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President U Thein Sein felicitates Sri Lankan President, Prime Minister

NAY PYI TAW, 4 Feb—On the occasion of the 66th Anniversary of Independence Day of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka which falls on 4th February 2014, U Thein Sein, President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, has sent messages of felicitations to His Excellency Mr. Mahinda Rajapaksa, President of the Democratic Socialist of Sri Lanka and His Excellency Mr. D.M. Jayarathne, Prime Minister of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka.—MNA

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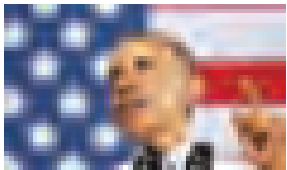
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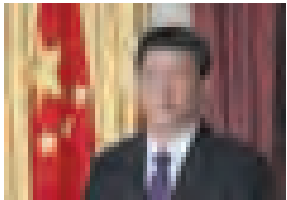
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Vice-President U Nyan Tun visits Kyaukpyu Special Economic Zone project



Vice-President U Nyan Tun looks round gas supply station in Kyaukpyu.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 3 Feb — Vice-President U Nyan Tun met with residents living in the area for the Kyaukpyu Special Economic Zone project in Kyaukpyu, Rakhine State, today.

At the meeting, the Vice-President said establishing of Kyaukpyu Special Economic Zone will ensure transparency and

accountability, abiding by the 2014 Myanmar Special Economic Zone Law.

He also pledged to carry out assessment of impacts on the environment and on socio economic life of the residents due to the establishing of the special economic zone.

During the meeting, Deputy Minister for Rail

Transportation U Myint Thein reported on steps and ways to be taken for building the special economic zone and progress of works.

Kyaukpyu Special Economic Zone would be the best and model one in Myanmar, the vice-president said.

He also fulfil the current needs of the residents

during the meeting.

Vice-President U Nyan Tun also visited Shwe Offshore Natural Gas Project.

At Kyaukpyu gas pipeline station, the in-charge of CNPC reported on distribution of gas, undertakings of regional development tasks, ongoing work programmes and

creation of job opportunities for locals.

He looked round the gas station and inspected chosen site for construction of 50 megawatts natural gas-fired power plant, completion of No (1) and (3) jetties. He then viewed round socio-economic development of Kyaukpyu and upgrading of
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Fire Services Department added over 200 modern fire engines to its list

When open season falls, the people across the nation face the danger of fire. So, the government has purchased advanced fire engines and distributed them to the needy fire stations with a view to preventing fire outbreaks and reducing collateral damages.

"220 advanced fire engines have been purchased for Fire Services Depart-

ment and those fire engines arrived in Myanmar before SEA Games as first batch and on 27 January as last batch. Last year, the department had added 100 fire engines to its list. The newly-purchased Dongfeng-brand fire engines will be distributed to the fire services departments across the country and they will be sent to Nay Pyi Taw via Muse and Mandalay," said a deputy

staff officer from Muse Fire Services Department.

Thanks to purchase of new fire engines, it will enable to put fire outbreaks in time whenever fire break out and reduce damages that occur due to fire. The fire brigade also will have a chance to prevent the fire that can occur in any time or any season in advance.

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LOCAL NEWS

Pyinnya Yeikmon school building handed over

KANBALU, 3 Feb—Chief Minister of Sagaing Region U Tha Aye and Region Minister for Transport U Aung Zaw Oo and officials on 31 January morning attended the opening of new school building Pyinnya Yeikmon at Basic Education High School Branch In Myemon Village of Kanbalu Township.

The Region Minister, Region Hluttaw representative and Region Education Officer U Phone Kywe formally opened the new school building. The Chief Minister unveiled the signboard of the building.

U Ohn Maung of School Board of Trustees handed over documents related

to the building to the education department.

The Chief Minister, the region minister and the MP of Region Hluttaw presented a laptop, exercise books, sports gear and copies of journals to the school.

The ceremony was also attended by Chairman of District Management Committee U Myint Naing, Chairman of the Township Development Supportive Committee U Myo Lwin and officials, and local people.

The building is 140 feet long, 30 feet wide and 21 feet high. It was built at a cost of K 74 million.

MMAL-Aung Win Nyein

Banking Services

Opening of Tun Foundation creates job opportunities for over 20 locals

YAMETHIN, 3 Feb—Tun Foundation Bank (Yamethin Branch) was opened by founder U Thein Tun, Joint Director U Shwe Hla and Manager Daw Moe Marlar on Yan Aung Myin Pagoda Road in Yamethin of Mandalay Region on 30 January.

In the early morning, bank officials offered meals to members of the Sangha in commemoration of the

opening ceremony.

The bank building is 70 feet long, 35 feet wide and 41 feet high, built at a cost of K over 100 million.

In the past, Yamethin Township has one branch of Myanma Economic Bank.

As the town is booming in economy, private banks opened their branches, creating jobs for local people.—MMAL-011

Township Association Education Committee presents stipends

KAYAN, 3 Feb—A ceremony to provide cash assistance to students who had passed the matriculation examination with flying colours was held at office of Kayan Township Association (Yangon) in

Myitta Nyunt Ward of Tamway Township on 1 February.

Responsible persons of the association made speeches. Education Committee U Myint Swe presented K 1.4 million to 11

students who will attend the universities at various levels.

In January, the committee of the association provided K 3,480,000 as cash assistance to 23 students for the first fourthly period in 2014.

MMAL-Kayan Soe Myint

New carriage of 56-down train launched on Myitkyina-Mandalay railroad section

MYITKYINA, 3 Feb—The new carriage of 56-down Myitkyina-Mandalay train was launched at Myitkyina Station on 1 February.

Chief Minister of Kachin State U La John Ngan Hsai made a speech.

Union Minister for Rail Transportation U Than Htay explained matters related to runs of the new carriage.

Amyotha Hluttaw MP U Khet Nan, on behalf of the people, spoke words of thanks.

The 56-down train consists of two upper class carriages, one first class carriage, seven ordinary class carriages and one wagon.

NLM-001



Union Minister U Than Htay cordially greets local people at launching of new carriage at 56-down train at Myitkyina Station.—NLM-001

Low-cost SIM cards allotted to pensioners in Yamethin Tsp

YAMETHIN, 3 Feb—Mandalay Region allotted 5300 WCDMA low-cost SIM cards for pensioners and shared 500 to Yamethin District.

In the allotment, Pyawbwe Township got 200 SIM cards.

The remaining 300 SIM cards were allotted to pensioners of the township through draw lot system on 31 January.

At first, Chairman of Township Telephone Allotment Committee Township Administrator U Maung Maung said that the

pensioners of the township will be allotted the SIM cards in serial numbers. After taking draw lot that time, they no need to join more draw lots next month and need to wait for their serial numbers. The committee will share SIM cards to them at opportune time.

Later, officials presented SIM cards to draw lot winners.

MMAL-011

Workers are marking traffic lines on the road in Zabuthiri Township of Nay Pyi Taw Council Area.

Traffic lines along road in Zabuthiri Township

NAY PYI TAW, 3 Feb—Officials of Road and Bridge Department of Nay Pyi Taw Development Committee drew traffic lines along the roads in Wanatheikdi Ward of Zabuthiri Township, Nay Pyi Taw Council Area.

This morning, officials of the department drew the

lines at junctions, roads, markets and in front of Nan Htaik Yadana Pre-Primary School of Social Welfare Department in the township with the use of modern machinery so as to prevent traffic accidents.

Than Naing (Zabuthiri)



Talks on drug elimination given in Pyay

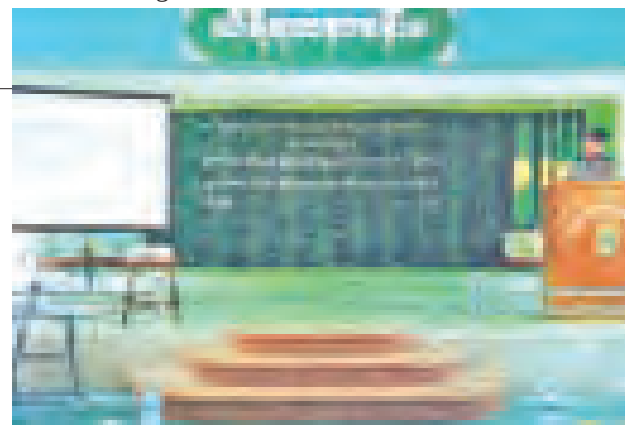
PYAY, 3 Feb—Drug Addict Rehabilitation Association (Myanmar) of Yangon Region organized a talk on menace of narcotic drugs at the Basic Education High School No 1 in Pyay of Bago Region on 28 January morning.

The police major of

Pyay District Police Force, the District Law Officer, officials of Social Welfare Association, Drug Addict Rehabilitation (Myanmar), and Shwepyitha Youth Training Camp gave talks on disadvantages of narcotic

drugs, related problems and rehabilitation for cured addict youths.

It was also attended by the township administrator, the commander of District MPF, departmental officials and students.—NLM-018



Talks on menace of narcotic drugs disseminated to local people in Pyay.

An official of township association presents stipends to an outstanding student.



WORLD

White House: Obama awaits more Keystone reviews; timing unclear

WASHINGTON, 3 Feb — US President Barack Obama still wants to hear from other federal agencies before deciding whether to accept the State Department's finding that the Keystone XL pipeline would have no major impact on climate change, his top aide said on Sunday.

White House Chief of Staff Denis McDonough said Obama would decide once the Environmental Protection Agency, Energy Department and other fed-

eral experts offer their assessments of the State Department review, as well as their own analysis.

But McDonough offered no word how soon Obama may rule. Pressure on Obama to approve the project mounted on Friday with the release of the State Department report, which concluded the pipeline's impact on climate change would not be significant.

Backers argue that the State Department's find-



US President Barack Obama talks after he tours General Electric's Waukesha Gas Engines facility in Waukesha, Wisconsin, on 30 Jan, 2014. — REUTERS

ings should clear the way for prompt approval of a bid by TransCanada Corp to build the \$5.4 billion project, which would transport crude from Alberta's oil sands to refineries on the US Gulf Coast.

Appearing on NBC's "Meet the Press" and CBS's "Face the Nation," McDonough said the president's top concern remains the environment, not election-year politics.

Reuters

Xi's Sochi visit to deepen Sino-Russian ties

BEIJING, 3 Feb — Russia, for the second time, will be Chinese President Xi Jinping's first foreign destination of a year.

In March 2013, Xi took a state visit to Russia a few days after he took office as Chinese President. Xi's announced Russian stay from 6 to 8 February and scheduled attendance to the opening ceremony of the Sochi Winter Olympic

ident and Russian President Putin met four times at international events.

They were the BRICS summit in Durban of South Africa, the G20 summit in St Petersburg of Russia, the Shanghai Cooperation Organization summit in Bishkek of Kyrgyzstan and the informal economic leaders' meeting of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation in Bali of Indonesia.



Chinese President Xi Jinping

Games will be his first foreign trip in 2014. It will also be the first attendance by a Chinese president at a major overseas sports event, signaling China's strong support for the Olympics and Russia's efforts to host the games.

Vladimir Putin, then Russian Prime Minister, attended the opening ceremony of the Beijing Olympics in August 2008.

Prof Yuri Tavorovsky at the Moscow-based Peoples' Friendship University of Russia, told *Xinhua* that it is a new step of bilateral ties that state leaders extend their interactions from traditional diplomatic occasions to less formal ones such as cultural and sports events.

Last year, besides Xi's state visit, the Chinese pres-

In addition, Russian Prime Minister Dmitry Medvedev visited China in October, holding meetings with President Xi and Premier Li Keqiang. Li Hui, Chinese ambassador to Russia, told *Xinhua* that President Xi's state visit last year opened a new page and brought the bilateral relations to a new height.

The two countries have displayed mutual support and understanding on issues that are vital to each other, Ambassador Li said.

As the two neighbouring countries mark the 65th anniversary of the establishment of their diplomatic relations in 2014, they are forging stronger and closer ties, under a comprehensive strategic cooperative partnership.

Reuters

Sri Lanka rejects 'reckless' US criticism of its rights record

COLOMBO, 3 Feb — Sri Lanka rejected US criticism of its human rights record as "grossly disproportionate" on Sunday, a day after a senior US official said Washington would table a UN resolution against Colombo.

