension at Everton

LONDON, 30 Jan—Everton's French defender Sylvain Distin has signed a one-year contract extension that will keep him at Goodison Park until the end of the 2014-15 season, the Premier League club said on Wednesday. The 36-year-old centre back's current deal was due to expire in June this year, Everton said on their website (www.evertonfc.com).

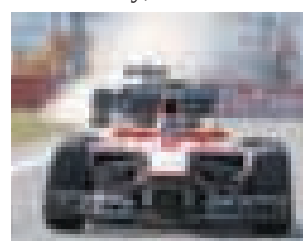
He became the second Everton defender to sign



a new deal this week after left back Leighton Baines penned a long-term contract. Distin arrived at the Merseyside club from Portsmouth in 2009 and has made 177 first-team appearances.—Reuters

Everton's Sylvain Distin (R) challenges West Ham United's Carlton Cole during their English Premier League soccer match at Goodison Park in Liverpool, northern England, on 12 May, 2013.

REUTERS



Marussia make it to the test - after a breakdown

JEREZ, 30 Jan — While some Formula One teams struggled to get their 2014 cars working in pre-season testing on Wednesday, tailenders Marussia suffered a breakdown before they had even got theirs to the Jerez circuit.

The Russian-owned team had kept the Ferrari-engined car back in their central England factory to fix problems that emerged shortly before it was due to be dispatched to southern Spain last weekend.

It finally arrived on Wednesday, in a trailer towed by a van, after a journey across the English Channel and down through France that started on Tuesday morning.

"The van actually broke down just south of Seville just to add to the drama," a relieved team principal John Booth told Reuters.

Marussia Formula One driver Max Chilton of Britain drives during the second practice session of the Korean F1 Grand Prix at the Korea International Circuit in Yeongam on 4 Oct, 2013.—REUTERS

Marussia are the last of the 11 teams to reveal their car, although Lotus — absent from the Jerez test — have only released a computer-generated image, and Booth assured fans they would like what they saw.

The Formula One cars seen so far have been a mixed bag, with some sporting 'ugly' noses to meet new regulations and others like the Red Bull presenting a far more elegant front end.

"You will be amazed how pretty it is," Booth said of his car, which he hoped would be able to get out on track on Thursday morning.

He recognised his mechanics had a long night ahead.

"The systems are so complicated, I think it took everybody two days from finishing the car to firing it up," he explained.

Reuters

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McIlroy willing to take risks for Dubai hole-in-one jackpot



Rory McIlroy of Northern Ireland tees off on the third hole during Abu Dhabi Golf championship on 19 Jan, 2014.—REUTERS

DUBAI, 30 Jan — Rory McIlroy will happily chance his arm to bag a \$2.5 million prize pot with one swing of his club at this weekend's Dubai Desert Classic, as the twice major winner aims to continue his encouraging form in the Middle East.

Organizers in the Arab city-state, which has a penchant for extravagance such as breaking the world

record for the largest fireworks display to mark the start of 2014, are offering the sum for a hole-in-one at the Emirates Golf Club's 17th.

Given hole-in-one opportunities are normally reserved for par-3s, trying to land one on a par-4 is not without risks. But, with such a tempting prize on offer, the Northern Irishman is unlikely to be the only one willing to

take a chance. "There are not many chances you have to win \$2.5 million in one shot, so I'll give it a go," McIlroy told a news conference ahead of the event in Dubai, which starts on Thursday.

Asked if he would risk such an attempt if he was three shots clear in the final round, McIlroy replied: "I mean, if you're confident enough with your driver, yeah, why not."

"It mightn't even be a driver, that's the thing. If they move the tee up, it's only going to play 295 or 300 yards. It's a 3-wood. Yeah, why not?"

Whether the 24-year-old would actually take such a gamble remains open to debate but McIlroy's confidence will have been boosted by his recent showings.

Reuters

Death penalty decision looms for Boston bomb suspect

BOSTON, 30 Jan — The US Justice Department will decide this week whether to seek the death penalty for suspected Boston Marathon bomber Dzhokhar Tsarnaev, accused of setting off two pressure-cooker bombs at the finish line of the world-renowned race.

