

Ten of 11 recommendations of President approved as part of Foreign Investment Bill



Fifth Regular Session of First Pyidaungsu Hluttaw continues for second day.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 1 Nov—Fifth Regular Session of First Pyidaungsu Hluttaw continued for second day, at Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Hall of Hluttaw Complex, here, at 10.15 am today, attended by Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker U Khin Aung Myint, Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann and 496 Pyidaungsu Hluttaw representatives.

At today's session,

the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker said that the bill amending the Union Auditor-General Law was discussed at the Pyithu Hluttaw and approved by the two Hluttaws.

And it has been sent to the President on 25-10-2012 in order that it can be enacted as a law after being signed by the President. He announced that it was put on record, assuming that

the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw has approved it under the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Bylaw 81. After that, the

Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker announced that Hluttaw recorded the (See page 8)



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Union Level Peace-Making Work Committee meets Kachin National Race Peace-Making Group

NAY PYI TAW, 1 Nov—A meeting between a team led by Vice-Chairman of Union Level Peace-Making Work Committee U Aung Min and a team led by leader of Kachin National Race Peace-Making Group U Swam Luk Gam took place at Jin Cheng Hotel in Ruili of the People's Republic of China, on 30 October.

They discussed the matters related to the resume of political dialogue in November, reconstruction of communication links in Kachin State and continued discussion on peace and tranquility of people and

peace-making process.

Also present at the call together with Vice-Chairman U Aung Min were Union Ministers U Win Tun and U Ohn Myint, State Chief Ministers U Sao Aung Myat and U La John Ngan Hsai, Commanders Brig-Gen Tun Tun Naung and Brig-Gen Aung Soe and Deputy Minister Maj-Gen Zaw Win. Group Leader U Swam Luk Gam was accompanied by U La Phaing La, U Zaw Raw, U Khun Naung, U Gyi Naw, U Zaw Taung, U Naw Twe, U Sai Khaw and U Khun Hsai.—MNA



Meeting between a team led by Vice-Chairman of Union Level Peace-Making Work Committee U Aung Min and a team led by leader of Kachin National Race Peace-Making Group U Swam Luk Gam in progress at Jin Cheng Hotel in Ruili of the People's Republic of China.—MNA

Nilam crosses southern Indian coasts

NAY PYI TAW, 1 Nov — According to observations at 5.30 am today, the cyclonic storm Nilam formed over south-west of the Bay of

Bengal crossed the southern Indian coasts near Chennai, the Meteorology and Hydrology Department said recently.—MNA

Drunkard found dead in drinking lake

YANGON, 1 Nov—A man was found dead in a drinking lake in Thinbawgyin ward of Dawbon Township yesterday.

According to the witnesses, the dead body of a man called Ko Kyaw Lay

(39 years) of No (57) in 7th Street in the ward was found in the lake two days later he left home. At about 11 pm on 29 October, Ko Kyaw Lay under the influence left after a quarrel with his mother as neighbor informed

the police station of the situation. Since then, he did not return. He was found dead in the lake yesterday morning. Investigations are under way out by Dawbon police Station.

Kyemon

MFF Digicel Cup goes to Ayeyawady United football club

YANGON, 1 Nov— The final match of MFF Digicel Cup 2012 took place at Thuwunna Youth Training Centre, here, yesterday. The match between Ayeyawady United and Kanbawza ended at 1-0.

It is the very first time for the two teams to meet for the Cup, and Ayeyawady United narrowly won over the Kanbawza without five key players. Five minutes into the game, Striker Jupiter scored the winning goal for

the Ayeyawady United.

At the prize-giving ceremony, officials and the MFF President presented K 15 million and individual awards to Kanbawza

football club and K 30 million, individual awards and Champion Cup to Ayeyawady United football club.

Kyemon



Myanmar Golden Deer under death threat from hunters

NAY PYI TAW, 1 Nov — Ministry of Environmental Conservation and Forestry established Chatthin wildlife Sanctuary, two-mile west of Chatthin village in Kanbalu Township, on 66,273 acres of reserved forest.

It is home to more than 1000 Myanmar golden deer that can be seen only in Myanmar around the world.

As 21908 acres of the sanctuary are included in Kabala Township and 44,365 acres in Kaolin Township, 28 villages with 4000 houses of the two townships are in the sanctuary and near the reserved forest. It is learnt that some golden deer were killed by hunters.

Although there were

about 3000 golden deer in 1995-96, the number of golden deer has decreased significantly due to the death from natural causes and the threat from hunters.

An official of the sanctuary called for public participation in the drive for saving the golden deer from extinction in cooperation with the government.

Chatthin wildlife sanctuary is an area where, apart from Myanmar golden deer, 360 mammal species, 1235 bird species and 360 reptile species are identified and protected.

Myanmar golden deer live in group. A golden deer is about five feet tall and about 250 pound in weight and has an average lifespan of 20 years.

The number of golden deer is decreasing annually by 30 per cent due to the killing of hunters.

Kyemon



Light truck collides with two other cars on the road, hit a car near bus-stop

YANGON, 1 Nov — Due to reckless driving, car crashes are frequent on the busy and bustling roads and streets in Yangon Region.

At 9.45 pm on 27 October, a light truck carrying scaffolds hit other three cars and turned over near Saint Paul bus-stop on Theinbyu Road in Botahtaung Township.

While driving towards Bogyoke Street along Theinbyu Road, the light truck collided with a taxi and a saloon driving from Theinbyu Road to

Anawrahta Road and hit a stationary car near the bus-stop, and turned over.

According to a witness, six workers on board the light truck were hurt and sent to the hospital. As the light truck turned over, scaffolds fell and scattered on the road. An official of Township Development Affairs Committee said that officials concerned made the clean up of scaffolds in order to avoid unwanted traffic jam. It is learnt that the crash is under investigation.

Kyemon



Paradigm shifted from personal sports to mass sports for emergence of outstanding athletes

NAY PYI TAW, 1 Nov — In his speech at the opening of workshop for the success of Myanmar Sports in XXVII SEA Games at the meeting hall of the ministry, Chairman of Myanmar National Sports Committee Minister for Sports U Tint Hsan said that with long-term and short-

term plans for promotion of Myanmar sports, plans to select athletes and give trainings for them were underway.

The purpose of holding the workshop today was to encourage the people to pay more intention on the sports with the aim of ensuring a paradigm shift from personal

sports to mass sports for emergence of outstanding athletes and to listen to the suggestions and advices for the success of the XXVII SEA Games.

At the workshop, resource persons read out the papers for development of sports sector in Myanmar.

MNA

Four died in gold panning

TOUNGOO, 1 Nov— A landslide claimed lives of four people who are illegally panning for gold at a farmland, two-mile south of Nagamauk village in Toungoo Township in Bago region at about 9.30

am on 24 October.

While Htay Win (42 years), Zaw Lin (35 years), Thein Aung (35 years), Kyi Win (42 years) and Tin Win (40 years) of Uyinsu village in Htantabin carrying out

illegal panning for gold in the farmland, a landslide occurred and four out of five were killed in the landslide.

Tin Win (critical condition) was admitted to the hospital. — *Kyemon*



The second Thadingyut Lighting Festival and Cartoon Show was in progress on 51st Street in ward-10 of Pazundaung Township on 31-10-12. A total of 250 works of cartoonists are on display in the show. — KYEMON

Expansion of road for smooth traffic

YANGON, 1 Nov — Engineering Department of Yangon City Development Committee is implementing road works and building car parks to reduce traffic on busy and bustling roads and streets in Yangon Region. Expansion of road is being carried out on Strand Road in Botahtaung Township yesterday.



“Being one of six downtown townships, there was much traffic on the roads in the township.

The traffic is terrible here because there are many containers and passenger buses running on the roads in this area adjacent to the port.

That’s why, road expansion and car park construction are underway,” U Hla Myint of Engineering

Department (Road and Bridge) said.

A 5900-foot long and 14-foot wide car park which lies from Bo Aung Kyaw Street to Thanlyatsoon Street is under construction.

Botahtaung Township is made up of 10 wards on the area of 0.92 square mile. Upon completion, traffic congestion can be reduced.

Kyemon

WORLD

Obama front and center in storm crisis as Romney subdued

ATLANIC CITY, (New Jersey), 1 Nov — In a close and bitterly fought campaign for president, it was a day of contrasts: President Barack Obama joined New Jersey's Republican governor to tour storm-ravaged areas, while election rival Mitt Romney was relegated to a subdued day of rallies in Florida.

The devastation wrought by mammoth storm Sandy allowed Obama to project an image of a president in charge at a time of crisis.

Tied in polls six days before the election, he is fighting to gain an edge over Republican Romney whose recent momentum may be slowing. The Democrat took a helicopter tour of the damage in New Jersey with Governor Chris Christie, a high-profile Romney supporter who has nevertheless praised Obama lavishly in the last two days for expediting federal storm relief. With Christie at his side, Obama promised quick federal aid. "We're not going to tolerate red tape, we're not going to tolerate



US President Barack Obama visits the FEMA headquarters following Hurricane Sandy in Washington, on 31 Oct, 2012. — REUTERS

bureaucracy," he said.

In unusually warm remarks, Christie again lauded Obama. "It's really important to have the president of the United States acknowledge all the suffering that's going on here in New Jersey and I appreciate it very much," he said, later thanking the president for his "compassion." His comments were all the more remarkable given that Christie, normally a hard-nosed partisan, was the keynote speaker at the Republican convention in August and has often accompanied Romney at

rallies. Obama clung to a slender lead in most of the swing states that will decide who captures the 270 electoral votes needed to win.

He scrapped three days of campaign events this week to deal with the storm, a move that may in fact improve his standing with voters. A Washington Post-ABC News poll found eight in 10 voters gave Obama an "excellent" or "good" rating for his handling of the emergency. Romney senior adviser Kevin Madden, asked by reporters whether he agreed with Christie that

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Obama was doing a good job handling the hurricane response, said: "I believe the response is still going on so I'm not in a position to qualify the response by the federal government. I believe it's still ongoing."

Visiting the swing state of Florida, Romney had to tone down his remarks for a second consecutive day in order to avoid appearing too political after the storm that crippled transportation, knocked out power for millions and killed 64 people on the eastern seaboard. Rather than blasting Obama for what he typically calls failures to turn around the economy, Romney did not mention his rival's name, instead saying a change in course is needed and that he would bring Americans together if elected. "Look, we can't go on the road we're on, we can't change course in America if we keep on attacking each other. We have got to come together," he said in Coral Gables.

Reuters

Over half of Americans predict Obama to win re-election

Poll

WASHINGTON, 1 Nov — More than half of Americans believed US President Barack Obama will win re-election while over a third saw Republican challenger Mitt Romney more like a winner, according to a latest Gallup poll released on Wednesday.

The poll was conducted between 27 and 28 October before Superstorm Sandy hit the East Coast. The poll found that 54 percent and 34 percent of Americans thought Obama and Romney will win the 2012 presidential election respectively. The views are roughly similar to findings of previous Gallup polls in May and August, although slightly more Americans now had no opinion about who will win the close race.

Democrats are relatively more confident in their party's nominee, with 86 percent predicting an Obama victory. A total of 71 percent of Republicans predict



US President Barack Obama

Romney will win, while nearly a fifth of Republicans see their candidate losing to Obama. Independents predict Obama to win by 52 percent to 32 percent.

The findings in such a close race may be the result of Obama's status as the incumbent and reflects a somewhat lower level of confidence among Republicans that their candidate will win, wrote Gallup's analyst Andrew Dugan and editor-in-chief Frank Newport in their analysis. — Reuters

China launches trade probes on EU solar products

China

BEIJING, 1 Nov — China said on Thursday that it would launch anti-dumping and anti-subsidy investigations into imported European Union solar-grade polysilicon, in the latest instance of tit-for-tat trade tensions in the global solar industry. The move comes as the EU's executive body mulls duties targeting Chinese solar producers, a probe launched in September after companies accused Chinese rivals of "dumping", or deliberately selling products for less abroad than at home. The Commerce Ministry, in two statements posted to its website, said it would "merge" the EU investigations into ongoing probes of US and South Korean-made solar products "to evaluate the accumulated impact of products from the

three regions".

In October, China's largest state-owned utility, the State Grid Corp, said it was working on policies to help ailing solar power producers, including subsidies and easier access to the grid. China's export-focused solar panel industry has been hit hard by excess manufacturing capacity and waning foreign demand as European nations cut back subsidies for green power. Companies have slashed prices 30 percent this year as stockpiles grow, virtually erasing the industry's profits. The Commerce Ministry said the probe was in response to complaints made by several Chinese companies, including Jiangxi LDK PV Silicon Technology Co, a subsidiary of LDK Solar, one of China's hardest hit solar

manufacturers.

Major producers, including Suntech Power Holdings and Trina Solar, are turning to the domestic market, now one of the world's biggest, for solar energy development. Western solar firms have been at odds with their Chinese counterparts for years, alleging they receive lavish credit lines to offer modules at cheaper pricing. EU solar firms have said Chinese solar panel makers benefited from low interest rates thanks to government policy, and if loans could not be paid back they might be written off, extended indefinitely or paid off by government-controlled entities.

