

## President Office issues statement with regard to conflict in Rakhine State

NAY PYI TAW, 25 Oct—The President Office of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar issued a statement (1/2012) dated 25-10-2012. The translation of the statement is as follows:

**Republic of the Union of Myanmar  
President Office**

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**Statement with regard to conflict in  
Rakhine State**

1. In consequences of crimes in May and June, 2012, there occurred riots and arsons between groups of raging peoples, killing 50, wounding 54 and burning down 2230 houses and 14 religious buildings till 14 June. The incident also left 61,462 people homeless forcing victims to take shelter at relief camps.

2. To bring an quick end to those riots, Rakhine State government issued Article 144 of the Criminal Code of Law in some

townships in Rakhine State, the President declared state of emergency by issuing ordinance in conformity with the constitution and the government in cooperation with local people as well as Myanmar Police Force and Tatmadaw took measures to restore the rule of law and community peace and tranquility and as a result, stability could be restored in short period. The state of emergency was declared under the law with the approval of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw.

3. Some international

organizations made criticism of the case, describing it as the abuse of human rights and even presented to the United Nations, making the Myanmar government to defend against those criticisms through every possible mean. At the same time, the government had to make efforts to acquire humanitarian aids for temporarily sheltering, provision of food and health care and rehabilitation of victims.

4. Again, riots erupted in Kyaukpyu, Minbya, Myebon and MraukU townships unexpectedly in

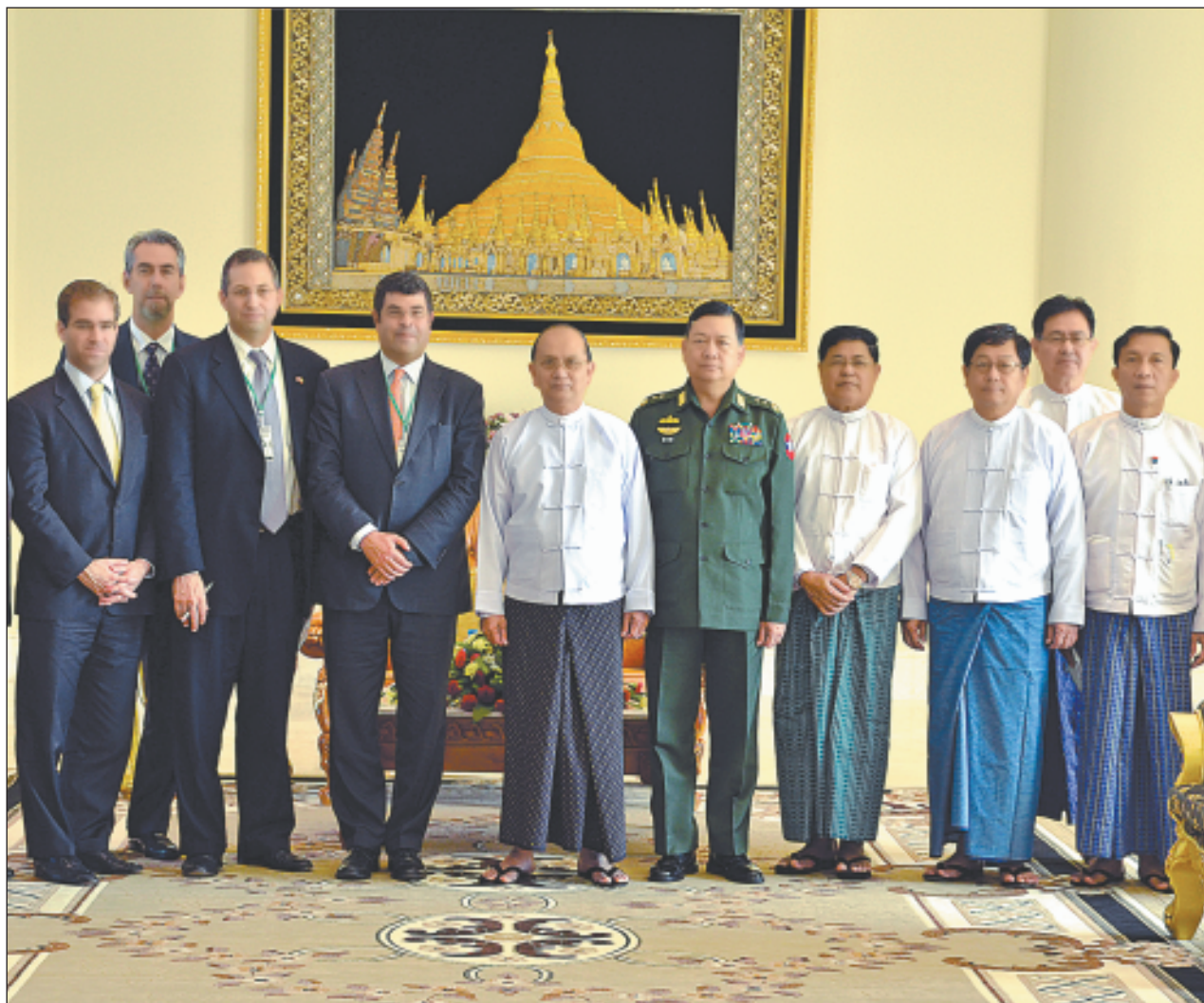
Rakhine State, leaving 12 dead, 50 wounded, 1948 houses and eight religious buildings in ashes with substantial numbers of homeless people till 24 October, 2012.

5. Now is the time when Myanmar has achieved the support and international recognition of its drive for smooth transition in democratization process within the short period of time and when international community is watching ongoing progress in Myanmar with interest.

6. As riots and

violence occurred again have a great impact on the national integrity and interest, effective measures will be taken for rule of law and community peace and tranquility with the collaborative efforts of Myanmar Police Force, Tatmadaw and local people. As it is learnt that there are persons and organizations who are conducting manipulation in the incidents in Rakhine State behind the scene, it is announced that they will be exposed and legal actions will be taken against them.

## United States to support in monetary growth of Myanmar



President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein together with United States Deputy Secretary of Treasury Mr Neal Steven Wolin pose for a documentary photo.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 25 Oct—President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein received a delegation led by United States Deputy Secretary of Treasury Mr Neal Steven Wolin at Presidential Palace here this morning.

Also present at the call were Union ministers Lt-Gen Ko Ko, U Soe Thein, U Tin Naing Thein, U Win Shein and Dr Kan Zaw, Deputy Foreign Affairs Minister U Thant Kyaw, Governor of the Central Bank of Myanmar U Than Nyein and officials.

The US Deputy Secretary of Treasury was accompanied by US Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Derek Mitchell, senior officials and personnel from US Embassy.

They frankly discussed US's assistance in banking services of the Central Bank

of Myanmar, monetary principles, techniques, procedures and rules and regulations to meet international norms as a contribution to economic reforms in Myanmar and full lifting of remaining economic sanctions against Myanmar.—MNA

## New suspension steel bridge commissioned into service in Amarapura Tsp

NAY PYI TAW, 25 Oct—A suspension bridge was put into service in Wegyisinywa Village, Talingyi Village-tract in Amarapura Township, on 23 October morning.

W e g y i s i n y w a suspension bridge whose ropes is made of steel and title is of iron is 320 feet long and 5 feet width. Its

steel ropes, posts and tiles were donated by Mr. Toni from Switzerland. Others were of contributions amounted K 2.5 million, made by villagers from Wegyisin Village and Mikyaungtat Village.

Locals are now enjoying smooth transportation thanks to the bridge.—MNA

## Japan invited to play at 2015 Copa America

NEW YORK, 25 Oct—South American soccer governing body CONMEBOL on Wednesday said Japan and Mexico have been invited to play as guest teams at the 2015 Copa America, the Associated Press reported.

CONMEBOL also said it will hold a special Copa America tournament in 2016 in the United States to commemorate the organization's 100th year,

the AP said. Japan were invited to play in last year's Copa America in Argentina, but the Asian champions were forced to pull out of the tournament in the aftermath of the March 11 earthquake and tsunami that devastated the northeast of the country and disrupted the fixture schedule in the J-League and other sports.

Japan last took part in the Copa America in 1999.

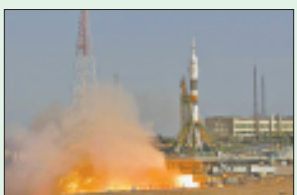
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**Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker receives Speaker of Senate of Poland**

*Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker U Khin Aung Myint receives Mr Bogdan Borusewicz, Speaker of the Senate of Poland and party.*  
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NAY PYI TAW, 25 Oct—Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker U Khin Aung Myint met a delegation led by Mr Bogdan Borusewicz, Speaker of the

Senate of the Republic of Poland at Amyotha Hluttaw this evening.

Present at the call together with the Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw were

the chairmen of Amyotha Hluttaw committees, officials from Hluttaw Office and embassy staff.

They cordially discussed the political progress of

both countries, cooperation between two Hluttaws, paying study tour to Senate of Poland by Hluttaw staff and investment matters.

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**National races prize winners entertain**



*Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw, Speaker of Amyotha Hluttaw, Deputy Speaker of Amyotha Hluttaw and Hluttaw representatives enjoying entertainments of prize winners in 19<sup>th</sup> Myanmar National Races' Traditional Performing Arts Competition.—MNA*

NAY PYI TAW, 25 Oct—Jointly entertained by the national races prize winner groups of the 19<sup>th</sup> Myanmar National Races' Traditional Performing Arts Competition and the Department of Fine

Arts was held at Thabin Hall of Hluttaw Complex here, this evening.

It was attended by the Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw, the Speaker of Amyotha Hluttaw, the Deputy Speaker

of Amyotha Hluttaw and Hluttaw representatives.

After holding entertainment, Pyithu Hluttaw National Race Affairs and People's Peace Making Committee and Amyotha

Hluttaw National Race Affairs Committee presented the cash prizes and bouquet of the Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker, the Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker and Hluttaw representatives to them.—MNA

**Police Force Commander meets village administrators, locals**

NAY PYI TAW, 25 Oct—A meeting between Commander of Mawlamyine Police Force and ward administrators and locals was held at the meeting hall of Mawlamyine District Police Force on 21 October.

lending a hand in public needs, legal affairs, as well as arresting those who commit crime.

Afterwards, those present on the occasion shot questions at ward/village administrators. It is known that such talks would be held in six townships of Mawlamyine District and four townships in Thaton District.

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At the meeting, Commander of Mawlamyine Police Force Police Col Myo Swe Win and officials concentrated on matters related to duties of the police,

**National Seminar on Myanmar's National Report in ICPD held**

NAY PYI TAW, 25 Oct—A National Seminar on Myanmar's National Report in the Post-International Conference on Population and Development-ICPD was held at Thingaha Hotel, Zabuthiri Township, here, yesterday.

Union Minister for Immigration and Population U Khin Yi addressed the seminar, calling for active participation of officials

concerned in the seminar as the facts approved by the national level seminar will be sent to regional and global level seminars.

Myanmar is a signatory to the 20-year programme with the approval of 179 countries adopted in ICPD held at Cairo, Egypt in 1994.

Next, U Maung Maung Swe, Chairman of Pyithu Hluttaw Social Development Committee, explained

**MYANMAR GAZETTE**

The President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar has appointed Deputy Director-General U Hla Kyaw of the Agriculture Planning Department under

the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation as Director-General of the same department on probation from the date he assumes charge of duties.

**Arousing people interests in rural development tasks plays pivotal role**

NAY PYI TAW, 25 Oct—A coordination meeting to develop rural area was held at the Ministry of Border Affairs this morning. The chairmen of Leading Bodies of Danu, Pa-O and Palaung Self-Administered Zones explained the development tasks of rural area in the respective regions, the work plans that will be carried out in each and every fiscal year

and machines.

Union Minister for Border Affairs Lt-Gen Thein Htay urged responsible persons to manage the funds for rural development tasks effectively in respective regions, arousing the people interests in rural development tasks. The funds provided by the state will be useful in rural development tasks, he noted, with added momentum.—MNA



**Artifacts handed over to National Museum (Yangon)**

NAY PYI TAW, 25 Oct—Nan Mo Tit, wife of the late Sawbwa Sao Man Pha who was the ninth consecutive Monghsu Sawbwa donated "Maha Zeyathiri Thohanbwa" gold medal, the significant medal conferred by King of Mindon to Superior Sawbwa Sao Khun Mone (ME 1211-1242), the fourth consecutive Monghsu Sawbwa of Shan State

(South) to National Museum (Yangon) as an artifact. On behalf of Daw Win Khaing, donor of two charming bracelets which were always lucky for Shan national heroes in the history, U Sai Aung Tun also donated them to the same venue as well. U Than Swe, Deputy Minister for Culture spoke words of thanks after accepting the donation. The certificates of honour were gave them back.

The gold medal will be put at the royal accessories showroom and the two charming bracelets at Shan nationalities' showroom respectively.

