

President U Thein Sein sends felicitations to Turkish counterpart

NAY PYI TAW, 29 Oct—U Thein Sein, President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr Abdullah Gul, President of the Republic of Turkey, on the occasion of the anniversary of the Proclamation Day of the Republic of Turkey, which falls on 29 October 2012.

MNA

President U Thein Sein felicitates Turkish Prime Minister

NAY PYI TAW, 29 Oct—U Thein Sein, President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr Recep Tayyip Erdogan, Prime Minister of the Republic of Turkey, on the occasion of the anniversary of the Proclamation Day of the Republic of Turkey, which falls on 29 October 2012.

MNA

Land preparation increases value of farmland

Farmland Law guarantees farmers to get loans as much as they need as value of farmland increases

NAY PYI TAW, 28 Oct—President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein attended a ceremony to harvest rice of Palethwe strain on 440 acres in Alyinlo Village in Pynmana Township of Nay Pyi Taw Council Area today.

The President cordially greeted peasants from Bago and Ayeyawady Regions and Nay Pyi Taw Council Area and agriculturalists from the Philippines and Thailand at the ceremony.

Union Minister at the President Office U Thein Nyunt reported on plans for transition from the conventional farming to mechanized farming system and Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing on efforts for development of the

agricultural sector and steps for transition to the mechanized farming system.

Afterwards, Chairman of Myanmar Agro-business public-owned corporation U Chit Khaing donated a water purifier worth K10 million to the villagers through Union Minister U Thein Nyunt.

Afterwards, General-Secretary of Myanmar Rice Industry Association U Ye Min Aung reported on plans for buying paddy at the rate of K420,000 for 100 baskets of Palethwe hybrid paddy and construction of the 200-ton rice mill.

Speaking on the occasion, President U Thein Sein said the government has been making economic and political reforms while balancing the development

President U Thein Sein views display of farming machinery at 440 acres in Alyinlo Village in Nay Pyi Taw Council Area.

MNA



of the economy and political stability.

(See page 8)

President U Thein Sein cordially greets those present at the ceremony to harvest Palethwe hybrid paddy in Alyinlo Village in Pynmana Township of Nay Pyi Taw Council Area.—MNA



Thanks to collaborative efforts of Rakhine State government, authorities concerned, members of security force, monks and locals, situation returns to normalcy

NAY PYI TAW, 28 Oct—Renewed communal violence in some townships in Rakhine State that broke out on 21 October, has been put under control on 26 and 27 October, due to immediate measures of members of Myanmar Police Force and the military, community elders and state authorities. In addition, more security forces have been deployed to the conflict areas with increased security measures.

In addition, legal

actions have been taken against 1058 persons who involved in violent acts of the communal strife, from 8 June to 26 October, which undermined stability within Rakhine State.

The security forces had to disperse the mob that attempted to commit violent actions around 7 pm on 21 October in Bandohla Ward, MraukU Township. In the incident, one resident was killed under the gunshot of the mob and two offenders were arrested.

On 22 morning, villagers of Pureingon Village in MraukU Township set fire on their own houses, burning 133 houses to the ground, killing three and wounding five. Likewise, Yaingthe Village in MraukU Township came under arson attack of a mob on 23 October morning, leaving 50 houses and one religious building in ashes.

Again on 21 October night, 17 houses turned to ashes under the arson attack of a mob.

(See page 9)

Union Border Affairs Minister makes coordination on relief and resettlement works in Rakhine State

NAY PYI TAW, 28 Oct—Union Minister for Border Affairs Lt-Gen Thein Htay held discussions on outbreak of conflicts in Rakhine State with departmental heads, UN agencies led UN Resident Representative Mr Ashok Nigam, INGOs.

The Union Minister said that the purpose of holding the coordination meeting was to provide humanitarian assistance to victims of the series of conflicts occurred in Myebon, Minbya, MraukU,

Yanbye, Kyaukpyu, Pauktaw, Kyaukdaw and Yathedaung; that officials concerned including himself and representatives of INGOs who made field trips to the conflict-stricken regions had seen real situations; that it was required to carry out relief works for the displaced victims step by step and it was necessary to make collaborative efforts to be able to restore the normal situation; that he would like to urge those present to find ways and

means not only for current requirements like food, shelters and relief aids but also for a future plan; that victims still stayed at the makeshift tents as shelters pledged by UNHCR were under construction and they were unable to resume their livelihoods; that there had been more difficulties in dealing with administrative matters as relief camps were packed with those from nearby villages and those from other villages; that it was required to provide, if necessary, food to those from other villages who would be sent back to their own places according to security; that the situation in Maungdaw was different from that of in Sittway; that victims were resettled in new houses in Maungdaw and most of them resumed their livelihoods; and that completion of construction of houses pledged by UNHCR and Care Myanmar was needed.

The Union Minister said that it was required to protect the victims of ongoing conflict as quick as possible. It can be witnessed that Tatmadawmen and members of Myanmar Police Force were stationed to protect the victims under the supervision of the region ministers in each region

where riots erupted. The Union Minister called on UN agencies and INGOs to give a quick help to the victims in sector-wise. He said that fully cooperation would be made by the state government for the success of relief works.

Next, UN Resident Representative Mr Ashok Nigam expressed thanks for holding discussion with international organizations, adding that the discussion contributed to exchange of information. He noted the differences between what they have already known and real condition on the ground.

He stressed the need for immediate fulfillment of the urgent requirements in conflict areas as an important point, calling on authorities concerned to protect displaced person while moving them from one place to another.

He suggested the government should put the ongoing assistance to the areas into the sight of international community in consideration of transparency.

He vowed to give a helping hand to the government and cooperate closely with the state government. He called for



Union Minister for Border Affairs Lt-Gen Thein Htay presents aid to a local.—MNA

recovering trust between two societies. He suggested job creation programmes for the time now has entered open season.

Next, personnel of such UN agencies, international organizations and NGOs as WFP, UNHCR, UNICEF, ICRC, DRC and MRCS explained possible humanitarian assistance to be rendered.

The Union Minister met Turkish Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Murat Yavuz Ates and party at Rakhine State government and discussed distribution

of Turkey-donated relief aids to respective relief camps, continued assistance of Turkey and urgent requirements due to ongoing communal strife.

The Union Minister, the Turkish Ambassador and party went to Thekkelbyin relief camp to present relief aids and comfort the displaced persons.

The Union Minister and party then went to Ywagyimyaung relief camp and football stadium relief camp and donated relief aids to local people.

MNA



Turkish Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Murat Yavuz Ates gives supplies to a local.—MNA

Authority, resident representatives of UN agencies look into situation in Yanbye, Kyaukpyu

NAY PYI TAW, 28 Oct—Lt-Gen Hla Min of the Commander-in-Chief (Army) Office and Union Minister for Border Affairs Lt-Gen Thein Htay made an inspection tour of Yanbye and Kyaukpyu in Rakhine State yesterday in order to know the real situation on recent incidents.

Their tour of inspection was accompanied by Chief Minister of Rakhine State U Hla Maung Tin, Commander of Western Command Brig-Gen Ko Ko Naing, resident representatives of WFP, UNOCHA and UNHCR in Myanmar led by Resident Representative of UN agencies in Myanmar Mr Ashok Nigam.

During the tour, they inspected the No.6 Ward in Yanbye which was set on fire on 26 October and attended a ceremony to donate relief aids to the victims at Rammawady Hall.

At the ceremony, Lt-Gen Hla Min pledged that

the authorities will conduct a systematic investigation into the recent riots and measures would be taken to provide security and stability to the region.

There might be manipulations on both sides and might be political aims behind the riots, he added.

Though the government has promised to use the best way in an attempt to assist in the situation in Rakhine State, the actions that has disrupted the peace and stability was happened and it will not lead to good results, he said.

Afterwards, Union Minister for Border Affairs Lt-Gen Thein Htay said the recent riots jeopardized the prevalence of law and order and peace and stability and urged the two sides to settle the disputes within the legal framework.

Riots and violence cannot help them to achieve their aims and the people should not accept riots, he said.

He said the economy of the Rakhine State would be developed if the technology and investment flows into the state as it is rich in natural resources.

Only if the state is peaceful and stable, will the foreign investment flow into it leading to the economic development of the state, he added.

The people has responsibility to build the necessary infrastructure for the future generation. As conflicts and grudges to each other can damage prospects for the future generation, the two sides should find the answer to settle the problems, he said.

The local people are urged to cooperate with the authority for prevalence of peace and stability in the state.

Chief Minister of Rakhine State U Hla Maung Tin said that while committees concerned are working to settle the disputes broke out in June,

the new riots happened, and cooperation needs not to happen riots again.

He continued to say that the investigation commission is making investigation into the issue across the state to be able to get the best way, and only when peace and stability prevails in the state, will measures for development of the state be taken.

The local peoples should maintain the prevalence of peace and stability in the state as the government has been making efforts for emergence of Kyaukpyu Special Zone, Sittway Industrial Ward, Ponnagyun Industrial Zone in the state.

The chief minister also called for cooperation in taking measures for peace and stability and relief and rehabilitation in the state.

He also stressed the need for systematic security system for the victims and

assured the UN agencies and INGOs would assist in security and rehabilitation of the victims.

They provided relief aids to the fire victims and resident representatives of the UN agencies raised queries to the victims.

During their tour, they also visited Relief Camps and provided relief aids to the victims and cash assistance and gifts to patients at the people's hospital in Kyaukpyu and the 25-bed Military Hospital.

MNA



Lt-Gen Hla Min comforts a patient at Kyaukpyu People's Hospital.—MNA

WORLD



Photo taken on 27 Oct, 2012 shows the autumn scenery around the Issyk-Kul lake in Kyrgyzstan.—XINHUA

Berlusconi says to stay in politics after tax

Italy

MILAN, ITALY, 28 Oct—Former Italian Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi said on Saturday that he felt obliged to remain in politics after being “unjustly” convicted of tax fraud. Berlusconi, who announced this week that he would not run in Italy’s spring elections, told a press conference in one of his residences near Milan that he was not willing to allow anymore what he said to be an “intolerable judicial harassment.”

He confirmed that he would not stand for prime minister again, but said he had changed his recent plans to leave politics after “judges in Milan have defined me a person endowed with a natural tendency to criminal acts, which I do not tolerate anymore.”

A Milan court on Friday sentenced Berlusconi to four years in jail and banned him from holding public office for five years. The sentence isn’t definitive until all appeals are exhausted.

Berlusconi, who has faced a number of trials, said

Senior Chinese political advisor meets Moldovan leaders on ties

CHISINAU, MOLDOVA, 28 Oct — A delegation of China’s top political advisory body met here Friday with Moldovan President Nicolae Timofti and Parliament Speaker Marian Lupu respectively on ways to push bilateral cooperation to a new level.

Zhang Rongming, the vice chairwoman of the National Committee of Chinese People’s Political Consultative Conference (CPPCC) who led the delegation, said during the talks that relations between China and Moldova have witnessed steady and healthy development since the two countries established diplomatic ties 20 years ago.

he was being persecuted by left-leaning judges in a country which is being governed by “politicized magistrates.”

He said he wanted to “reform the justice system” so that what happened to him will not happen to other citizens. The 76-year-old media tycoon said his center-right People of Freedom (PdL) party would propose an alternative plan to the austerity one adopted by Prime Minister Mario Monti’s technocratic government.

Opposing to policies “dictated by Germany” to other European countries, Berlusconi said his party’s program would mainly focus on tax cuts, companies supports, public spending reduction and judicial reform to help families overcome the “desperation and fear” they have plunged into.

In his view, an economy with very solid fundamentals as the Italian one should not have merely followed the path of austerity which triggered a “painful

recession” and started a “downward spiral.”

Therefore, he will remain the president of his political movement and continue to work actively together with his colleagues “in order to participate in the modernization and change of the country.”—Xinhua



File photo taken on 12 Nov, 2011 shows former Italian Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi looks at the results after a vote on the austerity measures for 2012 at the lower house of parliament in Rome, Italy.—XINHUA

KIEV, 28 Oct—Ukraine will hold parliamentary elections on Sunday with a total of 22 parties expected to contest in the polls, according to the Central Elections Commission (CEC).

