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President U Thein Sein attends plenary session of 9th ASEM



NAY PYI TAW, 5 Nov— President U Thein Sein attended plenary session of ninth Asia-Europe Meeting at Champa Grand Hall of National Convention Centre in Vientiane in Lao People's Democratic

Republic this evening. The session was also attended by Heads of State/Government, deputy PMs and ministers from ASEAN, Asian and European countries, the ASEAN Secretary-General, the European Commission

President and high-level officials. The meeting focused on food and energy security, sustainable development, financial and economic crisis, climate change, disaster risk management, social and cultural cooperation and

future plans.

The theme of the meeting is "Friends for Peace, Partners for Prosperity". ASEM established in 1996 with 26 countries turns 16. The number of members has increased to 48. The ASEM

President U Thein Sein attends plenary session of ninth Asia-Europe Meeting.—MNA

significantly contributed to building mutual trust between Asia and Europe, peace and stability, development and prosperity.

The President attended dinner hosted by Laotian President Mr Choummaly Sayasone at Don Chan Palace Hotel.—MNA

Obama, Romney to make their final case on last day of race

WASHINGTON, 5 Nov— President Barack Obama and Republican challenger Mitt Romney make a frenetic dash to a series of crucial swing states on Monday, delivering their final arguments to voters on the last day of an extraordinarily close race for the White House.

After a long, bitter and expensive campaign, national polls show Obama and Romney are essentially

deadlocked ahead of Tuesday's election, although Obama has a slight advantage in the eight or nine battleground states that will decide the winner. Obama plans to visit three of those swing states on Monday and Romney will travel to four to plead for support in a fierce White House campaign that focused primarily on the lagging economy but at times turned intensely personal.

The election's outcome

will impact a variety of domestic and foreign policy issues, from the looming "fiscal cliff" of spending cuts and tax increases that could kick in at the end of the year to questions about how to handle illegal immigration or the thorny challenge of Iran's nuclear ambitions. The balance of power in Congress also will be at stake on Tuesday, with Obama's Democrats now expected to narrowly hold their Senate majority and Romney's Republicans favoured to retain control of the House of Representatives.

In a race where the two candidates and their party allies raised a combined \$2 billion, the most in U.S. history, both sides have pounded the heavily contested battleground states with an unprecedented barrage of ads. The close margins in state and national polls suggested the possibility of a cliffhanger that could be decided by which side

has the best turnout operation and gets its voters to the polls.

In the final days, both Obama and Romney focused on firing up core supporters and wooing the last few undecided voters in battleground states. Romney reached out to dissatisfied Obama supporters from 2008, calling himself the candidate of change and ridiculing Obama's failure to live up to his campaign promises. "He promised to do so very much but frankly he fell so very short," Romney said at a rally in Cleveland, Ohio, on Sunday.

Obama, citing improving economic reports on the pace of hiring, argued in the final stretch that he has made progress in turning around the economy but needed a second White House term to finish the job. "This is a choice between two different versions of America," Obama said in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Reuters

Five bomb blasts hit Bahrain capital, two killed

DUBAI, 5 Nov— Five bombs exploded in the heart of the Bahraini capital Manama on Monday, killing two people, officials said, in rare attacks targeting civilians during the 21-month-old uprising against the kingdom's US-backed rulers. The blasts, one outside a cinema, could be a sign that radical elements of the opposition are escalating violence. They took place days after the government said it had banned all rallies and opposition gatherings to ensure public safety. The victims were Asian street cleaners and one died after kicking a device which then blew up, said the Interior Ministry. It said the bombs were home-made and described the blasts as "terrorist acts" – its term

for attacks by opposition activists. Police have been targeted by explosions several times this year, as the government has stepped up efforts to quell the uprising that has simmered since democracy protests broke out in early 2011.

But bombs targeting civilians are rare in the Gulf nation, where the Sunni Muslim Khalifa dynasty rules over a majority Shi'ite population. The kingdom hosts the US Fifth Fleet, which patrols oil shipping lanes in the Gulf region.

The explosions on Monday took place between 4:30 am and 9:30 am (0130 and 0630 GMT) in the Qudaibiya and Adliya districts of Manama, the BNA agency said.

MNA /Reuters



Public announcement for remonstrations

1. National Democratic Party for Human Rights headquartered at No (54/kha) in Ward-8 of Mayangon Township of Yangon Region on 5-11-2012 submitted its applications to register as a political party under the Article-5 of Political Parties Registration Law. In its application, it is mentioned that the party will use its name, flag and seal described hereunder.
2. It is hereby announced in accord with Political Parties Registration Rules 14 (d) that if there is anyone who wants to remonstrate about the name, flag and seal of the party, they may remonstrate with the Union Election Commission with firm evidence within seven days from the day of the announcement.



Flag of the National Democratic Party for Human Rights



Seal of the National Democratic Party for Human Rights Union Election Commission

Application for registration of political party submitted

NAY PYI TAW, 5 Nov — Union Election Commission is scrutinizing and passing the applications for registration as a political party. National Democratic Party for Human Rights submitted the application for registration as a political party to the Union Election Commission today. MNA

Work progress and future tasks on Yangon Port Development project under implementation discussed



Union Minister U Nyan Tun Aung makes clarification on work progress and future tasks on Yangon Port Development project. MNA

YANGON, 5 Nov — Work is well under way to turn Yangon into a city of international level based on a plan of transforming its port into a public recreation centre. In the process, officials of Myanmar Port Authority are to make clarifications which are to be discussed by those from Yangon City Development Committee to ensure that the plan is in line with Yangon City Development Project. With this end in view, those from media world are invited for good suggestions, said Union Minister for Transport U Nyan Tun Aung at the clarification on work progress and future tasks on Yangon Port Development project being implemented under Port Conceptual Plan held at the MPA here this morning. Next, General Manager of MPA U Kyaw Myint explained work being carried and future tasks for Yangon Port Development project being implemented under Port Conceptual Plan. Afterwards, Yangon Region Development Affairs Minister Yangon Mayor U Hla Myint reported to the minister, saying that it is required not to harm the beautiful scenes of historic buildings in implementing the project and YCDC will give a helping hand to the most possible degree to the drive for the development of Yangon Port. MNA

Women play vital role in shaping the nation into modern and developed one

NAY PYI TAW, 5 Nov — “According to the 2008-09 statistics, females comprise more than half of the total population of 58.38 million of Myanmar. As women make up of 63.99 per cent in health sector, 76.64 per cent in education sector and 50.99 per cent in administrative sector, women play a vital role in shaping the nation into a modern and developed one. It is required to implement the plans laid down in Beijing Conference in accordance with the State’s policies, Union Minister



Union Minister Dr Daw Myat Myat Ohn Khin makes a speech at the ceremony. MNA

for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Dr Daw Myat Myat Ohn Khin said at the opening ceremony of meeting on implementation of the United Nations Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women held at Thingaha Hotel, here, this morning. The meeting focused on Myanmar’s activities on UNCEDWA and matters related to enhancement of the role of women in development sectors. MNA

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Five Defence Services Personnel Region or State Hluttaw representatives substituted

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

	Kayah State Hluttaw	Substitution
(1) BC 20309	Major Cho Win	BC 26724 Major Min Thu
(2) BC 33101	Major Thein Htut Win	BC 39213 Captain Di Par Maung
(3) BC 29683	Major Ye Win Aung	BC 33638 Major Tin Myo Latt
(4) BC 29780	Major Myint Oo	BC 33694 Major Thit Lwin
(5) BC 33188	Major Mya Khaing	BC 30545 Major Nyi Nyi Tin

By order,
Win Ko
Member
Union Election Commission

Gov’t starting to register farmlands: Union A&I Minister

NAY PYI TAW, 5 Nov — The government is embarking on land registration to obtain accurate figures as the farmland law and the fallow land, virgin land and vacant land management law have been enacted, Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing said at the coordination meeting and paper reading session for issuance of the report on compilation of land registration in 2010 here this morning. The accurate figures are key to food sufficiency, he said. He also said the modern techniques and equipment would be employed to compile the updated data. United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization Representative to Myanmar Ms Bui Thi Lan elaborated on the cooperation between the ministry and FAO for the release of the report. Papers about land registration were read out at the paper reading session. MNA

MobiFone holds workshop on sustainable development strategies

YANGON, 5 Nov — With the aim of sharing information about rapid development process of Vietnam’s mobile sector from monopoly to competition in past 15 years and its experiences on how to become a leading mobile operator during the transitional process, MobiFone, a leading mobile operator in Vietnam, held a workshop on sustainable development strategies for mobile operator, here, on 15 October. An official of MobiFone said that sustainable development in telecom sector could not be achieved by own resources



of local operators; that it was necessary to have strong supports shared by experienced, well-known foreign operators; and that the key to success was to find the right partner and to synergize strengths of both parties. MobiFone is establishing a Representative Office in Myanmar to be able to strengthen multi-faceted contribution to Myanmar telecom industry in the long run. The workshop was attended by officials and managers from Myanmar’s telecom sector. MobiFone experts exchanged their views and shared their experiences in how to boost Myanmar telecom wireless penetration rate in the most beneficial way to Myanmar people, to Myanmar government and all the players. NLM

WORLD

Arab ministerial committee on Syria convenes on 12 November

MIDDLE EAST

CAIRO, 5 Nov — The Arab ministerial committee in charge of handling the Syrian crisis will convene here its meeting on 12 Nov, prior to a Arab foreign ministers' meeting later in the same day, at headquarter of the Arab League (AL), Kuwait's Permanent Delegate to AL Jamal Al-Ghuneim said on Sunday.

