

## People should never ever be swayed by instigations of any armed group and political organizations: Union Border Affairs Minister

*Lt-Gen Hla Min of Commander-in-Chief (Army) Office and Union Border Affairs Minister Lt-Gen Thein Htay meeting with locals in Shweyinaye Village of Maungtau Township.—MNA*

NAY PYI TAW, 29 Oct—Lt-Gen Hla Min of the Commander-in-Chief (Army) Office, and Union Border Affairs Minister Lt-Gen Thein Htay yesterday travelled to Kyauktaw, Paletwa, Taungpyoletwe and Maungtau from Sittway to investigate the causes behind the waves of communal violence in Rakhine State.

They together with Rakhine State Chief Minister U Hla Maung Tin, Commander of Western Command Brig-Gen Ko Ko Naing met villagers at Taungbwe Village in

Kyauktaw Township to learn about the strife and instructed on community peace and tranquility and the rule of law. The inspected the damages, mostly the houses reduced to ashes, comforted the fire victims and presented emergency aids to them.

The Union Minister enquired after storekeepers and shoppers at Paletwa Market in Paletwa and met departmental personnel, townsenders and local people at Paletwa General Administration Department.

The Union Minister speaking on the occasion

revealed creation of jobs for national people of border regions who have completed higher level education, enabling them to take greater part in regional development undertakings. He also disclosed establishment of youth training school in 2013-2014 as a free secondary level learning centre for national race youths. He added that those who have finished secondary level education are trained to get degrees or diplomas at University for Development of National Races and Nationalities Youth



Resource Development Degree Colleges under the Border Affairs Ministry and assigned to their home regions.

Paletwa would, said the Union Minister, would see development in transportation

*Lt-Gen Hla Min of Commander-in-Chief (Army) Office and Union Border Affairs Minister*

*Lt-Gen Thein Htay meet fire victims in Taungbwe Village in Kyauktaw Township.—MNA*

facilities like ports and roads as joint actions would be taken with Indian for Development of Kaladan Basin. It can run businesses or trade with foreign countries as it shares border with India and Bangladesh. The younger generations are obliged to strive for economic prosperity and regional development, stressed the Union Minister calling for collaborative efforts for development of own region which he said has potential for brighter future when the transportation to Rakhine State, Naga region and Chin State gets

improved.

They then went to Myeikwa Village in Paletwa Township located upstream of the Kalandan River at Myanmar-India border. In meeting with community elders, the Union Minister called on them to increase export of local products to India and cooperate with each other for regional development without being swayed by instigations of any armed group's and political organizations. He fulfilled the infrastructural requirements of the village. (See page 8)

## Singapore Airlines launches maiden flight to Yangon

YANGON, 29 Oct — Singapore Airlines (SIA) launched its maiden flight to Yangon on Sunday, bringing the total amount of the foreign airlines flying from Myanmar to 18, according to tourism sources on Sunday.

Partly taking over its regional unit Silk Air, the SIA will offer daily flight service to the Myanmar former capital using Boeing 777-200 aircraft.

A ceremony to mark SIA's inaugural flight was held at the Yangon International Airport.

Currently, Silk Air operates 16 flights a week to Yangon with single-aisle Airbus A320 and will continue to take nine of the flights after SIA starts its services.

There had been four foreign airlines launching their maiden

flights to Yangon one after another in September-October, namely Korean Airlines (KAL) from South Korea, Qatar Airlines from the Middle East, EVA Airlines from Chinese Taipei and All Nippon Airways (ANA). More airlines, which are prepared to fly Myanmar in the following months, include Hong Kong-based Dragon Air, Condor Airlines and Trans Asia Airways, sources said.

Of them, the Dragon Air will start its direct flight between Hong Kong and Yangon on 9 Jan, 2013 for four flights a week, using Airbus A321 jets.

Meanwhile, Myanmar's national carrier, the Myanmar Airways International (MAI), will also launch direct flight between Yangon and Hong Kong before the end of this year.—MNA/Xinhua



SIA Boeing 777-200

## Respect-paying ceremony of Khitaye village

NAY PYI TAW, 29 Oct — Paying respects to the aged, the parents and teachers during the auspicious period of Thadingyut is a tradition of Myanmar people.

A ceremony to pay respect to the elderly was held at Thuzanakari Parahita School for development of youths of all nationalities in border region at Khitaye village in Zeyathiri Township, here, on 27 October.

It was the very first time for the village. A total of 77 elder persons from 10 villages attended the ceremony where wellwishers presented gifts to seven elder villagers from Thanbayakon



village, two from Kazuninn, 14 from Wegyi, five from Kyaungkon, one from Inntein, 21 from Mayingyi, three from Tekon and 12 from Shwemyo. The oldest person of the ceremony was Daw Aye Khin aged 104

years. Presiding Sayadaw U Thujana (Saddhamma Jotikadhaja) and four wellwishers donated K 700,000 for holding the ceremony.

*Kyemon*

## Hair of maize in good demand

HSIPAW, 29 Oct — The brokerage houses were full of bags of maize due to the plentiful supply of maize from Hsipaw of Shan State (North). Daw Nang Mo Hsaing of Shwe Myintmo fruit and vegetables brokerage said that

there would be a slowdown in the maize market as the price of a bag of maize keeps falling down while supply is exceeding demand.

Although maize sales fell, the sales of the hair of corn went up due to an

increase in purchasing power of a traditional medicine manufacturer who bought them as one of the important ingredient for manufacturing medicines for those who suffer from hypertension.

*Kyemon*

## Faulty brakes claim four lives

NAWNGHKIO, 29 Oct — A fatal road accident caused by faulty brakes occurred on a slope on Kwekhaw village road near Thehyaung village in Nawngkhio on 26 October evening. Four people were

killed in the accident.

A tractor driven by Nay Win (a) Maung Nge aged 32 skidded and turned over due to faculty brakes. U Karleik, U San Aw, Daw Mya Shwe and Daw Mya Yi of Lwekhaw village in

Konsankon village died tragically on the spot. The driver and Ma Hnin Pwint Wai and Ma Kyin Thein were wounded and transported to Nawngkhio Hospital. Nawngkhio Police Station filed a lawsuit against the car crash.

*Kyemon*

## Thadingyut Expo & Big Sales Event

YANGON, 29 Oct — Thadingyut Expo & Big Sales Event was held again in Kandawgyi, here, starting from 27 October. Various kinds of clothes, fancy items, different kinds of foodstuff, cosmetics, skin

care products, footwear in a variety of designs, handsets and electronics and furniture are available at 200 shops there, according to an organizer. The event will be kept open from 9am to 10pm up to 31 October. — *Kyemon*

## Live wire kills a child

YANGON, 29 Oct — A 11-year-old Grade V student called Maung Kyaw Zin Htet of Kyauktan village of Lwean village-tract in Kalaw Township was killed while mistakenly holding the wire

which is live. He was found dead after coming in contact with a live wire as he cut a power line linking between his house and the house with his shovel accidentally.

*Kyemon*

## Winners of Performing Arts Competition honoured in Bago

NAY PYI TAW, 29 Oct — A ceremony to honour those awarded in the 19<sup>th</sup> Myanmar National Races' Traditional Performing Arts Competition was held at Buddha Athan Dhamma Beikman in Bago on 27 October.

Officials presented prizes to those who stood

first, second and third at the competition.

Bago Region cultural troupe won 14 gold medals, seven silver medals and nine bronze medals totaling 30 at the 19<sup>th</sup> Myanmar National Races' Traditional Performing Arts Competition.

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## 33,400 overage cars handed over

YANGON, 29 Oct — “During the period from 19 September 2011 to 22 October 2012, 33400 overage cars were handed over”, according to an official of the Office of Head of Yangon Region Directorate of Road Transport (Myintha).

Central Vehicle Registration Department issues necessary documents daily for the convenience of vehicle owners. “Vehicle

owners who are in hopes that there will be a drop in car market the price of CIF will be reduced are to pay tax on their vehicles as soon as possible. We staff are trying hard for the completion of paper works during one or two weeks. The department carries the burden of those failed to finish their office work during the prescribed time. It is required to ask their agents whether they have got a receipt or not.

The department with the strength of five officers and 42 other ranks are fully discharging their duties,” an official said.

“If those who import the vehicles had paid tax on the vehicle to the department, there would not have been delays in office work”, he said. Paying tax during the prescribed period will be a kind of giving a helping hand to the department,” an official said. — *Kyemon*

## Bronze bell with a sculpture of pig in Monywa

MONYWA, 29 Oct — As Monywa Kyemon village to the south of Monywa was an auspicious ground for those who have a special ability of making items cast from bronze, bells made in Kyemon village can be seen at pagodas located in different region.

A bronze bell with

a sculpture of pig can be seen in the compound of Ywakyauingyi Monastery in Kyemon village up till now. It is learnt that the donor of this bell was a pig. There is a statue of a celestial beings depicting a style of worshipping at the foetal position of the bell. The foetal position is decorated

with two sculptures of elephant. There are two sculptures of lion at the bell hook. The sculpture of pig with two tusks who donated the bell is at the joint between the bell hook and the foetal position. The pig arrived at the monastery after it managed to escape from the slaughters. The



pig spent there the rest of its life under the building of the monastery. After the pig died, the bronze bell was donated to the monastery, in memory of the late pig, by a group of laypersons who had got some money by selling the meat from the dead pig.

*Kyemon*

## Hsipaw Thadingyut Festival on 2 Nov

YANGON, 29 Oct — Hsipaw Township holds Thadingyut Festival annually. The 177<sup>th</sup> alms-offering ceremony of the township will be held on 2-3 November.

Local people, personnel of departments and members of religious and social organizations will convey tree-shaped stands where

various kinds of offerings are hung to Maha Myatmuni Buddha Image from Tongsin in Hsipaw in accompany with dances and music bands on 2 November.

The Padethabin-conveying ceremony held annually on a grand scale in Hsipaw attracts globe trotters.

*Kyemon*

## Sellers, buyers active in seasonal maize market



NAY PYI TAW, 29 Oct — Yesagyomarket is active with the mass arrival of maize from maize plantations through Mandalay. On 24 October, Myoma open market was occupied with the bags of maize and corn vendors were doing a brisk trade. One of the vendors said that maize came from Mandalay; that a bag of maize could hold 300 numbers of maize; that they bought it K 35 a maize and sold it K 50 a maize; that they made a profit of K 3000 over a bag of maize.

“Purchase price of a maize for a vendor who sold

the boiled-maize in the ward like me is K 50 and my selling price is K 100”, a vendor said. “The sale is good and children and old people like the sugar maize as it is sweeter than the butter maize. As the whole town is in festive mood, the sales of maize are up this year. I made a profit of K 10000 over a bag of maize”, she added.

Thanks to smooth transport between Mandalay and Yesagyomarket, local people have easy access to fresh fruit and vegetables all the year round.

*Kyemon*

## Inter-University Shooting Contest kicks off

YANGON, 29 Oct — Organized by Myanmar Shooting Federation and shooting and archery subcommittees of the universities, the opening of shooting contest was held at International Shooting Range (North Dagon,

Yangon) of Myanmar Shooting Federation yesterday.

A total of 86 students from 16 universities under the Ministry of Education took part in the event which will be held up to 1 November.

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WORLD

Land redistribution weighs on Colombia's

Colombia

BOGOTA, 29 Oct — Colombians were petitioning to retrieve more than 800,000 hectares of land allegedly seized by leftist rebels, a key issue of the ongoing peace talks to end the five-decade-long armed conflict in the Southern American country.

On the other hand, the rebel Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC) was pressing the government to tackle uneven land distribution between the rich and the poor, a key demand of the movement since its inception, *El Tiempo* daily reported on Sunday. The issue was the centerpiece of the first round of peace talks held by the two sides on 18 October in Norway.

However, those who have allegedly lost property

peace talks

during the insurgent movement are now seeking to take it back.

At the central state of Tolima, where the largest number of claims against FARC have been filed, property owners have registered 1,553 petitions for a total of 57,633 hectares, according to *El Tiempo* daily.

The central Meta state follows with 1,065 claims filed for a total of 243,975 hectares.

"The figures of the Agriculture Ministry's Land Restitution Unit show only one part of the magnitude of the theft of land from farmers," said the daily.

"To date, 9,942 claims have been received for 807,624 hectares."

The newspaper went on

to say that FARC took the lands to "guarantee the mobility of its troops" and to use them as shipping corridors for cocaine.

However, the land the guerrilla took is not in the name of its commanders, because a good portion was distributed to sympathizers to consolidate their support among the masses, it said.

The Colombian government and FARC rebels are expected to hold their second round of direct talks on 15 November in Cuba which will focus on agrarian policy and land reform.

The rebel movement began when landless peasants took up arms to change or overthrow the government.