US Attorney General Eric Holder told the Senate Judiciary Committee on Wednesday that he would announce his decision before a Friday deadline set by a US District Court Judge in Bos-

ton. Tsarnaev, a 20-year-old ethnic Chechen, is accused of detonating the home-made bombs along with his older brother, Tamerlan, who was killed during a shootout with police several days after the 15 April attack.

Three people, including an 8-year-old boy, were killed in the blasts, which marked the worst attack on US soil since 11 September, 2001. Another 264 people were injured by shrapnel, many of them losing limbs.

Reuters



Dzhokhar Tsarnaev, 19, suspect #2 in the Boston Marathon explosion is pictured in this undated FBI handout photo.

REUTERS

Federer to join Wawrinka in Swiss Davis Cup quest

NOVI SAD, 30 Jan — Switzerland's former world number one Roger Federer will join Australian Open champion Stanislas Wawrinka in their Davis Cup first-round tie against Serbia next weekend.

"I can confirm that Roger is in Serbia and will play in the Davis Cup," Swiss Tennis Federation spokeswoman Sandra Perez told Reuters by email on Wednesday.

"He will take part in the press conference tomorrow (Thursday) when the draw takes place," she said.

With Federer renewing his Davis Cup partnership with Wawrinka, the Swiss will start as strong favourites against 2010 winners

and 2013 runners-up Serbia, who are missing their top three players including world number two Novak Djokovic.

Federer, the winner of 17 Grand Slam titles on the men's ATP Tour, has never won the Davis Cup and renewing his partnership with Wawrinka should present him with a good chance of adding to his jam-packed trophy cabinet.

The 32-year-old Swiss maestro last played for his country in the 2012 World Group playoff win over the Netherlands and his best result in the competition was reaching the 2003 semi-finals.

Although Wawrinka is likely to be exhausted after

his celebrations and a long-haul flight from Melbourne following his win over Spain's world number one Rafa Nadal in Sunday's final, the Swiss should be too strong for a decimated Serbian side.

That is, unless world number two Novak Djokovic follows in Federer's footsteps and makes a last minute U-Turn, having earlier pulled out of the tie to focus on the ATP Tour and his bid to wrestle the top ranking spot back from Nadal.

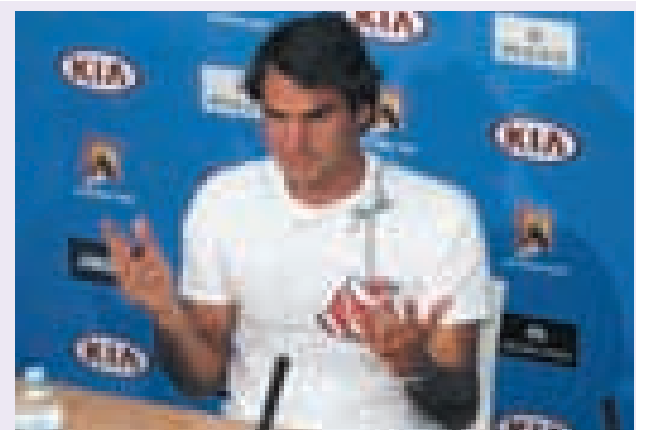
If there is to be another twist, Djokovic would have to cut short his skiing holiday in the Serbian resort of Mount Kopaonik, where he has been photographed by

local media with friends and family.

Serbia will certainly miss the injured Janko Tipsarevic, who has been sidelined with a heel problem since October, and suspended Viktor Troicki who is serving a 12-month doping ban for missing a blood test in April.

The Serbians are relying on the unheralded duo of world number 102 Dusan Lajovic and Filip Krajinovic (280) as the likely singles starters, with Nenad Zimonjic expected to join forces with Ilija Bozoljac in the doubles.

Their coach Bogdan Obradovic thinks Wawrinka's probable exhaustion is Serbia's best chance of



Roger Federer of Switzerland reacts during a news conference after his men's singles semi-final match against Rafael Nadal of Spain at the Australian Open 2014 tennis tournament in Melbourne on 24 Jan, 2014.