Assistant Secretary of State Nisha Biswal expressed frustration on Saturday over Sri Lanka's

failure to punish military personnel responsible for atrocities in a civil war that the government won in 2009 against separatist Tamil rebels. Biswal, speaking in Colombo after a two-day visit, said the United States would table a third UN human rights resolution against Sri Lanka in March to address the war crimes allegations as its hu-

man rights climate has been worsening.

"The (US) claims... are unsubstantiated. Reckless and irresponsible statements without evidence have been resorted to in order to create an impact to give way to prejudged action," Sri Lanka's External Affairs Ministry said in a statement. In her criticism, Biswal also referred to attacks on mosques and churches on the island and said some Sri Lankans felt unable to practice their faith "freely and without fear". Sri Lanka's majority Sinhalese are largely Buddhist and its ethnic Tamil minority is mainly Hindu. The country also has small

Christian and Muslim minorities. The ministry said claims of religious intolerance were based on an attempt to present isolated incidents as commonplace."

Attributing blame to the government is totally unwarranted. While legal action has been taken with regard to some incidents, others have been settled amicably. Therefore, the criticism is grossly disproportionate and politically motivated," it said.

President Mahinda Rajapaksa's government, which finally crushed the 26-year rebellion by the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE) in 2009, has rejected calls for an international inquiry, saying these were aimed at pleasing a large Tamil diaspora living in Western countries.

Senior US officials declined to say what would be in the planned UN resolution, but US embassy officials said it may repeat the call for an international investigation in Sri Lanka.

Reuters



Nisha Biswal, US assistant secretary for South and Central Asian Affairs, gestures during a news conference in Colombo on 1 Feb, 2014.

REUTERS

Ukraine frees tortured activist as president returns to work

KIEV, 3 Feb — The Ukrainian government bowed to intense Western pressure on Sunday to let an opposition activist fly abroad for treatment after his abduction, torture and then attempted arrest by police outraged critics of President Viktor Yanukovich.

The embattled head of state, caught in a tug of war between Russia and the West and facing mass protests that have prompted fears of civil war, announced he would return from four days of sick leave on Monday. It was unclear whether he might resume hesitant moves toward compromise or hit back at his opponents.

Either way, he is under scrutiny from the European Union and United States, who want him to compromise, and from Moscow, which is holding back much

needed financing until he names a new government following last week's departure of his prime minister in a concession that failed to appease the protesters.

Dmytro Bulatov, 35, whose bloodied face and account of being "crucified" during a week in the hands

of mysterious kidnappers has dominated opposition media since Friday, flew to EU state Lithuania. Intense negotiations with Western diplomats had led to a court lifting a charge of "mass disorder" against him, on which police had tried to arrest him at a Kiev clinic.

Reuters



Anti-government protesters attend a rally in Independence Square in central Kiev on 2 Feb, 2014.

REUTERS

Nankai Trough quake could hit maximum on intensity scale in Nagoya

NAGOYA, 3 Feb — A powerful quake registering up to magnitude 9 predicted to occur in the Nankai Trough off central and western Japan could reach the highest intensity level of 7 on the Japanese seismic scale in areas surrounding the port of Nagoya, the city government warned on Monday.

The earthquake could measure upper 6 in the western half of the city, which includes JR Nagoya Station, and a tsunami up to 3.6 metres high could

engulf the port. The central Japan city with a population of 2.27 million also said ground liquefaction could occur in areas surrounding the station. The municipality released the worst-case scenario based on projections made earlier by the central government.

The city said a 3.6-metre tsunami could reach the port in as little as 96 minutes after the quake hits. A combined 7,700 hectares centering on the city's southwestern part, or about one-fourth of the city area,

could be flooded by water at a depth of 1 cm or over, the city cautioned. The estimated flooded area is larger than the central government projection.

The city is scheduled to release in March its estimates for the human and economic cost of a Nankai Trough quake. The Nankai Trough runs from Suruga Bay in Shizuoka Prefecture, central Japan, to Hyuganada off Miyazaki Prefecture in the southwestern Japan region of Kyushu.

Kyodo News

No evidence seen that Christie knew of traffic scheme

NEW YORK, 3 Feb — A New Jersey Democrat leading a probe of the bridge traffic scandal that has engulfed Governor Chris Christie said on Sunday he has seen no evidence to support claims that the governor had been aware of the apparently politically motivated traffic jams as they happened. The remarks by Assemblyman John Wisniewski, who co-leads the probe, came two days after a former Christie appointee at the agency overseeing the bridge who personally oversaw the lane closures said “evidence exists” that Christie had knowledge of the blockage when it happened.

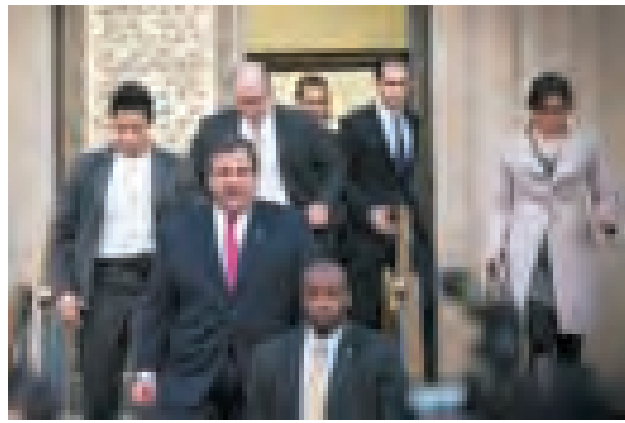
If such evidence does

exist, a state panel investigating the closures has not yet seen it, Wisniewski said. Separately on Sunday, Christie’s director of intergovernmental affairs, Christina Renna, resigned. Renna’s lawyer, Henry E Klingeman, confirmed to *Reuters* that she had resigned, effective on 31 January. Klingeman also said that Renna was among several top aides who have until Monday to respond to subpoenas in the scandal. However, in a statement provided by Klingeman, Renna said she had been considering leaving since shortly after Christie’s re-election last fall.

“I have spent almost

four years working hard for a Governor I continue to respect and admire,” Renna said in the statement. “The transition from term one to term two is a natural time to pursue an opportunity in the private sector.” Christie, who is considered a leading Republican candidate for the White House in 2016, has repeatedly denied any knowledge of a plan to snarl traffic last September in Fort Lee, New Jersey, near the busy George Washington Bridge that connects New Jersey and New York City and severed ties with several top aides over their role in the incident.

Christie has been dogged by scandal for



New Jersey Governor Chris Christie (second from front) departs City Hall in Fort Lee, New Jersey on 9 Jan, 2014.—REUTERS

more than a month since it emerged that several of his top aides and appointees called for lane closures leading to the busiest bridge in the United States, apparently as retribution against the Democratic mayor of Fort Lee for not endorsing the governor’s re-election

campaign. Christie has repeatedly denied having any knowledge of the scheme and dismissed two of his top aides for their roles in it. Still, the scandal has hurt his image and recent polls show him losing ground as a potential presidential contender.—*Reuters*

Dollar trades in lower 102 yen zone in early Tokyo deals

TOKYO, 3 Feb — The US dollar traded in the lower 102 yen zone early Monday morning in Tokyo, rising slightly from its levels in New York on Friday.

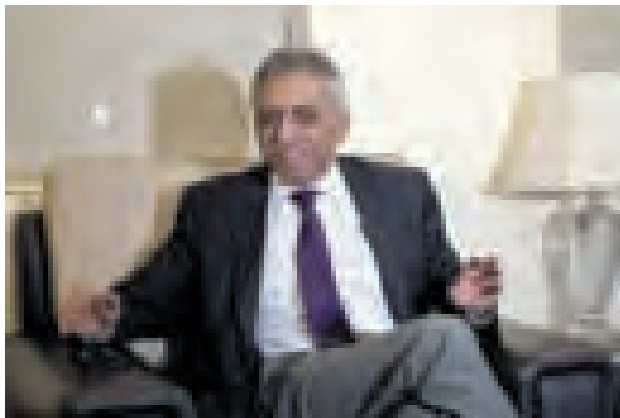
At 9 am, the dollar fetched 102.23-27 yen compared with 101.96-102.06 yen in New York and 102.48-50 yen in Tokyo at 5 pm on Friday.

The euro was quoted at \$1.3487-3487 and 137.88-90 yen against \$1.3481-3491 and 137.64-74 yen in New York and \$1.3542-3544 and 138.78-82 yen in Tokyo late Friday afternoon.

In New York on Friday, persistent concerns over instability in emerging economies prompted market participants to buy the yen for the dollar as a safe haven, dealers said.

A fall in US long-term interest rates also led to dollar selling on expectations that the interest rate gap between Japan and the United States will narrow, they said. — *Kyodo News*

Pakistan’s privatization tsar embarks on quest to revive economy



Chairman of Pakistan’s Privatization Commission Mohammad Zubair speaks during an interview with Reuters at his office in Islamabad on 29 Jan, 2014.—REUTERS

ISLAMABAD, 3 Feb — Mohammad Zubair was on a cruise dinner with Pakistani Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif in Thailand when he was offered the hardest job of his life: privatizing a huge chunk of the economy while fighting resistance from the opposition and trade unions. When the prime minister left the table, a colleague of former IBM executive Zubair rushed to his side.

“Are you mad? Three privatization ministers have gone to jail and most have corruption cases hanging over their heads,” he said. “Don’t take this job.”

But Pakistan’s new privatization tsar is determined to find buyers for 68 public companies, most of them loss-making, including two gas companies, an oil company, about 10 banks, the national airline and power distribution companies — all within the next two years.

The government sees

the sell-offs as a life saver for Pakistan’s \$225 billion economy crippled by power shortages, corruption and militant violence. Successful privatization is Sharif’s top political and economic goal.

“We lose 500 billion rupees (\$5 billion) annually because of failing enterprises,” Zubair told *Reuters*. “Every day a file lands on a bureaucrat’s desk and he has to take a decision he isn’t qualified to.

This can’t go on, no matter what.” Pakistan can raise up to \$5 billion in privatization revenue in the next two years to ease pressure on strained public finance, Zubair said.

Last September, the International Monetary Fund saved Pakistan from a possible default by agreeing to lend it \$6.7 billion over three years. In return, Pakistan must make good on a longstanding promise to privatize loss-making state companies.—*Reuters*

Iraqi army bombards Falluja in preparation for ground assault

BAGHDAD, 3 Feb — The Iraqi army intensified its shelling of Falluja on Sunday in preparation for a ground assault to regain control of the city, which has been under the control of militants for a month. Sunni Muslim anti-government fighters, among them insurgents linked to al-Qaeda, overran Falluja in the western province of Anbar on 1 January, against a backdrop of deteriorating security across Iraq.

Prime Minister Nuri al-Maliki, whose Shi’ite-led government many in the Sunni minority accuse of discrimination, had held off an all-out offensive to give local tribesmen a chance to expel the militants themselves. But security officials told *Reuters* on

Saturday that a decision had been made to enter Falluja on Sunday.

“Orders have been issued to start shelling the city with artillery and planes to detect the potential abilities of militants inside Falluja and try to find a gap to get into the city,” a top security official told *Reuters* on Sunday.

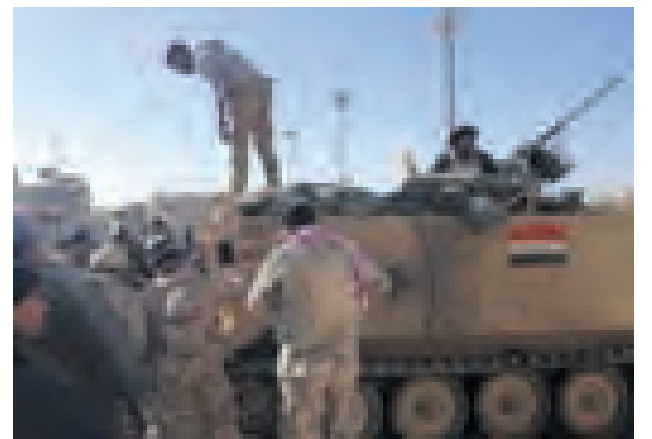
Troops and tribal fighters are stationed in their positions just 15 minutes outside Falluja.” The official said militants had planted roadside bombs along the main roads into the city, and the army would use different routes to enter.

Earlier on Sunday, security officials said Maliki had received phone calls from the ambassadors of several countries in the

region urging him not to storm the city, but preparations were going ahead nonetheless.

“We have finished all our preparations and are waiting for the final say, which must come from Maliki himself,” said a senior military commander.