Xinhua



Fishing boats anchor in the harbour to shelter from the wind at a fishing port in Qiaogang Town of Beihai City, southwest China's Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, on 28 Oct, 2012. Guangxi Meteorological Bureau launched a major weather disaster (typhoon) emergency response III on Saturday due to the affect of Typhoon Son-Tinh, the 23rd tropical storm this year.—XINHUA

Israeli Arabs see "no point" in voting

Israel

in elections

JERUSALEM, 29 Oct — A new study reveals that most Israeli Arabs plan to stay home during the 22 January elections day, as they see "no point" in voting, *the Jerusalem Post* reported on Sunday.

The survey was conducted by the Abraham Fund

Initiative, which works to achieve equality between Jews and Arabs, among five focus groups and a total of 500 respondents.

A majority of the respondents said they think their votes are ineffective, as 51 percent of them said they would stay home because their voices would not influence the decision-making.

The survey shows the topics that Israeli Arabs, who constitute 20 percent of Israel's population, consider to be of high importance include education, unemployment and battling crime. On that aspect, it was recently published that 30 percent of Israeli Arabs are unemployed and only 11 percent of university graduates are Arabs, as only 57 percent

take the required matriculation exam in high school and the formal education system for the Arabs is deteriorating. In 2009, the Arabs turnout for voting stood at 53 percent, an all-time low. The last time a left-wing party won the elections was in 1999, when many of the Israeli Arabs voted for Ehud Barak.

The survey found that the Arab citizens feel that the power which the small Arab parties in the Knesset (parliament) have is marginal.

If Jewish leaders were to include Arab contenders in their lists, it would increase the likelihood of voting among 52 percent of the total sample and 42 percent of those who do not vote at all.

Xinhua

Party of Regions leads in Ukraine's

Ukraine

parliamentary elections

KIEV, 29 Oct — Ukraine's ruling Party of Regions, led by President Viktor Yanukovich, took lead in the parliamentary elections, exit polls showed on Sunday.

The Party of Regions led the polls with 31.6 percent of the vote, according to an exit poll launched by the Research and Branding Group. The United Opposition or "Fatherland" Party of jailed former Prime Minister Yulia Tymoshenko garnered 23.7 percent of the vote and another opposition party, the "Punch" Party (UDAR), was the third with 13.2 percent, the exit

poll showed. Meanwhile, the Ukrainian Communist Party and the National Patriotic Party "Freedom" got 13 and 11 percent of the vote respectively, which passed the five-percent threshold of the parliament.

The National Exit Poll, a consortium partly funded by Western embassies, also said that five parties, including the Party of Regions, the "Fatherland" Party, the "Punch" Party, the "Freedom" Party and the Ukrainian Communist Party will enter the next parliament.

According to the exit poll, the Party of Regions

took lead in the elections with 28.1 percent of the party-list vote, which will obtain 69 seats out of 225 on party lists.

The parliamentary elections, which concluded on 8:00 pm (1800 GMT) on Sunday were conducted under a mixed system, with 225 members of parliament elected on party lists and the remaining 225 in single-seat constituencies.

The final election results will be announced by the Central Election Commission within 15 days and preliminary results will be available along the way.—Xinhua



Photo taken on 28 Oct 2012 shows a Swiss watch on a Christie's auction preview event in Beijing, capital of China. The auction preview displays more than 300 items including Chinese paintings, Chinese porcelain, watches and so on.

XINHUA

Greek president expresses optimism for climbing out of debt crisis

Greek

ATHENS, 29 Oct — Greek President Karolos Papoulias said on Sunday he was confident that his debt-ridden country will overcome the current economic crisis which threatens it with chaotic default. "I am confident that despite current difficulties, Greek people will exit the crisis, as we have beat crises throughout our

history," said Papoulias.

Papoulias made the speech at the end of the annual military parade in the northern City of Thessaloniki to mark Greek entry into the second world war and celebrated the 100th anniversary of its independence from Ottoman rule. He stressed that some European countries seemed to have

forgot the contributions that Greece had made in the past, referring to Greece's international lenders who press for more harsh austerity to tackle the crisis. Greek Prime Minister Antonis Samaras also sent a message on Sunday, calling for unity.

"In a few years, Greece will excel, as long as we remain united," he said,

as the parades nationwide were held amid strict security measures for fear of anti-austerity extreme protests.

No major incidents have been reported, as thousands of police forces were deployed onto the street to avoid disruptions.

In Athens, students paraded in front of the parliament building, children and war veterans waved Greek flags, and Left parties staged a protest against anti-austerity measures in nearby central squares. Greece has been kept afloat since 2010 with international rescue loans under bailout agreements with the European Union and the International Monetary Fund in exchange of painful austerity and reform measures which have fuelled unemployment, recession and protests.—Xinhua



Candidate of the Workers Party for Mayor of Sao Paulo, Fernando Haddad, casts his vote during the second round of municipal elections, in Sao Paulo, Brazil, on 28 Oct, 2012.—XINHUA

Nigerian president condemns church suicide bomb attack

ABUJA, 29 Oct — Nigerian President Goodluck Jonathan has condemned Sunday's suicide bomb attack on a Catholic Church in central north Kaduna State.

The President who was extremely saddened by the explosion, described it as "barbaric, cruel and uncalled for. The National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) said a suicide bomber on Sunday struck at St Rita Catholic Church, Maisamari, Malali in northern Nigeria's Kaduna State, killing eight worshippers and injuring more than 100 others.

President Jonathan according to a statement reaching *Xinhua* said the apparent objective of the criminal and unpatriotic elements and forces behind the attack is to set back the progress the Administration has made in the fight against terrorism in the country. "It is obvious that these people do not mean well for Nigeria and its unity and development," he said.

The Nigerian leader expressed confidence that the war against terrorism would become more unrelenting as the nation would never give in to the forces of terror and retardation.—Xinhua

Students take part in an annual parade commemorating Greece's entry into World War II, in Athens, on 28 Oct, 2012. XINHUA



## E-readers grapple with a future on the shelf

### Technology

SINGAPORE, 29 Oct — Amidst our growing love affair with the tablet, spare a thought for its increasingly shelfbound sibling: the e-reader. Take Taipei's E Ink Holdings Inc, which makes most of the monochrome displays for devices such as Amazon.com Inc's Kindle and Barnes & Noble Inc's Nook. After five years of heady growth during which shipments rose 100-fold, it got a jolt at the end of 2011 when monthly revenues dropped 91 percent in two months.

"The bottom fell out of the market," says E Ink Chief Marketing Officer Sriram Peruvemba. E-readers initially benefited from their reflective

displays, which can be read in sunlight and require very little power. But the success of Apple Inc's iPad, improved backlit displays, power-saving technologies and new smaller tablets all point to one thing: the e-reader has become a transitional technology.

Think the harpsichord, replaced by the piano. Or Apple's iPod music player, which helped popularize the MP3 player until the arrival of the iPhone, which could play music but also do a lot of other things.

Now electronic paper companies like E Ink are scrambling for new ways to sell the technology or in some cases, are pulling the plug entirely. A recent survey by the Pew Research Centre found that of those Americans over

30 who read e-books, less than half do so on an e-reader. For those under 30, the number falls to less than a quarter.

Analysts have cut forecasts, sometimes dramatically. IHS iSuppli predicted last December there would be 43 million e-readers shipped in 2014. When it revised those numbers last month, the estimate was lowered by two thirds. By contrast, Morgan Stanley in June doubled its estimates for 2013 tablet shipments, predicting 216 million compared with its February 2011 forecast of 102 million. "Frustratingly for the E Ink guys, it's a transition device," says Robin Birtle, who runs an e-book publishing company in Japan. "Kids won't need this." — Reuters

## SpaceX's Dragon capsule splashes into Pacific

WASHINGTON, 29 Oct — SpaceX's unmanned Dragon capsule splashed into the Pacific Ocean on Sunday afternoon, wrapping up its first contracted mission of delivering commercial payload to the *International Space Station*.

According to the California-based SpaceX, Dragon safely splashed down in Pacific at 12:22 p.m. PDT (1922 GMT), 250 miles (402 kilometers) off the coast of Baja California.

Dragon delivered about 1,000 pounds (454 kg) of cargo, including experiment hardware, a freezer, spare parts, clothing and food, and returned a total of 1,673 pounds (759 kg), including 163 pounds of crew supplies, 866 pounds of scientific research, and 518 pounds of vehicle hardware and other hardware.

There are 384 syringes of urine and 112 tubes of blood packed aboard Dragon, some of which have been waiting for delivery to scientists on the ground for more than a year.

The samples were taken

by space station astronauts as part of two ongoing experiments studying the nutrition of astronauts and how their diet can help protect against the negative health effects of long-term space travel, such as bone loss.

Dragon will be taken to a SpaceX processing facility in Texas, and unloaded and inspected. The next Dragon flight to space station is scheduled for early January 2013. In the future, Dragon will abandon the water landing technique and instead settle down on a launching pad with the assistance of directional thrusters.

Dragon launched from Cape Canaveral Air Force Station in Florida on 7 October. The mission — the first of 12 planned trips in California-based SpaceX's 1.6 billion dollars contract with NASA — is a milestone for American efforts to privatize the space industry, aimed at reducing costs and spreading them among a wider group than governments alone.

Before Dragon's



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liftoff, flights to the space station have always been a government-only affair.

Until their retirement last summer, US space shuttles carried most of the gear and many of the astronauts to the orbiting outpost. Since then, American astronauts have had to rely on Russian capsules for rides.

European, Japanese

and Russian supply ships have been delivering cargo. NASA is looking to the private sector, in this post-shuttle era, to get American astronauts launching again from the US soil. It will be at least four to five years before SpaceX or any other private operator is capable of flying astronauts.

Xinhua

## Miners take "rail-veyors" and robots to automated future

### Technology

SUDBURY, (Ontario), 29 Oct — In an office trailer parked outside a mine shaft in northern Ontario, operator Carolyn St-Jean leans back in her chair and monitors a machine loading nickel-rich ore into rail cars deep underground. Once filled, the automated train will snake through a series of narrow tunnels, emerge from a rocky outcropping, then loop past St-Jean's window and dump its payload for sorting.

Vale SA, the Brazilian company that owns the mine near this nickel-rich Canadian town, has spent nearly \$50 million in two years to install and test the "rail-veyor." The com-

pany believes the transport system will revolutionize how it builds and extracts new mineral deposits. The equipment is made locally by Rail-Veyor Technologies Global Inc. It is one of many mining technologies that developers hope will allow future production to be run almost entirely by people safely above ground.

Such advances may prove crucial as easy-to-exploit deposits run dry and miners drill deeper in more remote places to supply China, India and other emerging economies.

The technology could make mining cheaper and safer, avoiding the need to dig wide tunnels and hire large numbers of expensive, skilled workers. "As we go

deeper, if we continue to apply existing thinking and existing technologies, it's a death spiral" for company profits, said Alex Henderson, who heads Vale's technology team in Sudbury.

"We need to begin to look at a step-change in mining rather than just incrementally improving our existing processes." The rail-veyor is one such step-change. At the test site, it has halved the time to build a mine, and Vale expects a 150 percent boost in production rates before year end. In Australia, Rio Tinto Ltd, one of the world's largest miners and an automa-

tion pioneer, is rolling out a fleet of self-driving trucks and trains at its iron ore operations. Vale, BHP Billi-

ton and Chile's Codelco are in hot pursuit.

Gold miner AngloGold Ashanti is eyeing automation in South Africa, where miners spend hours each shift traveling up and down shafts and ounces of gold are left behind in support pillars each year.

Organized labour has made its peace with the automation drive, although there were some concerns that robots would displace humans. "We're ok with automation, it's part of the changing times and it's a good thing for productivity," said Myles Sullivan of the United Steelworkers Canada, whose workers ended a year-long strike at Vale over bonuses and wages in 2010. — Reuters



Visitors look at the unmanned aerial vehicles (UAV) displayed during a demonstration event of the UAV achievements in Yinchuan, capital of northwest China's Ningxia Hui Autonomous Region, on 23 Oct, 2012. Nineteen UAVs were demonstrated during the event kicked off on Monday. The UAV technology has been applied to investigate the condition of agriculture, forestry, land resources, and water resources in Ningxia. — XINHUA

### Science

## China unveils large radio telescope in Shanghai

SHANGHAI, 29 Oct — A massive radio telescope for use in space observation was unveiled on Sunday at the foot of Sheshan Mountain in Shanghai. The telescope will be used to track and collect data from satellites and space probes.

The newly-built radio telescope can pick up eight different frequency bands and also track Earth satellites, lunar exploration satellites and deep space probes, said Hong Xiaoyu, head of the Shanghai Astronomical Observatory.

"We hope that the new radio telescope will go into operation earlier so that we can use it to observe the unmanned lunar probe *Chang'e-2*," said Wu Weiren, chief designer of the lunar orbiter project.

The telescope will be

used for Very Long Baseline Interferometry (VLBI), a type of astronomical interferometry used in radio astronomy, as it can collect accurate data and increase its angular resolution during astronomical observation.

China's VLBI system is made up of four telescopes in the cities of Shanghai, Beijing, Kunming, Urumqi, respectively, as well as a data centre in Shanghai.