As the supreme legislative body in the country, the Ukrainian parliament, or Verkhovna Rada, has 450 seats with a five-year term. Its last elections were held in 2007.

Sunday’s elections will see some changes as Ukrainians will vote under a mixed election system. A total of 225 lawmakers will be elected via a party-list system, in which the voter casts a ballot for a party which presents a list of candidates, while the remaining 225 seats will be elected directly from individual candidates in electoral districts.

Presidential race still virtually even

US

WASHINGTON, 28 Oct—President Barack Obama holds a narrow lead of 2 percentage points over Republican challenger Mitt Romney in *Reuters/Ipsos* poll results released on Saturday, leaving the race effectively tied as fewer voters say they are likely to change their minds.

Obama led Romney by 47 percent to 45 percent among likely voters, a slim margin within the daily national online tracking survey’s credibility interval. The poll also found that 88 percent of registered voters now say they will definitely vote for their candidate, leaving just 12 percent who say they could change their minds, 10 days before Election Day on 6 November.

An average of about 15 percent said they could switch contenders in *Reuters/Ipsos* polling last week.

Nearly one in five - 18 percent - said they had already cast their ballots. Among those, Obama led 55 percent to 41 percent for Romney. That result is not considered predictive because more Democrats vote early than Republicans.

The survey was conducted on 23-27 October.

It sampled 1,665 registered voters and 1,291 likely voters.

The precision of *Reuters/Ipsos* online polls is measured using a credibility interval. For this survey, the credibility interval is plus or minus 2.7 percentage points for registered voters and 3.1 for likely voters.—*Reuters*



US Republican presidential nominee Mitt Romney (L) and US President Barack Obama shake hands at the conclusion of the final US presidential debate in Boca Raton, Florida, on 22 Oct, 2012.—REUTERS

Lebanon PM stresses his resignation

“out of question”

Lebanon

BEIRUT, 28 Oct — Lebanese Prime Minister Najib Miqati stressed on Saturday that his resignation was “currently out of the question”, the MTV channel reported.

Miqati told the TV station that when he said he was ready to offer his resignation and that he was not clinging to his post as premier, he was making “a step forward toward the opposition, but the opposition responded by

holding me responsible for the assassination of Internal Security Forces Intelligence Chief Wissam al-Hassan”.

He commented on the sit-in held in front of his residence in the northern city of Tripoli considering it “goes under the law and nothing can prevent me from going to my house in Tripoli whenever I want to”.

Following the burial of Security chief Maj General Wissam Al Hassan, angry protesters stormed

the headquarters of the premiership at the Grand Serail and confronted with the security brigade in charge of protecting the official building. But later, the opposition called for a sit-in in front of the Serail and erected tents in protest against Mikati for not resigning.

Opposition supporters in Tripoli, the home city of Mikati also organized a sit-in blocking the entrance of his house.—*Xinhua*

Backgrounder: Parliamentary elections in Ukraine

In the party-list voting, a parliament’s threshold will be raised from 3 to 5 percent of the total ballot.

In the individual races, a candidate with the most votes but no less than 30 percent of the total votes wins a seat.

According to pre-election surveys, at least four parties will obtain

over 5 percent of the total ballot and win seats in the parliament, including incumbent President Viktor Yanukovich’s ruling Party of Regions, the United Opposition or “Fatherland” Party of former Prime Minister Yulia Tymoshenko, the “Punch” Party led by heavyweight

boxing champion Vitaly Klitchko and the Ukrainian Communist Party.

In addition, the National Patriotic Party “Freedom” and “Ukraine-Go forward” parties also have chances to get seats in the next parliament.

Ukraine has a population of some 46 million and around 36.6 million voters are expected to cast their ballots during the elections.

According to the CEC, the poll will open at 8:00 am local time (0600 GMT) and close at 8:00 pm (1800 GMT). There will be over 33,000 polling stations in Ukraine and 114 overseas stations in 77 countries and regions.

Meanwhile, the elections will be monitored by about 3,800 international observers and some 240,000 local observers.

Xinhua



Colorfully dressed people take part in the annual Halloween Skytrain Party, organized by the Vancouver Public Space Network, in Vancouver, Canada, on 27 Oct, 2012.—XINHUA

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY



This very wide-field view of the Milky Way shows the extent of the 84-million-star VISTA infrared image of the centre of the galaxy (delineated by red rectangle).

XINHUA

Science

CHANGSHA, 28 Oct — The World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF) will launch a survey of endangered finless porpoises on the Yangtze River, China's largest river, in November and December, the head of WWF's China office said on Thursday.

The 40-day survey, the first of its kind to take place in six years, comes after more than 20 finless porpoises were found dead on the Yangtze River and two nearby lakes earlier this

year.

The alarming deaths, which many believe were caused by pollution and human activity, have led some to worry that the porpoises could go extinct within decades if efforts are not made to preserve them. WWF, together with the Ministry of Agriculture and Institute of Hydrobiology under the Chinese Academy of Sciences, will analyze the animal's population and distribution and evaluate the threats it faces, according

to Peter Beaudoin, head of WWF's China office.

Based on the survey data, the agencies will offer suggestions regarding further protection efforts, including setting up new nature reserves, Beaudoin said. "We just hope that the survey results won't be too pessimistic. We hope they will help to beef up protection efforts," said Wang Kexiong, deputy commander of the survey team. A 2010 WWF report blamed illegal fishing, inadequate

water conservancy facilities and pollution for the declining freshwater dolphin population. Finless porpoises are on the brink of extinction, the report added.

A 2006 survey showed that some 1,200 finless porpoises were left in the river. Just 600 porpoises were found in the nearby lakes of Poyang and Dongting. If strong measures are not taken, the number of porpoises could decline to 200 by 2035, scientists warned.

Xinhua

German Nobel Prize winner joins

Science Chinese university

NANJING, 28 Oct — A German scientist who won the Nobel Prize for physics in 2007 joined a Chinese university on Saturday.

Nanjing University of Posts and Telecommunications, in Nanjing, capital city of eastern China's Jiangsu Province, has set up a Peter Research Centre and Nobel Prize Winner Workshop to welcome Peter Grunberg.

"I have visited China many times over the past 23 years and felt the great changes in this country," said 73-year-old Grunberg at a ceremony. He said he was very honored to join the university.

Phonon lasers research was still at an early stage internationally and Grunberg's team would try to make some breakthroughs in basic studies, said Wang Yongjin, a key member of

the innovation team. The Jiangsu provincial government and the university will initially spend about 20 million yuan (about 3.2 million US dollars) to buy equipment and recruit staff for the research.

French scientist Albert Fert and Peter Grunberg of Germany won the 2007 Nobel Prize in physics for the discovery of giant magnetoresistance.—Xinhua

Star Silicon Valley analyst felled by Facebook IPO fallout

SAN FRANCISCO, 28 Oct — The firing of Citigroup stock analyst Mark Mahaney on Friday in the regulatory fallout from Facebook Inc's initial public offering was greeted with shock and dismay in Silicon Valley, where Mahaney was a well-known and well-liked figure. "Pretty shocked," was the reaction of Jacob Funds Chief Executive Ryan Jacob, who described Mahaney as one of the most respected financial analysts covering the Internet industry. "I'd put him at the top. If not at the top, then near the top," said Jacob. "He really knew what to look for."

In addition to firing Mahaney, Citigroup paid a \$2 million fine to Massachusetts regulators to settle charges that the bank improperly disclosed research on Facebook ahead of its \$16 billion IPO in May. The settlement agreement said Mahaney failed to supervise a junior analyst who improperly shared Facebook research with the TechCrunch news website. (Settlement agreement: <http://r.reuters.com/pyj63t>) The settlement agreement also outlined an incident

in which Mahaney failed to get approval before responding to a journalist's questions about Google Inc—and told a Citigroup compliance staffer that the conversation had not occurred—even after being warned about unauthorized conversations with the media. Mahaney declined to comment.

Mahaney got his start in the late 1990s, during the first dot-com boom where he worked at Morgan Stanley for Mary Meeker, one of the star analysts of the time. He went on to work at hedge fund Galleon Group before moving to Citigroup in 2005. Unlike most of his New York-based peers in the analyst world, Mahaney worked in San Francisco's financial district, close to

the companies and personalities at the heart of the tech industry. Earlier this month, Mahaney was named the top Internet analyst for the fifth straight year by Institutional Investor. The review cited fans of Mahaney who praised a "systematic" investment approach that allows him to avoid the "waffling" often evidenced by other analysts.

Mahaney's Buy rating on IAC/InteractiveCorp in April 2011, when the stock traded at \$33.32, allowed investors to lock in a 51 percent gain before he downgraded the stock to a Hold at \$50.31 a few months later, according to Institutional Investor. But it wasn't only his stock picks that put him in good stead.—Reuters

Technology



Photos of spacewalking astronauts.—XINHUA

Taxpayer data exposed in cyber attack on South Carolina agency

CHARLESTON, (South Carolina), 28 Oct — As many as 3.6 million Social Security numbers and 387,000 credit and debit card numbers used by state taxpayers could have been exposed to a hacker in recent cyber attacks on the state Department of Revenue's computers, officials said on Friday.

The vast majority of the credit card numbers used by South Carolina taxpayers were encrypted, but about 16,000 were not, meaning the data was fully exposed, state police said.

None of the Social Security numbers were encrypted, said State Law Enforcement Division spokesman Thom Berry. Berry said the hacker used a foreign Internet Protocol (IP) address to gain access to the data. "This is not a good day for South Caroli-

na," Governor Nikki Haley said at a news conference in the state capital of Columbia. "I want this person slammed against the wall," she said of the hacker. "I want to get this person and make sure he can never do this to anybody or any state again," Haley said "I want that man just brutalized."

Officials said no public funds were accessed or put at risk. An investigation into the security breach is ongoing.

Investigators this month discovered two attempts to probe the Department of Revenue's system in early September, and later learned of an attempt made in late August, state officials said. Two other intrusions occurred in mid-September, and the department determined the hacker had obtained data for the first time, according to a

statement from the state. Officials said the vulnerability in the system was closed on 20 October and the system is now believed to be secure.

Anyone who filed a South Carolina tax return since 1998 is being urged to find out whether their information was affected. The state will provide those affected with one year of credit monitoring and identity theft protection. Earlier this year, police arrested a South Carolina state health agency employee they said had made off with almost 230,000 Medicaid recipients' personal information.

Also, the University of South Carolina said in August that a hacker had breached the personal information of as many as 34,000 people connected to its College of Education.

Reuters



The sun rises behind the entrance sign to Facebook headquarters in Menlo Park before the company's IPO launch in this file 18 May, 2012 photo.—REUTERS

BUSINESS & HEALTH

Health

CHICAGO, 28 Oct — Glenda Jimmo has had a challenging life. Blind since the age of 19, the 76-year-old Bristol, Vermont, resident is confined to a wheelchair due to disabling conditions that include a below-the-knee amputation stemming from her diabetes. "But it's been an interesting, full life," she says. "I have four children." Now, she's lent her name to a class action lawsuit. Its settlement, announced this week, is expected to transform the way that Medicare covers long-term care. Jimmo requires regular skilled nursing services in her home for wound care and management of her condition. Medicare has not been paying

for those services, because the programme's policy was to cover skilled nursing care only when patients had a demonstrated medical potential to improve. That left patients like Jimmo, who need care to maintain their current health status, to fend for themselves.

Under the settlement of the lawsuit, Jimmo v Sebelius, the US Department of Health and Human Services has agreed to relax Medicare's requirements for coverage of skilled nursing and therapy services in institutional or home care settings. The key criterion for coverage will be a demonstrated need for skilled care — regardless of whether there is a recovery prognosis.

That means patients already enrolled in Medicare Part A (hospitalization) who need care to maintain their current condition but aren't likely to improve will qualify for Medicare's standard benefits.

Medicare already pays for a stay of up to 100 days in a nursing or rehabilitation home following a related hospital admission, with a \$139 daily co-pay after 20 days of care. (Most Medigap supplemental policies will cover those co-pays.) It also covers skilled home healthcare — like physical therapy or nursing services — if a physician has certified that it is necessary. Medicare Part A covers up to 100 home visits following a hospital stay. For patients



US Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius and the FDA's Margaret Hamburg announce new tobacco package labelling, in the Brady Press Briefing Room of the White House in Washington on 21 June, 2011.— REUTERS

who need care in their homes, Medicare Part B covers care without a prior hospitalization with no limits on visits and no

co-payments for services, and a 20 percent co-payment for durable medical equipment.