Reuters



US immigration bill ‘in doubt’ this year, Republican Ryan says

WASHINGTON, 3 Feb — Republicans will be unlikely to compromise on immigration reform unless US borders are first secured, and the possibility of a broad immigration bill reaching President Barack Obama’s desk this year is “clearly

in doubt,” Representative Paul Ryan said on Sunday. “Security first, no amnesty, then we might be able to get somewhere,” Ryan said on ABC’s “This Week.”

Immigration reform legislation, which the Senate has already passed, has

stalled in the Republican-controlled House. Ryan’s comments follow a House document released last week that presents a path toward legal status for 11 million undocumented workers now in the United States. The plan, rolled out by House Republican leaders, outlines “principles” for immigration reform and embraces an agenda that gives their candidates a campaign message that goes beyond political attacks on Obama.

Asked if Obama would get a bill to sign this year, Ryan replied: “I really

don’t know the answer to that question. That’s clearly in doubt.” It remains unclear if the House principles will advance any further amid deep Republican divisions. The principles are seen as gauging the party’s willingness to tackle such a controversial issue during an election year, when all 435 House seats are at stake. Last June, the Senate passed a comprehensive bill that would provide a path to citizenship for the approximately 11 million immigrants living in the United States illegally and tighten border security.—*Reuters*



Rep Paul Ryan (R-WI) departs after a news conference by US Speaker of the House John Boehner (R-OH) and other Republican House members in Washington on 10 Oct, 2013.—REUTERS

WORLD



New Orleans Mayor Mitch Landrieu talks about Tropical Storm Isaacs as Louisiana Governor Bobby Jindal (L) looks on during a news conference at City Hall in New Orleans, Louisiana, on 27 Aug, 2012.

REUTERS

New Orleans Mayor Mitch Landrieu wins re-election

NEW ORLEANS, 3 Feb — New Orleans Mayor Mitch Landrieu won re-election to a second term on Saturday bolstered by a public perception the post-Hurricane Katrina recovery has created jobs and improved the local economy. Landrieu had 64 percent of the vote, with all precincts reporting, according to preliminary results from the website of the Louisiana secretary of state.

Landrieu needed more than 50 percent of the vote to avoid a runoff election and win another four-year term. His nearest challenger,

state court Judge Michael Bagnieris, had 33 percent of the vote. Race played a role in the election in the mostly black city, with Landrieu who is white, saying his policies have benefited all, while his opponents said the needs of impoverished blacks have been mostly ignored.

In the end, Landrieu, 53, a scion of one of the state's pre-eminent Democratic political families, appeared to have benefited from the strong base of support for his efforts to rebuild the Crescent City from the

destruction inflicted by Hurricane Katrina in 2005. Landrieu addressed his jubilant supporters at his election night headquarters on Saturday. "We have come a very, very long way together," Landrieu told the crowd. The mayor was surrounded by his family, which included his sister, US Senator Mary Landrieu, a Democrat, and his father, former New Orleans Mayor Moon Landrieu.

"Elections are America's peaceful pathway to the future. They give full voice to the will of the people,

and now the people of New Orleans have spoken again," Landrieu said. Landrieu, heading into the election on Saturday, had been the frontrunner to win. But his two African-American challengers accused the mayor of failing impoverished communities still affected by the aftermath of Katrina. The final candidate on the mayoral ballot was veteran civil rights lawyer Danatus King, who also is black. He had run a distant third in political polls and finished with 3 percent of the vote in preliminary results.—Reuters

Cuban boat people land in Cayman, headed for Honduras

GEORGE TOWN, (Cayman Islands), 3 Feb — A 30-foot (9 metre) sailboat with about 30 Cuban refugees aboard docked in the Cayman Islands on Sunday and passengers said they were hoping to reach Honduras. The passengers told Reuters they were from Manzanillo in the southwestern province of Granma. Ranging in age from teenagers to retirees, said they decided to leave the island because of economic conditions in Cuba, and complained that recent private sector reforms had not been as broadly implemented in the eastern end of the island, far from the capital, Havana.

They were provided with supplies after landing in East End, on the island of Grand Cayman, and continued on their journey. Under an agreement between Cuba and the Cayman Islands signed more than a decade ago, Cuban migrant boats are allowed to pass through Cayman waters as long as they do not seek any assistance. Cayman and Cuban officials are due to meet soon to negotiate new terms of the 1999 migration agreement.

Cayman officials said last year that a growing number of Cuban migrant boats are being spotted in the their territorial waters, apparently in response to

possible changes in US immigration laws migrants fear could make it harder for them to enter the United States. Using makeshift boats or speed boats operated by smugglers, Cubans attempting to flee the communist-run island for the United States have long traveled through the waters of the Cayman Islands, a British territory located less than 100 miles south of Cuba.

The route offers favorable winds and sea currents for Cuban migrants trying to reach Honduras, from where they make the long journey overland to reach the US border with Mexico.—Reuters



Former Afghan Foreign Minister Abdullah Abdullah speaks during a rally in Kabul on 2 Feb, 2014. Abdullah is running in the 5 April, 2014, Afghan presidential election.—KYODO NEWS

Afghan presidential campaign kicks off amid tight security

KABUL, 3 Feb — Afghanistan's third presidential election campaign since the collapse of Taleban regime in late 2001 formally kicked off in the conflict-plagued country on Sunday amid tight security as the militant group vowed to disrupt the polling process. Supporters of presidential runners have begun decorating walls and streets of the Afghan capital Kabul by installing billboards, gluing the posters and pictures of their favorite candidates to muster support.

Nevertheless, the voters, particularly ordinary citizens seem doubtful over the ability of candidates to act upon what they promise to the people. "I want

to use my suffrage, but I don't know to whom I should vote, because in the previous elections we had received a lot of promises by the candidates but have seen little change in our living conditions," Mohammad Sadiq, 38, told Xinhua. The poor balloon seller said that the candidates in 2009 had promised to create job opportunities for the citizens, improve security and ensure justice but all in vain.

"Security has been deteriorated since 2009. In 2009, I was able to travel around the country without any fear, but today, I am not able to visit my relatives in Hazar district of Logar Province.—Xinhua

Missing girl in Sapporo found safe, man arrested for confinement

SAPPORO, 3 Feb — A 26-year-old man was arrested on Sunday for allegedly confining a girl in Sapporo who had been missing since late January, Hokkaido police said. Rina Hataya, 9, was found safe at the apartment of Hajime Matsui in the Hokkaido city.

The police plan to search the apartment on Monday, suspecting Matsui abducted the girl. The apartment is about 350 metres from the girl's home. Matsui denies confining the girl. The girl went missing after leaving home at around 3 pm on 27 January to buy stationery.

Matsui allegedly took her to his apartment from a parking lot near the girl's home at around 3:30 pm the same day. The Hokkaido police began soliciting information two days after the girl disappeared and had obtained 250 pieces of information as of Sunday.

Kyodo News

No more worries about parking in popular spots

TOKYO, 3 Feb — Finding a parking space near popular tourist spots and downtown areas in Japan is no mean feat, especially on weekends or holidays. On the other hand, only for a limited time, there are empty spaces at private housing or condominium parking lots near these locations, whose owners may wish to make good use of them. So, Nokisaki Inc offers parking lot rental service on a daily basis by connecting empty space owners with those looking for a place to park when driving to popular destinations.

Under the service named Nokisaki Parking, which means "parking under eaves," drivers can reserve a parking space before leaving their homes, while space owners can make money just by renting out their spaces when

they are not in use. "Our service has helped improve the surrounding environments as it alleviates traffic jams and reduces illegal parking," Akiko Nishiura, the 44-year-old president of the Tokyo-based company, said in an interview.

In the service, people who wish to rent out their spaces can set dates when their spaces become available. They can also decide fees at any rate they want, but the company recommends they set a price about 10 percent lower than those offered by parking lots in their neighborhoods. In locations near sports stadiums or concert venues, the rate will be higher when popular musicians are set to perform or major sports events are to take place, according to the company.

Drivers who sign up with the service can choose

a space and pay the designated fee on the company's website. Space lenders receive 65 percent of the payments, while Nokisaki takes the remaining 35 percent for commission. The company launched the service in October 2012 with parking spaces for about 10 cars near Tokyo Skytree, the world's tallest broadcasting tower that opened in May that year.

Nokisaki now has a total of nearly 1,000 parking spaces registered mainly in Tokyo and Osaka, while the number of member users has swelled to about 9,000. Nishiura, who founded Nokisaki in 2009, said securing a space was one of the biggest hurdles when she thought of starting a business, which helped her come up with the space sharing arrangements.

Kyodo News



Pakistani policemen inspect the attack site in a cinema in northwest Pakistan's Peshawar on 2 Feb, 2014. At least five people were killed and 31 others injured on Sunday night when a hand grenade attack targeted a cinema in Pakistan's northwestern city of Peshawar, officials said.—XINHUA

Global automakers scour India's backroads in search of dream market

MUMBAI, 3 Feb — For global automakers, the dusty backroads of rural India could be the new El Dorado. As economic torpor suffocates demand for new cars in India's megacities, incomes are growing faster in small towns and country areas. That's pushing

the likes of General Motors (GM.N) and Honda Motor Co (7267.T) to fan out in search of buyers in places where fewer than 20 people in every thousand own a car — for now.

Standing firmly in the way are strong home-grown brands. With local services

plentiful and repairs cheap, Maruti Suzuki India Ltd (MRTI.NS), Mahindra and Mahindra Ltd (MAHM.NS), and Tata Motors Ltd (TAMO.NS) dominate the rural vehicle market where foreign automakers are seen as expensive and distant. Foreign companies showing cars at the Delhi auto show, starting on Wednesday, have already poured billions of dollars into factories, product development and marketing in India's once-booming car market.

Still, no foreign car maker has a share of more than 6 percent in India's passenger vehicle market aside from South Korea's Hyundai Motor Co (005380.KS) with 15 percent. Car makers see success in rural areas as vital, as slow economic growth, high interest rates and rising fuel prices

mean overall sales are headed for their second straight year of decline. Though the need for rural sales has been recognized, success could yet prove illusory.

Japan's Honda entered India nearly two decades ago but will still have only 170 dealerships by end-March, compared with market-leading Maruti's current 1,300. Of the 60 sales outlets Honda plans to open in India in the fiscal year that starts in April, 43 will be in small towns. "It's very easy to travel once in three-four years to a place 100 kilometers away to buy," said Jnaneswar Sen, senior vice president of sales and marketing at Honda India. "It becomes a bit of a hassle for the customer to travel 100 or 150 kilometers every few months to get the car serviced."

Reuters



A villager drives a Skoda Octavia car through fields in Kishangarh village on the outskirts of the northern Indian city of Chandigarh on 31 Jan, 2014.—REUTERS

GSK to launch late-stage clinical trials on 10 new drugs

BANGALORE, 3 Feb — GlaxoSmithKline is set to unveil plans to launch late-stage clinical trials on 10 new drugs over the next two years, the *Telegraph* reported, without citing sources. The new drugs, which have not been detailed to investors, will include cancer and respiratory disease medicines, the newspaper said on its website.

Britain's biggest drug-maker is also expected to report that fourth-quarter sales in China, where it is embroiled in a major bribery probe, took a smaller hit than when the scandal first blew up during the summer quarter, the report said. The investigation began in July 2013, after Chinese police accused GSK of funneling up to 3 billion yuan (\$495.05 million) to travel agencies to facilitate bribes to boost its drug sales.

Reuters



The GlaxoSmithKline building is pictured in Hounslow, west London on 18 June, 2013.—REUTERS

Cancer cases on rise in Singapore

SINGAPORE, 3 Feb — The number of cancer cases were on rise in Singapore in recent years, especially those associated with bad habits often seen in the modern lifestyle, local daily *Straits Times* reported on Monday. According to the latest available figures, 12,123 people were diagnosed with cancer in 2012, up nearly 15 percent from 10,576 in 2008, the report said. The ageing population is one of the reasons, said Soo Khee Chee, director of National Cancer Centre Singapore.

"In developed countries like ours, people are living longer. Previously, people would die before they got cancer," he said. But what is more worrying

is how "lifestyle cancers" such as prostate, breast and colo-rectum cancers are contributing to the rise. Prostate cancer cases went up by 52 percent from 2003 to 2012, when cases of breast cancer also rose by 25 percent. These cancers are, respectively, among the top three most common in men and women. They are also known as "developed world cancers" because they are associated with the lifestyle in these countries.