Radio telescopes differ from optical ones in that they use radio antennae to track and collect data from satellites and space probes. The first radio antenna used to identify astronomical radio sources was built by Karl Guthe Jansky, an engineer with Bell Telephone Laboratories, in the early 1930s. — Xinhua



A working staff introduces a measuring tool in the Weights and Measures Museum in Wendeng, east China's Shandong Province, on 25 Oct, 2012. The museum has been officially open to public since Thursday. — XINHUA

BUSINESS & HEALTH

**Honda cuts FY profit forecast as China backlash hits**

TOKYO, 29 Oct — Japan's Honda Motor Co <7267.T> cut its full-year net profit forecast by a fifth after sales in China, the world's biggest autos market, were hit by a popular backlash against Japanese products in a dispute over East China Sea islands. The substantial cut makes it likely that rivals Toyota Motor <7203.T> and Nissan Motor <7201.T> will follow suit when they report quarterly earnings early next week.

"It's likely Toyota and Nissan are going to cut forecasts in the same way. A cut was to be expected because the problems with China weren't factored into forecasts," said Fujio Ando, managing director at Chibagin Asset Management. Demand for Honda, Toyota and Nissan cars slumped in China Germany's BMW picking up market share. Sales by Honda and its

China joint ventures dropped 40.5 percent last month. China is Honda's second-biggest market after the United States, accounting for 17 percent of 2011 sales.

Honda, whose models include the Accord, Fit/Jazz, Civic and CR/V, cut its net profit forecast for the year to March to 375 billion yen (\$4.7 billion) from its earlier estimate of 470 billion yen. Last year, Honda reported net profit of 211.4 billion yen. Shares in Honda — which fell 15 percent to near 9-month lows amid the China protests — dropped nearly 6 percent on Monday, trading at 2,383 yen early in the afternoon session. Honda released its quarterly earnings three hours earlier than planned, after accidentally posting the results on its website.

It quickly took down

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the numbers, but was told by the Tokyo Stock Exchange to bring forward the full announcement.

Net profit for July-September rose 36.1 percent to 82.2 billion yen (\$1.03 billion), some way below the average estimate of 107.2 billion yen from six analysts polled by Thomson Reuters I/B/E/S. A year ago, Japanese manufacturers were still reeling from the March earthquake and tsunami. Honda's quarterly profits were also dented by start-up and advertising costs for the

new Accord sedan, which went on sale in the United States in September, but the refresh helped Japan's third-biggest automaker increase its share of the US car and light truck market to 8.7 percent in September. The fallout from the Japan/China dispute could run into the current and fourth quarters, analysts have warned.

CEO Takanobu Ito, 59, a former aerospace engineer who took over three years ago, has set a demanding goal to nearly double global car sales to 6 million in four years.—Reuters

**Israeli study: Med-Rim diet healthiest — even with later weight gain**

Health

JERUSALEM, 29 Oct — A Mediterranean and low-carb diet has the longest, healthiest effects on well-being, even if you pack the pounds back on afterward, an Israeli study shows.

Such a diet, rich in the bounty of Mediterranean-hugging countries, includes a variety of vegetables, fruits, nuts, seeds, fish and poultry, and features olive oil as one of its main ingredients. According to the researchers from Ben-Gurion University in the Negev, along with Israel's Nuclear Research Centre, adhering to such low-carb regimens provides a beneficial metabolic effect, lowering the levels of bad cholesterol, triglycerides and limiting arteriosclerosis.

The study, published this month in the *New Eng-*

*land Journal of Medicine*, was a follow-up for a period of six years over 322 moderately obese research subjects who were given three kinds of diets: low-fat; restricted-calorie; Mediterranean, restricted-calorie; or low-carbohydrate, non-restricted-calorie.

Those that followed the Mediterranean diet lost an average of 3.1 kg, as opposed to 1.7 kg lost by people on the low-carb diet. Also, since participants regained an average of 2.7 kg after the diet period, only the ones on the Mediterranean diet have actually stayed slimmer.

The results also suggested that the lipid profile improved in the long term, regardless of partial weight gain after the diet was concluded.—Xinhua

**S Korea's biz sentiment continues to worsen in October**

Business

SEOUL, 29 Oct — South Korea's business sentiment continued to worsen this month due to lingering concerns over external uncertainties such as Europe's debt problems and the possible US fiscal cliff, data by the central bank showed on Monday. The monthly business survey index (BSI), which gauges local manufacturers' assessment on current business conditions, stood at 68 in October, down 1 point from a month earlier, according to the Bank of Korea (BOK). The seasonally-adjusted figure stayed at a low level of 69 for this month.

The BSI for November, measuring manufacturers' outlook on business conditions for the upcoming month, slid 2 points to 70, marking the

identical number for August. The reading adjusted with seasonal factors retreated rose 2 points to 72 over the same period. Local manufacturers listed uncertain economic conditions, weak domestic demand and export slump as major difficulties in doing business.

Business conditions continued to aggravate amid external uncertainties such as the European fiscal crisis and the potential US fiscal cliff. South Korea's real gross domestic product (GDP) grew 0.2 percent in the third quarter from the previous quarter, the lowest growth in around three years. Reflecting dimmer economic outlook, the BOK slashed earlier this month its 2012 economic growth outlook for the country to 2.4 percent from an earlier

estimate of 3 percent. The central bank cut its policy rate by 25 basis points (bps) to 2.75 percent at the October rate-setting meeting.

The monthly index for non-manufacturers rose 1 point on-month to 67 in October, but the index for November remained at the low level of 67, according to the BOK. Seasonally-adjusted figures for October and November recorded 67 each, unchanged from the previous month. Non-manufacturers picked fragile domestic demand, economic uncertainties and fierce competition as their hardship. The BSI index is based on a nationwide survey of 1,456 manufacturers and 1,066 non-manufacturers, conducted between 15 and 22 October.

Reuters



A craftsman creates art pieces using chocolate at the second International Chocolatiers and Chocolate Fair, Geneva, Switzerland, on 28 Oct, 2012. About 25 chocolate producers from France and Switzerland took part in the two-day fair, which attracted more than 6,000 visitors.—XINHUA

**Massachusetts closes third pharmacy since meningitis outbreak**

Health

BOSTON, 29 Oct — Massachusetts regulators shut down a pharmacy on Sunday after a surprise inspection raised concerns about the sterility of its drugs, in the third such closure since a deadly meningitis outbreak caused by contaminated drugs from another pharmacy in the state. The latest pharmacy to be closed, Infusion Resource, is not affiliated with New England Compounding Centre, the company linked to the outbreak, officials said. Infusion Resource in Waltham was closed after inspectors last week found "significant issues" and "expressed concerns for the sterility of products," said Madeleine Biondolillo, director of the state's Bureau of Healthcare Safety and Quality.

No contaminated drugs

were found at Infusion Resource, but 40 patients and their doctors were asked to return any medications they received from the company, she said. Massachusetts regulators have come under fire after contaminated drugs from NECC, based in Framingham, were cited as the cause of the outbreak that has killed 25 people and sickened another 337 in 18 states. The state is conducting inspections of all compounding pharmacies that handle sterile medications in the wake of the deadly national meningitis outbreak.

The two pharmacies shut down earlier were NECC, which was closed on 3 October, and a sister company of NECC, called Ameridose, which closed voluntarily for inspections on 19 October.

Bernard Lambrese,

CEO of Infusion Resource, said in a statement he wanted to reassure "patients and the general public of the safety, purity and efficacy" of solutions produced at his company's Waltham pharmacy. "Patient safety is something we take very seriously," he said. Lauren Smith, interim commissioner of the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, told reporters the ongoing state-wide inspections are part of "a series of aggressive and necessary actions to protect public safety and enhance oversight of this industry" following the national meningitis outbreak.

Separately, Smith said a member of the state's pharmacy oversight board with ties to NECC and Ameridose, Sophia Pasedis, has rejected a request by regulators to step down.—Reuters

**Petronas agrees to Canada extension on \$5.2 billion Progress bid**

Business

KUALA LUMPUR, 29 Oct — Malaysian state oil firm Petronas has agreed to the Canadian government's extension of a review of its C\$5.17 billion (\$5.2 billion) bid for gas producer Progress Energy Resources, said two Petronas sources familiar with the deal.

The decision was made by a regular monthly Pet-

ronas board meeting, the sources told *Reuters*, adding the Malaysian firm is also studying additional steps to reassure Canada that the proposed acquisition will have a "net benefit" for the country, the sources said.

"Petronas will go all the way to secure this deal. It is important to Petronas that the deal is done," one

of the sources said.

Canada blocked Petronas' bid for Progress Energy this month after Industry Minister Christian Paradis said it was not likely to bring a "net benefit" to the country. He gave Petronas 30 days to make additional representations.

Progress CEO Michael Culbert has blamed a "communications breakdown" for Canada's surprise rejection of the deal, and said he was optimistic the deal could get back on track.

Reuters



## Stock markets closed on Monday as storm hobbles New York

US

NEW YORK, 29 Oct — US stock and options markets will be closed on Monday, and possibly on Tuesday, as regulators, exchanges and brokers worried about the integrity of markets in the face of Hurricane Sandy. Market participants and regulators decided to shut the market because the storm will make it difficult to ensure the safety of employees, major exchanges said.

The decision to close stock and options markets came after regulators, exchanges, and dealers discussed the unknowns that would have been tested if the markets opened on Monday, three of the sources said. For example, NYSE Euronext's New York Stock Exchange had planned to shut its physical trading floor, which would have meant operating as an all-electronic exchange for the first time. Bond markets will remain open, but will close at noon, a trade group said.

The decision to shut down the stock markets came after Wall Street had prepared to open for business on Monday with limited staffing, booking hotel rooms for key employees and leaning on offices in other cities. The storm forced the New York mass transit system to shut down on Sunday evening, leaving tens of thousands of employees stuck at home. Wall Street banks, including Goldman Sachs Group Inc and Citigroup Inc, activated their emergency plans, which many firms put in place after the 11 Sept, 2001, attacks. Banks were putting key staff, including some traders, in hotels and also are relying on others who live near the bank's offices.

It was not immediately clear if those plans had also changed. Some offices in lower Manhattan's Financial District are in evacuation zones and most non-critical staff and employees who don't rely on high-

speed systems, including some investment bankers, were asked to work from home. The storm is expected to slam into the US East Coast on Monday night, bringing torrential rain, high wind, severe flooding and power outages. The rare "super storm" — created by an Arctic jet stream wrapping itself around a tropical storm — could be the biggest to hit the US mainland, forecasters said.

Xinhua



**Kazuaki Miyaji**  
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opposition  
Liberal  
Democratic Party  
celebrates after  
securing his  
win in the lower  
house by-election  
in Kagoshima  
Prefecture in the  
city of Hioki in  
the prefecture  
on 28 Oct, 2012.  
REUTERS

## Rabin's legacy obliges Israel to counter political violence: Netanyahu

Israel

JERUSALEM, 29 Oct — Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said on Sunday that the legacy of Yitzhak Rabin, the former prime minister gunned down by a Jewish assassin during a peace rally in Tel Aviv in 1995, commands Israel to decisively counter political violence.

"In order to ensure that the full significance of this traumatic event is internalized, we must ensure that the murderer will never be pardoned," Netanyahu said at the official state ceremony to

mark the 17th anniversary of Rabin's death at the national military cemetery in Jerusalem's Mt. Herzl. "We must also ensure free public discourse in the State of Israel. The atrocious murder of Yitzhak Rabin commands us to preserve freedom of expression and to forcefully battle any manifestation of violence against opinions, ethnic groups and religions," the premier said in a televised address.

Netanyahu, who led the political opposition to the 1994 Oslo Accords signed

between Israel and the late chairman of the Palestine Liberation Organization, Yasser Arafat, in the months that preceded the assassination, emphasized that Rabin was "always a realistic leader" who worked to preserve Israel's military prowess while striving to achieve peace with its neighbours.

"In the face of this changing reality, it's worthwhile to remember a principle that Rabin understood well: the guarantee for our security and peace with our neighbors is first and foremost... We seek peace with our neighbours and expand alliances with our friends, but in the end of the day, all these depend on our

pro prowess," Netanyahu said.

Turning to the stalemate in the diplomatic process with the Palestinians, Netanyahu accused the Palestinian National Authority of not yet finalizing a peace agreement with Israel. "Every now and then they are raising preconditions to resuming negotiations, which raise the difficulty, but do not change the need to attain peace based on coexistence, security and mutual recognition," Netanyahu said.

Direct peace talks between Israel and the Palestinians halted in October 2010 after Israel refused to stop the construction of Jewish settlements in the West Bank.—Xinhua

## State councilor urges int'l cooperation on heritage protection

Culture

BEIJING, 29 Oct — Chinese State Councilor Liu Yandong on Sunday called for enhanced international cooperation to promote the protection of cultural heritage.

Liu made the remarks while addressing a meeting of the Advisory Committee of the International Council on Monuments and Sites (ICOMOS) held on Sunday in Beijing.

This year marks the 40th anniversary of the establishment of the Convention Concerning the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage.