The United States leveled steep final duties on Chinese-made solar products in October, a move Beijing warned would provoke greater trade frictions in the new energy sector. Chinese companies sold about 21 billion euros (\$27.1 billion) in solar panels and components to the EU in 2011 — about 60 percent of all Chinese exports of the products and some 7 percent of all Chinese exports to the EU. Europe is the top market for solar products, accounting for 74 percent of global installations in 2011, according to industry association EPIA. — Reuters



A solar power plant is seen near a thermal power plant in Aksu, Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region on 18 May, 2012. — REUTERS

Fazal Ahmad Manawi (4th L), the chief of the Afghan Independent Election Commission (IEC), speaks during a joint Press conference in Kabul, Afghanistan, on 31 Oct, 2012. XINHUA



Afghanistan officially announces date of presidential elections

KABUL, 1 Nov — Fazal Ahmad Manawi, the chief of Afghan Independent Election Commission (IEC), officially announced on Wednesday that the presidential elections will be held on 5 April, 2014, months ahead of the final pull out of the foreign troops

from the country. "The third Afghan presidential elections since the downfall of the Taleban regime in late 2001 will be held on 5 April, 2014," Manawi told a Press conference.

The announcement came as the war-weary

Afghans doubted whether Afghan security forces will be ready to provide security for the elections as the NATO-led coalition forces are scheduled to withdraw from the country by the end of 2014.

Xinhua

Cameron rocked by defeat in Europe budget vote

LONDON, 1 Nov — Prime Minister David Cameron suffered a humiliating defeat in parliament on Wednesday after Conservatives rebelled over Europe, an issue that has divided his party for decades and helped bring down previous leaders. Although the result carried no legal weight, the setback raised questions about Cameron's authority after months of missteps by his coalition government and it revived painful memories of Conservative infighting over Europe.

Cameron wants the European Union's long-term budget to rise only in



Britain's Prime Minister David Cameron holds a news conference at the end of a European Union leaders summit in Brussels on 19 Oct, 2012. REUTERS

line with inflation, while opponents said it should be cut in real terms to reflect the bleak economic landscape at home and across Europe. The rebels won the vote by 307 to 294 votes, a majority of 13,

after they received support from the Labour Party, a generally pro-European group accused by Cameron of "rank opportunism".

"This is a time for Brussels to listen to the British people and do what we are all doing, and that is cutting our cloth," Conservative lawmaker Mark Pritchard, one of the revolt's leaders, told Sky News. Rebels said the vote — Cameron's first significant defeat in parliament since taking power in 2010 — could strengthen his position at budget talks in Brussels next month because he will be able to say his hands are tied by the British parliament. — Reuters

Cloud computing's popularity goes sky-high

BEIJING, 1 NOV—For Xu Di, a 25-year-old Beijing resident, teaching her father, 57, how to use the computer was always a difficult job.

"When I told my father how to copy and paste on the computer, he copied on his office computer and tried to paste on his home computer. When he found nothing was pasted, he blamed me for failing to teach him clearly," Xu said. However, cloud computing made a big difference to Xu's life, and her father's.

Cloud computing is using computing resources, either hardware or software, that stores and delivers data as a service over the Internet.

With a Chinese cloud client-side application such as Evernote or Jinshan Kuaipan, copying from your office computer and pasting when you get home is possible.

"Photos, videos, contacts what you need to do is just register an account, and you can open anything you need, anytime, on any of your

computers and your phones," Xu said. However, Xu is just one of the Chinese computer users who take advantage of the new technology that has increasingly found its way into people's lives. "Before I leave home every morning, I check the bus on my cellphone to see where it arrives. If I find it is still five stops away, I use the extra time to buy some breakfast at the nearby store," said Zhu Xing, 26, from Xiamen in Fujian Province.

In June, Xiamen opened a bus inquiry system, which allows cellphone users to check the real-time position of buses they are waiting for.

"The system saves me a lot of time waiting at the bus stop, and it is really improving traffic efficiency," Zhu said.

Earlier this year, Nanning in Guangxi, Ningbo in Zhejiang, and Wuhan in Hubei had all installed the real-time traffic-query system.

Also, cloud computing extends to some home appliances that traditionally had less connection with



A visitor plays a game at an exhibition hall during the 4th China Cloud Computing Conference in Beijing on 24 May.—XINHUA

computing technologies—for example, cloud televisions.

Some leading TV brands, including Haier, Hisense, and Konka, all jumped into cloud services. Other TV producers, like Skyworth Group and Sichuan Changhong Electric, use cloud technology to add new functions to TVs, such as apps designed for the sets.

"In the future, users will become very busy controlling the indoor and outdoor environment at their homes," said a staff member

responsible for an exhibition of home appliance producer Changhong, and quoted by Beijing-based newspaper *Science and Technology Daily*. "We have developed six different kinds of home appliances, connecting to each other by wireless network, and all can be controlled by a cellphone, iPad or your TV."

Ying Fangtian, also quoted in the report, said the interaction between users and products is a trend of designing in the future.—Xinhua

Elpida says court approves acquisition by Micron

SAN FRANCISCO, 1 NOV—Micron Technology's plan to acquire Japanese memory chipmaker Elpida took a big step toward completion after a Tokyo court approved the agreement and dismissed a rival plan promoted by a group of bondholders. A district court in Tokyo said on Wednesday it was referring bankrupt Elpida's plan to be bought by US chipmaker Micron to creditors for approval, according to a news release on Elpida's website.

The court said it dismissed a rival proposal by a group of bondholders, led by hedge funds Linden Advisors, Owl Creek Asset Management and Taconic Capital Advisors, who have said the \$2.5-billion price tag grossly undervalues Elpida, arguing that the company is worth 300 billion yen (\$3.78 billion). Elpida, the last of Japan's dynamic random access memory (DRAM) chipmakers, was driven into

bankruptcy by falling chip sales and foreign competition.

Boise, Idaho-based Micron, which is losing money due to a crumbling PC industry, wants to create larger economies of scale and offered in early July to buy Elpida for about \$750 million in cash and to pay creditors a total of \$1.75 billion in annual installments through 2019.

The deal would catapult Micron into the No 2 spot in the global market for DRAM chips, behind Samsung Electronics. "We view this as a positive development, and continue to expect Micron to close its Elpida acquisition by (the first half of 2013)," Jefferies analyst Sundeep Bajikar said in a note to clients.

Last week, a US judge overseeing Elpida's parallel US case said the company was taking a risk by not keeping creditors better informed. That US judge would eventually have to approve the transfer of US assets.—Reuters

In hurricane, Twitter proves a lifeline despite pranksters

SAN FRANCISCO, 1 NOV—As Hurricane Sandy pounded the US Atlantic coast on Monday night, knocking out electricity and Internet connections, millions of residents turned to Twitter as a part-newswire, part-911 hotline that hummed through the night even as some websites failed and swathes of Manhattan fell dark.



People congregate in front of a building that still has wireless Internet access in the aftermath of Hurricane Sandy in New York on 30 Oct, 2012.—REUTERS

But the social network also became a fertile ground for pranksters who seized the moment to disseminate rumours and Photoshopped images, including a false tweet on Monday night that the trading floor at the New York Stock Exchange was submerged under several feet of water. The exchange issued a denial, but not before

the tweet was circulated by countless users and reported on-air by CNN, illustrating how Twitter had become the essential—but deeply fallible—spine of information coursing through real-time, major media events. But a year after Twitter gained attention for its role in the rescue efforts in tsunami-stricken Japan, the network seemed to solidify its mainstream foothold as government agencies, news outlets and residents in need turned to it at the most critical hour. Beginning late Sunday, government agencies and officials, from New York Governor Andrew Cuomo (@NYGovCuomo) to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (@FEMA) to @NotifyNYC, an account handled by New York City's emergency management officials, issued evacuation orders and updates.—Reuters

Apple's iPad mini packs full-sized punch but screen inferior

SAN FRANCISCO, 1 NOV—Apple Inc's entry in the accelerating mobile tablet race squeezes about 35 percent more viewing space onto a lighter package than rival devices from Google or Amazon.com Inc, but it sports inferior resolution and a lofty price tag, two influential reviewers wrote on Tuesday.

The iPad mini, which starts at \$329 versus the \$199 for Google's Nexus 7 and Amazon's Kindle Fire HD, is easy to hold with one hand, eliminating a drawback of the 10-inch iPad, *Wall Street Journal* columnist Walt Mossberg wrote in one of the first major reviews of a gadget introduced last week.

Both Mossberg and *New York Times* columnist David Pogue offered kudos for cramming most of its full-sized cousin's functions onto

a smaller device, as advertised. But the iPad mini's 1024 x 768 resolution was a big step backwards from the iPad's much-touted Retina display, and underperformed the rival Kindle and Nexus, the two reviewers agreed.

Mossberg said Apple chose to go with a lower-quality display because the existing 250,000-plus iPad applications could only run unmodified in two resolutions—and the higher level would have sapped too much power.

"The lack of true HD gives the Nexus and Fire HD an advantage for video fans. In my tests, video looked just fine, but not as good as on the regular iPad," Mossberg wrote.

The original iPad was launched in 2010 and went on to upend the personal

computer industry, spawning a raft of similar devices. The iPad mini marks Apple's first foray into a smaller 7-inch segment that Amazon's Kindle Fire now dominates, demonstrating demand exists for such a device.

Apple, making its boldest consumer hardware move since Tim Cook took the helm from late co-founder Steve Jobs, hopes the smaller tablet can beat back incursions onto its home turf of consumer electronics.

"In shrinking the iconic iPad, Apple has pulled off an impressive feat," Mossberg wrote. "It has managed to create a tablet that's notably thinner and lighter than the leading small competitors with 7-inch screens, while squeezing in a significantly roomier 7.9-inch display."

Reuters



Customers gather outside an Apple store before the release of iPhone 5 in Munich early on 21 Sept, 2012.—REUTERS

T-Mobile boss threatens to quit Austria

VIENNA, 1 NOV—T-Mobile Austria could slash investment or even withdraw from the country if it is not allowed to compete with rivals that get frequencies needed for fourth-generation LTE mobile products, CEO Andreas Bierwirth told a newspaper.

The Deutsche Telekom unit is Austria's second-biggest mobile provider after Telekom Austria. Two smaller rivals—France Telecom SA's

Orange and Hutchison's H3G—are trying to merge in a deal that is under regulatory review.

Bierwirth told *WirtschaftsBlatt* in an interview printed on Wednesday he was worried what would happen if H3G got LTE spectrum at the same time as a merger came through.

H3G and Telekom Austria's A1 would then, for two years, have an advantage by owning frequencies needed for Apple's popular iPhone 5

to use LTE, he said.

"That would be a massive skewing of competition," he added. In such a case T-Mobile would need to review its market positioning. "We would scale back investment plans massively," he said. Asked if that meant T-Mobile could quit Austria, he said: "I wouldn't want to rule out any options for this case."

Austrian regulators denied a website report on Tuesday that European Union

and domestic officials had already agreed to approve H3G's takeover of Orange Austria. "There is nothing to this," a spokesman for the Austrian competition authority said. Hutchison 3G this month made more concessions in a bid to get clearance for its planned 1.3 billion euro (\$1.7 billion) purchase of Orange Austria. The European Commission is set to decide on the case by 21 December.—Reuters

BUSINESS & HEALTH

Tata Motors can become a \$30 bln company

MUMBAI, 1 Nov—Tata Motors shares gain 1.4 percent after Goldman Sachs says the auto maker's market cap has potential to reach \$30 billion by fiscal 2017, from current value of \$13.8 billion, and to nearly double its cash flow during these four years.

To get there, Goldman says Tata's Jaguar Land Rover unit would need to move to a new platform for its existing models such as Range Rover and Discovery with a light weight aluminium architecture, thus improving key factors such as fuel

efficiency or pricing.

JLR would also need to make inroads into smaller engine and lower priced vehicles, as well as enter more premium segments, Goldman argues.

However, challenges include getting consumers to buy into the brand, tightening regulations in key markets such as Europe, and overcoming macroeconomic uncertainties such as FX volatility.

Goldman Sachs maintains Tata Motors at 'buy', with a target price at 334 rupees.—Reuters



Jaguar Land Rover Freelander 2 vehicles are displayed on the production line for the media at their newly-inaugurated production plant in Pune, 190km (118 miles) south of Mumbai on 27 May, 2011.—REUTERS

Honda starts business-jet production in North Carolina

Business

TOKYO, 1 Nov—Honda Motor Co. said Wednesday its Honda Aircraft Co. unit in the US state of North Carolina has started commercial production of business jets, planning to deliver the first HondaJet in the second half of 2013.

Orders for the \$4.5 million HondaJet featuring

high fuel efficiency and a spacious cabin have exceeded 100 aircraft.

As the global business jet market is recovering from a plunge following the September 2008 "Lehman Shock," Honda plans to expand the US unit's annual production capacity to 100 aircraft in two to three years.—Kyodo News

Novartis to invest \$500 million in new Singapore site

Health

ZURICH, 1 Nov—Swiss drugmaker Novartis said on Wednesday it would spend more than \$500 million on a new biotechnology production site in Singapore to support its growing pipeline of biologics.

