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## Appointment of Shan State Minister

Under sub-sections (e) and (f), of the Section 262 and Sub-section (c) of Section 264 of the Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, Sub-section (c), Section 19 and Subsection (c) of Section 82 of the Union Government Law and Sub-section (g), of Section 8 and Subsection (a) of Section 56 of Region or State Government Law, U Aung Kyaw Nyunt has been appointed as Minister of Shan State Planning and Economy.

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## Ayeyawady Region Ministers reshuffled

Under the subsection (f) of Section 262 of the Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, Subsection (b) of Section 20 of the Union Government Law and subsection (g) of Section 8 of Region or State Government Law, the following ministers are reshuffled at ministries shown against each.

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| (1) | U San Maung | Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock |
| (2) | U Tin Soe   | Ministry of Social Affairs            |

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## Cherishing and valuing of traditional cultural heritage is not a step backward but a step forward to increase the value of national cultural integrity

*Patron of the leading committee of the 19<sup>th</sup> Performing Arts Competition Vice-President U Nyan Tun making an address at opening ceremony.*  
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NAYPYI TAW, 16 Oct—In his speech at the opening ceremony of the 19<sup>th</sup> Myanmar National Races' Traditional Performing Arts Competition-2012, Patron of the leading committee of the 19<sup>th</sup> Myanmar National Races' Traditional Performing Arts Competition Vice-President

U Nyan Tun said it should be assumed that cherishing and valuing of traditional cultural heritage is not a step backward but a step forward to increase the value of national cultural integrity.

In accord with the objectives of the competitions which are as

follow:-

- To uplift the morale and morality of the entire nation,
- To uplift the national prestige and integrity and preserve and safeguard cultural heritage and national character,
- To ensure flourishing of

the Union Spirit, the true patriotism,

- To bring about new generations capable of preserving and promoting cultural heritage and national character of national races through innovations to meet international standards, and

- To participate in the building of a peaceful, modern and developed discipline-flourishing democratic nation through traditional performing arts, the opening ceremony was held at the hall of Myanmar International Convention Centre (MICC) here this morning. At the first part of the ceremony held in front of the MICC, Chairman of the leading committee of the competitions Union Minister for Culture U Aye Myint Kyu explained arrangements made for holding the competitions.

Next, Patron of the leading committee of the competition Vice-President U Nyan Tun formally opened the competitions.

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## Noda instructs ministers to scrutinize use of reconstruction budget

TOKYO, 16 Oct—Prime Minister Yoshihiko Noda instructed his Cabinet members Tuesday to scrutinize the use of the disaster reconstruction budget, emphasizing that it should be “used only for truly necessary projects,” Chief Cabinet Secretary Osamu Fujimura said.

Noda said during a meeting on reconstruction work attended by all Cabinet members that the money should, in principle, be used only for projects targeting areas devastated by the March 2011 earthquake and tsunami from the next fiscal year starting April, said Fujimura, the government's top spokesman.

The premier's comments came amid growing criticism that the budget is being used for other purposes, such as a project to counter the obstructive activities of antiwhaling group Sea Shepherd Conservation Society against Japanese whaling ships and the promotion of youth exchanges with Asian countries and the United States.

Such uses have been

condemned by business circles, as well as by Shinzo Abe, leader of the main opposition Liberal Democratic Party, who has described the expenditures as “irresponsible.”

During the meeting at the prime minister's office, Makoto Iokibe, head of an advisory panel set up under the Reconstruction Agency, said the budget, most of which comes from reconstruction taxes paid by the public, should be used for rebuilding disaster-hit areas.

The government is now planning to allocate expenditures aimed at advancing disaster-prevention measures in areas other than those hit by the quake-tsunami catastrophe only to pressing projects, officials said.

New projects other than those for disaster prevention will be allowed only in the afflicted areas, they said, adding that the government will also study whether ongoing projects outside these areas that are scheduled to last through or beyond fiscal 2013 should continue.—Kyodo News

## Noteworthy amounts of rainfall (16-10-2012)

Gangaw	(2.99) inches
Pinlaung	(1.77) inches
Saw	(1.50) inches
Kyaukpadaung	(1.37) inches

## Portuguese gov't announces tough budget for 2013



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## Mikel is Chelsea's unsung hero, says Di Matteo



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## Chinese actress Liu Xiaoqing performs during a stage drama "Fenghua Juedai" at Poly Theatre in Yantai, east China's Shandong Province, on 15 Oct, 2012.



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## Vice-Senior General Min Aung Hlaing welcomes Chief of Defence Force of Singapore Armed Forces Lieutenant General Neo Kian Hong

NAY PYI TAW, 16 Oct— At the invitation of Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Vice-Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, a goodwill delegation led by Chief of the Defence Force of Singapore Armed Forces Lieutenant General Neo Kian Hong and wife arrived at Nay Pyi Taw Airport this morning where they were welcomed by senior military officers of Command-in-Chief Office and Nay Pyi Taw Command and their wives.

While the visiting Chief of the Defence Force of Singapore Armed Forces arrived at Zeyathiri Beikman by car, the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services

gave a warm welcome to Lieutenant General Neo Kian Hong at the front of the building.

Next, the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services and the Chief of the Defence Force of Singapore Armed Forces took the salute of the Guard of Honour on the dais while the State band played national anthems of the two countries.

Then the Chief of the Defence Force of Singapore Armed Forces inspected the Guard of Honour.

Afterwards, Lieutenant General Neo Kian Hong introduced Singaporean Ambassador to Myanmar Mr. Robert Chua, Colonel

Chua Boon Keat, Colonel Lew Chuen Hong, Colonel Ong Ann Kiat Milton and Colonel Sim Peng Shin who accompanied him at the ceremony to Vice-Senior General Min Aung Hlaing.

Vice-Senior General Min Aung Hlaing also introduced Chief of the General Staff (Army, Navy and Air) General Hla Htay Win, Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Rear-Admiral Thura Thet Swe, Commander-in-Chief (Air) General Myat Hein, senior military officers of the Commander-in-Chief Office and the commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command to Lt-Gen Neo Kian Hong.

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*Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Vice-Senior General Min Aung Hlaing and Chief of Defence Force of Singapore Armed Forces Lieutenant General Neo Kian Hong taking the salute of Guard of Honour.*

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## Performing Arts Competition kicks off

NAY PYI TAW, 16 Oct— The 19<sup>th</sup> Myanmar National Races' Traditional Performing Arts Competition was held at the designated places in Yezin Universities' Campus in Zeyathiri Township today.

A total of 13 contestants from regions and states participated in the basic education level aged 10-15 boys' Maha Gita contest and 14 in the amateur level (second class) women's Maha Gita contest.

Altogether 24 contestants from regions and states took part in the basic education level aged 10-15 girls' dancing contest and 17 from regions and states in the higher education level women's dancing contest.

Three contestants from regions competed in the Thutunu drama narration (Kwetseik) contest.

Altogether 13 contestants from regions and states participated in the amateur level men's and women's (first class) song composing contest, 14 from regions and states in the amateur level (second) men's and women's song composing contest and 11 from regions and states in the higher education level men's and women's song composing contest.

Nine students from regions participated in the basic education level aged

5-10 boys' solo orchestra contest and four in the amateur level (second class) women's solo orchestra contest.

Three troupes took part in the basic education level aged 10-15 girls' orchestra troupe contest and eight in the amateur level (second class) men's orchestra troupe contest.

Six contestants from regions and states competed in the basic education level aged 10-15 boys' piano contest.

Four students took part in the basic education level aged 5-10 girls' harp contest, one basic education student of Yangon Region in the aged 15-20 harp contest, two students in the amateur level (first class) men's contest and one contestant of Ayeyawady Region in the amateur level (first class) women's contest.

Four troupes from regions participated in the amateur level (first class)

men's Ozi contest and three troupes from regions in the basic education level aged 15-20 boys' Ozi contest.

Six contestants from regions and states competed in the higher education level men's xylophone contest and seven from the regions and states in the basic education level aged 10-15

girls' xylophone contest.

Among the spectators and audiences were Deputy Ministers U Thaug Htaik, Dr Daw Thet Thet Zin and Dr Daw Thein Thein Htay, officials, members of the panel of judges (central) and those of regions and states, maestros and departmental personnel.—MNA

*Maung Phone Myint Kyaw takes part in basic education level aged 10-15 boys' Maha Gita song contest.*

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*Ma Khwar Nyo Thin participates in basic education level aged 5-10 girls' Harp Contest.*

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The news that people should know  
The news people want to know  
The accurate, reliable and latest news

As of  
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### Myanma Alin, the Mirror, the New Light of Myanmar

Myanma Alin, the Mirror, the New Light of Myanmar papers are published in colour daily

In Nay Pyi Taw and Mandalay

Myanma Alin and the Mirror papers will be published in colour at every other week

In Yangon

**Publication of all newspapers in colour will be in mid-December.**

There will be no change in prices. Agents are requested not to rise the original paper prices. Colour advertisements are invited.

**WORLD**

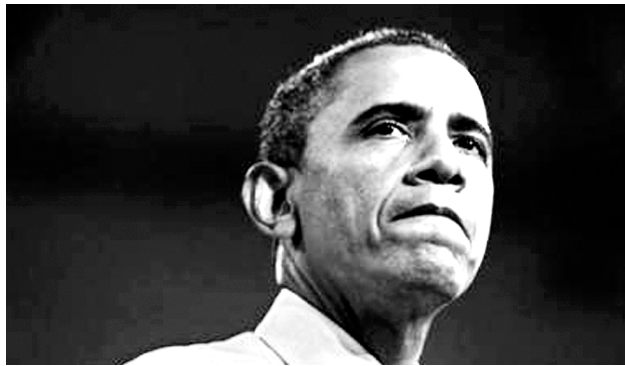
**Obama holds slim lead over Romney before next debate**

WASHINGTON, 16 Oct— President Barack Obama retained a slim lead over Republican challenger Mitt Romney in the Reuters/Ipsos daily tracking poll on Monday, as he appeared to have stemmed the bleeding from his poor first debate.

Three weeks before the 6 November US election, Obama leads Romney by 2 percentage points, with 47 percent support from likely voters in the national online poll, to 45 percent support for Romney.

The margin was small enough to be a virtual tie, but Obama's slight edge broadened from Sunday, when he went ahead of Romney by 1 point after falling behind in the wake of Romney's decisive victory in their first presidential debate on 3 October.

"Romney received a bump



US president Barack Obama pauses during remarks at a campaigning rally in Las Vegas Nevada on 12 Sept 2012—REUTERS

from that first debate, but the very nature of a bump is it recedes again," Ipsos vice president Julia Clark said. "We're now seeing Obama regaining a little bit of a foothold as we go into the second debate. They go into the debate on equal footing."

Romney and his fellow Republicans have been hitting

Obama hard over his handling of diplomatic security, blaming his administration for attacks in Egypt and Libya on 11 September. The US ambassador and three other Americans were killed in Libya.

But the poll did not find a groundswell of condemnation for the White House. Forty-

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five percent of registered voters approved of Obama's handling of the situation in Libya and Egypt and 40 percent disapproved. Thirty-eight percent backed Romney on the issue, compared with 36 percent who did not. Romney's scores each went up by 3 points on how he would handle the war on terrorism and gay marriage, although Obama was still ahead on both.

Thirty-seven percent of registered voters picked Obama as having better policies for dealing with terrorism, compared with 32 percent for Romney. And 43 percent favored Obama on gay marriage, compared with Romney's 25 percent.

Reuters

**Flood kills 19 in northern Nigeria**

JALINGO, 16 Oct—At least 19 people were confirmed dead in a recent flood disaster which ravaged some areas in northern Nigeria's Taraba State, Executive Secretary of the State Emergency Management Agency (SEMA) Novalga Danhabu said on Monday.

Danhabu told reporters in Jalingo, the state capital, that the deaths were recorded in eight local government areas across the state.

"Over 80,000 pieces of farmlands were destroyed while over 28,000 people were either internally displaced or missing in the disaster," he said, adding the flood also destroyed at least 10,000 houses and 3,000

livestock in the affected areas.

Other infrastructures like markets, culverts, bridges, schools, churches, mosques as well as health facilities were washed away by the flood, he added.

Following the prediction of heavier downpours in the coming days by weather experts and the federal ministry of the environment, Danhabu warned residents of the state, especially those living near river banks, to vacate to higher grounds to avoid further destruction.

Hundreds of people had died and thousands were displaced in this flood that wreaked havoc across Nigeria.

Xinhua

**Five people killed in spate of insurgents' attacks in Iraq**

BAGHDAD, 16 Oct—At least five people were killed and 29 wounded in a series of bomb and gunfire attacks in north of Baghdad on Monday, the police said.

Two policemen were killed when gunmen attacked their checkpoint in the city of Tuz Khurmato, some 170 km north of Baghdad, a local police source told Xinhua on condition of anonymity.