Reuters

Landmark Medicare settlement could change lives

Business

Nike fined for deceptive advertising in China

BEIJING, 28 Oct — Nike, the world's leading sportswear manufacturer, has been fined 4.87 million yuan (about 770,000 US dollars) for deceptive advertising in China.

According to the Beijing Administration for Industry and Commerce (BACI), Nike set the price for one of its high-end basketball shoes, which it advertised with double air cushion inside, at 1,299 yuan (about 206 dollars) in China, more than 500 yuan higher than the same model in other markets.

It was later discovered that the company misled Chinese customers with an advertisement as the footwear only contained one air cushion.

"Nike applied double standards between Chinese consumers and foreign consumers.

Such behavior cannot be tolerated," Liu Jian, the spokesman for the BACI was quoted as saying by the *Beijing News*.

Nike China had earlier apologized and offered refund for the consumers who bought the shoes with one air cushion, according to the *Beijing News*.

Xinhua

Work begins on major high-speed railway in western China

Business



Work begins on major high-speed railway in western China.— XINHUA

XI'AN, 28 Oct — Construction work started on Saturday on a major high-speed railway in China's western hinterland to promote local economic cooperation and development.

The 643-km-long railway line for passenger transport links Xi'an, capital of northwest China's Shaanxi

Province to Chengdu, capital of the southwestern province of Sichuan.

The project will be completed in five years with an investment of more than 40 billion yuan (about 6.35 billion US dollars). The travel time between the two cities will be shortened to three hours from 12 hours currently, after

the new railway is put into operation.

The line will have 127 km of tunnels to pass through the Qinling Mountains. China aims to basically complete the construction of a high-speed railway network with a total operating length of more than 40,000 km by the end of 2015.— Xinhua

FDA finds contaminants in drug linked to meningitis

Health

NEW YORK, 28 Oct — The US Food and Drug Administration said on Friday it found "greenish black foreign matter" and other contaminants in an injectable steroid produced by the New England Compounding Centre, the pharmacy at the heart of a deadly US meningitis outbreak.

It also found that vials from the same bin of the steroid contained what appeared to be a "white filamentous material," according to the report released by the FDA following inspections of the facility in October.

Massachusetts health regulators said earlier this week that they had turned

up evidence of problematic procedures, record-keeping and work conditions inside the pharmacy facility.

The pharmacy is being investigated for its role in the meningitis outbreak, which has killed 25 people and infected hundreds who received injections of its preservative-free methylprednisolone acetate, a steroid used for back pain and other conditions.

The FDA report also said that NECC's environmental monitoring programme found bacteria and mold in two "clean rooms" between January 2012 and September 2012. The rooms are used in the production of sterile drug products.— Reuters

Women who quit smoking before middle age can live a decade longer

Health

LONDON, 28 Oct — Women who quit smoking before reaching middle age can significantly cut risks of early death, according to a new study published here on Saturday.

Researchers at Oxford University found in a survey of 1.3 million women between 1996 and 2001 that women who quit smoking by the age of 30 could avoid up to 97 percent of the extra risks of premature death.

The findings, published in the medical journal *The Lancet*, echoed similar studies previously conducted on men. "Both in the UK and in the USA, women born around 1940 were the first generation in which many smoked substantial numbers of cigarettes throughout adult life," said Professor Richard Peto who is one of the study's lead authors at Oxford.

"Hence, only in the 21st century could we observe directly the full effects of prolonged smoking, and of prolonged cessation, on premature mortality among women," he said. The study suggested that hazards of smoking for women were greater than previously thought. Lifelong smokers died a decade earlier than those who did not smoke

at all.

Male or female, "smokers who stop before reaching middle age ... will on average gain about an extra ten years of life," said Prof Peto. However, experts pointed out that this was not a license for the young to smoke as much as they want in their 20s, which could still increase health risks.— Xinhua



Women who quit smoking before middle age can live a decade longer.— XINHUA

Exxon gets key permit for Alaska's Point Thomson field

Business

ANCHORAGE, (Alaska), 28 Oct — Exxon Mobil Corp on Friday received a major federal permit it needed to start construction on the Point Thomson oil and gas field on the eastern North Slope of Alaska, officials said, after an extended delay that threatened some leases there.

The US Army Corps of Engineers granted Exxon a wetlands-fill permit for construction of drill pads, roads, an airstrip, pipeline, and docking and other facilities needed for production at the long-languishing field — production the state of

Alaska has accused the company of dragging its heels on.

The Army Corps permit followed a detailed environmental impact study that began in 2009. While there remain a few outstanding state permits, the wetlands-fill authorization was the major approval needed for construction, said Mike Holley, northern branch team leader for the state's Army Corps district. Holley said Exxon, backed by partners BP Plc and ConocoPhillips, hopes to begin construction soon. "They are planning on doing as much of the

construction this winter as possible," he said, adding that ice roads, which are built by spraying water on the tundra, would accommodate that.

Production was expected to be about 10,000 barrels per day of liquids, starting in the winter of 2015-2016, Exxon spokeswoman Kim Jordan said in an email — timing that would be a year later than once expected. Jordan declined to comment on when construction would start. Point Thomson has been the subject of long-running dispute between the state of Alaska and the oil companies.— Reuters

Yezagyo sees winter crops output growth

YEZAGYO, 28 Oct — With the thriving winter crops plantations, edible oil crop output is not only sufficient for local consumption but also in surplus in Yezagyo Township. During the winter crops cultivation season for 2012-13 fiscal year, a total of 2765 acres were put into monsoon groundnut plantation, 19326 acres into winter groundnut plantation, 4912 acres in monsoon sesame



plantation and 6916 acres in winter sesame plantation. Thanks to a good rainfall in late monsoon period, winter sesame plantations are thriving in the township.

Kyemon

Motorbike at speed goes straight to bridge

YEDASHE, 28 Oct — A fatal incident occurred at a place on Yangon-Nay Pyi Taw expressway between mile post Nos (168/5) and (168/6) on 22 October

morning. A motorbike drove at speed by Tun Myat Hlaing (36 years) accompanied by Win Soe (30 years) on the passenger seat hit the

Kanbe bridge after skidding out of control. Both of them were killed in the accident. Thagara Police Station filed this case.

Kyemon

Buddhism Course for basic education teachers

YANGON, 28 Oct — Dhamma Yaungchi religious association will conduct a Basic Buddhism Course for basic education teachers in Thakayta Township of Yangon Region on 10 and 11 November.

Chairman of the association U Hla Myo said that the purpose of organizing this course was to propagate the fundamentals of Buddhism, spreading it to schoolchildren through teachers and to open Sunday Dhamma Schools.

The course for 250 basic education teachers will be opened at No (1) Basic Education High School in the township.

Kyemon

Logs, sawn timber seized in Kani Township



MONYWA, 28 Oct — A total of 86.0676 tons of logs and sawn woods were seized in Kani Township, Monywa District of Sagaing Region during the period from 17 to 19 October.

Under the supervision of Director U Soe Win-3 of Sagaing Region Forest Department, a team led by Head of Office U Hsan Oo launched an operation against illegal timber extraction in the township. During the operation, U Khin Maung Nge of Malakarchan ward

of Yezagyo of Magway Region was arrested in possession of illegal logs — 13 Thityar logs and one Ingyin log — at the beach of Chindwin River near Aiyar village in the township, and 114 logs and 15.5 tons of sawn woods near Baiyar village and Yar village in Minkin Township of Kalay District, 19 logs near Tawthit village and five tons of sawn woods near Ton village were seized. Actions are being taken in accordance with the laws. — *Kyemon*

Risk reduction course concludes

NAY PYI TAW, 28 Oct — A ceremony to conclude Risk Reduction Course and seminar was held at the office of Dawei Fire Department on 26 October.

Taninthayi Region Social Affairs Minister U Win Swe delivered an address at the closing ceremony and presented certificates of honour to trainees.

MNA

Myanmar Garment Industry generates more income

YANGON, 28 Oct — Myanmar Garment Entrepreneurs Association is providing necessary assistance to the nation's garment industry which is operating under the CMP system that makes enormous demands on skillful workers.

Technological assistance and investments of Japan and seminars provides ways and means for Myanmar economic development. With foreign investments in Myanmar, the garment industry is in good shape. Garment Industry is a highly reliable business for ordinary people, contributing towards job creation. It can be witnessed that some garment factories are taking care of the balance between

working hours and wages of the factory workers while trying hard in order not to lag behind in using modern technology and advanced machines.

For the development of Myanmar Garment Industry, JETRO opened in Myanmar conducts courses in which Japanese experts provide

techniques for ensuring high productivity, improving quality of products that can win the market share in Japan and minimizing loss and wastage.

It is learnt that Myanmar Garment Industry had an income of around \$ 498.6 million during 2011-12 fiscal year. — *Kyemon*



Subscribers enjoy convenience of mobile network

YEDASHE, 28 Oct — As Myanma Posts and Telecommunications Service started its operation of Government Land Mobile Network in Yedashae Township of Bago Region on 17 October, GSM mobile users enjoy the convenience of the network.

Likewise, CDMA system is in good connection. Although there was a

breakdown in the network as a CDMA Tower set up at a place, west of Thagara Industrial Zone on 16 May, the connection returned to normal after repair works. With the better telecommunications network, there has been an increase in number of mobile users.

Kyemon

Crash involved three cars occurs on Strand Road

YANGON, 28 Oct — Three cars involved in a crash near Thegwin bus-stop on Strand Road in Zaykalay

Ward in Kyimyindine Township at 8.40 am on October 25.

A Hilux driven by

A total of 62 papers on arts, 125 papers on science, five papers on economics, three papers on law, 15 papers on linguistics and nine papers on teaching were read out by resource persons at designated places in the university.

The best papers on respective fields will be awarded on 27 October.

Kyemon

U Myo Win Latt from north to south ran into the back of a car driven by U Than Zaw and collided with a container driven by U Than Hlaing from south to north after skidding out of his lane.

Two men and six women on the Hilux were injured in the accident and they were sent to Yangon People's Hospital.

Shopkeepers said road accidents occur frequently at the place. "It is difficult to drive on the road where bowsers and 10-wheeled and 12-wheeled containers stopped on both sides of the road before and after filling fuel at the yard", a taxi driver said.

Myanma Alinn



LOCAL NEWS

35th Pavarana of Shwephonepwint Pagoda on 30 October



YANGON, 28 Oct—The Shwephonepwint Pagoda Board of Trustees will organize the 35th Pavarana Ceremony at 3 pm on 30 October.

“Pavarana is also called the conclusion of retreat. At the ceremony, members of the Sangha apologize to other another for their mistakes. The Pavarana ceremony of the Buddhism had started for about 2600 years and it is the best deed of Buddhism,” said the chairman of the Pagoda Board of Trustees.

Myanma Alinn

Setting adrift oil lamps in Shwegyin Creek in fine tradition



YANGON, 28 Oct—Among various festivals across the nation, setting

adrift oil lamps in Shwegyin Creek is various famous in Shwegyin of Bago Region.

Shwegyin is located over 100 miles northeast of Yangon and east part of Bago mountain ranges.

In late Konbaung dynasty, setting adrift oil lamps adrift in Shwegyin Creek has been held in Shwegyin Creek dedicating to the Lord Buddha and Shin Uppagutta. Now the festival is the 161st time of its kind.

“The festival is held from 23 to 31 October on a grand lake,” said an official.

Thanks to Inyeygi Lake in Kyonpyaw Township, the local people have the job opportunities to produce fish, prawn and fishpaste to Yangon and other major cities.—*Myanma Alinn*

The Shin Uppagutta Image will be conveyed onto the Karaweik barge in the creek,” said Chairman of the Leading Committee Township Administrator U Khin Thein Maung.

“On 1st waning of Thadingyut, traditional boat race will be held in Shwegyin Creek with the performances of boatrowing and Kayin and Shan national dancing. As of 4 pm on that day, the prize presentation ceremony will be held for the winners,” he continued.