Under the convention, all countries should join hands to build effective international cooperation mechanisms for promoting the protection of cultural heritage.—Xinhua

## Ex-Mossad chief in stable condition after liver transplant

Israel

JERUSALEM, 29 Oct — Meir Dagan, former director of Israeli foreign intelligence agency Mossad, remains in stable condition three weeks after undergoing a liver transplant in Minsk, Belarus, local media reported on Sunday.

Meir Dagan returned to Israel on Saturday and was transferred to an unnamed hospital for further supervision.

Dagan, 67, was forced to undergo the surgery

abroad after failing to meet Israeli and American medical criteria, which restrict liver transplants to the age of under 65 due to severe shortage of organ donations and the low chances of recovery.

Both Mossad and Israeli Foreign Ministry launched intensive efforts to assist Dagan after an acute liver cancer threatened his life, exploiting connections worldwide to find an institution that would agree to operate on an emergency basis, the *Yedioth Ahronoth* daily reported last week.

Belarusian President Alexander Lukashenko disclosed at a news

conference two weeks ago that a senior Israeli security figure was hospitalized in his country, which is revered for performing successful liver and other complex transplants.

The country's security services placed heavy security on Dagan while he was recovering in isolation, allowing only his wife to visit him. The former spymaster, who retired from Mossad in late 2010, reportedly spearheaded numerous covert missions aimed at sabotaging Iran's nuclear programme during his eight years at the helm of the agency.—Xinhua

## Chinese non-communist party holds plenary session

China

BEIJING, 29 Oct — The sixth plenary session of the 14th Central Committee of the Chinese Peasants and Workers Democratic Party, one of China's eight non-communist parties, opened in Beijing on Sunday.

Sang Guowei, chairman of the party's central committee, briefly reviewed the party's achievements over the last five years. He said the party has always strived to play a role in the country's multi-party cooperation mechanism

under the leadership of the Communist Party of China (CPC). Sang, who is also vice chairman of the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress (NPC), said members of the party should cherish ethnic unity and social stability and safeguard political relations among China's parties. He urged the members to greet the upcoming 18th CPC National Congress, scheduled for 8 Nov, with new achievements.

Xinhua



Photo taken on 28 Oct, 2012 shows a ruby necklace on a Christie's auction preview event in Beijing, capital of China. The auction preview displays more than 300 items including Chinese paintings, Chinese porcelains, watches and so on.—XINHUA

## 5 missing after Typhoon Son-Tinh sinks boat in S China Sea

Disaster

SANYA, 29 Oct — Five people were missing after Typhoon Son-Tinh sank their boat in the South China Sea near the city of Sanya on Sunday, maritime authorities said. Local sea rescue centre of Sanya after being hit by strong winds.

Five crew members were awaiting rescue as they clung to the deck that

remained above the sea, the report said. Sanya's maritime safety administration said they have launched a search that involved rescue vessels and helicopters.

The island Province of Hainan experienced gales and high waves since Saturday as Typhoon Son-Tinh brushed into the region. Local authorities have urged all shipping boats to return to harbor and ferry services into and out of the island has been suspended out of safety concerns.—Xinhua

**Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu attends a special Knesset session in memory of former Israeli prime minister Yitzhak Rabin gunned down by a Jewish assassin during a peace rally in Tel Aviv in 1995, in Jerusalem, on 28 Oct, 2012.**  
XINHUA



LOCAL NEWS

**Maintenance of Kyinthi monastery discussed**

Hsipaw, 29 Oct—A meeting on maintenance of Kyinthi Monastery of 236 years old and religious, literary and cultural development was held at the monastery in

Kyinthi Village-tract of Hsipaw Township, Shan State (North), on 23 October. The monastery was built in the time of Ohnbaung Chieftain Khun Myat Thaday, King Inwa Hsinbyushin and

King Badon. In 1223 ME, Chieftain Sao Kya Tun who was the 84<sup>th</sup> Hsipaw Ohnbaung and King Mindon built the ancient Buddha image at the monastery.

*Myanma Alinn*

**Educative talks on traffic rules given in Tamu**

TAMU, 29 Oct—A talk on traffic rules and pedestrian rules was held at Kabaw Hall of Basic Education High School in Tamu on 23 October.

Commander of Tamu Township Police Force Police Captain Aye Thein gave

lectures on wearing of helmet, restriction not to ride less than two persons on motorcycle and to avoid drunkard driving and to slow down motorcycle at junctions.

Police Cpl Aung Tha Dun performed a demonstration of

riding and presented pamphlets on traffic rules.

The talk was attended by teachers and students.

A similar talk was held at Basic Education High School branch in Tamu.

*Myanma Alinn*

**Seventh airplane of MAI arrives at Yangon International Airport**



YANGON, 29 Oct—As the number of international airlines is increasing one after another, some domestic airlines extend flight schedules to be able to transport passengers to other countries.

Myanmar Airways International (MAI) runs its flights to other countries.

On 27 October, new Airbus A-320 which is the seventh airplane of the airlines arrived at Yangon International Airport to run the flight along Bangkok-Singapore-Bangkok route that will be launched on 28 October.

Thanks to new route of Bangkok-Singapore-

Bangkok, the passengers wishing to travel from Yangon to Bangkok and then to Singapore will be convenient. In addition, the passengers from various countries will take MAI flights from Bangkok to Singapore.

*Myanma Alinn*

**New airplane of AIR KBZ from France arrives in Yangon**

YANGON, 29 Oct—New airplanes such as two ATR 72-500s and one ATR-72-600 bought by AIR KBZ from France will arrive at Yangon International Airport this open season.

One of two ATR 72-500s arrived at Yangon International Airport on 28 October afternoon. The remaining one will arrive here in November.

It was reported that one ATR 72-600 airplane will arrive in Yangon by 2012. When three new airplanes have arrived here, the airlines will extend its flight schedules to Nyaung U, Mandalay, Heho and Thandwe and will resume its runs to Nay Pyi Taw, Kengtung, Monywa and Homalin.

As of this open season, AIR KBZ operates its flights to 20 major cities such as Yangon, Mandalay, Nyaung U, Heho, Myeik, Dawei, Kawthoung, Tachilek, Kalay, Myitkyina, Thandwe,

Sittway, Lashio, Nay Pyi Taw, Kengtung, Monywa, Homalin, Kyaukpyu, Putao and Bhamo with the use of four ATR 72-500s and one ATR 72-300, totaling five.

*Myanma Alinn*

*New airplane of AIR KBZ seen at the airport.*



**Yegyaw Thadingyut lighting festival attracting larger visitors**

YANGON, 29 Oct—The Yegyaw lighting festival that will be held from 12<sup>th</sup> waxing of Thadingyut to 1<sup>st</sup> waning is crowded one night ahead of its festivity schedule.

Roadside shops are kept open almost along Bogyoke Aung San Street and Yegyaw Road. Especially, visitors buy various Myanmar traditional snacks such as Monhinga, Htamane, fried gourd, traditional pancakes, Monlinmaya, Monthaingchon and so on. Moreover, toys and snacks are plentiful for children. Buildings of local people are illuminated along the road.

“Even though almost all the shops have not opened yet, the lighting festival is now crowded with visitors. I am sure that the festival will be grander and grander. I think the number of merry-



makers and shoppers will be larger than that of previous year,” said a visitor in an interview.—*Myanma Alinn*

**Inter-Ministry Chess Tournament commences**

MANDALAY, 29 Oct—The Mandalay Region Chief Minister’s Cup Inter-Township Age-wise Chess Tournament 2012 and the 6<sup>th</sup> Mandalay Open Chess Tournament were opened at Padauk Hall of Myanmar

Medical Association (Mandalay) on 25 October morning.

Defending champion Chanmyathazi Township chess team handed over the championship trophy to Vice-Chairman of the

Region Chess Subcommittee Dr Thit Lwin.

Over 120 players from 18 teams of townships in the region are taking part in the tournament that will last up to 4 November.

*Myanma Alinn*

**Twin babies born from double ovaries mother**



TOUNGOO, 29 Oct—A expectant mother with two ovaries successfully gave birth twin babies as her sixth pregnancy at Toungoo District General Hospital in

Bago Region on 19 October. Ma Yi Yi Aung, 39, has born five babies with the

assistance of midwife during 20 years period of marriage. In the sixth pregnancy, she faced some health problems. Due to the X-ray check, she knew she has one male and female embryo each at ovary.

At Toungoo District General Hospital, he received an emergency surgical operation. At 2 pm, Dr Sanda Myint (OG specialist) and AS Dr Thin Myat Myat Shein successfully bore the babies.

At that time, the female baby was four pounds and the male baby, six pounds in body weight. Now, the mother and two babies are in good health conditions.

*Myanma Alinn*

**Scholarship for arts of film invited**

YANGON, 29 Oct—According to the coordination meeting of the Managing Director of Myanmar Motion Picture Enterprise, the chairman of Myanmar Motion Picture Organization and the executive committee and advisory committee of Video Basic Strata (Central) held on 26 October, arrangements are being made to sign an MoU between France and Myanmar Motion Picture

Enterprise in February 2013 and to create the opportunity for attending the arts of film in France.

The applicants must be between 20 and 25 years old and must be fluent in English and Computer Science. They must be graduates from the motion picture and video world. They are to enlist at the organization, not later than 10 November. MMPO will issue more information to artistes in time.

*Myanma Alinn*

**PERSPECTIVES**

Tuesday, 30 October, 2012

**Abhidhamma Day**

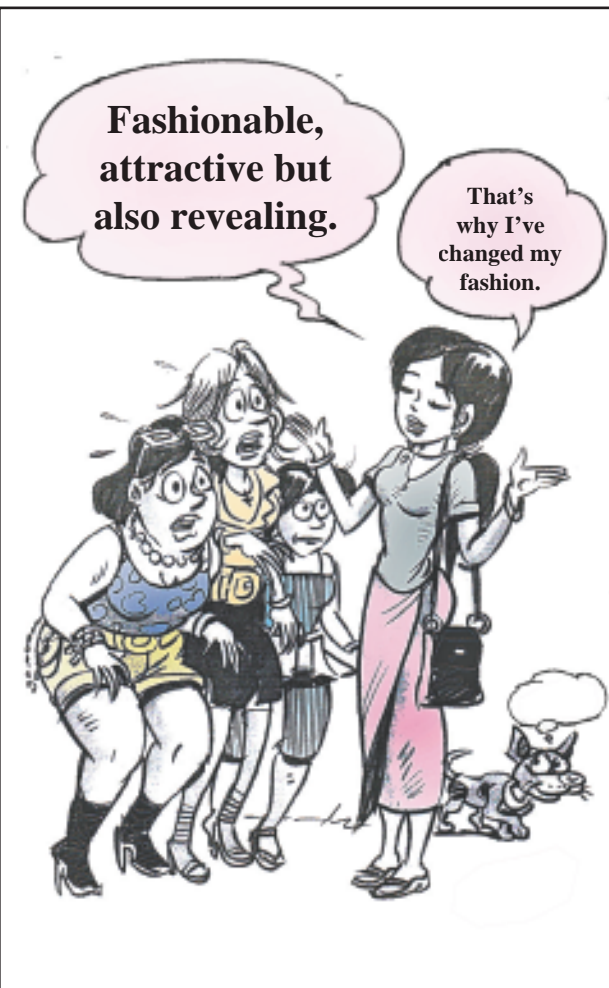
Today is Thadingyut or the fullmoon day of Myanmar month Thadingyut that Buddha descended to the abode of humans. And till now, Buddhists are celebrating Thadingyut as it was over 2500 years ago when the Buddha came back from Tavatimsa after discoursing Abhidhamma there for three months. In fact, among the celestial beings listening to the sermon included the Buddha's mother who was reborn there.

So, the Buddha visited Tavatimsa or the abode of celestial beings as a part to pay back the gratitude He owned to His mother, practically showing mankind the importance of gratefulness, and the value of repaying the debt of gratitude they owe to their parents.

So, during the month of Thadingyut or when the festival is drawing nearer, Buddhists, both adults and children, pay respects to their parents, teachers and elders by formally presenting them with gifts including food or traditional costumes as a way of seriously expressing thanks for the gratitude they owe to them.

Thadingyut is the seven-month of Myanmar calendar and the end of Buddhist lent. People illuminate their homes for three days or hold the festival of lights annually on the day before full moon, the full moon day and the day after to mark the Buddha's return from the celestial abode where He had spent the lent teaching the celestial beings about His Law.

From early times, this day has also been called Maha Pavarana Day. Anyhow, it is a time to pay respect to teachers, parents and elders, and it is a time to ask forgiveness for bad things people have done during the year. And the day always reminds us the gratitude we owe to our parents.



**People should never ever be swayed by instigations...**

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They then proceeded to Taungpyo Letwe Sub-township and inspected security condition and roads and progress of fence construction between two countries by helicopter.

They went to Shweyinaye Village in Maungtaw Township and met the victims of previous communal strife that broke out in June. They inspected condition of returnees, their regeneration of livelihood and farming equipment provided by the Border Affairs Ministry and presented aids to them.