In a separate attack, gunmen stopped a car carrying two brothers affiliated to a government-backed Awakening Council paramilitary group in a desert area northwest of the city of Samarra, some 120 km north of Baghdad, and shot them dead, a police source from Samarra anonymously told Xinhua.

The Awakening Council group, also known as Sons of Iraq movement or Sahwa, consists of mostly anti-US Sunni insurgent militant groups, who turned their rifles to fight al-Qaeda

network after Sahwa's leaders became dismayed by al-Qaeda's brutality and religious zealotry in the country.

Separately, gunmen planted bombs in the house of a policeman and blew them up in the early hours of the day, wounding three of the policemen's family members, a local police source told Xinhua, adding the policeman himself escaped the attack unharmed.

In the Iraqi capital, gunmen using silenced weapons attacked an Iraqi army checkpoint in Baghdad's southern district of Doura, wounding three soldiers, an Interior Ministry source told Xinhua on condition of anonymity.

Also in the day, the police reportedly said that one person was killed and 18 wounded when two car bombs and a roadside bomb explosions went off near the provincial government compound in central the capital city of Kirkuk, some

250 km north of Baghdad.

Meanwhile, a third car bomb detonated near a court building in the city of al-Riyadh, some 35 km south of Kirkuk, wounding five people, according to Kirkuk police. Violence and sporadic high-profile bomb attacks are still common in the Iraqi cities despite the dramatic decrease in violence since its peak in 2006 and 2007, when the country was engulfed in sectarian killings.

Xinhua

**Iraq**



Spectators watch the aerobatic flight during the Miramar Air Show in San Diego, California, the United States, on 14 Oct, 2012.

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**Could Obama's "ground game" clinch the election?**

**US**

NEW YORK, 16 Oct— From the outside, it looked like an abandoned storefront in a run-down part of Cleveland. But inside, dozens of supporters of President Barack Obama gathered on a recent Sunday for an event that was part political rally, part religious revival.

"Gotta vote" signs hung from the ceiling and smoke from an outside grill wafted through the room. Hot dogs, buns, chips and sugar cookies were laid out on a table for the volunteers, most of whom were African-American.

"God is not going to allow this man to fail, because of people like you," radio host Yolanda Adams told the volunteers who had gathered to make calls and knock on doors, encouraging neighbours to register and then vote for Obama. "You're making the world a better place by saying, 'Hey, have you registered?'" Adams said to shouts of, "That's right!" and, earlier in her remarks, "Amen!" Democrats say the breadth of Obama's organization is unprecedented

ed in national politics — a claim that draws skepticism from Republicans, who have built a large get-out-the-vote operation of their own. One thing is clear, however: Obama's organization, which his campaign says involves hundreds of thousands of people nationwide, reflects the power of incumbency.

Some of Obama's local offices never closed after the historic 2008 election that made him the nation's first black president. As a result, Obama is viewed even by some Republicans

as having an advantage in on-the-ground organization, the trench-warfare part of a national campaign. At the meeting in Cleveland last month, Obama volunteers got tips on how to bring more people into the Democrats' fold. "We want to remind you that felons can vote - past felons, current, (and) waiting-to-be-sentenced," said Eletrice Harris, an Obama staff member, referring to Ohio's law that prevents felons from voting only if they are behind bars on Election Day.—Reuters

**Gunmen kidnap six, including aid workers, in Niger**

NIGER, 16 Oct— Unidentified gunmen kidnapped six people, including four aid workers from Niger and Chad, from the town of Dakoro in central Niger overnight, the aid workers' employers said on Monday.

Nigerien security sources said troops had

been deployed on the ground to look for them and aircraft were monitoring traffic into the Air Mountains, where they said the hostages might be taken.

Gunmen linked to al Qaeda factions operating in the Sahel and Sahara zone have kidnapped people in Niger and taken them to

neighbouring Mali in the past, although usually they target Westerners for ransom payments.

Those kidnapped included three local staff working for Nigerien medical charity BEFEN and a Chadian working for Alert Sante, the aid groups said in a joint statement sent to Reuters.

Both groups had been treating malaria and looking after malnourished children in the area, they said.

The Islamist takeover of the north of neighbouring Mali has created a security void, opening up a safe haven for extremists and organized crime.

Reuters



Photo taken on 14 Oct, 2012 shows the maples on Guanmen Mountain in Benxi, northeast China's Liaoning Province.—XINHUA

## SCIENCE &amp; TECHNOLOGY

## UNSG Message on International Day to Eradicate Poverty 17 October 2012

Following is UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon's message for the International Day for the Eradication of Poverty, commemorated on 17 October:

Poverty is easy to denounce but difficult to combat. Those suffering from hunger, want and indignity need more than sympathetic words; they need concrete support.

We mark this year's International Day for the Eradication of Poverty at a time of economic austerity in many countries. As Governments struggle to balance budgets, funding for anti-poverty measures is under threat. But this is precisely the time to provide the poor with access to social services, income security, decent work and social protection. Only then can we build stronger and more prosperous societies — not by balancing budgets at the expense of the poor.

The Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) have galvanized global action that generated great progress. We have cut extreme poverty by half and corrected the gender imbalance in early education, with as many girls now attending primary school as boys. Many more communities have access to clean drinking water. Millions of lives have been saved thanks to investments in health.

These gains represent a major advance toward a more equitable, prosperous and sustainable world. But more than a billion people still live in poverty, denied their rights to food, education and health care. We have to empower them to help us find sustainable solutions. We should spare no effort to ensure that all countries reach the MDGs by 2015.

At the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, held in June of this year, leaders from around the world declared that poverty eradication is "the greatest global challenge facing the world today".

We are now developing the UN development framework for the period after 2015, building on the MDGs while confronting persistent inequalities and new challenges facing people and the planet. Our aim is to produce a bold and ambitious framework that can foster transformational change benefiting people now and for generations to come.

Rampant poverty, which has festered for far too long, is linked to social unrest and threats to peace and security. On this International Day, let us make an investment in our common future by helping to lift people out of poverty so that they, in turn, can help to transform our world.

UNIC/Yangon

## Panasonic wins \$7.6 billion loan commitments from banks

TOKYO, 16 Oct— Panasonic Corp has won \$7.6 billion of loan commitments from Sumitomo Mitsui Financial Group and other banks, allowing the Japanese electronics conglomerate to sidestep fund-raising in the credit markets.

issues and commercial paper more difficult, a spokesman for the company said.

Sumitomo Mitsui Financial Group has committed to 350 billion yen (\$4.44 billion) of the credit, with Mitsubishi UFJ Financial Group promising

knowledge of the agreement confirmed the banks participation on condition he was not identified.

Panasonic's decision to bolster its finances comes after local TV rival Sharp Corp secured \$4.6 billion in emergency loans from banks



People visit Panasonic Corp's booth at CEATEC JAPAN 2012 electronics show in Chiba, east of Tokyo, on 2 Oct, 2012. —REUTERS

Panasonic sought the financing framework to underpin its finances, choosing bank loans because of concern that the eurozone crisis and weaker global economy would make borrowing through bond

200 billion yen (\$2.54 billion), the Nikkei business daily reported earlier.

Resona Holdings has promised the remaining 50 billion yen (\$634.84 million), the report said.

A source with

including Mizuho Financial Group it needed to help repay billions of dollars in short term commercial paper loans.

(\$1 = 78.7600 Japanese yen)

Reuters

## New computer spying programme linked to Flame authors

SAN FRANCISCO, 16 Oct— The security company that has discovered some of the most sophisticated spying software unearthed to date says it found a related programme, dubbed "miniFlame," which can carry out more precise attacks on targets in the Middle East.

While the original Flame virus swept in data from perhaps 5,000 computers, largely in Iran and Sudan, the new miniFlame struck only about 50 "high-value" machines, according to Kaspersky Lab research published on Monday. Iran had previously blamed Flame for causing data loss on computers in the country's main oil export

terminal and Oil Ministry.

"Flame acts as a long sword for broad swipes while miniFlame acts as a scalpel for a focused surgical dissection," Roel Schouwenberg, a senior researcher at Moscow-based Kaspersky Lab, told Reuters.

Kaspersky theorized that miniFlame was distributed mainly by Flame and another recently discovered spyware programme, Gauss, which was most prevalent in Lebanon and may have been aimed at tracking financial transactions.

Not much is known about miniFlame's victims, except that they were more geographically dispersed than those of Flame and

Gauss. Infections were found in Lebanon and Iran most of all but also in the Palestinian Territories, Iran, Kuwait, and Qatar, according to Kaspersky.

Kaspersky and US security software company Symantec Corp (SYMC.O) have said that some of the code in Flame also appeared in an early version of Stuxnet. Found in 2010 and aimed at Iran's nuclear enrichment programme, Stuxnet is sometimes described as the first true cyber-weapon. Cyber experts widely believe Stuxnet is an American project.

Kaspersky and Symantec said in a joint research paper last month that Flame's control software remotely directed a number of smaller programmes, and that the effects of only one of those programmes was clear.

Symantec said at the time the overall project "fits the profile of military and intelligence operations," in part because encryption kept some operatives in the dark about what data they were taking from infected machines.

Reuters

## China's ZTE to post nine-month loss of up to 1.75 billion yuan

HONG KONG, 16 Oct— Chinese mobile phone and telecoms equipment maker ZTE Corp will report a loss of as much as 1.75 billion yuan (\$279.2 million) in the first 9 months of 2012, it said in a preliminary results announcement on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange on Sunday. The Shenzhen-

compared with the same period last year. Basic earnings per share will be a loss of between 0.48 yuan and 0.51 yuan.

The company is due to report final results at the end of the month.

ZTE said its results during the period were hurt by the Iranian market. The

with US authorities.

Iran is under global sanctions because of allegations it is trying to develop nuclear weapons - something the country denies. ZTE's bigger Chinese rival, Huawei Technologies Co Ltd, is also under scrutiny by the United States. US lawmakers have accused the



ZTE company logos are seen at an international software and information services exhibition in Nanjing, Jiangsu Province on 6 Sept, 2012. —REUTERS

based company has suffered as a slowing economy has hurt sales and margins have come under pressure. ZTE said its loss will be between 1.65 billion yuan and 1.75 billion yuan. That could be a fall of more than 260 percent

United States is investigating the company over the sale of banned US computer equipment to Iran, which could be used to monitor landline, mobile and Internet communications. ZTE said it is cooperating

company of being a potential security threat.

For the full ZTE Hong Kong Stock Exchange announcement, please see: here (\$1 = 6.2672 Chinese yuan).

Reuters



People surf the Internet at a cyber cafe in Hamarweyne district of Somalia's capital Mogadishu, on 16 May, 2012. —REUTERS

**BUSINESS & HEALTH**

**Meningitis outbreak rises to Health 205 cases: CDC**

CHICAGO, 16 Oct—Seven more people have been diagnosed with fungal meningitis linked to possibly tainted vials of a steroid medication, the US Centres for Disease Control and Prevention said on Sunday, bringing the total number of cases to 205 in 14 states.

The death toll from the unprecedented outbreak was unchanged at 15, the CDC said. It put the number of people sickened at 205 and said new cases were confirmed in New Hampshire, Florida, Indiana, and Tennessee.

All but two of those who became ill were diagnosed with a rare type of fungal meningitis that has been the hallmark of the deadly outbreak. Two patients were diagnosed with peripheral joint infections linked to the tainted drug. Tennessee continues to be the hardest hit state, with 53 cases of meningitis and six deaths, the CDC said, followed by Michigan with 41 cases and three deaths, and Virginia with 34 cases and one death.

The outbreak has turned into a major health scandal after a company based in Massachusetts shipped vials that may have been tainted to 23 states and 76 medical facilities.

The scare has prompted multiple investigations, and the Massachusetts-based company at the centre of the outbreak, New England Compounding Centre, has recalled the product and suspended operations.

NECC distributed thousands of vials of a contaminated steroid that has put 14,000 people at risk of contracting meningitis, according to government health officials.

Meningitis is an infection of the membranes covering the brain and spinal cord. Symptoms include headache, fever and nausea. Fungal meningitis, unlike viral and bacterial meningitis, is not contagious.

The scare raised questions about how the pharmaceuticals industry operates. NECC engaged in a



Vials of the steroid distributed by New England Compounding Centre (NECC) — implicated in a meningitis outbreak - are pictured in this undated handout photo obtained by Reuters on 14 Oct, 2012.

REUTERS

little-known practice called drug compounding that is not regulated by the Food and Drug Administration, which generally oversees drug makers.

In compounding, pharmacies prepare specific doses of approved medications, based on guidance from a doctor, to meet an individual patient's need. Emails to one NECC customer obtained by Reuters revealed the company solicited bulk orders from physicians and failed to require proof of individual patient prescriptions as

required by state regulations.