Shwegyin Creek is not separated with Shwekyin. Likewise, the oil lights from Shwegyin Creek will be images of the Shwegyin dwellers to be able to preserve their fine traditions.

Myanma Alinn

Mudon people invited to attend opening of free clinic

MUDON, 28 Oct—With K 80 million contribution of U Khin Maung Win-Daw Khin San Win (a Daw Mee Mee of Myat Pan Khaing Jewellery Co of 83rd Street between 37th and 38th streets in Mandalay, the ceremony

to open the free clinic will be held on Dawna Street in Setthit Ward of Mudon at 10 am on 1 November.

The clinic construction committee invited dwellers of Mudon to attend the ceremony.

Myanma Alinn

Shrimps released into lake for local food sufficiency

YANGON, 28 Oct—Inyeygi Lake in Kyonpyaw Township of Ayeyawady Region is one of the marine product sources for production of fish and prawn. It is the largest lake in Patheingyi District. The lake is seven nautical square miles.

The lake produces 0.25 million viss of fish and prawn annually. To avoid depletion of fish species, Head of Township Fisheries

Department U Kyaw Soe and staff in cooperation with Kyunthaya Fish Cooperative Society released 316,800 fry shrimps into the lake on 23 October.

“We release fish and prawn into the lake as it is reliable not only for the region but also for the nation. Last month, we released fingerlings worth K 18 million. Now, we released fresh water prawn into the



Myanmar to take part in Thai Track & Field Championship

YANGON, 28 Oct—Myanmar Track and Field Team which is making preparation for taking part in the XXVII SEA Games will participate in the Thai Track & Field Championship.

The championship will be held from 2 to 5 November. Myanmar team will comprise 11 players headed by Manager Daw Khin Nyo (Myanmar Track and Field Federation) together with Coaches U Than Myint Swe (Sports and Physical Education Department) and U Kyaw Swa Moe (YCDC).

The athletes are Yin Yin Hlaing (400-m), Myint Myint Wa (long jump, triple jump), Than Than Soe (20km walk race), Kay Khaing Lwin (200-m), Kyaw Zaw Oo (20km walk race), Soe Moe Win (400-m hurdle), Tun Lat (Decathlon), M



Soe Zar (chain shotput), Khin Mar Hse (3000-m hurdle), Phyu Wah Thet (5000-m) and Swe Swe (3000-m hurdle) sports events.

The Thai Championship is the opportunity for Myanmar team to be able to assess its capability so as to secure achievement in the coming SEA Games.

Myanma Alinn

Football match bankers arrested in Bilin Township

NAY PYI TAW, 28 Oct—IP Maung Maung Kyaw of Mon State Police Force (Crime Section) and party at 4.30 pm on 17 October searched the house of Daw Thein Win and U Nyunt Khaing in Zokthok Village of Taungsun Village-tract in Bilin Township.

The squad seized notes

used in betting, K 65,000 and one US\$ 5 note.

The two were bankers for those who bet in foreign football matches through TV programmes.

Taungsun Police Station opened a file of lawsuit against two bankers under section 13(a), 14(a) and 16(a) of the Gambling Act.—*MNA*

Myanmar traditional boxing challenge in Mandalay 2 Nov

YANGON, 28 Oct—Organized by Myanmar Traditional Boxing Federation of Ministry of Sports, the Myanmar traditional boxing challenge, managed by Myanmar Media Group, will be held at Aungmye Mandalar Gymnasium in Aungmyethazan Township of Mandalay at 6 pm on 2 November.

In the challenge, Moe Thee (Shwephu) will meet with Aung San Khe Saw (Taunggale); Yan Taing Kyaw (Waso) vs Khun

Kyaw Htet (Taunggale); Sai Wunna (Sagaing) vs Po La Pyae (Shwephu); Dein (Madaya) vs. One Star (Shwephu); Moe Makha (Swan KK) vs Win Mauk (Shwephu); Po Tha Gyi (Mandalay) vs Lone Chaw Lay (Thaton), Dawna Aung (Waso) vs. Htet Aung Oo (Taunggale); Po Kay (Myanmar, Mandalay) vs Masut (Iran).

The match between Iranian Masut and Mandalay dweller Po Kay is the first meet in the challenge.

Myanma Alinn

Motorboat sinks in Myaungmya River

MYAUNGMYA, 28 Oct—Toe Tet Aung motorboat driven by Thein Zaw Oo, 25, from Myaungmya-Yanmanaing-Ngayabo route sank in Myaungmya

River at 9 am on 27 October due to breakdown of its keel after departing Myaungmya jetty last five minutes.

As soon as the motorboat had sunk, other

motorboats saved all the passengers without casualty.

The motorboat was loaded with 40 bags of rice, 30 bags of bran and four barrels of fuel in addition to 30 passengers. Officials gave words of encouragement to the passengers and arranged transport of their destinations.

Myanma Alinn

The best time to plant a tree was 20 years ago. The second best time is now.

PERSPECTIVES

Monday, 29 October, 2012

Melodious voice

Food and shelter are the priority requirements for any human community settling in any place. The community then gradually develops its culture and standard including costumes, family values, and faith. Later, human civilization involving language, literature and other fields of arts evolves territorial-wise based on topographical features. Like other human races, the brethren of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar have already possessed own characteristics emerged through cultural evolution.

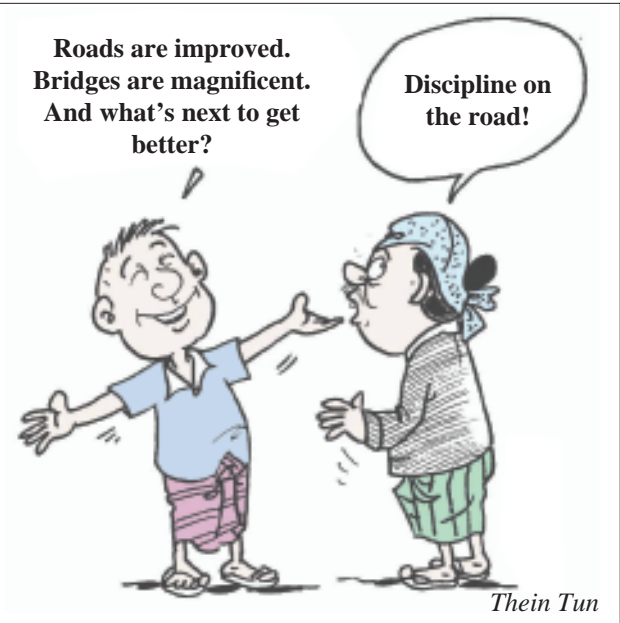
The wall paintings of Pyadalin Cave in Ywangan region, Shan State, bear witness to the flourishing of Early Stone Age Civilization in Myanmar. First, people set up city states, and built religious edifices including pagodas and statues. They then composed poems based on their faith. These poems were the platform from which performing arts flourishes in all parts of Myanmar. We have firm evidence in the excavations, or in the literature that today's flourishing performing arts stemmed from these poems.

Today the world sees technological advancement and material development every single minute at breakneck speed. Now is the time that the entire national people of the Union must constantly monitor and mend in order that the national traditional cultural heritage and the national values of such heritage are not adversely affected by those technologies and materials.

Among basic factors to be taken into consideration for long existence and propagation of Myanmar arts, ensuring further development and peace and stability through mutual understandings and unity is the duty of all our national brethren. Fine art is a melodious voice of the country. Only when the country sees peace, prosperity and stability, would melodious voice be heard across the country.

Speaker of Polish Senate and party back home

YANGON, 28 Oct— A morning. They were seen off by delegation led by Speaker of Polish Senate Mr. Bogdan Borusewicz from the Republic of Poland left here by air this officials from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs at Yangon International Airport.—MNA



NATIONAL

Land preparation increases...

(from page 1)
For the development of the economy of the country, efforts should be made for the development of the agricultural sector which is the base of the economy and priorities should be given to the development of the livelihood of the peasants and to food security.

He stressed the need for stepping up efforts for encouraging practicing scientific cultivation methods and growing high-yield crops.

Measures should be taken to extend from double cropping to tripple cropping and to achieve success in practicing scientific cultivation methods, he added.

He also stressed the importance of the cooperation between the peasants, the government and agro-companies for achieving success in reforms in the agricultural sector.

Farmers should be assisted in their land



President U Thein Sein views quality strains of rice.—MNA

growth, land preparation should be made to be able to carry out tripple cropping and to achieve high-yield production. When the value of the farmland are high according to the Farmland Law, farmers would get loans as much as they need, and that would help achieve irrigation and transition to the agro industrial farming system.

He highlighted the role of agrobusinessmen to land agricultural loans to farmers

harvest so that they can invest them in the second harvest and to abstain from drugs and gambling.

He continued to say that the milk and dairy products factories should be established across the country from the health point of view and food security.

He also urged the farmers to conduct livestock breeding while growing crops to earn high income.

Afterwards, the President inspected the

acres of Paletwe hybrid paddy.

The President also viewed the rice, oil crops and peas and pulses exhibited at the ceremony and gave instructions on the farming sector.

The President and party also visited the agricultural products and seeds booth jointly set up by Shwethanlwin Company and CETC Co Ltd at Chaing Village in Dekkhinathiri Township and viewed farming machinery,



Ripening paddy being harvested with the use of farming machinery.—MNA

preparation so that irrigation water can reach their farmland, he said.

He also urged officials concerned to learn the factors causing low production of rice in Myanmar and to take measures for boosting production rice as the rice production rate of Myanmar is lower than that of neighbouring country Thailand and Vietnam.

To achieve the three-fold increase in the GDP

when the government is tight with its budget.

He assured that double and triple cropping system can create job opportunities for daily-waged farming labourers.

Factories in the industrial sector would also create job opportunities for the people, improving the socio-economy of the people.

He urged farmers to save incomes from the first

main canal, the main road for transporting farm products and use of farming machinery in the 440-model

seeds, fruits and crops, dairy products and pesticides exhibited at the booth.

MNA

Union Foreign Minister felicitates Turkish counterpart

NAY PYI TAW, 29 Oct— On the occasion of the Proclamation Day of the Republic of Turkey, which falls on 29 October 2012, U Wunna Maung Lwin, Union Minister for Foreign

Affairs of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr Ahmet Davutoglu, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Turkey.—MNA

NATIONAL

Rapid completion of infrastructural...

(from page 16)
by ensuring participation of all concerned in political developments on the common ground setting aside differences to settle the disagreement and argument along the course of history due to different ideological beliefs, racism and regionalism.

Agriculture, the long-existed core industry of the nation, alone is incapable of socio-economic development, but industrialization can, stressed the Vice-President who described establishment of special economic zones

as a way of acquiring investment required for industrialization process. He called for making effective use of natural resources and favourable land and climate. He pushed for rapid completion of infrastructural construction to invite larger foreign investment to penetrate into global market.

The special economic zone project, said the Vice-President, on its completion would create jobs, better education, and health care with prospects for higher living standard. He quoted the instruction of the

President demanding not to pose threat to interests of own national people, national image, sovereignty of the State and ecological balance in inviting foreign investment.

The Vice-President heard reports on progress of the project along with measures for offset against environmental degradation and social security for local people within project area, as well as difficulties of the project, resettlement of villages, compensation scheme, land utilization and current sea transportation.

The Vice-President then viewed small-scale industrial establishments and houses for local people

4th ASEM Labour and Employment Ministers' Conference concludes



Union Minister for Labour U Maung Myint attends 4th ASEM Labour and Employment Ministers' Conference.—MNA

and seedlings and bio-fertilizer to be distributed to displaced villagers. He also inspected the site and related facilities.

The Vice-President visited Lawka Marazein Pagoda in Dawei and donated cash for all-round renovation of the pagoda.

He this morning met Taninthayi Region government to discuss regional development undertakings, requirements for the region and the special economic zone project. He called the region government to try to enable local people to directly enjoy fruits of the government's actions, fulfilling the needs.

MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 28 Oct — A Myanmar delegation led by Union Minister for Labour U Maung Myint arrived back after attending the 4th ASEM Labour and Employment Ministers' Conference held at Hanoi, Vietnam, on 25-26 October.