The meeting will discuss the latest developments in Syria in the humanitarian and political fields in light of efforts of the Lakhdar Brahimi, UN-AL joint special representative to Syria, and the results of his visit to Moscow and Beijing, according to a media statement issued by Ghuneim.

A proposition of the Syrian issue will be submitted by the committee's meeting to the AL's emergency meeting at the foreign ministers level, to crystallize Arab stance towards the crisis.

Brahimi will deliver a report in the FM meeting about the future horizons for the Syrian crisis, and his visions to tackle the crisis based on his triple meeting here in Cairo with the AL chief Nabil al-Arabi and Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov.

The FMs' meeting will also touch upon preparations for the UN conference on evacuating the Middle East from nuclear weapons, and mass destruction weapons.

In its sides, a document

named Cairo Declaration will be announced during the Arab-European Union foreign ministers joint meeting, scheduled to be held on 13 Nov in Cairo, which will also highlight the Syrian crisis and other regional issues. The shaky truce for Eid al-Adha proposed by Brahimi was torn apart by deadly airstrikes and car bomb attacks late October, with the Syrian government and the opposition pointing fingers at each other.

Xinhua



Design drawing of the Sea Tree, a multi-tiered structure comprising of layered green habitats by Dutch architect Koen Olthuis. This is a water-based park, which will offer favourable living areas for wild animals, also bring positive green effects to urban environments.—XINHUA

Somali PM announces new cabinet

Somali

MOGADISHU, 5 Nov — Somalia's Prime Minister Abdi Farah Shirdoon on Sunday announced much-anticipated 10-member cabinet.

The ministers include two women. One of them, Fowsiya Adan, was named Foreign Minister, first time in the country's history.

Speaking at the joint Press conference at the State House in Mogadishu, Shirdoon said that he formed small cabinet with security as a priority.

"Considering the difficult situation our country is in, I have formed a small cabinet of full quality that can lead the country to reliable stability in this difficult time," Prime Minister Shirdoon said.

The Minister of

defence portfolio went to Abdelhakim Mohamoud Haji Fiqi who held this position in government of former Prime Minister Mohamed Abdulahi Farmajo between 2010 and 2011. It was the leanest government formed for Somalia thus far since successive interim administrations the country had for the past decade.

The prime minister is expected to present his cabinet and its programme to the Somali parliament in next few days when a vote of confidence will be carried out to endorse or reject the new ministerial line-up.

Somalia has been without a central government since former ruler Mohamed Siyad Barre was ousted in 1991.

Xinhua

CPC discipline watchdog concludes plenum, vowing intensified anti-corruption

China



He Guoqiang, a member of the Standing Committee of the Political Bureau of the Communist Party of China (CPC) Central Committee, addresses the Eighth Plenary Session of the 17th Central Commission for Discipline Inspection (CCDI) of the CPC in Beijing, capital of China, on 4 Nov, 2012.

XINHUA

BEIJING, 5 Nov — The 17th Central Commission for Discipline Inspection (CCDI) of the Communist Party of China (CPC) concluded its two-day Eighth Plenary Session on Sunday, pledging to intensify anti-corruption efforts.

The meeting discussed and approved a work report to be submitted by the CCDI to the 18th CPC National Congress, scheduled to open on 8 Nov.

He Guoqiang, CCDI Secretary and member of

the Standing Committee of the Political Bureau of the CPC Central Committee, addressed the meeting.

The Party's efforts to improve cadres' conduct in office and fight corruption since the 17th CPC National Congress five years ago have taken effect, said a communique released by CCDI after the meeting.

However, the document said it must be fully understood that anti-corruption is a "long-term, complicated and tough battle," given the

changing situation as well as complicated and critical challenges faced by the Party.

With a new situation concerning the world, China as well as the CPC, the Party is facing "long-term, complicated and severe tests in governing the country, in carrying out reform and opening up, in developing the market economy, as well as tests in the external environment," it said.

Meanwhile, the document said the whole Party is confronted with growing danger of "lacking in drive, incompetence, divorce from

the people, and corruption." The CPC will stick to the guideline of curbing graft by both penalty and preventive measures while focusing more on prevention, according to the document.

"Fighting corruption and promoting cleanness and honesty in a resolute manner is a consistent political stand held by the CPC and also a key political issue that is of major concern to the people," said the communique.

Greater efforts will be made to improve the CPC's corruption punishment and prevention system, and to solve the outstanding problems that are major sources of complaints by the masses, the communique said.

The efforts aim to bring about honest cadres and clean governments, thus guaranteeing the implementation of key policies and plans chalked out by the upcoming 18th CPC National Congress, it added.

Zhang Jun and Chen Wenqing were elected as CCDI deputy secretaries at the plenary session.—Xinhua

G20 flags US fiscal cliff, Europe's debt woes

MEXICO CITY, 5 Nov—Unless a fractious US Congress can reach a deal, about \$600 billion in government spending cuts and higher taxes are set to kick in on 1 January, threatening to push the American economy back into recession and hit world growth. But with the US presidential election looming on Tuesday, dealing with the fiscal cliff has been delayed. "The Americans themselves acknowledge that this is a problem," a G20 official said on condition of anonymity.

"The US administration says it doesn't want to fall off the fiscal cliff, but right

now it can't tell us how exactly it will address it because that issue is on ice ahead of the election."

Tax cuts enacted under President George W Bush are set to expire in January, when automatic spending cuts designed to put pressure on lawmakers to strike a long-term budget deal are also set to kick in.

"What remains a sort of key aspect is that the United States is not respecting the current commitments (to reduce its deficits) and does not have a credible fiscal consolidation plan," one European official said.

The US Congress will also soon have to raise the

nation's debt limit to avoid a default. An initial consensus around the need for urgent action to prevent a new depression has given way to deep differences over issues such as spending to boost growth and the right pace of belt-tightening to tackle high debt levels.

Jose Angel Gurria, head of the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development, said on Saturday the G20 should appeal to the United States to avoid the fiscal cliff, but added he was optimistic that Congress would strike a deal.

"I still believe it is not going to be applied," Gurria said in an interview before

the meeting of G20 finance chiefs, which formally starts on Sunday. Officials are also concerned about Japan's own fiscal cliff, and recognize that previous commitments made by developed countries to cut their budget deficits in half by 2013 and to stabilize their debt load by 2015 look unfeasible.

US and European officials are also likely to come under pressure from G20 peers for dragging their feet on implementing the so-called Basel III accords on financial regulations, the world's response to the 2007-09 financial crisis.

Reuters



Photo taken on 4 Nov, 2012, shows the venue of a conference for senior officials from Asian countries in Vientiane, which was held 1 Nov prior to the Asia-Europe Meeting summit on 5 and 6 Nov in the capital of Laos.

KYODO NEWS

The app's the thing as Shakespeare

Technology

goes digital

NEW YORK, 5 Nov—William Shakespeare's plays are getting a 21st century-style makeover in the form of new apps for tablets and smart phones nearly 500 years after the Bard took pen to parchment.

Plays such as "Romeo and Juliet" and "Macbeth" spring to life in iPad apps released by Cambridge University Press, which pairs the texts with audio performances, commentary and other interactive content, transforming the classic plays for the digital age.

The apps are part of a new series called Explore Shakespeare that was introduced by the British publishing house to expand the playwright's reach to casual readers.

"A lot of people have a copy of Shakespeare on their bookshelf that they

never got around to reading because they have this idea that Shakespeare is hard or has to be studied to be appreciated," said John Pettigrew, executive producer of the Explore Shakespeare series.

Pettigrew believes the plays are meant to be enjoyed and are accessible provided readers are given context to overcome outdated or poetic language.

While the core focus of the app is on the actual text, readers can consult glossaries, notes, photos and synopses at any point in the script. "Everything there is designed to keep you in the mind of the actor, director or writer," he explained.

To understand less common language, readers can tap on words and phrases to delve into their

meaning.

"A classic one is in 'Romeo and Juliet' which is 'wherefore art thou Romeo?' It's not 'where are you Romeo?', It's 'why are you Romeo?' So that kind of phrase gets a glossary to explain what is meant," said Pettigrew.

The apps also include full audio performances from stars such as Kate Beckinsale and Martin Sheen. Other features help readers to visualize relations between actors in a scene, understand how Shakespeare interweaves themes throughout the play, and to analyze the text more thoroughly.

"You can delve into the language or themes or interpretation, but our first task is to show that it's just a good story," Pettigrew said.

Reuters



File photo shows a woman uses a Vestel augmented reality installation at the IFA consumer electronics fair in Berlin, on 31 August, 2012.

REUTERS

EU boosts radio spectrum for superfast mobile services

Technology

NEW YORK, 5 Nov—The European Commission is to release a swathe of radio spectrum to give mobile and internet companies more space for rolling out faster fourth-generation (4G) wireless services.

Monday's announcement means an extra 120 MHz of spectrum will be available for 4G from 2014 at the latest to try to accommodate a sharp rise in the use of such services on mobile devices. The radio spectrum, used by all wireless technologies for sending and receiving information, is becoming increasingly crowded as mobile demand adds to TV and radio broadcasting in using a resource also needed by emergency services and military telecommunications.

