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*Senior General Min Aung Hlaing and party pose for documentary at 5 Flower Lake in the mountain resort of Jiuzhaigou in Sichuan Province.—MNA*

NAY PYI TAW, 14 Oct—A Myanmar goodwill delegation led by Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing

and wife Daw Kyu Kyu Hla, accompanied by the director-general of FAO of the People's Liberation Army and wife and deputy commander of Chengdu

military region and members visited 5 Flower Lake, Pearl Shoal Waterfall, Nuorilang waterfall and lake in the mountain resort of Jiuzhaigou in

Sichuan Province yesterday morning.

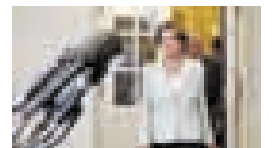
They then flew to Beijing via Johuang airport and arrived at Nanyang (See Page 8)

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## Workshop on Red Cross activities held

YANGON, 14 Oct—Myanmar Red Cross Society and International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies held a workshop on red cross activities at Summit Park

View Hotel on Ahlon Road, here, this morning.

On the occasion, Director-General of the Health Department Dr Tun Naing Oo, President of Myanmar Red Cross Society Profes-

sor Dr Tha Hla Shwe, Mr. Udaya Regmi of IFRC and Mr. Jurg Montani of ICRC extended greetings.

Those present at the workshop discussed that MRCS needs to make co-

operation between the societies to achieve success in carrying out its main tasks, to overcome obstacles in providing social aids to victims in the country and to seek effective ways to lend helping hands to victims.

It lasts until 15 October.—MNA

## Home-made agricultural machinery benefits farmers

Farmers in central Myanmar have witnessed the effectiveness of agricultural machinery in harvesting maize though they were very busy to harvest maize grains as they had to traditionally carry out the harvest and

post harvest.

"I want other farmers to use agricultural machinery because it cut time and cost consuming," said U Aung Naing Tun of Kinpondan Village-tract in Tatkon Township.

Thanks to the machine,

he has overcome the challenges of high costs for post harvest as the machine combines cost effectiveness with quality, he said.

While taking pride himself in using the machine for getting grains from corn for the first time in Tatkon Township, U Aung Naing Tun said he bought the machine from the South Dagon Industrial Zone to better cope with high costs for post harvest.

According to U Aung Naing Tun, the machine which has become the first agricultural machinery in Tatkon Township can accumulate 70 tons of maize grains per hour.

Local farmers have

*By Kyaw Thu Win  
Photo: Thet Htet*

witnessed that the agricultural machinery can help to grow winter crops in time after maize harvest.

Maize has become popular among local farmers as it is marketable and helps minimize loss and wastage, producing over 100 baskets per acre.

Local farmers have reaped profits as the price of maize grains has increased from K 5000 per basket last year to over K 6500 per basket this year.

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*The Badaling section of the Great Wall is seen shaded by red leaves in Beijing, capital of China, on 13 Oct, 2013.—XINHUA*

## SEA Games torch relay kicks off



A veteran athlete carrying SEA Games torch.

YANGON, 14 Oct—The relay of torch for the XXVII SEA Games commenced from Yangon to Nay Pyi Taw yesterday morning.

At the ceremony, Chief Minister of Yangon Region U Myint Swe started relay

of the torch and then 20 veteran athletes who had brought prestige to the State conveyed the torch in relay from Youth Training Centre in Thuwunna to Parami Junction.

After that, they relayed

the torch to Yangon Toll Gate, and then conveyed the torch to Nay Pyi Taw by car.

The rehearsal of relaying the SEA Games torch was practised in Nay Pyi Taw.—Kyemon-Shine Htet Zaw

## National Sports

## Football Match hailing SEA Games



Academy Ye Aung.

YANGON, 14 Oct—As a gesture of hailing the XXVII SEA Games to be hosted by Myanmar in December 2013, the former selected Myanmar footballers team and Myanmar Motion Picture Organization team played a friendly match at Aung San Stadium, here, at 3.30 pm on 12 October.

Former selected Myanmar footballers team beat MMPO 2-1 in the match.

With regard to the friendly match hailing the SEA Games, Captain of the former selected player team U Myo Hlaing Win said, “The match was organized by MMPO with two aims to hail the SEA Games and to donate proceeds of the football match to the older persons from the film



Academy Lu Min.

community. It is good idea. To host the SEA Games is a great opportunity. So, we the people are to give encouragement to Myanmar athletes in their respective sports matches even if they are not interested in the sports.”

Team Captain of MMPO U Lu Min said, “Coming SEA Games is the most important for our country to uplift prestige of the nation as well as forge the nationalistic spirit of the people.

The athletes of the nation are to take part in the SEA Games with the nationalistic spirit.

The sports fans are to cheer the athletes not only for their efforts but only for prestige and integrity of the nation. If the organization



Academy Eindra Kyaw Zin.

assigns us in respective sports sectors, we will

## Odd News

## Damaged hand-made gun, empty bullets found in Taikkyi Township

TAIKKYI, 14 Oct—A damaged hand-made gun and empty bullets were unearthed in Taikkyi Township on 12 October afternoon.

A cowboy, Maung ZeyarMin of Meethwaykyin Village found a butt from the ground between mile posts 3/0 and 3/1 on Uto-Aphyauk Road in Meethwaykyin Village of Hling Village-tract in Taikkyi Township at 3.20 pm.

He informed the village administrator about his finding.

According to the information, policemen of Taikkyi Myoma



Police Station and village administrator arrived at the scene and unearthed one butt, damaged iron pipe, one plastic lens, five rusty bullets and one box of lead

balls and seized it.

Kyemon-Soe Win (MLA)

## No 36 grenade found near Shwetachaung drain

MANDALAY, 14 Oct—Maung Ye Lin Oo, 17 of Kanbe Village in Madaya Township found a decayed grenade without fuse in the bush in front of the residence of U Win Kyaw, 45 in the same village while he went to Shwetachaung drain to take a bath at 6 pm on 8 October.

He informed the local engineering battalion about the grenade. Police members took security for the area of grenade for clearing it.

Kyemon-U Phet Tee (Mdy)

as joint secretary, U Aung Lay as treasurer, U Htay Nyunt as joint treasurer, auditor and U Thein Oo as joint auditor and executive members.

Later, newly-elected chairman U Thein Han extended greetings at the ceremony.

Kyemon-Than Win (Tanyinlay)

Former selected footballers team captain Myo Hlaing Win.



take it out successfully and dutifully.”

In fact, the activities

of encouragement to the SEA Games should be held in major cities of regions

and states similar to that of Yangon.

Kyemon



## WORLD

## Yen rises, investors seek shelter from US debt worries

SINGAPORE/WELLINGTON, 14 Oct — The dollar fell on Monday while the yen rose on safe-haven demand due to concerns the United States may default on its debts as lawmakers negotiate a deal to raise its borrowing facility ahead of a deadline this week. The dollar was last down 0.3 percent at 98.31 yen, having touched a low of about 98.05 yen earlier in the day. The greenback retreated from a near two-week high of 98.60 yen set on Friday.

Senate negotiations to bring a simmering fiscal crisis to an end showed signs of progress on Sunday, but there were no guarantees that a historic default would be avoided.

Negotiations that were likely to stretch into the week continued between the Senate's top Democrat and Republican. Failure to break the stalemate before Thursday, the deadline to raise the debt ceiling, would leave the world's biggest economy unable

to pay its bills in the coming weeks, potentially having a catastrophic impact on financial markets. "The markets went home on Friday expecting a deal would be imminent. While there's a heap of conciliatory language around, there's no deal yet," said Sam Tuck, currency strategist at ANZ Bank in Auckland.

"Now that we're in the week where the debt ceiling will be hit, the yen's gaining on safe-haven bids." The messy US debt affair also dented the dollar against the safe haven Swiss franc and lent support to the euro. The dollar slipped about 0.3 percent versus the Swiss franc to 0.9100, while the euro inched up 0.1 percent to \$1.3556. The yen, whose vast liquidity makes it a relatively safe option during times of uncertainty, also gained ground against the euro and the higher-yielding Australian dollar. The euro slipped 0.2 percent to 133.22, while the Austral-

ian dollar fell about 0.5 percent to 92.81 yen.

In the near term, the US dollar could find modest support against the yen as there is some buying interest at levels near 98.00 yen, said Jeffrey Halley, FX trader for Saxo Capital Markets in Singapore. "There are (dollar) bids into 98.00 at the moment," Halley said. He added that trading interest from Japanese players is likely to be light on Monday, with Tokyo's financial markets closed for a public holiday. Halley added that the dollar could regain some ground against the yen during the session after the earlier selloff.

"These Monday morning knee-jerks normally get reversed during the day, so I would expect dollar/yen to squeeze back to 98.50/60 area this morning," he said. The Australian dollar slipped 0.3 percent against the dollar to \$0.9446, having fallen to \$0.9410 earlier on Monday.—Reuters

## Obama, Pelosi say 'clean' bills needed for debt ceiling, restart



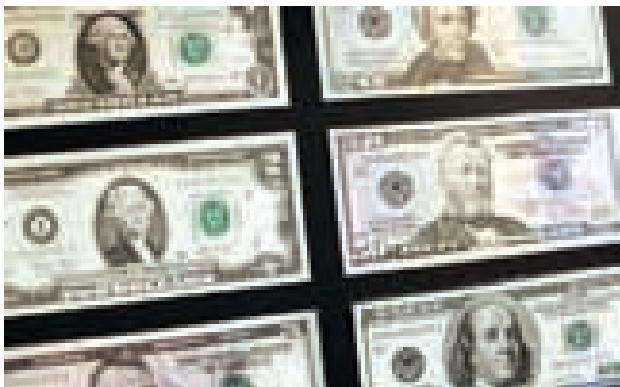
US House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi exits the White House to speak to reporters after a meeting between House of Representatives Democrats and US President Barack Obama in Washington on 9 Oct, 2013.—REUTERS

WASHINGTON, 14 Oct — President Barack Obama spoke by phone on Sunday with Nancy Pelosi, Democratic leader in the House of Representatives, to discuss the need for "clean" legislation that would increase the debt limit for a year and restart government, free from any other policy demands, the

White House said.

"The President and the Leader also discussed their willingness, once the debt limit is raised and the government reopened, to negotiate on a longer-term budget solution that will grow our economy and create jobs," the White House said in a statement.

Reuters



United States dollar banknotes are seen at the Museum of American Finance in New York on 15 Oct, 2010.

REUTERS

## Suicide bombing targets Syria's state-TV

DAMASCUS, 14 Oct — Two suicide car bombers detonated booby-trapped cars near the Syria's state-TV headquarters on Sunday evening in Damascus, causing property damage and interrupting the broadcast of a channel, the Syrian State News Agency reported. The cars were detonated 20 meters away from a traffic light adjacent to the left fence of the headquarters, Syrian State Television said, adding that some passersby were wounded. A dead body, which officials believe belong to one of the two bombers, was found at the blast spot.

Syrian State Television also ran brief video footage of the blast's aftermath, showing the damage that occurred in Umayyad Square, the heart of Damascus and the Syrian military's headquarters. A newscaster for the state-TV said in an off-camera commentary that the losses were all material, adding that al-Ekhbaria TV, which was interrupted, continued to broadcast on a back-up frequency. Last year, an explosive device ripped through the third floor of the state-TV headquarters, killing a number of employees. The device was reportedly planted by one of



People gather around the site of a bombing attack targeting Syria's state-TV in Damascus, Syria, on 13 Oct, 2013.—XINHUA

the workers who was working with rebel factions.

Also last year, the old office of al-Ekhbaria, which was based outside Damascus, was completely destroyed by rebels, prompting its management to relocate inside the main state television headquarters. Attacks against the state media extend to assaults on state journalists and cameramen, some of whom have been kidnapped or killed. The attack on Sunday occurred hours after the Free Syrian Army (FSA), armed groups against President Bashar al-Assad's government, said they would barrage the capital of Damascus with mortars if Syrian government troops continue to impose a siege on rebel-held areas.

The attack is just one in a series of mortar attacks

that have targeted several parts of Damascus in the last few days, which killed at least two people while leaving scores of people wounded.—Xinhua

TOKYO, 14 Oct — The Japanese government has allowed the export of Japan-made engine parts adopted by Self-Defence Forces ships to the British Navy, saying it would not go against Japan's long-standing arms embargo as the components have been used by the private sector and are not necessarily treated as weapons, a government source said on Sunday. The precision parts manufactured by Kawasaki Heavy Industries Ltd. are

## Official campaigning for Kobe, Kawasaki mayoral elections starts

KOBE, 14 Oct — Official campaigning for the Kobe and Kawasaki mayoral elections started on Sunday, with neither of the incumbents seeking a further term.