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matters related to more public awareness of information about population and development and called for more collaborative efforts between the government, the Hluttaw and the UN for the success of ICPD's follow-up tasks. UNFPA Resident Representative Mr. Mohamed Abdel Ahad gave an account of global assessment of ICPD and development programme

of the UN beyond 2015. Then officials concerned of the Ministry of Health and Population Department, the UNFPA advisor and the Hluttaw Committee member explained their respective matters.—MNA

WORLD

## African Union reinstates Mali ahead of military action

AU



African Union Chief Nkosazana Dlamini-Zuma (L) talks to Ramtane Lamamra, the African Union (AU) Commissioner for Peace and Security before the peace and security council meeting on the situation of Mali.

REUTERS

ADDIS ABABA, 25 Oct — The African Union (AU) lifted Mali's suspension from the bloc on Wednesday, saying an African plan to intervene militarily to help the country claw back territory from Islamist militants would be ready within weeks. The pan-African body also laid out a political road map which foresees elections in the beleaguered West African country by April even as it is still grappling with the fallout from a coup in March this year.

Armed Islamist groups control the north-

ern two-thirds of Mali and have stirred global outrage by meting out executions and desecrating ancient religious sites under their own strict interpretation of sharia law. The United Nations says they have systematically violated human rights, particularly of women. Mali's Foreign Minister Tieman Hubert Coulibaly told state-owned television late on Wednesday that he was "happy and satisfied" with the lifting of the suspension. He said it was the result of Mali's "respect of signed agreements and the creation of

a government of national union conforming to the demands of the international community."

It was not immediately clear, however, whether Mali had agreed to the AU's poll deadline. The government in Bamako does not have a seat at the AU's Peace and Security Council (PSC), which is comprised of a rotating body of members. Nor was it clearly stated whether the vote would come before or after any military intervention against rebels in the north of the country where Bamako now has no control. "We are working ... to finalize the joint planning for the early deployment of an African-led international military force to help Mali recover the occupied territories in the North," Nkosazana Dlamini-Zuma, chairwoman of the AU Commission, told ministers at the opening of Wednesday's PSC meeting.

"At the same time, we will leave the door of dialogue open to those Malian rebel groups willing to negotiate," she said.

Reuters

## Israeli PM pledges "wider, deeper operation" to halt

### Gaza rocket fire

JERUSALEM, 25 Oct — Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said on Wednesday afternoon that Israel was "prepared for a much wider and deeper operation" to quell the ongoing rocket salvos by Palestinian militants in the Gaza Strip. "We didn't choose or initiate this escalation," Netanyahu said during a visit to an Iron Dome anti-rocket system battery deployed near the coastal city of Ashkelon. Militants fired 10 rockets at Israeli targets during the prime minister's remarks. Earlier in the day, Iron Dome projectiles succeeded in downing a volley of missiles fired at Ashkelon. Hamas and Popular Resistance Committee groups have taken responsibility for over 70 Grad and Kassam rockets and mortar shells fired into Israeli towns and farms over the past 24 hours.

The barrages left at least five people wounded, including two Thai agricultural workers who were critically injured. Nearly 10

homes sustained direct hits. Netanyahu said, "In any case, we will continue with targeting and abating (rocket attacks). Anyone who plans to hurt Israeli citizens needs to understand that he will be held responsible." The Israeli Air Force struck Palestinian launch crews and smuggling tunnels in a series of sorties since Tuesday night in order to suppress the rocket attacks. The Palestinians reported

that nearly a dozen people got wounded in the retaliatory air strikes, many of them militants. Across the border, hundreds of thousands of Israeli residents have been in bomb shelters and fortified rooms since Tuesday night due to the missiles.

Authorities cancelled all school lessons and educational events in the area, and instructed residents to stay within 15-second dis-

tance of safe areas.

Netanyahu said he had decided to accept recommendations submitted by Defence Minister Ehud Barak and the Home Front Command to complete passive defences for residents in the area. "As you know, we today are protected in a 4.5-km range from the Gaza border, and up to a distance of 7 km with the help of this Iron Dome batteries like the one you see behind me, and we will continue to add more Iron Dome (batteries) that have worked so well," Netanyahu said. However, "at the seam between the 4.5 km of full protection and 7 km (covered by) Iron Dome, there is a range within which only educational facilities are protected," the prime minister said. "Today, after staff work was presented to me, I would adopt protection for this entire area, between 4.5 and 7 km, and in doing so complete the protection for the residents of the south," Netanyahu said.

Xinhua



Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu (C) speaks during a visit to an Iron Dome anti-rocket system battery deployed near the coastal city of Ashkelon, on 24 Oct, 2012. Netanyahu said on Wednesday afternoon that Israel was "prepared for a much wider and deeper operation" to quell the ongoing rocket salvos by Palestinian militants in the Gaza Strip. — XINHUA

## Obama offers a glimpse of his second-term priorities

US

DAVENPORT, (Iowa), 25 Oct—President Barack Obama predicted passage of immigration reform and a deficit-reduction deal, offering a fresh glimpse of his second-term agenda as he fights for votes in the final stretch of the tight race for the White House. In a newspaper interview released on Wednesday ahead of an eight-state campaign blitz that began in

deficit. He made the comments in an interview with the newspaper's editors that was originally conducted off the record. After the newspaper complained about the restriction, the White House released a transcript. "Since this is off the record, I will just be very blunt. Should I win a second term, a big reason I will win a second term is because the Republican

electoral clout of Hispanics, who now comprise 16 percent of the US population, could make a difference in election battleground states like Nevada, Colorado, Florida, Virginia and Ohio. Two weeks before the election, Obama and Romney are locked in a close battle and are competing furiously for key voting blocs like Hispanics and women.

The effort to win women voters also came to the forefront on Wednesday with a controversy over comments about rape by Indiana Republican Senate candidate Richard Mourdock. Obama's campaign moved quickly to link Romney with Mourdock, who said in a debate with Democrat Joe Donnelly on Tuesday that pregnancy caused by rape is "something God intended to happen." Obama believed the comment was "outrageous and demeaning to women," said campaign spokeswoman Jen Psaki, adding that she was perplexed Romney would not demand an ad he filmed in support of Mourdock be taken off the air.

Reuters



A young boy waits for US President Barack Obama to arrive for a campaign rally in Delray, Florida on 23 Oct, 2012.

REUTERS

Iowa, Obama also suggested Republicans were bolstering his re-election effort by alienating Hispanics ahead of the 6 November vote.

He told the Des Moines Register he was confident that comprehensive immigration reform would be approved next year and predicted he would strike a deal with Republicans in the US Congress within six months to reduce the budget

nominee and the Republican Party have so alienated the fastest-growing demographic group in the country, the Latino community," Obama said in the interview.

Republican challenger Mitt Romney has joined many in his party in taking a tough approach to illegal immigration, a stance that has helped Obama open a substantial lead in polls among Hispanics. The growing



Palestinians fired dozens of rockets into Israel from Gaza on Wednesday and an Israeli air strike killed a militant.— REUTERS

## Israel says 79 rockets fired at it from Gaza

Israel

JERUSALEM, 25 Oct — Palestinians fired dozens of rockets into Israel from Gaza on Wednesday and an Israeli air strike killed a militant, a day after the Emir of Qatar made a rare visit to the enclave's Hamas leadership. Hamas claimed responsibility for some of the rocket and mortar bomb attacks, prompting some Israelis to wonder whether it had been emboldened by the Qatari visit on Tuesday that broke the Islamist group's diplomatic isolation.

In recent months, Hamas has largely held its fire when other militant factions have launched

cross-border rocket attacks, but the sudden upsurge in violence stoked fears that the hostilities could escalate further. Hamas accused Israel of stepping up air strikes in the Gaza Strip, a move it said was meant to convey Israeli anger over Sheikh Hamad bin Khalifa al-Thani's visit, and pledged to "continue to hold a gun ... until Palestine is liberated".

Israel said it was "astounding" that Qatar, a US-allied Gulf state, would take sides in the Palestinian dispute and endorse Hamas, branded by the West as a terrorist group.

Reuters

## Science

## Russian-American trio head for space station

KOROLYOV, 25 Oct—A Soyuz spacecraft carrying two Russians and an American blasted off on Tuesday for the International Space Station (ISS), where the men are to spend five months in orbit.

The Russian-built Soyuz TMA-06M lifted off on time from the Baikonur launch facility in Kazakhstan for the two-day trip to the station, orbiting about 250 miles above Earth.

“The space ship has entered orbit,” an announcer at the mission control centre in Korolyov, outside Moscow, said nine minutes later, prompting a cheer from flight engineers, space officials and relatives watching on a giant screen. “Everything went well. There was a small issue with pressure on board but we fixed it immediately,” Vladimir Solovyov, flight director for the Russian segment of the space station, told

journalists.

US astronaut Kevin Ford is making his second space voyage, while cosmonauts Oleg Novitsky and Yevgeny Tarelkin are on their first mission.

In footage from the cramped capsule, Tarelkin pumped his spacesuited fist after the successful lift-off while a stuffed toy hippopotamus donated by one of the cosmonauts' daughters as a good luck charm floated in zero gravity as the craft reached orbit.

The trio will join the current ISS crew, Yuri Malenchenko of Russia, Sunita Williams of the United States and Akihiko Hoshide of Japan, who are to return to Earth on 12 November.

Another crew of three will join Novitsky, Tarelkin and Ford aboard the station, a \$100 billion research complex funded by 15 nations, in late December.

The rocket carrying the Soyuz craft lifted off from a launch pad at Baikonur that had not been used for a

manned mission in 30 years. The platform had been renovated so that it could be used while the main pad used for manned launches is refurbished.

Tuesday's was initially scheduled for 15 October but was postponed because of problems with an unspecified piece of equipment that had to be replaced, according to Vladimir Popovkin, head of the Russian space agency Roscosmos.

Russia's space programme has suffered a series of humiliating setbacks in recent months, mostly involving unmanned missions such as satellite launches, that industry veterans blame on a decade of crimped budgets and a brain drain.

Since the retirement of the space shuttle fleet last year, the US space agency NASA must rely on Russia to take astronauts to the station at a cost of \$60 million each.

NASA is working with private companies to develop craft it hopes will be able to do the job by 2017.—Reuters



The Soyuz TMA-06M spacecraft carrying the International Space Station (ISS) crew of US astronaut Kevin Ford and Russian cosmonauts Oleg Novitskiy and Evgeny Tarelkin blasts off from its launch pad 31 at the Baikonur cosmodrome on 23 Oct, 2012. —REUTERS

## Technology



Apple's iPad mini

## Softbank, KDDI to offer Apple's iPad mini in Japan

TOKYO, 25 Oct—Both Softbank Corp and KDDI Corp will offer Apple Inc's 7.9-inch version of the iPad in Japan, Apple said on its Japanese website on Wednesday, competing with one another as well as with Google Inc's Nexus 7 and

Rakuten Inc's Kobo e-reader here.

Softbank is betting on a \$20 billion bid to buy control of US telco Sprint Nextel Corp and diversify away from Japan's saturated market dominated by NTT Docomo.—Reuters

## Science

## US military hypersonic aircraft trial set for 2013

WASHINGTON, 25 Oct—The last of four unmanned experimental US military aircraft designed to fly at six times the speed of sound is expected to be tested next year, the programme manager said on Wednesday, months after its predecessor broke up during a trial.

The third test flight of the craft, known as the Waverider or X-51A, broke apart over the Pacific Ocean seconds into a test flight in August. US Air Force officials said at the time they did not know if or when their fourth aircraft would fly.

Preliminary results from an investigation into what went wrong during the August flight indicate that a “random vibration issue” caused one of the control fins to deploy early, the X-51 programme manager at the Air Force Research Laboratory, Charlie Brink, told reporters on a conference call.

“I can't say conclusively that's it, but it's looking more and more like the cause,” Brink said, adding that investigators quickly ruled out a software or power malfunction as a cause of the aircraft's break up. The Waverider was designed to reach speeds of Mach 6 or above, six times the speed of sound and fast enough to zoom from New York to London in less than an hour.

Analysts say the mili-

tary has its eye on using the Waverider programme to develop missiles with non-nuclear warheads that could strike anywhere in the world within an hour. Results from the investigation into the third aircraft's failed test flight are expected to be complete in mid-December, Brink said.

“I'm fairly confident that in the next couple of months we'll have the investigation complete and we'll move on. We're already preparing the fourth flight vehicle. We're doing those things in parallel,” he said. Engineers are already modifying the final test X-51A to be ready in late spring or early summer of 2013, he said.

The aircraft is known as the Waverider because it stays airborne, in part, with lift generated by the shock waves of its own flight. The Boeing Co's Phantom Works division performed design and assembly on the aircraft, according to the military.

Four X-51A aircraft were built for the military, one of which flew for more than three minutes at nearly five times the speed of sound during a 2010 test flight, the Air Force said.