Industry estimates put growth in global mobile data traffic at 26 percent annually by 2015. According to networking firm Cisco Systems, mobile data traffic volumes in the European Union are expected to increase by more than 90 percent each year for the next 5 years.

Superfast 4G mobile communications allow the use of data-heavy services such as video conferencing.

"This extra spectrum for 4G in Europe means we can better meet the changing and growing demand for broadband," said Neelie Kroes, European Union Commissioner for digital policy.—Reuters

Reuters

New Zealand disappointed at failure to secure marine reserve for Antarctica

WELLINGTON, 5 Nov—The New Zealand government on Friday expressed disappointment at the failure of the international community to agree on a proposal for a marine protected area (MPA) in the Antarctic's Ross Sea region. Foreign Affairs Minister Murray McCully said many of the groups interested in achieving an MPA in the Ross Sea had underestimated the challenge of securing the agreement

of all 25 member states of the Commission for the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources (CCAMLR), each of whom had a different agenda.

"I have consistently said that it would be difficult to find a way of satisfying the range of interests represented around the CCAMLR table," McCully said in a statement after the CCAMLR meeting in Hobart, Australia.

Xinhua

Tweet tastefully, dress like 007 with UK style guides

LONDON, 5 Nov—Should you keep your mobile phone on display at lunch? Can you tweet with taste and how does James Bond maintain that polished look in those dashing dinner jackets?

Two new guides from British etiquette authority Debrett's offer modern men some time-honored tips on shoe care and shaving alongside 21st century advice on how to handle your mobile phone, email punctuation and an answer for any modern digital Hamlet: "To tweet or not to tweet?"

The sartorial bible "Men's Style" includes advice on formal wear and tailoring traditions as well as how to mix and match casual clothing, picking the right aftershave and "essen-

tial" advice on maintaining luxuriant beards and moustaches. "Netiquette" helps navigate the dos and don'ts of the digital age with useful suggestions on mobile phone use, golden rules for emails and texting faux pas. It demystifies technical terminology, offers ways to protect your privacy and advice on getting your Twitter persona just right.

"Men's Style is packed with subtle advice and practical hints to help the modern man to appear effortlessly stylish, while at a time when web-based communication is threatening to take over all our lives, Netiquette is an indispensable guide on how to deal with every digital dilemma," Debrett's Managing Editor Jo Bryant said in a statement.—Reuters

Idaho scientist seeks to launch aerial Bigfoot search with blimp

Science

SALMON, (Idaho), 5 Nov—An Idaho scientist shrugging off skeptical fellow scholars in his quest for evidence of Bigfoot has turned his sights skyward, with plans to float a blimp over the US mountain West in search of the mythic, ape-like creature.

Idaho State University has approved the unusual proposal of faculty member Jeffrey Meldrum, an anatomy and anthropology professor ridiculed by some peers for past research of a being whose existence is widely disputed by mainstream science. Now Meldrum is seeking to raise \$300,000-plus in private donations to build the remote-controlled dirigible, equip it with a thermal-imaging camera

and send it aloft in hopes of catching an aerial glimpse of Bigfoot, also known as sasquatch.

Meldrum, author of "Sasquatch: Legend Meets Science," said the undertaking represents a giant leap in the quest for an animal he believes may have descended from a giant ape that once inhabited Asia and crossed the Bering land bridge to North America.

"The challenge with any animal that is rare, solitary, nocturnal and far-ranging in habitat is to find them and observe them in the wild; this technology provides for that," he said. Decades of alleged sightings, elaborate hoaxes and the discovery of huge footprints in the forests of the Pacific Northwest and elsewhere have led to

Alongside the Windows 8 release, Intel and its PC-maker partners are pushing a range of unusual new computing form factors, from convertible tablets to touch desktops. The question is will they sell?
REUTERS



BUSINESS & HEALTH



A visitor tries a piece of jewellery at the 11th International Jewellery Art Fair in Amsterdam on 4 Nov, 2012. The four-day exhibition closed on Sunday attracted more than 150 jewellery designers from all over the world. —XINHUA

Algerian energy giant to invest 80 b USD on oil and gas projects

Business

ALGIERS, 5 Nov — Algeria's energy giant Sonatrach will invest 80 billion US dollars in oil and natural gas projects from 2012 to 2016, Chief Executive Official Abdelmadjid Zerguine said on Sunday.

Zerguine was quoted by the official APS news agency as saying the company has invested 10 billion dollars

this year, and is expecting to invest 15 billion dollars next year. Algeria stands as Africa's fourth largest holder of crude reserves, according to official figures. The North African country seeks to boost its oil outputs by attracting foreign investors and partners.

Algeria is also a key member of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting

Countries with crude outputs hitting an average of 1.2 million barrels per day.

Meanwhile, Zerguine specified that the state-run energy company is budgeting 14 billion out of the 80 billion dollars to build five large refineries, which will help Sonatrach increase its refining capacity from 27 million tonnes to 30 million tonnes per year. — Xinhua

Africa becomes largest Chinese medicine export market

Business

GUANGZHOU, 5 Nov — Africa has become the largest export market for medicine made by China and one of the fastest-growing markets for Chinese medical products, a senior medical official said on Saturday at an ongoing import-export fair in south China's Guangdong Province.

Statistics released on Friday by the China Chamber of Commerce for Import & Export of Medicine & Health Products showed the value of medical products exported from China to Africa from January to September this year totaled 1.47 billion US dollars, an increase of 13.48 percent year on year. The growth rate of exports to Africa was higher than that for European and North American markets in the same period.

"Africa now has a population of about 900 million, accounting for 12 percent of the whole world, so it has large demand for medical products," Cao Gang, director of CCCMHPIE, told Xinhua at the China Import and Export Fair in Guangzhou. Chinese medical producers exporting medical products

to Africa have played a great role in the African market in recent years, and China is changing the historical lack of medicine there, Cao said.

In fact, the volume of medicine that China imports to Africa is growing at a faster rate than the volume it is exporting to Southeast Asia, Mexico and Russia, according to the official. Purchasers from Africa attending the fair said that the low prices and good quality of China's medical products were the major reason they chose to import. — Xinhua

Bypass tops stents in diabetics with diseased arteries

Health

LOS ANGELES, 5 Nov — Diabetics with more than one diseased artery fared significantly better if they underwent bypass surgery than those who received drug coated stents following artery clearing procedures to improve blood flow to the heart, according to data from a five-year study presented on Sunday. After five years, the bypass group had a lower combined rate of heart attacks, strokes and deaths of 18.7 percent versus 26.6 percent for the stent group

in the 1,900-patient study funded by the US National Institutes of Health.

The result was deemed to be highly statistically significant, researchers said. Previous studies had demonstrated the superiority of bypass surgery over the use of bare metal stents — tiny mesh tubes used to prop open cleared arteries. Researchers suspected that newer stents coated with drugs to prevent relogging might negate some of the bypass advantage, but that

Metal-removing therapy may help some heart patients—study

Health

LOS ANGELES, 5 Nov — A controversial therapy to remove heavy metals from the bloodstream was shown in a large trial to cut the risk of another major heart problem in patients who have already suffered a heart attack, but researchers cautioned that the benefit was small and more study is needed. Chelation therapy, an alternative treatment dismissed by many medical professionals as quackery, has its origins in unproven 50-year-old theories about the cause of arterial plaques, the fatty deposits that can cause heart attacks.

Despite no clear evidence of a benefit, and the real risk of side effects such as low blood calcium levels, a 2007 survey found that over 100,000 US heart patients had undergone the \$5,000 treatment. The results, released here at a meeting of the American Heart Association, showed that 26 percent of patients given a series of chelation infusions had a heart attack, stroke, coronary revascularization, were hospitalized for angina,

or died, compared with 30 percent of patients treated with a placebo.

Much of the difference between the two groups was in the need for repeat artery-clearing procedures and patients with diabetes showed the biggest benefit. "Our findings are unexpected and additional research will be needed," said Dr Gervasio Lamas, chief of Columbia University's Division of Cardiology at Mount Sinai Medical Centre in Miami Beach, Fla., and the trial's lead investigator. "This does not constitute sufficient evidence to recommend chelation therapy." The 1,708-patient trial to assess chelation therapy (TACT) was launched in 2002 under the auspices of the National Heart Lung and Blood Institute and the National Center for Complementary and Alternative Medicine.

Patients in the study were treated with either a solution containing ethylene diamine tetra-acetic (EDTA), vitamin C, B-vitamins, electrolytes, a local anesthetic and the anti-clotting drug heparin,

or a placebo infusion of salt water and a small amount of sugar. Dr Lamas and others said the level of statistical difference between the groups was small and more work needs to be done to rule out whether the results were due to chance.

"This is a diverse multi-component intervention," said Dr Paul Armstrong, senior cardiologist at the University Hospital in Edmonton and a professor at the University of Alberta. He cited the absence of a clear biologic rationale for chelation therapy, and described the trial findings as "hypothesis-generating, not practice-changing."

The size of the trial was scaled down from an initial target of more than 2,300 patients due to enrollment difficulties. In addition, regulators in 2008 temporarily suspended enrollment to clear up issues surrounding patient consent.

"It is striking that there was difficulty in enrollment despite an increase in the use of this therapy," Armstrong said. — Reuters

Higher income versus better health

Health

BEIJING, 5 Nov — China's economic growth has led to dramatic changes over the last 20 years. Cities such as Beijing are home to some of the wealthiest people in the world, there are an estimated 100 million cars in the country, and perhaps most dramatically, Chinese people consume more meat, dairy products, processed foods and sugary beverages than ever before.