In the western Japan city of Kobe, five candidates, including Yasuko Morishita, 48, a former member of the Kobe city assembly, and Yuna Nukina, 61, a representative of a civic group who is supported by the Japanese Communist Party, filed their candidacy.

The three other candidates are Kizo Hisamoto, 59, the former deputy

mayor of Kobe who is recommended by the Liberal Democratic Party, the Democratic Party of Japan and the New Komeito party, Takahito Kashino, 50, a company executive, and Shinya Hisamoto, 58, who runs a building contractor's office. The two Hisamotos are not related. The five are running as independents.

Incumbent Mayor Tatsuo Yada, 73, named Kizo Hisamoto, a former official of the Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications, as his political heir and is not running in the race, which is seen as a two-man race between

Hisamoto and Kashino, who lost the previous election to Yada by 8,000 votes.

In Kawasaki, just southwest of Tokyo, the candidates are Yoshio Hideshima, 44, a former official of the ministry, backed by the LDP, DPJ and the New Komeito, Chikako Kimishima, 63, a branch head of the New Japan Women's Association, a major Japanese non-government organization for women's rights, backed by the JCP, and Norihiko Fukuda, 41, a former member of the Kanagawa prefectural assembly.

Kyodo News

## Gov't OKs Japan-made engine parts export for British Navy ship

used for a rotation axis for propellers in a gas turbine engine. A British Navy ship will adopt the components currently used by Maritime Self-Defence Force escort ships, the source said.

Kawasaki Heavy, a long-term technical cooperation partner of Britain's Rolls-Royce plc, has been manufacturing the engine parts in Japan under license from the British company. Earlier this year, the British Royal Navy placed an order for the engine parts

with Rolls-Royce to replace older ones, but Kawasaki Heavy was requested to produce them as the British manufacturer had terminated production of the components. The Royal Navy asked the MSDF to study whether the export of the engine parts would contravene Japan's so-called "three principles" on arms exports introduced in 1967 and tightened into a virtual blanket ban in 1976.

Under the three principles, Japan prohibited

weapons sales to communist states, countries subject to embargos under UN resolutions and nations involved in international conflicts. As a result of discussions involving such bodies as Japan's trade and defense ministries, Tokyo decided to give the green light to shipment of the engine parts to Britain since the components had been used for an engine for power generation at privately run incinerator plants, according to the source.—Kyodo News

## SCIENCE &amp; TECHNOLOGY

## Deutsche Telekom hopes to hide German Internet traffic from spies



The logo of Deutsche Telekom is seen at a store in Bonn, on 3 April, 2013.

REUTERS

FRANKFURT, 13 Oct — Germany's biggest telecoms operator is pushing to shield local internet traffic from foreign spies by routing it only through domestic connections, Deutsche Telekom said on Saturday.

Public outrage followed revelations that US spy programmes had accessed the private messages of German citizens.

Deutsche Telekom had already said it would only channel local email traffic

through servers within Germany. The company aims to agree with other internet providers that any data being transmitted domestically would not leave German borders, a Deutsche Telekom spokesman said.

"In a next step, this initiative could be expanded to the Schengen area," the spokesman said, referring to the group of 26 European countries—excluding Britain—that have abandoned immigration controls.

Revelations of snooping by the secret services of the United States and Britain were based on documents leaked by fugitive former National Security Agency contractor Edward Snowden.

News magazine *Der Spiegel* reported in June that the United States taps half a billion phone calls, emails and text messages in Germany in a typical month. Government snooping is a sensitive subject in Germany due to the heavy surveillance of citizens in the former communist East and under Hitler's Nazis.

One of Deutsche Telekom's competitors, internet service provider QSC, had questioned the feasibility of its plan to shield internet traffic, saying it was not possible to determine clearly whether data was being routed nationally or internationally, *WirtschaftsWoche* magazine reported.

Reuters

## Monkeys in alpine areas not result of global warming

NAGANO, (Japan), 14 Oct—Monkey sightings at high altitudes are not a symptom of global warming, despite a growing perception that climate change is altering the primates' habitat range in alpine areas of Japan, according to scientists. While changes in the environment have affected the movements of some species, monkeys have been observed high in mountainous areas for at least 40 years, the scientists say.

On a recent trek near the top of the 2,922-meter Mt Otensho in Nagano Prefecture, a couple of Japanese monkeys were spotted wandering, while another could be seen with something in its mouth behind the bushes of dwarf stone pines. Their appearance in alpine habitats has surprised many trekkers, even those with decades of experience in mountaineering. "It's surprising to see them up here," one climber said. "I didn't know that monkeys climb so high these days." Many climbers believe the presence of monkeys on high mountains has similar origins to the overabundance of Japanese deer.

Deer populations are

expanding in mountainous areas amid a decline in snow as a result of global warming, posing a serious threat to endemic plant species. —Reuters

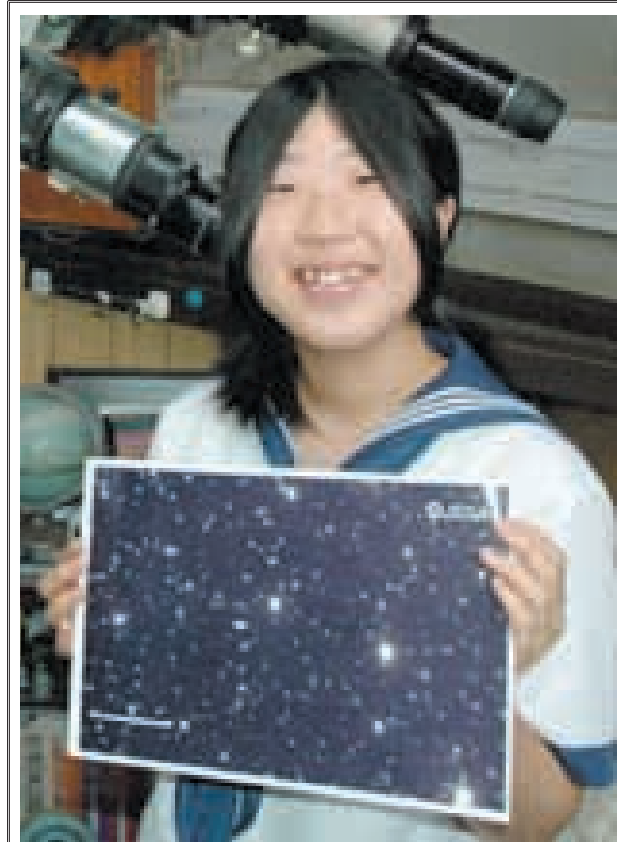


Photo taken on 26 Aug, 2013 in Kanagawa Prefecture shows Akiko Takahashi, one of the first female junior high school students in Japan to have discovered an asteroid. In July 2013, the International Astronomical Union listed as a new astral body the asteroid discovered in 2009 by Takahashi and two other girls.

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## Cyber warrior shortage hits anti-hacker fightback

LONDON, 14 Oct—For the governments and corporations facing increasing computer attacks, the biggest challenge is finding the right cyber warriors to fight back.

Hostile computer activity from spies, saboteurs, competitors and criminals has spawned a growing industry of corporate defenders who can attract the best talent from government cyber units. The US military's Cyber Command is

due to quadruple in size by 2015 with 4,000 new personnel while Britain announced a new Joint Cyber Reserve last month. From Brazil to Indonesia, similar forces have been set up.

But demand for specialists has far outpaced the number of those qualified to do the job, leading to a staffing crunch as talent is poached by competitors offering big salaries. "As with anything, it really comes down to human capital and

there simply isn't enough of it," says Chris Finan, White House director for cyber security from 2011-12, who is now a senior fellow at the Truman National Security Project and working for a start-up in Silicon Valley. "They will choose where they work based on salary, lifestyle and the lack of an interfering bureaucracy and that makes it particularly hard to get them into government."

Cyber attacks can be expensive: one unidentified London-listed company incurred losses of 800 million pounds (\$1.29 billion) in a cyber attack several years ago, according to the British security services. Global losses are in the range of \$80 billion to \$400 billion a year, according to research by the Washington-based Center for Strategic and International Studies that was sponsored by Intel Corp's McAfee anti-virus division. —Reuters



A man types on a computer keyboard in Warsaw in this 28 Feb, 2013 illustration file picture. — REUTERS

## Festival of open houses taps San Francisco's tech startup allure

SAN FRANCISCO, 14 Oct—New York-based entrepreneur Caleb Gandara came to San Francisco this week and managed a rare feat: he spent half a day roaming the offices

of hot startups DropBox, Cloudera and Sidecar, chatting up executives at will. Gandara was one of 3,700 people who signed up for "OpenCo", a festival of open houses held at scores of San Francisco startups, non-profits and corporations from Google Inc to local business and chocolatier TCHO over two hectic days.

Now in its second year,

OpenCo is billed by its organizers as a novel twist on traditional staid business conferences, and an opportunity for investors, entrepreneurs and even job-seekers to get a close-up look at the San Francisco-area tech scene.

Companies that throw open their doors, in turn, get a chance to meet potential talent, gather feedback and make connections.

"You don't have to be anybody special and in that spirit, OpenCo is just letting a community of people who are interested explore what is normally preserved for employees, professionals and business deals," Gandara said. "You get to see what brings them to work every day. It's rare and definitely more rare in mature companies."

Reuters

## China's Huawei rules out large acquisitions

FRANKFURT, 14 Oct—China's Huawei, one of the world's largest telecoms network infrastructure providers, is not planning any large takeovers because it would be unable to integrate them, Deputy Chairman Guo Ping was reported as saying in German paper *Welt am Sonntag*.

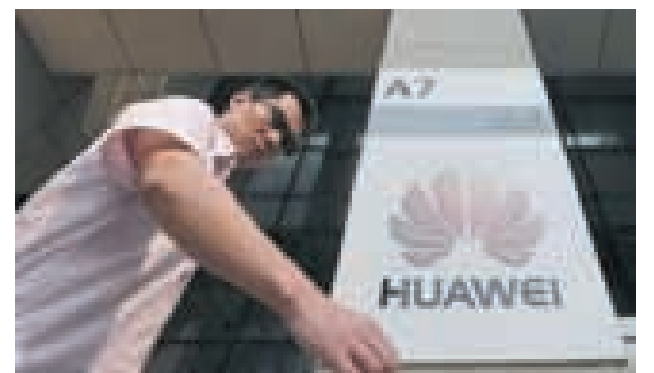
Ping, one of three deputy chairmen who take turns acting as chief executive, was responding to the paper's question on whether he could imagine buying one of Europe's big players in the sector, such as Nokia or Alcatel-Lucent.

Huawei, which is also one of the world's leading handset manufacturers, last month ruled out the pos-

sibility of buying another mobile phone maker. However, Ping said that it would be open to cooperation with another handset company, the paper reported.

Ping also rejected allegations from the US Con-

gress that technology from Huawei might be used to spy on its users and denied accusations by the European Commission that it would dump goods on the market at artificially low prices. — Reuters



A man walks past a Huawei company logo outside the entrance of a Huawei office in Wuhan, Hubei Province, on 9 Oct, 2012. — REUTERS

## BUSINESS &amp; HEALTH

## IMF policy panel urges “well timed” cutback in quantitative easing

WASHINGTON, 14 Oct — The International Monetary Fund’s policy-setting panel on Saturday called for the scaling back of quantitative easing to be timed carefully, apparently referring to the anticipated tapering of the US central bank’s unusually accommodative measure. The International Monetary and Financial Committee said the normalization of monetary policy “should be well timed, carefully calibrated

and clearly communicated” in a communique released after their meeting in Washington.

The committee used similar wording as a joint statement released by finance chiefs of the Group of 20 economies the previous day. On the outlook for the global economic recovery, the committee said growth remains subdued and downside risks persist with some new risks emerging

despite “encouraging signs of improving activity” in advanced economies such as the United States and Japan.

Growth in many emerging market economies has moderated, the communique said. Speaking at a press conference, IMF chief Christine Lagarde mentioned the importance of cooperation between countries considering phasing out quantitative easing and others that would

be potentially affected.” Those countries that will have to gradually exit from their unconventional monetary policies actually care about what it means outside. They care because it has effects on the way back at home,” she said.

The committee urged Japan to implement “medium-term fiscal consolidation and structural reforms to invigorate growth.”