The emails support assertions made this week by state pharmacy regulators that the compounding firm, which was authorized to deliver products only in response to patient-specific prescriptions, had violated its license in Massachusetts.

Several states, including Michigan, Indiana, Minnesota and Ohio, are investigating the company. New Hampshire and Tennessee have scheduled administrative hearings on possible violations.

Reuters

**BSE Sensex turns positive; gains Business in Europe help**

MUMBAI, 16 Oct— The BSE Sensex gains 0.1 percent while the 50-share Nifty is up 0.1 percent, rebounding from earlier mild falls.

Banks gain even after wholesale price index (WPI) rose at a faster-than-expected 7.81 percent in September from a year earlier.

Traders say inflation was driven by last month's fuel price hike, while core inflation stayed unchanged at around 5.56 percent, not ruling out RBI rate cuts on 30 October.

The RBI could also respond to government calls for lower interest rates by

again cutting the cash reserve ratio, traders say, although recently eased liquidity conditions could prevent the central bank from taking this step.

HDFC Bank gains 0.1 percent, while State Bank of India is up 0.2 percent.

However, Axis Bank falls 0.3 percent ahead of its July-September results later in the day. Gains in Indian shares also helped by higher European shares on hopes Spain will request a bailout and following data in China showing subdued inflation and rebounding exports.

Reuters



People walk past the Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE) building in Mumbai on 9 Jan, 2009.—REUTERS

**European shares gain as global growth fears ease Business**

LONDON, 16 Oct— European shares gained and the euro trimmed some of its losses after Chinese data offered evidence for stronger than expected global growth on Monday, but uncertainty over when Spain might request a bailout weighed on investors.

Data over the weekend from China, the world's second largest economy, showed inflation subdued in September while exports had rebounded at nearly twice the rate expected, helping to dispel concerns ahead of Chinese GDP numbers on Thursday which are still expected to point to slight slowdown.

"There is a lot of caution around because economic growth does look difficult from where we are, while the debt situation in Europe remains challenging," said Keith Bowman, equity analyst at Hargreaves Lansdown.

European shares edged higher in early trade with the FTSE Eurofirst index of top European shares up 0.1 percent at 1,094.42 points. London's FTSE 100, Paris's CAC-40 and Frankfurt's DAX rose between 0.1 percent and 0.2 percent.

On Friday, US stocks wrapped up their worst week in four months, led lower by financial shares. More financial institutions will report earnings in the coming

days, including Citigroup, Goldman Sachs and Bank of America (BAC N). There are concerns about shrinking profit margins.



A trader is pictured at his desk in front of the DAX board at the Frankfurt stock exchange on 13 Sept, 2011.—REUTERS

The dollar index measured against a basket of six major currencies gained around 0.2 percent on Monday, undermining dollar-denominated commodities.

Copper prices fell 0.4 percent to a one-month low, while Brent crude oil slipped 56 cents to \$114.06 a barrel. Gold extended recent losses to touch a 2-1/2-week low of \$1,741.24 an ounce.

The euro was down 0.2 percent at \$1.2930 as traders look ahead to a European Union summit later this week for any

developments in measures to help the debt-laden economies of Spain and Greece.

Greek Prime Minister Antonis Samaras has said his

government expects to agree on a new austerity package with its lenders and for the European Union and the International Monetary Fund to bridge their differences on how to cut the country's debt at the leader's meeting on Thursday and Friday. Euro zone officials have said Madrid is likely to ask for financial aid in November, paving the way for the European Central Bank's programme to buy bonds of struggling euro zone states that ask for assistance.

Reuters

**India wins over markets, but now comes the hard part Business**

NEW DELHI, 16 Oct— Finance Minister P Chidambaram exudes the self-confidence of a man who, in the eyes of India's cheerleading financial markets, can do little wrong.

In the 11 weeks since he took office, the Sensex has surged around 8 percent, due in large part to his hard-charging drive to boost investor sentiment that had soured under his predecessor, Pranab Mukherjee.

But the reality is the steps taken so far will not fix the sluggish economy in the near term, and the window of opportunity for implementing game-changing reforms such as slashing government spending on

fuel, food and fertiliser subsidies will narrow as campaigning for a 2014 election gets under way.

"When you are fixated on equity markets and you are doing whatever you can to push them higher that is exactly what you will see," said economist Rajeev Malik of CLSA, Singapore.

"Pushing up equity markets is a lot easier than taking up some of these more difficult moves."

Together with Prime Minister Manmohan Singh, Chidambaram has unveiled a series of big-ticket and small-bore initiatives over the past month that were long demanded by investors and business leaders frustrated by years of policy inaction in

New Delhi.

According to government officials, the slew of policy announcements on lifting the bar on foreign investment in the airline, insurance, pensions and retail sectors are part of a two-step government strategy - first, pump up the financial markets, then unveil a road-map for cutting the fiscal deficit.

The first step has worked. Net inflows from foreign investors have surged since Chidambaram's appointment, with \$7.7 billion flooding into stocks and bonds since then, according to regulatory data. The next step will be more difficult.

Reuters



G24 Chair and Finance Minister Palaniappan Chidambaram reads a documents prior to the International Monetary and Financial Committee at the annual meetings of the IMF and the World Bank Group in Tokyo on 13 Oct, 2012.—REUTERS

## WORLD

## Portuguese gov't announces tough budget for 2013

LISBON, 16 Oct—The Portuguese government on Monday announced a tough budget for 2013 which highlights sharp tax hikes.

Finance Minister Victor Gaspar reiterated that the country has no leeway to change the basic parameters of the austerity budget document, "which will test the viability of the country."

The supplement of 4 percent will remain on income tax which will go from the current 9.8 percent to 13.2 percent and spending cuts will account for less than 20 percent of the adjustments.

The government argues that it sees no other way than to "continue austerity until the expiry of Portugal's Economic and Financial

Assistance Program (PAEF) and the difficult path towards fiscal consolidation which will inevitably involve sacrifices for all Portuguese." Gaspar went on to say that he is confident that Portugal will need the help of the troika "shortly." According to Gaspar, the fiscal effort required in 2013 will amount to 4.3 billion euros (5.6 billion US dollars) and will be distributed "fairly" between labor income and capital, and between the public and private sectors.

He said a "comprehensive set of consolidation measures" which have an "estimated impact of 4.3 billion euros will include the partial replacement of Christmas holiday subsidies and tax revenues." The Portuguese economy is not in danger of entering recessionary spiral, said Gaspar, stressing the importance of exports to pull the country out of the current crisis. "So far there is no evidence for Portugal in a recessionary spiral," the

minister said while presenting next year's budget in the Ministry of Finance in Lisbon. "Indeed, what has happened so far is that domestic demand has contracted more than anticipated but the contribution from external trade or our export growth has been higher than expected so these two effects has been compensated," said Gaspar.

"For the future, it seems to me, this external demand factor will grow boosted by improved financing conditions of our economy that we have seen in these past few weeks where not only has the Treasury managed to fund itself at favorable interest rates, but also some large Portuguese companies have seen a return to the bond market," he said. Portugal's economy will "shrink by 1 percent next year, while the unemployment rate will climb to a new high of 16.4 percent," the minister said.

Xinhua



Portugal's Finance Minister Victor Gaspar announces the budget for 2013 during a press conference in Lisbon, on 15 Oct, 2012. The Portuguese government on Monday announced a tough budget for 2013 which highlights sharp tax hikes. Finance Minister Victor Gaspar reiterated that the country has no leeway to change the basic parameters of the austerity budget document, "which will test the viability of the country." —XINHUA

## Canada's housing market to cool for rest of year: study

OTTAWA, 16 Oct — Canada's housing market is cooling for the rest of the year, according to data released by the Canadian Real Estate Association (CREA) on Monday. Although home sales increased by 2.5 percent from August to September, last month's activity was down by 15.1 percent from September 2011, with more than half of all local markets posting declines of at least 10 percent. "National activity is likely to remain down from year-ago levels over the fourth quarter of 2012," said Gregory Klump, chief economist with CREA.

The association, which represents more than 100,000 real estate brokers, agents and salespeople, attributes the drop to new and tighter rules for government-backed insured mortgages introduced in July that reduce the amortization period from 30 to 25 years and which lowers the maximum amount Canadians can borrow when refinancing from 85 to 80 percent of their home's value. "While some first-time homebuyers may no longer qualify for mortgage financing under the new rules, it is likely that many others are stepping back and reassessing how much house they can realistically afford, which is one of the things new mortgage rules were designed

to do," said Klump.

During the third quarter of 2012, 110,376 homes were sold—a 6.5 percent decrease from the previous quarter. However, 366,353 homes have traded ownership over CREA's Multiple Listing Service so far this year, representing a 1 percent rise from levels reported during the first nine months of 2011. The national average price for homes sold in September 2012 was 355,777 Canadian dollars (about 363,148 US dollars), a 1.1 percent increase from September 2011.

In its third-quarter 2012 Housing Market Outlook, Canada Mortgage and Housing Corp (CMHC), the country's government-owned national housing agency forecasted that the average price of a home in 2012 would be 368,000 Canadian dollars and slightly increase to 377,300 Canadian dollars in 2013.

However, CMHC also predicted that total housing starts would drop from 207,200 units this year to 193,100 units next year. Meanwhile, Statistics Canada reported Monday that household credit market debt during the second quarter of 2012 represented 163.4 percent of disposable income, up from 161.8 percent in the previous quarter. —Xinhua



A steward serves on the train G262 from Hefei to Beijing, on 16 Oct, 2012. The new Heibeng high-speed railway, which connects Hefei and Bengbu, two cities of east China's Anhui Province, began to operate on Tuesday. The railway covers a distance of 132 kilometers and trains will run on it at a designed speed of 350 kilometres per hour. —XINHUA

## Colombia's rebel chief optimistic about peace talks

BOGOTA, 16 Oct — The chief of Colombia's guerrilla group Revolutionary Armed Forces (FARC) said on Monday that all members of the group are "enthusiastic" about the coming round of peace talks.

"We have arrived at an agreement to set a table (for talks) to open the way to achieving peace with social justice," Rodrigo Londono Echeverria, FARC's top commander, said at a local radio programme. "There is no doubt that all the guerrillas, from the newest to the oldest, are enthusiastic about this new attempt (to broker peace)," he said. Negotiations to end 50 years of fighting

between government forces and the leftist rebels, which were originally scheduled for Monday in Oslo, Norway, were delayed due to international arrest warrants against members of FARC's negotiating team. "Anyone with a valid arrest warrant (against him) runs a risk wherever he may be," said the guerrilla leader. Talks are now tentatively rescheduled for Wednesday. On the possibility of a private meeting between rebel leaders and Colombian President Juan Manuel Santos as part of the peace talks, Londono said it has neither been proposed nor dismissed. —Xinhua



Visitors gather at the ZTE counter for information during the 2012 GITEX Technology Week in Dubai, on 15 Oct, 2012. As the Middle East's growth in information and communication technology (ICT) outperforms global growth, this year's ICT fair and Gulf Information and Technologies Exhibition (GITEX), which kicked off Sunday, witnesses a flood of new software, smart phone and security solutions. —XINHUA

## Azerbaijani president meets Iranian counterpart

BAKU, 16 Oct— Azerbaijani President Ilham Aliyev met with Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad here on Monday, the Azeri president's website reported on Monday.

Both sides stressed the importance of the 12th summit of the Economic Cooperation Organization (ECO) and expressed confidence that this event would further contribute to expanding cooperation among the regional countries.

The Iranian president noted that ECO has achieved significant cultural and economic growth in recent years, adding that expansion of cooperation among the ECO members is an important factor in dealing with the effects of global economic problems.

The presidents praised development of bilateral relations between Azerbaijan and Iran in the fields of politics, economy and culture. They emphasized

both countries have a good potential for enhancing bilateral ties in various fields, including economy, trade, energy and transport.

The presidents said close cultural and historical contacts between the two countries could serve as a basis for developing bilateral relationship and boost regional cooperation even more. They also discussed a number of issues of mutual interest. The Iranian president arrived in Azeri capital of Baku on Monday to attend the 12th summit of the Economic Cooperation Organization (ECO).

The ECO is an intergovernmental regional organization established in 1985 by Iran, Pakistan and Turkey with the aim of promoting economic, technical and cultural cooperation among the member states. Afghanistan, Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan later joined the organization.

Xinhua



Philippine President Benigno Aquino III (R) receives a gong from Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF) Chairman Al Haj Murad Ebrahim (C) and MILF peace panel chief Mohagher Iqbal, before the signing of the framework agreement between the Philippine government and the MILF in the Malacanang Palace in Manila, the Philippines, 15 Oct 2012.