The experimental aircraft are expected to crash at the end of test flights in any case, and are not considered retrievable.—Reuters

## GM tests magnesium sheet metal to make cars lighter

## Science

DETROIT, 25 Oct—Engineers and scientists at General Motors Co believe they are making major strides toward lighter vehicles by developing a way to expand the use of magnesium in auto parts.

Making auto parts from magnesium sheets by heating the lightweight metal so it can be formed into precise, rigid shapes will help GM and other automakers meet demanding US fuel economy requirements, said GM metals researcher Jon Carter.

Magnesium auto parts formed by high pressure die casting are already common in cars and trucks, for steering wheels and other parts.

Using magnesium sheets to make auto parts could be a significant breakthrough for GM and eventually lead to much more magnesium in vehicles, said Dick

Schultz, managing director of Ducker Worldwide and an expert on metals used in manufacturing.

GM is starting slow, using magnesium from sheet metal to make inner panels of doors and trunk lids.

Magnesium is 75 percent lighter than steel and 33 percent lighter than aluminum, said GM engineer Paul Krajewski. He said it also costs three to four times as much as aluminum, but wider use will encourage magnesium sheet metal producers to make more, which will bring down the costs.

“Magnesium will allow us to reduce the weight of certain sheet metal panels and thereby improve fuel efficiency and handling and overall performance,” Carter said in a telephone interview.

GM will make about 50 vehicles, which will be sold to consumers, using the



The General Motors logo is seen outside its headquarters at the Renaissance Centre in Detroit, Michigan in this file photograph taken on 25 August, 2009. —REUTERS

magnesium sheet process in the fourth quarter, but Carter would not indicate which model or models will be involved.

By 2020, magnesium will be able to take out 15 percent of the weight of a vehicle, leading to fuel savings of 9 percent to 12 percent, according to the US Auto-

motive Partnership.

The auto industry has been stamping steel sheets into trunk lids, hoods and door panels for more than 100 years.

Forming magnesium sheets into auto parts by heating them to 842 degrees Fahrenheit (450 degrees Celsius) is a slow process.—Reuters

## Dutch court says Samsung does not infringe Apple patent

## Technology

AMSTERDAM, 25 Oct—A Dutch court ruled on Wednesday that Samsung

Apple's iPhone (L) and Samsung Galaxy Note are displayed at a shop in Tokyo in this 31 August, 2012, file photo. REUTERS

Electronics does not infringe an Apple patent by using certain multi-touch techniques on some Galaxy smartphones and tablet computers.

“With these products Samsung does not infringe the claims that Apple has made,” the court said in its ruling.

Reuters



**BUSINESS & HEALTH**

**Business**

**Nissan plans to double car output in Thailand**



Photo shows Nissan Motor Company showroom in India.—KYODO NEWS

Tokyo, 25 Oct—Nissan Motor Co is considering investing some tens of billions of yen to build a new plant in Thailand, aiming to double its annual production capacity in the Southeast Asian country, people familiar with the matter said on Wednesday. Nissan currently produces March compact

cars at its existing Thai plant, which has an annual production capacity of 200,000 units. At the new factory, which will be built near the existing one, the automaker plans to initially manufacture around 100,000 units a year and increase annual production to 200,000 units in the future, they said.

Nissan had initially planned to develop a new pickup truck jointly with Mitsubishi Motors Corp. and manufacture the new model at Mitsubishi's Thai plant, but decided to produce such trucks at its own plant after the plan was abandoned.

Kyodo News

**Ford to close Belgian plant in 2014: unions**

GENK, (Belgium) 25 Oct — Ford Motor Co will close a factory employing 4,300 workers in the Belgian town of Genk in 2014, trade union leaders at the site said on Wednesday, as the US automaker tries to stem losses in Europe and match capacity to tumbling demand.

Consumers are grappling with tight budgets, unemployment and government austerity, creating economic gloom that has sparked a slump in the region's auto market; too much production capacity has weighed on the profitability of carmakers in Europe.

"The management has decided to close the car assembly and the press activities in Genk at the end of the current production cycle in 2014," Luc Prenen,

leader of the ACV union, told workers gathered outside the plant. "This will result in the closing of the Genk plant. This will result in the loss of 4,300 jobs," he added, using megaphone to make himself heard to the crowd.

The plant makes the Mondeo mid-size car and Galaxy and S-MAX minivans, but all three models are nearing the end of their current life cycles. Production of the new Mondeo, S-MAX

and Galaxy models will be moved to Valencia in Spain, Prenen said.

Several hundred Ford workers had gathered outside the gates of the plant, in Genk, in eastern Belgium, as local Ford managers met staff representatives on Wednesday.

"It's incredible," said one of the workers, Peter Aerts. "Just last month I got an invitation to celebrate 25 years working here."

Reuters



The Ford Motor Company logo is seen on a car in Istanbul on 14 Feb, 2012.—REUTERS

**Nintendo profit outlook weakens ahead of Wii U launch**

Tokyo, 25 Oct—Nintendo Co Ltd trimmed its annual profit outlook Wednesday by almost one-half as a strong yen and diminished console sales weighed on earnings while it readies the launch of the successor to the hit Wii console, which it hopes will reboot earnings growth.

For the year to 31 March, the creator of Super Mario lowered its operating profit forecast to 20 billion yen (\$251 million) from a 35 billion yen forecast in July. That compares with a consensus estimate by 21 analysts surveyed by Thomson Reuters I/B/E/S of a 27 billion yen profit.

Its operating loss for the three months to 30 September edged down to 18.8 billion yen from a loss of 19.6 billion yen a year ago, and compared with an average loss forecast of 16 billion yen from four analysts.

Nintendo's Wii U, the successor to its 100 million-selling Wii machine, is slated to go on sale in the United

**NINTENDO 64**



Nintendo logo

States on 18 November. The first hardware offering from Nintendo in six years boasts a tablet-like touch screen controller and a social network, and lets users record TV shows through TiVo and other digital recording services.

Yet, growing competition from tablet PCs and smartphones that are increasingly eating into the \$78 billion gaming

market mean the Japanese company, which began making playing cards more than a century ago, may struggle to repeat the hit it had with the Wii.

Its success or failure will also provide a clue to rivals Sony Corp and Microsoft Corp as to whether advanced games machines can hold back the challenge from mobile devices.

Nintendo said on

Wednesday that it expects to sell 5.5 million Wii U machines by 31 March, the first time it has released a sales target for the device.

The company lowered its full-year forecast for sales of its handheld 3DS by a million, to 17.5 million. Weak demand for the new 3DS, launched in February last year, forced Nintendo to slash the price of the new gadget by about one-third a year ago. The company stuck with its forecast to sell 2.5 million DS handhelds for the 12 months.

Nintendo also revised its forecast for the euro-yen currency rate to 100 yen from 105 yen for the business year. It kept its forecast for a dollar-yen rate of 80 yen.

Since the start of the business year, Nintendo's shares have fallen 17 percent, compared with an 11 percent drop in Japan's benchmark Nikkei average. Its shares fell 1.7 percent to 10,290 yen on Wednesday before the company released its results for the quarter. The Nikkei fell 0.7 percent.—Reuters

The entrance of Pfizer World headquarters in New York City, on 13 Aug, 2003. REUTERS



**Pfizer to buy maker of attention-deficit drug for \$255 million**

**Health**

NEW YORK, 25 Oct—Pfizer Inc said it would buy privately held-NextWave Pharmaceuticals for \$255 million, gaining access to the company's attention deficit hyperactivity disorder drug, the first once-daily liquid medicine approved to treat the condition in the United States.

NextWave's shareholders would also

be eligible to get up to \$425 million based on certain sales milestones.

Pfizer said it was exercising its option to acquire NextWave under an agreement signed in the second quarter, under which it had made an option payment of \$20 million.

The drug, Quillivant XR, is expected to be available in pharmacies by early next year.—Reuters

**UBS set to cut 400 investment banking jobs: source**

ZURICH, 25 Oct—UBS (UBSNVX) is set to cut 400 investment banking jobs as early as Wednesday, a source familiar with the situation told Reuters, with more job losses at the Swiss bank likely to follow.

The 400 jobs would translate to less than 2.5

and tighter capital rules governing riskier business.

A Swiss newspaper reported on Sunday that UBS is to shed 900 jobs in information technology, alongside a further 2,000-4,000 layoffs in its investment bank and other central functions. UBS reports



A Switzerland national flag flies in front of the logo of Swiss bank UBS at the company's headquarters in Zurich on 13 April, 2012.—REUTERS

percent of UBS's overall investment bank, which employed 16,432 people at the end of June.

The cuts are planned for corporate finance fixed income and equities across all the Swiss bank's regions, the source said.

A spokesman for UBS declined to comment.

UBS pledged last year to cut 3,500 jobs across the whole bank including flagship wealth management operations as part of earlier cost cuts. But analysts say this is not enough, given a dramatic slowdown in investment banking business

third-quarter earnings on 30 October.

Separately, the Financial Times reported on Wednesday that UBS's board met in New York on Tuesday to hammer out details of a restructuring, but that cuts might not be finalized in time for third-quarter earnings because various options are still being weighed.

The FT also reported that UBS's investment bank was looking to continue exiting capital-intensive areas in fixed-income trading such as long-end flow rates and global correlation trades.

Reuters

## Miss Myanmar back home



YANGON, 25 Oct — Miss Myanmar Nann Khin Zeya who took part in Miss International event held in Okinawa, Japan arrived back yesterday at Yangon International Airport where she was warmly welcomed back by her parents and relatives, Pa-O and Shan national races accompanied by Shan traditional dances.

Nann Khin Zeya representing Myanmar in Miss International event was awarded People Choice Award and Miss Internet Award at the event.

*Kyemon*

## United efforts of Myaungdaga model village

YANGON, 25 Oct — With the aim of broadening the horizons of the people in rural areas where a high percentage of the total population of Myanmar live in and contributing towards their socioeconomic status, Myanmar Libraries Foundations takes responsibility for opening of self-reliant libraries there.

Arrangements are being made by a group of youths from Myaungdaga model village in Hmawby Township of Yangon Region to open a library and free computer courses with the assistance of Myanmar Libraries Foundation.

“We are trying to build a library and to conduct computer courses with the collective contributions of Information and Public Relations Department, Myanmar Libraries Foundation and wellwishers. Plans are underway to organize basic computer courses free of charge and we aim to teach every child in the village how to use Internet as now is the time for youths to know computer technology. The temporarily-opened library is being packed with readers from nearby villages”, Ko Thura Tun, chairman of Parahita Youths, said.

The Parahita Youths of

Myaungdaga model village is a social and religious association which is not only giving a helping hand in the activities of their own village but also providing necessary assistance to victims of natural disasters in States and Regions. Myaungdaga model village which is home to more than 18000 in 2500 houses is a large village with social unity. — *Kyemon*

## Plentiful supply of mushrooms in Pakokku

PAKOKKU, 25 Oct — It is witnessed that edible mushrooms from Pauk, Yezaygo and Myaing are abundant at Myoma Market in Pakokku. Various kinds of edible mushrooms have fetched prices ranging from K 4000 to more than K 10000 per viss. Tasty mushrooms are now much in great demand by housewives.

Various species of

mushroom are grown well in Myanmar. Pakokku Region is the best place for supply of mushrooms. Consumption of mushrooms can be seen not only in Myanmar but also in Japan, Korea and China. It is learnt that the government is dealing with growing of mushrooms that can be used for production of herbal medicines.

*Kyemon*

## Locals concern road accidents on Hpa-an-Kawkareik-Myawady road section

MYAWADY, 25 Oct — While upgrading of Hpa-an-Kawkareik-Myawady

road section is in progress, a steamroller plunged down into the drain while avoiding



the big holes in the road on 17 October. It is common for vehicles to be plunged down into the drain and experienced the damage to car parts due to the big holes, leaving traffic delay on the road. It is learnt that road users are concerning about the bad condition of this road section and they are hoping for completion of road works as soon as possible.

*Kyemon*

## Preparations for Dancing Elephants of Kyaukse underway

KYAUKSE, 25 Oct — Preparations are being made to annually celebrate Shwetharlyaung Pagoda Festival on 14 Waxing of Thadingyut and Fullmoon Day of Thadingyut in Kyaukse of Mandalay Region.

Anawrahta, King of Bagan, put a Holy bottom-left Tooth Relic conveyed from the King of Ceylon on

the back of the elephant with a vow to construct a pagoda on the place where it will rest. The elephant climbed up the Shwetharlyaung Hill in Myinsai and rested there, and climbed up Khayawe Hill in Thandaung and rested there. King Anawrahta built pagodas at the tops of Shwetharlyaung Hill and Khayawe Hill. Shwetharlyaung Pagoda festival is

annually held in conjunction with alms-offering ceremony in which elephant-shaped snack and paper elephants are donated.