Reuters



Photo taken on 18 Sept, 2013 shows a woman browsing for clothing on an online auction site.  
KYODO NEWS

## Alibaba to transform China’s ‘e-economy’ with \$500 billion marketplace



An employee walks past a logo of Alibaba Group at its headquarters on the outskirts of Hangzhou, Zhejiang Province, in this 17 May, 2010 file photo.—REUTERS

HANZHOU, 14 Oct — Alibaba Group’s plans to revolutionize China’s retail industry, investing \$16 billion in logistics and support by 2020, will open up China’s vast interior and bring access to hundreds of millions of potential new customers. With an extra \$15 billion or so in its pocket from a likely IPO, Alibaba and partners such as delivery service firms and life insurers will pump cash into revamping China’s fragile supply chains and big new

data centers to process reams of consumer information.

While Alibaba sees itself as a catalyst for change, its plans also lay the groundwork for retail rivals to chip away at its business further down the line. By encouraging retailers to be more Internet-savvy, and by building the networks to distribute goods nationwide, Alibaba is showing bricks and mortar rivals how to grow online without depending on its sites. Companies such as GOME

Electrical Appliances, Haier Electronics Group Co and Chow Tai Fook Jewellery Group have branched into e-commerce, riding Alibaba’s coattails and reaping the rewards with their own online stalls on Alibaba’s websites.

CEO Jonathan Lu says Alibaba expects to nearly triple the volume of transactions on its marketplaces to about 3 trillion yuan (\$490 billion) by 2016, overtaking Wal-Mart Stores Inc as the world’s biggest retail network. And the message to retailers from the group’s sprawling campus headquarters in Hangzhou, less than an hour’s train ride southwest of Shanghai, is simple: adapt or die. “The old companies that aren’t willing to transform will be wiped out by competition,” said Zeng Ming, Alibaba’s chief strategy officer. “Most traditional retailers now understand if they don’t move online, their time is limited.”—Xinhua

BANDUNG, (Indonesia), 14 Oct—In PT Trisula International’s (TRIS.JK) hangar-sized factory outside the western Indonesian city of Bandung, hundreds of workers stitch together clothes for some of the world’s top brands. Amid the clatter and hum of their machines are hopes for a renaissance that can restore Indonesia’s place among Asia’s big manufacturing economies, a status it lost in the mid-1990s.

As Southeast Asia’s biggest economy slows, its current-account deficit widens, and its rupiah currency tumbles, policymakers are hoping factories like this will emerge as a new export engine.

But this year, Trisula, whose clients include German luxury-clothing maker Hugo Boss AG (BOSSn.DE), shelved plans to buy machinery to lift production by 25 percent, fearing a margin squeeze from higher wages. “A lot of

people aren’t expanding in a big way because they are concerned about the rising wages,” said Lalit Matai, director of marketing at Trisula.

The company’s struggle to grow, as workers demand more pay, reflects a broader challenge as Indonesia tries to wean itself off the boom-to-bust

cycle of commodity prices. Exports of processed and unprocessed natural resources, combined with an influx of foreign investment, ignited a domestic consumption boom in the country of 250 million people and drove the economy along at more than 6 percent growth.

Reuters



An aerial view of workers of PT Trisula Garmino Manufacturing in Bandung, West Java Province on 17 Sept, 2013.—REUTERS

## Non-regular bedtimes tied to kids’ behaviour problems

NEW YORK, 14 Oct —Kids without a regular bedtime tend to have more behaviour problems at home and at school, a new study suggests. Researchers found that when children started going to sleep at a more consistent time, their behaviour improved as well. “If you are constantly changing the amounts of sleep you get or the different times you go to bed, it’s likely to mess up your body clock,” said Yvonne Kelly, who led the study. “That has all sorts of impacts on how your body is able to work the following day,” Kelly, from University College London, told Reuters Health.

She and her colleagues analyzed data on more than 10,000 children.

They were part of a long-term study of babies born in the UK in 2000 to 2002 that regularly surveyed parents about sleep and behavioral problems. Children with attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder or an autism spectrum disorder were not included in the study. When kids were three years old, close to 20 percent of parents said their child sometimes or never went to bed at a consistent time. That fell to 9 percent among five-year-olds and 8 percent for seven-year-olds. Children without a regular bedtime tended to score worse on a measure of behaviour problems such as acting unhappy, getting into fights and being inconsiderate.

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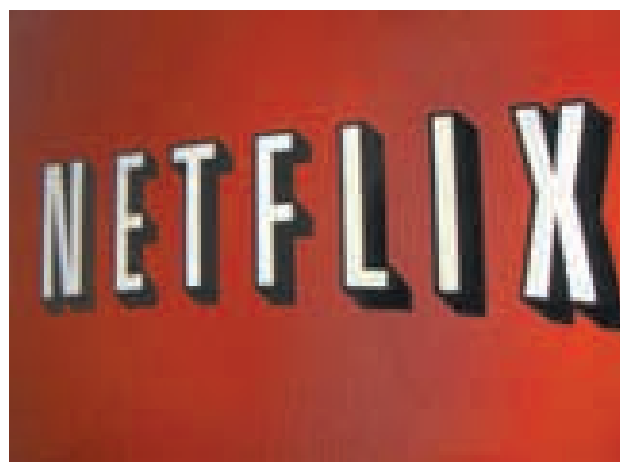
## Netflix in talks with US cable companies

NEW YORK, 14 Oct —Netflix Inc is in talks with several US cable television companies including ComcastCorp and Suddenlink Communications to make its streaming video service available through their set-top boxes, the Wall Street Journal reported on Sunday, citing people familiar with the matter.

According to the Journal, the negotiations are in the early stages, with no deal expected soon. The report said that one sticking point in the negotiations is that Netflix wants cable

companies to adopt special technology designed to improve the quality of its streaming video. Last month, two European cable companies — Sweden’s Com Hem and Virgin Media in Britain — struck deals to allow their customers to access Netflix through Tivo set-top boxes.

Netflix Chief Financial Officer David Wells, speaking at a Goldman Sachs investor conference last month, said that the company was willing to strike similar deals with US cable companies. “We would love to reduce the friction to



The Netflix logo is shown on an iPad in Encinitas, California, on 19 April, 2013.—REUTERS

the end consumer, and to be available via the existing device in the home which is the set-top box,” Wells said. “But it’s up to the (pay TV provider) to decide how much

a competitor they view us as, or a complement.” Netflix, Comcast and Suddenlink could not be immediately reached for comment.

Reuters

## Detained US citizen found dead in Egyptian prison

CAIRO, 14 Oct — A US citizen detained in Egyptian prison was found dead on Sunday after he was arrested more than a month for breaking curfew, official news agency MENA reported. James Henry, 55, a retired US army officer, was found dead at noon at Ismailia Awal police station after he used his belt and shoe laces to hang himself, the reported said. The US embassy in Cairo confirmed that the US citizen died from “an apparent suicide” and it was in contact with

the Egyptian authorities.

Henry was arrested by the Egyptian army on 28 August in Sheikh Zuwaïd city bordering Israel due to sneaking into North Sinai governorate, local security source told *Xinhua*.

The official sources announced later that the US citizen, carrying some documents, data and maps about Sinai, was detained for violating the curfew hours. An official from the US Embassy has visited the prisoner on 8 October, and asserted that Henry was in

good conditions, MENA added.

Henry’s death came a day after he was told that authorities extended his preventative detention by another 30 days. The prosecutor general, Hesham Barakat, ordered to open an immediate investigation, to accurately determine the reasons behind the death. In an official statement, the Egyptian Interior Ministry announced that the prisoner committed suicide by hanging himself on the bath’s door of his cell. —*Xinhua*



The photo shows the aerial view of Yuyao City, east China’s Zhejiang Province, on 12 Oct, 2013.—XINHUA

## Osaka youth among new generation of fisherman drawn to remote island

NISHINOSHIMA, 14 Oct — Seeking to reverse the exodus of young people to big cities, fishing industry operators on remote Nishinoshima island in Shimane Prefecture have waged a long-running campaign with the local town office to attract new talent to the area.

The island’s fisheries union branch, together with the town office and three local fishery companies, drew nationwide attention in 1995 by running a national newspaper advertisement, the first of its kind in Japan, to solicit young people to become fishermen. More recently, online advertising has targeted a new generation of fishing industry workers for the island in the Oki group, located some 50 kilometers north of the Shimane Peninsula mainland.

Former Osaka resident Masaru Watanabe, 26, is one of the campaign’s success stories. Born in Neyagawa, a bedroom city for Osaka, Watanabe wanted to become a fisherman after graduating from a high school. The school did not

assist him in finding work in the industry, as he was the first-ever student there to pursue a fishing career. Surfing the Internet, he came across an ad on a website operated by the Urago branch of the Nishinoshima fishermen’s union. Aware of the Shimane prefectural government’s incentives to potential migrants from big cities, such as town-operated apartments, “I decided to become a fisherman here,” Watanabe recalls.

When he was a third-year high school student, he boarded a fishing boat, the Ichimaru, on a trial basis in November 2005. He was impressed watching the landing of a huge catch of fish. In fiscal 2012, the union branch caught 29,000 tons of horse mackerel, sardine and other fishes and chalked up 2 billion yen in sales. The three fisheries companies belonging to the branch have four fleets of fishing boats in total and 110 fishermen, 53 of whom are from 25 prefectures other than Shimane, including Hokkaido and Kagoshima.

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## Radiation estimates for Fukushima workers may be too low

NEW YORK, 14 Oct — Japanese authorities may have underestimated by 20 percent the radiation doses workers received in the initial phase of the Fukushima nuclear power plant disaster, according to a recently released report by a UN panel.

The UN Scientific Committee on the Effects of Atomic Radiation said in a summary report released on its website that the Japanese government and Tokyo Electric Power Co, known as TEPCO, may have underestimated radiation doses of the workers as tests used failed to take into account some types of radiation. The report said the committee analyzed the radiation doses of some 25,000 people who worked at the Fukushima Daiichi

plant on or before October 2012, using data provided by the government, the plant operator TEPCO and others to assess the amount of radioactive substances discharged during the nuclear crisis triggered by the March 2011 earthquake and tsunami.

The committee noted that workers were tested for thyroid gland doses for radioactive iodine after a significant delay, with no account taken of “the potential contribution from intakes of shorter-lived isotopes of iodine, in particular iodine 133,” which have a short half-life of 20 hours. The committee said in the report that “as a result, the assessed doses from internal exposure could have been underestimated by about 20 percent.” In-

creased exposure to radioactive iodine has been said to increase the risk of cancer and thyroid disorders.

If the estimates of the UN committee’s assessments were accurate, more Fukushima plant workers would be eligible for free health checks provided by the government and TEPCO. TEPCO said about 2,000 workers with thyroid gland doses of 100 millisieverts or more are qualified for cervical ultrasound inspection. The committee also said for the 12 workers who were estimated to have received absorbed doses to the thyroid from iodine-131 intake alone in the range of 2 to 12 gray, “an increased risk of developing thyroid cancer and other thyroid disorders can be inferred.”

*Kyodo News*

## Rioting erupts in Moscow after killing blamed on migrant

MOSCOW, 14 Oct — Rioters smashed shop windows, stormed a warehouse and clashed with police in a Moscow neighbourhood on Sunday in the biggest outbreak of anti-migrant unrest in the Russian capital in three years.

Demonstrators, some chanting racist slogans, vandalized shops and other sites known for employing migrant workers in the southern Biryulyovo area after the killing of a young ethnic Russian widely blamed on a man from the Caucasus.

Several hundred residents had protested peacefully, demanding justice over the killing, until a group of young men began smashing windows in a shopping centre and briefly

set it on fire.

A video posted on Youtube showed them chanting “White Power!” as they forced their way in. When police in riot gear tried to make arrests, protesters threw glass bottles at them and the police fought back with batons.

Video footage from the scene showed overturned cars and smashed fruit stalls. Some in the crowd, which grew to number several thousand, set off from the shopping centre and stormed into a vegetable warehouse employing migrants from the Caucasus and Central Asia.

Moscow police said several officers were wounded in the riots, around 380 people were detained and a criminal case



Russian police scuffle with protesters in the Biryulyovo district of Moscow on 13 Oct, 2013.—REUTERS

was opened. Extra police were sent in but sporadic clashes and arrests continued into the night. Many Muscovites chafe at an influx of migrant laborers to the capital over the past decade. The Kremlin has watched with alarm at fre-

## Mortar attacks kill at least 2 in Syria’s capital

DAMASCUS, 14 Oct — At least two people were killed and more than 25 others wounded on Sunday when renewed mortar attacks by rebel groups hit Damascus, local media said. A woman was killed and five others wounded in the eastern suburb of Jaramana, a pro-government suburb inhabited by Christian and Druze Syrians. The area has witnessed repeated attacks over the past three days, in which more than 15 people were killed.

Another person was killed and 20 others injured in the al-Wafidain area in the countryside of Damascus, state-media said, adding that the attack also resulted in property losses. Six people were also wounded in mortar attacks in the districts of Qassa, Bab Sharqi and al-Qadam, according to the report.