XINHUA

**NATIONAL**

**Republic of the Union of Myanmar  
Union Election Commission  
Nay Pyi Taw  
Announcement No. 41/2012  
1<sup>st</sup> Waxing of Thadingyut, 1374 ME  
(16<sup>th</sup> October, 2012)**

**Thirteen Defence Services Personnel Pyithu Hluttaw representatives substituted**

According to the request made in accordance with Section 33 of Pyithu Hluttaw Election Law to substitute thirteen Defence Services Personnel Pyithu Hluttaw representatives nominated by the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services in the first multiparty democracy general election held on 7 November 2010, the Union Election Commission scrutinized and substituted the following thirteen Defence Services Personnel Pyithu Hluttaw representatives hereunder in Notification No.1/2011 of the commission dated 20-1-2011 and No.22/2012 of the commission dated 22-4-2012 with personnel shown against them.

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|---|----------------|------------------------------------|
| (1) BC 18280<br>Brig-Gen Min Naung      | (substitution) | BC 19586<br>Col Maung Maung        |
| (2) BC 21915<br>Col Hla Myint Soe       | (substitution) | BC 19612<br>Col Nyan Naing         |
| (3) BC 19584<br>Col Saw Min             | (substitution) | BC 18632<br>Col Win Naing          |
| (4) BC 20205<br>Col Than Tun Oo         | (substitution) | BC 19504<br>Col Nay Lin            |
| (5) BC 23194<br>Major Tet Tun Aung      | (substitution) | BC 31376<br>Major Htein Lin        |
| (6) BC 18997<br>Major Tin Maung Lwin    | (substitution) | BC 25257<br>Lt-Col Myo Htet Win    |
| (7) BC 19340<br>Major Thein Aung        | (substitution) | BC 27059<br>Lt-Col Kyaw Zin Win    |
| (8) BC 25229<br>Major Kyaw Moe          | (substitution) | BC 27066<br>Lt-Col Kyaw Kyaw Lin   |
| (9) BC 25912<br>Major Aung Ban          | (substitution) | BC 27439<br>Lt-Col Thant Zin       |
| (10) BC 26881<br>Major Tun Tun Oo       | (substitution) | BC 25305<br>Lt-Col Kyaw Naing      |
| (11) BC 27825<br>Major Kyaw Kyaw        | (substitution) | BC 26720<br>Lt-Col Myo Min         |
| (12) BC 27832<br>Major Thi Han Oo       | (substitution) | BC 26723<br>Lt-Col Maung Maung Aye |
| (13) BC 31496<br>Major Khin Maung Htway | (substitution) | BC 22635<br>Lt-Col Khin Maung Swe  |

By order,  
**Win Ko**  
Member  
Union Election Commission

**Republic of the Union of Myanmar  
Union Election Commission  
Nay Pyi Taw  
Announcement No. 42/2012  
1<sup>st</sup> Waxing of Thadingyut, 1374 ME  
(16<sup>th</sup> October, 2012)**

**Five Defence Services Personnel Amyotha Hluttaw representatives substituted**

According to the request made in accordance with Section 33 of Amyotha Hluttaw Election Law to substitute five Defence Services Personnel Amyotha Hluttaw representatives nominated by the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services in the first multiparty democracy general election held on 7 November 2010, the Union Election Commission scrutinized and substituted the following five Defence Services Personnel Amyotha Hluttaw representatives hereunder in Notification No.2/2011 of the commission dated 20-1-2011 and No.23/2012 of the commission dated 22-4-2012 with personnel shown against them.

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|---------------------------------------|----------------|----------------------------------|
| (1) BC 18959<br>Brig-Gen Myat Kyaw    | (substitution) | BC 19525<br>Col Khin Maung Aye   |
| (2) BC 20808<br>Col Nay Myo Aung      | (substitution) | BC 19727<br>Col Hla Win Aung     |
| (3) BC 17102<br>Col Hla Tun (Retd)    | (substitution) | BC 19753<br>Col Than Htaik       |
| (4) BC 24270<br>Major Khin Maung Lwin | (substitution) | BC 24196<br>Lt-Col Moe Lwin      |
| (5) BC 28270<br>Major Thein Tun       | (substitution) | BC 14708<br>Lt-Col Kyaw Kyaw Moe |

By order,  
**Win Ko**  
Member  
Union Election Commission

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Union Election Commission  
Nay Pyi Taw  
Announcement No. 43/2012  
1<sup>st</sup> Waxing of Thadingyut, 1374 ME  
(16<sup>th</sup> October, 2012)**

**Two Defence Services Personnel Region or State Hluttaw representatives substituted**

According to the request made in accordance with Section 33 of Region or State Hluttaw Election Law to substitute two Defence Services Personnel Region or State Hluttaw representatives nominated by the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services in the first multiparty democracy general election held on 7 November 2010, the Union Election Commission scrutinized and substituted the following two Defence Services Personnel Region or State Hluttaw representatives hereunder in Notification No.3/2011 of the commission dated 20-1-2011 with personnel shown against them.

**Magway Region Hluttaw**

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|---------------------------------------|----------------|-----------------------------------|
| (1) BC 37212<br>Captain Chan Nyein Ko | (substitution) | BC 42582<br>Captain Tun Tun Naing |
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**Shan State Hluttaw**

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| (2) BC 28396<br>Major Myo Zaw Oo | (substitution) | BC 25303<br>Major Win Han |
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By order,  
**Win Ko**  
Member  
Union Election Commission

**CBM announces news about small notes incorrect**

It is learnt that rumours are spreading recently that, among the notes of the Central Bank of Myanmar, small notes—five-kyat note, 10-kyat note, 20-kyat-note and 50-kyat note—will be withdrawn from circulation. The functions and duties of the Central Bank prescribed in sub para (a) of para (8) of Functions, Duties and Powers of the Central Bank of Chapter (3) of the Central Bank of Myanmar Law 1990 include acting as the sole issue of domestic currency, either bank notes or coins. Likewise, para (45) of Chapter (6) says that If it is necessary to withdraw any currency notes or coins in circulation the Central Bank may, with the approval of the Government issue a declaration informing the public in advance and call in such currency notes or coins on payment of the face value thereof. At present, there is no plan to revoke any banknotes by the Central Bank of Myanmar. That's why, it is announced that all banknotes ranging from one-kyat note to 10000-kyat note in circulation are legal, except for banknotes which were withdrawn from circulation from 1952 to date.

**Central Bank of Myanmar**

**Establishment of region-wise work zones emphasized**

MOHNYIN, 16 Oct— With the aim of emerging results in economy for the State and the people and generating jobs in the region, Kachin State plans to set up industrial zone, trade zone, special agricultural zone, livestock breeding zone and hotel zone, said Kachin State Minister for

Electric and Industry U Sai Maung Shwe in meeting with the departmental officials, townsenders and entrepreneurs at the hall of Mohnyin District General Administration Department on 15 October.

Deputy Superintending Engineer U Hla

**District News**

Kyi of Kachin State Electrical Engineer's Office, Head of State Industrial Supervisory and Inspection Department U Hsan Htut and Head of State Factory and Labour Department explained matters related to the works.

They then replied to queries raised by those present.—*Myanma Alin*



# PERSPECTIVES

Wednesday, 17 October, 2012

## Social sector development

World countries are realizing the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) which are: eradicating extreme poverty and hunger; achieving universal primary education; promoting gender equality and empowering women; reducing child mortality rates; improving maternal health; combating HIV/AIDS, malaria and other diseases; and ensuring environmental sustainability; and developing a global partnership for development.

The ASEAN Visions also involve the task of setting up an ASEAN community which calls for establishing a network comprising poverty alleviation, rural infrastructural development, clean water supply, sanitation, and microcredit loan programs in bridging rich and poor gap.

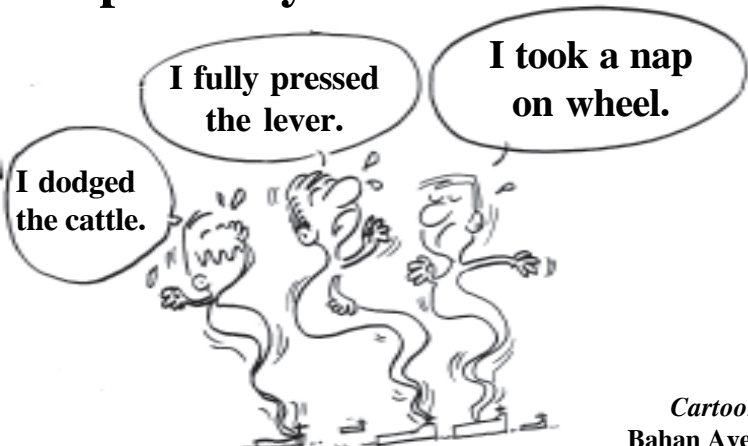
The concept of sharing their riches and fruits of progress with developing countries has become stronger among the developed nations. In other words, these developed countries are talking about providing humanitarian assistance. Their assistances are focusing on health, education, agriculture, clean water and social development for reducing poverty.

The developing countries and the poor countries on their part are still eager for aids of the developed countries setting aside the political, economic and social strains attached to the aims, as recipients see aids as important support for their national development.

MDGs and ASEAN Visions are aimed at developing the whole social sector. In developing the entire social sector, it is found that the developing countries cannot do the job well on own funds or alone. Hence, the assistance of donor countries, international organizations, UN agencies, international non-government organizations-INGOs has become important.

In fact, countries receiving international grant, aid, loan, technical assistance or humanitarian assistance, should give priority to effective aid management apart from the task involving poverty alleviation and rural development, clean drinking water, human resources development, education, health care, environmental conservation and protection, social security, public infrastructures, microcredit programmes, low-cost housing project, job generation for improvement of the whole social sector.

## On Expressway....



Cartoon  
Bahan Aye Min

## NATIONAL

### Cherishing and valuing of traditional cultural heritage is not a step backward...

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Then, Vice-President U Nyan Tun addressed the opening ceremony. He said that the 19<sup>th</sup> Myanmar National Races' Traditional Performing Arts Competition it is are going to hold today has already promoted the essence of unity as it involves the performing arts of the

of Myanmar national races have been flourishing well according to their own forms, styles, languages, character and elegance not only in a single place but also in the length and breadth of the country.

All the performing arts of Myanmar national races are based on the movements of head, waist, leg, and hand.

clappers.

He continued saying that concentrated efforts are being made on discouraging the youth who live amidst technological advancement and material wealth from deviating Myanmar's customs and style and national traditional cultural values. On the other hand, modern music which is relatively familiar with the majority of the youth was made as the new category since the 17<sup>th</sup> competition to go with the tide. This new

knowledge that the nearly two-decade-old competition has gradually developed both in content and essence with the experiences gathered. The prize-winning teams of national races' traditional performing arts Competition from respective regions and states will make cultural exchange and skills demonstration this year, meanwhile efforts must be made to achieve more progress in coming years. Likewise, the momentum of the performing arts Competition must be maintained.

Now is time the artistes of the nation are getting together for Myanmar national races' traditional performing arts competition. I believe that the brotherhood could be renewed here by understanding and helping each other and bridging cultures.

He urged the participants to compete with each other in this competition that largely serves the national interests, balancing the self interests and the interests of others to accomplish the objectives of 19<sup>th</sup> Myanmar National Races' Traditional Performing Arts Competition and to strive for perpetuating traditions of Myanmar national races.

Next, the ceremony came to an end after artistes and entertainers of the Ministry of Culture sung a song for the opening ceremony composed by U Maung Maung Latt.

The competitions will be held up to 26 October.

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Brethren at 19<sup>th</sup> Myanmar National Races' Traditional Performing Arts Competition.—MNA

national brethren living in every corner of the country apart from its original fine characteristics. And like the blooming multicolour flowers performing arts of the national races have been flourishing independently with their own style and beauty since yore. Today's competition is the venue where we can enjoy the elegance of these joyful and graceful performing arts.

All along the history and till now, performing arts

They all are within the scope of Tribhinga or the circular movement dance as defined by the performing arts academics. There may be differences in the size, the number, the scale, and the beat in musical instruments, but they are all never deviate from five basic musical instruments of Myanmar national races—brass instruments, string instruments, leather instruments, wind instruments, and bamboo

category means moving with the times, and recognizing the sentiment and efforts of the youth. It is the very youth who have to take over the helm of State's affairs sometime in the future. Indeed, it is aimed to help turn out substantial numbers of younger citizens who are capable of keeping pace with the changes based on tradition, making sensible application of maturity, wisdom and experiences.

It is everyone's

### Drama, Marionette troupes competitions kick off

NAY PYI TAW, 16 Oct—Drama Contest of the 19<sup>th</sup> Myanmar National Races'

Traditional Performing Arts Competition took place at the convocation of the University of Veterinary Science in Yezin Universities' Campus in Zeyathiri Township in Nay Pyi Taw this evening. Drama troupe representing Sagaing Region performed their artistic skills on the first-day competition.