In preparation for this event, committees comprising Kyaukse District departments concerned and townselders were formed for successful holding of Kyaukse Elephant Festival 1374 ME. — *Kyemon*



## Skate Park opens in Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana



PYINMANA, 25 Oct — For those who love to do skating as a sport, a skate park is being kept open at Thabyehla Ward of KanU village-tract on Yangon-Mandalay motorway in Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana.

The newly-open skate park called Ice Mountain put into service on 13 October. It is being kept open from 6.30 am to

10.30 pm every day. It is available for any person aged above 10 with good health, especially in healthy heart condition, regardless of gender. The fee is K 1000 an hour for each per person.

“As it is the first-ever skate park in Nay Pyi Taw Council Area, it is parked with those who are practicing roller skating and skateboarding, especially at the weekend of this opening week. We don’t allow schoolchildren to skate during the school hours. They will be allowed after 5 pm,” the manager of skate park said.

*Kyemon*

## Second phase of Ngamoeyeik Water Supply Project nearing completion

YANGON, 25 Oct — Engineering Department (Water and Sanitation) of Yangon City Development Committee said that construction of water purifying factories which is included in the second phase of Ngamoeyeik Water Supply Project that will provide Yangon with 45 million gallons of water, was completed by 95 per cent and it was expected to be completed early in 2013.

Yangon is being provided with 160 million gallons of water daily. On completion, supply of 205

million gallons of water will be realized. Construction of water tank and water works, installation of power line and water supply pipes are included in the second phase of the project. “Upon completion of the second phase of the project, all 33 townships in Yangon will be able to enjoy adequate water supply and there will be no shortage of water in remote townships”, an official said. The second phase of Ngamoeyeik Water Supply Project started from 2006 to improve water supply in Yangon. — *Kyemon*



Photo shows officials concerned of traffic rules enforcement team are carrying out on 22 October road safety measures against unwanted road accidents at the traffic lights on Tawwin Nann junction, the entrance to Meiktila, while a heavy truck driving from Yangon to Mandalay makes a right turn into the road and it is almost in collision with motorbikes.

**KYEMON**

LOCAL

**Vietnam Expo 2012 in Myanmar from 25 to 28 Oct**



A visitor talks to staff of I E M Co Ltd which distribute Lioa brand auto voltage stabilizer, extension socket, electrical accessories, electrical appliance and cable wire at Vietnam Expo 2012 in Myanmar.

YANGON, 25 Oct—Vietnam Expo 2012 in Myanmar was launched at the Tatmadaw Convention Hall on U Wisara Road here today.

Eighty Vietnamese companies which produce

high-quality products are participating in the 4-day expo, staging 130 booths in the 7<sup>th</sup> trade fair in Myanmar.

Machinery, electronic accessories and appliances, medicines, chemical prod-

ucts, beautifying products, foodstuff, communication products and construction materials are being exhibited, and some booths have invited those who want to work as sales agents in Myanmar.

Myanmar companies working as sole distributors for products from Vietnamese companies are also taking part in the expo.

Myanmar-Vietnam Trade and Investment Conference and Myanmar-Vietnam Entrepreneurs' meeting will be held from 1.30 pm to 3.30 pm and from 4 pm to 5 pm respectively at the UMFCCI Office Tower on Minyekyawswa Road in Lanmadaw Township on 26 October.

NLM

**New bus line runs from Myoma Market to National Garden**

NAY PYI TAW, 25 Oct—With a view to ensuring smooth transportation of service personnel and people residing in Nay Pyi Taw and creating relaxation for the local people, No. 10 bus line

will run from Nay Pyi Taw Myoma Market to National Garden through Water Fountain Park, Uppatasanti Pagoda, Zoological Garden, Safari Park and National Landmarks Garden as of 14

October. The new bus line will run all the weekdays and holidays daily.

It will start the run from 7 am and finish at 5 pm 45 minutes a bus. The bus fare is fixed at K 500 for the whole route and K 200 for the bus stops.

Myanma Alinn

**Expansion of Bogyoke Aung San Street under construction**

YANGON, 25 Oct—As there is no separate car park in the area of Yangon City Development Committee, the cars small and large park at the various areas. In consequence, traffic jams occur daily.

That is why Engineering Department (Road and Bridge) of the committee expand the width of Bogyoke Aung San Street

in Botahtaung Township and construct the car parks yesterday.

“We expand the width of Bogyoke Aung San Street not to cause traffic jams. The work starts on 18 September,” said in-charge of the Engineering Department (Road and Bridge) U Moe Htein Lin. Executive Officer of Township Development Affairs Committee U Ye

Myint and in-charge U Moe Htein Lin of the department supervise expansion of the 2330 feet long road section from Theinbyu Road to Upper Pazundaung Road including eight car parks.

Botahtaung Township is one of six downtown townships of Yangon. Thus, traffic jams and blocks can be seen in various areas. On completion of the expansion work and car parks, the people can overcome traffic jams. —Myanma Alinn

**Tourist arrival increases in Mandalay**

MANDALAY, 25 Oct—As opportunities have been created for tourists to pay visits to the nation, the number of tourist arrival increased in Mandalay Region and its surrounding areas in 2010-2011 fiscal year, according to the Directorate of Hotels and Tourism (Mandalay).

“The number of tourist arrival is increasing year by year. A total of 171,651 tourists arrived there in 2009-2010, compared with 242,374 in 2010-2011, exceeding over 70,000. Till September this year, there are 17,185 tourists who have arrived in the nation,” said an official of Tourism



Service on 9 October. Only when Myanma tourism industry gains development, the tourism service can earn increased income from the tourists. “Indeed, tourism industry is non-smoking industry. The

contact numbers have been announced for tourists to seek helps”, he said.

Myanmar cultural heritage and natural beauties attract tourists. Mandalay, Bagan-NyaungU, PyinOoLwin, Amarapura,

**Pyinmana to hold Hnakeyik Shithsu Pagoda Pujaniya soon**



NAY PYI TAW, 25 Oct—Myanmar organizes various festivities in respective regions and areas.

The significant festivities are Thingyan festival in Mandalay, elephant dancing festival in Kyaukse, hot-air balloon festival in Taunggyi, sacred Buddha tooth relic Pujaniya in Paungde and PhaungdawU

Buddha image festival in Inlay. Likewise, Hnakeyik Shithsu Pagoda Pujaniya has been held in Pyinmana for 94 years.

Religious associations from the township convey the Buddha images round the town. The local people far and near pay homage to the Buddha image.

The ceremony was held

on 1<sup>st</sup> waning of Thadingyut. The Buddha images are conveyed by car round the town for public obeisance from 2 pm to 9 pm.

The Buddha Pujaniya ceremony will be organized in the near future. The local people are to take care of their participation in the festival with dignity.

Myanma Alinn

**Car accident leaves five dead in Ye**

MAWLAMYINE, 25 Oct—A Nissan driven by Win Aung carrying bags of onion from Asin to Ye dodged a canter dumper driven by Maung Cho of Ye Township Public Works was being unloaded the soil for construction of the road on the road to Asin Village of Ye in Aungmyitta Ward at 5.30 pm on 20 October.

At that time, the Nissan was out of control and hit motorcyclists on the left way of the road. In the incident, three women and two men died on the spot. The Nissan than hit the lamp-post.

Due to the car accident, seven injured patients were sent to Ye Township Hospital and Mawlamyine Hospital.

The Township Administrator, the commander of Township Police Force, officials and local people rushed the dead and injured persons to the clinics and hospitals.

Driver Maung Cho managed himself escape from the scene.

Myanma Alinn

**News on performing arts competition sent through IT**

NAY PYI TAW, 25 Oct—Myanma Posts and Telecommunications have installed communication machinery one after another to enable the people to apply modern information technology and ensuring smooth communications.

At present, mobile telephones can be used across the nation on a wider scale. The people can send e-mail not only in major cities but also small towns.



The 19<sup>th</sup> Myanmar National Races' Traditional Performing Arts Competition was held in Yezin Universities' Campus. MPT facilitated the region with CDMA, GSM, WCDMA telephone towers. Thus, news crew can apply

Internet phones and laptops to be able to send information about the competition to the news agencies in time.

Thanks to information technology, the people save their time.

Myanma Alinn

**Telephones on sales through installment**

HSIPAW, 25 Oct—GSM (2.756) mobile telephones are on sales to local people of Namlan region, 38 miles of Hsipaw Township as of 15 October.

Myanma Posts and Telecommunications has

sold 500 SIM cards to the local people up to 19 October. In-charge of Namlan MPT Daw Yin Yin Win and staff together with local authorities give service to the local people.

Kyemon

**PERSPECTIVES**

Friday, 26 October, 2012

**Successful and unsuccessful stories**

Nowadays, Myanmar is on her way towards developing the media as per the democratic norms. It ended censorship of private publications on 20 August 2012. The country has already formed a free and independent Press Council, a current need of the private publications.

What's more, the country's adopted people-centred policy involves the goal of converting the whole State-owned media industry including print media and broadcast media into public service media.

In fact, public service media is a unique concept. Although easy to understand, it is more often than not misunderstood, sometimes profoundly, sometimes even intentionally.

It is much different from state-owned media, that we need to materialize its main sectors — universality, diversity, and independence from both state and commercial interests. Consequently, we will have to overcome a lot more technological and technical difficulties in reforming the state-owned media till it possesses the unique concept of public service media.

In some way, more media freedom and openness means more future challenges. The enactment of laws of international standard, the observance of media codes of conduct, individual capacity building and the technology gap will be some of the main challenges.

Anyhow, we have the firm resolve to carry on media reforms till the unique concept of public service media is achieved. And we fully believe that the fastest and the best way towards media development is the adoption of PSM or the public service media through international cooperation and broader public participation.

Here, one of the important things is that our actions for media reforms must be based both on the successful and unsuccessful stories of international public service media reforms. Only then will we be able to find the right means and avoid harmful ways.

**NATIONAL**

**Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker receives US Deputy Secretary of Treasury**



*Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann receives US Deputy Secretary of Treasury Mr Neal Steven Wolin and party. MNA*

NAY PYI TAW, 25 Oct— US Deputy Secretary of Treasury Mr Neal Steven Wolin and party paid a call on Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw Thura U Shwe Mann at Zabuthiri Hall in Hluttaw Complex here this evening.

Also present at the call were chairperson of Pyithu Hluttaw committees U Soe Tha, U Maung Maung Thein, U Hla Myint Oo and U Htay Myint, member of Legal Affairs and Special Cases Assessment Commission U

Than Lwin and personnel of Hluttaw Office. The US Deputy Secretary of Treasury was accompanied by the US ambassador to Myanmar, high-ranking officials and personnel of US Embassy.

They frankly discussed bilateral cooperation beyond financial and monetary sectors, US-encouraged-assistance from international financial organizations to Myanmar, and foreign investment and monetary regulations.

They frankly discussed

MNA

**Chairman of Projects and Financial Development Committee of Pyithu Hluttaw meets Polish delegation**

NAY PYI TAW, 25 Oct — On behalf of Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann, Chairman of Projects and Financial Development Committee of Pyithu Hluttaw U Soe Tha received Speaker of the Senate of the Republic of Poland Mr. Bogdan Borusewicz and party at Zabuthiri Hall of Hluttaw

Complex, here, this evening. Also present were the chairmen of Pyithu Hluttaw Committees and officials and Polish Ambassador to Myanmar Mr. Jerzy Bayen and officials of the embassy. The meeting focused on cooperation between the two parliaments and friendly relations between the two peoples. — MNA

*Chairman of Projects and Financial Development Committee of Pyithu Hluttaw*

*U Soe Tha receives Speaker of the Senate of the Republic of Poland Mr. Bogdan Borusewicz and party at Zabuthiri Hall of Hluttaw Complex.—MNA*



*Kyaw Moe Zaw (Mingaladon)*

**Union Attorney-General receives officials of OHCHR, IBJ**

NAY PYI TAW, 25 Oct— Attorney-General of the Union Dr Tun Shin received Office-in-Charge Ms Heike Alefsen of OHCHR SEA Region of Bangkok, and Executive Director Ms Karen Tse of Geneva-based Inter-national Bridges to Justice (IBJ), Switzerland, at the hall of the office of the Attorney-General of the Union, here, this morning separately.

MNA

**Australia eyes investment opportunities in Myanmar**

NAY PYI TAW, 25 Oct— The business delegation led by Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations and for Financial Services and Superannuation The Hon. Bill Shorten Mp of Australia called on Union Minister for Commerce U Win Myint at the Ministry of Commerce, here, yesterday.

At the meeting, the Union Minister said that the Myanmar trade policy would be presented to World

Trade Organization in 2013, expressed willingness to promote private sector in cooperation with CCIs between the two countries, urging those to launch educational courses including English proficiency courses in Myanmar, to make invest in agricultural sector to easily penetrate into the foreign market because now is the best time to make investments in Myanmar.

He answered queries raised by those present.

MNA



INTERVIEW

**We will go on till realizing media freedom as per the international norms**

Minister for Information U Aung Kyi answered the questions of U Ko Ko Aung of BBC Myanmar programme as follows:

Q: Excellency, thank you so much for giving us the interview. As you are working hard for media freedom, first I would like to know the extent of media freedom you are going to allow.