A fresh attack occurred on Sunday as the Free Syrian Army (FSA) reportedly threatened to barrage Damascus with mortar shells if the government troops continued the siege imposed on rebel-held areas.

The Syrian Observatory for Human Rights alleged that 11 civilians, including three children and four women, were killed by government troops’ bombardment of the southern province of Daraa, the birthplace of the country’s long-standing crisis.

*Xinhua*

*Reuters*

## LOCAL NEWS

## Stadiums, gymnasiums for coming SEA Games

NAY PYI TAW, 14 Oct—Gymnasiums and stadiums are ready to be used for the coming SEA Games, said an official of the Ministry of Sports.

“In the era of the South-East Asian Peninsula Games, we relied on Aung San Stadium as main sports venue for the competitions. Now Myanmar is host for the coming SEA Games, and we have prepared modern stadiums and gymnasiums as sports venues meeting Asian standards,” explained Director U Kyaw Moe Win.

The main sports venues for the SEA Games will be Wunna Theikdi and Zeyathiri

Stadiums. Now, the two stadiums and gymnasiums have been built on a grand scale with modern designs.

The sports complexes have been constituted with gymnasiums, 30000-seat stadiums and swimming pools for the swimming and diving events. Likewise, the sports venues have been prepared with modern facilities in Yangon, Mandalay and Ngwehsaung. The Sports Village has been



built in Nay Pyi Taw for accommodation of athletes and coaches.

The Sports Village comprises hostels for accommodations, venues for sports trainings and other facilities. The sports village and stadiums will be opened soon.

MMAL-Maung Shwe Yoe

The stadium

seen in

Zeyathiri

Township.



## Yangon difficult to host international exhibitions

YANGON, 14 Oct—Holding the international exhibitions is difficult for venue in Yangon, and there are many difficulties for building the international level exhibition hall, said an official of Republic of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry.

Only when Yangon hosts internal and international trade fairs, will the local entrepreneurs get economic opportunities and will foreign investment flow into the nation.

“We have much difficulty to build the exhibition hall meeting international standard. We have submitted difficulties to the Region government and the Union ministry concerned. In Nay Pyi Taw, the difficulty of place can be solved,” he said.

Yangon, economic hub of the nation, needs to build international level exhibition hall like Myanmar International Convention Centre of Nay Pyi Taw.

“If Yangon has the place to host the international

exhibition, foreigners can observe there. Only when the foreigners observe the exhibitions, will we have contributions to the multi-sectors,” said an Editor-in-Chief of the technology and management journal.

He said that he has experience in observing the international exhibition like Beijing 2013 Expo. He continued that the exhibition will create the economic opportunities for the local entrepreneurs.

Recently, Construction and Architectural Technology (Myanmar) Exhibition 2013, Hospital Equipment and Pharmacy

Exhibition (Myanmar) and Japanese Products Expo 2013 were hosted in Yangon.

Moreover, Building, Electric Power and Mining (Myanmar) Exhibition 2013 will be held at Myanmar Convention Centre on Mindhamma Road from 31 October to 2 November, the International Water and Waste Exhibition (Myanmar) 2013 and the Myanmar First Industrial Products and Representative Exhibition at Tatmadaw Convention Hall on U Wisara Road from 24 to 26 October.

MMAL-Kyi Yankin



An exhibition on display of commodities and products at a hall.

## Highway commodity transport difficulties discussed in Muse



Merchants, entrepreneurs, drivers and conductors discuss highway commodity transport difficulties.

MUSE, 14 Oct—The commodity gate entrepreneurs, agents, drivers and conductors held a meeting at the brokerage in Mongyu 105<sup>th</sup>-Mile in Muse of Muse District in Shan State (North).

Vice-Chairperson Daw Yan Kyu Hwam and General Secretary U Hnin Hlaing recounted their experiences over attending the Highway Commodity Transport Services Meeting held in Yangon.

The entrepreneurs discussed that as there are four border gates along the border area, tasks of single Mobile Team at Muse 105<sup>th</sup>-mile cannot achieve cent per cent success. After making assessment over the vehicles

who committed white mistake, action should be taken against them. Mobile team should take fare and just action. In fact, responsible persons from the commodity gates and merchants are more responsible for the cases. Therefore, action should be taken against driver and conductor after assessing their works.

“The technicians can know what they see car tyres whether it may be loaded with cows or commodity. We work for taking transport charges. So, action should be taken against us fair and just,” said a driver.

“For ensuring accurate works, vehicles should drive after officials have checked commodities and

entrepreneurs have paid tax. Now, the mobile team stations at the place about one mile distance from the border gate to inspect the vehicles. So, the team finds any inappropriate work, not only driver and conductor but also departmental personnel of the border gate should take responsibility for the misconducts,” said an official on behalf of the agents.—MMAL-Thein Zaw (Shweli Oo)

## Development

## Development of Mongkai Township discussed

MONGKAI, 14 Oct—A coordination meeting on development of Mongkai Township of Loilem District was held at the hall of Township in Mongkai on 7 October afternoon.

It was attended by Shan State Minister for Forestry and Mining U Sai Aik Paung, officials, Pyithu Hluttaw representatives from the township, departmental officials, members of

Township Management Committee and Township Supportive Committee, members of Township Development Affairs Committee, townselders and local authorities.

They held discussions in respective sectors.

At first, they focused on development of health, transport, electrification for villages, sufficiency of potable water and agricultural

water and creation of job opportunities.

They discussed the tasks to upgrade two Basic Education High School branches to Basic Education High Schools, two Basic Education Middle School branches to BEMSs, five post-primary schools to BEMS Branches, 36 BEPSs to Basic Education Post-Primary Schools, nine Basic Education Primary School branches to BEPSs and 20 self-reliant

schools to BEPSs and BEMSs.

Moreover, the participants of the meeting placed emphasis on opening of five more rural health branches, exploration of water resources for generating hydropower for electrification of villages, creation of job opportunities for the local people and encouraging the manufacturing of domestic handicrafts.

MMAL-Nan Hlaing Hlaing Oo (Mongkai)

## Township Administrator's Cup Football Tournery kicks off

TIDDIM, 14 Oct—The Township Administrator's Cup Football Tournament kicked off at Kamhauk Sports Ground in Sakawlan Ward of Tiddim on 2 October.

A total of 15 ward and

village football teams are taking part in the tournery.

In the debut, Myoma beat Hmawthang Zone 3-2. The tournament runs up to 19 October.

MMAL-Nay Su (Chin Hill)

## NATIONAL

## Senior General Min Aung Hlaing and wife ...

(from page 1)

airport in Beijing at 5 pm LST where they were welcomed by Head of Asian Affairs Bureau Senior Colonel Song Yan Chao and party. The Senior General and party proceeded to Diaoyutai State Guesthouse. They

were there welcomed by Myanmar Ambassador to China U Tin Oo and wife, embassy staff and officials of the PLA.

In the evening, the Senior General met with Ambassador U Tin Oo and wife, embassy staff members and students

at Myanmar Embassy in Beijing. At the meeting, the Senior General highlighted good relationship between Myanmar and China, China's assistance and importance of diplomatic sector and called for lending a helping hand to those who visit China with the purpose of economic cooperation and academic matters in accord with rules and regulations. He

urged the students to make their learning beneficial as technology is crucial for building modern nation and to promote amicable friendship between the two countries.

Next, Senior General Min Aung Hlaing presented gifts, foodstuff and cash assistance and attended the dinner hosted by embassy families.

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## Union Foreign Minister receives Vice-President of Pew Charitable Trusts

NAY PYI TAW, 14 Oct—Mr. Joshua Reichert, Executive Vice-President and Director of Environmental

Initiatives of the Pew Charitable Trusts called upon U Wunna Maung Lwin, Union Minister for For-

eign Affairs, at the ministry here, this evening. During the meeting, they cordially discussed matters related to

rendering assistance to Myanmar in drawing national environmental conservation plan.—MNA

## First Ministerial Level Meeting on Combating Transnational Crime and Security matter between Myanmar and Vietnam held

NAY PYI TAW, 14 Oct—First Ministerial Level Meeting on Combating Transnational Crime and Security matter between Myanmar and Vietnam was held at Thingaha Hotel, here, this morning.

Union Minister for Home Affairs Lt-Gen Ko Ko, Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Kyaw Tun, the senior officers of Myanmar Police Force, the directors-general from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, General Administration Department, Bureau of Special Investigation, Myanmar Correctional Department, Fire Services Department, Minister of Public Security General Tran Dai Quang and the Vietnamese ambassador to Myanmar attended the meeting.

At the meeting, the Union minister and the Vietnamese minister made open-



Union Minister Lt-Gen Ko Ko shakes hands with Vietnamese Minister of Public Security General Tran Dai Quang.—MNA

ing speeches. Both sides cordially discussed matters on anti-narcotics, anti-terrorism, ammunitions and explosive devices, preventive measures against smuggling

poisonous materials, trafficking of women and children and money laundering.

The meeting aims to face challenges and threats, tackle regional issues such

as democracy, human rights, especially taking ASEAN Chair by Myanmar in 2014 and promote security cooperation between the two countries.—MNA

## Bomb destroyed under control conditions in Mandalay

NAY PYI TAW, 14 Oct—A grenade with a fuse was destroyed under the water

bottle system by a demining squad this afternoon in Mandalay.

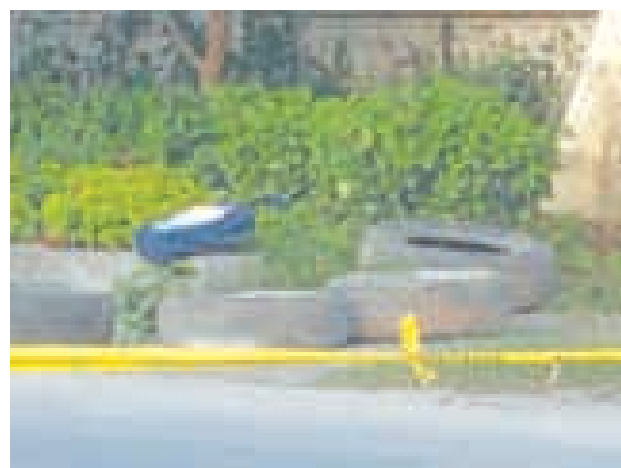


Photo shows a suspicious package found on a platform outside a monastery in Mandalay.—MNA

Acting on a tip-off, the squad discovered M-67 grenade, six small batteries and a table clock near the plot No 139 between 16<sup>th</sup> and 80<sup>th</sup> streets in Mayga Giri Ward in Aungmyaythazan Township and detonated it under control conditions, causing no damage nor injuries.

Similarly, the squad also inspected a suspicious package on a platform outside a monastery on 62<sup>nd</sup> Street between 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> streets in Pyigy Myatshin Ward and found no explosive devices.

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Tuesday, 15 October, 2013

## PERSPECTIVES

## Translation society

At the 1947 Sorrento Villa Conference, national leader General Aung San in his address pointed out the need to form a translation association for public education promotion. So, Burma Translation Society-BTS was founded on 26 August 1947.

The then Prime Minister U Nu was the Chairman of the 14-member Governing Body of the BTS. In 1952 BTS was transformed into Sarpay Beikman to engage in Myanmar literature development undertakings apart from publishing business.

A new democratic government elected by the majority emerged in March 2011. Since then, it has been launching reforms in multiple sectors. At this transitional period, development of translation services has become a must for public global knowledge and international understanding of Myanmar. So, a translation division was formed under the Sarpay Beikman in April 2013. The division has been developed through short-term and long-term projects.

Initially it will be implemented through a three-year project. The division will be a semi-government and an autonomous body to work with greater independence and acceleration for literature development. In July this year, a zero draft for a necessary law was drawn. We have contacted 33 international translation associations for necessary assistance. Up to now, we have received response from at least ten associations.

Organizations such as Asia Foundation, Asia/Pacific Culture Centre for UNESCO (ACCU), Toyota Foundation, International Centre for Literacy and Culture (ICLC) and Shanti Volunteer Associations (SVA) have co-operation with Myanmar in the publication industry.

Hence, we have contacted these organizations and others, inviting participation in co-publication programs and operations for the progress of our translation society.

## Suspicious package discovered in Ahlon



Photo shows a suspicious package found at Western Park II Restaurant on Strand Road in Ahlon Township.

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NAY PYI TAW, 14 Oct—A suspicious package was found at Western Park II on Strand Road in Ahlon Township this morning.

As a waiter found a black plastic bag with a dry battery, two wires and a black package in it under the table number-19 at about 10 am today, the restaurant manager handed over the package to Ahlon Myoma Police Station.