The Basel-based

company said construction of the new site would begin in early 2013 and the facility is expected to be fully operational by the end of 2016.

Novartis said the site will focus on drug substance manufacturing based on cell culture technology.—Reuters



A man walks past the logo of Swiss drugmaker Novartis AG in front of a plant in Basel on 25 Oct, 2011.—REUTERS

Business

Wall Street closed for second day

NEW YORK, 1 Nov—The stock market was closed for a second straight day on Tuesday as cash equity trading was canceled in the wake of Hurricane Sandy.

Tuesday's shutdown was the first time weather had resulted in a two-day market shutdown since the Great Blizzard of 1888. Exchanges expect to reopen on Wednesday.

NYSE Euronext (NYX.N) said the New York Stock Exchange would open, although it will switch to fully electronic trading if necessary. Nasdaq OMX's (NDAQ.O) Nasdaq Stock Market will also be operating on Wednesday, a source familiar with the matter said.

Index futures stopped trading electronically at 9:15 am on Tuesday (1315 GMT) and ended the session largely flat. S&P index futures ended 0.2 percent higher.

Futures will reopen at 7 pm ET (2300 GMT) for the overnight session during European and Asian hours, closing again at 9:15 am Wednesday morning.

Sandy, a mammoth storm, slammed into a large swathe of the densely populated US eastern seaboard on Monday, forcing hundreds of thousands to seek higher ground, halting public transport and closing schools, businesses, financial markets and government departments. At least 18 people died and more than eight million homes and businesses were without power.

Investors expect heightened volatility when markets do reopen as the two-day closure creates pent-up demand.

Certain sectors are seen as especially tied to the fallout from the storm, which



Traders work in front of a trading board showing Shutterstock Inc on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange, on 11 Oct, 2012.—REUTERS

caused major flooding from storm surge during high tides, along with extensive damage from high winds and lashing rain. Disaster-modeling company Eqecat estimates Sandy caused between \$10 billion and \$20 billion in total economic damages, with \$5 billion to \$10 billion in insured losses.

Construction sectors as well as retailers such as Home Depot (HD.N) may see a boost from the eventual rebuilding effort, though airlines, which were forced to cancel thousands of flights, could see sharp falls. Insurance companies will also be in focus.

Reuters

Euro zone ministers to discuss Greece, no decisions seen **Business**

BRUSSELS, 1 Nov—Euro zone finance ministers will hold a conference call on Wednesday to discuss progress in negotiations of the revised Greek bailout but are not expected to make any decisions yet, two euro zone officials said on Tuesday.

Representatives of the

European Commission, the European Central Bank and the International Monetary Fund are in talks with the Greek government on reforms that Athens, cut off from market borrowing in 2010, has to implement to get emergency credit from the euro zone and IMF flowing again. The three

institutions, called the Troika, are also to prepare a report on Greek debt sustainability and ponder ways of finding additional financing if Greece were to reach a primary surplus of 4.5 percent of GDP in 2016 rather than 2014.

A Troika estimate presented to junior euro zone finance ministers last week showed that Greece would need an extra 30 billion euros to be financed over the two extra years. "It will be just taking stock of the situation regarding the Greek assistance programme. There will be no decisions since there is no Troika report yet," one euro zone official with knowledge of the preparations for the teleconference said.

The conference call is to start at 1130 GMT. A deal on restarting the second bailout for Greece, stopped in June

because the country was off track with reforms, hinges on the ruling coalition agreeing to labour market reforms. One of the coalition parties, the Democratic Left, said it would vote against such reforms proposed by the Troika, ignoring the prime minister's appeal for a united front.

This leaves the government facing an unpredictable vote when they are presented in parliament next week, making it the fragile coalition's biggest test since taking power in June.

If Greece makes the reforms, international lenders will have to agree how to finance giving the country more time for fiscal adjustment and how to cut its debt mountain in a sustainable way below 120 percent of GDP from 150 percent in the second quarter.—Reuters



Euro notes are pictured at a bank in this photo illustration taken in Seoul on 18 Jun, 2012.—REUTERS

Kids who smoke menthol more likely to get hooked **Health**

NEW YORK, 1 Nov—Kids who experiment with menthol cigarettes are more likely to become habitual smokers than their peers who start out with the regular variety, new research findings suggest.

In a study of tens of thousands of US students, researchers found that kids who were dabbling with menthol cigarettes were 80 percent more likely to become regular smokers over the next few years, versus those experimenting with regular cigarettes.

Menthol is added to cigarettes to give them a minty "refreshing" flavor. Critics have charged that menthol makes cigarettes more palatable to new smokers

—many of whom are kids — and may be especially likely to encourage addiction.

"This study adds additional evidence that menthol cigarettes are a potential risk factor for kids becoming established, adult smokers," said study leader James Nonnemaker, of the research institute RTI International in Research Triangle Park, North Carolina.

Still, the findings, which appear in the journal *Addiction*, do not prove that menthol cigarettes are to blame.

"The study's subject to a number of limitations," Nonnemaker said. "This shows an association, not cause-and-effect."

One issue, he said, is

that the study was not set up specifically to answer the question of whether menthol might encourage habitual smoking.

The findings come from three years' worth of surveys of over 47,000 US middle school and high school students. That included almost 1,800 kids who had just started smoking during the first or second survey — one-third of whom had opted for menthol cigarettes.

By the third-year survey, more than half of those experimenters had quit smoking. Another third were still occasional smokers, and 15 percent had become habitual smokers.

The odds of becoming

a regular smoker, the study found, were 80 percent higher for kids who'd started off with menthol cigarettes. That was with the kids' age, gender and race taken into account.

The results are consistent with the idea that menthol cigarettes encourage kids to get hooked because of menthol's "sensory properties," according to Nonnemaker.

But, he said, more studies are needed. One question is whether the findings might vary by race. This study included mostly white students. But it's known that young African Americans and Asian Americans are especially likely to smoke menthol varieties.

Reuters

China sovereign fund takes ten percent of Heathrow

MADRID, 1 Nov — An arm of China's sovereign wealth fund has taken a 10 percent stake in the holding company controlling Britain's largest airport Heathrow, Spanish infrastructure company Ferrovial said on Wednesday. Ferrovial sold 5.72 percent of Heathrow holding company FGP Topco to China's Stable Investment Corporation for 319.3 million euros (256.6 million pounds), it said in a statement.

Other shareholders of FGP Topco sold 4.28 percent to Stable, making the Chinese fund an indirect holder of 10 percent of Heathrow Ltd, formerly known as BAA, the Spanish company said. Following the deal Ferrovial holds a 44.3 percent indirect stake in Heathrow Ltd. But that will drop to 33.65 percent once European competition officials approve Qatar holding's purchase of 10.62 percent of FGP Topco, Ferrovial's statement said. The Spanish infrastructure company may use the proceeds from its part of the sale for investments or dividends, its chief executive officer said.

"It gives us extra liquidity which we will study if we invest in infrastructure,

services... without ruling out other alternatives such as a possible increase in shareholder dividends," Chief Executive Officer Inigo Meiras said in a telephone interview with *Reuters*. The Spanish company planned to remain a major investor in Heathrow, he said. "We don't have in mind any other divestment. Our objective is to remain as a major shareholder and industrial partner (in Heathrow)," Meiras said.

As Spain's economy slumps and the government slashes infrastructure spending, Ferrovial's income is increasingly dependent on operations in Britain. The executive said that Ferrovial plans to complete its sale of Britain's Stansted airport in the first half of next year, saying there is interest from several parties. On Monday New Zealand investment manager Morrison & Co entered the race for Stansted. Other bidders include Manchester Airports Group in partnership with Australia's Industry Funds Management (IFM), Macquarie's infrastructure fund and private-equity firm TPG, according to people familiar with the situation.

Reuters



An airport worker walks across the apron past British Airways aircraft at Heathrow airport's Terminal 5 in London on 30 March, 2012. — REUTERS

Indebted city hosting Kansai airport opens bidding for naming rights

Japan

OSAKA, 1 Nov — The debt-ridden city of Izumisano in Osaka Prefecture, the host of Kansai International Airport, on Thursday started soliciting bids from businesses for the naming rights of the city itself as well as municipal facilities after its initial offer failed to draw interest.

The city, among local governments feared to go bankrupt, has seen its finances deteriorate owing in part to building infrastructure for the offshore airport,

the largest international gateway in western Japan. The city government had around 82 billion yen in outstanding debt in its fiscal 2011 accounts.

Izumisano announced an outline for selling naming rights in June as part of measures to secure stable funding sources.

It waited for corporate sponsors to sound it out on its naming sale plan but none had come forward as of Wednesday.

Kyodo News



Photo taken on 31 Oct, 2012 shows the new-type rescue and salvage ship made by the Guangzhou Huangpu Shipbuilding Company, which subordinates to the China State Shipbuilding Corporation, in Guangzhou, capital of south China's Guangdong Province. China's this self-designed ship, named "Dong Hai Jiu 101", will be put into service for rescue missions at the eastern sea areas. — XINHUA

Top former Dominican anti-drug official arrested on drug charges

SANTO DOMINGO, (Dominican Republic), 1 Nov — Authorities in the Dominican Republic on Wednesday arrested a former police colonel accused of being a "powerful drug trafficker" responsible for sending tons of cocaine to the United States. Francisco Hiraldo Guerrero, chief operating officer of the country's main counter-drug agency, the National Drug Control Directorate (DNCD), between 2006-2008, would be extradited to the United States where he faces four counts of drug trafficking in the Southern District of New York, the government said.

The announcement of Hiraldo Guerrero's arrest and extradition was made at a joint press conference by the nation's Attorney General, Francisco Dominguez Brito and the head of the DNCD,

General Rolando Rosado Mateo. The extradition request stated that at least four witnesses, including three who have pleaded guilty in the United States, detailed how Hiraldo Guerrero allegedly used his position to protect large cocaine shipments destined for the United States.

One witness alleged that the colonel was paid as much as \$2.5 million to protect 25 loads of cocaine at an average of 880 pounds (400 kilograms) shipped between 2007 and 2009. Another witness alleged that in 2008, Hiraldo Guerrero requested to be paid in drugs rather than cash to protect a shipment of 1,500 pounds (700 kilograms) of cocaine. The US Embassy in Santo Domingo could not be reached for comment on Wednesday evening. About

4 percent of the cocaine that is smuggled into the United States passes through the Caribbean island of Hispaniola which is shared by the Dominican Republic and Haiti, according to the US Department of State's annual narcotics control report for 2012.

Dominican authorities seized about 6.7 tons of cocaine in 2011, the report said. "Dominican law enforcement, military and government officials are often accused of a range of corrupt activities including narcotics trafficking, money laundering, extrajudicial killing and other crimes," the report added. In the most notorious case to date, authorities arrested a former army captain, Quirino 'The Don' Paulino Castillo, in December 2004.

Reuters

Potash Corp appeals to Israel to allow deal for rival

Deal

JERUSALEM, 1 Nov — Potash Corp, the world's No. 1 fertilizer maker, is ramping up efforts to buy Israel Chemicals Ltd, appealing directly to Israel's prime minister to back a deal that would rank as the largest foreign takeover of an Israeli company. Conglomerate Israel Corp, which owns a majority in ICL, said that Potash Chief Executive Bill Doyle has met Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu to push for a deal, while financial daily *Calcalist* said Netanyahu has instructed his staff and the finance ministry to examine it.

Potash Corp confirmed on Wednesday it has met with Israeli government officials, and Israel Corp said it was aware of the meetings. "The company confirms it is aware

that Canada's Potash is in talks with various government agencies that included a meeting with the prime minister regarding examining the possibility of merging ICL with Potash," Israel Corp said in a statement. Israel Corp officials declined to comment further. The finance ministry said it had not received any formal request. Potash Corp already has a 13.84 percent stake in ICL, the world's sixth-largest fertilizer producer. It made its initial investment in 1998.

In the past, Israeli regulators have rebuffed Potash's attempts to take over ICL. Similarly, in 2010, the Canadian government blocked Anglo-Australian miner BHP Billiton Ltd from scooping up Potash Corp, saying the deal



Potash Corp's head office in Saskatoon is pictured on 3 Nov, 2010.

REUTERS

would not benefit the country. "We believe it is likely that the Israeli government will come to the same conclusion regarding a takeover of ICL," said Sophie Jourdiere, an analyst at Liberum Capital, in a note. "This deal cannot be ruled out. However it is unlikely to happen in the near term," said Virginie Boucher-

Ferte, an analyst at Deutsche Bank, in a note to clients.

As a foreign buyer, Potash would need approvals from Israel's Government Companies Authority, the prime minister and the Antitrust Authority. ICL has potash and phosphate mining rights on state-owned land.

Reuters

Russia eyes "soft power" to achieve hard goals in foreign policy

Russia

MOSCOW, 1 Nov — Moscow would use "soft power" to achieve its diplomatic goals, the Foreign Ministry said on Wednesday. "Good use of soft power objectively helps us reach priorities in international activities," Deputy Foreign Minister Gennady Gatilov told a meeting of the Public Chamber's Council for International Cooperation and Public Diplomacy.