According to the UN Food and Agriculture Organization, the period between 1990 and 2009 saw a decline in per capita consumption of cereals, roots, beans and pulses. During the same period,

however, the per capita consumption of cheese doubled, that of egg almost tripled, chicken quadrupled, and beef increased nearly five-fold. This nutrition transition, or the increased consumption of animal protein and foods with higher fat content, is common in developing and emerging countries. As the middle class grows and people have more disposable income, they tend to eat higher up on the food chain. But the over-consumption of fast food, dairy products and meat can have serious consequences on health. There are now more than 4,000 KFC and 1,400 McDonald's outlets



in China.

Loading up on hamburgers, fried chicken, pizza and other high-fat food can lead to heart disease, obesity and type II diabetes. Roughly 92 million people in China suffer from type II diabetes, a disease that was nearly unknown in the country until recently. China has 30 million more type II diabetics than India, the world's next most populous country. A 2010 study by the Columbia University Medical Centre estimates that heart disease and stroke rates in China will increase by up to 73 percent by 2030. "China's standard of living and life expectancy have improved but aging, dietary changes and reduced physical activity are leading to more heart disease and stroke," says Andrew Moran, the lead author of the study. In addition, according to the report, a 64 percent increase

(3.4 million cases) in deaths related to coronary heart disease is expected between 2020 and 2030. China's shift to a high-meat diet has a grave impact on the environment, too. The Barilla Centre for Food & Nutrition's "Double Pyramid" model shows how less healthy foods, including meat, dairy products and high-fat oils, can take a huge toll on natural resources, leading to land degradation, soil erosion and increased greenhouse gas emissions. Industrial animal production, or factory farming, in China has generated large amounts of manure, leading to dead zones along the country's coast.

Besides, food waste is growing in China. Restaurants and consumers throw away an estimated 60 million tons of food per year — enough to feed 200 million people, or 15 percent of China's population. — Xinhua

All-round renovation of Kayan Bronze Buddha Image underway



KAYAN, 5 Nov — Under the leadership of Nayaka Sayadaws and laypersons, all-round renovation of Sekkyamarazein Bronze Buddha Image over more than 90 years old and religious edifices in the compound of the Pagoda in Kayan is being carried out by the board of trustees of the pagoda. Various kinds of religious buildings are under repair with the contributions of well-wishers. So far, K 300 million has been spent on completion of 95 per cent of renovation works. It is set to meet cent per cent

completion of all renovation works on Fullmoon Day of Tazaungmone. All-round renovation tasks, including construction of a prayer hall, are expected to cost K 400 million.

Sekkyamarazein bronze Buddha Image was built on 19 acres owned by U Ba Thein and Daw Thein Mi in 1286 ME with the contributions of townselders. The Buddha Image was made by shaping 230 viss of bronze.

Relics and pieces of jewellery were enshrined at the Buddha Image. The annual Buddha Pujaniya Festival is held from 8th Waxing of Tabaung to Fullmoon Day of Tabaung. Those who want to make cash donations for all-round renovation of the Buddha Image may contact Chairman of the Board of Trustees U Myint Oo (Ph: 09 8612424), Vice-Chairman U Myint Ko (Ph: 09 448012048), Secretary U Myo Nyunt (Ph: 056 30404) and office of the board (Ph: 056 30283).

Kyemon

Police seize large amount of Pseudoephedrine tablets in Tamu

TAMU, 5 Nov — A combined force comprising members of Tamu Police and Station and special anti-narcotic squad seized 210,400 pseudoephedrine tablets while making a search of Ye Wint Aung bus-line in Tamu of Sagaing Region. Moreover, police members arrested Lar Htan Mawyaw (19 years), son of U Pyan Lyann Nar, of Zaydan Ward-4 of Tamu and seized 101,600 pseudoephedrine tablets with him in the ward.

Kyemon

Myanmar elephant and precious teak

PYINMANA, 5 Nov — Everyone likes Myanmar teak as it is renowned for its high level of strength and durability in the world. That's why the second Anglo-Burmese war took place due to illegal extraction of teak. Teak grows well in Pyinmana, the central part of Yoma mountain ranges. The honourable symbol of Pyinmana is a statue of an elephant pushing a teak log at Shwe Nyaungbin junction, entrance to Yangon Road, in the centre of the town. This log is 126 years old, proving the high level of strength and durability of teak.—*Kyemon*



Hsipaw Township celebrates Padaethabin Conveying Ceremony

NAY PYI TAW, 5 Nov — The 117th Padaethabin Conveying Ceremony of Hsipaw Township was held on a grand scale on 2 November. Departmental personnel, members of social

and religious associations and local people took part in the ceremony.

Tourists from various countries were thronged to take good photos at the ceremony. The newly-

reconstituted Hsipaw Township Shan literature and culture association participated in the ceremony, performing Shan traditional dances.

Kyemon



Visa credit card coming to Myanmar

YANGON, 5 Nov — Through Visanet, Visa can make 24000 electronic payments per second, protecting customers from credit card fraud and providing businessmen with credit card payment service under guarantee.

Arrangements have been made for realization of

credit card payment system in Myanmar. With the aim of ensuring infrastructural development of financial institutions in Myanmar and giving a helping hand in Myanmar's drive for entering international market, credit card giant Visa signed deals with three Myanmar banks— Kanbawza Bank, Cooperative Bank and Myanmar Oriental Bank—at Sedona Hotel on 3 November morning, allowing its credit cards to be issued and accepted in ATM and Point-of-Sale. Using Visa credit cards in Myanmar will greatly be of benefit to international travelers and businessmen.—*Kyemon*

Free education given in Mandalay

MANDALAY, 5 Nov — Free education school of Mandalay social association was launched with 250 high school students for 2012-13 academic year.

The school that can hold 30 students was established by U Win Myint, chairman of Mandalay social association, for 2011-12 academic year. Thanks to increased students during this academic year, U Thant and Daw Chit Chit of Myint Myint Khin Pudding built a three-storey building at a cost of K 206 million for the school that can hold 600 students now.

A group of teachers comprising retired professors, lecturers and senior assistant teachers totaling 20 led by U Chit Htoo, retired township education officer are giving free education to 250 students.

Kyemon

Magway sees book corner



MAGWAY, 5 Nov — Under the arrangement of Magway Region Information and Public Relations Department, a book corner is being kept open at the compound of Magway Bus Terminal starting from yesterday.

Daily newspapers, monthly magazines, recently-published novels, various

kinds of weekly journals and books and comic books are available at the book corner.

Social organizations, INGOs and NGOs and wellwishers are invited to donate publications for sustainability of book corners. It is learnt that everyone enjoy reading at Public Service Book Corners free of charge from 8 am to 6 pm.—*Kyemon*

Hninzigone home for the aged opens arts gallery

YANGON, 5 Nov — Hnizimyaing arts gallery was opened in famous Hninzigone Home for the Aged in Yangon was opened on 3 November.

Paintings belong to the home and other famous artworks are put on display at the gallery opened at Hnizimyaing villa built in commemoration of Myanma Alinn U Tin in the compound of the home facility.

The proceeds from the sale of the artworks will go to charity for the older persons.

The gallery will also be hired for arts show. Currently, the gallery displays more than 70 paintings. The oldest home for the aged in Myanmar lies on Kaba Aye Pagoda road in Bahan Township of Yangon Region.—*Myanma Alinn*

Coord meeting on curbing crimes held

NAY PYI TAW, 5 Nov — A coordination meeting on curbing crimes was held at the meeting hall of the office

of Langkho District Police Commander on 31 October.

It was attended by Police Commander of

Langkho District Police Lt-Col Hlaing Tint and the Linkhay Township administrator and ward/village administrators. They held talks on tasks for curbing crimes.

Kyemon

LOCAL NEWS

Reedkhodha serves as transit centre for Chinese exports to India

NAY PYI TAW, 5 Nov—Garments, slippers and other construction materials from China to India are flowing through Reedkhodha, a border town 90 miles away from Kalay of Sagaing Region.

Chinese products reached the border market through Muse-Mandalay-Kalay route and moved into India through Kalay-Tiddim-Reedkhodha-India route.

Transportation is provided by local truck lines.

Demands from India are increasing as Christmas is nearing, said an in-charge of a truck line.

He said, "Fully loaded trucks and passenger buses are commuting every day."

Myanma Alinn

Village of sun hats in need of capital



KALAY, 5 Nov—Ma Sein village, 18 miles from Kalewa and two-hour motor boat ride from Kalay, is a famous producer of bamboo hats and other bamboo utensils.

"Ma Sein sun hats" have "two layers" of high

quality bamboo, U Kyaw Myint Than, a craftsman-cum-shopkeeper said.

He said a craftsperson can make two or three hats a day. As time goes by, the raw materials vary depending on availability and creativity.

The products are sold

at Kalay, Tamu and Gangaw markets. The traditional cottage industry needs investments to establish workshops for fine products, that could give jobs to the locals.

Myanma Alinn

MAI launches Mandalay-Gaya route



YANGON, 5 Nov—Myanmar Airways International launched Mandalay-Bodh Gaya route on 1 November.

The first-ever flight from the cultural city to the sacred origin of the Buddha started with pilgrims filling all seats of Air Bus A-320.

The 108 pilgrims are now visiting four holy sites of the Buddha.