One factor that increases the chance of cancer is smoking, Soo said. "Overall, the rate of smoking is moving downwards, but there is a trend of more younger people here taking it up," he said. Health Promotion Board figures from

2010 showed that 16 percent of young people aged 18 to 29 smoked regularly, up from 12 percent in 2004. Other factors contributing to the rise of cancer here are poor diet and lack of exercise, because we are "overfed and eating the wrong food." Having fewer children and having them later also increase a woman's chances of getting cancer, he added.

Cancer remains the most often seen cause of deaths in Singapore, with 30 percent of deaths in 2011 caused by cancer. But the outlook is not all bleak. The chances of getting cancer can be lowered dramatically by modifying one's lifestyle.

Xinhua

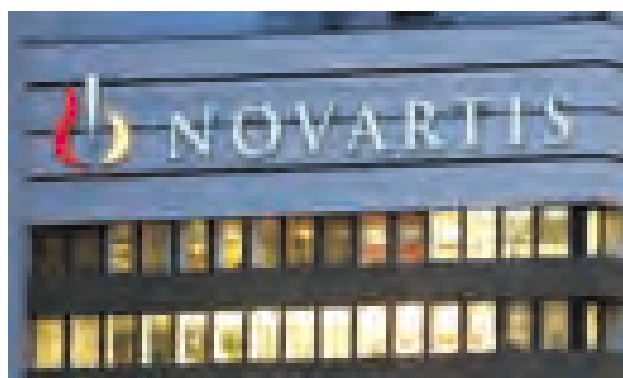
Novartis to cut or transfer up to 4,000 pharma jobs

ZURICH, 3 Feb — Swiss drugs group Novartis (NOVN.VX) intends to cut or transfer up to 4,000 jobs, newspaper NZZ am Sonntag reported on Sunday, citing an internal email. The plan affecting up to 6 percent of its pharmaceuticals workforce comes on top of a program to reduce the number of production sites and is part of a larger drive to cut costs, the newspaper said.

Global drugmakers are under increasing pressure from investors to step up restructuring as patents on best-selling drugs expire and governments

try to keep a lid on health costs. Company spokesman Eric Althoff did not confirm the job numbers but issued a statement saying that Novartis intends to prioritize and reallocate resources primarily in pharmaceutical operations to focus on planned product launches and other growth areas. The measures "reflect the need to respond to a dynamically changing healthcare environment", it said, adding that Novartis expects group headcount to remain largely flat in 2014.

"We expect that an equal number of jobs will be created as are reduced," the



The logo of Swiss drugmaker Novartis is seen at its headquarters in Basel on 22 Oct, 2013.—REUTERS

statement said. A significant number of jobs are expected to be moved to India, with the company saying that it plans to move existing operations in Hyderabad to



Educated women driving China's Internet shopping: New Zealand study

WELLINGTON, 3 Feb — Internet retailers might want to give a bit of extra attention to China's educated, middle-class women because they're the future of on-line shopping in the world's biggest market, according to a New Zealand study. The Lincoln University survey of Chinese Internet consumers found that well-educated employees appeared more inclined to shop online than any other group, possibly indicating their computer literacy and ready access to Internet technology.

The online shopping behavior of friends and family also appeared to be a major influence on China's e-shoppers, especially among women. The research found that Chinese female consumers were more likely to shop on-line than their male counterparts a trend that was becoming increasingly pronounced, researchers said in a statement from the university on Monday.

With China's population spending about 1 billion hours on the Internet each day, it was important to understand the decision-making process and behav-

ior of on-line shoppers, senior lecturer in marketing Michael Clemes said in the statement. "What's particularly interesting about China, however, is not only how little is known about e-shopping behaviours, but how few Chinese consumers relative to the country's population actually use the Internet for their purchases," Clemes said. "The findings of the research are every bit as important to New Zealand businesses looking to attract Chinese consumers as it is to Chinese businesses themselves."

The researchers suggested that marketers consider providing computer training courses to prospective customers or increasing the provision of public computers, and to consider providing on-line forums and chat rooms for female consumers to share their experiences. They also found that high-income Chinese consumers were much less inclined to shop online, possibly because they preferred to physically examine the more upmarket products they were buying and take advantage of support services offered in a store.—Xinhua

erations that are currently spread across three sites in Hyderabad as well as provide for future growth," the statement said.

Novartis, which will face copycat competition for blood pressure pill Diovan once Ranbaxy Laboratories (RANB.NS) overcomes regulatory delays for its generic version, posted lower than expected core earnings per share last week. The company is also conducting a review of its over-the-counter, animal health and vaccines businesses, which lack the global scale of its pharmaceuticals operations.—Reuters

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Foreign Heads of State send felicitations to President U Thein Sein

NAY PYI TAW, 3 Feb—The following are messages of felicitations from foreign Heads of State sent to President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein, on the occasion of the 66th Anniversary Independence Day of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar.

**From Ms. Park Geun-hye
President of the Republic of Korea
Excellency,**

On the occasion of the National Day of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, I would like to convey my heartfelt congratulations to Your Excellency and to the people of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar.

I sincerely hope that the relations between our two countries which have continued to grow and expand over the years will be further strengthened in the years to come.

Taking this opportunity, I would like to express my best wishes to Your Excellency for your continued good health and the everlasting prosperity of your great country.

The embassy of the Republic of Korea avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar the assurances of its highest consideration.

**From Mr. Taur Matan Ruak
President of the Republic of Timor-Leste
Excellency,**

On behalf of the people of Timor-Leste and myself, I would like to extend my warm congratulations

and wishes of continued success and peace on the occasion of the 66th independence anniversary of your country.

Timor-Leste and Myanmar have built robust relation of friendship and I will continue to reinforce this excellent relationship for the benefit of our two countries.

Please accept, Your Excellency, the assurance of my highest consideration.

**From Mr. Islam Karimov
President of the Republic of Uzbekistan
Your Excellency,**

It is a pleasure for me to deliver my sincere congratulations on the occasion of National Day—the Independence Day of Your country.

Taking this opportunity I wish Your Excellency sound health and successes in Your endeavors, to the nation of Your country—peace and prosperity.

Sincerely Yours,
**From Majesty Juan Carlos R.
King of Spain
Mr. President,**

On the occasion of the celebration of the National Day of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, I would like to convey to you, together with the Government and the people of Spain, My congratulations.

I reiterate, Mr. President, My best wishes for peace and prosperity for our friends, the people of Myanmar.

With My high consideration.

**From Mr. Zeljko Komsic
Croat Member of the Presidency of Bosnia and Herzegovina
Your Excellency,**

On behalf of the Presidency of Bosnia and Herzegovina and my own behalf, it is my pleasure to extend to you sincere congratulations on the occasion of the Independence Day of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, with sincere wishes for the lasting prosperity of your country.

I would like to use this opportunity to express my belief that good and friendly relations between Bosnia and Herzegovina and the Republic of the Union of Myanmar will continue to develop to the benefit of our countries.

Please accept, Your Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration and sincere wishes for your, and the happiness of the people of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar.

**From Mr. Nouri Abusahmain
President of the Libyan General National Congress
Your Excellency,**

On this auspicious occasion of the Independence Day of Your Friendly Country, it gives me great pleasure to extend to Your Excellency on my behalf and the people of the state of Libya my sincere congratulations and warm wishes and wishing Your Excellency continuous health and happiness, and for the people of friendly Myanmar further progress and prosperity.

Please accept, Your Excellency, my best regards and consideration.

Sri Lankan PM felicitate Vice-Presidents Dr.Sai Mauk Kham, U Nyan Tun

NAY PYI TAW, 3 Feb—The following is message of felicitations from the Sri Lankan Prime Minister sent to Vice-Presidents Dr Sai Mauk Kham and U Nyan Tun, on the occasion of the 66th Anniversary Independence Day of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar.

**From D.M. Jayarathne
Prime Minister of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka
Excellency,**

It is with great pleasure that I convey to Your Excellency, my warm congratulations and good wishes on the occasion of the Independence Day of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar.

The principles of Theravada Buddhism have stood as a firm foundation in the development of longstanding relations between our countries. It is my fervent wish that

the existing friendly relations and cooperation between Sri Lanka and Myanmar will further strengthen for the mutual benefit of our two nations.

Please accept, Excellency, my best wishes for your personal wellbeing and for the continued progress and prosperity of the people of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar.

The following is message of felicitations to Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham, on the occasion of the 66th Anniversary Independence Day of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar.

**From Dr Boediono
Vice-President of the Republic of Indonesia
Your Excellency,**

It is with great pleasure that I wish to extend to you and the people of Myanmar, my heartfelt congratulations

on the anniversary of the Independence Day of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar.

Relations between our two countries have been flourishing both on a bilateral basis and within the framework of ASEAN and other multilateral forums. I am confident that these cordial and cooperative relations will continue to strengthen in the years ahead as we strive for national development and contribute to the security and prosperity of our region and of the world large.

Please accept, Your Excellency, the assurance of my highest consideration and best wishes for your good health and personal well-being.

**From Dr. Ali Zaidan Mohamed
Prime Minister of Libya
Your Excellency,**

On this auspicious occasion of the Independence Day of Your Friendly Country, it gives me great pleasure to extend to Your Excellency my best wishes and congratulations and wishing Your Excellency continuous health and happiness, and for the people of friendly Myanmar further progress and prosperity.

Please accept, Your Excellency, my best regards and consideration.

The following is a message sent by Vice-President of the Republic of Indonesia Dr Boediono to Vice-President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Nyan Tun, on the occasion of the 66th Anniversary Independence Day of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar.

The following is message of felicitations to Vice-President U Nyan Tun, on the occasion of the 66th Anniversary Independence Day of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar.

**From Dr Boediono
Vice-President of the Republic of Indonesia
Your Excellency,**

I am delighted to convey my heartiest congratulations and best wishes to you as well as to the Government and people of Myanmar on the happy occasion of the anniversary of the Independence Day of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar.

We have been witnessing to the continued strengthening of Indonesia-Myanmar bilateral relations and mutually beneficial cooperation. I am confident that our two countries' partnership will continue to enhance and increasingly contribute not only to our national developments and ASEAN Community building, but also to stability and prosperity in the region.

Please accept, Excellency, my personal best wishes to you and the renewed assurances of my highest esteem.

BEHS (Branch)'s three-storey new school building opened in Salin



Union Minister Dr Kan Zaw, Japanese Ambassador Mr. Mikio Numata and party formally open new school building.—MNA

MAGWAY, 3 Feb—A Salin on 1 February, with ceremony to open BEHS (branch)'s three-storey new school building was held in

an address by Union Minister Dr Kan Zaw.

The Union minister,

Japanese Ambassador Mr. Mikio Numata, Deputy Minister for Education Dr San Lwin, Region Minister

for Social Affairs U Aung Kyaw Min and townselder U Win Maung formally opened the school building and the Japanese ambassador unveiled the signboard of the school building.

The chairman of school building construction committee handed over documents related to the school building to the township education officer and the chairman of school board of trustees presented gifts to the Union minister and party.

Deputy Minister for Information U Pike Htwe presented publications for the libraries in the township. The newly-opened school building was constructed at a cost of US\$ 140,897 under Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects Scheme (GGP) from Japan.—MNA

PERSPECTIVES

Tuesday, 4 February, 2014

Housing

May our dream come true Today, Yangon sees the increasing population. Housings and apartments are in high demand in Yangon. People from other regions and states are flocking to the commercial hub, Yangon. Due to lower job opportunities, they moved to Yangon. The grassroots and the pensioners have to spend their income mostly on food and accommodation.

The squatter problems and higher living costs shine a light on it. How can they save their money? How can they own a house or an apartment? How can the pensioners own a house or apartment when they get retired? To own a house or an apartment is just a dream for the families from the middle and grass-root levels. Land prices and rental fees are skyrocketing. Recently, the government is implementing affordable housing projects. It is good news for the grassroots and the pensioners. Those who have to scrap their living have no extra money.

As a matter of fact, affordable housing prices are still high a lot. There occur squatter problems and skyrocketing land prices whenever there is news about new housing projects. On the other hand, skyrocketing land prices can cause a deterrent to the missive inflow of foreign investments into the country. And it may also nip "Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in the bud". The situation remains unchanged even though the authority concerned regulates the land and property prices in term of taxation. Some opportunists are manipulating the property market.