A: We are trying to free the social websites of the print media, television and radio as per the international norms. Obviously, we have reached a certain point now.

Q: Democracy Myanmar is realizing has been officially declared as disciplined democracy. I understand that disciplined democracy itself has difficulties. Is there any exact point for media freedom?

A: I don't think there will be any difficulty in defining disciplined democracy. The nature of democracy itself is the decision-making process with freedom, majority consent, and equality as the three main features. If there are all these three features we can say there is democracy. But there may be differences in norms. The same can be found in the books and papers internationally, although terms may vary. Currently, we see disciplined democracy as the best and most suitable for our country.

Q: If so, what sort of media freedom is your goal? Media freedom in conformity with disciplined democracy or media freedom according to internationally accepted principles?

A: We will go on till realizing media freedom as per the international norms. But we cannot reach there overnight. We need time, much time. People of the administrative sector, the citizens and the civil service organizations, they all, seriously lack democratic practice. Even people like me are working on childhood parliamentary period experience (I have 14 years of experience on the parliamentary system as a youth), coupled with what we have learnt from books and international

experience. So, we cannot imagine a quick arrival of mature democracy with total freedom. We must gradually develop democracy that is most realistic for success. But our ultimate goal is to achieve international norms and values.

Q: Myanmar in her media reforms is in the process of drafting a media law. Can you tell me the type of the law and the present stage of the drafting work?

A: Media reform is just in the project stage at present. You know, we drafted a media law once. But I didn't feel it much as majority acceptable. So, I switched over to new plan inviting stakeholders themselves to draft the law. First, the Press Council-PC formed with persons elected by the journalists will start from the zero draft. Then, the PC in cooperation with Information Ministry will draw the first draft. After drawing the first draft, we would organize a comprehensive workshop that meets international standard in January or February next year. As for broader public participation, all stakeholders in the country will take part in it. The second draft will be based on its outcome. The drafting process will be through all-inclusiveness involving PC and journalists. After that it will be submitted to the organization concerned.

Q: What you have explained is MOI's part. Is cooperation of other ministries important too for media transparency? Now every ministry has its spokesperson, and MOI has the website. But there are still inconveniences on the ground. Till now, we do not know where to find the source when we have a question in connection with the Tatmadaw. Can you make any improvements?

A: We are insisting on it. During the recent press meet, the President made it clear that all the ministries have already been informed about the matter. Lack of experience creates anxiety in connection with the matter. Anyway,

it is a challenge. There is weakness in facing the media because of the tendency to avoid answering questions. But soon there will be more transparency. It is my opinion.

Q: Now, foreign media can work in the country to a certain extent. I can also come here and gather news. Is the ministry going to further widen the scope of foreign media only after everything has completed, such as the media law. For example, investments are invited even before the enactment of the Investment Law. As for the media, it is facing restrictions to a certain level till now. How are you going to address it?

A: We will not wait until the completion of the media law. We are recommending every reporter to get entry visa. We have denied no one. So, they are freely visiting Myanmar.

Q: Is there any concern that Myanmar used to have over covering news in the country?

A: It is not required for us to be concerned over covering news. In fact, the main responsibility of the Ministry of Information is to enhance our national identity. It is an important duty to enhance the national image. In enhancing the image of a certain country, it is not enough just to recognize the reform process of the country by its own citizens. It is required to have an internationally-recognition given by the international community in a more constructive manner. Only the foreign media can bring about it. So we have always invited it.

Q: Another point is that there were difficult tasks (for example; Myanmar faces the problem of child soldier) for you to take responsibility for eradication of forced labour and for liaison with Daw Aung San Suu Kyi on behalf of the government. What is your view on reform process of Ministry of Information? Which way do you want to choose to go forward?

A: The way we would like to go forward is that plan of action we have laid down.



As a main point, we are going to transform the state-owned media into public service media. Recently our dailies featured a report on the formation of governing body. Regarding the print media, the governing body will lead the state-owned dailies to be able to systematically transform into public service media. Likewise, it is required for broadcasting media—radio as well as TV—to take a certain length of time. It is not as easy as the print media can. It will take one or one and half years to transform it as its capital requirement is high. During the said period, we aim to transform it into public service media. Regarding it, coordination with officials concerned of the Hluttaw had already been made. We, therefore, are ready to walk on this path. It is a question of time and how and we need some time to seek experiences we have not acquired yet.

Q: You mentioned the transformation of State-owned media into community-based media and public service media in reformation of State-owned media, for example, we have seen efforts to reform the newspaper like Myanma Alinn. It has tried to put more news, and gone colour if compared with its old look. But, the newspaper is said to remain unchanged in essence. It is true when I saw the newspaper with my eyes. What's the cause behind slow progress in this reform in other areas, is it a problem of proficiency, resource, financial constraint, or policy?

A: What I can assure you

is there is absolutely no problem with policy. I said we are initiating reforms, but in fact we are changing bit by bit. The real change started on 18. It is the date of beginning; we have planned to take six months as regards print media. We have to steps make sure editorial independence, financial independence and meet international standards and norms in this period. So, you'll see the real changes afterward.

Q: Yes, Myanmar has a lot of experiences in print media. But, the broadcast media has been long under the total control of government. We know that there are a number of Myanmar private businessmen engaging in broadcast media. But, you have any idea of larger foreign investment?

A: It would be unfair to say the government alone is taking total grip over the broadcast media. Yes, the government takes a larger proportion, but you may see Forever Group, a commercial free-to-air broadcaster as well as private broadcasters like SkyNet. Likewise, there are also five or six FM companies. So, it would be fair to say it both consists of government and private sector. We have not yet asked definite investment policy regarding broadcast media. But, when we observed international procedures in broadcast media, we found some countries reject foreign investment and just authorize citizen entrepreneurs. So, we need to see good examples before making a decision.

Q: Now, I would like to ask a question concerning your past experience. You held talks with Daw

Aung San Suu Kyi for a number of times. And you played an important role in reforming Myanmar. In performing such difficult duties, you just followed orders from superiors or how much initiative did you have?

A: I never expected them to be difficult, and I would not say that they were difficult. In fact, they were challenging. I was proud and happy to perform such duties. They were beneficial for me as I learnt and studied a lot to perform them well. As for me, they were never so much burdensome or heavy. During the time, there were some goals laid down by the superiors. For the success of our mission for a specific time to realize the goals, we held negotiations. They were not burdensome at all. We sought common ground, and made compromises. And then we adopted a win-win strategy. I never assumed them as serious issues or difficulties.

Q: The government is finding common ground with the cautiously treated NLD in the Hluttaw. My last question is: To what extent and in which forms will the government cooperate with NLD in the future?

A: We've the guidelines laid down by the President. We'll find the common ground, setting aside differences. We've many things in common. Especially, we can share some common aspects such as serving the interests of the people and bringing about welfare of the people. We'll have to continue working based on these encouraging facts.

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## Surfer killed in shark attack off

### California coast

### US

SANTA BARBARA, 25 Oct—A shark killed a male surfer at a popular surf spot off California's coast on Tuesday in the second fatal shark attack at the same beach in two years, authorities said.

The incident took place at Surf Beach near Vandenberg Air Force Base, north of the coastal city of Santa Barbara. The beach was closed by authorities after the attack.

"It was a confirmed shark attack and a confirmed death," a Santa Barbara County Sheriff's spokeswoman said. A friend of the surfer pulled him out of the water after the late-morning attack, but life-saving efforts were unsuccessful and the man was pronounced dead at the scene, the Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Department said in a statement.

Authorities could not immediately identify the size or type of shark involved. "I don't think



*Lt Erik Raney, Santa Barbara County Sheriff's spokesperson, answers questions during a media briefing following a shark attack in the waters off of Vandenberg's Surf Beach, near Vandenberg Air Force Base, California in this handout photograph released by the US Air Force on 23 Oct, 2012.*

REUTERS

they saw enough of the shark to identify it," sheriff's department spokeswoman Diane Cline said.

Fatal shark attacks are rare on the US West Coast, according to records kept by the Shark Research Committee, a nonprofit group that documents attacks. Surfers were the most frequent victims and Great

White sharks were the most frequent attackers, according to the group. The attack came almost exactly two years after a shark attacked a 19-year-old man on a boogie board at the same beach on 22 Oct, 2010, pulling him underwater. That man died from wounds to his leg.—Reuters

## One killed, 5 wounded in New Orleans shooting

### US

HOUSTON, 25 Oct—One person was killed and five others were wounded in a shooting on Tuesday in New Orleans, Louisiana, local media reported.

The shooting happened shortly before 7:00 pm local time (2400 GMT), according to local TV channel FOX8.

Five of the victims, aged between 18 and the late 20's, were rushed to

local hospitals and one of the victims died, police said.

Two groups of people were involved in an altercation at that location when someone began firing at least one weapon. It's not yet clear how many people opened fire, according to the report. Police had not identified any suspects and the investigation was in its early stage, the report said.

Xinhua

## Most Taipei hospital fire victims seriously ill patients

TAINAN CITY, 25 Oct—Most of the victims, including the 12 fatalities, of a big Taipei hospital fire that broke out early on Tuesday were patients of an independently operated medical care facility for

serious illnesses or mental conditions, Xinhua has learned.

On the second floor of the Bei-Men branch of the Sinying Hospital in Taipei City, where the fire started, signs of the

tragic accident were clear on Tuesday afternoon, with charred walls and broken windows visible to a Xinhua correspondent who visited the site.

The medical care facility on the floor was operated by outsiders commissioned by the hospital. Most of its patients were in serious conditions and attached to nasogastric, urinal or respiratory tubes. Some of them had mental illnesses.

Out on the lawn in front of the hospital, charred pillows, quilts, oxygen tanks and wheelchairs were scattered around. Chiu Wenta, chief of Taipei health authorities, told reporters that most of the patients treated at the medical care facility had respiratory

conditions or could not move around freely.

He added that the deaths of 12 of the 71 people severely injured in the fire had been announced, and the others were being treated in 13 hospitals in and around the area.—Xinhua



*Rescuers transfer an injured person after a fire broke out at the Bei-Men branch of the Sinying Hospital in Tainan City, southeast China's Taiwan, on 23 Oct, 2012. The fire broke out early Tuesday morning, killing at least 12 people and injuring 60 others, most of whom were patients.—XINHUA*

## Russian activist said was forced

### to confess

### Russia

MOSCOW, 25 Oct—A Russian activist was forced to confess to plotting unrest against the rule of President Vladimir Putin under threats made to his life, rights workers said on Tuesday after visiting the man in a prison once run by the feared Soviet-era KGB.

Russian investigators said Leonid Razvozhayev had been charged with preparing mass disorder, a day after they said he had voluntarily signed a confession offering details of how he and other protest leaders planned to carry out the unrest.

Civil groups and opposition leaders say the case is meant to sideline activists through legal pressure which has mounted since Putin returned to the presidency in May.

"Razvozhayev said that he was... in the basement of a house and they forced him to write a confession threatening him with a

'truth serum' and likewise threatening the lives and health of those close to him," Anna Karetnikova, deputy head of the Public Oversight Commission of Moscow, which monitors the treatment of detainees, was quoted as saying by RIA.

They and another associate were named in a criminal investigation opened last week after a pro-Kremlin television station, using a hidden camera, aired footage alleging that they received money and orders from abroad to cause chaos in Russia.

All three could be sentenced to 10 years in jail if convicted.

Valery Borshchyov, head of the Public Oversight

Commission of Moscow, said on television channel Dozhd that Razvozhayev had said his arms and legs had been bound with tape and that he was not fed for three days or allowed to go to the toilet.

The man's supporters have disputed the accusations against him.

A video posted on the Internet by opposition lawmaker Ilya Ponomarev who employs Razvozhayev as an aide shows him accusing the authorities of torturing him.

Since May, Putin has signed laws increasing restrictions on non-government organizations and raising fines for disorder at protests.—Reuters

## China becomes world's largest FDI recipient in first half of 2012

### China

GENEVA, 25 Oct—China exceeded the United States to become the world's largest recipient of foreign direct investment (FDI) in the first six months of 2012, a report released by the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) showed on Tuesday.

It's mainly due to a 39.2 percent fall in FDI flows to the US, compared to a three percent decline in China, said Zhan Xiaoning, director of UNCTAD Division on Investment and Enterprise.

However, early indications show that FDI flows to the US might be stronger in the second half of 2012, he said.

Zhan said China once claimed the world's top destination for FDI in 2003.

In the first six months of the year, China attracted 59.1 billion US dollars in FDI while the US attracted 57.4 billion US dollars, according to the latest

Global Investment Trends Monitor. As a result of the performance of the US and a decline of 23 billion US dollars in flows to BRIC countries, the global FDI stood at 668 billion US dollars, dropping by eight percent over the same period of 2011, said the report.