The Union minister explained implementation of employment policies and reform strategy of Myanmar.

The meeting attended by ministers from 40 Asian and European countries and representatives of European Union, European Commission and International Labour

Organization focused on employment policies of Asian and European countries, capacity building, social security, corporate social responsibility, work place health and safety measures, and issued a Joint Statement of ASEM Labour and Employment Ministers.

Job creation for the youth and employment for the vulnerable groups, capacity building, social security, corporate social responsibility, workplace health and safety, cooperation in global employment policies are included in the Joint Statement.—MNA



Photo shows progress of housing project.—MNA

Thanks to collaborative efforts of Rakhine State...

(from page 1)
On 22 October morning and afternoon, 150 houses in Thayetoak Village and 200 houses in Aungdaing Village in Minbya Township fell victims of the arson attack of mobs.

On 22 October evening, security forces had to deter a large rampant mob from approaching to Nagaya Village in Minbya Township. In the incident, two rioters were killed.

Thada Village in Minbya Township came under arson attack of a mob on 24 October evening, leaving 108 houses in ashes. The mob again set fire on Sinohdan Village in the evening. In the incident, 64 houses and one rice mill were burnt to ground, forcing security

forces to disperse the mob. Samale Village in Minbya Township met the same fate the same evening, losing 100 houses and two religious buildings.

While the security forces were trying to stop a mob from destroying a house in Zaybaing Ward in Myebon Township on 23 October evening, a resident set fire on own house, turning 10 houses to ashes.

While a mob was setting fire on houses in Taungbaw Ward in Myebon Township on 23 October midnight, the residents put ablaze their own houses, leaving 269 houses, four religious buildings and three rice mills on urban wards in ashes, killing four and wounding 14.

The security forces had to disperse the mobs that

set fire on Ayarshi Ward on 22 October evening and Peikseik Ward following night in Kyaukphyu Township. In the attacks, 69 houses were burnt to ground, two killed and 28 wounded.

Again, riots occurred in Anaukpaing Ward and Taungyin Village-tract on 24 October morning, forcing security forces to disperse the mobs.

Pyinphyumaw Village came under arson attacks of a mob the same morning, leaving 20 houses in ashes.

Peikseik Ward saw two arson attacks the same day, losing 50 houses in the morning and 693 houses in the evening.

The security forces had to take control of the attempts of mobs in Anaukpaing Ward and Thanpanchaung Ward in Kyaukphyu Township on 25 October.

Two men were killed

and one wounded in the mob attacks at extended ward of Taungyin village tract in Kyaukpyu Township.

Due to arson attacks at Lathsauangkauk village at 6.10 am in Kyauktaw Township, 18 houses were burnt down. The situation returned to normal at 6.45 am due to the efforts of members of security forces. In the incident, 44 percussion lock firearms were seized and some people who held the firearm were put in detention.

Security forces dealt with arson attacks by a mob at Pikethe village in Kyauktaw Township at 6.30 am. In the incident, seven percussion lock firearms were seized.

A total of 12 people were killed and 20 injured in the incidents in Kyauktaw Township. Members of security force used tear gas and riot-control devices to disperse the mob. Four

people were killed in blue on blue incident while dispersing the mob by members of security force, and 71 percussion lock firearms were seized.

Due to arson attacks of a mob at 7.45 am on 25 October at Nyaungbingyi village in Yathedaung Township, 30 houses were reduced to ashes and the incident claimed lives of two people, leaving four people injured.

A total of 153 houses and one religious building were set ablaze by a mob at east ward of Pauktaw Township 2 pm on 25 October and 183 houses and religious building were burnt down at Bawanchaungwasu ward.

As villagers of Minthapha village in Pauktaw Township set fire on their own houses at 8.30 am on 26 October, 74 houses and one religious building were destroyed.

Due to terrorist acts of

a mob at 1.50 am at Jeiktaw village in Thandwe, one house and a boat were damaged.

Due to riots and violence occurred from 21 to 27 October in Rakhine State, 2950 houses, 14 religious buildings and eight rice mills were burnt down and 84 people were killed and 129 injured.

Thanks to collaborative efforts between Rakhine State government and authorities concerned and members of security force and the monks and locals, the situation returned to normalcy.

In order to avoid conflicts from occurring again, security measures were tightened and members of security force reinforced. Relief and rehabilitation works are being carried out for displaced victims of riots and violence.

MNA



File photo shows blue-and-white porcelain goblets of Yuan Dynasty unearthed in Gaoan, east China's Jiangxi Province. A chinaware museum, which is under construction in Gaoan, is expected to open to visitors in the first half of 2013, displaying many pieces of precious chinaware from ancient China's Yuan Dynasty.—XINHUA

UN grants Republic of Congo to 8 m USD for national forest programme

Environment

BRAZZAVILLE, 28 Oct—The Republic of Congo government and the United Nations (UN) on Friday signed an 8 million US dollars agreement for Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Forest Degradation (REDD), an official source in Brazzaville has said.

The 2012-2015 program will be funded by the Congolese government which will contribute 600,000 dollars, the Forest Carbon Partnership Facility

(FCPF) which will contribute 3.4 million dollars and the UN-REDD which will contribute 4 million dollars.

The UN-REDD will provide both technical and financial support to this national REDD program for a three-year period.

The UN-REDD agreement covers the organization, dialogue, strategic analysis and technical management of the REDD mechanism.

The programme was signed by Congolese Forestry Minister Henri Djombo,

the representative of the UN Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) in Congo, Dieudonne Koguyagda, as well as the deputy representative of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) in Congo, Eloi Kouadio.

The Republic of Congo boasts forests of 22 million hectares, covering two thirds of the Central African country's total surface area of 342,000 square km.

Xinhua

Sino-Dutch cooperation focuses on green economy

THE HAGUE, 28 Oct—To mark the 40th anniversary of Sino-Dutch diplomatic relations at ambassadorial level, a seminar with the topic "doing business in greening economies" kicked off in the parliament building of South Holland Province on Friday.

The seminar, which was organized by the European Investment Council (EIC) and the Dutch Chinese Young Entrepreneurs, called on more attention of sustainable development while the bilateral economic cooperation expanded very quickly in recent years.

"The topic why we want to use 'greening economies' is about the future. The Netherlands is very strong in sustainability," Nico Leerdam, Vice Chairman of EIC told Xinhua, "I think there are a lot of opportunities where both countries could cooperate for better development in sustainability."

Zhang Jinxiong, Charge d'Affaires of the Chinese embassy, described the topic as "smart." "In the past forty years, we successfully grasped opportunities, eliminated interferences and overcame difficulties in our way to closer relations," he said, "The huge potential of Sino-Dutch green economy cooperation lies in urbanization, new

energy conservation, water management and environment protection."

Last year, China became the second largest investor to the Netherlands with an investment of 43 million euros thanks to logistic assets such as the Port of Rotterdam and the Schiphol airport.

"However, China is still a developing country, we need to do business in green way, but also based on the Chinese reality," Zhang stressed.

More than 200 business elites from both nations shared their experience in the seminar.

J P Koert, Technical Director of IHC Merwede, said, "What is very important when you work together is that you have to get to learn each other first very well. There has to be mutual trust."

According to Ms Melanie Schultz van Haagen, Dutch Minister of Infrastructure and the Environment, "The Netherlands and China share the same global challenges, such as climate change and scarcity of water." "Today we are here for the 40 years Sino-Dutch relationship, but of course we already have a 400 years trading relationship," She told Xinhua, "I think the Dutch and the Chinese had a lot in common in the past and that will also be for the future."

Xinhua



Two girls take pictures of a sculpture at the Sculpture Park in Wuhu City, east China's Anhui Province, 27 Oct 2012.—XINHUA

Support for Scotland's independence put at 29 percent

Scotland

EDINBURGH, 28 Oct—Support for Scotland's independence was put at 29 percent while more than half of voters support keeping Scotland in the UK, shows a new poll.

The result of the YouGov survey, published by the Courier newspaper, put the opposition to Scotland's independence at 55 percent, while the findings are broadly in line with two other polls this month from different organizations, the online Herald Scotland reported on Friday.

More than 1,000 people in Scotland took part in the survey conducted by YouGov, a global market research organization, after the Scottish National Party (SNP)'s autumn conference was held more than one week ago in Perth, a major city in

Xinhua

Up to 40 percent may vote early in election

US

WASHINGTON, 28 Oct—Early voters could account for up to 40 percent of all ballots cast in the 2012 US presidential election, and polls of people who already voted show President Barack Obama with a comfortable lead over Republican challenger Mitt Romney. Both candidates have been urging supporters not just to vote but to do it early as Republicans and Democrats campaign vigorously — particularly in key battleground states — to lock up as many votes as possible before Election Day on 6 November.

Polls of people who say they already have voted show Obama with a lead in many of the states. The Obama campaign, which benefited from early voting in 2008, has focused heavily on urging supporters to vote early in this election as well.

Obama leads Romney 54 percent to 39 percent among voters who already have cast ballots, according to Reuters/Ipsos polling data compiled

in recent weeks. The sample size of early voters is 960 people with a credibility interval of plus or minus 3.5 percentage points. Allison Gilmore voted during her lunch break at a community center in Arlington, Virginia. Like many who vote early, Gilmore was not sure she could make it on Election Day.

"In some of the battleground states, rates are even above that," said Michael McDonald, a

political science professor at George Mason University in Virginia who runs the US Elections Project.

"There's a lot of activity out there with both the Romney and the Obama campaigns organizing and mobilizing their supporters to vote early," McDonald said. According to McDonald's data, states such as Iowa and Ohio — both of which are considered pivotal in the election — show a faster pace of early voting than in 2008.—Reuters



A voting sign is displayed outside the Gila County Records office during early voting in Globe, Arizona on 26 Oct, 2012.—REUTERS

Croatian president meets Chinese Deputy FM on ties

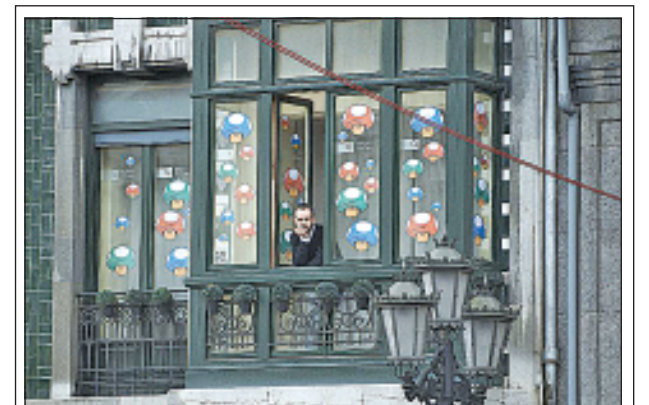
ZAGREB, 28 Oct—Croatian President Ivo Josipovic met visiting Chinese Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs Song Tao in Zagreb on Friday.

Josipovic said his country valued friendship between Croatia and China and Croatia appreciated the concept of peaceful development advocated by China.

Josipovic said Chinese President Hu Jintao's visit to his country in 2009 has greatly boosted the development of bilateral relations, saying Croatia will further promote the cooperation with China in the fields of economy and trade, tourism and cultural

taking the opportunity of the cooperation between China and Central-Eastern Europe countries.

Song said China regarded Croatia as a good friend and a good partner. China-Croatia ties are developing soundly and the two countries have been pushing forward the bilateral cooperation at various levels based on mutual respect since they established diplomatic relations 20 years ago, he said. Song said China is willing to make joint efforts with Croatia to strengthen and expand their bilateral cooperation. Song arrived in Zagreb on Thursday for a three-day visit.—Xinhua



A Mario game fan decorates the windows, celebrating the game designer, Japanese video game designer Shigeru Miyamoto to receive the 2012 Prince of Asturias Award for Communication and Humanity in Oviedo, Spain, on 26 Oct 2012. The Prince of Asturias is seen as major global award. Established in 1980, the Awards are to help acknowledged the scientific, technical, cultural, social and humanitarian work done by persons, teams or organisations at an international level.—XINHUA

REGIONAL

Hospitals and schools rebuilt in Quake-hit Yushu

China

YUSHU, 28 Oct — Schools and hospitals have been reconstructed in northwest China's Yushu prefecture after a devastating earthquake hit the area in 2010.