Similarly, Marionette Competition was held at the convocation of the University of Agriculture this evening. Marionette troupe representing Mandalay Region presented their artistic skills on the first-day competition.

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### News in Brief

#### Marine Rescue Course opened

The Marine Rescue Course No 2/2012 was kicked off at the hall of Fire Services Department in Mayangon Township on 15 October. Altogether 60 trainees are attending the four-week course.

#### Winners to be awarded in photo show

Myanmar Hoteliers Association and Ngwehsaung Zone Hoteliers Association will jointly organize the 4<sup>th</sup> Ngwehsaung Beach Beauty Photo Show and prize presentation ceremony on the second floor of Dagon Centre-2 in Myenigon in Sangyoung Township on 20 October.

#### Communication for Development discussed

The Workshop on Communication for Development and Social Changing Programming and Monitoring was held at Thingaha Hotel, here, this morning, attended by representatives of ministries, INGOs and NGOs, UN agencies and electronic media.



**NATIONAL**

**“Self-protected trade policies” cause food...**

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the theme “Agricultural Cooperative - Key to Feeding the World”. Myanmar has the national strategy for poverty reduction and rural development built around cooperatives. The country

has targeted to cut poverty rate to 16 percent by 2015 from 26 percent. Food production constitutes 37.8 percent of the Southeast Asian country’s total production.

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**Resident Representative to Myanmar Ms. Bui Thi Lan awards a winner.**

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**Workshop on ASEAN Oil Spill held**

YANGON, 16 Oct — Organized by International Maritime Organization, a workshop on ASEAN Oil Spill was held at Hotel Yangon here yesterday morning.

Director-General U Maung Maung Oo of Department of Maritime

Administration delivered an address at the workshop attended by officials of the Department of Maritime Administration, the secretary and officials of ASEAN Secretariat, departmental officials and representatives of ASEAN countries.— MNA

**National Workshop on Mine Development of Mine Sector on 19 Oct**

NAY PYI TAW, 16 Oct — Arrangements are being made to hold a National Workshop on Development of Mine Sector of the Ministry of Mines at Mani Yadana Hall of Myanma

Gems Enterprise from 9 am to 5 pm on 19 October. It is learnt that businessmen across the nation who are dealing with the ministry on mutual basis will attend the workshop.— MNA

**Yatanarpon Teleport Co., Ltd holds coord meeting**

YANGON, 16 Oct — Yatanarpon Teleport Co., Ltd held its coordination meeting at the meeting hall of the company branch in Hline Township here yesterday morning.

In his speech, Deputy Minister for

Communications, Posts and Telegraphs U Win Than called for ensuring more competitiveness in services of rapidly developing telecommunications sector induced by government’s reform process.

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**Vice-Senior General Min Aung Hlaing meets Chief of the Defence Force of Singapore Armed Forces**

**Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Vice-Senior General Min Aung Hlaing cordially greets Chief of the Defence Force of Singapore Armed Forces Lt-Gen Neo Kian Hong.—MNA**



NAY PYI TAW, 16 Oct— Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Vice-Senior General Min Aung Hlaing received Chief of the Defence Force of Singapore Armed Forces Lt-Gen Neo Kian Hong at Zeyathiri Beikman, here, this afternoon.

Both sides exchanged views on matters related to bilateral cooperation between the armies of the countries, further cementing relationships of the two countries, mutual cooperation between the two countries in ASEAN community, and roles of the armies in advancing development of the countries.

During the call, the Commander-in-Chief said that there is no disparity

between the histories of the State and the Tatmadaw. At present, Tatmadaw is also engaging in implementing development of national politics. Keeping in mind that stability of the State leads to development of the country, Tatmadaw is properly resolving the conflicts between national races armed forces and the Tatmadaw. And the Tatmadaw is driving a move to achieve in ensuring stability of the State, and reform processes being led by the present government. So as to successfully hold ASEAN Armies Shooting Championship and host ASEAN Chairmanship in 2014, well-experiences are being collected from the neighbouring countries.

The Singaporean Chief

of the Defence Force replied that experience on successfully holding ASEAN+8. The fulfillment of the needs of holding Chief of the General Staffs (Army), ASEAN Armies Shooting Championship, the 27<sup>th</sup> SEA Game and hosting the ASEAN Chairmanship would be supplied. He deeply believed that the Tatmadaw plays a vital role in the country where a lot of races are residing.

The meeting was attended by Chief of the General Staff (Army, Navy and Air) General Hla Htay Win, Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Rear-Admiral Thura Thet Swe, Commander-in-Chief (Air) General Myat Hein, high ranking officers

from commander-in-chief’s office and commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command. Chief of the Defence Force of Singapore Armed Forces Lt-Gen Neo Kian Hong of the Republic of Singapore was accompanied by Singaporean Ambassador to Myanmar Mr. Robert Chua and senior officers from Singapore Armed Forces.

Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Vice-Senior General Min Aung Hlaing and Wife Daw Kyu Kyu Hla hosted a luncheon to the goodwill delegation led by Chief of the Defence Force of Singapore Armed Forces Lt-Gen Neo Kian Hong and wife Mrs. Jane Neo of the Republic of Singapore.—MNA

**Signing ceremony for recovery of buried aircraft between Myanmar-Britain companies, DAC holds**

NAY PYI TAW, 16 Oct— The agreement on excavation of planes under the ground in the period of World War II in cooperation with Shwe Taung Paw (STP) Co., and David J Cundall of DJC Co., of Britain and the Department for Civil Aviation proved that which is one of the milestone between the two countries as well as recognition of democracy reforms by British Government and excavation works remarked by Myanmar and British Government.

The agreement was held at Tawwin Kumudra Hotel in Nay Pyi Taw Hotel Zones this evening with an address of Union Minister for Transport U Nyan Tun

Aung. Managing Director U Tin Naing Tun of the Department of Civil Aviation under the Ministry of Transport made clarification on signing ceremony and Deputy Head of Mission Mr Mathew Heds spoke words of thanks.

The managing director of the Department of Civil Aviation, STP Managing Director U Htoo Htoo Zaw and Mr David J Cundall of DJC inked agreements in the presence of the Union Minister.

U Soe Maung, Union Minister at the President Office, officials and guests attended the ceremony.

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**World Dicing Day marked in Taungdwingyi**

TAUNGDWINGYI, 16 Oct— The ceremony to mark the World Dicing Day was held in Chinthabye Village of Zeedaw Village-tract in Taungdwingyi Township on 15 October.

Commanding Officer of Township Red Cross Battalion Commander of Township Police Force

Police Captain Myint Swe explained the purpose of holding the ceremony. Executive of Township Society Dr Kyaw Swe discussed personal hygiene.

Officials presented prizes to the winners in the contest to mark the World Dicing Day.

Myanma Alin



## WORLD

**First Sino-US university founded**

BEIJING, 16 Oct—China, US combine forces in education to cultivate talent. Shanghai New York University, the first institution of higher education jointly established by China and the United States, was officially founded on Monday.

The venture will be a melting pot for cultivating innovative talent and will help China tackle its brain drain, experts said.

“China’s education reforms aim to better cultivate student ability to innovate and think independently, to provide comprehensive development and maximize their potential,” said Yu Lizhong, president of NYU Shanghai. “That is what this college will do.”

NYU Shanghai, based in the Lujiazui financial area, was established by New York University and Shanghai’s East China Normal University.

The first Sino-US college operating as an independent legal entity, NYU Shanghai is expected to welcome its first 300 students next year from across the world. There will be 151 places for Chinese students.

About 40 percent of the

faculty will be recruited globally, while the student-to-faculty ratio will be 8-1, half the average in Chinese universities, Yu said. The founding of Shanghai NYU has drawn global attention and may herald an era of more international students coming to China and give a greater choice to domestic students.

According to a report in September by the Social Sciences Academy Press, about 340,000 Chinese students went abroad for further study in 2011. Among them were a growing number of students from renowned high schools who skipped China’s college entrance exam, or gaokao.

Last year, 76,800 high school students began studies overseas. “This is a considerable number, and includes many excellent students,” said Chen Qun, president of East China Normal University.

“Chinese universities should take a close look at themselves. They should accelerate reforms of education models and ensure the nation keeps the country’s best students,” Chen said.

Joint education ventures between China and other countries are nothing new.

Many Chinese universities have gone down this route, including Xi’an Jiaotong University teaming up with Liverpool University and the University of Nottingham establishing a campus in Ningbo, Zhejiang province. “Joint education institutions should have a clear position and innovative methods,” Chen said.

NYU Shanghai will initially position itself as an arts and science research university. Students will spend the first two years studying liberal arts, including languages, social and cultural foundations, writing, mathematics and science before they choose a major.

“Liberal-arts education will help students better understand science and society, and help establish a solid foundation for further study,” said Wang Xiaojing, provost and vice-president of NYU Shanghai.

“We will not copy the US education model. NYU Shanghai will provide a new opportunity for innovative

education and research,” Wang said.

Upon graduation, students will receive degrees from New York University and NYU Shanghai.

Annual tuition for each student from the Chinese mainland will be about 100,000 yuan (\$15,900), which will be officially announced after being approved by the Shanghai pricing authorities.

NYU Shanghai is expected to accommodate an estimated 3,000 Chinese and international students.

Wang Huiyao, director of the Centre for China and Globalization, said opening extensions of overseas universities is a good way to tackle the brain drain.

“Students don’t have to go abroad to get a Western education. World-class universities are on our doorstep,” he said.

The introduction of foreign students will push domestic education reform, he said. “Just like what the opening-up policy did to China’s economy, we need the reform and opening-up for education,” he said.

Xinhua

**India****16 killed in road mishap in central India**

NEW DELHI, 16 Oct—At least 16 people were killed and 24 others injured in a major road mishap in the central Indian state of Madhya Pradesh on Tuesday, a senior police official said.

“The mishap happened when the bus in which the victims were traveling collided head on with a speeding truck coming from the opposite direction in the state’s Chhattarpur District. While 16 people died on the spot, those injured have been admitted to a local hospital,” he said, on condition of anonymity. A probe has been ordered into the incident, the official added.

The state government has announced a compensation of one lakh rupees (about 2,000 US dollars) each to the families of those killed.

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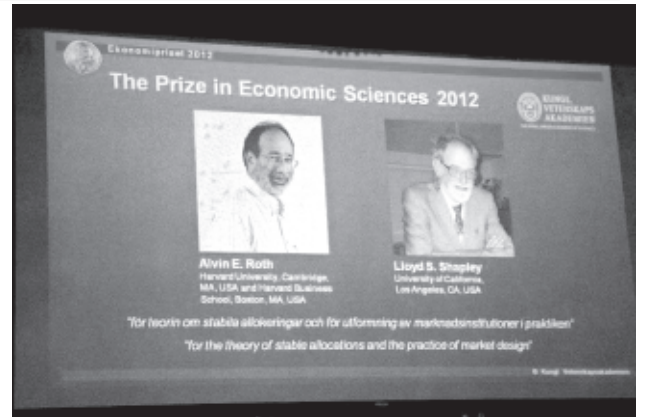
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Winners of the 2012 Nobel Prize in Economic Sciences, American economists Alvin Roth (L) and Lloyd Shapley, are presented on a screen during a press conference held by the Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences in Stockholm, Sweden, on 15 Oct, 2012.—XINHUA

**Match-making science wins economy Nobel for two Americans****US**

STOCKHOLM, 16 Oct—US economists Alvin Roth and Lloyd Shapley won the 2012 Nobel prize for economics on Monday for research on how to match different economic agents such as students for schools or even organ donors with patients.

The Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences, which made the award, said the 8 million crown prize recognised “the theory of stable allocations and the practice of market design”.

The award citation said Shapley had used game theory to study and compare various matching methods and how to make sure the matches were acceptable to all counterparts, including the creation of a special

algorithm.

Roth followed up on Shapley’s results in a series of empirical studies and helped redesign existing institutions so that new doctors could be matched with hospitals, students with schools or patients with organ donors.

“This year’s prize is awarded for an outstanding example of economic engineering,” the committee added.

The economics prize, officially called the Sveriges Riksbank Prize in Economic Sciences in Memory of Alfred Nobel, was established in 1968. It was not part of the original group of awards set out in dynamite tycoon Nobel’s 1895 will.—Xinhua



A vintage Ferrari car is on display during the “The Great Challenges Ferrari-Maserati” exhibition, dedicated to the competition between the two great names in Italian car racing, at the Museo Casa Enzo Ferrari in Modena, northern Italy, on 15 Oct, 2012.

XINHUA

**Man shot dead in Athens courthouse in Roma vendetta**

ATHENS, 16 Oct—A man was fatally shot and another one was slightly injured when a woman opened fire at an Athens court on Monday in a vendetta amongst Roma families, according to police sources.

The victim was accused

of killing the 37-year old shooter’s son a year ago. The woman shooter was detained, while police are investigating how she smuggled the gun into the Greek capital’s main courts complex.