Low-cost housing projects are to be implemented one after another to meet people's housing demands. Affordable housing prices should be within their reach. The grassroots and the pensioners' dream may come true.

Indian Consulate General visits Myingyan brokerage



MYINGYAN, 3 Feb—Indian Consulate General Mr. Madan Mohan Sethi and party paid a visit to Myingyan brokerage this afternoon.

At the brokerage, the Consulate General said that they came there to provide assistance in selling finished agricultural goods instead of raw materials, transforming traditional farming into mechanized farming, sending scholars

to India and selling products directly to India.

Managing Director of Mahabandoola company Mrs Neha Goenka, who accompanied the delegation, shared knowledge about using farming equipment imported by Mahindra & Mahindra Ltd through a projector and answered the queries raised by the attendees.

U Zaw Min Naing
(Myingyan)

Vice-President visits

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roads by motor car and met with members of township management committee, township development supportive committee, township development affairs committee and townselders at the lounge of Kyaukpyu Airport. He called for socioeconomic status development, peace and stability and rule of law in the region.

They then flew to

ASEAN Library Development Forum 2014 kicks off

NAY PYI TAW, 3 Feb—Department of Historical Research and National Library under the Ministry of Culture organized the ASEAN Library Development Forum 2014 "Library for Society" at Mingala Thiri Hotel, here, today.

On the occasion, Union Minister for Culture U Aye Myint Kyu explained the purpose of the forum calling for librarians from international and the ASEAN member countries to share their experiences and information.

Dr Daniel G. Dorner, Chairman of the IFLA Division V made a keynote speech on "Libraries for Society" and members of the ASEAN countries presented their library activities.

Next, round table dis-

ussions were held separately at the same time. Librarian (Emeritus) Dr Liz Curach and Dr Daniel G Dorner, chairman of IFLA Division V, made clarification on "Professional Development towards digital library environment", Mr Hiroshi Tsukada from National Diet Library and Daw Tin Phone Nwe, Senior Librarian & Archivist of the Ministry of Education, on "Preservation of library materials" and Ms Wendy A Zaman, Regional Information Of-

The locals reported on

regional requirements and Union Minister U Htay Aung made supplementary report. After coordinating

the essentials, the Vice-President made concluding remarks and greeted those present.—MNA

Union FM felicitates Sri Lankan counterpart

NAY PYI TAW, 4 Feb—On the occasion of the 66th Anniversary of Independence Day of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka which falls on 4th February 2014, U Wunna Maung Lwin, Union Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Prof. G.L Peiris, M.P., Minister of External Affairs of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka.—MNA



Union Minister for Culture U Aye Myint Kyu poses for documentary photo with attendees at ASEAN Library Development Forum 2014.—MNA

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ficer of American Center, and Mr Robin Dresel, from National Library Board, Singapore on "Community-based library activities".

ASEAN Library Development Forum 2014 runs tomorrow.

MNA

Options: Booze or Books

"We are working hard to develop our library for youths," says in-charge of the Wunnatheikdi Library while registering borrowers, "I want young people to read books and to have high hopes for their future."

While supervising the library, the personnel of the library are contributing voluntary services to a free funeral service association.

"We have cremated 40 men including who drank to death and who died in accidents under the influence of alcohol," he said.

"The victims lost their lives due to lack of knowledge and weak in rationalization," he said, feeling that drinking related deaths are highly regrettable.

"Our aim is to organize the young people to participate in our social works and to love reading so that they can have high hopes for their future," the man added.

It is easy for them to carry out the free funeral services as Nay Pyi Taw Development Affairs Committee has also provided the association with a hearse and cremation free.

In addition, the association can also arrange for

needy people to get oxygen cylinders and blood when they need.

However, ads for alcohol in journals have posing hindrances to their efforts for putting the young people on right paths for their future.

"Some alcohol ads are

pretended as ads for bottled water and lucky draws," he says, "but, we will carry on our works to help them distinguish right or wrong. We hope the books in the library can attract young people," the man said.

Trans: AMS

Than Naing (Zabuthiri)



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Pyidaungsu Hluttaw ...

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been undertaking across the country. He pointed out that mobile teams under the supervision of the illegal trade control central committee and Yangon Region government are cracking down on smuggling of illegal goods at border gates, entry and exit routes of

smuggling illegal goods, airports, jetties and ports, warehouses and shopping mall and K 10.588 billion-worth-of-illegal goods, accounting for 20 % of the country's total trade volume, were seized during the period from 1 November, 2013 to 31 January, 2014. Actions are being taken

against seized illegal goods in accord with Marine Customs Law, he added.

He said that effective measures for prevention against entry of illegal goods through waterways would be taken after the already-formed marine force was provided with the vessels and manpower.

Regarding the two educational questions at the

today's Amyotha Hluttaw session, Deputy Minister for Education Dr Zaw Min Aung answered that arrangements for an upgrade to No (1) Basic Education Middle School No (1) in Kalay Township will be carried out in 2014-2015 academic year and called for the submission of a report on construction of a new school building in or-

der to be included in the capital fund of 2015-2016 FY. The deputy minister said that modified version of textbooks will be used in basic education schools as of 2014-2015 academic year in order to meet the needs of students in holding discussions on the subjects.

Next, Deputy Minister for Industry U Myo Aung submitted a bill to develop small-and medium-scale enterprises to the Hluttaw,

saying that the bill will be of great benefit to SMEs, increasing national economic growth, income and employment and paving the way for having access to domestic and foreign markets. The Hluttaw decided to discuss the bill.

Then, the Hluttaw approved the Writ Application Bill 2013 in accord with the amendments of Amyotha Hluttaw Bill Committee.

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Rural area of Yinmabin Tsp ...

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Union Ministers U Hla Tun and U Ohn Myint, Deputy Speaker of Sagaing

Region Hluttaw U Thaung Sein, deputy ministers, region ministers, departmental staff, townselders, the

chairman of village electrification committee and members and rural people were present on the occasion.—MNA

Union Minister U Hla Tun presses a button to open the signboard of village electrification in Taepinkan Village in Sagaing Region.—MNA

Thailand to help reduce power losses in power distribution system of Myanmar

YANGON, 3 Feb—The Ministry of Electric Power and Electricity Generation Authority of Thailand (EGAT) held a coordination meeting on technical co-operation for upgrading of distribution and supply of electricity and reduction of electric power losses at the head office of Yangon City Electricity Supply Board, here, this morning.

On the occasion, Union

Minister U Khin Maung Soe said that he recently held a discussion with Thai Energy minister in Yangon on electricity sector development of Myanmar, entering into an agreement on bilateral cooperation in electricity sector was agreed in principle. He expressed thanks for assisting to reduce electric power losses in electricity distribution system of Yangon.

Officials from EGAT

and Metropolitan Electricity Authority (MEA) explained work experience and ways and means to improve electricity distribution system. Those attendees discussed matters on construction of grid code for supply and distribution of electricity, technical exchange programmes, conducting courses and reduction of electric power losses in distribution system of Yangon Region.—MNA



Union Minister U Khin Maung Soe speaking at coordination meeting.—MNA

Earthquakes jolt outside Myanmar

NAY PYI TAW, 3 Feb—A slight earthquake of magnitude (4.7) Richter Scale with its epicenter in the Bay of Bengal about (290) miles southwest of Mandalay

was recorded at (23) hrs (15) min (07) sec MST yesterday and a moderate earthquake of magnitude (5.2) Richter Scale with its epicenter outside Myanmar (Andaman Island, India) about (307)

miles south west of Kaba-Aye seismological observatory was recorded at (06) hrs (14) min (02) sec MST today, announced the Meteorology and Hydrology Department.

MNA

Myanmar Financial Decentralization Workshop held

NAY PYI TAW, 3 Feb—Ministry of finance and World Bank jointly organized the Myanmar Financial Decentralization Workshop at Thingaha Hotel here this morning.

Union Minister for Finance U Win Shein and Country Manager Mr Kanthan Shankar from World Bank made opening speeches at the workshop.

Reviewing international experiences including India, Indonesia and Thai-

land, experts from World Bank made explanation on financial decentralization between the Union and region/states, allotment of budget and financial responsibilities, financial assistance and disbursing loans, working proficiency of region/states and responsibilities.

The two-day workshop was also attended by deputy ministers for the Ministry of Finance and officials concerned.—MNA



Myanmar Financial Decentralization Workshop in progress.—MNA

Acting Union Minister meets SDC's guest

NAY PYI TAW, 3 Feb—Acting Union Minister for Education Dr Myo Myint received a delegation led by Mr Bernhard Huwiler of Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation

(SDC) at his office, here, this afternoon.

At the call, they had a cordial discussion on extension of Cyclone/Storm shelter school building project jointly cooperated by

Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC) and the Ministry of Education and cooperation in standardization of school building project.

MNA



Donations presented for all-round development of Kyaikhtiyoe Pagoda



KYAIKTO, 3 Feb—Both local visitors and pilgrims and globetrotters paid visit to Hsandawshin Kyaikhtiyoe Pagoda in Kyaukto Township of Mon State daily.

Wellwisher U Min Nyi Aye-Daw Zin Myint Mar and wellwishers donated K 5,155,950 to the fund for construction of water tank that the pilgrims need, on 30 January at the office of

the pagoda board of trustees.

Chairman of the Pagoda Board of Trustees U Htay Win accepted the donations and presented certificate of honour to the wellwishers.

On 27 January, sellers of Bogyoke Aung San Market donated K 32.3 million to the fund for construction of four-dimension clock tower, two water tanks equipped with water purifiers, 30000 gallons capacity water tank at the foot of Yathe Hill and

water pump to the pagoda board of trustees.

Responsible persons of the donation committee of the market attended the ceremony and handed over the documents related to the donations to members of the Pagoda Board of Trustees.

Chairman of the board U Htay Win presented certificate of honour to wellwishers.—*News & Photo-U Khin Maung Myint*

National Objectives of 67th Anniversary Union Day 2014

- For all the national races to cultivate the Union Spirit to perpetuate the Union
- For all the national races to live in unity and harmony
- For all the national races to build up the prevailing national reconciliation
- For all citizens to participate in tasks for tranquility and the rule of law
- For all the national races to join efforts for modern, developed and discipline-flourishing democratic nation

Mya Kyun Tha Library opened in Tatkon Tsp



TATKON, 3 Feb—In commemoration of the 67th Anniversary Armed Forces, a ceremony to put Mya Kyun Tha self-reliant library into service was held in Alekyun Model Village of Tatkon Township in Ottara District of Nay Pyi Taw Council Area on 2 February.

Officials presented certificates of honour to the contributors for the building.

The library building is 27 feet long and 27 feet wide. It cost K 5 million. The library showcases about 2500 books.

Alekyun Model Village Sayadaw Bhaddanta

Candima, Deputy Head of District IPRD Daw Soe Sanda Waing and Village-tract Administrator U Phyu Win formally opened the library.

In comemoration of the opening ceremony of library, a Dhamma Thabin was held in front of the library building.

Myatharaphu Monastery Sayadaw Dr Ashin Suwunna (Shwe Thu Wun) of Maha Koehsu Monastery in Pyigyidagun Township of Mandalay administered Dhamma, attended by over 500 people.

Township IPRD

Free clinic gives medical treatment

LAYMYETHNA, 3 Feb—Myat Cetana free clinic of Laymyethna Township in Ayeyawady Region gives health care to patients at its office in Ward 2 of the town on 30 January.

A total of 327 people received medical treatment.

Two doctors, one dentist and health staff, the head of Township Traditional Medicine Department and staff led by Township

Medical Officer Dr Yi Yi Khin of Laymyethna Township Hospital provide health care services to the patients weekly. The clinic has given health care to 6027 patients, costing K 9,513,720 funded by wellwishers, personnel and local people.

On 28 January, the clinic committee given health care to 621 patients from Hlawkahta Station.

MMAL-Thiha (Laymyethna)

Census taking process discussed in Pekhon Tsp

PEKHON, 3 Feb—A clarification on census taking process was held at the town hall in Pekhon of Shan State (South) on 30 January morning.

Director of Shan State Immigration and National Registration Department U Htay Hlaing made a clarification on census taking process in 2014 for the whole nation, correct answer of people to 41 points questions, and systematic management of members of Township Census Committee.

Kayan National Affairs Minister U Laurence of Shan State Government, members of Township Development Supportive Committee, members of Township Census Committee and ward/village census committee raised questions what they wanted to know.

The director replied to their questions.