Among Russian soft power tools, Gatilov listed the extension of cultural, informational and humanitarian presence abroad. He also stressed the importance of more visible Russian participation in the world educational market, connection with fellow citizens permanently living abroad and more tangible migration programs.

"The world should receive more reliable information about Russia," Gatilov said, adding the government's attempts to increase its soft power would pay off in the near future. The term soft power was coined by Harvard scholar Joseph Nye to describe the spread of a country's influence through non-military means and has become a widely used foreign policy objective worldwide. — Xinhua

LOCAL NEWS

About 400 companies registered

YANGON, 1 Nov— Myanmar Investment Commission has released information that permits were issued to 375 companies of construction, import, industry, service and tourism industries from 1 to 23 October.

A responsible person of Construction Company said, "When foreign investment flows into Myanmar, construction assignments

are to be offered to local construction companies for factories and workshops in special economic zones, hotels and housings.

If not, the foreign companies are to carry out joint works with local companies. Thus, the number of construction companies will increase one after another."

An official of Myanmar Investment Commission

explained, "The commission gives a day service to the entrepreneurs if they take complete documents. In October, about 400 companies have been permitted." Thanks to growing number of national entrepreneurs, there can be competitiveness in the economic market for generating job opportunities.

Myanma Alinn

Myanmar Mobile Fair 16-18 Nov

YANGON, 1 Nov—The Myanmar Mobile Fair will be held at the office of Republic of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry from 9 am to 6 pm daily from 16 to 18 November.

The fair is aimed at enabling the mobile phone users to purchase various sorts of handsets at fair prices.

The fair will be managed for the second time by Zellion Business

Services Ltd. It organizes the mobile phone shops to sell handsets and SIM cards at reasonable prices. Moreover, there will be the lucky draw programme daily for the buyers.

Myanma Alinn

Way to Z-craft damaged in overflow of Ayeyawady River



service repairs the up and down pavements. When Ayeyawady River is swollen, the ways to the Z-craft were damaged. In consequence, the transport services were delayed.

THAYET, 1 Nov—As Ayeyawady River was suddenly swollen at Thayet Jetty of Shwepyithit Z-craft that plies Thayet and Aunglan across Ayeyawady River in Thayet District in Magway Region, the pavement to the

jetty was silted, delaying the transportation.

Shwepyithit Z-craft transport service collects fare for vehicles including the charge for the way to Z-craft.

Thus, the transport

sent, the way to Z-craft is being repaired with the use of heavy machinery for smooth transportation of Thayet-Aunglan route for the local people of Thayet Township and its surrounding areas.

Myanma Alinn

Yatanarpon Teleport likely to be reconstituted as public company

YANGON, 1 Nov— Yatanarpon Teleport Co will be transformed into the public company.

"Yatanarpon Teleport is established with 49 per cent of private entrepreneurs and 51 per cent of the State. It gives telecommunication services to the nation by joining hands with the Ministry of Communications, Posts and Telegraphs. To be able to extend communication services to the people, the company invites private entrepreneurs. After re-constitution, Yatanarpon Teleport can be seen as a public company," an officer.

At present, Myanmar is at the threshold of success. The company needs technological assistance and cooperation from the international community. Myanmar Investment Commission will allow two companies as operators. Most of the entrepreneurs are interested in reconstitution of Yatanarpon Teleport.

"Now, Yatanarpon Teleport earmarks to invite about two private companies to join it. We wish to accept more than two companies. We assume that greater achievement can be secured from the competitiveness. At present, SIM cards were sold at K 10500 in the early days

of installation of the mobile phones. Now, private companies sell SIM Cards at K 9800 per card. Market

Cultivation of Basamati paddy strain on test

YESAGYO, 1 Nov—As part of farmer educative works, the special yield paddy species are being grown by Yesagyo Township Agriculture Department of Magway Region as of 2011-2012 cultivation season so as to increase incomes of local farmers.

Of the paddy strains, Paletwe paddy species benefit the farmers.

Dawtadah Dam, reliable for local farmers in Dimawhso



LOIKAW, 1 Nov—Jointly conducted by Irrigation Department of Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation and Care Myanmar INGO, the Dawtadah Dam was commissioned into service at Dawtadah Village of Dimawhso Township on 29 October morning.

Kayah State Minister for Agriculture and Livestock Breeding U Poe Yei Yan Aung, Deputy Director of Kayah State Irrigation Department U Aung Myint and in-charge of Kayah State Care Myanmar INGO

Daw Nang Mya Theingi Soe formally opened the dam.

Chief Minister of the state U Khin Maung Oo pressed the button to unveil the stone plaque of the dam.

The dam was built for the first time in 1970. During the forty years period, the dam was damaged. So, it was rebuilt. The embankment of the dam is five feet higher than that of the previous one.

The 2300 feet long and 18 feet high dam can store 500 acre-feet of water in over 150 acres of land. In the past, the irrigation facility

benefited 100 acres of land.

At present, the dam can irrigate over 400 acres of land. The dam was built at a cost of K 60.5 million. A local people expressed his opinion that in the past, the region relied on monsoon paddy only.

Thanks to reconstruction of Dawtadah dam, the villages namely Dawtadah, Dawkhuli, Dawpawkale and Padawdu can enjoy supply of irrigated water. That is why the farmers from the villages will put farmlands under summer paddy.—Myanma Alinn

25 players picked out for tentatively selected national football team

YANGON, 1 Nov— Tentatively selected Myanmar national football team was formed with 25 players for taking part in the final stage of ASEAN Suzuki Cup.

The team is headed by manager U Than Toe Aung, assistant manager U Soe Moe Kyaw, chief coach

Pak Sung-Hwa, coach U Tin Myint Aung, assistant coach U Zaw Win Tun, physical training coach Ha-hae John, goalkeeper coach U Myo Chit, goalkeeper Thiha Sithu (Ayeyawady), Kyaw Zin Phyto (Magway), Pyae Phyto Aung (Southern), defenders Khin Maung Tun and Thet Naing (Yadanabon), Zaw Min Tun (Magway), Aung Hein Kyaw (Zeya Shwemyay), Moe Win (Nay Pyi Taw), Thein Than Win (Kanbawza), Aung Zaw (Hanthawady), Zaw Zaw Oo (Ayeyawady), Pyae Phyto Aung (Yangon), midfielders Kyi Lin, Yan Aung Kyaw, David Dun, Khin Maung

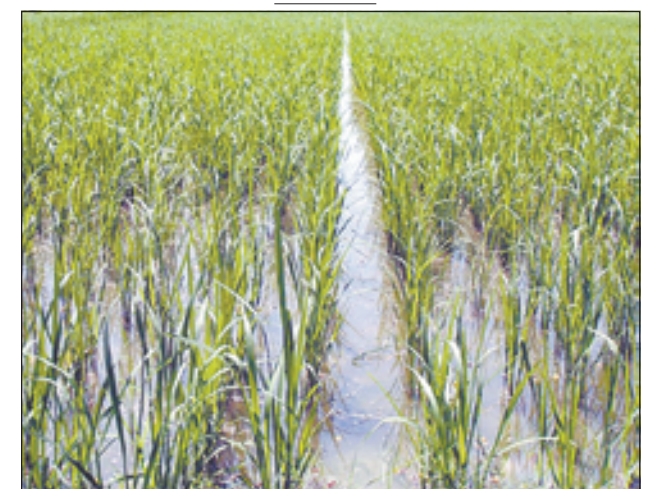
Lwin (Yangon), Phyto Ko Ko Thein, Naing Lin Oo (Ayeyawady), Paing Soe (Yadanabon), Aung Moe (Hanthawady), forwards Kyaw Zeyar Win, Soe Min Oo (Kanbawza), Yan Paing, Soe Kyaw Kyaw (Yadanabon) and Kaung Sithu (Yangon).

The players from Ayeyawady and Kanbawza FCs are to contact MFF office at 12 noon on 3 November and the remaining players on 1 November. Myanmar is included in group (A) to be held in Thailand together with host Thailand, Vietnam and the Philippines.

Myanma Alinn

competitiveness is a must to benefit the customers," a software entrepreneur who achieves success in the technology in MICT Park.

Myanma Alinn



PERSPECTIVES

Friday, 2 November, 2012

Civic responsibility

Civic Responsibility is defined as the “responsibility of a citizen”. It is comprised of actions and attitudes associated with democratic governance and social participation. Civic responsibility can include participation in government, church, volunteers and memberships of voluntary associations. Actions of civic responsibility can be displayed in advocacy for various causes, such as political, economic, civil, and environmental or quality of life issues.

The importance of civic responsibility is paramount to the success of democracy and philanthropy. Schools should teach civic responsibility to students with the goal to produce responsible citizens and active participants in community and government. Civic responsibility is tied to the philanthropic sector in many ways. By citizen and corporate participation, nonprofit organizations prosper from their giving of time and money. Service learning is a way in which people learn civic responsibility.

Service learning directly relates to civic responsibility and ties to the philanthropic sector by students learning through the completion of projects within communities. Through service learning, citizens participate in projects to help or serve the needs of other people. By getting their hands dirty and actually doing work, citizens experience the value and impact of giving to people and learn to be productive members of society. Volunteering is a form of civic responsibility, which involves the giving of time or labor without the expectation of monetary compensation.

Volunteering allows citizens the opportunity to share their skills and talents as well as to learn new skills while helping those in need of assistance. Civic Education is a method in which civic responsibility is taught. It is a way to promote and enlighten responsible citizenry committed to democratic principles. Civic education is a means to actively engage people in the practice of democracy.

Workshop on UN Convention on Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women



Union Minister for SWRR Dr Daw Myat Myat Ohn Khin speaking at workshop on Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women.

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upgrade of Ahtaung village-tract in Kyonepyaw Township, Patheingyi District, Ayeyawady Region into town and change of Thabyayngu village-tract into Kyaungsu village-tract, submitted to Pyidaungsu Hluttaw with the letter No. 107(1)/8, President Office, dated 22-10-2012, which have been carried out with the approval of Union Government.

Then, Union Minister for National Planning and Economic Development Dr Kan Zaw submitted the report on National Planning (from April to June) for 2012-2013 financial year that sent by the Union Government.

With respect to the report, Joint Bill Committee member U Myint Tun explained Committee’s findings, comments and remarks.

Afterwards, Union Minister for Finance and Revenue U Win Shein submitted the report on Union Budget (from April to June) for 2012-2013 financial year which is sent by Union Government.

U Khin Maung Shwe explained findings and



Union Minister for NPED Dr Kan Zaw replies to queries.
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comments of the Joint Bill Committee.

Next, Deputy Minister for Construction U Soe Tint read out the message on the heading of cash account of the ministry sent by the President.

U Sun Dote Kyint explained findings and comments of the Joint-Bill Committee.

On behalf of the Union Government, Union Minister for Finance and Revenue U Win Shein explained additional budget bill of the Union Government for 2012-13.

Rehearsal for XXVII SEA GAMES Entertainment programme

NAY PYI TAW, 1 Nov—First collective rehearsal for entertainment programme, organized by Training Subcommittee for successful holding of opening and closing ceremony of XXVII SEA GAMES, took place at

Parade Ground No.7 Transit Center, here, this morning. At the ceremony, Deputy Minister for Education U Aye Kyu delivered a speech. Chairman of the Subcommittee Union Minister for Culture U Aye Myint Kyu and

members cordially greeted entertainment troupe members.

After that, Vice-Chairman of the Subcommittee Deputy Minister for Culture Daw Sanda Khin and members

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Afterwards, Ms Armara Sanda from UN Gender

comments of the committee.

With regard to the foreign investment bill with the recommendations of the President, the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker announced that 10 out of 11 recommendations of the President were part of the bill as the majority was in favour of the 10 recommendations and the one point approved by Pyidaungsu Hluttaw was the part of the bill as the majority was not in favour of one recommendation of the President.

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Deputy Minister for Home Affairs Brig-Gen Kyaw Zan Myint, Deputy Minister for Rail Transportation U Chan Maung, members, directors-general, education officers from Nay Pyi Taw Council Area, school heads, departmental officials and entertainment troupe members.

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Theme Group clarified the policies of contention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women. The workshop will last three days.

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MYANMAR GAZETTE

The President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar has confirmed the appointment of Director-General U Win Naing of International Organizations and Economic Department under the Ministry of Foreign Affairs on expiry of the one-year probationary period.

The President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar has appointed the following persons as heads of service organizations shown against each on probation from the date they assume charge of their duties.

Name	Appointment
(a) U Myo Nyunt Deputy Director-General	Director-General Myanmar Examination Department
No.2 Basic Education Department Ministry of Education	Ministry of Education
(b) Dr Min Than Nyunt Deputy Director-General (Treatment) Health Department Ministry of Health	Director-General Health Department Ministry of Health

U Mya Nyein, Chairman of Joint Bill Committee, read out the reports on findings of the Joint Committee regarding the foreign investment bill with the recommendations of the President.

Hluttaw representatives— Dr Khin Shwe, Daw Tin Nwe Oo, U Thein Nyunt, U Win Htain, U Thein Swe, U Khine Maung Yi, U Paw Lyan Lwin and Dr Myo Aung— held discussions. Vice-Chairman of the committee U Zaw Myint Pe gave an account of the

members cordially greeted entertainment troupe members.