Police from Ahlon Police Station and field battalion engineers removed the package safely and investigation is ongoing.—MNA

## ARTICLE

## The Accounts of Suvannabhumi Culled from Various Literary Sources

(Continued from yesterday)

When some of them returned home, they voyaged to China through Indonesia. So they could record the then condition of South-east Asia region. In addition, in the 3<sup>rd</sup> century A.D, the Wu Kingdom sent Chu Ying and K'ang T'ai as envoys to Campa, Kamboja and other South-east Asia city-states to find ways of extending Han cultures overseas and to investigate the trade in South-China Sea. The travelogues and records of these envoys and pilgrims can give some clues to Suvannabhumi and Suvarnadvipa.

The records of the two Chinese envoys tell that Sirima ascended the Khmer's throne in 205. A.D. To extend his empire, he led his troop to the Malay Peninsula and annexed ten city-states there. When he was on the march to Chin-lin (Golden Frontier), he fell ill. Generally, Chin-lin is equated with Suvannabhumi. Coedes applies it to Suvannabhumi or Suvannakuda. Dr. Nhharranjan Ray refers to its as the Gulf of Muttama, which is equivalent to Chinn-lin-tawan in Chinese. Dr. Than Tun thinks that Chin-lin is a vast area embracing the Gulf of Muttama and the Gulf of Thailand. The records of the Chinese envoys located Chin-lin 2000 li west of Funan.

Another important town revealed by the Chinese records is a sea-port called Mi-chen in Chinese, which was in existence before the advent of the Christian Era, Chen Ye Sein identifies it with "Lbir-cin" in Mon meaning "Sea-elephant". He continues that Vesunga of the *Mahaniddesa* is the Indian equivalent and Besynga of Ptolemy the Greek equivalent, both of which are the same as the Mon word "Lbir-cin". He adds that Lbir-cin is the same as Taikkala on the side of Mt. Kelasa. The Chinese records say that this town survived up to the 8<sup>th</sup> or 9<sup>th</sup> century A.D. and was destroyed by Nan Choa in 835 A.D. In the light of the *Mahaniddesa Pali*, Vesunga is one of the adjoining areas of Suvannabhumi. Thus can identification of Vesunga with Tai-

kkala or Lbir-cin strengthen the assumption that Chin-lin is Suvannabhumi.

Pertaining to the date of Taikkala, Chen Ye Sein on the basis of the Chinese records, says that in the 2<sup>nd</sup> century B.C, Indian merchants landed at Fu-kan-tulu (Takuapa) in the Malay Peninsula and there they transferred boats and went along the Malay and Taninthari coast as far as Lbir-cin or Taikkala and thence continued on their land journeys to Pyudesa (Pyu region). Therefore, Indians called Takuapa as Pyugamadvira (the door-way to the region of Pyus). This explanation supports that Taikkala, which is identified with the very Suvannabhumi by the Kalyani Stone Inscription (1476 A.D), had existed before the 2<sup>nd</sup> B.C.

Moreover, Chinese monks Hsuan-Tsaing and I-ching pointed out a Theravada Buddhist country between Sirkhetra in Lower Myanmar and Isanapura in Cambodia by the name of To-lo-po-ti. Coedes restored this Chinese term as Dvaravati. There is a persistent tradition that Nakhorn Pathom, with the Pra Pathom Ceti 30 miles due south-west Bangkok, is Suvannabhumi. Reginal Lemay says that there was an ancient city called "Chaisiri or Sirichai" in the site of modern Nakhorn Pathom, which was visited by Sona and Uttara. Pra Pathom is traditionally believed to have been constructed during their visit.

I-ching who reached Srivijaya in South-Sumatra in 671 A.D identified Srivijaya or Shin-lo-fu in Chinese with *Chin Chou* meaning "Gold Isle" meaning "Suvarnadvipa" in Sanskrit. Hsuen Tsang says that Suvannabhumi may lie in Bengal or along the River Son, a tributary of the Ganges.

#### Arabic sources

No contemporary or near-contemporary Arabic evidences on Suvannabhumi is found, for Arabic trading ships started to penetrate South-east Asia early in the 7<sup>th</sup> century A.D. Therefore, all Arabic sources regarding this golden land are supposed not earlier than the 7<sup>th</sup> century A.D. Anyhow, these Arabic records more or less have

some value in bringing to light the account of Suvannabhumi. Particularly, Arab writers Alberuni, Mas'udi, Abu Zayd Hasan with one voice refer to the islands of Srivijaya as Suvannabhumi or Survanadvipa.

Alberuni is of opinion that the islands of Zabaj or Srivijaya were situated among the eastern island of the ocean which was nearer to the China than to India.

### Dr. Saw Mra Aung

They were called "Suvarnadvipa" by the Hindu and also called "Suvannabhumi", for they obtained much gold, if they washed only a little of earth of the country.

Mas'di says that the king of this country was Maharaja and his territories were very vast and rich in natural resources and the soil yielded much wealth producing all sorts of species and aromatics.

Abu Zayd Hasan states that Zabaj faced towards the direction of China. The distance between the two was a month by sea and even less, if the winds were favorable. The islands were thickly populated and very fertile and endowed with gold.

In brief, it is found that the Arabic merchants called Srivijaya "Zabaj" and identified it with Suvannabhumi, which was again equated, with Suvarnadvipa by them.

#### Myanmar sources

No contemporary archaeological evidence on Suvannabhumi has been so far discovered in Myanmar. The earliest epigraphic document of Suvannabhumi is the Kalyani Stone Inscription erected by king Dhammaceti in 1476 A.D. It was inscribed in Mon and Pali.

The Kalyani Stone Inscription records that Taikkala located half on the side of Mt. Kelasa and half on the plain at its foot was Suvannabhumi visited by Sona and Uttara. This town was called "Golamattikanagara" for many houses in this town were made up of mud and clay in the fashion of the Gola people.

The *Thaton Chronicle* claims that Taikkala Suvannabhumi was established by king Rajacove in 336

B.C. Then he assumed the regnal title of Srimasoka. It lasted for 241 years and was ruled over by a line of ten kings. In the mean time, Sona and Uttara visited it. King Yugandharaja shifted the capital to the site of the present Thaton due to sea-erosion in 94 B.C.

With regard to the founding of Taikkala, the *Chronicle of Mons and Their Religious Shrines*

says that about 100 years before the appearance of the Buddha, a town was founded by grandfather of king Sapaw at the foot of Mt. Do Kha Lun. So it was called Don Taikkalun. In course of times, it was gradually corrupted to Don Taikkala. In 336 B.C., King Rajacove moved his capital Harisabhumi Sudhammavati to the site of Don Taikkala. Therefore, the new capital of Rajacove came to be known as Taikkala.

It is noticed that the writers of old Myanmar treatises and chronicles have different views on the location of Suvannabhumi.

The *Sasanalankara Sardan* identifies Thaton with Suvannabhumi.

The *Sasanavamsa* describes that Suvannabhumi is one of three provinces of Ramannadesa.

The *Maharajavamsa* (Great Chronicle) says that Suvannabhumi may be Thaton or Chiang Mai.

The *Sasanabahasutapakasani Kyan* mentions Thaton as Suvannabhumi.

The *Glass Palace Chronicle* describes Thaton as Suvannabhumi.

The *Jambudipa Uhon Kyan* equates Chiang Mai with Suvannabhumi.

The *Buddha Naing Ngan Taw* remarks that Suvannabhumi should include a large territory embracing Java, Borneo, the Malay Peninsula, Singapore, Ramannadesa, Taninthari, Cambodia and Thailand.

But it pinpoints Sumatra as the Suvannabhumi visited by Sona and Uttara.

The *Jambudipa India Nay Pon Kyan* identifies Surattha with Suvannabhumi.

Modern Myanmar scholars forward different opinions on Suvannabhumi.

Forchhammer is the

first to link the Suvannabhumi of the Ceylonese chronicles with Taikkala situated on the side of Mt. Kelasa. He paid a field trip to Mt. Kelasa in 1884. On the trip, he discovered some documents indicating the existence of an ancient city.

In 1891, Taw Sein Ko visited and found ruins of an old city-walls and moats in the Ayetthema and Winka Village at the foot of Mt. Kelasa. Traditionally, Winka and Ayetthema are collectively taken as Taikkala.

Dr. Than Tun is of his opinion that Thaton is not the very Suvannabhumi referred to by the *Dvipavamsa* and the *Mahavamsa*. There stands a hill called Mt. Kelasa 30 miles to the north-west of Thaton, The site of this Suvannabhumi is located half on the side of this mountain and half at the foot of it.

Major Ba Shin states that Suvannabhumi lies along the coastal areas on the Gulf of Muttama between the Sittaung and the Thanlwin Rivers.

Sripyanchi U Mya applies Thaton to Suvannabhumi.

Dr. Tha Hla claims that Suvannabhumi is in Dvaravati in Thailand.

Tin Hla Thaw mentions that Suvannabhumi is the region comprising Lower Myanmar, Thailand and the Malay Peninsula.

U Bo Kay assumes that Suvannabhumi or Suvarnadvipa is a gigantic regions covering Indo-China Peninsula embodying Indonesia, Malaysia, Thailand and Lower Myanmar.

Sao Saimong Mangrai says that Suvannabhumi is Ramannadesa.

Sayagyi U Po Latt says that there are two Taikkala towns, one is Winka Village and the other Ayetthema.

U San Win supposes that Winka was an ancient sea port and Ayetthema a guard-post.

Khin Maung Gyi asserts that Sumatra should be regarded as Suvannabhumi.

According to Dr. Htin Aung, Thaton is Suavannabhumi. But he continued that, however, Myanmar alone should not be taken as Suvannabhumi but the entire region (Ramannadesa and Dvaravati) occupied

by the Mons should be regarded as Suvannabhumi. Thaton was their window to the sea and the great world of Buddhist India.

Dr. Nai Pan Hla opines that although Thaton is considered as Suvannabhumi, it, in the light of some scholars, covers a long coastal area stretching from Pathein on the coast of Lower Myanmar up to Tokin on the coast of China Sea. This is logical because the Mons occupied not only the environs of Thaton but also Thailand in ancient times. This view is verified by the discovery of Mon inscriptions and artifacts in Thailand.

#### Conclusion and Suggestions

In conclusion, as this article is dealt only with literary or textual references, it is impossible to draw a decisive conclusion on the location of Suvannabhumi. Anyhow, the above references show that varieties of Suvannabhumi emerged at different times in different regions of Asia - Myanmar, Thailand, Indonesia and India: Suvannabhumi visited by Indian merchants including the Bodhisatta before the enlightenment of the Buddha for the commercial purpose, Suvannabhumi haunted by gold explorers just before or after the Christian Era, Suvannabhumi landed by Ven.Sona and Uttara in about the 3<sup>rd</sup> century B.C. for the missionary purpose, Suvannabhumi reached by Ptolemy in the 2<sup>nd</sup> century A.D, Suvannabhumi colonized by the Khmer Army in the 3<sup>rd</sup> century A.D and Savannabhumi frequented by Arab merchants in the 7<sup>th</sup> century AD for the trading purpose. It is noticed that some scholars, neglecting the varieties of Suvannabhumi, tend to stubbornly identify their own variety with one on the agenda, having recourse to the sources available only to them. Therefore, it is suggested that they should do a thorough and scientific research to know whether these varieties are different or overlapped or identical in terms of time and space. Only then will they come to know which variety is identical with their own, subsequently being able to locate it and to expose its history.

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## Departmental officials meet local people for regional development

PALAW, 14 Oct—The departmental officials met local people at Post-Primary School in Kade Village-tract of Palaw Township of Taninthayi Region on 11 October and explained rural development tasks.

Staff Officer U Tun Than of Township Fisheries Department explained plan to collect data for rural development, Staff Officer Dr Phone Kyaw of Township Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department development of livestock

breeding, Head of Township Information and Public Relations Department U Win Aung taking census and raising reading habit and Staff Officer U Kyaw Lwin of Township Cooperative Department formation of village cooperative societies and plans.

It was attended by 25 villagers.

Later, staff of Township IPRD presented wall magazines and photo shows.—*Kyemon-Palaw IPRD*

### Construction

## Water course of Upok Creek diverted

*Backhoe and bulldozers in operation to convert water course of Upok Creek in Kalay.*



KALAY, 14 Oct—Upok Creek in Kalay starts from the foot of Chin Hill. Its current is very strong. Therefore, the affordable persons built retaining walls for their resider. However, the types of the walls are difference among them. In consequence, the water of the creek eroded the banks caused landslides, said a

local.

Erosion affects the banks. Landslides happen for many times. In the future, even Bogyoke Street may be eroded, said Chairman of District Management Committee U Maung Htoo.