The pilgrimage is arranged by the airline and pilgrimage service providers.

"Mandalarians welcome the establishment of visa office in Mandalay

and landing of international flights (at Mandalay International Airport). It cuts cost as we no more need to go to Yangon," U Sein Myaing, a embroidery artist, said.

He predicted that the number of pilgrims would increase and future of the Mandalay International Airport will be bright.

The state flag carrier will fly the route thrice a week on every Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday, departing at 11 am.

The return flight from Gaya airport will be at 1.15 pm on the same days.

Myanma Alinn

502nd Anniversary of Toungoo to be celebrated



TOUNGGOO, 5 Nov—Toungoo will celebrate its 502nd Founding anniversary on fullmoon day of Tazaungmon.

The town in Bago Region founded by King Mingyi Nyo in 872 ME was the city of Toungoo dynasty.

The celebration started

The new basic education schools are opened by the Ministry of Education in towns and villages which have the designated number of students for each level of the schools.

Myanma Alinn

since its 500th anniversary.

The procession in ancient monarchical dress is arranged by historians of Toungoo University and portrays the tour of ancient kings. The previous celebrations attracted the local visitors and foreign tourists.

Six elephants, 30

horses and 300 people will participate in the procession in the city of Second Myanmar Empire.

This year's celebration will be held on 26-28 November.

The town will be decorated with ancient-style paintings on celebration days.—Myanma Alinn

Farmers fed up by price fall

PYU, 5 Nov—Farmers in Pyu Township of Toungoo District of Bago Region are hoping for higher yields of monsoon paddy this year as they put 154,356 acres under

monsoon paddy which were well fed by the rain.

U Aung Myint, a farmer from Kyungon village in the township, said the yield will be higher than the previous year.

Crime

Stabbing suspect arrested

MYANAUNG, 5 Nov—A quarrel between two farmers led to stab and left one injured in Totekwin village of Myanaung on 29 October.

U Tun Kyi, 51, who took a side in the fight ignited by destruction of crops by the cattle, was injured at his chest.

Suspect Thit San Aung, 31, managed to evade capture but seized by Inbin police station in 24 hours after the offence.

Myanma Alinn

Drunken brawl injures one

INGAPU, 5 Nov—A villager was seriously injured in a drunken brawl in Mezaligon village-tract in Ingapu Township on 30 October.

Kyi Aung, 44, was stabbed with broken bottle brought together with suspect Aung Kyi Tun, 43, in the quarrel.

The fight was sparked off by the argument while the two participated in cooking meal for Sangha in early morning.

Kyi Aung filed a law suite at Mezaligon police station and the suspect is detained.

Myanma Alinn

Drunken arsonist arrested

KYANGIN, 5 Nov—Kyi Khaing, 29, was arrested by Kyangin police station on 29 October as he had reportedly set fire at his mother's home five days ago.

The arson attempt of the drunken son was stopped by his mother, fire brigade members and officials.

Head of Township Fire Brigade filed a complaint at the police station that his arson attempt was clear and worth legal actions.

Myanma Alinn

The golden paddy fields were harvested since second week of October. But the farmers were fed up with the decline in the paddy price.

They said they are sure to suffer economic loss if the price does not go any high.

Myanma Alinn

Chin brethren celebrate Khuado festival

KALAY, 5 Nov—Chin nationals celebrated Khuado Pawi festival, the most important one in 18 traditional festival of the ethnic race, starting from 14th waxing of Thadingyut for three days in Kalay. Evidences of the festival which is supposed to be more than 600 years old,

dated back to 14 AD are found. The purpose of the festival is to celebrate the successful harvest and drive out the devils.

The prayers at the festival range from health and successful harvest of the villagers to the prosperity of the nation.

Myanma Alinn



New middle school opened in Seikpyu Township

SEIKPYU, 5 Nov—A new middle school was opened in Koedaung village in Seikpyu Township in Magway Region on 1 November.

The opening of the new middle school is to enable students of the village to have easy access to the middle school education.

PERSPECTIVES

Tuesday, 6 November, 2012

For national economic growth

For achieving economic growth of the country, we must first make efforts for the progress of the agricultural business which till at present is the base of the national economy. Moreover we need to give priority to the development of the livelihood of the peasants and also to food security of every person.

So, we are seeking ways for speeding up our task of encouraging the utilization of scientific cultivation methods and growing high-yield crops.

Here, closer cooperation among the peasants, the government and agro-companies is vital for our country to achieve success in developing the whole agricultural sector through reform measures.

Moreover, the relevant government institutions, NGOs and business organizations will have to render assistance to farmers in their land preparation work and make sure that irrigation water reaches their farmlands.

As our country's per acre yield is lower than that of neighbouring countries such as Thailand and Vietnam, officials of the departments concerned in cooperation with international organizations and the private sector should make joint efforts for looking into the weaknesses causing lower production of rice in Myanmar. Then they can study the finds and take measures for boosting rice production.

Business persons and groups in cooperation with their domestic and international partners will also find their role in developing the agriculture sector through disbursing cheap loans, disseminating knowhow and technology and providing farm equipment to farmers when the government is tight with its budget.

As double and triple cropping can create more job opportunities and increase earnings, farmers on their part must save their incomes from the first harvest so that they can have enough capital for second harvest or multiple cropping.

And through effective methods, and financial and material assistance, we can see marked progress in the agriculture sector which in turn will contribute towards the national economic growth.



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PYITHU HLUTTAW

Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker explains sending of messages

NAY PYI TAW, 5 Nov—Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann explained about the messages at eighth day session of the Hluttaw. The Speaker said that the Hluttaw has to send messages to parties concerned after making resolution about proposals at the Hluttaw. Likewise, it also sends messages as necessary in the interests of the nation and citizens. He emphasized that messages are sent to take actions for approved proposals while some proposals were decided to put on record and monitor. Agencies concerned are obliged to handle the latter which they assume responsibility. Therefore, the Speaker pointed out, keeping records of fail-to-approve proposals have certain effects.

It is reported that the Speaker has sent 26 messages to the President, 11 to the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker, 9 to the Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker and one to the Chief Justice of the

Supreme Court of the Union and has so far received 45 messages from the President.

Union Minister at the President Office U Soe Maung, regarding the question about whether there is a plan to appoint chief minister and ministers for Shan State (North), replied that there must be one Hluttaw and one government for Shan State under the constitution. As regards question about if there is any plan to designate "No driving Day" in cities like Yangon and Mandalay, the Union minister replied that there is no such plan for the time being.

Deputy Minister for Education U Aye Kyu, with regard to the question about if there is any plan to upgrade Myogon Village Basic Education Middle School in Shwegu Township to basic education high school (branch), replied that there is no plan to do so. With respect to question about whether there is a plan to upgrade No. 27 and No. 32 basic education post primary



Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann explains about the messages at eighth day session of the Hluttaw. —MNA

schools in Mingaladon Township to basic education middle schools, he replied that there is no such plan for the former but for the latter.

Four MPs discussed the report of Government Guarantees, Pledges and Undertakings Vetting Committee submitted on 24 October. It was informed

to the Hluttaw that copies of Ward or Village Administration Bylaws sent by Home Affairs Ministry and Vacant, Fallow and Virgin Land Management Bylaws sent by Agriculture and Irrigation Ministry have been distributed among MPs for reference.

NLM

Inflation rate stands at 2.82 for 2011-2012 fiscal year: Deputy NPED Minister



Representatives seen at Pyithu Hluttaw's today session.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 5 Nov—U Maung Toe of Minhla Constituency put a question about privatization of State-owned industries at today's Hluttaw session. His question focused on number of State-owned factories and workshops in the country at present; whether there are factories and workshops under way for privatization for the time being and in which form they will be privatized if there is any; and inflation rate according to economic condition of 2011-2012 financial year.

Deputy Minister for National Planning and

Economic Development Dr Daw Khin San Yi replied that there are totally 266 State-owned factories and workshops in operation at present. Privatization Commission has 17 factories yet to sell out whereas Ministry of Agriculture has one, Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries, three, Ministry of Industry, six, Ministry of Forestry, six, and Ministry of Commerce, one. Those factories, according to the deputy minister, will be sold through open tender system. And, the inflation rate is 2.82, said the deputy minister.

U Thein Tun Oo of

Amarapura Constituency revealed his concern for privacy as he asked whether letters are checked by one way or another apart from disclosing the letters for security concern; and whether communication through telephone and other communication devices are checked for reasons other than concern for national security. Union Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs U Thein Tun replied that express mails are handed over to security agencies concerned to check whether they are enclosed with explosive

devices or not. The safe ones handed back are then sent to the addressees without delay. Myanmar Posts and Telecommunications only provides communication service and is not responsible for scrutiny out of security concern.

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Corrigendum

Please read Shwe Yin Aye village instead of Mawyawady village in the caption of the photo on page-8 of the New Light of Myanmar Daily issued on 5 November 2012.—NLM

AMYOTHA HLUTTAW

Five questions on education matter answered, one bill approved, one proposal discussed

NAY PYI TAW, 5 Nov — The eighth day session of the First Amyotha Hluttaw Fifth Regular Session took place at Amyotha Hluttaw Hall of Hluttaw Complex, here, this morning, attended by Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker U Khin Aung Myint and 186 representatives.

Deputy Minister for Education U Aye Kyureplied questions on educational sector raised by five Hluttaw representatives.