The communal violence that touched upon Shweyinaye Village in



Maungtaw Township in June had reduced 76 houses to ashes, but those houses

*Lt-Gen Hla Min and Union Minister Lt-Gen Thein Htay meet fire victims in Taungbwe Village in Kyauktaw Township. —MNA*

have now been reconstructed cent per cent, enabling 87 households and 325 people

to live and work in happiness in their home village.

MNA

**Upgrading curriculums for the good of students: Union Culture Minister**

YANGON, 29 Oct — Union Minister for Culture U Aye Myint Kyu met with Director-General U Yan Naing Oo of Fine Arts Department (Yangon), Rector U Kyaw Oo of National Culture and Fine Art University (Yangon), the pro-rector (academic), professors/heads of department, associate professors, faculty members and staff at National Culture and Fine Art University (Yangon), here, yesterday.

The Union Minister called for measures to



*Union Minister for Culture U Aye Myint Kyu meets faculty members of National Culture and Fine Arts University (Yangon).—MNA*

be taken for upgrading curriculums for the good of students to be able to use

in practical area, opening of diploma courses and gave instructions on other

matters. Then the Union Minister observed library and classrooms. —MNA

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**MoU on buying of electricity signed**

NAY PYI TAW, 29 Oct—A ceremony of signing MoU on buying electricity from new project of gas plant in Thakayta among the Ministry of Electrical

Power, Myanmar Power Pte., Ltd in Singapore and Consultant International Co., Ltd in Myanmar took place at the Ministry of Electrical Power,

here, on 25 October evening.

At the ceremony, Union Minister for Electric Power U Khin Maung Soe said that the Ministry

emphasizes sufficient supply of electricity in the summer of 2013. He noted that more investment of private companies in electric sector will be beneficial to the State and the people.

MNA

**Magway Region honoured prize winners in 19<sup>th</sup> Performing Arts Competition**

NAY PYI TAW, 29 Oct— The honouring ceremony for prize winners who took part 19<sup>th</sup> Myanmar National Races' Traditional Performing Arts Competition representing Magway Region was held at Town Hall in Magway on 27 October noon, with an address by Chief Minister U Phone Maw Shwe.

The region chief minister awarded a manager on behalf of managers and gold award winners in respective contests.

Region Social Affairs Minister U Aung Kyaw Myint awarded prizes to silver medal and bronze medal winners in relevant contests.

MNA

**Informal primary education zone level courses for instructors launched**

YANGON, 29 Oct— A primary education zone level informal course (second semester of 2012-2013 academic year) for instructors was opened at Theingi Myaing Hall of No.1 Basic Education High School in Kamayut Township, here, this morning.

At the ceremony, Director-General U Eiddhi Hla of No.1 Basic Education Department explained that informal primary education central level and zone

level courses make teachers practically and theologically understandable how to teach students in a short time. Besides, the director-general advised those present to pursue their respective teaching techniques.

Afterwards, U Tin Nyo, Education for All National Coordinator, extended greetings. Such courses are being kept open in Yangon, Mandalay and Bago till 4 November.—MNA

**Beware of fire**



**ARTICLE**

**State Central Working Committee of the Sangha of All Orders of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar**

It is well-known that the Republic of the Union of Myanmar has been a Theravada Buddhist Country since years ago. Over 90 per cent of the population of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar takes faith in Buddhism. All Buddhists throughout the country want the everlasting purification, perpetuation and propagation of the Buddha Sasana which mainly depend on the members of the Sangha who can perform and carry out these noble tasks. In order to thoroughly implement the purification, perpetuation and propagation of the Buddha Sasana, all members of the Sangha of All Orders are to be united among others. According to the history of Buddhism of Myanmar, it was learnt that the unity of members of the Sangha became faint out and nearly disappeared after the Republic of the Union of Myanmar had been invaded and occupied by the British Colonialists. Some patriotic and farsighted members of the Sangha and laydevotees tried to construct the unity of the purification, perpetuation and propagation of the Buddha Sasana. However, they were not successful because of not being encouraged and supported by the British colonial government of that time.

After the Republic of the Union of Myanmar had regained Her Independence in 1948, the Buddhist people and Government of the Union of Myanmar of that time were in pursuance of reconstruction the unity of the Sangha throughout the country by holding the Congregation of the Sangha of All Orders for the purification, perpetuation and propagation of the Buddha Sasana in 1965. And but it was not successful according to the confuse and unstable social and political situation at that time.

However, pious and multifarious Buddhist people throughout the country are eager and always looking forward to obtaining the reconstruction of the unity of the Sangha of All Orders which is essential to implement the noble task of the purification, perpetuation and propagation of the Buddha Sasana. In reality, it is absolutely impossible to carry out the purification, perpetuation and propagation of the Buddha Sasana without the unity of the Sangha.

According to the strong wish of the Buddhist people and the Government of the Union of Myanmar of that time, the very First Congregation of the Sangha of All Orders was successfully held in 1980. The Congregation was attended by over 13000 Sangha Samuti representatives representing over three hundred thousand members of the Sangha of All Orders in the Republic of the Union of Myanmar. The congregation was eagerly and earnestly encouraged and supported by the Buddhist people of the entire nation and Government of the Union of Myanmar of that time.

According to the resolutions passed and adopted by the First Successful Congregation of the Sangha of All Orders of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar for the purification, perpetuation and propagation of the Buddha Sasana the different levels of the Sangha Organizations which represent the following nine official sects of the Sangha of All Order could be formed throughout the country. The nine official sects (ganas) of the Sangha of All Orders of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar are as followings:-

1. Suddhamma Sect (Gana)
2. Shwe Kyin Sect (Gana)
3. Dhammamam Dhamma Mahadwara Nikaya Sect (Gana)
4. Dhammavinaya nulomamuladwra Nikaya Sect (Gana)
5. Anaukchaung Dwara Sect (Gana)
6. Veluwan Nikaya Sect (Gana)
7. Catubommika Mahasatipathana Hnggettwin Sect (Gana)
8. Gagavimotti Suto Sect (Gana)
9. Dhammayotti Nikaya Mahayin Sect (Gana)

These different schools and sects of the Sangha are unitedly carrying out the noble task of the purification, perpetuation and propagation of the Buddha Sasana

under the guidance of the different levels of the Sangha Organizations which have been formed throughout the country. The different levels of the Sangha Organizations are formed as follows:-

1. The State Patron Committee of the Sangha (comprising 111 members)
2. The State Central Working Committee of the Sangha of All Orders (comprising 300 members)
3. The State Sanghamahanayaka Committee (comprising 47 members)
4. The State/Regional Sanghanayaka Committees (altogether 49 committees comprising 323 members)
5. The Township Sanghanayaka Committees (altogether 513 committees comprising 3683 members)
6. The Word/Village-tract Sanghanayaka Committees (comprising 19993 members)

In order to reconstruct the unity and mutual understanding within the sects and schools are deeply needed for the welfare and interests of the nation as well as for the Buddha Sasana. And now, we all Buddhists are joyous and have great honour for reconstructing the concrete unity of the Sangha so long as the Buddha Sasana exists.

The State Central Working Committee of the Sangha of All Orders, comprising the elected three hundred members of the Sangha represents all members of the Sangha throughout the Republic of the Union of Myanmar. According to the principles of the Sangha Organization of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, the annual plenary meeting of the State Central Working Committee of the Sangha of All Orders of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar shall be held. The matters relating to the whole Sasana affairs which were done through year by the State Sanghamahanayaka Committee shall be submitted to the annual plenary meeting of the State Central Working Committee of the Sangha of All Orders for records and approvals which lead to the purification, perpetuation and propagation of the Buddha Sasana.

**Functions and duties of the State Central Working Committee of the Sangha of All Orders**

1. Shall take responsibilities relating to the purification, perpetuation and propagation of the Buddha Sasana and the unity of the Sangha during the transit period of each congregation of the Sangha of All Orders.
2. Shall take responsibilities to hold the full-fledged Congregation of the Sangha of All Orders after five years' term.
3. Shall consult with the Ministry of Religious Affairs in order to hold the Congregation of the Sangha of All Orders.
4. Shall form the convening Committee for holding the Congregation comprising members of the State Sanghamahanayaka Committee and members of the State Central Working Committee of the Sangha in suitable ratio.
5. The matters relating to the whole Sasana affairs which have been done by them shall be reported to the Congregation of the Sangha of All Orders when it is held.
6. The State Sangha Mahanayaka Committee shall be formed in accordance with the principles prescribed in chapter 5 clause 25 of these procedures.
7. Shall approve and confirm the name list of the members of the State Patron Committee of the Sangha submitted by the State Sanghamahanayaka Committee.
8. Shall approve and confirm the eligible members of the State Sanghamahanayaka Committee which is elected and substituted by the vacancy.
9. Shall approve and confirm the eligible members

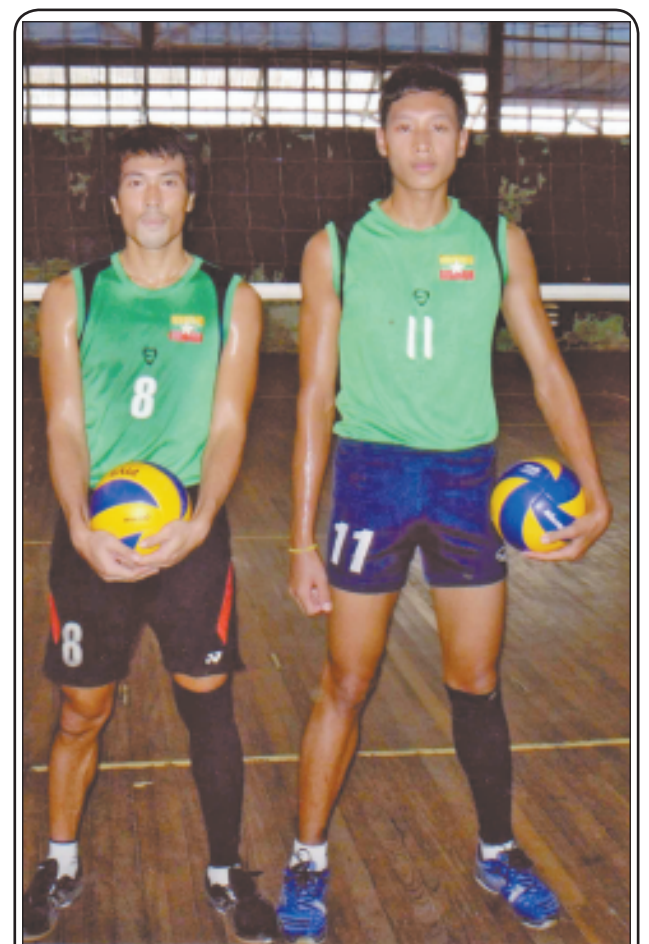
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of the Sangha as the members of the State Patron Committee of the Sangha which is elected and substituted by the State Sanghamahanayaka Committee to fill up the vacancy.

10. May make necessary rules and regulations, drawing up, prescribing amending, substituting and removing the procedures except the basic principles of the Sangha Organizations.
11. May instruct the State Sanghamahanayaka Committee in order to make notification in connection with the Dhammavinaya affairs occasionally.
12. Shall hold the meeting at least one time in a year.
13. May make suggestions, discussions and necessary decisions on the workdone report submitted to the meeting by the State Sanghamahanayaka Committee.
14. Shall make and carry out dutifully the matters relating to the Sasana affairs which are trustfully assigned by the State Sanghamahanayaka Committee.

The State Central Working Committee of the Sangha of All Orders of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar is now striving to promote and flourish the Theravada Buddha Sasana in accordance with its functions and duties which lead to the purification, perpetuation and propagation of the Buddha Sasana as well as for the welfare and interest of the nation. We all Buddhists throughout the country wish the State Central Working Committee of the Sangha of All Orders of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar more and more success in the purification, perpetuation and propagation of the Buddha Sasana all over the world.

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*Photo shows selected Myanmar volleyball players to participate in Vietnamese League National Volleyball Tourney.*

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## Chinese art group “Hansheng” opens concert concert in Armenia

YEREVAN, 29 Oct — Chinese art group “Hansheng” held a concert in the Armenian State Theater of Musical Comedy here on Saturday.

Armenian government officials, including deputy Minister of Culture Arthur Poghosyan and deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs Sergey Manasarian, and Chinese Ambassador to Armenia Tian Changchun attended the concert, which is part of a bilateral cultural exchange program called The Days of Chinese Culture.

The Chinese group performed Chinese songs accompanied by traditional Chinese musical instruments as well as traditional dances.

“The event was organized at a very high level. It means a lot for the

Armenian society in case of getting acknowledged with Chinese art. China is a country of old and rich culture. It was a great pleasure to be at this performance,” said Eduard Hovsepian, a spectator.

The group “Han-sheng” will have two other concerts on 28 October in Gyumri, the second largest city of Armenia, and on 30 October again in Yerevan.