It was also attended by members of Township Development Supportive Committee, members of Township Census Committee and ward/village committee members and teachers who will discharge

duty of collecting data for population totalling 462.

MMAL-Nang Aye Htoo (INRD)

Regional development tasks supervised in Tahley Sub-Township

TAHLEY, 3 Feb—A meeting on discussion of rural development was held at the hall of Tahley Sub-Township General Administration Department in Shan State (East) on 1 February.

Deputy Commissioner of Shan State GAD (Kengtung) U Tin Maung

Swe made a speech.

Tahley Sub-Township Administrator U Aye Min Tun submitted the report on regional matters.

Local authorities from four wards also presented reports on respective sectors and requirement of the region. It was also attended by Tachilek District Deputy



REGIONAL



Prime Minister Shinzo Abe

Abe considering visiting S Pacific nations over next two years

TOKYO, 3 Feb — Prime Minister Shinzo Abe is considering visiting South Pacific nations such as Palau and Papua New Guinea — grueling battlefields of World War II — over the next two years, a government source said on Sunday.

While promoting the recovery of the remains of Japanese war dead there, Abe is apparently aiming to strengthen Japan's ties with the countries through economic assistance at a time when China is working to increase its influence in the region, according to

the source. They will be the first trips by a Japanese prime minister to the South Pacific nations since Prime Minister Yasuhiro Nakasone visited Fiji and Papua New Guinea in 1985. Around 2.4 million Japanese died overseas during the war, and more

than 300,000 remains are believed to be buried in the region.

A meeting of Oceanian state leaders in Palau from late July to early August this year could provide an opportunity for Abe to make a trip.

Kyodo News

Cambodian, Vietnamese to discuss ties, cooperation next week

PHNOM PENH, 3 Feb — Cambodian Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Hor Namhong will meet with Vietnamese Foreign Minister Pham Binh Minh next week to discuss possibilities to further enhance bilateral ties and cooperation, the Cambodian Ministry of Foreign Affairs said on Monday.

The two top diplomats would co-chair the 13th meeting of the Cambodia-Vietnam Joint Commission for Economic, Cultural, Scientific and Technical

Cooperation to be held from 10-11 February in Phnom Penh, the capital of Cambodia, said a ministry's Press statement.

At the end of the talk, both sides will sign the agreed minutes of the meeting, the statement said. Besides, Pham Binh Minh will pay a courtesy call on Cambodian Prime Minister Hun Sen at the Peace Palace.

Cambodia shares 1,270 km of border with Vietnam to the east. The two neighbors have enjoyed good ties in trade, investment

and tourism. The two-way trade volume reached 3.5 billion US dollars last year, according to the Association of Vietnamese Investors in Cambodia. On the investment side, Vietnam is the fifth largest investor in Cambodia, with 128 projects worth over 3 billion US dollars by 2013.

For tourism, Vietnam ranked the largest source of tourists to Cambodia with 850,000 Vietnamese visiting the country last year, said the Cambodian Tourism Ministry.

Xinhua



A young girl takes photos on her father's shoulders at the Laomendong commercial area in Nanjing, capital of east China's Jiangsu Province, on 2 Feb, 2014. Various folk activities and culture-related commodities at Laomendong, a historical commercial area which was renovated and reopened in September 2013, have provided new attractions to citizens and tourists in Nanjing. Statistics show that Laomendong has had nearly 200,000 visitors between 31 January and 2 February, the first three days of the 2014 Spring Festival.

XINHUA

N Korea proposes talks on family reunions this week

SEOUL, 3 Feb — North Korea on Monday accepted South Korea's call for talks on another round of reunions of families separated since the 1950-1953 Korean War, proposing the talks be held on Wednesday or Thursday this week, according to South Korea's Unification Ministry.

The North Korean offer to hold the working-level talks at the truce village of Panmunjeom was conveyed to the South earlier Monday, spokesman Kim Eui Do said. He said the South welcomes the North's response and would soon respond as to which day it prefers. Last Wednesday, South Korea proposed talks on holding the reunions on 17-22 February at the North's Mt Kumgang, a resort on its east coast near the border with the South.

The exchange of proposals began last month when the North offered to resume the reunions, which were last held in late 2010, at Mt Kumgang, "at a convenient time" after the Lunar New Year. Earlier this month, South Korean President Park Geun Hye had proposed the two Koreas hold the reunions around the Lunar New Year, which fell on 31 January.

Kyodo News



An Indonesian rescuer searches for victims after the eruption of Mount Sinabung volcano in Karo, North Sumatra, Indonesia, on 2 Feb, 2014.

A total of 14 people were killed and three others injured in the fresh eruption of Mount Sinabung volcano on Saturday, officials said.

XINHUA

Flowers in Malaysia to hike price by 10 to 15 percent for Valentine's Day

KUALA LUMPUR, 3 Feb — With the advent of the Valentine's Day, the flower prices in Malaysia will see a 10 to 15 percent increase this month due to the rising prices of goods, local media said on Monday.

According to a statement from the Malaysia Florist Association, it was the increasing overhead

costs, among other, that forced them to make the decision to raise price. Farming overheads, medicine and fertilizers were increasing, it said, adding that the decision to increase the price was made after discussions with florists.

According to the *New Straits Times*, an English-language newspaper pub-

lished in Malaysia, a flower trader in Kuala Lumpur's Petaling Street said a bouquet of eight stalks of roses prices at RM80 (23.91 US dollars) would cost RM100 (29.88 dollars) while 12 stalks with the price of RM100 would cost RM150 (44.82 dollars) on Valentine's Day.

This year's Valentine's Day on Feb. 14 also coincides with the Lantern Festival, is traditionally held on the 15th day of the Chinese Lunar New Year.

Xinhua

New Zealand, Australian ministers to hold joint meeting on future cooperation

WELLINGTON, 3 Feb — The prime ministers and senior Cabinet ministers of New Zealand and Australia will hold a joint meeting in Sydney this week to discuss the future of the deepening integration of the two countries, New Zealand Prime Minister John Key said on Monday.

Key and Australian Prime Minister Tony Abbott, who was elected in September last year, would co-chair the talks from 6 to 8 February. "Australia is

New Zealand's closest international partner and our relationship is vitally important to New Zealand's trade and economic interests," Key said in a statement.

The meeting would also be an opportunity to thank Abbott in person for inviting New Zealand to join the G20 meetings, which Australia is hosting this year.

Key would be accompanied by Deputy Prime Minister and Finance Min-

ister Bill English, as well as Economic Development Minister Steven Joyce, Justice Minister Judith Collins, Health Minister Tony Ryall, Environment Minister Amy Adams and Immigration Minister Michael Woodhouse.

"The joint meeting of Cabinet ministers is a good opportunity to set the agenda for the trans-Tasman relationship, and allows ministers to engage directly with their counterparts on a range of issues and identify

areas where we can build on our close cooperation," said Key. "I will also be joined by a sizable New Zealand business delegation. Their participation recognizes the important role two-way trade and investment plays in the relationship between our countries and the integrated nature of our economies under our Closer Economic Relations agreement." The joint meeting of Cabinet ministers will be the third since 2009.

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Maiko, or apprentice geisha, throw beans at a Japanese Lunar New Year Eve event at Yasaka Shrine in Kyoto on 2 Feb, 2014. — KYODO NEWS

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In respect of **"Class 5:** Dietary and nutritional supplements; dietary and/or food supplements comprised of vitamins and/or minerals; nutritionally fortified protein drinks; protein powder for use as a nutritional supplement". **"Class 29:** Nutritionally fortified processed fruit and/or nut-based snack bars fortified with vitamins and/or minerals; nutritionally fortified processed fruit and/or nut-based snack food fortified with vitamins and/or minerals not for medical purposes". **"Class 30:** Flour or grain-based snack bars fortified with vitamins and/or minerals". **"Class 32:** Sports drinks; isotonic drinks and drink mixes; concentrates, syrups or powders used in the preparation of non-alcoholic fruit, chocolate or vanilla flavored soft drinks; flavored water; energy drinks; isotonic drinks and powders used in the preparation of isotonic sports drinks and sports beverages; fruit drinks and fruit juices; preparations for making flavored waters or non-alcoholic beverages in the nature of fruit juice, punch, non-carbonated fruit beverages and non-carbonated soft drinks; aromatized beverages based on fruit, protein, cordial, sugar and other fluid nutrients, namely, protein drinks for use as food filler and not for use as a meal replacement; beauty beverages, namely, fruit juices and energy drinks containing nutritional supplements".

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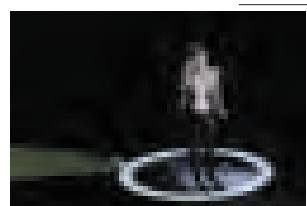
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Don't Smoke**Bruno Mars gives high-wattage halftime act at Super Bowl**

EAST RUTHERFORD, 3 Feb — Accompanied by a light show that featured 80,000 fans with illumina-



Recording artist Bruno Mars performs at halftime in Super Bowl XLVIII between the Seattle Seahawks and the Denver Broncos at MetLife Stadium.

REUTERS

nated hats, pop star Bruno Mars rocked the Super Bowl halftime show on Sunday with a selection of

his hits including "Treasure" and "Runaway Baby."

Dressed in a glittery, '50s style jacket and narrow tie, the bouffant-topped singer danced across the stage as fire effects and fireworks lit up East Rutherford, New Jersey's Met Life Stadium.

He was backed by al-

ternative rockers the Red Hot Chili Peppers, whose lead singer Anthony Kiedis strutted out onto the stage shirtless and in shorts even as the temperature dropped to 44 degrees Fahrenheit (7 degrees Celsius), belting out the group's 1991 hit "Give it Away."

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**Johnny Depp,
Amber Heard
to marry in
Bahamas**

LONDON, 3 Feb—Pirates of the Caribbean star Johnny Depp and Amber Heard are reportedly planning to get married in an intimate ceremony at his private island in the Bahamas.

The 50-year-old actor owns a private island where he filmed scenes for the Pirates films and it is said while some of his rock star friends will be in attendance, it won't be a big, glitzy party, reported *Daily Star*.

"They're having a small intimate ceremony barefoot on the beach in Little Hall's Pond Cay. Afterwards they'll have a barbecue where some of Johnny's musician pals are going to perform, followed by limbo dancing," a source said. "Neither Johnny nor Amber want a big, glitzy Hollywood bash. They are both very private."

PTI



Johnny and Amber want a private wedding

**Jennifer Lopez: Split
with Marc Anthony was
devastating**

LONDON, 3 Feb— Pop star Jennifer Lopez has revealed that her divorce from the father of her children, Marc Anthony, left her completely devastated.

The 44-year-old On The Floor hitmaker was determined to pick up the pieces after her divorce from the Latino singer in 2011 for the sake of their twins Max and Emme, now aged five, but says the high-profile separation was the toughest thing she has ever experienced, reported *Contactmusic*.

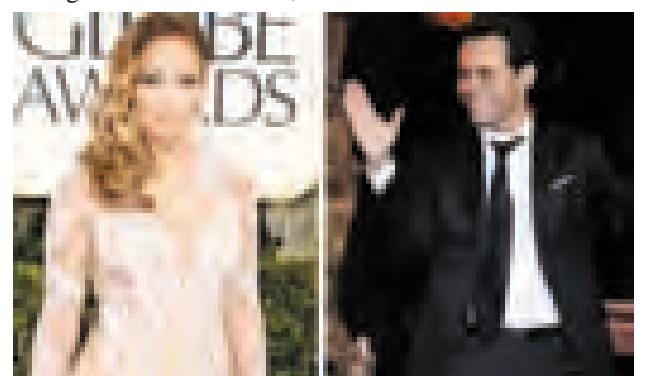
"Back then the pain hurt so much, but I didn't want what happened to finish me. I wanted it to help me grow for the better. I didn't want to just survive it; I wanted to come out of it stronger than I was before,"

Jennifer Lopez said.

"It took a lot a digging deep to do that. Right now I'd say it was the hardest thing I've ever been through, because of the kids. When you're this little scrappy girl and things happen, you just cry yourself to sleep. But when you're responsible for two other human beings and their lives and emotional wellbeing, that's a biggie. You're constantly wondering, 'Am I doing the right thing here?'"

Lopez is now happy in a relationship with choreographer Casper Smart, 26, and is pleased she can count Anthony — her third husband following failed marriages to Ojani Noa and Cris Judd — as a friend these days.