Xinhua



Laurence Pope (L), the United State’s new charge d’affaires in Libya, gives speech to media after meeting with Libya’s Deputy Foreign Minister Mohammed Abdulaziz in Tripoli, on 15 Oct, 2012.—XINHUA

**450 Brazilian flights canceled due to landing strip mishap**

BRASILIA, 16 Oct—Brazilian carrier Azul Monday announced the cancellation of 450 flights at one of the nation’s busiest airports, after a damaged cargo plane blocked its only landing strip.

An MD-11 cargo plane blew a tire late Saturday as it landed at Viracopos airport in Sao Paulo state, causing the cancellation of landings and take-offs, airport authorities said. Early Monday, airlines provided buses to take passengers with scheduled

departures from Viracopos to alternate airports in Sao Paulo, including Congonhas and Guarulhos. Officials began removing the 130-ton plane from the runway Monday afternoon, but the airport was not immediately reopened as the runway needed to be cleaned and inspected first.

Some 70 workers were required to move the cargo plane, including five Fire Department units.

The operation of Viracopos airport is in a

transitional process, as it was in the hands of Brazil’s state-owned airport administration Infraero before it was formally conceded to the private sector earlier this year.

Azul, which operates out of Viracopos, said over 25,000 passengers were affected by the incident, with all flights at Viracopos canceled since Saturday, as well as those scheduled for Tuesday, in order to allow delayed flights to be regularized. Azul accounts for 95 percent of flights at Viracopos.—Xinhua

**Brazil**

REGIONAL

**Pakistani girl shot by Taleban can recover, doctors say**

LONDON, 16 Oct—A Pakistani schoolgirl shot in the head by the Taleban has every chance of making a “good recovery”, British doctors said on Monday as 14-year-old Malala Yousufzai arrived at a hospital in central England for treatment of her severe wounds.

Yousufzai, who was shot for advocating education for girls, was flown from Pakistan to receive specialist treatment at Birmingham’s Queen Elizabeth Hospital at a unit expert in dealing with complex trauma cases that has treated hundreds of soldiers

wounded in Afghanistan.

“Doctors...believe she has a chance of making a good recovery on every level,” said Dr Dave Rosser, the hospital’s medical director, adding that her treatment and rehabilitation could take months.

She will now undergo scans to reveal the extent of her injuries, but Rosser said they could not provide any further details without her agreement.

Pakistani surgeons removed a bullet from near her spinal cord during a three-hour operation the day after the attack last week, but she

**Pakistan**

now needs intensive specialist follow-up care.

The unit at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital, a large blue and white glass-plated complex in the south of England’s second city, has treated every British battle casualty for the last decade, Rosser said.

Treatment for the schoolgirl is likely to include repairing damaged bones in her skull and complex follow-up neurological treatment.

“Injuries to bones in the skull can be treated very successfully by the neurosurgeons and the plastic



*Pakistani school girl Malala Yousufzai is brought out a hospital on a structure in Rawalpindi on 15 October 2012.—REUTERS*

surgeons, but it is the damage to the blood supply to the brain that will determine long-term disability,” said Duncan

Bew, consultant trauma surgeon at Barts Health NHS Trust in London.

*Reuters*

**China  
China  
arrests 11  
for poaching  
endangered  
animals**

CHANGSHA, 16 Oct—Police on Monday said they have arrested 11 people for allegedly poaching endangered animals in a central China virgin forest, and they also seized a large number of bear parts and antelope corpses.

A joint operation by police in Hubei and Hunan Provinces found that the suspects used electric nets to illegally trap endangered animals in the Shimen Forests near Wufenghouhe Nature Reserve on the border of the two provinces.

Seventeen bear paws, five bear gall bladders and more than 300kg of bear meat, as well as musk deer skins and antelope corpses, were seized by police.

Police are still pursuing five other suspects, Hunan police officials said.

Bear gall bladders and bear paws have been widely used as expensive ingredients in traditional Chinese medicine.

While most bears are currently under adequate protection, huge profits drive poachers to break the law.

Animal rights activists in recent years have called for alternatives to bear parts in traditional medicines.

*Xinhua*

**Cambodian King, PM in Beijing to bring home King-Father**

**Cambodia**

BEIJING, 16 Oct—Cambodia’s King Norodom Sihamoni and Prime Minister Hun Sen have arrived in Beijing to bring home the body of King-Father Norodom Sihanouk, who died on Monday morning at the age of 89. The body will be taken back to Cambodia on Wednesday afternoon.

Cambodian King Norodom Sihamoni and Prime Minister Hun Sen arrived in Beijing on Monday afternoon. Chinese Foreign Minister Yang Jiechi met them at the airport and expressed condolences. They then arrived at King-Father’s residence in Beijing’s Dongcheng District, and went to Beijing Hospital where he died. The Cambodian embassy in Beijing is flying its national flag at half mast to pay its respects to the former king. Chinese top officials have expressed their condolences over the death of the King-Father.

During his visit to Sihanouk’s residence in Beijing, Premier Wen Jiabao

expressed deep condolences to King Norodom Sihamoni and Queen-Mother Norodom Monineath. The Premier spoke highly of Sihanouk, saying he had struggled for national independence and the cause

of peace and development his whole life. The Premier said he had years of profound friendship with the King-Father, and the Chinese people will always remember him.

*Xinhua*



*An aged woman pose for pictures with two little girls during a celebration activity for the Double Ninth Festival in Wenjiao community in Hangzhou, capital of east China’s Zhejiang Province, on 16 Oct, 2012.—XINHUA*

**5.6-magnitude quake hits Kuril Islands**

HONG KONG, 16 Oct—An earthquake measuring 5.6 on the Richter scale jolted Kuril Islands at 12:41:24 GMT on Tuesday, the US Geological

Survey said.

The epicenter, with a depth of 67.60 km, was initially determined to be at 49.6029 degrees north

latitude and 156.4561 degrees east longitude. The Hong Kong Observatory reported the quake is 6.0-magnitude.—Xinhua



*A helicopter from the Nimitz-class aircraft carrier USS Abraham Lincoln (CVN 72) hovers over an Iranian patrol ship during a transit through the Strait of Hormuz, on 14 Feb, 2012.—REUTERS*

**Iranians plan oil spill to block Hormuz strait — German weekly**

BERLIN, 16 Oct—Iran’s Revolutionary Guards chief has drafted a plan to cause an environmental disaster in the Strait of Hormuz to block seaborne oil exports with the goal of removing economic sanctions imposed on Teheran, the weekly Der Spiegel said in an unsourced report. There was no independent confirmation of the report.

The German news magazine reported that Mohammad Ali Jafari’s plan, codenamed “Muddy Water”, envisages the Iranians steering a tanker onto the rocks in the Strait, the world’s most important oil shipping waterway.

“The aim is to block shipping temporarily through the contamination, to ‘punish’ adjacent Arab states that are hostile to Iran and to force the West to take part in a large-scale cleanup of the waters - and possibly thereby a suspension of sanctions against Teheran,” Spiegel

said. “A decontamination would only be possible with technical help from the Iranian authorities and for this the embargo would have to be at least temporarily lifted,” it said. “Iranian firms, some of them owned by the Revolutionary Guards, could even profit from the rescue operations.”

Der Spiegel gave no source for its report but said Western intelligence services were studying the plan, which it said now required only the approval of Iranian Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei to be put into effect.

Iran’s economy is buckling under the weight of Western sanctions aimed at forcing the country to suspend its nuclear programme and negotiate seriously to resolve concerns that it is covertly trying to develop atom bombs, a charge Iran denies. States carries out any attacks on its nuclear facilities.—Reuters

**China to deal with Mexico’s WTO complaint**

BEIJING, 16 Oct—China will deal with Mexico’s dispute settlement over alleged subsidies in the textile and clothing sectors, according to the Ministry of Commerce (MOC) on Tuesday. The ministry confirmed it had received the request for dispute settlement.

Mexico filed a complaint with the WTO on Monday saying that China was subsidizing Chinese clothing and textiles companies. “China will properly deal with the request for dispute settlement in accordance with the WTO’s settlement procedures,” the MOC said.—Xinhua

**Exhibition held to commemorate 60th founding anniversary of Nanjing University of Aeronautics and Astronautics**



*Visitors look at the aerocrafts at an exhibition featuring the achievement obtained by Nanjing University of Aeronautics and Astronautics in Nanjing, capital of east China’s Jiangsu Province, Oct. 16, 2012. The exhibition was held to commemorate the 60th anniversary of the founding of the university.—XINHUA*

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1. To appoint new Trustees, according to the Chief Court Yangon, Original Civil Jurisdiction, Civil Regular Suit No. 46 of 1963, to manage of the trust properties.
2. To consider and transact any other business that maybe placed by the Chairman before the meeting.

**Chairman**  
**Daw Myint Myint**

**Two IEDs defused in eastern Afghanistan: coalition**

KABUL, 16 Oct— Afghan forces and the NATO-led coalition troops have found and defused two Improvised Explosive Devices (IEDs) during operations in eastern region, foiling potential explosions, the coalition said on Tuesday.

"Afghan and coalition forces cleared two improvised explosive devices during operations in eastern Afghanistan throughout the past 24 hours," the coalitions' Regional Command-East (RC-East) said in a statement.

The IEDs were cleared in Nejrab district of Kapisa province and Sharan District of Paktika Province, according to the statement.

Operations in RC-East are still ongoing, it added.

Afghan Taleban has launched massive IED attacks against Afghan national security forces and about 100,000 coalition forces in recent years.

Three civilians were killed in an IED blast in eastern Wardak Province Monday morning.

Xinhua

**NATO to train, assist Afghan forces after 2014**

KABUL, 16 Oct— The NATO commits to launching a new mission to train, advise and assist the Afghan National Security Forces (ANSF) after 2014, once the NATO-led foreign troops leave the country, a spokesman said on Monday.

"NATO has committed to launching a new mission to train, advise and assist Afghan forces from 2015," NATO civilian representative spokesman, Dominic Medley, told a Press briefing.

The NATO defence ministers, following a two-day gathering in Brussels in Belgium, on Wednesday endorsed the broad political framework for a new training mission in Afghanistan after 2014. "NATO defence ministers and the ministers from potential operational partners concluded the first stage of planning for that new mission. This will guide the military experts as they take the planning process forward," Medley said, adding that "it is expected to agree on a detailed outline early next year, and to complete the plan well before the end of 2013."—Xinhua



**Serge Lavroff (2nd R), consul general of the French Consulate General in Wuhan, receives a calligraphy works presented by Chinese painter Liang Yan (1st L) in Wuhan, capital of central China's Hubei Province, on 15 Oct, 2012. A painting exhibition of Liang Yan will be held in the Louvre Museum from 30 Oct to 2 Nov. —XINHUA**

**Ex-British PM visits Vietnam to boost ties**

HANOI, 16 Oct— The visiting former Prime Minister of the United Kingdom (UK) Tony Blair met with Vietnamese Prime Minister Nguyen Tan Dung in capital Hanoi on Monday.

At the meeting, Dung spoke highly of Blair's visit to Vietnam, which contributes to strengthening the strategic partnership between the two countries.

The Vietnam-UK relations have developed positively in recent years,

though still not commensurate with the potential of both sides, Dung said, proposing the two sides to work together to further boost cooperation in all fields, especially politics, diplomacy, trade, tourism and education, to support each other in multilateral forums.

Dung expressed his hope to continue to receive Official Development Assistance (ODA) from the UK, focusing on infrastructure construction and climate change.—Xinhua

ENTERTAINMENT

Swedish House Mafia pip Adele to top of UK pop chart



Scandinavian DJ group

LONDON, 16 Oct—Scandinavian DJ group Swedish House Mafia piped Adele's Bond movie song "Skyfall" to the top of the singles chart this week, while London-based folk band Mumford And Sons nudged up one place to number one in a tumultuous week in the

album chart. The Official Charts Company on Sunday said Swedish House Mafia's "Don't You Worry Child" had outsold Skyfall 43,000 copies to secure their fifth singles chart top 10 hit and first number one.

X-Factor talent show

winner Leona Lewis was the only other new entry in the top 10, with "Trouble" featuring Childish Gambino, her ninth top 10 hit.

Mumford And Sons dominated the albums chart with their second full-length release, "Babel", while second place went to Ellie Goulding

with "Halcyon".

US pop punks All Time Low went straight in at number nine this week with "Don't Panic", but Birmingham rockers ELO with "Mr Blue Sky—The Very Best Of Electric Light Orchestra" were one step ahead at number eight.—*Reuters*

Katie Holmes' father hunting for new husband for her

LONDON, 16 Oct—Katie Holmes' lawyer father Martin is eager to see her focus on making herself happier and wants to play matchmaker for his daughter.