A total of 44 schools and 53 hospitals have been rebuilt in the Tibetan autonomous prefecture in Qinghai Province, at a cost of 2.8 billion yuan (448 million US dollars), local government said in a statement on Saturday. The statement

was made after the People's Hospital of Yushu Prefecture, the last in the project, opened.

By the end of September, construction of all 16,710 residences for farmers and herdsmen in Yushu has been completed. Construction on all the 22,439 houses for urban residents has started, the statement said.

A 7.1-magnitude earthquake jolted Yushu on 14 April, 2010, taking 2,698 lives and injuring over 12,000 people.

Xinhua



An electronic musician performs on the stage at the Midi Electronic Festival Shanghai 2012 in east China's Shanghai Municipality, on 27 Oct, 2012. The Midi Electronic Festival Shanghai 2012 kicked off Saturday at the Riverside Promenade of Shanghai's Lujiazui area, with a total of 27 electronic musicians and bands from home and abroad. —XINHUA

Two Malaysians arrested in Lebanon for terrorists link

Malaysia

KUALA LUMPUR, 28 Oct — Two Malaysian were arrested in Lebanon for allegedly linked to Al-Qaeda, diplomats said on Saturday.

The two suspects, aged 21 and 28 respectively, were detained by the Lebanese authorities at the Beirut International Airport, reported Bernama, Malaysia's official news agency.

The duo were arrested several days ago for suspected links to Al-Qaeda and would be brought to court on Monday, said Karuppanan, Malaysian Ambassador to Lebanon.

Lebanese media reported earlier this week that the two were nabbed by the army's intelligence unit for allegedly being the members of the terrorists organization.

Investigations showed they were recruited by another Malaysian, and had tried to enter Syria via Turkey to carry out suicide attacks about two months ago, the reports said.

When failed to make way into Syria, the two decided to head to Lebanon to carry out terrorist attacks when their plot were discovered by the authorities. —Xinhua

Indonesia arrests 11 terror suspects plotting attacks on US objects

Indonesia

JAKARTA, 28 Oct — Indonesian police's anti-terror squad, Detachment 88 (Densus 88), arrested on Saturday 11 suspected terrorists who planned to carry out attacks on several targets, mostly US objects in Indonesia.

The arrest were conducted

in four cities in Java, National Police Spokesperson Suhardi Alius said. "Those suspects were arrested in Madiun, Solo, Bogor and Jakarta," Suhardi told a Press conference.

He said that based on the interrogation, the targets included US embassy in Jakarta, US Consulate General

in Surabaya, US mining firms office, Australian Embassy in Jakarta and police mobile brigade headquarters.

He added that the anti-terror squad also confiscated in terrorist hideouts high explosive bomb and bomb assembling manual book.

Xinhua



A model presents creations in the Yuan Bing S/S 2013 fashion show during the China Fashion Week held in Beijing, on 27 October, 2012. The fashion week, which attracted 51 designers from home and abroad, lasts from 25 October to 3 November. —XINHUA

Seven die, 42 injured in bus accident in C. Philippines

MANILA, 28 Oct — Seven people has died and 42 others injured when a passenger bus bumped with a concrete fence in Toledo City in central Philippines' Cebu Province, police said Sunday.

Samuel Trocio from the city police said the accident happened at about 7:30 p.m. Saturday when the bus was on the way to Pinamungajan town in Cebu. "Its brakes malfunctioned and ramped into

the fence of a residential house," Trocio said.

The injured passengers were taken to the Toledo City Hospital and Carmen Copper Hospital. The bus driver, 40, were among those injured. —Xinhua

Death toll of tropical storm surges to 27 in Philippines

Philippines

MANILA, 28 Oct — Tropical storm Son-Tinh (local name Ofel) has left the Philippines with 27 people dead, nine missing, and 19 injured, the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (NDRRMC) said on Saturday.

In its latest report released on Saturday evening, the state agency said of the 27 victims died in the storm, 15 people were killed by drowning, 5 died after they were hit by fallen trees, and the others were killed in various accidents such as electrocution and landslide.

Around 14,700 families or about 66,800 people were affected by the storm and of them, some 3,400 families or 15,200 individuals were staying in 97 evacuation centres, NDRRMC said, adding that three provinces in northern Philippines were still flooded.

Authorities have pegged the cost of damage by the weather disturbance at around 55.34 million pesos (about 1.34 million US dollars). —Xinhua



Vietnamese Prime Minister Nguyen Tan Dung (R) meets with his Thai counterpart Yingluck Shinawatra after the second Vietnam-Thailand Joint Cabinet Retreat in Hanoi, capital of Vietnam, on 27 Oct, 2012. Vietnam and Thailand agreed Saturday to raise their relationship to strategic partnership.

XINHUA

Chinese Culture Week opens in Armenia

Culture

YEREVAN, 28 Oct — A Chinese Culture Week was launched on Saturday in Yerevan in a bid to further enhance bilateral cooperation.

Hansheng, an art troupe from the Southern Chinese city of Zhuhai, will give concerts in Yerevan and Gyumri during the Chinese Culture Week, which coincides with the 20th anniversary of the

establishment of diplomatic relations between China and Armenia.

A Chinese art exhibition will also be held at the National Art Gallery of Armenia.

China held an Armenian Culture Week in 2011, during which the two sides signed a 2012-2016 programme of cooperation in the field of culture.

Xinhua



Cosplay enthusiasts pose at a cosplay competition at the National Animation Industry Park in north China's Tianjin Municipality, on 27 Oct, 2012. The cosplay competition kicked off Saturday, with participants from 30 countries and regions.

XINHUA

Build Business Relationship with Korea
Enjoy the largest Myanmar-Korea Cultural Festival

KOREA WEEK 8 ~ 14
November 2012

Don't miss this rare chance to experience the culture and business opportunity with Korea

Korean Expo 2012 >>> Korean Best Products from 55 Korean Companies
November 8 ~ 11, 2012 (Daily 10 am ~ 5 pm)

The 7th Korean Film Festival (Nov. 9~12 @ Thamada Cinema Hall)

K-Pop Cover Dance and Face of Myanmar Contest (Nov. 10 @ MCC)

K-Drama OST Myanmar-Korea Joint Concert (Nov. 11 @ MCC)

The 6th Korean Ambassador's Cup Taekwondo Championship (Nov. 12~13 @ Thuwana Indoor Stadium)

The 10th Korean Speech Contest (Nov.14 @ Traders Hotel)

HOST /   ORGANIZER /  
SPONSOR /   GENERAL INVESTMENT /  

Affordable Housing Project to be Implemented

Yangon City Development Committee have a plan to implement the "Affordable Housing project" at Bo Ba Htoo street, No. 48 ward in Dagon Myothit (North).

The project is established in land area of 114 acre and it has recreation center, playgrounds, car-parking, shopping malls, mini marts and apartment complex of good ventilation and lighting. All of constructions must be completed in three years. After project, the apartments will be sold to public fair price.

Explanation and discussion will be in No(4) meeting room, City Hall at 08:00 morning on 14 November. Whoever, external or internal Contractors and Bankers, interested in project, can register in advance and attend the discussion. The last date for registration is 2012, 7 November and the place is Engineering Department (Building). Anyone, want to know may contact Committee Office, Yangon City Development Committee and phone no 370982.

Moscow urges international community to prevent Syrian rebels from getting Manpads

Moscow, 28 Oct — Moscow urged the international community to prevent the man-portable air defence systems (Manpads) from reaching the armed Syrian opposition, the Russian Foreign Ministry said on Friday. "The weapons would fall into hands of extremists, which is very dangerous," foreign ministry spokesman Alexander Lukashevich told

a news briefing.

The armed opposition in Syria were "constantly getting full assistance from outside," Lukashevich said, adding that the civilians were suffering from the mounting violence.

Moscow called on all the countries that supply arms to Syria to undertake all possible measures to prevent the Manpads from reaching the extremists,

"especially of those who openly warned they would shot down the civilian aircraft," Lukashevich said. Citing verified information, Russian Chief of General Staff Nikolai Makarov said earlier this week that the Syrian opposition have acquired portable air-defence systems produced abroad, including the US-made Stingers.—Xinhua

Urbanization: China's approach

China to future development

BEIJING, 28 Oct— Like her peers in the city, the 11-year-old daughter of Chen Haipeng, a woman from central China's Henan Province, finally has her own room. Chen, 33, left a dark and narrow bungalow in the countryside of the city of Luoyang last August and moved into a 130-square-meter apartment with three bedrooms with the help of a government-initiated urbanization programme.

Under the programme, 14,000 people from five villages in the town of Koudian will be relocated by the end of 2014 to a brand-new community with sound facilities, including schools, supermarkets, clinics, a culture center and a nursing home.

Currently, a total of 260 families have moved into 24 blocks of six-story buildings.

Cable TV, Internet access and hygienic bathrooms,

which many of the villagers believed to be a privilege enjoyed only by city dwellers, have become part of the villagers' lives.

Relocating rural residents will save land and improve their life quality, said Ren Baojun, secretary of the Communist Party of China (CPC) committee of Koudian.

The saved land will be used for industrial development or farming. The total amount of arable land will be increased to guarantee food safety, he said.

The construction of the community will cost 615 million yuan (97.5 million US dollars). The funding will mainly come from the sale and lease of the saved land and government subsidies, Ren said.

Unlike her old house, which she only had the right to use and not to sell, Chen owns her new department and can trade it on the market

if she so desires. Chen's experience epitomizes China's rapid urbanization process. As a traditional agricultural country, China has witnessed a large-scale population immigration from the countryside to the cities.

Chen's home province of Henan has a vast population and limited land resources have stunted its economic development. The provincial government has subsequently looked for new urbanization methods, such as improving employment and life quality for rural residents. In order to support his family, Chen's husband had worked in the city of Suzhou in east China's Jiangsu Province since 2003 as an electrician. However, when the local government in Koudian introduced new electronics and furniture manufacturing companies at a new industrial park near his hometown, he elected to come back.—Reuters



Performers from Wuhan Acrobatic Troupe of China rehearse before the opening of Wuhan International Acrobatic Art Festival of China in Wuhan City, capital of central China's Hubei Province, on 26 Oct 2012. The acrobatic festival kicked off on Friday night, with participants from 16 countries and regions.—XINHUA

Nicaraguan army seizes 1.6 tons of cocaine in southern Caribbean

MANAGUA, 28 Oct — The Nicaraguan army said on Friday that it had captured a speed boat in southern Caribbean and seized 60 bags of cocaine weighing around 1.6 tons.

The army said it spotted the suspicious vessel, believed to be traveling from Costa Rica to Honduras, on Thursday night and pulled it in early Friday morning at 32 km southeast of Port Bluefields.

Besides the 60 cocaine bags, one bag of marihuana, a package containing an indefinite amount of US dollars, and 15 fuel barrels were also confiscated, the army said.—Xinhua

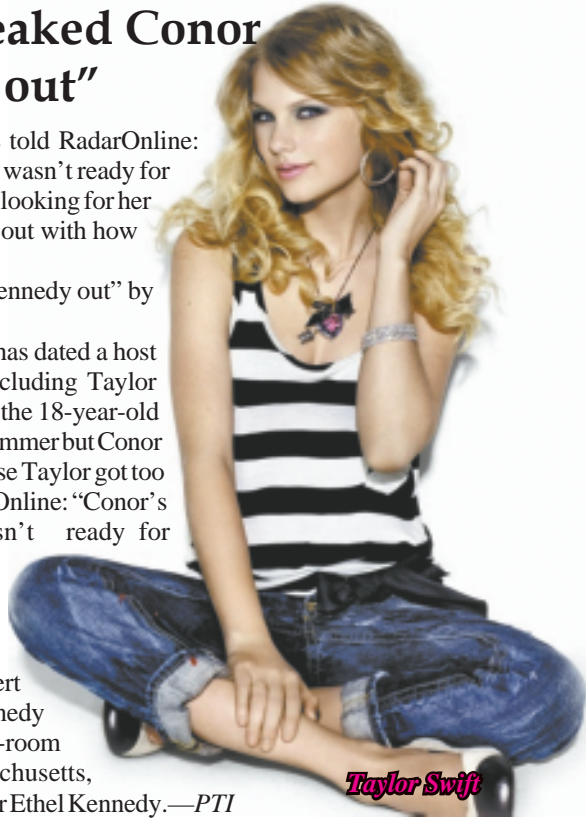
ENTERTAINMENT

Taylor Swift “freaked Conor Kennedy out”

NEW DELHI, 28 Oct—A source told RadarOnline: “Conor’s just an 18-year-old kid and wasn’t ready for anything super serious. But Taylor is looking for her soulmate and it kind of freaked him out with how strong she came on.”