The report also showed that developing countries (without transition economies) for the first time absorbed half of global FDI inflows. UNCTAD projects the FDI flows will, at best, level-off in 2012 at slightly below 1.6 trillion US dollars, according to the report.

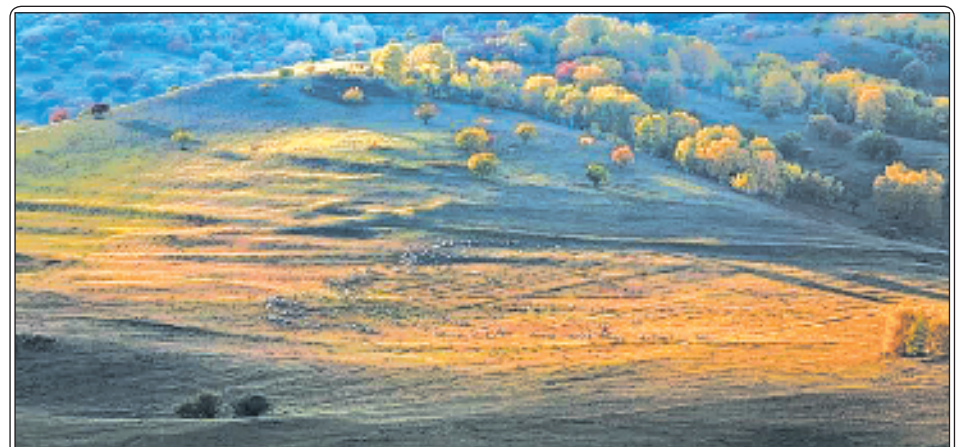
Zhan said the slow and bumpy recovery of the global economy, weak global demand and elevated risks related to regulatory policy changes continue to reinforce the wait-and-see attitude of many transnational companies toward investment abroad.

Xinhua



*Many people visit Universal Studios Japan in Osaka on 10 Oct, 2012. The number of visitors to the Hollywood-themed amusement park since its opening in 2001 is expected to reach 100 million as early as the end of October 2012.*

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*Photo taken on 25 Sept, 2012 shows the scenery on a grassland in north China's Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region.—XINHUA*

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A banknote is left among flowers and candles on a sand stupa during "Pi Mai Lao," or Lao New Year celebrations in Vientiane on 15 April, 2012. — REUTERS

**ASEAN ministers for socio cultural community meet in Cambodia to accelerate cooperation**

**ASEAN**

PHNOM PENH, 25 Oct — The ministers in charge of the ASEAN socio-cultural community from the bloc's 10 member states gathered here on Thursday to expedite cooperation on building an ASEAN Community by 2015.

Addressing the opening ceremony of the 8th ASEAN socio-cultural community council meeting at the Peace Palace, Cambodian Prime Minister Hun Sen said the meeting was very important to strengthen and broaden ASEAN cooperation towards building an ASEAN Community by 2015. "ASEAN has still faced a lot challenges on its way towards a community in 2015," he said. "Therefore, we need deeper, closer and broader cooperation in both ASEAN framework and

regional framework," Hun Sen said.

He added that ASEAN needed to strengthen and expand a unity stance in order to solve issues and complete mutual gaps. The ASEAN Community is scheduled to be established in 2015. The Community will comprise three pillars, namely political and security community, economic community, and socio-cultural community. Sun Chanthol, Cambodian Senior Minister in charge of ASEAN socio-cultural community, said that the ASEAN socio-cultural community has five key characteristics, namely human resources development, social welfare, social justice and rights, environment stability ensuring, ASEAN identity building and poverty alleviation.—Reuters

**Pakistani death squads spur desperate voyage to Australia**

QUETTA, PAKISTAN/PUNCAK, INDONESIA, 25 Oct — It was 3 am when Abid Warasi and his friend clambered into an Indonesian fishing boat, joining 300 other migrants packed into the hold. Only a few days away by sea, Australia seemed tantalizingly close. Six hours into the voyage, the craft overturned. The two teenagers clung to the upturned hull. One by one, survivors lost purchase and drifted away, their dreams swallowed by the warm waters of the Java Sea.

"When the boat capsized, the dead bodies came floating above the water," Warasi said, recounting his ordeal in the Indonesian hill town of Puncak, just south of Jakarta. "Our hearts were so sad for them and we were waiting for our own time when we would die." The heroism that would ensure the pair survived 48 hours in the water is not merely testament to the bond of friendship

that has united Warasi and Muhammad Muntaziri since their childhoods in the Pakistani city of Quetta.

Their determination is also a reflection of the ferocity of the persecution unleashed upon their ethnic Hazara community, who are almost all members of Pakistan's Shi'ite minority. In the past year, Lashkar-e-Jhangvi, a Sunni extremist group, has turned Quetta into a hunting ground. Gunmen shoot Hazaras every few days



Indonesian policemen guard illegal immigrants from Pakistan, Afghanistan and Iraq as they arrive in a police boat at Indah Kiat port in Indonesia's Banten Province on 12 Oct, 2012.—REUTERS

**Laos**

BANGKOK, 25 Oct — Isolated for decades, impoverished and landlocked, Laos is not an obvious choice for investors. But the Communist country of 6.4 million people hopes to change that with its expected entry into the World Trade Organization (WTO) on Friday, capping years of steady reforms aimed at building a modern economy and tapping a Southeast Asian boom as global manufacturers hunt for lower-cost alternatives to China. "Laos now seems to be genuinely competitive, unlike before," said Hal Hill, a professor at Australian National University who specialises in Southeast Asian economies.

After 15 years of talks, the 157-member, Geneva-

based world trade body is expected to confirm Laos as a member on Friday. Laos' parliament expects ratification by 2013, touting the move as crucial for reducing one of Asia's worst poverty rates. The transition, however, looks difficult. Reducing red tape and enforcing pro-business regulations are proving more formidable for the Lao People's Revolutionary Party (LPRP) than crushing political dissent and chasing anti-communist rebels during nearly four decades of authoritarian, single-party rule. In one imminent test case, Macau-based casino operator Sanum Investments Ltd has started international arbitration proceedings after the government took away its 60 percent stake in the Thanaleng Slot Machine Club in the Lao capital, Vientiane.

Sanum President Jody Jordahl says his Lao partners conspired with "extremely well-connected people" to take control of the club when it started to generate good profits. Sanum could also be stripped of its stake in casino Savan Vegas for failing to pay \$23 million in taxes that Jordahl said were not part of their agreement. Sanum executives face jail. "They have regulations but no intention to follow them. If this is how they'll treat foreign investors, then they're not ready to be integrated into the global economy," Jordahl said. Officials in Laos did not respond to interview requests.

Thanks to a mining

**Thailand's Siam cement to build 358 mln USD plant in Indonesia**

**Thailand**

JAKARTA, 25 Oct — Siam Cement, Thailand's biggest cement producer, plans to invest more than 350 million US dollars for the construction of a cement plant in West Java as part of its efforts to expand in the region, local media reported on Thursday.

The 11 billion baht (about 358 million) Indonesian cement plant is one of its three projects across Southeast Asia, the Bangkok-based company said in a statement released on Wednesday.

The other projects include a cement packaging plant in Thailand and expansion of a cement plant in Cambodia. "The board of directors has approved several new investment projects, totaling 23,200 million baht in the cement and paper businesses.

These investments are in accord with Siam Cement's strategy to become an ASEAN sustainable business leader," the statement said. The Indonesian cement plant is expected to have total estimated annual production at 1.8 million metric tons.

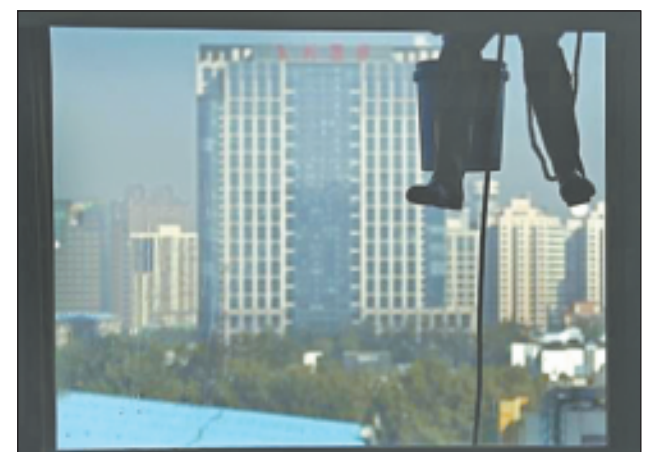
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**China factories eye stronger fourth quarter, external risks remain**

**China**

BEIJING, 25 Oct — China's factory output should grow faster in the last three months of 2012 than in the third quarter, though the recovery remains clouded by uncertainty in export markets, the Ministry of Industry and Information Technology said on Thursday. Month-on-month improvements in output growth, an apparent turnaround signaled by a private sector survey of purchasing managers and an uptick in preliminary power generation data were all indications of a burgeoning recovery, the ministry spokesman and chief engineer, Zhu Hongren, told a news conference.

"The industry sector performance has shown signs of stabilization and we can see an even clearer growing trend from the month-on-month figures in the third quarter," Zhu said. "Therefore, we expect that industrial output growth in the fourth quarter would be faster than that in Q3, which



A worker cleans the window of an apartment building at a residential area in central Beijing, on 24 Oct, 2012. — REUTERS

will help the country to achieve its annual economic growth target of 7.5 percent," he added.

But a ministry statement issued before the news conference began was focused more on the risks of weak external demand, rising production costs, financing strains and squeezed profit margins across China's industrial complex.

"The stabilization trend

of China's industrial sector is not yet solid and we are still facing many challenges and difficulties to realize stable growth," the ministry's earlier statement said. "Although export growth rebounded in September, it is still very difficult to see a stable growth in exports of industrial products in future due to shrinking external demand," the statement said.

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**INVITATION TO PREQUALIFICATION**

Date of issue : 25<sup>th</sup> October, 2012  
Name of Project : **Private Sector Participation in the Development of Yangon International Airport**

1. The Department of Civil Aviation (DCA), Ministry of Transport, intends to develop Yangon International Airport as business center in Yangon Region with private sector participation. Accordingly, DCA will accept submissions for prequalification for participation in the said development from interested local firms and foreign firms in joint venture or consortium under the Myanmar Foreign Investment Law.

2. The DCA intends to prequalify firms for private sector participation in the Development/Expansion/Operation/Management and Maintenance of following service/work sectors of Yangon International Airport.

- a) Development of an airport master plan
- b) Expansion of the Terminal Buildings (International and Domestic). Apron and Car parking.
- c) International/Domestic Terminal Operations
- d) Airside and Landside Operations (Excluding the Air Navigation Services)
- e) Other airport related services
- f) Maintenance Services for pavement (Runway/Taxiway/Apron including the shoulders) drainage system, visual aids, electrical systems and airfield lighting system
- g) Upgrading the airport and related facilities according to the master plan
- h) Upgrading the airport security system

3. The DCA will implement the above development arrangements with a farm of public-private partnership with private sector financing.

4. The successful prequalified firms may expect that the invitation for bids will be made in January 2013.

5. The prequalification documents may be obtained by interested firms upon submission of evidence of payment of a non-refundable fee of US\$ 1000 to DCA. The method of payment shall be to Current Account No. MD 010019, Myanmar Economic Bank by means of bank transfer through Myanmar Foreign Trade Bank.

6. To obtain further information, interested firms should contact the address indicated below:  
Deputy Director General,  
Department of Civil Aviation, Myanmar  
Telephone : 951 533001, 951 533013 Fax: 951 533016  
Email : dydg@dca.gov.mm, ddassd@dca.gov.mm

7. Place and deadline for submission of Prequalification documents;  
Dead line for application submission:- 5<sup>th</sup> December, 2012 at 1500 Hrs  
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**Explosion at military camp kills 5 soldiers in Yemen's Aden**

*Africa*

ADEN, YEMEN, 25 Oct—A remote-controlled bomb went off in a military camp in Yemen's southern port city of Aden on Monday morning, killing five soldiers and wounding two others, a security official told *Xinhua*.

The blast occurred inside a military camp located on the northern outskirts of Aden, leaving

at least five soldiers killed and two others injured, the local security official said, requesting anonymity. "It appeared that an improvised-explosive device exploded at the military engineers camp. Experts of the anti-bomb disposal unit have arrived at the bombing site," the security official said. The wounded have been sent to the Basuh military

hospital for treatment, he said.

However, an army officer told *Xinhua* anonymously saying that "the explosion was most likely caused by an accident. It happened when soldiers were moving hand grenades and landmines at an ammunition store at the camp."

A large fire was seen at the military camp for several

minutes after the huge explosion and ambulances have rushed to the scene as police troops shut access to the area, according to local residents. Yemen has undergone a political transition after the stepping down of former President Ali Abdullah Saleh earlier this year under a peaceful transfer of power backed by the United Nations.