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Jennifer and Marc married in 2004 and officially separated in 2011.—PTI

SPORTS

McIlroy rues tricky greens as Euro title drought continues

DUBAI, 3 Feb — Rory McIlroy was left to rue some unreadable greens as his winless streak on the European Tour extended to 15 events following a two-over-par 74 in the final round of the Dubai Desert Classic on Sunday. The Northern Irishman was the early pacesetter on the Majlis course, a sizzling first round 63 putting him two strokes clear of the field.

But he never recaptured on Thursday's sparkle and the 24-year-old entered Sunday's final round two shots adrift of eventual winner Stephen Gallacher.

Gallacher blundered with successive bogeys on the first two holes to put McIlroy ahead, but that lead proved short-lived as the world number six registered four bogeys between the seventh and 13th to slip

back into the pack.

"Anything that could go wrong did — okay, I hit a couple of loose drives, but I didn't (get) away with them, stuff like that," McIlroy told reporters.

"I didn't get a couple of putts to go. I was struggling to read them for some reason, so I got (caddy) JP (Fitzgerald) to read them for me on the back nine and holed a couple more. "When the greens get this firm they change color a little bit and it was very hard to see. Everything I read was straight even though it wasn't — I just couldn't see any movement at all."

McIlroy's winless streak on the European Tour — his last victory was at 2012's DP World Tour Championships in Dubai, although he did triumph at December's Australian



Tennis star Caroline Wozniacki (L) watches her boyfriend Rory McIlroy of Northern Ireland as he tees off on the 16th hole during the final round of the 2014 Omega Dubai Desert Classic in Dubai on 2 Feb, 2014.

REUTERS

Open — would not be troubling for most golfers.

But for McIlroy, who won his first tour title as a teenager and was a double major champion by the age of 23, it represents a steep decline from the glories of 2012. That year he became only the second golfer to top the money lists in both Europe and the United States in the same season as

he become world number one.

Since then McIlroy has found it harder going, although Dubai's joint-ninth placing means he has made the top 10 in five of his past six tour events and Desert Classic champion Gallacher had no doubt his playing partner would again challenge for golf's top honours.—Reuters

Japan down Canada to make maiden Davis Cup quarters

TOKYO, 3 Feb — Hosts Japan sailed into the Davis Cup quarter-finals for the first time with a 4-1 victory against an injury-plagued Canada on Sunday. Japanese number one Kei Nishikori was leading 6-2, 1-0 on the indoor hard court at Tokyo's Ariake Coliseum when his opponent Frank Dancevic retired with injury, surrendering the tie in their first meeting since 1938.



Japan's Kei Nishikori

Nishikori pocketed the first set in 29 minutes and broke Dancevic in the first game of the second when the world number 119 took an injury timeout but could not continue because of a stom-

ach muscle injury.

"The pressure is always on me to win both singles matches," said Nishikori, who won his opening singles against Peter Polansky on Friday before teaming up with Yasutaka Uchiyama to claim Saturday's doubles.

"This time I was able to help win three matches.

"The quarter-finals was our goal after getting back in the World Group. To do it in the first year is very rewarding." Back in World Group after a one-year absence, Japan now have a perfect 6-0 Davis Cup record against last year's semi-finalists, who were laid low by a spate of injuries. Their top-ranked player Milos Raonic withdrew on Thursday with a foot injury he sustained at last month's Australian Open, while world number 25 Vasek Pospisil also missed Saturday's doubles with an injury he picked up at Melbourne Park.—Reuters

Giles would be 'very interested' in succeeding Flower



England's Kevin Pietersen and coach Ashley Giles (right) sit in the dugout as the rain falls before the second T20 international cricket match against New Zealand was abandoned at the Oval cricket ground, London on 27 June, 2013.—REUTERS

LONDON, 3 Feb — Former test spin bowler Ashley Giles confirmed on Sunday that he would be "very interested" in succeeding Andy Flower as England's team director following his resignation. Giles, who took over as limited-overs coach in 2012, was speak-

ing after England suffered an 84-run Twenty20 defeat to Australia, which meant they lost the series 3-0.

"I'd be very interested in doing the job, definitely," Giles said in an interview with Sky Sports.

"I'm not going to deny that and I'm sure I will be

applying for the post. "If I have to put an application in over the next couple of weeks then I'll think about that and get it done."

Giles has won 15 of his 38 matches in charge but he does not expect to be the only candidate interested in taking over from former Zimbabwe wicketkeeper-batsman Flower. "I'm not silly, if it goes out to a process other people are going to apply," added Giles who took 143 wickets during his test career with England.

"It's one of the biggest jobs in cricket and I'd apply for it because I want to do it. "As someone who was very proud to play for England I've been proud to coach the one-day side. To do the whole job would be a fantastic opportunity, but it's hard work as well."

Reuters

Arsenal back on top as Liverpool slip up

LONDON, 3 Feb — Arsenal returned to the top of the Premier League on Sunday when they beat Crystal Palace 2-0 at the Emirates Stadium with both goals scored by Alex Oxlade-Chamberlain.

Arsenal will stay top at least until Monday's match between Manchester City,

who they knocked off the summit, and third-placed Chelsea at the Etihad Stadium.

Arsenal have 55 points from 24 games, followed by City on 53 from 23 and Chelsea on 50 from 23.

Liverpool, who were held to a 1-1 draw at West

Bromwich Albion on Sunday, are fourth with 47 points.

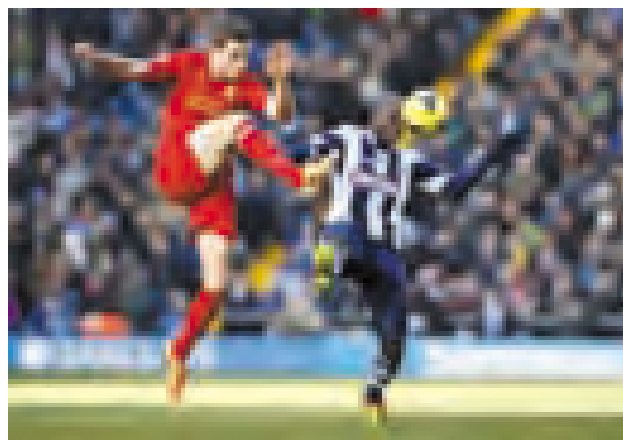
Palace, who have improved since Tony Pulis became manager at the end of November, remained just a point above the relegation zone.

Oxlade-Chamberlain, playing in central midfield rather than on the wing as usual, had a fine game in his first league start after returning from a long injury layoff.

He opened the scoring with a clever lofted shot after 47 minutes, his first goal of the season, and doubled Arsenal's lead in the 73rd minute, firing home after a neat one-two with Olivier Giroud.

A dreadful mistake by defender Kolo Toure cost Liverpool victory when he gifted West Brom the equaliser in a 1-1 draw.

Reuters



Liverpool's Jordan Henderson (L) challenges West Bromwich Albion's Yousouf Mulumbu during their English Premier League soccer match at the Hawthorns in West Bromwich, central England, on 2 Feb, 2014.—REUTERS

Woods vows to work on putter after muted Dubai showing

DUBAI, 3 Feb — Tiger Woods vowed to improve his putting after another lacklustre showing at the Dubai Desert Classic on Sunday extended the world number one's troubled start to 2014.

The 14-times major winner birdied the last three holes for a one-under-par final round of 71 on the Majlis course, giving him an aggregate six-

under 282.

But such a score left Woods an also-ran at a tournament where he vied for top billing with Northern Ireland's Rory McIlroy.

"My iron game wasn't as sharp as I'd like, I had seven lip-outs today," Woods told reporters.

"I'm definitely going to work on my putting. My light putting needs to be better than it has been... I'm

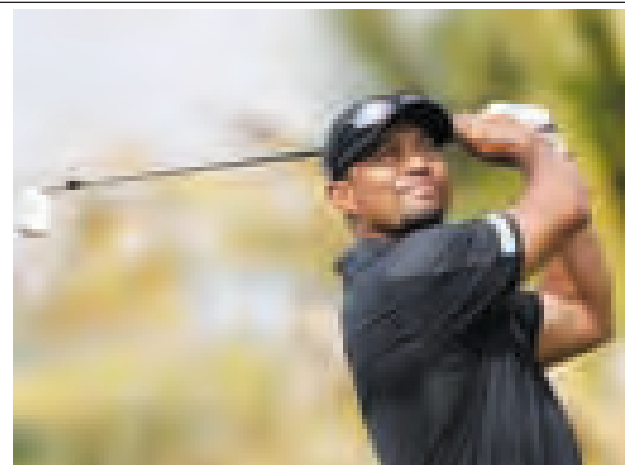
hitting my lines, I just don't have the speed right."

Woods began brightly in Dubai, racing to four-under after nine holes of Thursday's first round, seemingly showing few ill effects from a dire showing at California's Torrey Pines a few days earlier where he carded 79, the second-worst round of his professional career.

Yet wayward driv-

ing and then inconsistent putting saw the American make 10 birdies and eight bogeys over Dubai's final 63 holes as he slipped out of contention. "I made a quick easy fix to my grip the other day and from then on I drove great," said Woods, who will now fly to Delhi for an exhibition event, his first visit to India, before returning the United States.

Reuters



Tiger Woods

GENERAL

Japanese high school student wins int'l ballet competition

LAUSANNE, (Switzerland), 3 Feb — A 17-year-old Japanese boy on Saturday won an international ballet competition in Lausanne, Switzerland, for teenagers aiming to dance professionally. Haruo Niyama, a second-year student at a high school in Matsumoto, Nagano Prefecture, made a one-two finish with Japanese compatriot Sae Maeda, a 15-year-old high school girl in Yokohama, Kanagawa Prefecture.

"I want to be a ballet dancer who can entertain an audience," Niyama said after the award ceremony. Precious Adams of the United States was third.

The top six finishers will enter prestigious ballet schools for a year and receive 16,000 Swiss francs in support. Seventy-three young people from 15 countries participated in the ballet competition, with 20 advancing to the final to perform classic and con-

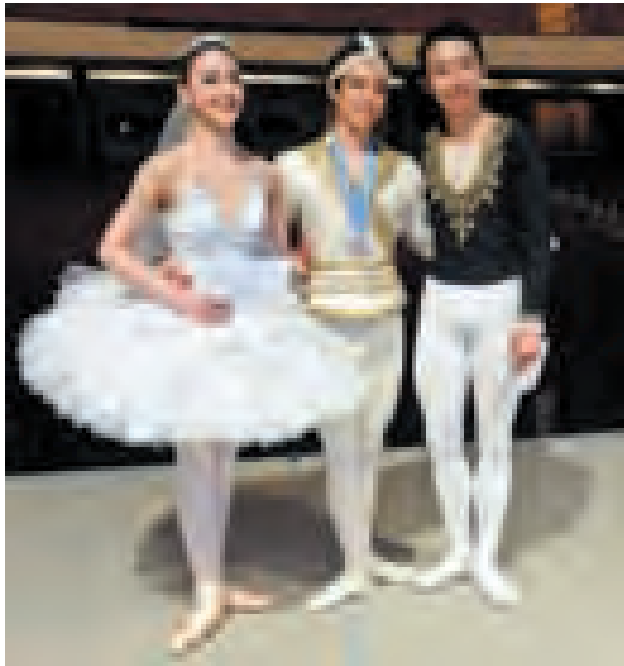


Photo shows Haruo Niyama (C), a 17-year-old Japanese boy, who won an international ballet competition in Lausanne, Switzerland, on 1 Feb, 2014, for teenagers aiming to dance professionally. At left is Sae Maeda, who was second, and at right is Mikio Kato, who was sixth in the competition.—KYODO NEWS

temporary works. Tetsuya Kumakawa of Japan, who performs internationally,

captured the gold medal at the Lausanne event in 1989. Kyodo News

Four killed in attacks in southern Thailand

BANGKOK, 3 Feb — Four people were killed in bomb and shooting attacks in the southern Thai province of Pattani, police said on Sunday.

Insurgents launched a disguised attack on a checkpoint in Kokpho District in the province late Saturday, luring a district officer and

village chiefs to inspect the incident.

When they arrived at the scene, the insurgents detonated an explosive device hidden under the road, killing the officer and injuring two village chiefs.

Three soldiers were also killed and two others injured in a separate bomb

and shooting attack when soldiers inspected the bomb blast. Since the insurgency broke out in 2004, nearly 6,000 people have been killed in Thailand's southernmost provinces of Pattani, Yala and Narathiwat, and four districts of Songkhla Province.