Taylor Swift “freaked Conor Kennedy out” by coming on too strong.

The 22-year-old singer— who has dated a host of Hollywood hunks in the past including Taylor Lautner and Jake Gyllenhaal — and the 18-year-old schoolboy started dating during the summer but Conor is said to have called things off because Taylor got too serious, too fast. A source told RadarOnline: “Conor’s just an 18-year-old kid and wasn’t ready for anything super serious. But Taylor is looking for her soulmate and it kind of freaked him out with how strong she came on.” Soon after she started dating Conor - the son of Robert Kennedy Jr. and the late Mary Kennedy — Taylor bought a \$4.9 million, 13-room property in Hyannis Port, Massachusetts, across the street from his grandmother Ethel Kennedy.—PTI



Taylor Swift

Ang Lee to begin Life Of Pi promotions from India

NEW DELHI, 28 Oct— The film follows the journey of a boy who is stranded in the middle of the sea after his family is drowned in a ship accident. Oscar winning director Ang Lee is set to fly down to India Sunday to begin the promotions of his new film Life Of Pi, an adaptation of Yann Martel’s Booker Prize winning book of the same name.

Lee, who shot the film at Puducherry and Munnar, will visit Mumbai and Chennai along with co-producer David Lee and actors — debutante Suraj Sharma, Tabu and Irrfan Khan — to promote the movie.

“We are privileged to announce Academy Award



Oscar winning director Ang Lee

winning director Ang Lee’s visit to India...Life of Pi international promotions will be flagged off in India with Lee’s special visit along with the cast from the film,” Vijay Singh, CEO, Fox Star

Studios, said in a statement. “Ang is scheduled to arrive in India on 28 October for Mumbai and Chennai visit, where he will also showcase exclusive visuals from the film for a select audience. The visit will also kickstart the extravagant scale of activities planned, building on the excitement and anticipation that has been growing for Life of Pi since its trailer launch,” Singh said. “Not only is it a stunning showcase of the immense acting talent and breathtaking locales of our country, it is also one of those rare works of cinema that transcends boundaries with its universal appeal,” Singh added.—Reuters

Vanessa Paradis still believes in lasting love

NEW DELHI, 28 Oct—The French actress, who split from long- term partner Johnny Depp in June after 14 years with him, dislikes the term “soul mates” as she feels giving a term to a significant other doesn’t allow for the fact relationships constantly evolve.

She said: “I believe in love and I believe in wanting to make it last. “But as soon as you start to say: ‘Here’s my soul mate’, it feels like you’re done. Love is a constant, evolving emotion. And the fact of putting a title on it, whether it’s your husband or your wife or your soul mate, then it seems like you know the end of the book. And I don’t like to know the end of the book or the movie.”

However, despite her views, Vanessa, who has children Lily-Rose, 13, and Jack, 10, with Johnny, admits being described as someone’s soul mate is a “beautiful” thing.

She added to W magazine: “But I mean it’s beautiful when one day someone tells you you’re their soul mate — it makes you feel good.”

PTI



Vanessa Paradis



Actress Alicia Silverstone

My first boyfriend was gay: Alicia Silverstone

LONDON, 28 Oct—Actress Alicia Silverstone says that her first boyfriend was gay.

The Clueless star admits she was so in love with the person that she ignored her friends’ suspicions about his sexuality, reports femalefirst.co.uk.

“I’ve had so many crushes on gay boys. My first love was so gay, and I didn’t know. I used to defend him because everyone would say he was gay, but he’d say he wasn’t. Then, about six years later, he had the big talk with me,” said the 36-year-old. Silverstone is now married to rocker Christopher Jarecki.—Reuters

Rolling Stones play \$20 surprise gig in Paris

PARIS, 28 Oct— The Rolling Stones performed an energetic warm-up gig in Paris on Thursday for a few hundred fans after announcing on Twitter that tickets would go on sale for 15 euros (\$19.45) just hours in advance.

“I can’t believe we’re all still standing up, you’d think by now one or two of us would be sitting down, but we’re not,” lead singer Mick Jagger, 69, told fans at the Trabendo, a 700-capacity venue in northern Paris, during the 75 minute surprise show.

Fans said the small space created an optimal setting for the show which kicked off with “Route 66” and ended with “Brown Sugar”.

“We were right next to them, we could see them perfectly,” said one French fan who gave his name as Gianni. “It was a very small room and they were running all over the stage...they seemed really happy.”

Some got an additional perk after the show, as Jagger signed autographs before being whisked away in a black Mercedes sedan.

Earlier this month, the band announced they would perform four concerts at large arenas — two in London and two near New York — to celebrate their 50th anniversary. Their last world tour ended in 2007.

Reuters

I am not a victim: Cheryl Cole

LONDON, 28 Oct—Singer Cheryl Cole says she is a strong woman now and has moved on from the cheating drama her footballer ex-husband made her go through.

“I’m not unlucky in love or anything else. And I’m absolutely not a victim. I’m strong, happy and settled — and I really don’t give a s**t any more,” Glamour magazine quoted her as saying.

The 29-year-old, who parted ways with Ashley in 2010 after he was caught cheating on her, is now dating dancer Tre Holloway and says starting a relationship with a new man was tough for her.

“It takes a long time after you’ve been with someone as long as I was (with Ashley) not to feel like you’re cheating on them,” Cheryl said.

“That may sound crazy, but it’s the way I felt after him. I had completely committed myself,” she added.—PTI



Singer Cheryl Cole

Soccer

Goals could bring belief and confidence, says Allegri



AC Milan head coach Massimiliano Allegri

MILAN, 28 Oct — AC Milan head coach Massimiliano Allegri claimed he was never worried about his job before his side beat Genoa 1-0 in the Italian Serie A on Saturday and all his side needed is goals that could bring belief and confidence.

The Rossoneri ended their three-loss streak with the win at San Siro thanks to a late Stephan El Shaarawy strike. It had been reported Allegri was facing the axe if he failed to win this game. "I

was very relaxed because the team had always put in strong performances. We just needed to find some belief and confidence, especially in front of goal," he said.

"With goals everything becomes easier. I experienced a similar situation when I was at Cagliari," he said. "It was a deserved victory and I think so far the criticism has been harsh considering what the lads did on the field," the coach added.

Xinhua

Schalke and Dortmund victorious in German Bundesliga

BERLING, 28 Oct — Schalke's Jefferson Farfan scored the only goal of the match against passive Nuremberg while defending champions Dortmund wrapped their fourth win of the season with two goals in Freiburg, at the ninth round of German Bundesliga on Saturday. Schalke craved out the sixth win of the season following the late winner by Jefferson Farfan. The victory was a stiff piece of work against Nuremberg that looked for the first win after six winless matches.

Still Schalke controlled

the match for long periods as Nuremberg made no move to stage offensive actions. Despite Schalke's dominance they struggled to create golden opportunities against Nuremberg's bulwark. Finally, with 77 minutes into the match Farfan exploited a cross by Christian Fuchs to slot the winner from the penalty area to seal the deal ahead of time. Borussia Dortmund and Freiburg struggled with snowy weather nonetheless the reigning champion wrapped three points thanks to the goals by Neven Subotic and Mario

Goetze.

Freiburg staged a bright start on home soil as Dortmund were unable to implement their short passing game due to the adverse weather conditions. Thus Dortmund needed some time to adjust their style of play meanwhile Freiburg squandered a couple of scoring opportunities at the first half. With beginning of the second half Dortmund seized the initiative to set the hosts under pressure. Dortmund were rewarded for their efforts when Neven Subotic nodded home from 11 metres into bottom right



Schalke's Jefferson Farfan scored the only goal of the match against passive Nuremberg while defending champions Dortmund wrapped their fourth win of the season with two goals in Freiburg, at the ninth round of German Bundesliga on Saturday. — XINHUA

following a long cross by Marco Reus.

Freiburg almost equalized the score through Erik Jendrisek but Dortmund goalkeeper Roman Weidenfeller denied the leveller. In the closing period of the match Mario Goetze doubled the lead with a low

shot into the bottom left to wrap the fourth win of the season. Elsewhere, Mainz cruised to a 3-0 victory over Hoffenheim owing to the hat rick by Adam Szalai, who increased his season's goal tally to seven.

Xinhua

Japan's Tanaka set for Super Rugby move

TOKYO, 28 Oct — Japan's Fumiaki Tanaka is set to become the first player from his country to compete in the southern hemisphere's Super Rugby competition next season for the Dunedin-based Highlanders.

Tanaka's Panasonic Wild Knights club said on Saturday that the 27-year-old scrumhalf would be joining the New Zealand team in 2013.

"I feel so honoured to be becoming Japan's first Super Rugby player," said Tanaka. "I hope to improve at the higher levels of rugby and bring those skills back to Panasonic." — Reuters



Japan's Fumiaki Tanaka

Maria Sharapova to clash with Serena Williams in WTA final

ISTANBUL, 28 Oct — Maria Sharapova of Russia booked a final clash with Serena Williams of the United States at the WTA Championships on Saturday with a 6-4, 6-2 victory over world No 1 Victoria Azarenka of Belarus.

"I certainly didn't make as many mistakes today as I did in our previous matches," said Sharapova during a side court aftermatch interview.

"Against the world No 1, you have to run down every ball.

She's No 1 for a reason so I had to be ready for every shot."

Sharapova dominated the match, breaking serve twice while winning the first four games of the second set and topped Azarenka 6-4, 6-2 to reach the WTA final with Serena, who breezed past Agnieszka Radwanska of Poland 6-2, 6-1 in 61 minutes.

"It will be a difficult match against Serena.

She's been on fire, she's the one to beat," said Sharapova.

Xinhua



Maria Sharapova of Russia celebrates victory during her match.

Tennis

Serena Williams beats Radwanska to reach WTA Championship final

ISTANBUL, 28 Oct — Serena Williams advanced to the final of the WTA Championship after brushing aside Agnieszka Radwanska of Poland 6-2, 6-1 on Saturday.

Williams had little problem against the fourth-ranked Radwanska, who seemed off her top form after a record-breaking three-and-a-half hour match against Sara Errani the night before.

Williams, who is seeking her third title in the season-ending tournament that features the top eight players in the world, will play the winner of Victoria Azarenka, the world number one from Belarus, and Maria Sharapova of Russia.