*Xinhua*

**Dozens  
feared killed  
in northern  
Nigeria  
explosion**

YOBE, NIGERIA, 24 Oct — Dozens of traders were feared killed on Sunday night when an improvised explosive device (IED) went off in Potiskum town located in Nigeria's northeastern state of Yobe, according to local security sources. Spokesperson of the military Joint Task Force (JTF) Lt Eli Lazarus confirmed the explosion to *Xinhua*, but could not give further details on the incident. "Detailed report is still being awaited from our officers in the field," he said. However, other security sources in the state said the explosion occurred at a busy market in Potiskum, therefore dozens of traders and other people might have been killed in the attack. — *Xinhua*

**Bank Holiday**

All Banks will be closed on 30<sup>th</sup> October (Tuesday) End of the Buddhist Lent Day 2012, being public holiday Under the Negotiable Instruments Act. Central Bank of Myanmar

ENTERTAINMENT

At 50, Kelly Preston feels like she is 25 years old

Kelly Preston

LOS ANGELES, 25 Oct—Kelly Preston feels better than she has done “for years” since turning 50. The actress, who has two kids, Ella, 12, and 23-month-old Benjamin with husband John Travolta, insists she is so happy she only feels 25 years old, but admits reaching half a century on 13 October did initially “floor” her. She said: “I feel incredible. It floored me for a bit, but now I love it and I feel better than I have in years. You are as old as you feel and I feel like I’m 25!” Kelly, who lost three stone in the first 14 months after giving birth to Ben in

November 2010—credits her two children for helping her to feel younger than her years and she insists losing weight through Kirstie Alley’s Organic Liaison weight-loss program and two years of breastfeeding has given her “tons of energy”.

She added: “I’m running after a two-year-old and keeping up completely. “Ben runs around and three, four, five times a day we go outside and find frogs, millipedes and lizards. It’s always, ‘Mama, get it! Mama, get it!’ “I go up and down one or two pounds without worrying about it. I think I’d like to

stay at this weight. I feel really healthy and I have tons of energy. “The way I lost the weight was through Kirstie’s [programme], and breastfeeding, and the way I gained another pound is because of her! She sent me a box of unbelievably delicious sweets—Rice Krispie treats, homemade jams, coconut macaroons, you name it I plowed right through it!”

Kelly admits she had the “best time ever” during a short trip to Paris last month to celebrate her birthday, while she saw in the milestone earlier this month by taking in Barbra Streisand’s “magnificent”



Brooklyn concert with John and Ella.

She added to PEOPLE: “I can’t even put into words the experience because she was so magnificent. She said,

‘Happy birthday,’ to me [from the stage]. It was the best concert I’ve ever been to in my life, just magic. It was truly an amazing birthday.”

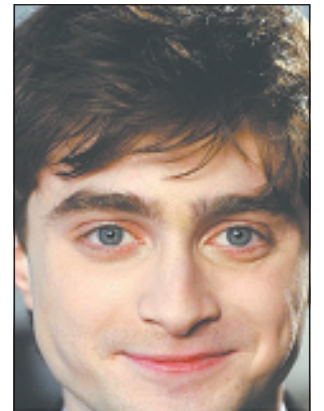
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Daniel Radcliffe tops young, rich and British list

London, 25 Oct—“Harry Potter” star Daniel Radcliffe has topped the list of youngest rich British stars for the second time, with reported earnings of 53.3 million pounds.

The 23-year-old is said to have earned around 25 million pounds just for his role in the two “Deathly Hallows” films.

Radcliffe is followed by “Twilight” star



Daniel Radcliffe

Robert Pattinson, 26, in second and actress Keira Knightley, 27, in third in the Heat magazine’s list of 30 richest British stars under the age of 30.

Emma Watson, 22, retains fourth place with a fortune of 26.5 million pounds.

Boy band group One Direction are the highest new entry, placed at number five by amassing a fortune of 26.3 million pounds in the last year.

The Heat rich list is compiled by a panel of industry experts who have analysed the stars’ financial affairs.

Adele, 24, who gave birth to her first child last week, is at sixth place on the list. Her estimated earnings stand at 26 million pounds, an increase of 18.4 million pounds on last year.

PTI

Is James Franco dating Ashley Benson?

NEW YORK, 25 Oct—127 Hours star James Franco is reportedly dating model-actress Ashley Benson.

The 34-year-old actor began romancing the Pretty Little Liars beauty last month and the pair are smitten with each other, reported New York Post online.

“They have been seeing each other for a little over a month, but things are going well,” a source said.

Last year, Franco split from his long-term girlfriend Ahna O’Reilly after dating for five years.

He said that the long-distance had become too much for them as he was studying English at Yale University, in New Haven, Connecticut, while she stayed in Los Angeles.

“That relationship lasted about four or five years. We’d been living together in LA then I came to New York to go to school for two years. Then I signed up for more school at Yale. I think that was it for her,” he had said.

The Hollywood star also said that he didn’t have much luck with girls when he was growing up because he was so shy.—PTI



James Franco

Britney Spears’ music label exec dismisses

Lutfi’s claims

LOS ANGELES, 25 Oct—The man suing Britney Spears for a large amount of money claiming he was her manager for several months was in fact a “gofer” who performed menial tasks, one of the world’s top music executives testified in court on Monday.

Sam Lutfi, one of Spears’ closest friends in 2007 and early 2008, never identified himself as Spears’ manager or had any kind of business dealings with her music label, said Barry Weiss, the former CEO of Jive Records who signed Spears when she was 16.

“I had never heard of this guy before,” Weiss said. “He was a gofer...someone who has menial tasks, like a personal assistant.”

Monday was the first day of testimony in a civil trial against Britney Spears, in which her former confidante Lutfi is suing the singer for a chunk of her earnings during 2007 and 2008, when he said he managed her.

Lutfi is seeking 15 percent of Spears’ earnings during a time she was making \$800,000 to \$1 million per month, his attorney said.

Lutfi is also suing

Spears’ parents, claiming Jamie Spears punched him in the chest in 2008 and Lynne Spears libeled him in her book “Through the Storm” released later that year. The trial has torn the veil off of Spears’ struggles during her meltdown in 2007 and 2008, when the singer was twice hospitalized on psychiatric hold, lost custody of her children and photographs of the singer shaving her head and swinging an umbrella made international headlines.

She was placed under her father’s conservatorship, giving him control of her health and finances.

Spears, now 30, has since made a comeback with world tours hit albums and a new

job as a judge on TV talent show “The X-Factor”. She was not in court on Friday and is not expected to attend the trial although her parents are expected to testify.

Last week, attorneys argued before the jury over whether Lutfi ever had a valid contract with the pop star.

Her father’s attorney said Spears seemed to enter a downward spiral after her breakup with Justin Timberlake. The attorney revealed Jamie Spears constantly feared his daughter’s drug abuse was going to kill her, and he suspected Lutfi was taking advantage of her and making her problems worse.

Reuters



Britney Spears



Carmen Electra

Carmen Electra wants to launch lingerie range

LONDON, 25 Oct—Actress-model Carmen Electra is keen to launch her own lingerie range and is waiting for the right time to create one.

The 40-year-old says fashion plays a big part in her life, reported Showbizspy.

“I’ve always wanted to have a line of lingerie and it’s come up many times. It

just hasn’t been the right merger but it is on my list of goals I’d like to achieve. “To be honest I love a little bit of everything. I’m really excited about winter, I really do love winter clothes and it will be nice to get into some black and away from neon colours,” she added.

PTI

## Soccer

## Real among big guns left reeling by defeats

LONDON, 25 Oct—Real Madrid, Manchester City, Arsenal and AC Milan suffered painful Champions League defeats on Wednesday which complicated their chances of progressing from an increasingly intriguing group stage.

German sides shone the brightest as Bundesliga champions Borussia Dortmund downed nine-times European Cup winners Real 2-1 at home while local rivals Schalke 04 pulled off a 2-0 victory at Arsenal thanks to Klaas-Jan Huntelaar's second-half opener.

His ex-side Milan, seven-times winners, continued their poor form with a 1-0 loss at a Malaga outfit who have suffered similar financial constraints to the Italians but who are coping much better and top Group C with maximum points. English champions Manchester City, who failed to get out of the group phase last term, are risking the same ignominious exit this time after losing 3-1 at Ajax Amsterdam. City are bottom of Group D on one point from three of the six pool matches.

"I think that they played better than us, they played

better football, probably it is my fault because probably I prepared badly this game," City boss Roberto Mancini told Sky Sports amid media criticism over switching defensive systems.

"I think that it is very difficult (to qualify)."

In other

the fitful Londoners to Gelsenkirchen on November 6.

Alexander Kerzhakov scored a 72nd-minute spot kick as

hit back two minutes later with a cute lob by Cristiano Ronaldo from the edge of the box.

Defender Marcel Schmelzer then put Dortmund back in front with a first-time shot in the 64th minute after a weak punch by Real keeper Iker Casillas, who otherwise kept his team in the game in easily the competition's toughest group.

Juergen Klopp's side now have seven points from three matches, one above second-placed Real and four above Ajax with City languishing at the bottom needing a win at home to the Dutch side to begin a miracle comeback.

City, in only their second Champions League campaign, took the lead in Amsterdam through Samir Nasri on 22 minutes after a well-worked move but they let their grip on the game go as Siem de Jong fired in just before the break.

Niklas Moisander then netted with an easy header from a corner to further expose City's defence and the zonal marking system as Ajax went 2-1 ahead earlier in the second period and Christian Eriksen's deflected effort had home fans in dreamland.

There were few shocks in Tuesday's group games with the likes of Barcelona and Manchester United winning despite scares.

Reuters



Zlatan Ibrahimovic scored again as Paris St Germain won 2-0 at Dinamo Zagreb to stay second in Group A behind Porto who beat Dynamo Kiev 3-2 but fellow French side Montpellier fell 2-1 at home to Olympiakos Piraeus.

Montpellier are bottom of Group B on one point with the Greeks on three and Arsenal on six, a point behind conquerors and new leaders Schalke, who will look forward to next welcoming

Zenit St Petersburg edged out winless Anderlecht 1-0 to somewhat fortunately earn their first points this season and move one behind beleaguered Milan.

In Dortmund's Westfalen Stadium, Jose Mourinho's Real were largely outclassed as the Germans went top of Group D.

Poland striker Robert Lewandowski fired the hosts into a deserved 36th-minute lead after a poor pass from defender Pepe but Real

## Ferguson aims to get balance right at Chelsea

LONDON, 25 Oct—Manchester United head to Premier League leaders Chelsea on Sunday with Alex Ferguson admitting that not only is he worried about his porous defence but he now has a problem in attack — albeit a "good" one.

United, who are second domestically, beat Braga 3-2 in the Champions League on Tuesday after trailing 2-0 inside the first 20 minutes to top Group H with maximum points from their three games.

Javier Hernandez, who has often been overlooked this season despite scoring three goals from four starts, netted twice to rescue the win and the Mexican has given manager Ferguson a selection dilemma for the clash at Stamford Bridge.

"The boy is improving all the time," Ferguson told reporters. "He is fantastic in training and he's always practising."



"His goal ratio for us is fantastic. For his second goal he bends around the back of the defender. It is a great ball in from Tom Cleverley but his movement is terrific. He's given me a problem - but that's a good thing."

With Robin van Persie, Wayne Rooney and Danny Welbeck also vying for spots upfront, United look spoilt for choice against a Chelsea side who have their own problems. Among them is the continuing absence of skipper John Terry, serving the second of his four-match English ban for racially abusing Queens Park Rangers defender Anton Ferdinand last year.

They could also be without midfielder Frank Lampard, who was having a scan on the injured calf that caused him to limp out of Chelsea's 2-1 Champions League defeat at Shakhtar Donetsk after only 18 minutes on Tuesday.

The weekend's other high profile match is fourth-placed Everton facing Liverpool in the first Merseyside derby of the season at Goodison Park on Sunday.

Champions and third-placed Manchester City are at home to Swansea City on Saturday and fifth-placed Tottenham Hotspur visit lowly Southampton on Sunday.

Despite it still being relatively early in the campaign, Chelsea's meeting with United could have a significant bearing on the outcome of this season's title race.

Reuters

Manchester United's manager Alex Ferguson laughs during a training session at the club's Carrington training complex in Manchester, northern England, Oct, 2012.

REUTERS

## Raonic, Isner crash out in Valencia, Cilic through Tennis

VALENCIA, 25 Oct—Milos Raonic and John Isner were knocked out of the Valencia Open by lower-ranked opponents on Wednesday, denting their chances of clinching one of two remaining berths at next month's World Tour finals in London.

Eighth-seeded Canadian Raonic lost his first-round match against Luxembourg's Gilles Muller 7-5, 7-6, while American Isner, the fifth seed, was beaten 7-6, 4-6, 6-4 in the second round by Belgian 21-year-old David Goffin, who reached his third Tour quarter-final of the season.