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Monastic education schools and monastic institutions in the Republic of the Union of Myanmar

Monastic education schools and monastic institutions have been existing in Myanmar during the periods of the successive Myanmar Kings since thousand years ago. As you know, Myanmar has been a Theravada Buddhist country since then. Over 90 percent of population of Myanmar believe in Buddhism and they all are Buddhists. There is no Myanmar king that does not carry out the purification, perpetuation and propagation of the Buddha Sasana throughout the country. The countless number of shrines and pagodas built and constructed by successive Myanmar Kings can be seen all over the country till now. There is at least a monastery in every village throughout the country. The Myanmar Buddhist children of ancient time have only to go to monastery at their village because there were no academic modern schools at that time. Most of Myanmar nationals of ancient time educated from the monasteries or the

monastic education schools. There were many famous and learned monks and people who were well-educated from the monastic education schools all over the country.

The British council imperialists invaded and occupied Myanmar after fighting three invading wars. The British Colonial Government ruled the whole Myanmar for one hundred years and oppressed Myanmar nationals by divisive rule. On other-hand, they persuaded Myanmar nationals to believe in other religions leading to overwhelm the Buddhism, the primitive religion of Myanmar nationals. The monastic education schools and monastic institutions throughout Myanmar became weak and faint because they were not encouraged and supported by the British Colonial Government at all. However, some of farsighted and learned Myanmar Chief Monks (Maha Theras) and lay-devotees managed to continue keeping up the monastic education schools and the monastic institutions throughout the country. At present, there are altogether over fifty-

one thousand monasteries and over fifteen thousand monastic education schools all over the Republic of the Union of Myanmar. Over sixteen hundred thousand monks (members of the Sangha) and twenty three hundred thousand novices (Samneras) are dwelling at in these monasteries and learning the Buddhist scriptures (The Pariyatti Education) which mainly lead to the purification, perpetuation and propagation of the Buddha Sasana in the Universe.

And now, the Ministry

Ba Sein (Religious Affairs)

of Religious Affairs of the Government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar is encouraging and supporting the monastic education schools throughout the States and Regions in the Republic of the Union of Myanmar under the guidance of the State Sanghamahanayaka Committee of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar. The main aims and objectives of the Monastic Education Schools are to uplift of morale and mortality of the

young generations and to understand well the real and basic essence of the Buddhism, and Myanmar culture and traditions which handed down through ancient Myanmar generations. It is found that most of Myanmar young generations of today do not know and understand the real and basic essence of Buddhism and the ancient culture and traditions of Myanmar. In fact Myanmar culture and traditions mainly depend on the culture of Buddhism. For the time being, many young novices, boys and girls are attending

the monastic education schools all over the country.

During the periods of the British Colonial Government, the monastic education schools throughout Myanmar faded out and nearly disappeared for not being encouraged and supported by the British Colonial authorities concerned. After Myanmar had regained her Independence in 1948, some of the farsighted learned chief monks, lay-devotees and the previous Government

of the Union of Myanmar tried to re-introduce the monastic education schools. But they were not completely successful because of confuse and unstable political situation of those days. And so, many young new generations of those days were not able to go to monastic educations for learning the real and basic essence of the Buddhism and the ancient Myanmar culture and traditions. Hence, most of Myanmar young generations who were born in those days did not know well and understand the basic essence of Buddhism and Myanmar culture and traditions.

We can see vividly and clearly that ruthless and cruel activities of killing and beheading innocent people by destructive elements broke out in the period of 1988 disturbance. It is learnt that the destructive elements who committed these crimes are most young people who do not know the basic essence of the Buddhism and Myanmar culture and traditions.

According to the bitter and cruel experience of

1988 disturbance, the Government of the State Law and Order Restoration Council of the Union of Myanmar of that time decided to encourage and support the monastic education schools which cultivate the young new generations to become good, gentle and polite in future. Besides, the Monastic Institutions, the main centres for the Pariyatti Sasana (learning canonical texts of the Buddha) which lead to the purification, perpetuation and propagation of the Buddha Sasana have been more supported and encouraged by the Government of the State Law and Order Restoration Council of the Union of Myanmar of that time since 18 September 1988. An old saying goes, "Whenever religion is pure, the society prospers".

The situation of the nation is well-developed and prosperous when the members of the Sangha Order (Bhikkhus) unanimously perform and practise the law and fulfil their religious duties.

Work coord meeting on test-run taking census for 2013 held

NAY PYI TAW, 1 Nov—A work-coordination meeting on trial-run collecting census for 2013 was held at Swanar Hall of No. 1 Basic Education High School in Lanmadaw Township, Yangon North District, on 27 October.

Chairman of Central

Census Commission Union Minister for Immigration and Population U Khin Yi briefed progresses of taking country-wise census for 2013 as a test-run for 2014, of allocated townships to be taken census, assignation of census collectors and auditors including plans

for launching job training courses and prompting the public to realize the census collecting process through media, advertisements and pamphlets.

He added that the ministry has invited participants willing to partake in the competition

for creative brands and mottos for census, and urged those present to lend a hand in the process for ensuring mistakes get less and less.

Afterwards, the Union Minister and officials concerned answered queries raised by those present.

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Japan provides assistance for Sub-Rural Health Centers in Hpa-an Township

NAY PYI TAW, 1 Nov—The Government of Japan, under its Grant Assistance for Grass-roots Human Security Projects (GGP) Scheme, granted US\$102,597 for a humanitarian program entitled "The Project for Construction of Sub Rural Health Centers in Hpa-an Township, Kayin State."

Mr Ichiro Maruyama, Charge d'Affaires ad interim of the Embassy of Japan, and U Saw Aung Win, Chairperson of Naung Palein, Kawt Than Khar and Kamaw Kazin Villages are two new villages in the township

where SHCs were granted by the Ministry of Health in 2010. All of these SHCs are giving health care services to the local residents without having proper building and facilities.

Local residents and the village Health Committees are facing shortage of fund to construct a new SRHC building which is in line with the guideline and standard of the Ministry of Health.

Moreover, each SHC is lack of basic medical equipment to give good health services to the patients.—NLM

More information on the project can be found at www.ggp.gov.jp/

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Yangon Mayor inspects YCDC's rice farm, upgrading of roads

YANGON, 1 Nov — Yangon Region Development Affairs Minister Yangon Mayor U Hla Myint inspected paddy field, post harvest works and chicken farm of the Yangon City Development Committee in Uto in Taikkyi Township today. The mayor also visited the 25-ton rice mill and rice garage. Afterwards, the mayor inspected upgrading of roads in Mingaladon, Shwepyitha, Insein, Kyimyindine, Lanmadaw and Kyauktada townships.

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Modern Life Style Fashion & Beauty Show kicks off

YANGON, 1 Nov— The Myanmar Int'l Modern Life Style Fashion & Beauty Show-2012 was staged at Tatmadaw Convention Hall on U Wisara Road in Dagon Township, here, this morning, in the presence of Yangon Region minister for social affairs Dr U Myint Thein and minister for finance and revenue Daw San San Nwe.

Soon after the ministers and Director U Kyaw Kyaw of IEMS Company Limited cut the ribbon, officials and

guests observed displays inside; electronic and electric equipments, home decoration accessories, modernized furniture designs, ceremonial decoration accessories, cosmetics, men's and women's wears, small machinery and equipments and foodstuff.

Talent & Model agencies entertain observers with eye-catching programmes at the show from 9 am to 6 pm daily up to 4 November.

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Visitors seen at Myanmar Int'l Modern Life Style Fashion & Beauty Show-2012.—NLM

Controversial copyright amendment to see legislative review

BEIJING, 1 Nov— A senior copyright official said on Wednesday that the third version of a draft amendment to the copyright law will be submitted to the State Council by the end of this year.

If the State Council approves the draft, it will be brought to the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress, China's top legislature, for the legislators' review, said Wang Ziqiang, an official in charge of copyright legislation affairs from the National Copyright Administration. According to Wang, the draft includes more content regarding copyright holders' protection, such as artists'

right to profit from the resale of their artwork. The draft also increases the statutory compensation for copyright violations, including punitive compensation, the official said.

Wang said authorities have taken opinions from the public and experts into full account in formulating the third version of the draft.

The administration published the first version of the draft in March to seek public feedback. Some musicians were displeased with the draft, as they believe that one of its articles allows producers to use, under certain conditions, published musical works without having to obtain

consent from the original copyright holder, which would diminish the artists' professional rights.

Wang said the administration received over 1,600 suggestions for the first version. The second version was drafted and published in July for public comment.

Several suggestions from the public have been adopted in the third version and the drafters have been careful to avoid bias from individual groups in drafting the document, Wang said.

However, suggestions that were not adopted in the draft will be given to the State Council along with the draft for consideration, the official said.—Xinhua

CPC's flagship magazine calls for confidence in China's future

BEIJING, 1 Nov— *Qiushi Journal*, the flagship magazine of the Communist Party of China (CPC) Central Committee, will carry an article in its Thursday issue expressing confidence in the country's future.

"There are ample reasons for us to have high expectations and confidence in the future development of our country," says the article.

The CPC and Chinese people will keep their words and fulfill established goals, it says.

The article quotes a 23rd

July speech delivered by CPC Central Committee General Secretary Hu Jintao, who said China now faces both unprecedented opportunities and challenges.

The country's ability to seize opportunities and handle challenges will depend on "our mindset, the effectiveness of our work and how we push reform and development forward," the article says.

"We should carefully examine the domestic and international situation and fully understand our country's

developmental needs and expectations of people," it says. China's economic dynamics have not changed, the article says, adding that economic restructuring will provide more chances for development, while domestic demand will sustain long-term growth.

Under the guidance of the Scientific Outlook on Development, China's development is on the upswing, the article says.

The country will stick to reform and opening-up, as these concepts have resulted



Visitors look at the photos of the ancient ginkgo trees at the Hongluo Temple in the suburban Huairou District of Beijing, capital of China, on 31 Oct, 2012.

XINHUA

CIS summit postponed to 5 December

ASHGABAT, 1 Nov— A summit of the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS) scheduled for 2 November has been postponed to 5 December, local media quoted Chairman of the CIS Executive Committee Sergei Lebedev as saying on Wednesday.

The meeting was postponed after the executive committee said they needed some time for more careful preparations, including drafting the papers to be presented

to CIS leaders for discussion, Lebedev said Tuesday in Ashgabat where the summit was scheduled.

Lebedev said a meeting of foreign ministers of CIS countries will be convened on 4 Dec in Ashgabat, adding more careful preparations would guarantee a high-quality summit with a richer content.

The CIS summit is expected to brew measures to deepen cooperation between member states in the fields of economy, humanity and security.—Xinhua

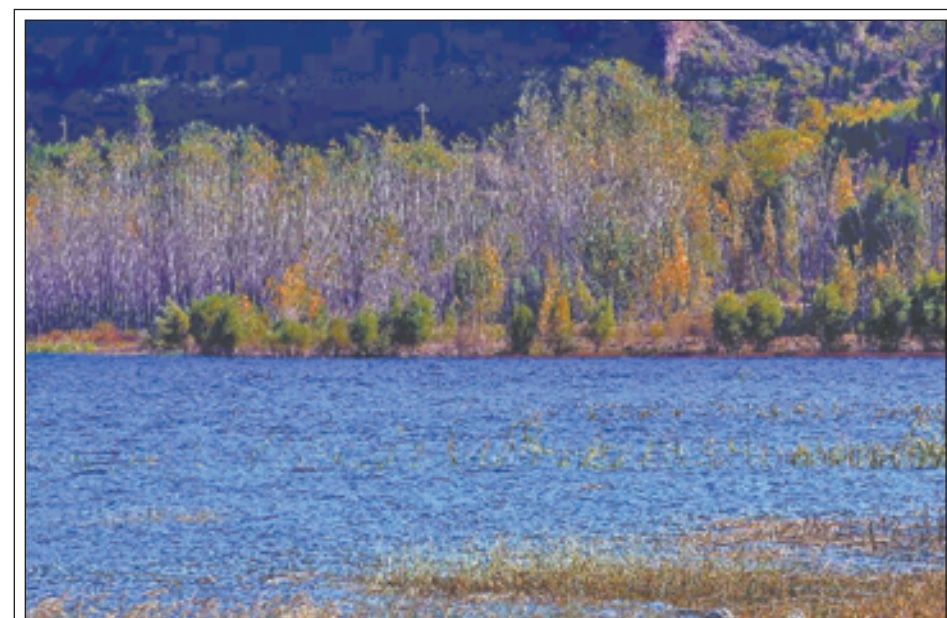


Photo taken on 30 Oct, 2012 shows the autumn scenery of the Yellow River Wetland Park in Sanmenxia Reservoir, central China's Henan Province.

XINHUA

25 killed, 30 injured by fire in Saudi Arabia

ABQAIQ, (Saudi Arabia), 1 Nov—There are 25 people dead, including a number of women and children, and 30 others sustaining various injuries in a fire during a wedding in the Saudi City Abqaiq,

Al Eqtisadiya newspaper reported Wednesday.