At present, the water course of Upok Creek is being dredged with the use of three bulldozers with the as-

sistance of the townselders.

Moreover, District and Township Management Committee, the Development Affairs Supervisory Committee and Hluttaw representatives held coordination for construction of the retaining walls, said an official.

*Kyemon-Lin Let Kyei Sinn*

## Outbreak of fire at vehicle in Zabuthiri Township

NAY PYI TAW, 14 Oct—A fire broke out at Corolla Saloon of Assistant General Manager U Aung Kyaw Win of Myanma Railways Head Office of Room 13 from Building 136 at Khayay Housing in Pyinnya Theikdi Ward of Zabuthiri Township, Nay Pyi Taw Council Area, at 1.15 pm on 5 October.

Staff from the housing put out the fire with the use of fire extinguishers at 1.30 pm. Deputy Head of No 3 Fire Station U Myat Thu Shwe and members among with one fire

engine and SIP Than Zaw Lin and members of No 5 police station rushed to the scene.

After checking the incident, they said that it may be an arson case.

With regard to the case, they founded that 12 pieces of clothes from the line between rooms 11 and 12 of the Building 136 were burnt at 8.20 on 2 October.

Moreover, a small plastic basket for placing newspapers and journals kept at the door of room 11 was burnt.

At 8.40 pm on 3 October,

a roll of carpet on the floor was destroyed by fire between rooms 11 and 12.

In all incidents, the residences of the building put out the fire.

At 1.45 pm on 4 October, an empty bottle of purified water filled with spirit was set on fire in the place in front of room 13. The outbreak of fire at the vehicle was the latest case. That is why, officials disclosed the fire of vehicle may be arson.

At present, SIP Than Zaw Lin of No 5 Police Sta-

## Mobile Team makes field trip to jetties in Myeik

MYEIK, 14 Oct—The members of Mobile Team extracted from the Border Trade Camp (Myeik) of Commercial and Consumer Affairs Department checked vessels of export and import works at Myeik FOB Station and Polamin Jetty in Ahtuseik Village of Myeik Township on 11 October afternoon.

The team aims to take action against violence of prescribed rules and regulations of exportation, protect consumres and minimize illegal trade.

The mobile team inspected 60 tons of diesel and 20 tons of patrol on board MT Michili 3 vessel, 1500 bags of cement and 80000 kilos of edible oil in 4700 containers on board Sein Zin Yaw Aung vessel and 62.955 tons of fish to be exported



*Officials of mobile team checking materials on board the vessel.*

on board Khaing Lin Soe 36 vessel. The team checked the vessels whether they have import licence, custom ID, IL-ID and EL-ED for their works.—*Kyemon-Myeik District*

## Contributors honoured on 49<sup>th</sup> MPF Day

MAWLAMYINE, 14 Oct—A ceremony to mark the 49<sup>th</sup> Myanmar Police Force was held at Yamanya Zarni Hall of the Mon State Police Force in Mawlamyine of Mon State on 1 October.

At the ceremony, the senior police officers of Mon State and district police forces presented cash award and certificates of honour to outstanding police members and those who helped policemen in their works.

*Kyemon-Kyaw Than (Mawlamyine)*

## Cooperative Syndicate holds AGM

MANDALAY, 14 Oct—Chanmyathazi Township Cooperative Syndicate held the annual general meeting 2012-13 at the hall of the

Township Cooperative Department in Chan-myathazi Township of Mandalay on 13 October.

Chairman of the syndicate U Chit Khin and Staff Officer Daw Mu Mu made speeches. Director U Khin Maung Aye read the financial statement.

The meeting was also attended by Director of Mandalay Region Cooperative Syndicate U Thein Myint and officials.

The cooperative Syd sells produces exercise books and diary to cooperative sicoeties and local people.

*Kyemon-387*

### Fire

tion opened a file of lawsuit over the outbreak of fire under the law and continues further investigation so as to expose the crime broker.—*Kyemon-Kyaw Thura (Nay Pyi Taw)*

*Chanmyathazi Township Cooperative Syndicate in progress.*



## REGIONAL

## Over 40% of women in 70s belong to sports clubs

TOKYO, 14 Oct—More Japanese people are joining sports clubs or community sports groups as they get older, with over 40 percent of women in their 70s belonging to such clubs, an annual survey by the government showed on Sunday.

The survey for fiscal 2012 ended in March this year also showed that physical abilities of children have continued to improve since comparable data became available in fiscal 1998. Women aged 70 to 74 had the highest percentage of people belonging to sports clubs or community groups for sports and fitness activities at 44 percent.

The ratio is still above 40 percent for women 75

to 79 years of age, said the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology.

The percentage of people joining sports clubs is around 20 percent for women in their 20s and 30s, but it steadily goes up once they reach their 40s, according to the survey.

As for men, the percentage of sports club members is 25 percent among those 35 to 39 years of age and gradually goes up along with age, topping 40 percent among those 75 to 79 years old, it showed. People belonging to sports clubs tended to show better physical abilities than those who do not, it said.

Children in all age brackets scored much high-

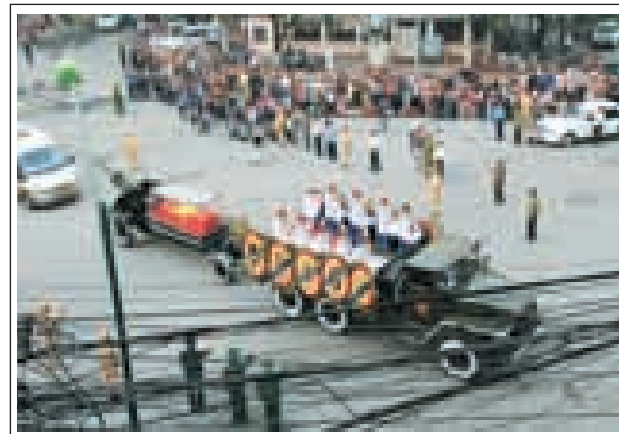
er in a physical ability test than in fiscal 1998.

They showed little improvement in recent years in some fundamental movement skills such as ball throwing, however, possibly reflecting a trend of declining time spent by them in playing outdoors or engaging in physical exercises regularly, said the ministry, which surveyed about 66,000 people.

Kyodo News

## China inflation at 7-month high, limits room for easing despite export tumble

BEIJING, Oct—China's annual consumer inflation rate rose to a seven-month high of 3.1 percent in September as poor weather drove up food prices, limiting the scope for the central bank to maneuver to support the economy even as exports showed a surprise decline. But few analysts expect a further sharp rise in inflation or policy tightening in coming months as the world's second-largest economy still faces a weak global environment and Beijing tries to tap the brake on credit-fuelled investment.



A coffin bearing the body of Vietnamese war hero Gen. Vo Nguyen Giap is transported in Hanoi, Vietnam, on 13 Oct, 2013. A two-day state funeral was held from the previous day for Giap, who died on 4 Oct at the age of 102.— KYODO NEWS

The inflation rate was higher than a median forecast of 2.9 percent in a Reuters poll and August's 2.6 percent, but was still below the official target of 3.5 percent for 2013.

"We expect CPI inflation to rise further in Q4 and see rising risks that it may rise above 3.5 percent for some months in 2014," said Zhiwei Zhang, China economist at Nomura in Hong Kong.

"The rise of CPI inflation leaves little room for policy easing as benchmark deposit rate is only 3 percent." At the same time,

analysts see little risk of a tightening given inflation was below the full-year target.

Month-on-month, consumer prices rose 0.8 percent, the National Bureau of Statistics said, bigger than a rise of 0.5 percent expected by economists. Food prices gained 1.5 percent in September from August due to droughts and floods in some areas, pushing up the CPI by 0.51 percentage points, Yu Qiumei, a senior statistician at the bureau, said in a statement. In annual terms, food prices jumped 6.1 percent.—Xinhua

## Resuming six-party talks depends on DPRK

SEOUL, 14 Oct — South Korea reiterated its stance that the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK) should first show its sincerity toward denuclearization to resume the long-stalled six-party talks. "The timing of resuming six-party talks depends on North Korea (DPRK)," the Ministry of Foreign Affairs said in a report to lawmakers on Monday.

The report said that the DPRK should demonstrate its genuineness toward denuclearization by complying with its international obligations and promises. The

six-way dialogue, including the two Koreas, China, the United States, Russia and Japan, has been stalled since late 2008 as Pyongyang refused to dismantle its nuclear programme.

The DPRK conducted its third nuclear test in February and test-fired a long-range rocket last December.

Seoul and Washington adhered to the stance that the DPRK should first prove its authenticity toward living up to past disarmament-for-aid agreements such as the 2005 Joint Statement before the six-way talks are

resumed. South Korea and the DPRK declared in 1991 to denuclearize the Korean Peninsula, and it was reconfirmed in the 2005 Joint Statement unveiled after the six-party talks.

"Dialogue for the sake of dialogue will only be abused by the North to buy time to advance its nuclear weapons," the ministry said, noting that Pyongyang had sought to

make its nuclear weapons a fait accompli by beefing up its nuclear capabilities by way of the vicious cycle of provocation, compensation and provocation again. To break the vicious circle, the upcoming six-party talks should become a dialogue to cause substantive progress in denuclearizing the DPRK, the ministry said.

Xinhua



Chinese Premier Li Keqiang (L, front) and his Thai counterpart Yingluck Shinawatra fly sky lanterns for the blessing of China-Thailand friendship in Chiang Mai, Thailand, on 12 Oct, 2013. — XINHUA

## S Korea, Indonesia agree to conclude free-trade deal by year-end

JAKARTA, 14 Oct—Indonesia and South Korea agreed on Saturday to conclude a free-trade deal by the end of this year and expand trade and investment between the two countries. The agreement was contained in a joint statement issued following a meeting in Jakarta between Indonesian President Susilo Bam-

bang Yudhoyono and South Korean President Park Geun Hye.

"I believe the leaders joint statement will become the foundation for cooperation between the two countries," Park said later at a joint press conference with Yudhoyono. Indonesia and South Korea also concluded an

agreement to promote co-operation in national defence.

According to South Korea's Yonhap News Agency, Seoul and Jakarta launched official negotiations last year to forge a comprehensive economic partnership agreement and have since conducted five rounds of talks. Yon-

hap said Indonesia is the biggest Southeast Asian buyer of South Korean defence products. In 2011, the country awarded two massive contracts to South Korea, one of which was to purchase submarines and the other to purchase T-50 Golden Eagle supersonic trainer jets.

Kyodo News

## At least 21 people killed in India cyclone, 900,000 evacuated

NEW DELHI, 14 Oct — A major cyclone that hit the eastern Indian state of Odisha has left 21 people dead as of Sunday, with local authorities containing a potential major disaster by evacuating hundreds of thousands of residents to safety, according to local media.

Weather officials say Cyclone Phailin has weakened since making landfall in Odisha late Saturday, suggesting the number of casualties is unlikely to rise significantly. Under orders from Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik, 900,000 residents were safely evacuated from their homes in the state, a measure that has been credited with minimizing the extent of casualties.

More than 10,000 people in Odisha died when a huge cyclone ravaged the state in 1999.

Xinhua



Rescuers work at the accident site of a collapsed building in the Da Qaidam (also known as Dachaidan) district in the Mongolian-Tibetan Autonomous Prefecture of Haixi, northwest China's Qinghai Province, on 12 Oct, 2013. Five people have been buried and 16 others injured when the building collapsed Saturday afternoon, and the buried were confirmed dead during the ongoing search. — XINHUA

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| (5)   | MPPE/LP/TTS/T/1(2013-2014)         | Tyre with Tube and Flap                                       | 2 Items    | Kyat   |

2. -Tender Closing Date & Time - 14-11-2013, 12:00 Hrs.

3. Tender documents are available at our office starting from 15-10-2013 during office hours and for further detail please contact: Phone: 067-411487.

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**Kate and Gerry McCann  
are seen posing with a  
computer generated image  
of how their missing  
daughter Madeleine  
McCann.—REUTERS**

THE REPUBLIC OF THE UNION OF MYANMAR  
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(10/2013)

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| (6)   | IFB -081(2013-2014) | Spare for CAT D 3306 PC Lighting Set Engine                                 | (9) Items | US\$   |
| (7)   | IFB -082(2013-2014) | 28 VC 650 Clutch Elements for Drawwork Drive Clutch Ex TM 3500 Drilling Rig | (1) Item  | US\$   |

-Tender Closing Date & Time - 13-11-2013, 1300 Hrs.

Tender Document shall be available during office hours commencing from 14<sup>th</sup> October, 2013 at the Finance Department, Myanma Oil and Gas Enterprise, No (44) Complex, Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar.