Seventh seed Marin Cilic of Croatia improved his chances of a spot in London when he cruised past unseeded Spaniard

Fernando Verdasco 6-1, 6-4 in the second round.

Cilic will play Ivan Dodig in the last eight after the Croatian qualifier beat former world number one Lleyton Hewitt of Australia, a wild card at the indoor hard court event, 6-1, 3-6, 6-2.

Defending champion Marcel Granollers of Spain won his first round match against Czech qualifier Jan Hajek 7-5, 6-4.

Top seed David Ferrer plays his second-round match against unseeded Spanish compatriot Albert Ramos on Thursday.

Ferrer, the world number five, has already qualified for London along with Roger Federer, Novak Djokovic, Andy Murray, Rafa Nadal and Tomas Berdych.—Reuters

## Tiger eyes lake-side ambush of McIlroy Golf

ANTALYA, (Turkey) 25 Oct—Still smarting from losing the Ryder Cup in extraordinary circumstances, Tiger Woods has his sights on more quick payback against world number one Rory McIlroy in China on 29 October.

The world's top two

experienced the gamut of emotions at the Ryder Cup earlier this month when Europe stormed back from 10-6 down to pinch the golden trophy from under America noses.

McIlroy, twice a major winner, almost missed his tee time but the 23-year-old made it in the nick of time



Tiger Woods of the US lines up a putt on the first green during his World Golf Final Group 1 match against Rory McIlroy of Northern Ireland in Antalya, southern Turkey, on 11 Oct, 2012.

REUTERS

players will go head to head in an 18-hole medal match at Jinsha Lake in Zhengzhou, with Woods clearly fired up by his rivalry with the Northern Irishman.

"We've all seen how talented Rory is," said 14-times major winner Woods, who routed McIlroy by six strokes in the World Golf Final in Turkey the week after the Ryder Cup.

"It'll be fun to battle him for the next decade or so and hopefully we'll have many battles to come."

Woods and McIlroy

to win his singles match in an astonishing European comeback at Medinah.

"It's going to be a lot of fun going head to head with Rory," added the 36-year-old Woods. "I enjoy head-to-head events so it's great to do this in China."

"China is a growing market and what they've done in golf over the past decade or so is incredible."

"China is young in golf terms but rising fast, especially with the sport joining the Olympics."

Reuters

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Budget carrier easyJet wins London to Moscow route **Aviation**



An easyJet airliner lands for the opening of a new base of the low cost airline at Nice International airport on 21 March, 2012.— REUTERS

LONDON, 25 Oct — Budget carrier easyJet Plc will fly between London and Moscow from next

year, favoured over British Airways and Virgin Atlantic by Britain's Civil Aviation Authority (CAA).

The easyJet, Europe's second-largest low-cost carrier after Ryanair, was awarded the right to fly the Gatwick to Moscow route after a decision by Britain's air regulator which said rival carriers BA and Virgin Atlantic, founded by Richard Branson, also made applications to fly the route.

British Airways, part of International Consolidated

Airlines Group (IAG), will continue to operate the London Heathrow to Moscow route, said the CAA on Wednesday. "The easyJet's proposal... has the potential to deliver the greatest dynamic fare benefits for consumers," the CAA's director of regulatory policy Iain Osborne said.

The Gatwick to Moscow route came up for grabs after IAG was forced to sell 12 landing slots after it acquired BMI, the previous operator of the route.

Reuters

FAO chief calls for world's eradication of hunger

ROME, 25 Oct — FAO Director-General Jose Graziano da Silva on Wednesday called on international food communities and all players in the global food system to join together in eradicating hunger from the earth "within our lifetimes." Opening the bi-annual Terra Madre conference organized in Turin by Slow Food International, he said achieving zero hunger would, among other measures, require moving to eliminate food losses and waste.

"Around one third of all the food produced in the world is lost or wasted every year," he noted, adding that those lost and wasted was enough to feed an extra 500 million people without putting additional pressure on natural resources.—Reuters

Two NATO soldiers killed in Afghan insurgent attack

KABUL, 25 Oct — Two NATO soldiers were killed on Wednesday in an insurgent attack in southern Afghanistan, which is confirmed by the coalition forces.

"Two International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) service members died following an insurgent attack in southern Afghanistan today,"

the NATO-led coalition or ISAF said in a press release.

The brief press release did not mention the nationalities of the victims and details about the incident under the ISAF policy.

Troops mostly from US, Britain and Australia have been serving in southern Afghanistan.

The Taliban-led insurgency has been rampant since the militant group launched the annual spring offensive on 3 May against Afghan government and about 100,000 NATO-led troops. Up to 360 foreign troops have lost their lives in Afghanistan in 2012.

Xinhua



Cyclists compete during the fifth stage of the 2012 Tour of Hainan International Road Cycling Race in Chengmai, south China's Hainan Province, on 24 Oct, 2012. A total of 140 cyclists from 20 teams took part in this stage of the race.— XINHUA



Khitaye Village trying to enjoy electricity

NAY PYI TAW, 25 Oct — Under the leadership of Yanaungmyin Monastery Sayadaw Bhaddanta Kusala and Khitaye Village administrator U Maung Maung Aye in Zeyathiri Township, the self-reliant electricity supply committee for Khitaye Village was formed for making efforts for supply of electricity in the village.

Over 300 houses of the village contributed cash assistance to the fund for installation of transformer, cables and erection of lamp-posts. At present, concrete lamp-posts are being erected and cables installed there. It needs to install the transformer in the village.

After that, service cables will be installed from the lamp-posts to the houses and meter boxes equipped on self-reliant basis for the local people.

Some village of Zeyathiri Township are now enjoying supply of electricity. In the near future, Khitaye village will be illuminated in multicolours.—Kyemon

Texas executes man for 1991 stabbing-strangulation murder

AUSTIN, (Texas), 25 Oct — Texas prison officials on Wednesday executed a man for the gruesome 1991 murder a women who was stabbed repeatedly with an ice pick and strangled with stereo wire at her Dallas-area apartment, state officials said.

Bobby Lee Hines, aged 19 at the time of the killing, was sharing a next door apartment with a maintenance man who had master keys to all the units in the building, according to the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

Hours after neighbors heard screaming and other loud noises coming from the apartment of Michelle Wendy Haupt, 26, her body was found just inside the door of her unit, covered with about 18 puncture wounds, according to a summary of the case from the Texas attorney general's office.

Hines' fingerprint and bloody palm print were found in the apartment. Haupt's gold sand-dollar charm was found in Hines' pants pocket.

Hines was put to death by lethal injection at a state prison in Huntsville, Texas.

He was pronounced dead at 6:28 pm local time (2328 GMT), said Jason Clark, a spokesman for the criminal justice department. Hines, 40, was the 11th person executed this year in Texas and the 33rd in the United States.

In his final statement, Hines asked Haupt's family for forgiveness, according to a copy of the statement provided by Clark.

"To the victim's family, I am sure I know that I took somebody special from y'all," Hines said.

"I know it wasn't right, it was wrong."

He also said that God has forgiven him and that being locked up for the rest of his life would have been more of a punishment.

"I wish there was some other way to show I'm sorry," he said. Hines' execution was scheduled for earlier this year, but it was postponed so that DNA testing could be conducted on fingernail clippings collected from Haupt's body.

The testing did not exclude Hines as a source of the DNA, according to the attorney general's office.

Reuters

## Alleged cases of corruption at different levels of courts not hold water: Supreme Court Judge

NAY PYI TAW, 25 Oct— As the Pyithu Hluttaw session continued for the sixth day, U Than Tun of Debayin Constituency raised a question about measures for fighting against corruption at court at different levels and U Myint Tun of Kawthoung Constituency about measures of the Supreme Court of the Union for strengthening of judicial pillar, a proposal approved by Pyithu Hluttaw.

Judge of the Supreme

Court of the Union U Soe Nyunt described the alleged corruption at different levels of courts from the ground as misleading hearsay without credibility. The Supreme Court of the Union he said has issued instructions to prevent against bribery, corruption, fraud and negligence of judges and personnel at different levels of courts. Such measures as multi-level enforcement, punitive actions against failure to observe instructions and investigation and

punishment on receiving complaints are in practice to enforce the instructions.

As regards the question of U Myint Tun, he replied that the Supreme Court of the Union has prepared itself to take advices as necessary if the other three pillars are to support the judicial branch. He reckoned that the Supreme Court of the Union would not need to issue law, by-law, order and instruction with regard to proposal passed by the Pyithu Hluttaw. —NLM

## The government helping displaced people in Kachin State

NAY PYI TAW, 25 Oct— U Thein Zaw of Myitkyina Constituency put forward an urgent proposal urging the Union government to take a leading role in assuring food security and regional development of Putao District of Kachin State at today's Pyithu Hluttaw session following the proposal of U Yaw Di Dwe of Putao Constituency

who urged the Union government to provide comprehensive support to displaced local national people due to security condition in Kachin State coupled with shortage of foods; civil servants who find it difficult to discharge duties in assigned places and local and foreign businessmen due to lack of security, especially in transportation

to Putao District, Chipwe and Sawlaw regions.

Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann let discussion of two related proposals same time. Five Hluttaw representatives discussed the proposals. As regards the proposals, Deputy Minister for Home Affairs Police Brig-Gen Kyaw Kyaw Tun replied that under the guidance

## Pyithu Hluttaw session continues for sixth day



Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw Thura U Shwe Mann attends sixth day session

of Pyithu Hluttaw. —MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 25 Oct— Pyithu Hluttaw session today continued for sixth day, attended by Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann and 378 MPs and Deputy Speaker of Yangon Region Hluttaw

U Tin Aung and 31 region Hluttaw representatives as observers. Five questions were answered, a proposal discussed and report of the Bill Committee on Civil Servants Bill submitted and an urgent proposal put forward

to the Hluttaw which was also informed about receiving of Civil Servants Bill approved and sent by Amyotha Hluttaw at today's Hluttaw session. The seventh day session continues tomorrow.

NLM

## Four questions answered, one report approved, two proposals submitted



Speaker of Amyotha Hluttaw U Khin Aung Myint attends sixth day session of Amyotha Hluttaw. —MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 25 Oct — The sixth day session of Amyotha Hluttaw session took place at Amyotha Hluttaw Hall of Hluttaw Building, here, this morning, attended by Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker U Khin Aung Myint and 199 representatives. Union Ministers Lt-Gen Thein Htay and Dr Pe Thet Khin answered the queries raised

by four representatives.

The Speaker announced the approval to the report submitted by Secretary of ASEAN Economic Community Committee U Kan Nyunt. Then U Myo Myint of Mandalay Region Constituency No (6) made a proposal to review electrical power projects which will be run under the investments of the State, BOT system and

JV/BOT system with the aim of ensuring harmonious development in the country, and Dr Soe Win of Mon State Constituency No (2) seconded the motion. U Sai Kyaw Zaw Than of Shan State Constituency No (2) made a proposal for relaxation of rules and regulations of the Ministry of Education for upgrading of basic education schools

NAY PYI TAW, 25 Oct — Union Minister for Border Affairs Lt-Gen Thein Htay responded to the questions raised by U Tun Kyaw of Shan State Constituency No (10) and U Htay Maung of Mandalay Region Constituency No (12) about regional development tasks at the today's Amyotha Hluttaw session.

The Union minister said that repair of wooden bridge across Namtkyone

## Plans underway for regional development tasks

creek between Namhsan and Kyaukpyu villages would be listed in the funds of the ministry; that plans had been made for construction of wooden bridges and road works on district-to-district road No (2) in Thazi Township in 2012-13 fiscal

year; that in 2013-14 fiscal year, arrangements would be made for upgrading works; that the earth road section of Nyaungyan-Magyikon, Shwetokekong village-to-villageroad would be upgraded on and the remaining section upgraded into an earth one. —NLM

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## Union Health Minister vows upgrading of health facilities

NAY PYI TAW, 25 Oct — Union Minister for Health Dr Pe Thet Khin answered the questions raised by U Aung Nyein of Magway Region Constituency No (2) and U Pe Thauang of Kachin State Constituency No (6) about upgrading of health sector at the today's Amyotha Hluttaw session.

The Union minister replied that appointments of in rural areas, and U Sai Mya Maung of Kachin State Constituency No (10) seconded the motion. Today's session came to end at 11 am. —NLM

specialists in Yenangyaung Township People's Hospital would be impossible according to the organizational setup as one head of Township Health Department and four surgeons had already been appointed at the 50-bed hospital; that 16-bed hospital of Hopan sub-township would be upgraded into 25-bed one in 2013-13

fiscal year; and that rural health centre (branch) opened in Hepu village of Indawgyi region in Monyin Township would be upgraded into rural health centre in 2013-14 fiscal year and it would be upgraded into a station hospital depending on the increase in number of population.

NLM

## Noteworthy amounts of rainfall (25-10-2012)

Dawei	(0.43) inch
Mawlamyine	(0.24) inch
Machanbaw	(0.16) inch
Madauk	(0.16) inch