The fire, which occurred Tuesday, was caused by electric shock when a power cable fell in the yard of the house, a spokesperson of the Civil Defence for the

eastern province, Colonel Mohammed Al Ojaimi, told the newspaper.

He said an investigation was launched, and the injured were referred to two hospitals in the area.

Xinhua

Colombian dean sees closer China ties with new Confucius institute

BOGOTA, 1 Nov—The scheduled opening of a new Confucius Institute in Colombia next year would bring the country closer to China, the institute's Colombian dean said.

While offering language teaching, the institute, slated to open in mid-2013 at Jorge Tadeo Lozano University (UJTL), would strive to enhance the mutual understanding between the two countries, Enrique Posada Cano, an Chinese culture expert, told

Xinhua on Tuesday.

It would also help UJTL's integration into the global network of the Confucius institutes, he added.

The new institute at UJTL would be supported by China's Tianjin Foreign Studies University and China's embassy in Bogota.

The UJTL has been offering Chinese-language classes taught by native speakers since 2008. The courses would

officially become part of the university curriculum when the institute is able to issue the Chinese language proficiency certificate (HSK).

The Chinese National Office for Teaching Chinese as a Foreign Language, which runs the Confucius Institute network, offers scholarships for outstanding Colombian students to attend summer camps at Tianjin University in northern China.

Xinhua

Premature mine blast kills two Taleban in northern Afghan town

PUL-E-KHUMRI, (Afghanistan), 1 Nov— Two Taleban militants were killed as their explosive device went off prematurely in Baghlan province 160 km north of capital Kabul on Wednesday, provincial police chief Assadullah

Shirzad said.

"Three Taleban militants were busy in planting mine on a road in Bagh-e-Shamal village outside provincial capital Pul-e-Khumri early this morning but the device exploded prematurely

killing two rebels on the spot and injuring another," Shirzad told *Xinhua*.

The injured militant has been taken to hospital, he added.

Taleban fighters are yet to comment.

Xinhua

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China to seek closer cooperation at

China Asia-Europe Meeting

BEIJING, 1 Nov — China hopes to achieve more common understanding and deeper cooperation at the ninth Asia-Europe Meeting (ASEM), Chinese Assistant Foreign Minister Ma Zhaoxu said on Wednesday. Ma made the comments at a press briefing prior to Premier Wen Jiabao's attendance of the summit to be held in Vientiane, Laos on 5-6 November. Themed "Friends for Peace, Partners for Prosperity", the meeting will focus on the global economic and financial situation, social and cultural cooperation between Asian and European countries, and the future direction of the ASEM. It will also focus on global and regional issues, Ma said. < Bangladesh, Switzerland and Norway will join the group at the upcoming summit, bringing the total members of ASEM to 51.

Meanwhile, a presidential declaration of the ninth ASEM Summit and the Vientiane declaration on strengthening peace and developing partnerships is set to be issued during the meeting, according to Ma. Serving as an important platform for countries in

Asia and Europe to enhance understanding, expand consensus, and deepen cooperation, ASEM is a high-level and broad-ranging forum among governments of different Asian and European countries, Ma added. He expressed the hope that members of the ASEM will exchange views on current economic and financial situation, and discuss ways on enhancing mutual trust, strengthening cooperation and jointly coping with global challenges as well as new development opportunities for ASEM.

Chinese leaders have attended all the past ASEM summits and proposed almost 50 Asia-Europe cooperation initiatives. The seventh ASEM Summit was held in Beijing in October, 2008. Ma said this year's summit will serve as a vital opportunity. "The Chinese side hope the meeting can achieve results on the following four aspects," Ma said. That is, firstly, to consolidate the closer Asia-Europe economic partnership and promote the comprehensive, persistent and balanced development of the global economy and economy in

Asian-European countries; Secondly, to build more stable strategic mutual trust so as to lay a good foundation for Asian-European countries to deepen cooperation and tackle common challenge; "Thirdly, to deepen pragmatic cooperation in various areas in order to increase the role and influence of the ASEM; Lastly, to focus on the future of the ASEM so as to lay the foundation for the ASEM of a higher level." During the meeting, Wen will expound on China's views on the global economic and financial situation and suggestions on strengthening Asia-Europe cooperation in a bid to boost stability of the world economy. The premier will also meet other leaders participating in the meeting and exchange ideas on bilateral relations and significant global and regional issues of common concern, Ma said.

Yang Jian, deputy director-general of the Chinese Foreign Ministry's Department of Asian Affairs, detailed Wen's visit to Laos at the briefing. It will be Wen's third visit to Laos during his tenure as premier.

Xinhua

Jackie Chan props donated to Summer Palace

BEIJING, 1 Nov — Actor Jackie Chan has donated replicas of 12 fountainheads stolen from the Old Summer Palace during the 19th century to the attraction, and urged the return of all of the genuine articles.

The model heads of Chinese Zodiac animals were used as props in Chan's latest film, "Chinese Zodiac," which will debut in the Chinese mainland on 20 December. Chan said the film, depicting the protagonist's efforts to repatriate the 12 animal heads to China, aims to tell people to respect cultural heritage and urge the real-life repatriation of these antiquities to their original owner.

"These cultural relics are the common property of

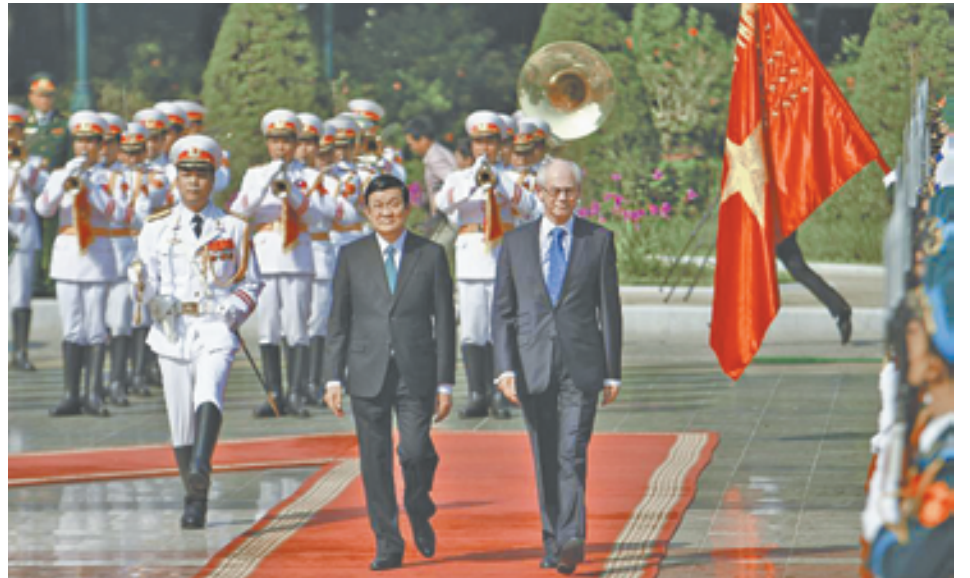
human beings, and nobody should steal and loot these treasures for selfish desires," he said at a ceremony held on Tuesday. The 12 bronze Zodiac statues were part of what is known as the Water Clock at Haiyantang in the Old Summer Palace, or Yuan Ming Yuan, the then imperial garden in the 19th century.

They represent 12 symbolic animals associated with the 12-year cycle of the Chinese lunar calendar. They were lost during the Second Opium War (1856-1860), when invading British and French troops looted artifacts and then destroyed the great garden. Five of the 12 genuine Zodiac statues have been returned to China.

Xinhua



Actor Jackie Chan



Vietnamese President Truong Tan Sang (L, front) and visiting President of European Council (EC) Herman Van Rompuy (R, front) review an honour guard during a welcoming ceremony at the presidential place in Hanoi, Vietnam, on 31 Oct, 2012. Van Rompuy started his three-day visit to Vietnam on Wednesday to boost EU-Vietnam cooperation. — XINHUA

EU, Vietnam ink deals on financial support for sustainable trade, climate change mitigation

Vietnam

HANOI, 1 Nov — The European Union (EU) and Vietnam signed agreements on financial support for the mitigation of climate change, and sustainable international trade and investment in Vietnam here on Wednesday. The signing was witnessed by Vietnamese President Truong Tan Sang and Herman Van Rompuy, president of the European Council during his official

visit to Vietnam.

The Vietnam Climate Change Global Loan, worth 150 million euros (195 million US dollars), signed between the European Investment Bank and Vietnam's Ministry of Finance, will contribute to environmental sustainability and will make long-term financing available for investments that contribute to climate change mitigation through the avoidance or reduction of emissions of green house gases by the use of renewable energy sources and energy efficiency enhancements, said Van Rompuy at a Press briefing after the signing.

Another agreement — the financing agreement of

the "European Trade Policy and Investment Support Project (EU-MUTRAP)" — will provide 15 million euros (19.5 million US dollars) to help Vietnam's Ministry of Industry and Trade in facilitating sustainable international trade and investment through improved capacity for policy making, policy consultation, and negotiation and implementation of related commitments, he said. The EU-MUTRAP project has a total budget of 16.5 million euros, with the EU contributing 15 million euros and Vietnam providing 1.5 million euros. The project will be implemented from 2012 to 2017. — Xinhua

Jazzmandu is back again in Kathmandu Nepal

KATHMANDU, 1 Nov — The sound of Jazz is back again in Nepali capital of Kathmandu when seven international and five local bands will perform in a week-long Jazz festival, the Surya Nepal Jazzmandu 2012, from 1 November.

"The biggest Jazz party in the Himalayas" will feature artists from round the globe including Norwegian trio Suzy&2, Tito Puente Jr and Marlow Rosado from USA, Adil and Vasundhara from India, Thai Rootman, French Nojazz and Swiss Beat Kaesli & Ben Stivers.

The international artists will perform along with finest Nepali classical and jazz bands such as, Kutumba, Urjazz, Gandharva and Dhimey Girls.

Various local-level jazz performances and competitions are also

scheduled on the sidelines of the festival.

'Jazz for the Next Generation' a band competition, is one of them. The competition will be organized in collaboration with the Kathmandu Jazz Conservatory and will be judged by the visiting Jazz pioneers, a Press release issued by Jazzmandu reads. With an aim to promote local music education and to provide budding musicians with a welcome platform to showcase their musical skills, various jazz workshops will also be held in different venues.

"Jazz for the Next Generation is just a new aspect of what we were already doing to promote Jazz," one of the founders of Jazzmandu, Navin Chhetri said in the statement.

Xinhua



Yokohama Mayor Fumiko Hayashi (standing at speaker's podium, facing microphone), announces during a conference in Yokohama on 31 Oct, 2012, a declaration to enhance cooperative ties among cities in Asia. Delegates from some 10 major Japanese and other Asian cities met to discuss energy-efficient "smart cities" utilizing advanced environmental and information technology, in the first gathering of its kind. — KYODO NEWS

Japan begins "Warm Biz" campaign to cut heating energy use

Japan

TOKYO, 1 Nov — The Environment Ministry on Thursday started a seasonal campaign to reduce heating energy use through a variety of small efforts in everyday life, such as clothing and meal choices, calling on people to set room temperatures at homes and offices at 20 C.

For this season's "Warm Biz" campaign through March, the ministry came up with an initiative it calls "Warm Share" to encourage,

for instance, families to spend time together in the living room, in addition to recommending wearing clothes with good heat-retaining features.

The campaign started in fall 2005 as a way to counter global warming. Power-saving has been one of its main goals since Japan were halted after the Fukushima crisis last year.

Kyodo News

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BP refinery at Texas City catches fire

HOUSTON, 1 Nov — A fire broke out on Tuesday afternoon at the BP refinery in Texas City, local media reported. A TV footage showed an image of the smoke plume.

A fire was burning at the facility, but there was no impact to the outside community, local TV channel abc13 quoted Texas City Office of Emergency Management as saying.

No injuries had been reported and employees

had been evacuated from the affected unit, the report said. Officials were monitoring the air near the plant, according to the report.

The Texas City refinery is the site of an explosion in March 2005 that killed 15 people and injured scores of others. BP announced earlier this month it has reached a deal to sell its Texas City refinery to Marathon Petroleum Corporation for 2.5 billion US dollars.

Xinhua

Affordable Housing Project to be Implemented

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

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

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

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World Bank Group President Jim Yong Kim, World Trade Organization Director General Pascal Lamy and International Monetary Fund Managing Director Christine Lagarde (from L to R) attend a Press conference in Berlin after a meeting in Berlin, Germany, on 30 Oct, 2012.—XINHUA

More than 1.2 million ballots cast in key state of Ohio

NEW YORK, 1 Nov — More than 1.2 million Ohio residents have already voted in the state which is seen as one of the most crucial in deciding the 6 November presidential election.

The Ohio Secretary of State's office said that as of 26 October, about 1.26 million voters had cast ballots by mail-in absentee ballots or through early in-person voting. That represents about 22 percent of the number of people who voted in the 2008 presidential election.

Secretary Jon Husted said the pace of early voting was picking up ahead of next week's election. Absentee

ballots must be postmarked by 5 November or they can be delivered in person to the board of elections until the close of polls on 6 November.