REUTERS

springing what would have been upset even with Federer absent. "It's a predicament not having our best players available but it's also an opportunity to inject some fresh blood into the squad," Obradovic told a news conference in the SPENS Arena prior to

breaking news that Federer was on his way to Serbia.

"The atmosphere is great and what we need now is a big fan turnout so that these young lads get the proper support on the big stage. We will do everything we can to win.—Reuters

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4. Documentary	24. Documentary
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5. News/Weather Report	25. University of Distance Education (TV Lectures)
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8. News/ International News	5:15 pm
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9. India Drama Series	6:00 pm
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10. News/International News	6:20 pm
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14. TV Drama Series	8:00 pm
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15. Clever	8:35 pm
11:40 am	35. People Talks
16. Myanmar Series	8:45 pm
12:00 pm	36. Documentary
17. News/International News/Weather Report	9:00 pm
12:25 pm	37. News
18. Myanmar Movies	9:30 pm
2:35 pm	38. Monthly Weather Report
19. Musical Programme	39. Hyper Sports
2:45 pm	40. Traditional Boxing
20. Hyper Sports	41. TV Drama Series

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- * Myanmar Wedding Dresses
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- * Will you feed the pigeons
- * Local News
- * The World's Largest Book
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- * Myanmar Masterclass: Still Life (Glass)
- * Myanmar Traditions and Culture "The Golden Land"
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- * The Heart Love Influenced-U Hla Tun Cancer Foundation
- * Art Students: Their Dream

Fourth Myanmar-Laos ministerial meeting held



YANGON, 30 Jan—The fourth Myanmar-Laos ministerial meeting on prevention and control of drug

abuse between the two countries was held at Sedona Hotel, here, yesterday. Chairman of the Central

Committee for Drug Abuse Control Union Minister for Home Affairs Lt-Gen Ko Ko and party and a Laotian

delegation led by Chairman of the Lao National Commission for Drugs Control and Supervision Mr. Kou Chansina discussed prevention of illegal drugs and chemical precursors smuggling in the two border areas and experience exchanges on alternative development plans.

Police Col Myint Thein, Acting Commander of Anti-Drug Police Crops and Mr. Ounseng Vixay, Permanent Secretary of the Lao National Commission for Drugs Control and Supervision also discussed the prevention and control of drugs abuse between Myanmar and Laos at the same venue on 28 January.—MNA

CIT Ministry signs MoU for nationwide telecommunications license with Ooredoo Ltd

NAY PYI TAW, 30 Jan—Director-General U Khin Maung Thet of Myanma Posts and Telecommunications and Group Chairman of the Ooredoo Group Sheikh Abdullah Bin Mohammed Bin Saud Al Thani signed an MoU for nationwide telecommunications license at the Ministry, here, today. In his speech, Union Minister for Communications and Information Technology U Myat Hein said that the government selected Telenor Myanmar Limited and Ooredoo Myanmar Limited as operators of Myanmar for development

of Myanmar's ICT sector to narrow technology gaps among neighboring countries, increasing telephone density and network in far and wide of the nation and creating more job opportunities in Myanmar.

Ooredoo Group is now operating 3G network and will upgrade the network 4G soon. The group aimed at ensuring coverage of communication for 97 per cent of the nation in coming five years.

Also present at the ceremony were Union Minister U Soe Thane, deputy ministers, and officials.

MNA



Director-General U Khin Maung Thet of MPT and Group Chairman of Ooredoo Group Sheikh Abdullah Bin Mohammed Bin Saud Al Thani exchange documents.—MNA

Organic pigeon peas thrive in Myingyan Tsp

MYINGYAN, 30 Jan—As Myingyan Township in Mandalay Region is located near the confluence between Ayeyawady and Chindwin Rivers, locals rely on agriculture.

Locals grow various kinds of crops plus paddy with the use of river water, irrigation water and rainwater. They also use mixed

cropping patterns.

The mixed cropping pattern includes groundnut, sesame and pigeon pea.