Regarding the question raised by U Phone Myint Aung of Yangon Region Constituency No (3) said whether there is a plan to allow private sector to be able to hire some basic education schools in urban area in accord with rules and regulations, the deputy minister answered that permission would not be granted those who want to hire basic education school for opening of private schools.

Regarding the question on basic education schools and matriculation examinations raised by U Paw Htan Thai of Chin State Constituency No. 3, the deputy minister replied that arrangements had been made for appointment of graduate staff and local graduates who agreed to serve as teachers at schools in far-flung areas for five years in succession; that there is no plan to open more education colleges in districts as 21 education colleges had already been

opened across the nation; that arrangements had been made for upgrading of basic education and opening of new basic education schools based on numbers of students and transformational situation and images of the schools and priority had been given to schools in fur-flung areas; that township education officers were assigned to take care of certificates of transferring one school to another after scrutinizing the certificates with the signatures of respective school heads; that school heads were informed of not collecting money for the certificates and punitive actions would be taken against those who fail to follow the directives; that there was no plan to change the current examination system which is better than the system of issuing a single exam paper for the whole country in terms of security; and that only teachers recommended by respective township education officers that they teach the subjects concerned for two years in succession were allowed to correct the matriculation answer papers.

Regarding the question raised by U Steven Tha Beik of Chin State Constituency No (4), the deputy minister answered that there was no plan to open an education college in Haka as trainees from Paletwa Township had already been granted to attend Kyaukpyu Education

College and trainees from the remaining townships to attend Monywa Education College and Pakokku Education College.

The deputy minister responded to the question raised by U Aye of Mandalay Region Constituency No (7) that there was no plan to upgrade the post-primary school of Dan village and basic education middle school (branch) of Ku village in NyaungU Township into basic education middle school (branch) and basic education middle school.

Afterwards, he answered that there is no any plan to recognize the school as basic education high level because there are only 71 students in it, regarding the proposal on “Whether there is a plan to upgrade Basic Education High School (branch) in Dunban Village in Phakant Township to a basic education high school?”, presented by U Mya Ohn from Kachin State Constituency No. 8.

Secretary of Amyotha Hluttaw Bill Committee U San Tun briefed the amendments of the bill on emolument, allowance and privilege, sent by the committee.

Then, the Hluttaw Speaker sought to approve the bill amended by the Bill Committee.

U Soe Maung, Union Minister at the President Office, submitted the bill to be approved and agreed by

U Myat Ko from Sagaing Region Constituency No. 12.

The Hluttaw approved the bill in a consensus of all of the representatives.

Committee member U MaungMaungAyesubmitted the report on progress of tasks carried out by the Amyotha Hluttaw National Planning Committee from January to October, 2012.

U Htay Maung from Mandalay Region Constituency No. 12, U Win Maung from Mandalay Region Constituency No. 2, Daw Khin Wine Kyi from Yangon Region Constituency No. 1, U J Yaw Wu from Kachin State Constituency No. 12, U Min Oo from Bago Region Constituency No. 7, U Zone Hlae Htan from Chin State Constituency No. 2, U Phone Myint Aung from Yangon Region Constituency No. 3 and U Khin Maung Yi from Ayeyawady Constituency No. 6 partook in discussion about the proposal on “urging the government to make the system on giving the chance to those who failed in their exams with lack of getting marks in one subject to retry for the exam by sitting only for their failed subject in a short time, and to raise the pass marks to generate qualified students”, presented by U Nu from Yangon Region Constituency No. 10.

Deputy Education Minister U Ba Shwe answered that students



Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker U Khin Aung Myint attends eighth day session of the First Amyotha Hluttaw Fifth Regular Session.

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who has got at least 40 marks in 100 marks of each subject are allowed to pass the exam and to study in next standard according to Myanma education level in line with international education level. Therefore, at least 40 marks of each subject is the pass mark.

But at higher education level, students who has got only at least 50 marks in their each subject at pre-graduated level, and those with at least 60 marks in their each subject at post-graduated level are to pass the exam and have a chance to attend their next level.

At basic education level, even though students don't have at least 40 marks in one subject or two of six subjects plus three subjects that they can want, they will pass the exam in favour of other subjects' results and moderation.

Besides, there will be

many difficulties in making a question, distribution, holding exams, correcting answer papers and coming out results in school-opening time if pass marks are raised and unqualified students are given chance to retry to sit for their failed subjects.

Reviewing the system being practised now, the ministry is driving a move to generate outstanding students.

To study deeply each subject and further studies in high school level, high school level subjects and duration will be put on intense priority.

But there is no any plan to practise a system giving favours to students with no qualifications to retry to sit for their respective exams.

The proposal was recorded by the Hluttaw. The meeting came to an end in the afternoon.

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Hluttaw representatives observe hydropower plant and electricity projects



NAY PYI TAW, 5 Nov— Pyithu Hluttaw and Amyotha Hluttaw representatives observed Paung-laung underground hydro-power plant, one of the renewable energy being implemented by the Ministry of Electric Power to fulfil needs of electricity of the State which is situated about 11 miles from the east of Pyinmana Township on 3 November morning. Officials conducted the scale model of power plant, swift yard and construction of main dam to the representatives.

At the briefing hall of the plant, Managing Director U Khin Maung Win explained

Hluttaw representatives observing Paunglaung hydropower plant project.

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power production of the plant, power generation to national grid, water storage into the main dam. Hluttaw representatives viewed control of machine room of the power plant, power production and generation and running of power plant.

They then viewed construction site for Nanchohydropower project and Upper Paunglaung Hydropower project being implemented by No 1 Hydropower Implementation Department.

The type of Upper Paunglaung Hydropower Project is roller compacted concrete (RCC) and is installed with two 70 megawatts machines. After the project, a total of 140 megawatt can generate 454 million KWH per year.

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EU, Somalia seek to improve governance,

Africa

education

NAIROBI, 5 Nov — The European Union and Somalia government are working together to improve governance, education and create jobs in the Horn of Africa nation.

A statement from the EU offices in Nairobi said on Saturday that EU special envoy for Somalia Michele Cervone d'Urso and President of Somalia Hassan Sheikh Mohamud have also launched together the new EU development package of 158 million euros that will be implemented in line with the priorities of the Somali government.

"The EU has substantially increased its development budget for Somalia. In doing so, the EU is paying tribute to the peaceful political transition and takes into account the

huge development needs of the Somali people," d'Urso said. "The EU wants indeed to express its full confidence in the governance and peace building progress in Somalia and is committed to a robust EU-Somalia partnership with strong Somali ownership."

Somalia has formed an inclusive and democratic government that has inspired the international community to partake in the reconstruction of the fragile horn of African state.

But analysts say despite recent advances in Somalia's peace and national reconciliation process, after decades of warfare, the country is still dealing with the impact of the Al-Shabaab militant group, which has been pushed out of Mogadishu

but still controls a few areas, primarily in south-central regions.

The EU envoy has also emphasized the need for more Somali ownership in the Somali relations with the EU, but also with the regional partners and the international community as a whole.

The EU special envoy will also travel to Hargeisa and Garowe to underscore the support being provided under this package to Somaliland and Puntland. This development package is the largest single EU programme ever approved for Somalia.

"The new EU package results from the mid-term review that has increased Somalia's development envelope from 212 million to 412 million euros," d'Urso said.

"The additional support will be focused Governance and Security, Democratization, Economic Development, Education, Food Security and Technical Development Assistance."

Xinhua



Photo taken on 3 Nov, 2012 shows the scenery around the ancient townlet Heshun in Tengchong County, southwest China's Yunnan Province. The townlet, featuring time-honoured temples and houses, is located three kilometers away from the county seat of Tengchong, where live 6,000 people.— XINHUA

Illegal weapons from Turkey seized in Yemen

Yemen

SANAA, 5 Nov — The Yemeni Defence Ministry said on Saturday that it seized an illegal cargo of weapons in the southern port city of Aden harbour.

"The non-civilian cargo was shipped out from Turkey. The weapons were found concealed inside the cargo's biscuit cartoons," the ministry said in a brief statement on its website.

"The Yemeni security authorities in the southern port City of Aden have launched

a full-scale investigation into the shipment which aimed at disturbing the security and stability of Yemen," the ministry said without elaborating further.

Hadi, who was elected in February, has already exerting all efforts to launch a UN-backed national dialogue to conciliate between the rival factions of well-armed northern Shiite rebels and the pro-secessionism southern movement.

Xinhua

New York City crime down by a third in wake of superstorm

US

NEW YORK, 5 Nov — New York City crime dropped by a third in the days after superstorm Sandy, but there was a slight increase in burglaries after at least 15 people were charged with looting empty businesses and homes blacked out since the disaster.

Between Monday — when the storm hit, killing 41 people in the city — and on Friday, murder dropped by 86 percent, rape fell 44 percent, robbery decreased by 30 percent, assault by 31 percent, larceny by 48 percent and car thefts by 24

percent. Burglaries rose by 3 percent.

During that period, overall crime declined in New York City by 32 percent from the same week the year before.

"Overall, there were 1,061 crimes over the last five days compared to 1,541 last year," New York police spokesman Paul Browne said in a statement. "Police continued to be deployed to storm-affected areas by the thousands on extended tours of duty to provide security and recovery assistance."

The drop in crime comes

as New York police have been stretched to respond to one of the worst natural disasters to hit the region, sparking dangerous rescue efforts and concerns about crime in storm-darkened neighbourhoods.