Xinhua



Serena Williams of the United States hits a return during the semifinal match against Agnieszka Radwanska of Poland at the WTA Championships 2012 in Istanbul of Turkey on 27 Oct, 2012. — XINHUA

GENERAL

Focus Myanmar TV Programme

MYANMAR INTERNATIONAL

(29-10-12 09:30 am ~ 30-10-12 09:30 am) MST

- * News
- * Magnificent Thadingyut Festival
- * Showcase Malaysia in Yangon Myanmar
- * News
- * Shin Upagutta Floating Festival of Shwe Kyin
- * Blooming Multicolour Flowers
- * Junior Golf Series 2012-2013
- * News
- * Rakhine National Song along with the Royal Drum
- * News

- * Walking Event to Commemorate International White Cane Day
- * News
- * Lucrative Crop for Farmers CP Hybrid Maize
- * News
- * Myanmar Movies Impact "Chit Pan Wai"
- * News
- * Myanmar-Korea Power Technical Seminar and Material Presentation
- * Bona Fide Labour
- * News
- * Safari park: Nay Pyi Taw's Fresh Appeal
- * Myanmar Movie "An Oath by Than Lwin River"

MYANMAR TV

(29-10-2012, Monday)

- 7:00 am**
- 1. Paritta by Venerable Mingun Sayadaw
- 7:25 am**
- 2. To Be Healthy Exercise
- 7:40 am**
- 3. Nice & Sweet Song
- 7:50 am**
- 4. Health Programme
- 8:05 am**
- 5. Dance Of National Races
- 8:10 am**
- 6. Cute Little Dancer
- 8:20 am**
- 7. Documentary
- 8:45 am**
- 8. Songs Of Thadinkyut Festival
- 4:00 pm**
- 9. Martial Song
- 4:10 pm**
- 10. Dance Variety
- 4:45 pm**
- 11. University of Distance Education (TV Lectures) - Third Year (Myanmar)
- 4:55 pm**
- 12. Songs For Upholding National Spirit
- 5:10 pm**
- 13. Myanmar Language
- 5:25 pm**
- 14. Maha Wuntha Myat Buddha
- 6:20 pm**
- 15. Sing & Enjoy
- 7:10 pm**
- 16. Documentary
- 8:00 pm**
- 17. News
- 18. Cartoon Series
- 19. TV Drama Series
- 20. India Drama Series

Festival of Rajamaniçula Kaunghmudaw Pagoda



SAGAING, 28 Oct— The Buddha Pujaniya of Rajamaniçula Kaunghmudaw Pagoda is held annually. On the fullmoon day of Thadingyut, meals, flowers and oil lights are offered to the Buddha Image. Religious associations from wards of Sagaing went round the pagoda with dancing and music. From 6th to 8th of Thadingyut, the lighting festival with merit sharing is marked to successfully complete construction of the pagoda by King Thalun and crown prince Pintale. In successive era, oil lamps are ignited in dedicating to the Lord Buddha. In Tazaungtaing Festival in the month of Tazaungmone, theatrical drama performance and other festivities are held at the pagoda. The people from surrounding areas arrive at the pagoda by cart to enjoy the festivities two days ahead of the festival.—*Myanma Alim*

Lebanese journalist abducted by Syrian rebels

BEIRUT, 28 Oct—A group of Syrian rebels claimed Saturday that they captured a Lebanese journalist in Syria's northern Province of Aleppo, Lebanon's LBCI TV reported. In a statement on the rebels' Facebook page, the rebels said, "A coordination committee of the Syrian revolution in Aleppo's Aazaz announced the detention of the journalist, Fidaa Itani, who works for LBCI and other media outlets, accusing his affairs of being inharmonious with the trajectory of the Syrian revolution and rebels."

The rebels said they have handed Itani over to Abu Ibrahim, one of those who abducted 11 Lebanese pilgrims in Syria in May.

"Itani was placed under house arrest and will be released after an investigation into him comes to an end," the statement added, according to LBCI.

Meanwhile, the LBCI said it contacted Ibrahim, who said Itani was accompanying a group of Syrian rebels in Aleppo, and the fighters became suspicious when the journalist started covering "large amounts of operations." In May, 11 Lebanese Shiite pilgrims were abducted by Syrian rebels in Aleppo while returning from a pilgrimage in Iran. Two of them were later released as "a good gesture" and returned to Lebanon.—*Xinhua*



Citizens wearing thick clothes walk on a street in Changchun, capital of northeast China's Jilin Province, on 28 Oct, 2012. A cold front swept the province on Sunday, lowering the temperature nine to 11 degrees centigrade in most parts of the province and bringing the lowest temperature down to less than zero.—*XINHUA*

Cold snap to sweep through China

BEIJING, 28 Oct—China's central and eastern regions will experience temperature drops in coming days, while the southern parts will receive moderate to heavy rain, the national meteorological watchdog forecast Sunday.

Strong wind will make temperatures in northeastern regions fall by six to ten degrees Celsius on Sunday.

A blast of cold air is forecast to sweep across

the central and eastern parts from Monday, the National Meteorological Center said on its website.

The center also forecast that fog will shroud parts of Hubei, Jiangsu and Anhui provinces on Sunday morning, reducing visibility to less than 1,000 metres.

Over the next three days, parts of South China will see moderate to heavy rain, and some regions may experience torrential rain, the

centre said.

Son-Tinh, the 23rd tropical storm of the year, strengthened to a super-typhoon on Saturday night and was located 260 km southeast of Vietnam's Thanh Hoa at 5 am Sunday.

Son-Tinh is expected to move northwestward at a speed of 10 to 15 km per hour and make landfall in Vietnam's northern coastal regions on Sunday night, the centre said.—*Xinhua*

By-election under way in Kagoshima, to test Noda's gov't

KAGOSHIMA, (Japan), 28 Oct.—Kyodo Voting in a House of Representatives by-election in a Kagoshima Prefecture constituency started Sunday morning as the first national-level electoral test for embattled Prime Minister Yoshihiko Noda's government.

Kazuaki Miyaji of the

main opposition Liberal Democratic Party, who is aiming to make a comeback to the lower house, is seen as the front-runner in a race being closely watched as a prelude to a general election which must be held by next summer.

Newcomer Takeshi Noma from the People's

New Party, the coalition partner of Noda's ruling Democratic Party of Japan, is believed to be running close behind Miyaji in the four-way battle for the seat, which was left vacant by the suicide in September of Financial Services Minister Tadahiro Matsushita.

Kyodo News

Threat of Hurricane Sandy grows as it targets East Coast

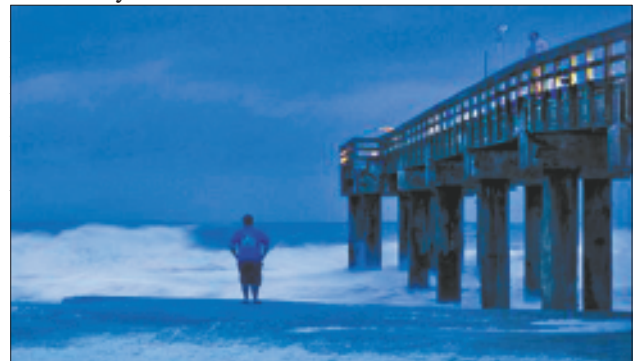
NEW YORK, 28 Oct—Hurricane Sandy closed in on the United States on Saturday as coastal communities along the East Coast scrambled to prepare for torrential rains, high winds, major flooding and power outages a week before the presidential election.

Governors in states in the hurricane's path declared emergencies, announcing mandatory evacuations of vulnerable areas. New York City officials discussed whether to shut the subway system on Sunday in advance of the storm. On its current projected track, Sandy could make US landfall on Monday night or Tuesday morning anywhere between Maryland and southern New England, forecasters said. Some computer models show a likely landfall between Delaware and the New York/New Jersey area.

stores, buying generators, candles, food and other supplies in anticipation of power outages. Some local governments announced schools would be closed on Monday and Tuesday. Sandy also threatened to disrupt air travel in the region. Rain accumulations of up to 12 inches and heavy snowfall inland are considered likely in some areas.

As it merges with an Arctic jet stream, forecasters said Sandy has all the ingredients to transform into a "super storm" unlike anything seen over the eastern United States in decades. "There's no avoiding a significant storm-surge event over a large area. We just can't pinpoint who's going to get the worst of it," National Hurricane Centre Director Rick Knabb said.

Reuters



Stanley Sicinski looks at storm surf before sunrise in St. Augustine Beach, Florida, as Hurricane Sandy, which was downgraded to a tropical storm and upgraded again, passes offshore October 27, 2012.—*REUTERS*

Rapid completion of infrastructural construction to invite larger foreign investment to penetrate into global market

Special economic zone project, on its completion would create jobs, better education, health care with prospects for higher living standard



Vice-President U Nyan Tun cordially greets local people.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 28 Oct—Vice-President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Nyan Tun called for taking lessons from success stories of other nations in establishment of special economic zones while he inspected the progress of ongoing Dawei

Special Economic Zone, being implemented by Italian Thai Development Public Co Ltd, yesterday.

The Vice-President in meeting with officials and personnel concerned of the project, called for implementation of the project in line with existing

laws and international procedures. He urged the regional authorities to convince the local people that environmental impact and social impact are taken into consideration in implementation of the project, which is aimed for regional development, to

obtain public cooperation.

Peace and stability of the State and socio-economic development of each national race are the very aspiration of the people today, noted the Vice-President adding that peace and stability is being built
(See page 9)

Premier League - Everton fight back to hold Liverpool in derby classic

Premier League, Goodison Park - Everton 2 (Osman 22, Naismith 35) Liverpool 2 (Baines o.g. 14, Suarez 20)

LIVERPOOL, 28 Oct—Everton came from two goals down to draw 2-2 with Liverpool in a blood-and-thunder Merseyside derby in the Premier League.

Liverpool raced into a two-goal lead thanks to Luis Suarez, whose 14th-minute

shot went in off Leighton Baines before a deft header soon afterwards extended the advantage.

Everton quickly fought back through Leon Osman and Steven Naismith and had the better of a second half that saw Liverpool sit deep and

look for the counter attack.

Suarez thought he had won it deep in injury time but his goal was disallowed for a foul in the build up, with the draw a fair result, a third draw on the trot putting Everton fourth for now while the Reds stay in lower mid-table.

Merseyside derbies are always fiery affairs, and this was no exception.

Liverpool drew first blood on 14 minutes when a superb Jose Enrique cross landed at the feet of Suarez whose low shot took a huge touch off Baines to fly in.

Credit must be given to referee Andre Marriner, who twice resisted temptation to blow for fouls as he played advantage to good effect.

Though it was later called a Baines own-goal, Suarez claimed it and dived at the feet of David

Moyes in celebration, an ironic response to pre-match comments about simulation.

It was 2-0 soon after, with Suarez the bona-fide claimant as his deft header converted a fine Steven Gerrard free-kick from the right. Most sides would be reeling at this point but Everton are made of stern stuff and within seconds they had pulled one back.

There was time for some last-gasp drama too as a Gerrard free-kick deep into injury time saw Suarez bury what Liverpool believed was a winner. It was initially thought he had strayed offside but replays showed Coates fouled his marker while flicking on the initial delivery. The flag was very late, which irked Liverpool, but it should not have stood.—Reuters

Slight earthquake hits inside Myanmar

NAY PYI TAW, 28 Oct— A slight earthquake of magnitude (4.6) Richter Scale with its epicenter inside Myanmar, (about (17) miles south-southeast of Monywa) about (55)

miles west of Mandalay seismological observatory was recorded at (17) hrs (33) min (59) sec MST today, announced by the Department of Meteorology and Hydrology.—MNA

Depression over Bay of Bengal forecast to wou westward

NAY PYI TAW, 28 Oct— According to observations at 5:30pm today, a low pressure formed yesterday in southeast and southwest in the Bay of Bengal intensified into depression and the centre of the depression is about 400 miles southeast of Chennai,

India.

It is forecast to move westward the depression stands at yellow level and it is not likely to move towards Myanmar, said Meteorology and Hydrology Department.

MNA

Suicide bomber kills five in Nigeria church

MALALI (Nigeria), 28 Oct— A suicide bomber drove a vehicle packed with explosives into a Catholic church in northern Nigeria on Sunday, killing at least five people, wounding nearly 100 and triggering reprisal attacks that killed at least two more, officials said.

The bomber drove a jeep right inside the packed St Rita's church, in the Malali area of Kaduna, a volatile ethnically and religiously mixed city, in the morning.

area," said survivor Linus Lighthouse, saying he thought there had been two explosions in different parts of the church.

Other witnesses and the police said there was just one bomber. A wall of the church was blasted open and scorched black, with debris lying around. Police later moved in and cordoned the area off.

Church attacks often target Nigeria's middle belt, where its largely Christian



A spokesman for the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) in Kaduna said that five people had been confirmed killed, while 98 people were receiving treatment for wounds at two local hospitals.

There was no immediate claim of responsibility but Islamist sect Boko Haram has claimed similar attacks in the past and has attacked several churches with bombs and guns since it intensified its campaign against Christians in the past year.

"The heavy explosion also damaged so many buildings around the

south and mostly Muslim north meet and where sectarian tensions run high. Kaduna's mixed population lies along that faultline.

Shortly after the blast, angry Christian youths took to the streets armed with sticks and knives. A Reuters reporter saw two bodies on the roadside lying in pools of blood.

"We killed them and we'll do more," shouted a youth, with blood on his shirt, before police chased him and his cohorts away.

Police set up roadblocks and patrols across town in an effort to prevent the violence spreading.—Reuters