Kyodo News

Gallacher overcomes dire start to retain Dubai title

DUBAI, 3 Feb — Scotland's Stephen Gallacher struck a final round 72 to clinch the \$2.5 million (1.5 million pounds) Dubai Desert Classic on Sunday as he overcame a nightmare start to become the first player to retain the coffee pot trophy.

Gallacher, whose Dubai win 12 months ago was his first title in nearly a decade, skittered four bogeys on the front nine holes, but clawed back four shots after the turn in a gritty display to end on 272.

"My emotions are gone, I'm a nervous wreck," the world number 67 told reporters.

"I never really played the front nine that well all

week.

"No one was racing ahead, that was the key, if someone had come out of the traps maybe it would have been different."

His closest challenger was Argentina's Emiliano Grillo (66), who sunk a 60-foot eagle putt on the 18th for 273, while France's Romain Wattel (66) and Brooks Koepka (70) of the United States were tied on 274.

Gallacher, 39, began the day two shots clear of world number six Rory McIlroy and most of the 8,500 crowd must have anticipated a classic duel between the wily veteran and golf's great young hope.

But both players faltered on an overcast Majlis course, although that made for a thrilling finale as four different players - Gallacher, McIlroy, Koepka and Grillo - claimed outright leadership at some stage, while England's Robert Rock and Finland's Mikko Ilonen also shared top spot.

Gallacher hit his first two drives into the rough to begin with successive bogeys and gift playing partner McIlroy the lead.

Yet the Northern Irishman failed to capitalise. He slugged his tee shot at the par-three seventh into the water for a bogey and dropped three further shots between holes 10 and 13,

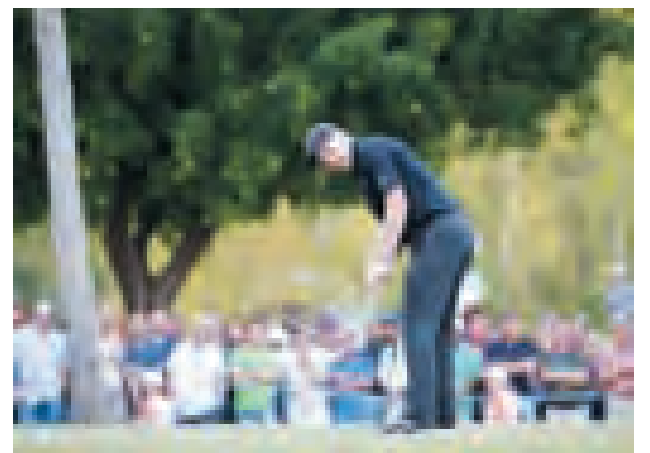
dooming his hopes of ending a 14-month title drought on the European Tour as he slipped to a share of ninth.

"The golf course played a lot differently today," McIlroy said.

"The greens were firmer. The rare times I did get the ball close I didn't make any putts. It was one of those days."

Gallacher, in contrast, was a man transformed after the turn, where a day earlier he had equalled a European Tour record with nine-under-par on the back nine.

"I think yesterday was the key - Saturday is when you're trying to get into contention, to get a lead,"



Stephen Gallacher of Scotland putts the ball on the 14th green during the final round of the 2014 Omega Dubai Desert Classic in Dubai on 2 Feb, 2014.—REUTERS

said Gallacher.

He did not quite reach the same heights on Sunday, but a chip from the rough on the 17th provided a one-foot birdie chance he duly converted to reclaim the outright lead, making par on the 18th with a

nerveless three-foot putt to seal the title.

Gallacher is one of golf's late bloomers, rising from 461 in the rankings in 2010 to be on the cusp of the top 40 following back-to-back Dubai titles.

Reuters

MYANMAR TV

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6:00 am

1. Paritta by Venerable Mingun Sayadaw

6:20 am

2. Physical Exercises

6:30 am

3. The Mirror Images of The Musical Oldies

6:45 am

4. Documentary

7:00 am

5. News/Weather Report

7:20 am

6. People Talks

7:35 am

7. Documentary

8:00 am

8. News/ International News

8:25 am

9. India Drama Series

9:00 am

10. News/ International News

9:25 am

11. Documentary

9:45 am

12. Business News

10:00 am

13. News

10:15 am

14. TV Drama Series

11:10 am

15. Tamyethnar Takwetsar

12:00 pm

16. News/International News/Weather Report

12:25 pm

17. Myanmar Video

2:20 pm

18. Business News

3:00 pm

19. News

3:15 pm

20. TV Drama Series

4:00 pm

21. News

4:15 pm

22. 67th Anniversary Union Day Programme

4:30 pm

23. 2014 University Entrance Examination (Myanmar)

5:00 pm

24. News

5:15 pm

25. Business News

5:30 pm

26. India Drama Series

6:00 pm

27. News/Weather Report

6:20 pm

28. KyaPwint Myaye Yin Khone Than

6:40 pm

29. TV Drama Series

7:00 pm

30. News

7:25 pm

31. TV Drama Series

8:00 pm

32. News/International News/Weather Report

8:35 pm

33. Documentary

8:45 pm

34. Documentary

9:00 pm

35. News

36. Documentary (Fashion)

37. TV Drama Series

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- * Hiker's Journey (Inlay Lake) (Ep-5)
- * World News
- * School for the Blind
- * Local News
- * Myanmar Traditional Instrument "Myanma Drum"
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- * Goldsmith
- * Local News
- * Secret Places For Yummy Food (Ep-7) (Aung Thu Kha Myanmar Rice Meal)
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- * Local News
- * Paper Products Plain but-Pretty
- * World News
- * Myanmar Puppet

Pyidaungsu Hluttaw forms implementation committee for constitutional amendment

Modified version of textbooks to be used in basic education school as of 2014-15 Academic Year

NAY PYI TAW, 3 Feb—Pyidaungsu Hluttaw approved formation of a committee for implementation of constitutional amendment today.

First, the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker sought the approval of Hluttaw to form a new committee that will be responsible to draft a bill for constitutional

amendment in accord with the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw's decision made on 31 January, 2013 for formation of a committee to implement findings and points contained in the report of the Joint Constitutional Review Committee. With the approval of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw, the implementation committee was formed.

Next, re-delineation of Kyaukme district in Shan State as Kyaukme district and Moemeik district and adding Mongpyin township in Monghsat district to Kengtung district were kept as records in the Hluttaw.

Then, two parliamentarians held discussions on the Public Accounts Joint Committee's Report

(2/2014) on findings, objections and work progress of Auditor-General Office of the Union.

Auditor-General of the Union U Thein Htaik explained procedures of the Office and the Pyidaungsu

Hluttaw approved the report of the Joint Committee.

Tenth and ninth-day sessions of Pyithu Hluttaw and Amyotha Hluttaw continued today.

Regarding the question about prevention

against illegal trade at the today's Pyithu Hluttaw session, Deputy Minister for Commerce Dr Pwint Hsan voiced a three-step process for taking punitive action against illegal trading has (See page 9)

Special Bench sits to hear civil appeal cases

NAY PYI TAW, 3 Feb—A special bench comprising Chief Justice of the Union U Tun Tun Oo and

all judges of the Supreme Court passed verdicts on six special civil appeal cases at the Office No. 1 of the

Supreme Court of the Union today. Moreover, they heard six special civil appeal cases.—MNA

Rural area of Yinmabin Tsp enjoys electrification

NAY PYI TAW, 3 Feb—Union of Myanmar Economic Holdings Limited and Myanmar Wenbao Company have provided financial support for electrification of Taepinkan Village in Yinmabin Township, Sagaing Region.

The village starts using electric power this morning.

On the occasion, an official of Union of Myanmar

Economic Holdings Ltd explained power grid supply system to the locals.

On behalf of the residents, Chairman of village electrification committee U Soe Tint expressed words of thanks. Next, Sagaing Region Hluttaw Representative U Kyaw Myint Thein, an official of Myanmar Wanbao Company and village administrator U Thaung Sein

cut the ribbon to put power grid and a sub-power station into service.

UMEHL and Myanmar Wenbao built 10673 feet long 11KV power line and the 400 V power line, 200 KVA sub-power station.

Of 172 households of the village, about 130 have been installed with electric meters.

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Thai protesters head for downtown Bangkok in bid to topple PM



Anti-government protest leader Suthep Thaugsuban (L) collects donations from supporters as he leads the march through central Bangkok on 3 Feb, 2014. REUTERS

BANGKOK, 3 Feb—Thai anti-government protesters who have been camped out in north Bangkok packed their tents and marched downtown on Monday as they consolidated efforts to topple Prime Minister Yingluck Shinawatra, a day after a disrupted general election. Some joined protest leader Suthep Thaugsuban on foot and others followed in cars and six-wheel trucks as Thailand's long-running political conflict showed no sign of ending.

Others surrounded a

government office in north Bangkok where Yingluck and two senior ministers had been holding a meeting and cut through a barbed-wire fence. They did not enter the building and it was unclear if Yingluck was still inside. The protesters closed camps at two of the seven big intersections that they have blockaded since mid-January, at Victory Monument and Lat Phrao, and were heading for the fringes of the central oasis of Lumpini Park. A third camp run by an allied group

at a big government administrative complex may also be closed.

Suthep said on Sunday this was being done out of safety concerns, but it could also be because their numbers are dwindling. Reuters put the number of marchers at about 3,000, with hundreds surrounding the government office. "Suthep's movement is now crumbling, but it still has powerful unseen backers," said Chris Baker, a historian and prominent Thailand scholar.—Reuters

Union Minister meets national cultural troupes



Union Minister U Thein Nyunt meets with national cultural troupes from the regions and states at No (7) Transit Center (Ywadow).—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 3 Feb—Chairman of Management Committee for Organizing 67th Anniversary Union Day Union Minister at the President Office U Thein Nyunt met with national cultural troupes from the regions and states at No (7) Transit Center (Ywadow), here this evening.

Member of Nay Pyi Taw Council and Secretary

of Management Committee U Myo Nyunt introduced the chairman and members of the committee.

Union Minister U Thein Nyunt explained the objectives of the 67th Anniversary Union Day, calling for taking part in the ceremony through unity and Union spirit.

The Union minister and party then viewed round

opening of subcommittee offices and library, provision of health care services and arrangements for hostels. He called on the officials to pay attention on health, food and transportation for the national races cultural delegates.

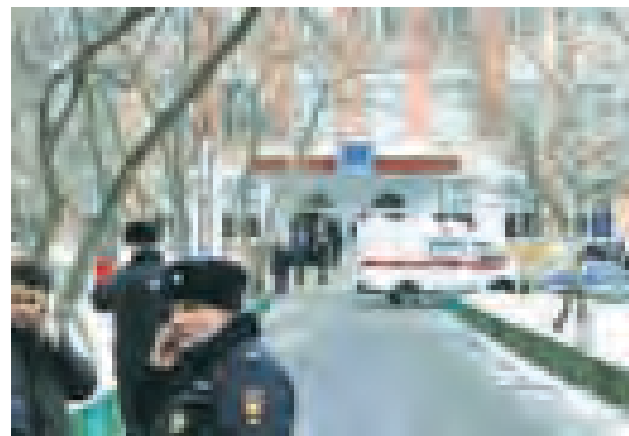
At today's ceremony, the management committee chairman presented GSM SIM cards to the cultural delegates.—MNA

Student kills two in Moscow school in possible revenge attack

MOSCOW, 3 Feb—A Moscow high-school student shot a teacher and a police officer dead and held more than 20 other students hostage in a classroom in a possible revenge attack on Monday, days before Russia hosts the Winter Olympics under tight security.

The student was disarmed and detained less than two hours after the shooting following negotiations aided by his father, Interfax news agency said. News agencies said he might have been seeking revenge over a conflict with a teacher.

Any such violence could rattle nerves at a time when athletes and spectators are arriving for the Sochi Games and the country is on



Interior Ministry members and other authorities gather outside a high school, where a student shot a teacher and a police officer dead and held more than 20 other students hostage, on the outskirts of Moscow, on 3 February, 2014.—REUTERS

high alert over an Islamist militant threat of violence.

State-run media tend to portray school attacks as a largely US phenomenon and they are indeed rare in

Russia. However, separatist militants seized a school in the North Caucasus town of Beslan in 2004. More than 330 people, mostly children, were killed.—Reuters