The Days of Chinese Culture will last till 31 October. Also, an art exhibition will be opened at National Art Gallery on 30 October.

The Days of Armenian Culture series were held in China last year, following an agreement between Armenian and Chinese culture ministries.

Xinhua



Contestant Li Yiwei attends the Q&A part during the finale of 2012 Miss Chinese Cosmos Pageant in south China's Hong Kong, on 27 Oct, 2012. A total of twelve contestants participated in the finale. Zhang Ziqi from Australia Region claimed the crown.

XINHUA

## Rubio leaves Romney motorcade after daughter in car accident

LAND O'LAKES, FLORIDA, 29 Oct—US Senator Marco Rubio, who was campaigning in his home state of Florida with Republican presidential candidate Mitt Romney, left the campaign on Saturday to be with his 12-year-old daughter after she was injured in a car accident in Miami.

Rubio, a rising star in the Republican Party, had just finished taking part in a campaign rally with Romney in Kissimmee when he was told about the accident involving his daughter,

Amanda. “Senator Rubio’s daughter was involved in a motor vehicle accident earlier today in Miami,” said Rubio spokesman Alex Conant. “She was airlifted to Miami Children’s hospital. She is in stable condition.”

Romney’s motorcade, which was en route to Land O’Lakes from Kissimmee, pulled over on the highway in Lakewood Crest and Rubio got out. He left in a state trooper patrol car and went to Miami to be with his daughter.—Reuters



US Republican Senate candidate Marco Rubio (L) waves beside his daughter Amanda during his victory speech at a rally in Coral Gables, Florida in this 2 Nov, 2010 file photo.—REUTERS

## Singapore to conduct proposals for tighter ads rules of unhealthy food, beverage

SINGAPORE, 29 Oct—Singapore’s authorities are reviewing tougher guidelines for advertisements of unhealthy food and beverage like fast food and soda, aiming at protecting children from being drawn to a diet that is high in fat, sugar or salt.

The city-state’s Health Minister Gan Kim Yong made that statement on Saturday, adding that a public consultation will be launched next month, local paper *The Strait Times* reported.

He said some studies have showed that advertisements in mass media do

have an influence on young children’s food choices, as well as their preference for purchase requests through their parents.

This trend is said inconsistent with the country’s effort to encourage its citizens to lead a healthy lifestyle, typically for young children below the age of 12.

“The guidelines will also specify what are the food that will be classified as undesirable, basically will look at the content of each food. We are not targeting at specific brands but looking at the food stuff and studying the content.” he added.

Xinhua

## Rescue workers retrieve two bodies from Gaza tunnel cave-in

GAZA, 29 Oct—Palestinian rescue workers pulled the bodies of two smugglers who were killed when a tunnel beneath Gaza’s borders with Egypt caved in three days ago.

A third colleague in the group was evacuated

dead Thursday evening, medical sources said. The rescuers have been digging for the missing workers for three days with excavators. Hundreds of tunnels are existed beneath Gaza’s southern border with the Sinai Peninsula.—Xinhua

## Syria Syrian army to hit back hard at “terrorists”

DAMASCUS, 29 Oct—The Syrian army’s general command stressed on Saturday its determination to decisively repulse all “criminal acts” committed by “terrorists”, adding that those “terrorists” have violated the cease-fire for the next consecutive day.

In a statement aired on the state TV, the general command recounted a number of violations committed by the armed rebels in a number of Syrian areas on Saturday, mainly an attack on five water pumps in the northern city of Aleppo that resulted in a

water outage in the western part of the city.

Another major attack was carried out by a car bomb, which went off earlier Saturday in the eastern Province of Deir al-Zour, destroying the facade of al-Seirian Church.

As the army accused “armed terrorist groups” of violating the truce, the opposition activists also reported airstrikes on some restive suburbs in the eastern of Damascus, adding that many people were killed.

The Local Coordination Committees (LCC), an activists’ network,

said 12 people were killed on Saturday due to the government troops’ airstrikes on the battered Damascus suburb of Douma.

The LCC also reported violence and clashes elsewhere in the unrest-battered country, adding that 39 people have so far been killed nationwide Saturday.

Yet, the activists’ account could not be checked independently.

With the conflicting parties blaming each other, hopes for a workable cease-fire truce, proposed by UN-Arab League special representative Lakhdar

Brahimi, have faded away.

Brahimi has been shuttling among regional countries to push for the truce during the four-day Muslim holiday of Eid al-Adha as a prelude for further pacification.

Xinhua

## Israeli airstrike kills Palestinian militant

GAZA, 29 Oct—A Palestinian militant was killed and another wounded early on Sunday in an Israeli airstrike in northeast Gaza Strip, medical sources said.

A second militant was critically wounded, said Ashraf al-Qedra, a spokesperson for the Health Ministry in the Hamas-controlled Gaza Strip.

Security sources said the militants were members of the Hamas movement. The airstrike came barely three days after a shaky ceasefire between Israel and militant groups in Gaza took effect. Egypt brokered the unofficial lull deal.

Witnesses said escalation resumed after several Israeli tanks and bulldozers got through a security fence that serves as a borderline between Gaza and Israel to the east of Khan Younis, a southern Gaza Strip city.—Xinhua



Passengers inquire flight information at Sanya Phoenix International Airport in Sanya, south China’s Hainan Province, on 27 Oct, 2012. Typhoon Son-Tinh, the 23rd tropical storm this year, has disrupted 122 flights and brought downpours to Hainan.

XINHUA

WORLD

## Traffic accidents kill at least 1,589 people in Cambodia in 10 months

### Accident

PHNOM PENH, 29 Oct — Road accidents have killed at least 1,589 people in Cambodia in the first 10 months of 2012, a report of the Interior Ministry's public order department showed Sunday. The death number this year was comparable to that of last year.

During the 10-month period last year, 1,591 deaths were recorded.

The report said that from January to October this year, 3,553 road accidents happened, representing a 16 percent drop from 4,244

cases at the same period last year.

In addition to the deaths, 6,114 others were injured in road accidents during the period, down 16 percent from 7,338. Main causes of the accidents remain over-speed driving, alcohol driving and neglect driving.

In the whole year of 2011, traffic accidents had claimed 1,890 human lives in the country and were estimated to cost the country about 310 million US dollars.—Xinhua

## Former Philippine President Arroyo refuses to enter plea on plunder charge

### Philippine



Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo

MANILA, 29 Oct — Former Philippine President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo refused to enter a plea on charges of plunder filed before the country's anti-graft court, local media said on Monday.

The First Division of the Sandiganbayan followed the rules of court and entered a not guilty plea on her behalf, according to the report filed by local news

website www.inquirer.net.

Arroyo has been charged with plunder for allegedly misusing intelligence funds of the Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office (PCSO) during her presidency.

The Sandiganbayan ordered her arrest.

Arroyo, who is suffering from a heart disease and bone mineral disorder, is now under hospital arrest at the Veterans Memorial Medical Centre.—Xinhua

## Cambodia has no plan to build nuclear power plant for now: PM

PHNOM PENH, 29 Oct — Cambodian Prime Minister Hun Sen said on Monday that the country has no plan to build a nuclear power plant for present time, citing nuclear disasters in Ukraine and Japan.

He said that it was a misunderstanding that a neighbouring country (Thailand) reportedly said that he allowed the construction of a nuclear power plant in Koh Kong Province.

"One asked to conduct a feasibility study for a nuclear power plant in Koh Kong Province, but I did not allow it," the premier said at a graduation ceremony of students at Asia-Europe University. "It is not the right time for Cambodia to build it." Cambodia's capacity has not reached the level of building the nuclear power plant, he said, adding that even Indonesia has not yet reached that level.—Xinhua

## Kenya anti-terror police kill suspect related to Mombasa explosions

### Kenya

MOMBASA, 29 Oct — Omar Faraj, the suspect who was related to the Wednesday explosions that has killed a police officer and two other suspects, was killed by police that raided his house here at 2 am on Sunday morning, said the police.

Regional police chief Aggrey Adoli said the suspect was being trailed by detectives by special team of detectives from Nairobi city.

Situation is currently tense with fears of retaliation attacks in the area. The police also arrested a terror suspect in Coastal town of Mariakani and recovered firearms and grenades on Saturday.

Country head of anti-terrorism unit Njeru Mwaniki said the suspect was arrested in a passenger bus christened Mesina heading to the coastal

City of Mombasa.

"We recovered two grenade, 35 rounds of ammunition and AK-47 assaulted rifle," Mwaniki told Xinhua on phone, adding that they were still holding him for further interrogation.

The suspect identified as Titus Nyabiswa, a from western Kenya, was also found in possession of bomb detonators. He was arrested by highway patrol officers manning a police road block along in the area before he was handed to the anti-terrorism police unit.

He was trailed by detectives from special crime prevention unit Nairobi after boarding the bus from Nairobi on Saturday morning.

"The anti-terrorism police unit has now taken over the case with hopes that the suspect will lead them to his hideouts. We will inform

you once we make more recoveries," said Adoli.

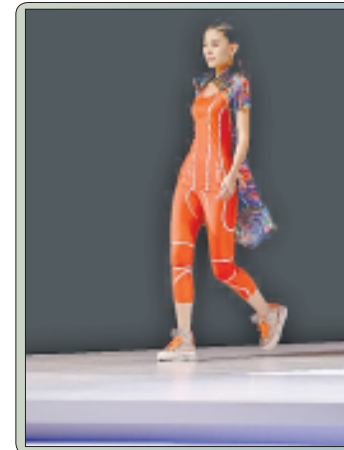
He announced that security forces had increased surveillance and urged the public to be on the look out for people with ulterior motives.

Police say the suspect and his accomplices were planning to carry out an imminent terror attack in Kenya's second-largest City

of Mombasa that has in the past been hit by a wave of grenade attacks.

It was the major breakthrough in the war against terrorism in Kenya amid reports of planned terror attacks since the liberation of Somalia port of Kismayo by Kenyan Defence Forces (KDF), said Mwaniki.

Xinhua



A model presents a creation by designer Zhao Zirui during the 2012 China International Fashion Week in Beijing, capital of China, on 28 October, 2012. The fashion week, which attracted 51 designers from at home and abroad, lasts from 25 October to 3 November. XINHUA

## Indian data analytics outsourcing to become 1.15 bln USD by 2015, says study

### India

KOLKATA, (India), 29 Oct — At a time when analytics is becoming more pervasive helping businesses across various sectors, India is expected to maintain its edge over major offshore destinations who present analytics services outsourcing.

According to a recent report by a financial services firm Avendus Capital, India will continue to establish its leadership position in analytics services over other competing countries or regions such as China, the Philippines, Eastern Europe and Latin America.

The demand for this service from India will be driven by a host of factors such as availability of talent pool, maturity of the industry and wide spectrum of services.

Data analytics is the science of using raw data by extensive use of statistical and quantitative analysis for the purpose of drawing business related conclusions and for predicting business outcomes.

Among the industries, banking and financial which is one of the earliest adopters of knowledge services is the largest user of the analytics services followed by retail, healthcare and pharmaceutical industries.

According the report, by 2015, the data analytics market in India is expected to reach 1.15 billion US-dollars to become 21 percent of the overall Indian KPO market opportunities of 5.6 billion US dollars. "Although this market has been around since early

2000's, the exponential growth in data generation, significant decrease in data storage cost and increase need of companies to make decisions based on actionable insights, have increased the demand for data analytics services," said Amit Singh, executive director in charge of technology and outsourcing of the Avendus Capital.

He said the US which is the biggest market for data analytics outsourcing is estimated to have a shortage of 140,000 to 190,000 professionals with analytical capabilities by 2018. "This talent supply gap is expected to boost demand for analytics outsourcing services what the Indian service providers could leverage on," he added.

Xinhua

## Shallow undersea quake hits Sumatra, Indonesia

### Earthquake

JAKARTA, 29 Oct — A 5.6-magnitude earthquake struck off Sumatra island of Indonesia on Monday, the Meteorology and Geophysics Agency reported.

The quake struck at 09:22 am Jakarta time (0222 GMT) with epicenter at 95 km southeast of Gunung Sitoli in North Sumatra and with a depth at 26 km under seabed, an official of the agency told Xinhua by phone.

Indonesia is vulnerable to quake as it sits on a quake-hit zone called "the Pacific Ring of Fire."

Xinhua



Chen Yazhong (L), chairwoman of the Gaoligongshan Tea Company, introduces tea product at a tea cultural center in Tengchong County, southwest China's Yunnan Province, on 28 Oct, 2012. The ecological tea, a major product of Chen's company, created income of 126 million yuan (20.2 million US dollars) for local tea farmers last year. XINHUA

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## US

## Obama vows to accelerate Wall Street reforms

WASHINGTON, 29 Oct—US President Barack Obama on Saturday highlighted the role of a federal consumer protection agency, vowing to constantly promote Wall Street reforms to prevent Americans from suffering another financial crisis.

The Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB), established under new Wall Street reforms, has been standing up for consumers and protecting Americans from mistakes made by the companies who determine credit scores, said Obama in

his weekly address, citing that the CFPB and other regulators recently ordered three big credit card companies to return over 400 million US dollars to people who were misled into making purchases they didn't want.