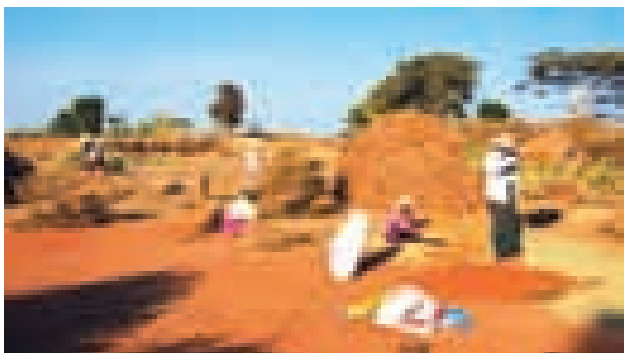
"Dry leaves of pigeon pea are used for animal feed and stems for firewood. So, it is very useful for us", said grower Daw Htay Ma from Myaukbalat Village of Myingyan. "Growers never use pesticide any more. Produc-

tion of groundnut, sesame and pigeon pea decreases this year", she added.

Now, the price of pigeon pea is K 950 per viss. Pigeon pea growers would enjoy profits only when the price is over K 1000 per viss.—U Zaw Min Naing (Myingyan)

Slight earthquake jolts inside Myanmar

NAY PYI TAW, 30 Jan—A slight earthquake of magnitude 4.7 Richter Scale with its epicenter inside Myanmar (about 20 miles southeast of Kalewa) about 125 miles northwest of Mandalay seismological observatory was recorded at 18 hrs 47 min 12 sec M.S.T today, announced the Meteorology and Hydrology Department.—MNA



Organic pigeon peas being harvested in Myingyan Township.

U Aye Khaing presents Credentials to Amir of the State of Kuwait

NAY PYI TAW, 30 Jan—U Aye Khaing, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar to the State of Kuwait, presented his Credentials to His Highness Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, the Amir of the State of Kuwait, on 27 January 2014, in Kuwait City.—MNA

CIT Ministry accepts licence acceptance letter of Ooredoo

NAY PYI TAW, 30 Jan—Telenor Myanmar Limited and Ooredoo Myanmar Limited, the two operators selected by the Selection Committee set up by the Union Government, with the objectives of developing telecommunications sector and provision of telecommunications services throughout the country, presented their acceptance of the Telecommunications Operator Licence to the Ministry of Communications and Information Technology today.

The licences awarded to Telenor Myanmar Lim-

ited and Ooredoo Myanmar Limited will become effective from 5th February, 2014 and will have the initial licence duration of 15 years. As the two operators will be able to provide a whole range of international standard telecommunications services once they receive licences, Myanmar peoples will soon be able to enjoy telecoms services which are better in quality of services as well as new services and new technologies as the result of competition. Therefore social and economic standards will be enhanced.—MNA

Ducheertan Village fire engulfing 16 huts was arson attack: investigators

MAUNGTAW, 30 Jan—A fire at Ducheertan Village in Maungtau Township on 28 January that engulfed two big huts and 12 small huts was intentionally set by Bengalis, according to

Rakhine State Security and Border Affairs Minister Col Htein Lin.

During the investigation, investigator discovered some rolls of straw on (See page 7)

Thai army to deploy more troops amid warning of poll violence

BANGKOK, 30 Jan—Thailand's army will increase the number of troops in the capital ahead of Sunday's election, it said on Thursday, as the government warned it might not be able to contain violence if anti-government protest-

ers try to stop people voting. The protesters, members of the People's Democratic Reform Committee (PDRC), say they will disrupt the ballot as part of their campaign to overthrow Prime Minister Yingluck Shinawatra.

The government's deci-

sion to press ahead with the election has inflamed tension in the capital, Bangkok, where the protesters have blockaded main intersections and forced many ministries to close their doors this month.

"In addition to the 5,000 soldiers we have already deployed in and around Bangkok to help monitor security, we will be increasing troops around protest sites as there are people trying to instigate violence," army spokesman Winthai Suvaree told Reuters. About 10,000 police would be responsible for Bangkok security on Sunday and the troops would be on standby.

Labour Minister Chalerm Yoombamrun, in charge of a state of emergency imposed last week, urged the protesters not to disrupt the vote.

Reuters



Anti-government protesters take part in a rally in central Bangkok January 30, 2014.