The Secretary of State's office said 1.32 million absentee ballots had been sent out this year. About 64,000 have not yet been cast.

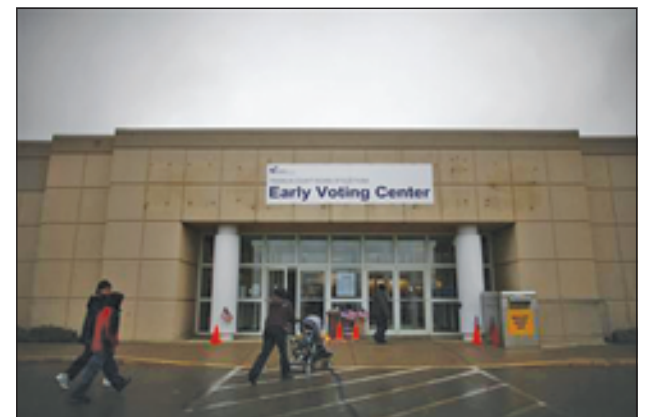
Ohio took the unusual step this election of sending out absentee ballot applications to all registered voters. But if a resident requests an absentee ballot, then they must use it to vote. If a person who has requested an absentee ballot shows up at a polling place on Election Day, he or she will be given

a provisional ballot.

Legal experts say that if the race is very close and hangs on the result in Ohio, it may have to wait

until provisional ballots are counted. Under state law, they may not be counted until at least 17 November.

Reuters



An early voting centre is seen in Columbus, Ohio on 30 Oct, 2012.—REUTERS

China**947 sentenced for food-related crimes**

BEIJING, 1 Nov — A total of 947 criminals have so far been sentenced by Chinese courts for producing and selling poisonous or harmful food, according to a spokesman for the Supreme People's Court (SPC).

Courts have completed more than 730 criminal cases relating to food offences, including clenbuterol and gutter oil, said Yu Housen, at a Press conference on Tuesday.

Other figures released showed that since 2008, courts nationwide have completed 3,577,062 cases and given sentences to 4,567,236 criminals.

A total of 357,695 cases consisted of homicides, robberies, kidnappings, gang-related crime or human trafficking, with 558,246 criminals sentenced, Yu added.

"The SPC has urged courts at all levels to set up special offices for litigation, covering complaints, litigation guidance, risk warning and queries about cases," Yu said.

Courts at all levels reduced or slowed payment of litigation expenses, worth more than 13 billion yuan, Yu added.

Between 2009 and 2011, courts nationwide helped 12,978 victims of crime, and allocated more than 230 million yuan (36.83 million US dollars) in relief funds to them or their family members.

Xinhua

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Accident**Five killed, 27 injured in S Philippine bus mishap**

MANILA, 1 Nov — Five passengers have been killed and 27 others injured when the bus carrying them slammed into the railings after the driver lost control of the vehicle in southern Philippine Province of Davao del Norte, government disaster agency said on Wednesday.

The road mishap occurred at 10:30 am on Tuesday in Kaputian village in the Island Garden City of Samal, the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (NDRRMC) said. Initial investigation revealed that the driver of the Island City Express Bus lost control of the vehicle and it accidentally bumped into the railings, it said.

The injured victims were immediately brought to nearby hospitals as investigation has been ongoing, NDRRMC said.

Xinhua

US

ENTERTAINMENT

Evan Rachel Wood marries "Billy Elliot" star Jamie Bell

LOS ANGELES, 1 Nov—Hollywood actress Evan Rachel Wood has quietly married Briton Jamie Bell — star of the 2000 "Billy Elliot" dance movie — in a ceremony in California, Wood's spokeswoman said on Wednesday.

"The bride wore a custom dress by Carolina Herrera. It was a small ceremony with close family and friends," the spokeswoman said in a statement, adding that the wedding took place on Tuesday.

"Words cannot describe the happiness I am feeling. Overwhelming."

Wood, 25, first began dating Bell about seven years ago. But the pair broke up and Wood went on to have a highly publicized engagement with heavy metal rocker Marilyn Manson, who is almost twice her age.

Wood and Bell, 26, were rumored to have become engaged in January this year, but never confirmed their relationship.

Bell found fame as the



Actress Evan Rachel Wood poses at the Los Angeles County Museum of Art (LACMA) 2012 Art + Film Gala in Los Angeles, California on 27 Oct, 2012.—REUTERS

In a Twitter posting on Wednesday, Wood, best known for her roles in "The Wrestler" and coming of age movie "Thirteen," said

teen star of "Billy Elliot" about a ballet dancer growing up in a tough coal mining town in northern England.

Reuters

Drew Barrymore to launch make-up line



Drew Barrymore's make up line be sold exclusively to American retailer Wal-Mart.

LONDON, 1 Nov—Charlie's Angels star Drew Barrymore is reportedly launching her own make-up line.

The 37-year-old actress, who has been a face for Procter and Gamble's (P&G) Cover Girl brand since 2007, has decided to create her own line, reported Sun online.

She is said to be waiting until her contract with P&G ends, before releasing the beauty products, which will be sold exclusively to American retailer Wal-Mart.

The Charlie's Angels star has teamed up with Italian-based supplier of cosmetics, make-up and skin care Intercos.

It would be the actress' first time branching into the beauty market and it is believed the project will also be the first full make-up brand to be developed from scratch.

"Drew continues to be a Cover Girl. As a rule, we don't discuss the details of our contracts with our celebrities and ambassadors," a spokeswoman from P&G said.

PTI

Kate Moss opens up about modeling misery

NEW YORK, 1 Nov—If you hate having your picture taken, you're in good company — British supermodel Kate Moss does as well. "I'm terrible at a snapshot. Terrible. I blink all the time. I've got facial Tourette's," she told *Vanity Fair* in the December issue, out on Wednesday.

Moss, who has graced countless magazine covers and was emblematic of the waif look popular in the 1990s, added "Unless I'm working and in that zone, I'm not very good at pictures."

Moss, 38, opened up

about her years spent before the camera, including now-legendary shoots that left her anxious, demoralized, and hungry.

Among her regrets is a 1992 Calvin Klein session that helped launched Moss' career. She recalled the shoot, at age 17 or 18, with Mark Wahlberg (then going by his rapper name, Marky Mark) and photographer Herb Ritts.

"I had a nervous breakdown," she said. "It (the job) didn't feel like me at all. I felt really bad about straddling this buff guy. I didn't like it. I couldn't get out of bed for two weeks. I thought I was going to die."

"It was just anxiety," she

added.

"Nobody takes care of you mentally. There's a massive pressure to do what you have to do (and) I was really little ... I didn't like it. But it was work, and I had to do it." When she was even younger, she posed nude for *The Face* — another regret.

"I see a 16-year-old now, and to ask her to take her clothes off would feel really weird. But they were like, 'If you don't do it, then we're not going to book you again.'"

Reuters

British model Kate Moss poses during the launch of the new Mango 2012 collection in London on 24 Jan, 2012. REUTERS



Priyanka Chopra

Priyanka Chopra says it's cool to wear a dress twice

MUMBAI, 1 Nov—According to a source: "Most Bollywood celebrities are known to have a change of clothing several times during the day. PC and her stylist Ami Patel want to run a campaign on a social media platform saying it is cool to repeat costumes."

The source added: "Priyanka thinks it's cool to repeat clothes to stay eco-friendly."

It's a waste of resources to keep

churning out more and more clothes."

The source further said that the actress has a special message for her fans through this move.

"Youngsters usually ape stars or fashion icons.

And it is very unfair to have this pressure of not being able to repeat clothes or accessories," pointed out the source.

PTI



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Robert Pattinson to be the new face of Dior men's fragrances

LOS ANGELES, 1 Nov—Robert Pattinson has signed a \$12 million fragrance deal with Dior.

The *Twilight* Saga actor is reportedly set to be named the new face of the French fashion house's line of men's fragrances and will star in an advertising campaign in the coming months.

According to E! News the deal is for three years with a source close to the

actor saying: "Rob likes the brand." If the deal goes ahead, Robert will be following in the footsteps of his on and off screen lover Kristen Stewart, who is the face of Balenciaga fragrances.

Speaking about her relationship with the Spanish design house, she previously said: "Balenciaga has always stood out to me."

"Even when I first began

to consider fashion and admittedly rarely knew the brand I was wearing, I always knew and loved Balenciaga."

"It feels full circle to be involved with something that spoke to me then and of course continues to excite me now."

"The brand is just cool. That's the way it is."

Creative director of the brand Nicolas Ghesquiere insisted Kristen was great

for Balenciaga because of her "progressive character". He said: "Kristen embodies the modernity of the new Balenciaga fragrance with her unique sensibility and intelligence."

"From her early appearance in *Panic Room* to her independent choice of *Welcome to the Rileys*, I've always sensed her progressive character."

PTI

Chelsea beat United 5-4, holders Liverpool out



LONDON, 1 Nov— Chelsea came from behind three times to overhaul Manchester United 5-4 after extra time and book a spot in the League Cup quarter-



Manchester United's goalkeeper Lindegaard dives for the ball as Chelsea's Sturridge scores during extra time in their English League Cup soccer match at Stamford Bridge in London on 31 Oct, 2012.—REUTERS

finals on Wednesday, Tottenham Hotspur 2-1, earning sweet revenge for Sunday's controversial 3-2 league defeat. Holders Liverpool, fielding a weakened side

for the secondary cup competition, were knocked out by boss Brendan Rodgers' former side Swansea City 3-1 while Norwich City came from behind to beat

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in December while fourth division Bradford City will host Arsenal, 7-5 winners over Reading on Tuesday.

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Robin van Persie

LONDON, 1 Nov—Manchester United and Arsenal, who have scored and conceded a total of 41 goals between them in eight matches since 20 October, promise a feast of football on Saturday as Robin van Persie faces his ex-club for the first time.

Arsenal will be desperate to stop their

Goals may flow as United and Van Persie host Arsenal

former talismanic striker, who scored 37 goals for the Gunners in all competitions last term before joining United in August where he has continued to find the net ahead of the Old Trafford clash at 12.45 pm British Time.

The Londoners, though, had no trouble without him on Tuesday when they sealed a remarkable 7-5 extra-time win at Reading in the League Cup after trailing 4-0 at one stage in an extraordinary match.

Winger Theo Walcott scored a hat-trick and boss Arsene Wenger says he can play as a striker, a sticking point in contract negotiations, but a berth up front at United seems too soon.

"I always said that he will be a striker, so we are on the same wavelength there," Wenger told reporters having struggled to replace Van Persie.

"Secondly, I believe he knows where to be in the box on the rebounds. I like that — that's a quality of a striker that you cannot give to anybody. You feel it or you don't."

The last time United scored as many as seven in a game was August last year when they beat Arsenal 8-2 at home but they have netted consistently this season, losing Wednesday's League Cup last 16 clash 5-4 at Chelsea after extra time.

Reuters

Rose hoping China success will add up for European race

Golf

SHENZHEN, (China), 1 Oct—After climbing to a career high fifth in the world rankings and featuring in Europe's Ryder Cup victory, Justin Rose could be forgiven for resting on his laurels as the 2012 season draws to a close.

Since he has been mining a rich vein of form in recent months, however, the Briton has his eye on yet more glory before putting away his clubs for the year.

When he tees up in the first round of the \$7 million HSBC Champions event at Mission Hills on Thursday, Rose's first target will be to add a second World Golf Championship title to the Cadillac Championship he won at Doral in March.

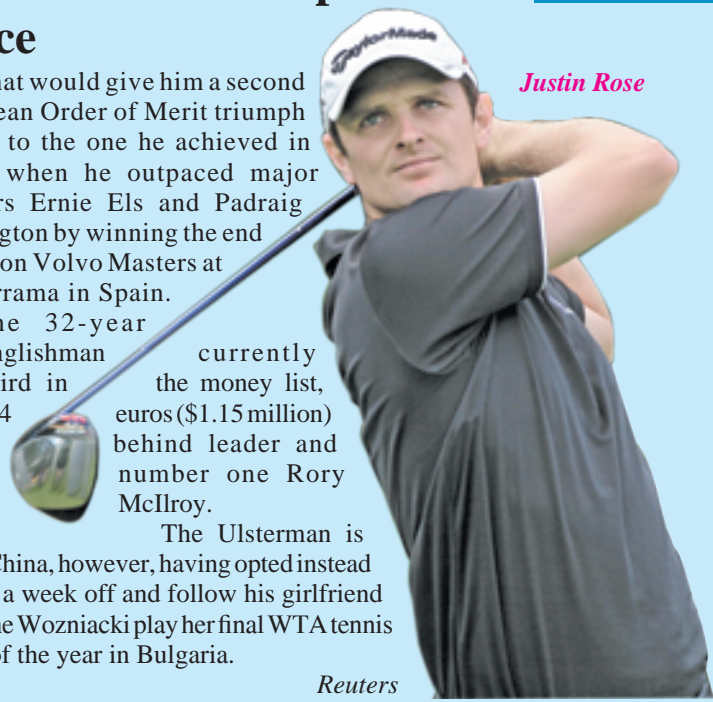
That could be the stepping stone to his final ambition of 2012, coming out on top of what looks being a tight finish to the European Tour's Race to Dubai.