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UK police explore new line of  
investigation over missing McCann

LONDON, 14 Oct — Police conducting a global search for Madeleine McCann, the British girl who disappeared in 2007, have come up with a new version of events surrounding her

suspected abduction and want to question one unidentified man in particular. McCann, then aged three, went missing from her room at the Praia da Luz holiday resort in Portugal in May 2007 while her parents were dining with friends at a nearby restaurant, triggering a search that gripped the world's media.

In a statement on Sunday ahead of their most detailed TV appeal for information on the case, British police said they planned to release a series of e-fit images of individuals they want to question. "The purpose of the appeal is to try and identify these men,

to eliminate any innocent sightings or to establish if they are connected in any way," British police said. "The timeline we have now established has given new significance to sightings and movements of people."

Police said they wanted to identify one man in particular who had been seen by two witnesses in the resort area around the time of McCann's disappearance." Whilst this man may or may not be the key to unlocking this investigation, tracing and speaking to him is of vital importance to us," Detective Chief Inspector Andy Redwood said. —Reuters

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## Sandra Bullock battled depression during Gravity shoot

LOS ANGELES, 14 Oct—While shooting for space drama Gravity, actress Sandra Bullock suffered serious bouts of depression as she was locked in an isolation tank for 10 hours at a time.

The 49-year-old admits the lonely sessions took a serious toll on her mental health, reports femalefirst.co.uk. Director Alfonso Cuarón had to keep a close eye on her to ensure she didn't lose her cool and he used her son, Louis, to cheer her up whenever he felt she needed a boost.

"I was depressed, I was angry, I would get so sad because it was a black room, no human contact, they took away sound... 'What they did was, Alfonso could see, because he had cameras always on my face, he would be like, 'She's cracking, she's cracking, go get the kid,'" Bullock said on a talk show.

"They'd created this whole wonderland just outside for Louis (to keep him occupied during filming), so they brought him in," she added.

PTI



Sandra Bullock in a still from Gravity

## Aamir Khan closely involved with marketing of Dhoom: 3

MUMBAI, 14 Oct—He is known to be a firm strategist in the industry and looks like staying true to his image, Aamir Khan is leaving no stone unturned to follow up on the promotions and the marketing plans for his upcoming film, Dhoom: 3. Though the star is busy shooting his next film, Peekay with Rajkumar Hirani, sources close to the actor say he has not lost sight of all the action that is going on around Dhoom 3's upcoming release.

Insiders say he is in touch with Aditya Chopra, whose banner is producing the film and the production team. Says a source, "He may be shooting in a different city but he is interested to know about all the plans around Adi's marketing plans for their film. In fact, the crew sends him posters and samples of

the teasers whenever they are ready and only after they get a thumbs-up from Aamir, do they go ahead with it." Those close to Aamir say that before taking off for Delhi to shoot for Hirani's film, Aamir had long discussions with Aditya and his team on their progress.

PTI



Aamir in a still from Dhoom: 3

## Elton John asks Adele to accept Las Vegas residency?

LONDON, 14 Oct—Singer Adele has reportedly been advised by Elton John to accept a huge Las Vegas residency offer.

Adele is part of a USD 40 million bidding war between Las Vegas casinos for a potential residency, similar to Britney Spears' upcoming shows, and the 'Rocket Man' legend giving her guidance, reported Digital Spy.

"Stacks of Las Vegas casinos are desperate to

get Adele on billboards as a headliner in this town. The highest figure being touted is USD 40 million but it could be even higher. Elton's been a really good friend to her and they've been Skypeing to share parental advice," a source said.

"But he is a businessman too, and has been telling Adele Vegas residency could secure a really good future for her family."

PTI

### Lady Gaga



## Lady Gaga unveils prison tattoo

LOS ANGELES, 14 Oct—Pop star Lady Gaga has unveiled a new tattoo from her recent trip to Brazil, and the inking reportedly resemble designs favoured by prisoners.

The 27-year-old paid a trip to Brazilian tattoo artist Daniel Tucci during her recent trip to Rio De Janeiro where she opted to get the word "Rio" etched onto the nape of her neck.

In a picture posted on micro-blogging site Twitter, Gaga is seen scrapping up her shaved hairstyle onto the top of her head to reveal the inking, which a fan had

designed for her, reports contactmusic.com.

Daniel, who owns King Seven Tattoo parlour in Copacabana, said: "Gaga came to me and said she wanted a tattoo that looked like something done in a prison — edgy, grey, I suppose a bit scary."

"She wanted a design that a fan had given her, the word 'Rio' where the letter 'I' was the Christ. She told me she wanted it to look like a prison tattoo, not a nice design, a bit shadowy. 'Like something done in prison,' was the term she used," Daniel added.—PTI

## SPORTS



Novak Djokovic (R) of Serbia and Juan Martin Del Potro of Argentina pose with their trophies after their men's singles final match at the Shanghai Masters tennis tournament on 13 Oct, 2013.—REUTERS

## Djokovic masters Del Potro in Shanghai title defence

SHANGHAI, 14 Oct—World number two Novak Djokovic produced a magical display to overcome the ferocious hitting of Argentine Juan Martin del Potro and successfully defend the Shanghai Masters title on Sunday.

The Serbian triumphed 6-1, 3-6, 7-6 (3) to complete a brilliant fortnight on the Chinese hard courts after he defended his China Open in Beijing last week. It was the 26-year-old's 20th consecutive win in China.

After Del Potro defeated world number one Rafa Nadal in Saturday's semi-finals with some powerful

hitting, Djokovic was eager to avoid giving the Argentine any room to find his rhythm in the early stages.

The Serbian took command of the centre of the court, moving his taller opponent from side to side by taking the ball early and pressuring the Argentine's serve with some crisp, deep returns. Djokovic broke twice to race into a 5-0 lead before sixth seed Del Potro finally held for the first time to register a game. The Argentine's first serve percentage dropping to 56 percent as the pressure from Djokovic's brilliant returning told. Djokovic

quickly wrapped up the set in 34 minutes but a rejuvenated Del Potro fought back gamely in the second, turning the tables on the Serbian with some powerful hitting of his own. The 2009 US Open champion scored a crucial break early in the set thanks to some booming winners as he opened up a 3-0 lead with an improved serve also providing cheap points. Djokovic, though, had three chances to break back at 2-4 but the Argentine's monstrous forehand offered some clean winners as he crucially held before serving out for the set in the next game.—Reuters



Red Bull Formula One driver Sebastian Vettel of Germany speaks to media on his grid ahead of the Formula One Japanese Grand Prix in Suzuka on 13 Oct, 2013.

REUTERS

## Vettel on course to rewrite F1 record books

SUZUKA, 14 Oct—With Sebastian Vettel's fourth successive Formula One title now just a formality, the more intriguing question is whether the Red Bull driver can go on to match a record that has stood for 60 years.

The 26-year-old should become the sport's youngest quadruple champion in India next week with the German 90 points clear of Ferrari's Fernando Alonso, the only man still mathematically in contention, and four races remaining.

After winning Sunday's Japanese Grand Prix, Vettel needs only to finish fifth at the Buddh Circuit to be sure of the title and will not need to score another point if Alonso fails to finish first or second. The champion has won the last five races and is on track to close out the season with nine successive victories, a feat only one driver has ever managed — Italian Alberto Ascari with Ferrari in 1952-53.—Reuters

## England's Lynn storms to victory in Portugal

LISBON, 14 Oct—England's David Lynn came back from six shots off the pace to win his first European Tour event in nearly a decade at the Portugal Masters on Sunday.

Lynn, who was runner-up to Rory McIlroy at the 2012 PGA Championship, made nine birdies and a bogey to record an eight-under par 63 and claim his first victory since the 2004 Dutch Open with an 18 under par total of 266.

The

39-year-old started the fourth round in 16th place before setting himself up for a strong finish with five birdies on the front nine.

South Africa's Justin Walters was one shot behind Lynn in second spot at the Oceanico Victoria course in Vilamoura, while Stephen Gallacher of

Scotland, Austria's Bernd Wiesberger and overnight leader Paul Waring of England finished two behind the leader.

Scotland's Scott Jamieson failed to back up his stunning third-round of 60, suffering three bogies on the back nine for a one-over par 72 to fade to a tie for 13th.

Reuters

David Lynn of England hits from the third tee during the final round of the BMW Championship golf tournament at the Conway Farms Golf Club in Lake Forest, Illinois, on 15 Sept, 2013.

REUTERS

## Townsend expected to keep place for England

LONDON, 14 Oct—Manager Roy Hodgson is expected to retain exciting new winger Andros Townsend and make one enforced team change when England seek to beat Poland on Tuesday and seal

their passage to the World Cup finals.

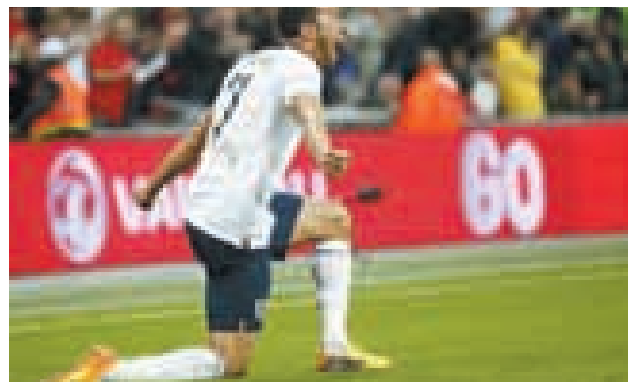
Townsend, 22, of Tottenham Hotspur, made a goal-scoring debut for England on Friday when his pace and trickery inspired them to a 4-1 vic-

tory against Montenegro at Wembley.

That win confirmed at least a playoff place for Hodgson's team who must beat already eliminated Poland to top Group H and qualify automatically for next year's finals in Brazil.

England will be forced to make one change as Townsend's club mate, right back Kyle Walker, is suspended after picking up a second yellow card of the qualifying campaign against Montenegro.

His place is likely to go to Phil Jones while left back Leighton Baines is expected to continue deputising for Ashley Cole, ruled out with a rib injury after also missing the Montenegro match.—Reuters



England's Andros Townsend celebrates scoring his team's third goal against Montenegro during their 2014 World Cup qualifying soccer match at Wembley Stadium in London, on 11 Oct, 2013.—REUTERS

## Cameroon have keeper to thank for forcing draw in Tunisia

TUNIS, 14 Oct—Cameroon goalkeeper Charles Itandje made several sparkling saves to help his side force a 0-0 draw in Tunisia on Sunday in the first leg of their World Cup playoff.

French-born Itandje, who plays in Turkey and has been a back-up keeper at Liverpool, made a series of spectacular stops from as early as the opening 10 seconds to swing the advantage Cameroon's way before the return leg in Yaounde on 17 November.

He was called into action from the opening whistle at the Rades Stadium, blocking with his feet when Tunisia captain Yassine Chikhaoui was set up with a good early chance.

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Midway through the second half Itandje denied defender Alaeddine Yahia as hosts Tunisia threw players forward in an increasingly desperate bid to force a goal.

Cameroon had two good chances to grab a win, first when Jean Makoun missed the target from close range after being teed up by captain Samuel Eto'o and then when Pierre Webo failed to scramble home the ball when he was unmarked at the back post.

The draw followed a 2-1 away win for Nigeria against Ethiopia in their playoff first leg in Addis



Tunisia's Sami Allagui (C) fights for the ball with Cameroon's Aurelien Chedjou (R) during their 2014 World Cup qualifying soccer match at Rades Stadium in Tunis on 13 Oct, 2013.—REUTERS

Another important block in the fourth minute denied Houcine Ragued at the back post as Itandje was left exposed by his defence.

Then came a tip over the top of the crossbar to deny a rasping shot from Wissem Ben Yahia followed by another instinct-

Ababa earlier in the day.

Burkina Faso beat Algeria 3-2 and Ivory Coast overcame Senegal 3-1 on Saturday. Ghana host Egypt on Tuesday.

The five playoff winners will qualify for next year's finals in Brazil.

Reuters

## GENERAL

## Science fiction film "Gravity" continues to dominate North America box office

LOS ANGELES, 14 Oct—Science fiction thriller "Gravity" held up well in North America and extended its No 1 placing into the second weekend of business over the weekend. The Warner Bros science fiction and space drama film starring Sandra Bullock and George Clooney is estimated to take in 44.3 million US dollars in ticket sales in the weekend, down 21 percent from the debuting weekend that started on 4 October. It is on track to gross 123.4 million dollars in ten days after sailing past the 100-million-dollar mark Saturday. Sony/Columbia Pictures' real-life sea pirates saga "Captain Phillips" outpaced pre-release estimates to finish at the No 2 slot with a 26-million-dollar weekend. The film, directed by Paul Greengrass and starring Tom Hanks, was screened at 3,020 theaters in the United States and Canada, but skewed slightly towards male moviegoers (52 percent). Sixty-two percent of the first-night audiences were 35 years or older.