Katie Holmes' father reportedly wants to find her a new husband.

The The Kennedys actress—who divorced Tom Cruise in August after six years of marriage—is said to hate being single and is ready to find a new man.

A source close to Katie told OK! Magazine: "Katie hates being single — and her dad knows it. They have always been incredibly close, and he's made it his mission to try to find her a new man."

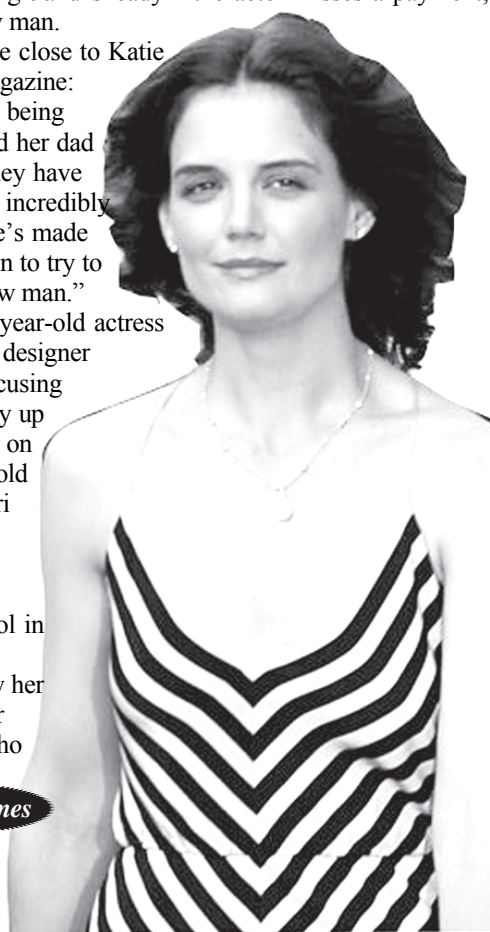
The 33-year-old actress and fashion designer has been focusing all her energy up until recently on her six-year-old daughter Suri Cruise, who just started attending a private school in New York.

But now her lawyer father Martin — who

marriage was "irretrievably broken" six months before the actress filed for divorce.

The pair tied the knot in a lavish Scientology ceremony in Italy on 18 November 2006.

According to their divorce documents Tom was ordered to pay \$400,000 a year in child support for the couple's daughter until she turns 18. In the unlikely event the actor misses a payment;



Katie Holmes

helped her quickly negotiate her divorce from Tom and secure primary custody of their child — is eager to see her focus on making herself happier and wants to play matchmaker for his daughter.

Tom and Katie's

he will be faced with a jail sentence "for a term not to exceed six months".

The Top Gun star is already making the most of his single status and has been spotted out on the town in London multiple times in recent weeks.—*PTI*

Tom Cruise



Tom Cruise willing to cut Scientology links to win back Katie Holmes?

months after their divorce was finalised.

The couples' marriage fell apart earlier this year and the 50-year-old actor's obsession with Scientology was blamed for it because Katie Holmes, 33, feared their six-year-old daughter Suri would too become involved in the religion, reported *Daily Mirror*.

"Now he's lost the most

precious thing in his life, he sees that his Scientology beliefs may not have hurt his box office but have ended not one but two marriages. It was a terrifying and rude awakening for Tom when Katie served him with divorce papers. He's used to feeling undebatable and untouchable. When he lost Katie he felt a failure," a source said.

Tom Cruise became a Scientologist in 1990 when he was married to his first wife, Mimi Rogers, 56. The end of



Katie Holmes

his second marriage to actress Nicole Kidman, 45, was also blamed on the religion.

*PTI*

Jessica Alba refused to strip for Sin City 2?

LOS ANGELES, 16 Oct—Actress Jessica Alba reportedly refused to strip for Sin City 2 because she isn't happy with how she looks after giving birth to two children.

The actress, who has two daughters Honour

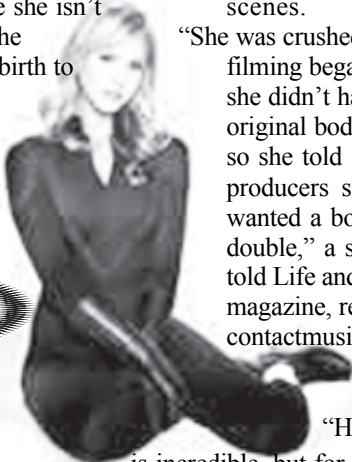
Marie and Haven Garner, is said to have used body double to shoot for provocative scenes.

"She was crushed when filming began and she didn't have her original body back so she told producers she wanted a body double," a source told Life and Style magazine, reports contactmusic.com.

"Her body is incredible, but for her it's not good enough. She's cut out carbs and does the P90X Ab Ripper twice a day, but she still isn't happy," the source added.—*PTI*



Jessica Alba

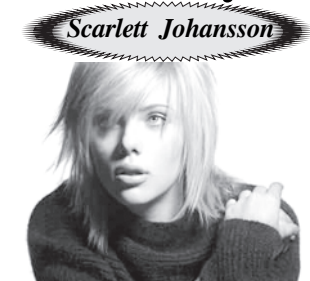


Scarlett Johansson flirting with Lindsay Lohan's friend?

New York Post: "Scarlett looked like she was completely flirting with Domingo." Scarlett also hung out with actor Sam Rockwell — who arrived at the establishment following a screening for his latest movie, "Seven Psychopaths" — but her low-key look confused many of the nightspot's revellers.

One fellow partier — whose friend had to point the blonde beauty out — said: "I didn't even recognise her."

Scarlett, who was married to Ryan Reynolds from 2008 to 2011, appeared to be having plenty of fun without her advertising executive boyfriend Nate Naylor to the



Scarlett Johansson

nightspot. However, she admitted earlier this year she is in a "great" place thanks to the hunk. The Iron Man star previously said: "Everything's been really great right now. It's been a good time. I've had peace. Relative peace. I just want to work on things that are really hard, and when I'm not working on things that are really hard, I want to hang out with people I like to be with, and that's it. I think it will be an interesting year." —*PTI*



Lindsay Lohan

NEW DELHI, 16 Oct—The Avengers Assemble actress was at The Electric Room in New York City, dressed down in a T-shirt and glasses, and one onlooker saw her having plenty of fun with the Liz and Dick star Lindsay Lohan's friend, artist Domingo Zapata.

An eyewitness told the

**SPORTS**

**Klose bans somersaults in World Cup fitness drive**

**Soccer**

**Man Utd team up with Azeri telecoms company**

BERLIN, 16 Oct— The somersault has been Germany striker Miroslav Klose's trademark goal celebration for over a decade but the 34-year-old is cutting out the mid-air flip in a bid to stay fit for the 2014 World Cup.

Klose, enjoying a fine season at Italy's Lazio, hopes to add to his 65 international goals against Sweden in Germany's World Cup qualifier on Tuesday.

However, an expected 80,000 crowd at the Olympic Stadium in Berlin will be treated to a more modest celebration.

"The somersault...I think I can still do it but I honestly do not want to risk it because I want to still be around in 2014," he told



**Miroslav Klose of Germany's national soccer team addresses a news conference in Berlin, on 15 Oct, 2012.—REUTERS**

reporters with a chuckle.

The Polish-born forward needs only three more goals to equal the all-time German record of 68 set by Gerd Mueller, but Klose refused to class himself alongside the former "bomber of the nation" who took just 62 matches to reach his tally.

"I would never compare myself to Gerd Mueller,"

said Klose, who has so far won 125 caps.

"You should not compare him with any other striker around. What he has achieved is incomparable. I have told him that myself a few times. It is a joke to be compared to him."

Klose, who is level with Mueller on 14 World Cup goals, is eager to get a chance to at least equal World Cup top scorer Ronaldo's record of 15 in Brazil in two years' time. "In football it is difficult to plan anything but if I am fit and injury-free I would like to play in Brazil and that is my ultimate aim," he said on Monday.

Germany are top of their qualifying Group C with maximum points from three games.—Reuters

LONDON, 16 Oct— English Premier League soccer club Manchester United have signed their first sponsorship deal in a former Soviet country, teaming up with Bakcell, a telecoms company in Azerbaijan.

The three-year agreement announced on Monday is one of a number of local sponsorship deals done by United, English champions a record 19 times, who enjoy a large following around the globe. The club's international commercial expansion is a model that rivals are keen to emulate. Bakcell will broadcast the club's MUTV channel in Azerbaijan, while its mobile subscribers will also be offered club news and video highlights.

"This new agreement is another first for Manchester United, with it being the only partnership the club has in the country," its commercial director Richard Arnold said. United have 659 million followers around the globe, according to the

results of a survey commissioned by the club earlier this year. Around 1.68 million of them were in Azerbaijan, a country of more than 9 million people which is wedged between Russia and Iran on the Caspian Sea.

Reuters



**Manchester United supporters wave flags outside the stadium northern England, on 22 May, 2011.—REUTERS**

**Mikel is Chelsea's unsung hero, says Di Matteo**



**Franck Ribery and Mario Gomez of Bayern Munich attack John Obi Mikel (L-R) of Chelsea during their Champions League final soccer match at the Allianz Arena in Munich, on 19 May, 2012.—REUTERS**

LONDON, 16 Oct— John Obi Mikel's value to Chelsea often goes unrecognised by the media and by fans of the European champions but manager Roberto Di Matteo says the Nigeria midfielder is one of the club's unsung heroes.

Mikel occupies the anchor role just in front of the defence and gets only rare chances to go for glory further forwards, evidenced by the fact he is still waiting to bag his first goal in 135 Premier League appearances for the Londoners.

The 25-year-old scored

a rare goal at the weekend when he converted a penalty in Nigeria's 6-1 rout of Liberia as his side qualified for the African Nations Cup finals.

"Over the years he has been almost ever-present," Di Matteo told the club's website (www.chelseafc.com) on Monday. "He was very important at the back end of last season and this season he has started in good form.

"We all make mistakes in games and I don't think he gets the credit for the work he does for the team."

Former Italy midfielder

Di Matteo often performed the same task as Mikel during his playing days at Chelsea and has a strong empathy with the Nigerian.

Earlier this month, Di Matteo said: "I don't know why Mikel is underrated by the media or the fans. He is very rated by us in the group and it's a position where you're a bit of an unsung hero.

"You do the dirty work which is not recognised all the time because the goalscorers and more creative players get the recognition. But he is very important for our team."

Chelsea, who have a four-point lead at the top of the Premier League, have a difficult series of fixtures coming up.

They visit London rivals Tottenham Hotspur, and former manager Andre Villas-Boas, on Saturday before travelling to Ukraine to meet Shakhtar Donetsk in the Champions League next week.

Chelsea then have back-to-back home games against Manchester United in the Premier League and League Cup.—Reuters

**Liverpool to stay at new 60,000-capacity Anfield**



**Liverpool's Jonjo Shelvey (R) celebrates after scoring against Udinese during their Europa League Group A soccer match at Anfield in Liverpool on 4 October, 2012. REUTERS**

LONDON, 16 Oct— Liverpool are staying at Anfield and plan to expand its capacity to 60,000 after scrapping plans for a new stadium in nearby Stanley Park, the club announced on Monday.

The redevelopment would cost around 150 million pounds and the announcement brings to an end the decade-long saga of whether the club would leave the only ground that has been its home since Everton moved out in 1892.

Liverpool City Council and the club unveiled the plans for the regeneration of the stadium and the surrounding area with work expected to start in 2014.

The announcement came on the second anniversary of the Fenway Sports Group (FSG) acquisition of the club and was made at a news conference at Liverpool Town Hall.

"Today represents a huge step forward for the Anfield area. Everyone at

the football club knows the importance of today," the club's manager director Ian Ayre said.

"LFC celebrated its 120th year in 2012 at Anfield and there is no doubt Anfield is the spiritual home of the club - our preference was always to remain at Anfield." The expansion, which would increase Anfield's capacity from its current 45,500, would mean the demolition of some houses near the ground with a large part of the surrounding area subject to huge regeneration plans.