That would give him a second European Order of Merit triumph to add to the one he achieved in 2007, when he outpaced major winners Ernie Els and Padraig Harrington by winning the end of season Volvo Masters at Valderrama in Spain.

The 32-year-old Englishman currently lies third in the money list, 888,774 euros (\$1.15 million) behind leader and number one Rory McIlroy.

The Ulsterman is not in China, however, having opted instead to take a week off and follow his girlfriend Caroline Wozniacki play her final WTA tennis event of the year in Bulgaria.

Reuters



Justin Rose

Toro Rosso stick with same line-up in 2013

Formula One

ABUDHABI, 1 Nov— Australian Daniel Ricciardo and Frenchman Jean-Eric Vergne will stay at Toro Rosso next season in an unchanged lineup, the Formula One team said on Wednesday.

It will be both men's second year at the Italian-based team, sister outfit to champions Red Bull.

"Both drivers have done a good job this season," said team principal Franz Tost in a statement ahead of Sunday's Abu Dhabi Grand Prix.

"Since the summer break, both drivers have scored more points and everyone in the team has been impressed with their maturity in terms of working with the engineers and their racecraft on track."

Vergne has scored 12

points from 17 races so far while Ricciardo has nine to his tally. Toro Rosso are ninth in the constructors' standings with three rounds left.

"There are big expectations for next year and I'm ready and willing to fulfil them," said Ricciardo.

"I feel I have been growing and developing as a driver and my approach to the technical side of the sport has also progressed this year."

Vergne, who has been backed by Red Bull from the early years of his career, recognised it had been a tough debut season but felt he had also learned a lot.

"I feel much stronger now and I know I have become a better driver over the course of the season," he added.—Reuters



Australian Daniel Ricciardo and Frenchman Jean-Eric Vergne

Tennis

Deflated Djokovic knocked out of Paris Masters



Novak Djokovic

PAIRS, 1 Nov— World number two Novak Djokovic suddenly ran out of gas as he was knocked out 0-6, 7-6, 6-4 by American Sam Querrey in the second round of the Paris

Masters on Wednesday. Serbia's Djokovic, who will replace Swiss Roger Federer as the world number one next Monday, breezed through the opening set

before losing control.

Querrey was trailing 0-2 in the second set but dramatically improved after bagging his first game of the match.

Djokovic, who had got into the Halloween spirit by turning up on centre court wearing a Darth Vader mask, ended up being slayed by Querrey's powerful serve and forehand. British third seed Andy Murray remained on course for his maiden Masters title of the season with a comprehensive 7-5, 6-3 victory over French wildcard Paul-Henri Mathieu.

"There were not too many rallies at the beginning,

At the end of the first set it was a bit better, with more rallies, but it was a tricky match," Murray told a courtside interviewer.

In contrast, Djokovic enjoyed a great start before crumbling.

"Great tennis at the start but I knew that the main problem today will be the continuity of my energy," Djokovic, who had a stomach bug last weekend, told a news conference.

"Unfortunately, it wasn't to be after the second set. And during the second set I already felt that physically I'm down and I struggled every game."—Reuters

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- 17. Internet Garden
- 7:00 pm
- 18. TV Drama Series
- 8:00 pm
- 19. News
- 20. International News
- 21. TV Drama Series
- 22. Song Lover

Papaya, medicinal fruit for consumers



YESAGYO, 1 Nov— While Myanmar domestic species of papaya in the market, hybrid papaya species from neighbouring countries are taking positions in the market.

Domestic species of papaya is sweeter than hybrid papaya species. Nowadays, the people consume fresh fruits and vegetables thanks to better transportation. At Yesagyo Myoma market, big papaya fruits are on sales.

A bag of three papaya is fixed at K 600 for transport charge and the four to five papaya fruits at K 100. The shoppers re-sell fruit of big papaya at K 500, the small of K 200.

Everybody should eat fruit of papaya daily. The fruit prevents against diseases. It is a diet food. Especially, those working at sitting and suffering from constipation should eat papaya twice a week.

Myanma Alinn

UN Security Council relocates due to storm damage: envoys



Delegates sit for a Security Council meeting to discuss Peace and Security in the Middle East during the 67th United Nations General Assembly at the UN Headquarters in New York, on 26 Sept, 2012.— REUTERS

NEW YORK, 1 Nov — The UN Security Council was forced to relocate on Wednesday for a meeting on Somalia and other issues because of extensive water damage to parts of the United Nations complex from the storm Sandy, UN officials and diplomats said. It was not immediately clear how badly the UN buildings were damaged by the storm.

The UN press office sent a statement to reporters announcing that the UN headquarters would reopen Thursday after a three-day closure and outlining which areas would be accessible.

The statement also said senior UN officials would brief reporters on Thursday about the damage the UN sustained during the massive storm Sandy, which

flooded many parts of lower Manhattan and left nearly 2 million residents of New York state without electricity since Monday.

Diplomats said flooding in basement areas at the UN was severe enough to require the 15-nation Security Council to move to a temporary container-like structure built to house parts of the UN secretariat and

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conference rooms during a years-long renovation of the main buildings due to finish in 2013.

"The council chamber was hit, IT (information technology) was apparently damaged, possibly some documents as well," a council diplomat told Reuters on condition of anonymity. Another council envoy confirmed the diplomat's remarks.

The US Northeast began crawling back to normal on Wednesday after Sandy crippled transportation, knocked out power for millions and killed at least 45 people in nine states with a massive storm surge and rain that caused epic flooding.

When the Security Council met on Wednesday, it approved the extension of its mandate for the African Union peacekeeping mission in Somalia for one week before meeting again next week to vote on a 12-month extension for the force, known as AMISOM.

Reuters

Flood ebbs, Northeast picks up after epic storm

NEW YORK, 1 Nov — New York City and the sodden US Northeast began an arduous journey back to normal on Wednesday after mammoth storm Sandy killed at least 64 people in a rampage that swamped coastal cities and cut power to millions.

Financial markets reopened with the New York Stock Exchange running on generator power after the first weather-related two-day closure since an 1888 blizzard.

Packed buses took commuters to work with New York's subway system idle after seawater flooded its tunnels.

President Barack Obama, who has halted campaigning with the election six days away, set

aside political differences with New Jersey Republican Governor Chris Christie for a helicopter tour of the devastated coast, where they saw flooded and sand-swept neighbourhoods and burning homes.

"The entire country's been watching. Everyone knows how hard Jersey has been hit," Obama told residents at an evacuation shelter in the town of Brigantine.

We're not going to tolerate any red tape. We're not going to tolerate any bureaucracy," he said of the relief effort. The US Navy said it was moving ships closer to areas affected by the disaster in case they might be needed, including the helicopter carrier USS Wasp.

Reuters



People stand amidst burnt houses, near those which survived in Breezy Point, a neighbourhood located in the New York City borough of Queens, after it was devastated by Hurricane Sandy on 31 Oct, 2012. — REUTERS

New York City grapples with recovery efforts after devastation

Disaster

NEW YORK, 1 Nov — Workers in New York City have been racing against the clock fixing damaged power grids and restoring mass transit systems disrupted by devastating Hurricane Sandy so as to bring back normalcy as early as possible. Hurricane Sandy lashed US East Coast and made a landfall at New Jersey on Monday evening, knocking out power for millions and killing at least

64 people, 22 of whom were in New York City, and producing a massive storm surge that caused historic flooding in some of subway tunnels in lower Manhattan, which led to a suspension of service to the entire subway systems in NYC.

As Sandy faded further inland, bus and bridge services in New York City were resumed late Tuesday, but road congestion was ubiquitous in every street of Manhattan, one of NYC's

five boroughs, because of a loss of subway service across NYC.

One of the residents told Xinhua that she and his husband had been trapped in their apartment in lower Manhattan suffering from power outage and a shortage of water supply in their residence for two consecutive days.

New York Governor Andrew Cuomo on Wednesday called for patience and tolerance

because of the current traffic conditions. Cuomo said in a briefing early in the day that starting on Thursday, the city's subway systems will resume partial service from 42nd street of Manhattan and upward, but subway service below that street remains suspended. "In 108 years, our employees have never faced a challenge like the one that confronts us now," MTA Chairman Joseph Lhota said in his statement.

Xinhua

Book Corners fill the public with knowledge

NAY PYI TAW, 1 Nov—Book Corners (knowledge pots) are on schedule to be established at crowded places such as stations, airports and bus terminals at the four corners of the country.

The Information and Public Relations Department under the Ministry of Information began initiatives of the plan in Nay Pyi Taw, Yangon and Mandalay as of today as public service, and

has set up book corners in other towns of the Regions and States on 5 November, but another will gradually be set up in district towns.

The book corners freely serve public with daily newspapers, publications, magazines, novels, journals.

Literary Associations, NGOs, INGOs and well-wishers are invited to make donations for book corners.

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Passengers reading publications at Book Corners (knowledge pots) opened as public service media by Information and Public Relations Department at Nay Pyi Taw Railway Station.—MNA



Thai Prime Minister Yingluck Shinawatra (C, front) and her new cabinet pose for group photos in front of the Government House in Bangkok, Thailand, on 1 Nov 2012. It's the second cabinet reshuffle since the female prime minister took office last August.—XINHUA

News in Brief

Maintenance of road, bridge inspected

Deputy Minister for Construction U Soe Tint inspected upgrading of Magyigan-Hngetawsan-Kyaikhtaw road, maintenance of Po Thagyar Bridge and road erosion in Kawhmu Township on 29 October.

Palethwe paddy harvested in Kyangin

Chief Minister of Ayeyawady Region U Thein Aung and the Region Minister for Agriculture and Livestock Breeding attended the harvesting of Palethwe hybrid paddy of Ayeya Kyangin Paddy Company Ltd in Zeebingwin Village-tract of Kyangin Township on 27 October.

New passage to Kyaikkhami Pagoda opened

A ceremony to inaugurate new passage to Kyaikkhami Hsutaungpyae Yayle Pagoda was held in Thanbyuzayat Township on 29 October morning. Chief Minister of Mon State U Ohn Myint unveiled the plaque of the facility.

Winners in performing arts competition honoured

Taninthayi Region Government honoured the winners in the 19th Myanmar National Races' Traditional Performing Arts Competition at its office on 29 October. Chief Minister of the region U Myat Ko presented gifts to the winners.

Fuel shortages, power outages hamper Sandy recovery

NEW YORK, 1 Nov—New Yorkers awoke to the rumble of subway trains for the first time in four days on Thursday in one sign of recovery from Sandy's devastating blow. But elsewhere in the storm-struck Northeast, gasoline shortages persisted and emergency teams struggled to reach the worst hit areas and restore power to millions of people. At least 76 people in North America died in superstorm Sandy, which rampaged through the US Northeast on Monday night, and officials said the count could still rise as rescuers searched house-to-house through coastal towns.

After a three-day hiatus, President Barack Obama was to return to the campaign trail, boosted in his reelection bid by a resounding endorsement of his leadership from the Republican governor of New Jersey.—Reuters

China proposes new initiatives for Syria ceasefire

BEIJING, 1 Nov—China said on Thursday it had proposed new initiatives to head off an escalation of violence in Syria, including a phased, region-by-region ceasefire and the establishment of a transitional governing body.

The Chinese plan, proposed on Wednesday to Lakhdar Brahimi, the visiting United Nations-Arab League joint peace envoy on Syria, comes after the collapse of the latest ceasefire proposal to stop the fighting over the Muslim Eid al-Adha holiday.

The 19-month-old conflict, in which rebels are trying to oust President Bashar al-Assad, has killed about 32,000 people.

Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman Hong Lei told a regular news briefing that under the "new proposal there are constructive new suggestions such as a

ceasefire region by region and phase by phase, and establishing a transitional governing body".

He said it was "an extension of China's effort to push for a political resolution of the Syrian issue".

Guo Xian'gang, a senior research fellow at the China Institute of International Studies, a government think tank, said the latest proposal did not herald a change in Beijing's position, "but it makes it more concrete".

"China has always maintained the principle of peaceful resolution of the Syria problem, that anti-government forces should achieve peace through dialogue, without outside armed intervention," Guo said.

Brahimi met on Wednesday with Chinese Foreign Minister Yang Jiechi, who said the world should act with greater ur-

gency to support Brahimi's mediation efforts.

"More and more countries have come to realize that a military option offers no way out, and a political settlement has become an increasingly shared aspiration," Hong said.

"China's new proposal is aimed at building international consensus and supporting Brahimi's mediation efforts ... and push forward for relevant parties in Syria to realize an early ceasefire and end of violence, and launch a political transition process led by the Syrian people at an early date."

China and Russia, both permanent members of the UN Security Council, have vetoed three Western-backed UN draft resolutions condemning Assad's government for the bloodshed.

But China has been keen to show it is not taking sides and has urged the Syrian government to talk to the opposition and take steps to meet demands for political change.

In the latest wave of violence, rebels killed 28 Syrian army soldiers on Thursday in an attack on three checkpoints around the town of Saraqeb straddling the main north-south highway, the British-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights said.

Reuters



A man carries his wife through the floodwaters in Hoboken, New Jersey, October 31, 2012.—REUTERS

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