Browne said that earlier on Saturday, a man wearing a Red Cross jacket was arrested for burglary on Staten Island after police saw him checking the front doors of unoccupied houses.

Police presence at gas stations was increased on Saturday, said Browne, after at least 10 people

were arrested on Friday for various disputes over line jumping. Drivers have been lining up for hours and tempers have been fraying as gas became scarce.

Five other people were arrested for disorderly conduct at gas stations on Saturday, he said. In Queens, more than 15 people have been charged with looting and a man was charged with threatening another driver with a gun after trying to cut in on a line of cars waiting for gas. District Attorney Richard Brown said earlier this week.—Reuters



Contestants attend the final of the 2012 National Line Dance Competition in Chengdu, capital of southwest China's Sichuan Province, on 3 Nov, 2012. Line dance is a choreographed dance with a repeated sequence of steps in which a group of people dance in one or more lines or rows.

XINHUA

54 out of 133 injured in Riyadh explosion still in hospital

Saudi Arabia

RIYADH, 5 Nov — Saudi Arabia announced that 54 out of 133 injured cases in the gas tanker explosion in Riyadh on Thursday are still in hospitals, according to the Saudi News Agency on Saturday.

Of total cases, 20 are Saudis and 34 expatriates of various nationalities, Acting Governor of Riyadh Prince Mohammed bin Saad bin Abdulaziz told the agency. He highlighted that the explosion killed 22 persons, of which 8 are Saudis, 8 expatriates and 6 unidentified.

Prince Mohammed said that 79 were discharged from hospitals. "I instructed for

immediate formation of a committee of concerned authorities to investigate the case, while another committee with representatives from the civil defence and the governorate would study damages," he said.

Meanwhile the General Directorate of Education in Riyadh has revealed that 11 schools were damaged in the explosion, according to the e-paper *Al Eqtisadiya* on Saturday. The newspaper said that Riyadh police identified 12 bodies of four Saudis, 4 Pakistanis, 2 Egyptians, 1 Bangladeshi and 1 Nepalese through the DNA tests.—Xinhua

Fourth person dies as result of Halloween party crush in Madrid

Spain

MADRID, 5 Nov — A fourth person died in hospital on Saturday as a result of the crush at a Halloween party in Spanish capital Madrid in the early hours of Thursday morning.

The fourth victim was a 17-year-old, who had been taken to hospital in critical condition. Three victims, who were aged between 18 and 25 years old, died on Thursday. Another person

remains in hospital, also in critical condition. They were attending a concert by internationally renowned American DJ, Steve Aoki, in the Madrid Arena when a stampede caused a crush.

Local police are currently investigating the accident to make sure that the "Thriller Music Park" party did not exceed the 10,000 capacity of the Madrid Arena.—Xinhua



Panamanian National Police members march during a parade to commemorate the "Separation of Panama from Colombia Day" in Panama City, capital of Panama, on 3 Nov, 2012. Panama Saturday celebrated the 109th anniversary of its separating from Colombia on 3 Nov, 1903.—XINHUA

REGIONAL

A precious opportunity for Asia, Europe

to strengthen partnership

ASEM

BEIJING, 5 Nov — The ninth Asia-Europe Meeting (ASEM) that starts on Monday is one of the largest gatherings of top political leaders this year. The biennial session brings together nearly 50 heads of state or government leaders from Eurasia.

Like previous ASEM summits, this year's conference is set to boost mutual understandings among members while serving as a precious opportunity for Asia and Europe to cement their partnership, especially at a time when the global

economic recovery is still fragile.

Themed "Friends for Peace, Partners for Prosperity," the summit is expected to devote much of its attention to Asia's rising economies, the sluggish economic recovery worldwide and the sovereign debt problem that continues to vex Europe.

After 16 years of development since its inception in 1996, ASEM now has 48 partners. It accounts for about 60 percent of the world's population and more than 60 percent of all global trade.

One thing notable about the ever-tightening trade link between ASEM partners is that the Asian countries have advanced and are no longer just exporters and recipients of European investment.

Backed by robust domestic growth, the Asian partners have started to buy more goods from their European counterparts and also are becoming active participants in global finance.

As many have observed, the rising economic clout of Asia makes the region more appealing for those looking for credible cooperative partners.

The attraction is especially strong for Europe now, as several EU members are teetering on the verge of financial collapse following months of unsuccessful efforts to control their debt problems.

Political leaders in Asia understand well that the mounting euro debt issue would ultimately drag down their own economies if the current trend goes unchecked.

It is a reasonable guess that they would be willing to do whatever in their power they can to help Europe survive the debt crisis.

One case in point is China's June contribution of 43 billion US dollars to the recapitalization of the International Monetary Fund, one of the key players managing to keep several debt-ridden European countries afloat.

China, now the world's second largest economy, has also made earnest efforts to increase imports from Europe in the past three years since the onset of the financial crisis. As promised, China will continue to help bring the euro debt crisis to an early end.—Xinhua



Japanese Prime Minister Yoshihiko Noda (L) and Lao Prime Minister Thongsing Thammavong finish breaking the lid of a sake barrel during a ceremony at an airport in the Laotian capital of Vientiane on 4 Nov, 2012, prior to the Asia-Europe Meeting summit to be held 5 and 6 Nov.—KYODO NEWS

India sees 2012 GDP growth of 5.5-6.0 percent

MEXICO CITY, 5 Nov— India's economy should expand by 5.5 percent to 6.0 percent this year and return to 7 percent growth in 2013, Finance Minister P Chidambaram told Reuters on Sunday, although he said inflation was at an "unacceptable" level.

"I'm looking forward to this year ending with 5.5-6 percent growth, barring any unexpected shocks, and next year getting back to 7 percent growth, and in 2014-15 getting back to 8 percent growth," he said in an interview at a G20 meeting in Mexico.

The International Monetary Fund last month slashed its 2012 economic growth forecast for India to 4.9 percent from 6.1 percent previously.

But Chidambaram was more optimistic and said India had the wherewithal to reach its economic potential.

"In 2004-2008 we had 9 percent plus growth. It's not as though we have not



India's Finance Minister P Chidambaram speaks during an interview with Reuters at a hotel during his visit for the G20 meeting in Mexico City on 4 Nov, 2012.—REUTERS

done it before," he said. "We have slowed down thanks to the world and some domestic factors, but we are absolutely confident that we will get back to the higher-growth path."

Chidambaram said he also concerned about inflation, which hit a 10-month high of 7.8 percent in September.

"We must learn to live with some inflation, but inflation cannot be at an

unacceptable level. Today it is at an unacceptable level," he said.

India's central bank left interest rates unchanged at 8 percent last week, defying government pressure to lower rates for the first time since April.

Rate cut expectations had grown after Chidambaram outlined a recent plan to cut the country's hefty fiscal deficit and boost growth.

The bank's announcement failed to calm markets, pushing bond yields and swap rates higher.

Reuters

Three killed, three injured in firing in southern Pakistan

Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, 5 Nov — At least three people were killed and three others injured when a non-governmental organization's office was attacked by some unknown gunmen in Pakistan's southern City of Hyderabad late Sunday night, said local police. Pir Fareed, Senior Superintendent Police (SSP) Hyderabad, told local media that at about 10:30 pm (local time) four unknown gunmen entered the office of Ghosia Foundation, a non-governmental organization owned by a religious group, in the Hyder Chowk area of the city and sprayed bullets at the people inside, injuring six of them. The injured were shifted to civil hospital of the city where three of them later succumbed to injuries, said Fareed.

The assailants fled the scene after carrying out the attack and no group has claimed responsibility for the attack, he said, adding that police have held eight suspects for investigation from the surrounding area following the attack.

Earlier on Saturday, a

local leader of MQM, a major political party in the country, was shot dead in Hyderabad, sparking a strong protest from MQM members.

Local watchers believe that Sunday's firing incident in Hyderabad, the second largest City in Pakistan's southern Sindh Province, could be related to the killing of the MQM's leader.

Xinhua



Photo taken on 4 Nov, 2012 shows fallen ginkgo leaves on the ground in Tancheng County of Linyi City, east China's Shandong Province. Most cities in northern part of China now receive beautiful autumn views as colder weather goldens tree leaves.—XINHUA

Two Japanese tourists dead, one missing in China snowstorms

SHIJIAZHUANG, 5 Nov — Two Japanese tourists were killed and one remained missing after being trapped in a snow-covered mountain in north China's Hebei Province, local authorities said late Sunday night.

Two Japanese women, aged 62 and 68, were confirmed dead and a 76-year-old Japanese man remained missing, the Huailai county's publicity department said in a statement. Another Japanese tourist, 59, and a Chinese man, who works for a Japanese tourist agency, were under treatment at a village clinic as roads out of the mountain were still

closed. The four Japanese tourists and two Chinese tourists climbed a mountain from the Beijing side to tour a section of the Great Wall on Saturday morning.

The six were trapped in snowstorms after reaching a mountainous region in Huailai county in the neighbouring province of Hebei, according to the statement.

More than 150 people battled waist-deep snow to search for tourists after learning from a Chinese tourist who came down the mountain to seek police help. Xinhua



Visitors pose for photo with a panda doll during a charity sales for the study of releasing pandas to the wild in Chengdu, capital of southwest China's Sichuan Province, on 4 Nov, 2012. Pambassadors from America, Italy, Britain and other countries and regions attended the activity on Sunday.—XINHUA

Mongolia hosts wrestling event for Mongolians around world

Mongolia

ULAN BATOR, 5 Nov — A wrestling competition for Mongolians around the world kicked off in Ulan Bator, Mongolia on Sunday.