"This is a major step forward for the football club but more importantly the residents. This is step one as there is land to acquire, plans to be approved etcetera, but this is a significant moment," Ayre added. "Questions about capacity and cost are not for today - not until we have certainty."—Reuters

**Zidane eyes France job as he joins coaching programme**

PARIS, 16 Oct— Zinedine Zidane is taking the first steps towards possibly managing the French national team in the future by joining coaching programme at the French Football National Institute (INF). "I will pass my

coaching diplomas (at INF)," 1998 World Cup and Euro 2000 winner Zidane told French sports daily L'Equipe. Asked if he would be interested in coaching France one day, he said: "Why not, one day, coach this team..."—Reuters

**Former soccer star and Real Madrid sporting director Zinedine Zidane arrives ahead of a news conference for the Real Madrid resort island in Ras Al Khaimah, on 29 March, 2012.—REUTERS**



GENERAL

Focus Myanmar TV Programme

MYANMAR INTERNATIONAL

(17-10-12 09:30 am ~ 18-10-12 09:30 am) MST

- \* News
- \* 100 Transparent Water Color Painting Show
- \* News
- \* Phaung Daw Oo Pagoda Festival (Part-1)
- \* News
- \* Rice Salad with Vegetable
- \* News
- \* Active Citizens Social Enterprise Symposium
- \* The Heart of Greening Network
- \* News
- \* Kyauk Gu Umin Cave Gu Pha Ya

- \* News
- \* Myanmar Art Peeps Beyond the World
- \* Sweet Home & Living Expo-2012
- \* News
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- \* News
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- \* Myanmar Movie "Renewed Love Story"

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1. Metta Bhavana By Mingun Sayadaw Phayagyi

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2. Morning News
- 7:50 am
3. Health Programme
- 8:20 am
4. Teleplay (Health)
- 8:35 am
5. International News
- 8:40 pm
6. Selected Songs for 19<sup>th</sup> Myanmar National Races' Traditional Performing Arts Competition (2012)
- 4:50 pm
7. University of Distance Education (TV Lectures) First Year Law
- 5:20 pm
8. SEA "Programme"
- 5:45 pm
10. Selected Songs for 19<sup>th</sup>

- Myanmar National Races' Traditional Performing Arts Competition (2012)
- 6:00 pm
11. Evening News
- 6:15 pm
12. Weather Report
- 6:35 pm
13. Shwe Yin Chone Than
- 7:00 pm
14. Documentary
- 8:00 pm
15. News
16. International News
17. Weather Report
18. Selected Songs for 19<sup>th</sup> Myanmar National Races' Traditional Performing Arts Competition (2012) (Opera)

McLaren want Hamilton to feel the love

LONDON, 16 Oct—McLaren have left Lewis Hamilton in no doubt that he will feel the love when he goes back to the Formula One team's factory this week for the first time since his move to Mercedes was announced last month.



McLaren Formula One driver Lewis Hamilton of Britain is seen at the Suzuka circuit on 6 October, 2012.—REUTERS

The 2008 world champion, who returns to Woking on Friday for some work in the simulator before the Indian Grand Prix, declared his title hopes over for another season on Sunday after finishing 10th in the Korean Grand Prix.

His gritty performance in wrestling a damaged car to the finish prompted team boss

Martin Whitmarsh to dig deep into his bag of superlatives, however, in declaring it possibly the most hard-fought single point he could recall in his decades at McLaren.

Hamilton has had a hard time of late, on and off the

track. His decision to depart and his postings on Twitter, for some of which he has had to apologise, have intensified media scrutiny of his state of mind.

He has been portrayed as increasingly isolated, a feeling reinforced by his revelation that an attempt to take his mechanics bowling on the Saturday evening at the Japanese Grand Prix had been skittled by them as they had already accepted an invitation to go running with team mate Jenson Button.

Whitmarsh and Button, speaking separately to Reuters, were adamant that was not the case and

Hamilton would get a proper send-off.

"Of course people were disappointed to lose someone like Lewis but Lewis has been here a long time and everyone is going to be giving everything for him," Whitmarsh said of a 27-year-old who has been part of the McLaren family since he was 13. "One way or another I'm sure we'll get together and remember lots of fantastic achievements, many race wins, many poles, many great races and a great world championship in 2008.

"He's loved in this team and he knows that."

Reuters

Brazil upholds US pilots' convictions in 2006 air disaster

NEW YORK, 16 Oct—A Brazilian federal court on Monday upheld the conviction of two US pilots for their role in Brazil's second-worst airline disaster, a 2006 midair collision over the Amazon in which 154 people died.

But it changed a lower court decision that had reduced each pilot's four-year, four-month prison sentence to community

service in the United States. Pilots Joe Lepore and Jan Paladino, whose corporate jet clipped the wing of a Gol Airlines Boeing 737 that plummeted 37,000 feet into the jungle, were held for two months after the crash and allowed to return to the United States.

They were acquitted in absentia last year of all but one of six charges: failure to observe cockpit warnings

that the transponder and anti-collision system were turned off for nearly an hour, which meant the Boeing pilots could not see the planes were on a collision course.

A judge in the state of Mato Grosso, where the accident took place, originally gave the pilots prison sentences. But they were commuted to community service to be completed in the United

States. Relatives of the crash victims protested and Brazilian prosecutors appealed the sentence reductions, seeking a prison sentence and suspension of the pilots' licenses to fly.

The pilots have insisted the anti-collision system and transponder were never turned off. They deny any wrongdoing. Their defence had sought to overturn the conviction.—Xinhua

NHL lockout the sole black cloud on Blixt's horizon



Swedish golfer Jonas Blixt

NEW YORK, 16 Oct—Having grown up as a 'wannabe' ice hockey player, Swedish golfer Jonas Blixt has been totally frustrated by the cancellation of the first two weeks of the 2012-13 National Hockey League (NHL) regular season.

While Blixt is riding a wave of exhilaration after winning his first PGA Tour title at the Frys.com Open in San Martin, California on Sunday, the NHL lockout has

become an ugly black cloud on his personal horizon.

"I love ice hockey, it's the greatest sport ever," PGA Tour rookie Blixt told reporters after clinching victory by one shot after closing with a three-under-par 68 at CordeValle Golf Club.

"The lockout just kills me right now. I hope they make a deal soon."

Last week, the NHL canceled the first two weeks of the regular season with no end in sight to the labor dispute with locked-out players. The decision impacts 82 games that were scheduled from Oct. 11-24 and marked the first time regular season action has been canceled since a lockout wiped out the entire 2004-05 season. Blixt, who became the eighth Swedish player to win on the PGA Tour, had to give up on his own ice hockey future at the age of 18.

Reuters



Australian Prime Minister Julia Gillard (L) is greeted by India's Minister of State for Communications and Information Technology Sachin Pilot upon her arrival in New Delhi, India, 15 Oct, 2012. Gillard arrived here on Monday for a three-day visit.

XINHUA

Two rescued after NE China building collapse

HARBIN, 16 Oct—Rescuers had pulled two people out of the debris of a collapsed office building by

noon on Monday in northeast China's Heilongjiang Province, but an unknown number of people may still be buried.

The two injured people pulled from the debris have been sent to hospital.

Search and rescue work is ongoing. More than 100 rescuers led by city officials

joined rescue efforts after the eastern wing of the building fell off at about 7:50 am

The rescue team quoted some witnesses as saying that five people might have been buried in the accident.

At the time of the accident, hanging scaffolding surrounded the four-story office building owned by Jixian County Water Company, as the building's outer walls were being renovated.—Xinhua



Chinese actress Liu Xiaqing performs during a stage drama "Fenghua Juedai" at Poly Theatre in Yantai, east China's Shandong Province, on 15 Oct, 2012. Directed by Tian Qinxin, the drama tells the story of famous courtesan Sai Jinhua, a legendary but very controversial figure in the late Qing Dynasty (1644-1911).

XINHUA

**Vice-President U Nyan Tun visits agriculture and livestock breeding products booths in commemoration of World Food Day 2012.**  
MNA



**“Self-protected trade policies” cause food price instability: Vice-President**

NAY PYI TAW, 16 Oct— Policy errors and protectionism led to price volatilization in food market, Vice-President U Nyan Tun said in his address to World Food Day ceremony here this morning. “Unusual agricultural policy and self-protected trade policies of countries caused the price volatilization,” said Vice-President U Nyan Tun. He also said that international assistance and investment in agricultural sector have been declining for past two decades. The Vice-President said development of fertilizer industry is a “necessity” to keep fertilizers within the reach of farmers. He tipped

cooperation of specialized companies and NGOs for increased agricultural productivity. U Myint Hlaing, Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation vowed for increased cooperation with FAO and other international organizations in his speech. Ms Bui Thi Lan, FAO representative in Myanmar, told *The New Light of Myanmar* that an FAO “rice study mission” was sent to Myanmar to observe the rice industry of the once major rice exporter. She said that the UN agency is providing technical support to Myanmar to increase productivity of rice. This year’s World Food Day was celebrated under (See page 9)

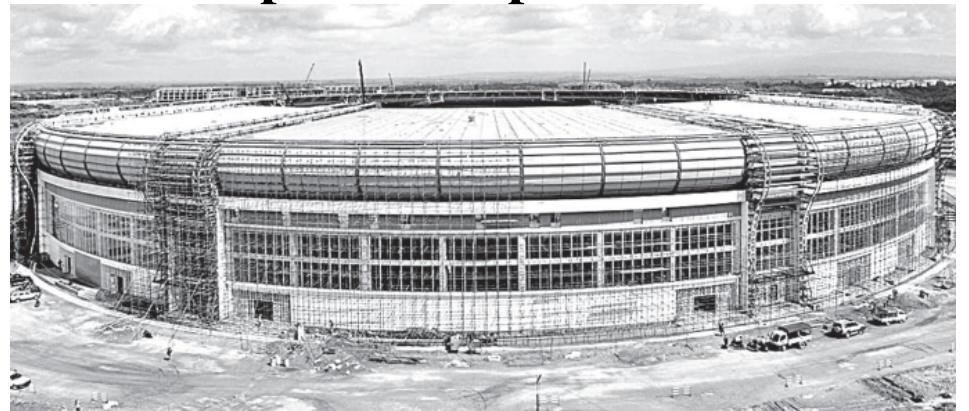
**Seven Chinese Navy warships pass waters near Okinawa island**

TOKYO, 16 Oct— Seven Chinese Navy warships on Tuesday passed the contiguous zone, a band of water just outside Japan’s territorial waters, around an Okinawa island amid a dispute over the Japanese-controlled Senkaku Islands in the East China Sea, which are claimed by China, the Japanese Defense Ministry said. The ships including destroyers and frigates were spotted sailing from the Pacific Ocean to the East China Sea at around 7 a.m. about 49 kilometers south-southeast of Yonaguni Island in Okinawa Prefecture, which is 110 km east of Taiwan. The seven vessels confirmed by Maritime Self-Defense Force P-3C reconnaissance aircraft are heading north-northeast in the waters south of the Senkakus, according to the ministry. Defense Minister

Satoshi Morimoto told a press conference that he is unsure of the purpose of the Navy fleet. “At present, we don’t see any helicopter flying from the vessels,” he added. It is the first time the Chinese Navy vessels have been found navigating in the 22-km-wide contiguous zone between Yonaguni and Iriomote islands in Okinawa Prefecture, the ministry said. Sailing in the contiguous zone that connects to a 12-nautical mile (22-km) territorial sea poses no problem under international law. In the zone, Japan can apply its laws for customs procedures and immigration control. Sources familiar with Japan-China relations said the Chinese Navy vessels do not intend to provoke Japan’s Self-Defense Forces nor enter the contiguous zone near the Senkakus. *Kyodo News*

**Modern stadium nearing completion in Wunna Theikdi Sports Complex**

NAY PYI TAW, 16 Oct— In recent interview at the Wunna Theikdi Sports Complex construction project in Zabuthiri Township of Nay Pyi Taw Council Area where the XXVII SEA Games will be held, officials of Max Myanmar Co explained, “Wunna Theikdi Sports Complex comprises modern stadium, modern gymnasium and modern swimming pool.” They said, “Structures of rooms concerned are included in the sports complex meeting international standards.” The oval shape stadium



can accommodate about 30000 spectators. Its measurement is 863 feet long, 699 feet wide and 80 feet high. The stadium is equipped with 400 metres and 100 metres tracks. The track is 32 feet wide and

1408 feet long. The modern stadium is located on 76826 square feet area. Long jump, shot put, discus, pole vault and hurdle sports events can be held in the stadium. The stadium was constructed on 14-1-2010. So far, the project

has completed by 85 per cent. The XXVII SEA Games will be held in Nay Pyi Taw, Yangon, Mandalay and Ngwehsaung for 42 sports events from 8 to 12 December.—*Kyemon*

**French TV host riles Japan with “Fukushima” comment about goalie**

TOKYO, 16 Oct— A French television host has riled Japan by showing a composite picture of Japan goalkeeper Eiji Kawashima with four arms and citing the “Fukushima effect” when praising him for his

performance in Japan’s historic win over France in a soccer friendly. Chief Cabinet Secretary Osamu Fujimura said in a press conference in Tokyo that the remark by host Laurent Ruquier was

“inappropriate” and that the Japanese Embassy in France has sent a letter of protest to the national television station France 2. The letter, dated Monday, says that “the expression hurts the feelings of the people affected by the

disaster and hinders efforts for reconstruction,” the top government spokesman said. In a variety show aired Saturday night, Ruquier said Japan had a wonderful keeper in Kawashima when he touched on the previous day’s soccer match where Japan defeated France 1-0. *Kyodo News*



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