Mainly helped by Hanks' drawing power, the PG-13 rated docudrama started to build a strong word of mouth. It earned a rare "A" CinemaScore from first-night moviegoers, and a 94 percent favorable critic response from film review aggregator Rotten Tomatoes. The movie was adapted from "A Captain's Duty: Somali Pirates, Navy SEALs, And Dangerous Days at Sea," a 2010 book penned by the real-life captain Richard Phillips. He was held hostage by Somali pirates after his ship was hijacked in April 2009.

Sony Pictures' animated film "Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs 2" was ranked the third with an estimated weekend tickets earning of 14.2 million US dollars. Rounding out the 10 most popular films in North America this weekend, as estimated by studios, were "Machete Kills" (debuting at 3.8 million US dollars), "Runner Runner" (3.7 million), "Prisoners" (3.7 million), "Insidious Chapter 2" (2.7 million), "Rush" (2.4 million), "Don Jon" (2.3 million), and "Baggage Claim" (2.1 million).—Xinhua



Japan's Yoshinori Fujimoto holds the victor's trophy after winning the Toshin Golf Tournament at the Toshin Golf Club Central Course in Gifu Prefecture on 13 Oct, 2013. Fujimoto finished with a 24-under 264 total to capture his first victory of the season.

KYODO NEWS

## Strong typhoon may approach Japan's mainland of Honshu on Wednesday

TOKYO, 14 Oct — A strong typhoon was moving in waters south of the Japanese archipelago on Monday and could approach Japan's main island of Honshu within two days, the Japan Meteorological Agency said.

Typhoon Wipha, the 26th typhoon of the year, was moving north-northwest at a speed of 20 kilometers per hour in the Pacific on Monday morning toward

the Minamidaito Island of Okinawa Prefecture, and is expected to come very close to eastern Japan on Wednesday, the agency said. It warned of gusts, heavy rain and high waves in the large area in western through northern Japan. As of 9 am, the typhoon had an atmospheric pressure at its center of 930 hectopascals and was packing winds of up to 234 kph.

Kyodo News

## Eiffel Tower evacuated after phone call threat

PARIS, 14 Oct— The Eiffel Tower was evacuated on Sunday afternoon after a threatening phone call was received, media reports said.

The 324-metre-high monument was evacuated around 3 pm (1300 GMT) and no further details were given by police, according to media reports.

The iconic tower was closed to the public for two hours on Aug. 9 for a false bomb alert. Another such incident this year took place on 30 March.

Xinhua

## Stampede in central India leaves 89 pilgrims dead, more than 100 hurt

NEW DELHI, 14 Oct—A stampede on Sunday in the central Indian state of Madhya Pradesh has left at least 89 pilgrims dead and more than 100 injured, according to local media reports. The reports, quoting local authorities, state 17 children among the dead.

Some 50,000 devotees had been at the site of the tragedy to attend a religious ritual, according to the reports. Rumors of an impending bridge collapse

may have triggered the initial stampede by pilgrims crossing the Sindh River.

The reports also speculate that police baton-charges may have aggravated the situation. The pilgrims were bound for the Durga festival at the Mandula Devi temple, the site where more than 35 devotees were reportedly washed away in 2006 when water was released from an upstream dam.

Kyodo News



Israeli Brig Gen Micky Edelstien (C) addresses a press briefing for members of the Foreign Press on the site of a tunnel near Kissufim Base in Kibbutz Ein Hashlosa, southern Israel, on 13 Oct, 2013. Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu on Sunday commended the Israeli military for unearthing a tunnel allegedly dug by Gaza militants into Israel, saying his government maintains an unyielding policy of combating terrorism.—XINHUA

## American Walker wins PGA Tour's season opener

SAN MARTIN, (California), 14 Oct—American Jimmy Walker took advantage of a late collapse by overnight leader Brooks Koepka to win his first PGA Tour title by two shots at the Frys.com Open in San Martin, California on Sunday.

Three strokes off the pace heading into the final round, Walker coolly birdied two of the last six holes to close with a five-under-par 66 on a sun-splashed afternoon at CordeValle Golf Club.

The 34-year-old seized the outright lead for the first time when he two-putted for birdie at the par-five 15th, then made three consecutive pars to post a 17-under total of 267 in the opening event of the PGA Tour's 2013-14 season.

"I think it will sink in

after a while," an emotional Walker told Golf Channel after earning a Masters invitation and a two-year exemption with his maiden win on the US circuit following his 188th career start.

"I am still feeling the adrenalin and everything. I

feel like a relief, a release kind of, right now but it feels really good. I am pretty excited.

"I was swinging good so I just kept saying, 'Let's just keep hitting good shots, putting good.' Everything felt like it was in control, so I just kept doing that and it

worked out."

American Koepka, also seeking a maiden victory on the PGA Tour, briefly led by four shots on the front nine but tumbled backwards with bogeys on four of the last 10 holes on his way to a 72 and a four-way tie for third place.

Former world number one Vijay Singh, bidding for his first win in five years on the PGA Tour where he has triumphed 34 times during a Hall of Fame career, finished alone in second at 15 under after closing with a 68. For the early part of the afternoon, Koepka appeared to be heading toward a remarkable victory in only his fourth career start on the PGA Tour, stretching his overnight lead to three shots when he sank a 10-foot birdie putt at the par-four second.—Reuters



Jimmy Walker of the US watches his shot on the first hole during final round play in the Arnold Palmer Invitational PGA golf tournament in Orlando, Florida on 24 March, 2013.—REUTERS

### MYANMAR INTERNATIONAL

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## Pyithu Hluttaw's eighth regular session goes on

NAY PYI TAW, 14 Oct — Today's Pyithu Hluttaw session carried out seven agendas.

Deputy Minister for Science and Technology Dr Ba Shwe responded to the question about **progress in reaching an agreement on norms and standards for electrical and electronic products** raised by U Kyi Tha of Gwa Constituency that Mutual Recognition Agreement (MRA) is only a process, not an agreement; that the present situation is taking place in accord with Myanmar Electricity Law 1984 which is being rewritten to be in conformity with

the present time; that formulation of rules and regulations which correspond to international standards being applied in ASEAN countries will follow after the enactment of a new law; and that plans are underway to accept ASEAN standards directly.

Deputy Minister for Industry U Thein Aung answered the question on **provision of loans to SMEs** raised by U Aye Mauk of Mahlaing Constituency that no separate recommendation is needed to receive the loans from the banks because SMEs have been registered and approved as pri-

vate industries. Moreover, it is not required to release a notice as lists of private industries are distributed in respective townships, he added.

In an interview with U Thein Tun Oo of Amarapura Constituency regarding the answer of the deputy minister, he stressed the importance of greater transparency in loan disbursement. He said he would greatly appreciate it if the number of the receivers of loan were announced.

Today's session came to an end at 12.45 pm and the tenth-day session continues tomorrow. — MNA

## Schools need to submit complete documents for upgrading

NAY PYI TAW, 14 Oct — At today's session of Amyotha Hluttaw, U Myo Myint of Mandalay Region Constituency No 6 submitted a proposal urging **the Union government to implement Myanmar forest policy for ensuring permanent forest estate-PFE.**

His proposal emphasized that it needs to stop annual loss of forest area as 19 per cent of forest coverage area during 85 years period from 1925 to 2010.

An announcement has been issued that timber log extraction will be stopped in the first week of April 2014 after exportation of

logs due to agreements for fetching foreign exchange.

The Hluttaw decided to discuss the proposal.

With regard to question **whether there is a plan to upgrade Affiliated BEPS to BEPS (Branch) in Hteinthaya Village of Letpadan Township** raised by U Myint Tun of Bago Region Constituency No 10, Deputy Minister for Education Dr Zaw Min Aung replied that the priority will be given to upgrading the school in 2014 if respective district and region authorities and department submit it. The deputy minister also replied to the question on **upgrading of BEPPS in Natchaung Village of MraukU Township** raised by U Kyaw Kyaw of

Rakhine State Constituency No 2 that it needs submission scrutinized by district, region and departments for upgrading the school. If the application is completed with necessary documents, the school will be upgraded as priority in 2014.

U Thein Hlaing of Sagaing Region Constituency No 8 asked **whether there is a plan to appoint specialists at Kalay Township Hospital (200-bed).** Deputy Minister for Health Dr Daw Thein Thein Htay replied that senior eye specialist or eye specialist will be appointed in the vacancy of the hospital in November 2013.

The ninth day session of Amyotha Hluttaw continues tomorrow. — MNA

## France's National Front victorious in local by-election



PARIS, 14 Oct — France's National Front (FN) won by a wide margin in a local by-election in southeast France on Sunday, the latest sign the anti-immigrant party is benefiting from discontent with

ruling Socialists and mainstream opposition conservatives. Even though the National Front already has an established presence in the region, the victory in the canton of Brignoles near the port town of Toulon

## JR Shikoku plans slowest-running "bullet train"

TAKAMATSU, 14 Oct — Shikoku Railway Co, the only Japan Railway group company with no plans for high-speed shinkansen train services, is planning to run its own "shinkansen" train—a diesel-powered vehicle that will look like an old generation bul-

let train and max out at 85 kilometers per hour.

In making an announcement on Monday, JR Shikoku President Masafumi Izumi said with a grin of embarrassment, "It's a mock shinkansen. It's the slowest shinkansen." A genuine bullet train

suggests it is well placed to make gains in 2014 municipal and European Parliament elections.

FN candidate Laurent Lopez won 53.9 percent of votes against 46.1 percent for center-right UMP candidate Catherine Delzers, according to final results. President Francois Hollande's Socialists did not field their own candidate in

the first round, instead backing a Communist ally who failed to make it into Sunday's run-off. They subsequently called on left-wing voters to back the UMP but even that was not enough to avert an FN victory. "This victory with an unambiguous score and a record turnout demonstrated that the National Front is a unifying party," Lopez said after the results were announced.

Reuters

## Japanese troupe with robot actor performs Chekhov classic in Moscow

MOSCOW, 14 Oct — A theater company led by Japanese playwright Oriza Hirata has nearly sold out its performances of Anton Chekhov's classic play "Three Sisters" in Moscow, featuring a lifelike robot along with real actors.

The show by Seinendan, which combined the state-of-the-art technology of Japan and a Russian masterpiece, are scheduled for Friday through Sunday at a central Moscow theater.

"I feel pressure," Hirata said at a press conference in Moscow Thursday, referring to the fact he was

NAY PYI TAW, 14 Oct — Of 78 suspects detained in connection with the killing and setting fire to houses during the incident occurred on 28 September in Thandwe Township, Rakhine State, five have been released due to lack of evidence today, Ministry of Home Affairs said.

According to the investigations, four suspects confessed to killing two people in Linthi village, two admitted to killing five in Thabyuchai village and

28 were found guilty of setting fire to houses. Plans are underway to take actions against the 34 suspects in accord with the law and remaining suspects are under investigation.

Investigation is ongoing to expose those who masterminded the incident with the aim of disturbing peace and stability and causing unrests and violence. Punitive actions will be taken against those who were convicted of crimes, Ministry of Home Affairs said. — MNA

make appearances as well. It questions the meaning of life in an era when robots have become common in households. It has been performed in Japan, France, Spain and Taiwan so far. The play is part of the Robot Theater Project between Hirata and scientist Hiroshi Ishiguro who leads an Osaka University laboratory known for developing cutting-edge androids. — Kyodo

**A robot (L) will play the role of the youngest sister in Russian author Anton Chekhov's Three Sisters.**  
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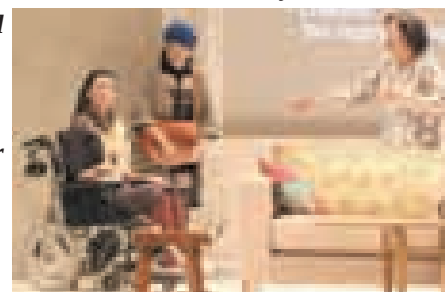


**Photo shows an illustration of a one-car tourism train that Shikoku Railway Co. plans to run starting around March 2014.**  
KYODO

boasts an operating maximum speed of 270 kph.

The one-car tourism train, called a "railway hobby train," will run between Kubokawa Station in Kochi Prefecture and Uwajima Station in Ehime Prefecture from around March, the railway operator said, adding it will be modeled after the 0-series first-generation shinkansen, which has been retired from service.

The railway company is hoping that it will attract railway fans. The service runs along Shimanto River, known for scenic provincial views.

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