To stem the devastating financial crisis that began four years ago from spreading from Wall Street to Main Street, the United States passed new tough Wall Street reforms and the nation had recovered much from the crisis, said the president. US businesses had added more than 5 million new jobs and the unemployment rate had fallen to the lowest level since he took office, Obama said.

What the CFPB did is all about, looking out for

working families and ensuring everyone is playing by the same rules, he said.

However, he asserted, Republicans in Congress had always been trying to roll back these reforms. "Backed by an army of financial industry lobbyists, they've been waging an all-out battle to delay, defund and dismantle these new rules," he said.

Obama, sounding like a consumer advocate, stressed that he would refuse to let that happen and continue to move reforms forward.

With just 10 days left to the presidential election, Obama and his Republican challenger Mitt Romney are both in full speed to campaign. The fresh weekly address by Obama was considered to lure grassroots voters. —Xinhua



US President Barack Obama waves to supporters after speaking at a campaign rally in Las Vegas, Nevada on 24 Oct, 2012. —XINHUA

## Beihang University urged to boost education, innovation

## China

BEIJING, 29 Oct—Top political advisor Jia Qinglin has called on China's Beihang University to boost education and innovation capacities in order to become a world leading university with specialties in aviation, space science and information technology.

Jia, chairman of the National Committee of the Chinese People's Political

Consultative Conference, made the remarks in a congratulatory letter to the university, which is also known as the Beijing University of Aeronautics & Astronautics (BUAA), as it celebrated its 60th founding anniversary on Saturday.

Jia hailed the Beihang for cultivating a large number of high-quality talents and making numerous achievements

in science and technology research over the past 60 years. Jia expressed his hope that the university will thoroughly implement the country's educational guidelines, enhance education quality, push forward innovations in order to help provide a solid education and talent foundation for improving the country's overall national strengths.

Beihang was founded in 1952 as the Beijing Institute of Aeronautics. It turned from an engineering institute into a multi-disciplined, research-oriented university in the past six decades, fostering some 150,000 high-caliber talents for the country's development in various fields, particularly aeronautics and astronautics.

Xinhua

## R&amp;B singer Natina Reed hit and killed by car in Georgia

LOS ANGELES, 29 Oct—Natina Reed, a member of the R&B singing trio Blaque, was struck and killed by a car as she walked in a major roadway in Georgia, police said on Saturday.

Reed, who also appeared in the cheerleader movie "Bring It On" in 2000, would have turned 33 on Sunday. She was struck by a car at about 10:30 pm Friday on a state highway just north of the Atlanta suburb of Lilburn, Gwinnett County Police Sergeant Rich Long said. The car's driver

called 911 and a passenger performed CPR but Reed was pronounced dead at an area medical centre, police said. Authorities ruled the driver was not at fault and no charges were expected to be filed, Long said.

Investigators were trying to determine why Reed was in the road, Long said.

As part of Blaque, Reed performed the 1999 hits "Bring It All to Me" and "808" with fellow members Shamari Fears DeVoe and Brandi Williams.

Reuters



Singer and actress Natina Reed wears a winged outfit as she arrives for the premiere of her new film "Bring It On" in Los Angeles in this 22 Aug, 2000 file photo. —REUTERS



People take pictures of the Statue of Liberty in New York Harbour on 27 Oct, 2012. The crown of the Statue of Liberty will reopen to the public on Sunday after a year-long renovation to its interior. —XINHUA

## Chinese president sends condolences to Cuba over hurricane

## Disaster

BEIJING, 29 Oct—Chinese President Hu Jintao on Saturday sent a message of condolences to Cuban leader Raul Castro to mourn the damage caused by Hurricane Sandy in eastern Cuba.

He expressed his deep sympathy with the Cuban government and people over the huge property losses and serious impacts on people's livelihood caused by the massive storm. Hu said he was confident that under the strong leadership of the Cuban party and government, the Cuban

people will certainly conquer the natural disaster, restore order to their production and lives, and rebuild their homes. On the same day, Chinese Foreign Minister Yang Jiechi also sent a message to his Cuban counterpart Bruno Rodriguez to express his sympathy over the hurricane attack.

Eleven people were killed Thursday as Hurricane Sandy battered the eastern provinces of Cuba, damaging homes, schools and hospitals, and knocking down trees and power lines. —Xinhua

## Six pupils killed in NW China truck crash

## Accident

LANZHOU, 29 Oct—The death toll from a truck crash in northwest China rose to seven after one more child died in hospital after treatment failed, local authorities said on Saturday. A four-year-old boy died on Saturday afternoon in hospital, raising the death toll to seven, including six pupils and one villager, said an official of Longnan City, Gansu Province.

The accident happened at about 5:10 pm Friday, when a truck veered off a mountain road and plunged 200 meters down a valley in Wudu District of Longnan City. The truck

was carrying nine students from a local primary school and three villagers when it crashed. One person managed to jump out of the vehicle and survived without injury.

Driver Wang Youwen and his mother were in serious condition, said doctors with Longnan City People's Hospital. The other three injured were stable.

An initial investigation showed the truck was climbing up a slope when its engine suddenly went dead, making it slip back and fall down the valley, according to the official. —Xinhua

ENTERTAINMENT

**Tori Amos puts new spin on old songs for "Gold Dust"**

NEW YORK, 29 Oct—Tori Amos has been performing in bars and clubs since the age of 13, but the pianist-singer-songwriter's new tour and album mark 20 years since her breakthrough solo debut album "Little Earthquakes".

Throughout October, Amos, 49, has been touring with songs from her new album "Gold Dust", which reinterprets hits from the past two decades, accompanied by the Metropole Orchestra. The album, released on 2 October, follows her 2011 song cycle "Night of Hunters", also inspired by classical music.

Amos, a classically trained musician, talked to

Reuters about "Gold Dust" and how she has forged new paths for American singer-songwriters.

Q. How difficult was it recording and touring with "Gold Dust" and playing with all these different orchestras?

A. "It's been a thrilling journey—I have had to really learn that an orchestra is an entity—it's a creature. I have been calling it the dragon and the conductor is the dragon tamer. And you just have to ... ride and don't let go and you will be fine."

"So it's a tango, it's pushing and pulling and answering each other and inspiring each other. And that's really where the love affair comes from 'Gold

Singer Tori Amos poses for a portrait in New York. REUTERS



Dust."

Q. Was it tricky to record and reinterpret old songs?

A. "I had to realize that you are going to look at songs that you might have known for the last 20 years. You also

have to look at who they were when you first met them, and who they have become."—Reuters

**France's 'The Other Son' wins grand prix at Tokyo film festival**

TOKYO, 29 Oct—French film "The Other Son," directed by Lorraine Levy was awarded on Sunday the Tokyo Sakura Grand Prix, the top prize at the 25th Tokyo International Film Festival.

Levy, who also wrote the script for the film — which depicts the Israel-Palestine conflict through the eyes of two young men, one Israeli and one Palestinian, switched at birth — was given the Award for Best Director.

The Special Jury Prize went to South Korean director Kang Yi-kwan's "Juvenile Offender." South Korean actor Seo Young-ju who played the part of a teenage boy on probation in the film was given the Award for Best Actor.



Lorraine Levy, who directed French film "The Other Son," smiles at Roppongi Hills commercial complex in Tokyo on 28 Oct, 2012, after the film was awarded the Tokyo Sakura Grand Prix, the top prize at the 25th Tokyo International Film Festival.

KYODO NEWS

**Rolling Stones memorabilia auctioned after divorce**

NEW YORK, 29 Oct—An assortment of Rolling Stones memorabilia and artwork provided by Rolling Stones guitarist Ronnie Wood and his ex-wife was sold in a two-day auction, Julien's Auctions said on Sunday.

The collection featured memorabilia spanning four decades from the guitarist's work with the band, and included several worn leather and velvet jackets, real and cardboard guitars, tour ephemera and a signed lithograph of Eric Clapton.

Among the items were a white leather coat worn by Wood that sold for \$8,960, and a lithograph of Eric Clapton drawn by Wood that features his signature as well as Clapton's that fetched \$5,120.

Despite being made of cardboard, a guitar cutout gifted to Wood by Keith

Richards sold for \$6,875. The real thing commanded almost nine times that price, with a 1955 Fender Stratocaster guitar often played on stage by Wood bringing in \$60,800.

Bidding took place live online as well as in person and by phone at Julien's Beverly Hills gallery on Friday and Saturday.

The auction comes ahead of the release next February of the memoirs of Wood's ex-wife Jo, which promise to reveal her tales of life as the wife of a Rolling Stone.

Ronnie and Jo Wood were married for 23 years before separating in 2008 when Ronnie left her for a young cocktail waitress named Ekaterina Ivanova. The couple's divorce was finalized in 2011.

After the auction was announced in September, the former couple issued

opposing statements feuding about the ownership of the auction items, but seemed to have worked out their disagreements. Julien described the items for sale as jointly owned and said that they were part of the couple's divorce settlement.

Part of the proceeds from the auction will go to MusiCares, the Grammy Awards charity that offers help to people in the music industry with finance and addiction.

Wood has recently been focused on his visual art career, but is best known as a musician with the Rolling Stones and The Faces. He has been inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame twice.

In addition to her upcoming memoirs, Jo Wood—a former model—has also founded a skincare line.—Reuters



**Universal Studios Japan visitors top 100 million**

OSAKA, 29 Oct—Universal Studios Japan, a US-originated Hollywood movie amusement park in Osaka, on Monday greeted its 100 millionth visitor since its opening in 2001.

The visitor was congratulated by Snoopy and Sesame Street characters and given a special free one-year pass, which allows attractions to be enjoyed at the park without having to queue during the period.

Tokyo Disneyland, the most popular amusement park in Japan, welcomed its 100 millionth visitor after eight years and one month.

USJ opened in Osaka's Konohana Ward in March 2001. It received its biggest number of visitors, about 11 million, in the first year.

In fiscal 2011, about 8.8 million people visited USJ.

Kyodo News

Yumiko Yamashita from Tokyo holds a number plate at Universal Studios Japan in Osaka on 29 Oct, 2012, upon becoming the 100 millionth visitor to the US-originated Hollywood movie theme park since its opening in March 2001.

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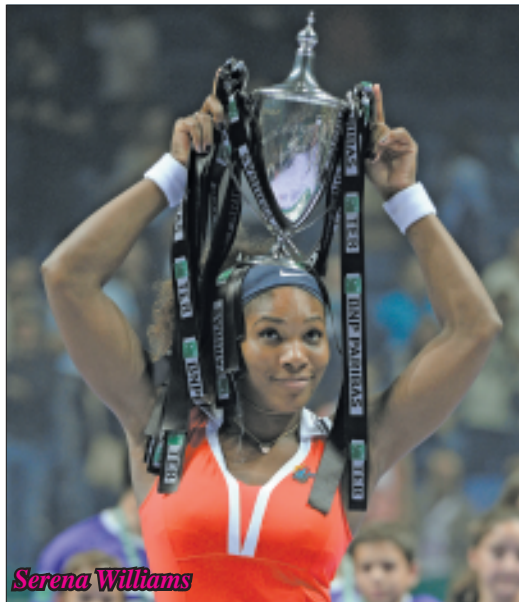
The award presentation ceremony was held on the festival's final day at Roppongi Hills in Tokyo.

Neslihan Atagul, who starred in "Araf — Somewhere in Between," picked up the Award for Best Actress, while the Award for Best Artistic Contribution went to "Ship of Theseus."

The Audience Award, chosen by the general public, went to "Flashback Memories 3D" directed by Tetsuaki Matsue of Japan.

A total of 15 films, including two Japanese works, were enrolled in the international competition.

Kyodo News



Serena Williams

## Serena reigns supreme in Istanbul

ISTANBUL, 29 Oct—Serena Williams claimed her seventh WTA title of the year with a powerful win over Maria Sharapova in the final of the season-ending WTA Championships in Istanbul on Sunday.

American Williams took the first set 6-4 and followed up in the second by beating the Russian 6-3 with a late barrage of forehand winners.

The victory caps off an impressive 2012 for Williams who has lifted trophies at Wimbledon, Madrid, Charleston, the London Olympics and the US Open.

"I would say it's pretty much the best season of my career, a little bit of a slow start though, so I have to give it to 2002—but there's always 2013," Williams told ([www.wtatennis.com](http://www.wtatennis.com)). Sharapova was full of praise for Williams.

"She had another great serving day against me—I don't think I even had a break point," Sharapova said.—Reuters



Tennis

Serena Williams and Maria Sharapova show off their medals from the WTA Championships in Istanbul on Sunday.

## Federer to skip Paris Masters

BASEL, 29 Oct—Defending champion Roger Federer has decided to miss next week's Paris Masters, the world number one said on Sunday.

"It's just too much, I was trying to make up my mind and I had some little niggling stuff I didn't want to take a chance on," he told reporters after losing to Juan Martin del Potro in the Basel Open final.

"I feel very disappointed. I had one of the best weeks of my life there last year, but this is just a last-minute decision."

Rafa Nadal has also pulled out of the tournament as he continues to recover from a knee injury.

Reuters



Roger Federer

## Watney shoots 61 to win in Malaysia, Woods fourth

KUALA LUMPUR, 29 Oct—American Nick Watney fired a course-record 10-under-par 61 to overhaul compatriot Bo Van Pelt and win the \$6.1 million CIMB Classic on Sunday after a brave run by Tiger Woods again fell short on the back nine.

Watney started the day four back of overnight leaders Bo Van Pelt (66) and Robert Garrigus (66) but, after flirting with golf's magical number 59, ended one ahead on 22-under 262 to win the Asian and PGA Tour co-sanctioned event in Malaysia.

Woods hauled himself into contention with an eight-under 63 but had to settle for a three-way tie for fourth place,

three behind Watney, and will rue a number of missed opportunities on the closing holes when he was close enough to challenge.

Watney needed to birdie the last to shoot the rare 59, but he could only bogey the hole after a poor second from the rough to the par-four fell 30 yards short of the green and gave Van Pelt hope of a playoff.

Van Pelt, who double-bogeyed the last chasing a 59 of his own in the third round on Saturday, failed to force a playoff, though, when he

could only par the 409-yard 18th after hitting his approach into a greenside bunker.

The 31-year-old Watney, who won the PGA Tour's Barclays Tournament in August, could then celebrate after his brilliant 11-birdie show on the short and soggy Mines Golf Course, which proved an easy test for the 48-man field after a third consecutive day of preferred lies.

"I wasn't really thinking about winning when I teed off, but the round sort of built momentum and things just kept getting better and better. I'm thrilled to come away with the win," Watney told reporters.

"After the first round, I thought I was out of it to be honest, the lead was eight-under and there were so many guys," the world number 22 added.

Watney had an eventful level par opening round 71 with his caddie suffering heat stroke and forcing his wife to carry his bag for the final hole of the day before back-to-back 65s gave him a slim hope for Sunday.

"I saw leaderboards on the front nine but I was still well back," Watney said of his fast final round start.

Reuters



Nick Watney of the US tees off on the first hole during the final round of the Malaysia's Asia Pacific Classic golf tournament in Kuala Lumpur on 28 Oct, 2012.

REUTERS



LONDON, 29 Oct—Chelsea have lodged a complaint of "inappropriate language" by referee Mark Clattenburg during their 3-2 home defeat by Manchester United, the

## Chelsea lodge complaint about referee's language

club said on Sunday.

Clattenburg sent off Chelsea's Branislav Ivanovic and Fernando Torres in the second half after they had battled back from 2-0 down at Stamford Bridge. Javier Hernandez's winning goal for United was also offside.

"We have lodged a complaint to the Premier League match delegate with regards to inappropriate language used by the referee and directed at two of our players in two separate incidents," a club spokesman told reporters.

"The match delegate will pass the complaint to the Football Association. We will make no further comment at this time."—Reuters

## Vettel wins Indian GP, Alonso second

GREATER NOIDA, 29 Oct—Red Bull's Sebastian Vettel won the Indian Grand Prix on Sunday and stretched his Formula One championship lead over Ferrari's Fernando Alonso, who was a battling second, to 13 points with three races remaining. The victory from pole position was the world champion's fourth in a row—the first time he has done that in a single season—and maintained his dominance in India after winning last year's inaugural race at the hazy

Buddh International Circuit from pole.

The 25-year-old German now has 240 points to 227 for Alonso, who started in fifth place, and his surge towards a third title in a row is beginning to look unstoppable despite the Spaniard's best efforts.

His fifth win of the season was the 26th of his career, and the only mistake he made all afternoon was to switch off the engine too early as he came into the pitlane to park under the podium after Indian 2012

Olympic shooting bronze medalist Gagan Narang had waved the checkered flag. Australian team mate Mark Webber, who was third, gave the winning Red Bull a push with his car to reach the correct spot. "A very special grand prix. I don't know what it is about this circuit but I really like the flow of it," said Vettel, who has now led every single lap for three successive races—a feat last managed by the late triple champion Ayrton Senna in 1989.—Reuters



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China to promote students' physical education

BEIJING, 29 Oct— Local governments and schools have been told to promote the health of students and physical education (PE) courses.

A circular, published on Monday by the general office of the State Council, or China's Cabinet, requires measures to ensure that primary and middle school students spend one hour each day on schoolyard sports.

Time devoted to PE courses and sports should not be reduced or diverted for other use, according to the circular.

The State Council has approved a document looking at ways to strengthen PE among students.

It was jointly submitted by the Ministry of Education, the Ministry of Finance, the National Development and Reform Commission and the General Administration of Sport, said the circular.

The document also vowed more government investment.

It encouraged efforts to organize more after-class sports activities for students and told schools to support students' sports clubs.—Xinhua



Fire rages at a building of a chemical factory in southern Pakistani port city of Karachi on 28 Oct, 2012. A fierce fire broke out at a chemical factory in Gul Bai area of Karachi on Saturday night. No casualties have been reported.—XINHUA

Hurricane Sandy blows US election off course

WASHINGTON, 29 Oct— Hurricane Sandy blew the US presidential race off course on Sunday even before it came ashore, forcing Republican Mitt Romney to shift his campaign inland and fueling fears that the massive storm bearing down on the East Coast could disrupt an election that is already under way.

As he juggled his governing duties with his re-election effort, President Barack Obama said the heavily populated East Coast could face power failures and other disruptions for several days.

"Don't anticipate that just because the immediate storm has passed that we're not going to have some potential problems in a lot of these communities going forward through the week," Obama said after a visit to the federal government's storm-response centre.



Republican presidential nominee Mitt Romney.

Romney rerouted his campaign from Virginia to join his vice presidential running mate Paul Ryan in Ohio, one of the handful of battleground states that will decide the outcome of the 6 November election. "You are the battleground of battlegrounds. You get to decide," Ryan told a crowd of 1,000 people who were

not able to join 2,000 others in a high school gymnasium in Celina, Ohio.

Obama later flew to Florida for a campaign stop. Like Romney, he canceled events in Virginia, a battleground state that could bear the brunt of the storm's impact. Obama canceled plans to campaign in Ohio after Monday's event in Florida, opting to return to the White House instead.

"I'm not going to be able to campaign quite as much over the next couple of days," Obama told volunteers at a local campaign office in Orlando late on Sunday. "So you guys gotta carry the ball!" he said to cheers.

An extended power outage could sideline millions of dollars worth of television advertising that is set to saturate the airwaves in the final days of the race.

It also scrambles their efforts to schedule rallies in

the handful of states that are likely to decide the outcome.

"The poll numbers aren't changing that much and I don't think the storm is going to change that dynamic. It's just going to present logistical challenges for the campaign," Hunter College political science professor Jamie Chandler said. A severe disruption could hurt Obama more than Romney because his campaign has counted on early voting to lock up the support of those who may be less likely to vote on Election Day, Chandler said.

Reuters

Tokyo gubernatorial election to be held 16 December

TOKYO, 29 Oct—The Tokyo metropolitan election board decided Monday to hold the Tokyo gubernatorial election on 16 December, after Gov Shintaro Ishihara said last week he will step down in a bid to return to national politics.

The official campaigning for the gubernatorial election will begin 29 November, board members said.

Prior to the decision, Ishihara's resignation was reported to the board by Akihiko Nakamura, chairman of the Tokyo metropolitan assembly. According to the election law, an election must be held within 50 days of such a report.—Kyodo News

Dempsey arrives in Israel to oversee joint air defence drill

JERUSALEM, 29 Oct— The US chairman of joint chiefs of staff, General Martin Dempsey, arrived in Israel on Sunday to oversee the largest joint Israel-US air defence drill of its kind, which is currently underway.

Dempsey met with Israeli Defence Minister Ehud Barak and the two discussed the exercise and regional issues, The Jerusalem Post reported.

Barak was quoted as saying after the meeting that the security ties between the

US and Israel "are deep and strong in a way they haven't been for many years in the past." On Monday, Dempsey and Israel Defense Forces Chief of Staff Lt- Gen Benny Gantz are expected to tour areas where the missile defense drill is being held. The majority of the exercise, named Austere Challenge 2012, involves the computer simulation of long and medium-range missile attacks on the Israeli homefront, and their interception.—Reuters

One police officer killed in PKK attacks in southeastern Turkey

ANKARA, 29 Oct—One police officer was killed and two others wounded in attacks staged by members of the banned Kurdish Workers' Party (PKK) in southeastern Turkey on Sunday, private Dogan news agency reported.

A group of PKK militants attacked the building of Sirnak provincial government, a police department and a police checkpoint with automatic rifles and rocket-propelled grenades (RPG) in downtown of the province of Sirnak, leaving three police officers wounded.

One wounded police

officer died in Sirnak State Hospital.

A large-scale operation was launched to capture the PKK members who escaped from the spot.

Meanwhile, one child was seriously wounded in a bomb explosion near a police checkpoint in the southeastern province of Hakkari.

The PKK, listed as a terrorist organization by Turkey, the United States and the European Union, took up arms in 1984 in an attempt to create an ethnic homeland in southeastern Turkey.

Xinhua



Fireworks explode in the sky during the Jinshan International Beach Music Fireworks Festival held in Shanghai, east China, on 28 Oct, 2012. The event showcased fireworks from China, Belgium, Portugal and United States.—XINHUA



*Union Minister U Tint Hsan observes a jockey taking training for the XXVII SEA Games at Moe Equestrian Club in NyaungU Township in Mandalay Region.*

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## Jockeys under training for XXVII SEA Games

NAY PYI TAW, 29 Oct — The XXVII SEA Games will include the endurance, dressage and show jumping contests, categorizing individual and team events for six gold medals.

Chairman of Myanmar National Sports Committee

Union Minister for Sports U Tint Hsan observed jockeys taking training for the SEA Games at Moe Equestrian Club in NyaungU Township in Mandalay Region yesterday.

At the meeting with sports athletes, the Union

minister said horse race courses and stables will be established in Nay Pyi Taw and the ministry will provide assistance to athletes.

He also presented K 3 million to Myanmar Equestrian Federation.

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### News in Brief

#### New Social Security Board explained

A clarification on implementation of new social security law and extension of social security project was held at the hall of Taninthayi Region Government on 23 October afternoon. General Manager U Saw Naing of Social Security Board explained the law and future tasks.

#### ICT Investment Forum and e-Government discussed

A coordination meeting on successful holding of ICT Investment Forum and e-Government Workshop in November 2012 was held at the hall of Ministry of Communication, Posts and Telegraphs on 24 October. Deputy Minister for Communication, Posts and Telegraphs U Thaug Tin stressed the need to secure sector-wise achievement.

#### Repaved roads inaugurated in Kamayut Township

Yangon Region Chief Minister U Myint Swe inspected Sanyeiknyein 5<sup>th</sup> Street and 6<sup>th</sup> Street upgraded as concrete roads in Ward 2 of Kamayut Township on 27 October morning after attending the inauguration ceremony.

#### Sri Lanka plans increased engagement with India over nuclear plant issue

COLOMBO, 29 Oct — The Sri Lankan government is planning to increase diplomatic engagement on India's controversial Kundankulam nuclear power plant over safety issues, an official said here Monday.

Increased diplomatic exchanges are necessary for Sri Lanka to become more involved in the nuclear power plant being built in the southern part of the country, External Affairs Ministry Secretary K. Amunugama told the media.

The Kundankulam plant has run into controversy in Sri Lanka due to its close proximity to the northern part of the island. The plant is only 250 kilometers from the northern town of Mannar.

Sri Lankan environmentalists have questioned safety measures planned by the plant and urged the local government to push for more stringent measures after Japan's Fukushima disaster. "India has the right to have an atomic programme and Sri Lanka has the same right to protect its interests. Therefore, stronger engage-

ment is necessary to see that both these goals are met," he said.

Pointing out the sensitiveness of the issue, Amunugama called on the Atomic Energy Authority (AEA) of both countries to work together and keep governments informed periodically.

Earlier this month, Sri Lankan AEA officials travelled to India for talks on the nuclear power plant. During the meeting, both parties signed an agreement to engage on nuclear issues and pledged to conduct regular discussions.

Meanwhile, India's Supreme Court has called on the central government to make clear the methods that will be adopted to dispose atomic waste when the plant becomes operational.

The court asked the Nuclear Power Corporation of India (NPCI) which operates the plant questions on how it intended to transport the nuclear waste out of the complex and later store it in a safe place without polluting the environment. —Xinhua

#### Afghan child labour remains rampant in brick kiln industry



*Afghan children work at a brick factory on the outskirts of Nangarhar province of eastern Afghanistan on 29 Oct, 2012. The child labour has remained rampant in brick kiln industry of the country. Some 56 percent of brick makers in Afghanistan are children under the age of 18, according to a survey report released by UN International Labour Organization (ILO) in February.*

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