There were 128 wrestlers from Inner Mongolia of China, Russian Buryatia, Tuva, Altai, Kalmykia and Mongolia competing in the -85kg and over 85kg classes.

After five rounds, Mongolia's "national elephant" Sonjdanv and Burgan Province "Lion" Amarsankhan won the over 85kg and -85kg respectively, and each bagged seven million tugrug (about 5,000 US

dollars) bonus. Wrestling is one of the Mongolian traditional sports. Before the start of a contest, traditional hymn would be sung to encourage wrestlers and heighten the atmosphere. Hymn is a full range of praise for an excellent wrestler's body, skill, wisdom and morality, whose praise focused on description of champions' image and temperament.

While wrestlers enter the field, they posed like an eagle pose, waving hands and jumping.—Xinhua

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No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

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No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

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NYC subway operating 80 percent of network, fuel headed to NY area

NEW YORK, 5 Nov.—The New York City subway system is now operating along 80 percent of its network, and more of the network will come back on

line through the weekend, New York Governor Andrew Cuomo said on Saturday.

Addressing concerns about fuel shortages, particularly gasoline, that

have hit the New York area since superstorm Sandy struck earlier this week, Cuomo also said 8 million gallons of fuel had been delivered since the New York Harbor reopened. Another 28 million gallons would be delivered this weekend, he said.—Reuters



Governor Andrew Cuomo (C) inspects a deluge of water flooding the Battery Tunnel in Manhattan as Hurricane Sandy made its approach in New York on 29 Oct, 2012.

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The Republic of the Union of Myanmar
Union Civil Service Board
Vacancy Announcement
Announcement No. 18 / 2012
8 th Waxing of Thadingyut 1374 ME
(23 September 2012)

1. The Directorate of Investment and Company Administration under the Ministry of National Planning and Economic Development has issued an announcement of vacancies for the following position-

Position	Vacancy	Educational Qualification
Staff Officer	10	Any degree from Institutes of economics
	5	L.L. B/B .A(Law)
	10	B .A(English)
	5	B .C .Sc

2. The applicants -
 (a) must be citizens of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar.
 (b) must not be over 35 years of age (40 years if service personnel) on 27 November 2012.
 (c) must be in good health, must be physically fit and possess well intact limbs.
3. Applications forms are available at Office No. (17) of the Union Civil Service Board in Nay Pyi Taw or the respective offices of the Region and States Government and it must be submitted to the above mentioned offices in person or through the mail service not later than 27 November 2012. The applicant must specifically describe the desired exam centre to sit for written examination either at Nay Pyi Taw or the Region and States Government. Late submission of application will not be accepted.
4. With regards to filling in the application form, documents to be attached, mode of payment of Ks.500/ for examination fee, subjects to be studied for written examinations and personal interview, candidates applying for the vacant positions will have to follow the instructions manifested in the Guide Booklet published under Letter No. 950/ Selection (Main)/ 2012, dated 1 October 2012.
5. **For service personnel**, his or her original application altogether with the recommendation of the ministry concerned and a passport photo of the applicant must be sent to Office No. (17) of the Union Civil Service Board in Nay Pyi Taw through the Head of Department. Another application form together with an extra passport photo must be sent to the Union Civil Service Board or the respective offices of the Region and States Government by 27 November 2012.
6. Written examinations will be held in **Nay Pyi Taw, Region and States Government**. Candidates will be examined in Myanmar and General Knowledge examination papers on 9 February 2013 (Saturday) and English examination paper on 10 February 2013 (Sunday).
7. Identity cards for candidates sitting for the examination will be issued at Nay Pyi Taw and the respective offices of the Region and States Government commencing on 7 February 2013.
8. For more information, applicants may contact Office No. (17) of the Union Civil Service Board, Nay Pyi Taw (067 - 409052, 067 - 409430) or the respective offices of the Region and States Government in person or by phone.
9. This announcement and the guide booklet for applicants may be browsed on Websites: ucsb.imis.com.mm and www.ucsb.gov.mm.



The Republic of the Union of Myanmar
Union Civil Service Board
Vacancy Announcement
Announcement No. 19 / 2012
8 th Waxing of Thadingyut 1374 ME
(23 October 2012)

1. The Revenue Appellate Tribunal under the Ministry of Finance and Revenue has issued an announcement of vacancy for the following position-

Position	Vacancy	Educational Qualification
Staff Officer	1	M .A(English)

2. The applicants -
 (a) must be citizens of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar.
 (b) must not be over 35 years of age (40 years if service personnel) on 27 November 2012.
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7. Identity cards for candidates sitting for the examination will be issued at Nay Pyi Taw and the respective offices of the Region and States Government commencing on 7 February 2013.
8. The Ministry of Finance and Revenue has prescribed specific rules and regulations for successful candidates in discharge of their duties. In this context candidates wishing to obtain further information may contact in person or by phone to office No.(46) of the Revenue Appellate Tribunal in Nay Pyi Taw (Tel: 067-430045, 067-430171).
9. For more information, applicants may contact Office No. (17) of the Union Civil Service Board, Nay Pyi Taw (067 - 409052, 067 - 409430) or the respective offices of the Region and States Government in person or by phone.
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Ministry of Information

Invitation for open tender of Myanmar

Radio and Television to purchase machines

1. Machines to be purchased for Myanmar Radio and Television under the Ministry of Information are as follow-
- (1) Multi Channel Playout System - 1 Lot
 - (2) 3KW Digital Output DVB-T2 transmitter - 3 Sets
(For Yangon, Sagaing and Pyinmana)
 - (3) Fiber Link & Fiber Interface Equipment - 3 Sets
 - (4) (IRD) Set-Top Box - 200,000 Nos

2. Application forms of open tenders may be taken out from Office No. 7, Ministry of Information, Nay Pyi Taw, from 09:30 to 16:30 hour from (8-11-2012) to (20-11-2012) during week days.

3. The open tenders are submitted to Office No. 7, Ministry of Information, Nay Pyi Taw, in the presence of the members of the tender committee from 9:30 to 16:30 hr on (21-11-2012). The tenders, later then the designated date, will not be considered.

4. Forms of open tender and detailed information may be inquired by following address.

Procurement Committee
 Ministry of Information
 Office No. 7, Nay Pyi Taw
 Tel: 412327, 79474

Residents and Somali security forces clean the debris of a village restaurant after two suicide bomb attack in Somalia's capital Mogadishu on 3 Nov, 2012. Three people, two suicide bomb attacker and a guard were killed in the blast.

XINHUA



Six killed in NW Pakistan suicide blast

BEIJING, 5 Nov — At least six people have been killed and several others injured after a suicide bomber attacked the office of a local pro-government militia in Buner town, northwest Pakistan.

According to a police official, an unidentified

militant drove his explosive laden motorbike into the outer wall of the leader's office.

The militia's leader, Fateh Khan, his two body guards, and two passersby were killed.

Pakistan

The injured were rushed to hospital. The Taleban have claimed responsibility for the attack.

Xinhua

INVITATION TO OPEN TENDER

Sealed tenders are invited by the Department of Health, Central Medical Stores Depot for the supply of medical equipment.

Tender documents are available during office hours at the office of the Deputy Director (Medical Stores), Central Medical Stores Depot, No.57, Sakawa Road, Dagon Township, Yangon, commencing from (9.11.2012).

Sealed bids are to be submitted to the office of the Deputy Director (Medical Stores), Central Medical Stores Depot, not later than (26.11.2012) 14:00 hour, after which no bid will be accepted. No telegraphic/relex proposal will be accepted.

For detail information please contact the Deputy Director (Medical Stores) Phone No.371969, 372362, 371284.

Central Medical Stores Depot
 Department of Health



Roger Federer

Federer surprised by lack of blood testing

LONDON, 5 Nov — Roger Federer wants more blood testing done in tennis to help keep the sport clear of doping, the 17-times grand slam champion said on the eve of the ATP World Tour Finals. Britain's newly-crowned US Open champion Andy Murray raised the subject this week at the Paris Masters, suggesting there needed to be more out-of-competition checks.

World Tour Finals title holder Federer said his Scottish rival had a point. "I feel I'm being less tested this time now than six, seven, eight years ago," the Swiss told a news conference at London's O2 Arena.

"I don't know the exact reasons why we are being tested less and at this moment I agree with Andy, we don't do a lot of blood testing during the year.

"I think it's important to have enough tests. I don't like it when I'm only getting tested whatever number it is, which I don't think is enough or sufficient during the year so I think we should up it a little bit or a lot," Federer added. "It's key and vital the sport stays clean. It's got to. We have a good history in terms of that and we want to make sure it stays that way."

Reuters

Tired Djokovic primed for one final challenge

LONDON, 5 Nov — A tired sounding Novak Djokovic says he will need to draw on all his mental and physical strength if he is to crown another stellar season with the ATP World Tour Finals title.

The Serb heads into his opening match with Frenchman Jo-Wilfried Tsonga on Monday safe in the knowledge that he will end the year as the world number for the second consecutive year.

Whether he can add a sixth title to his 2012 resume, which includes the Australian Open, will depend on how his body has recovered since he was knocked out of the Paris Masters by American Sam Querrey on Wednesday.

He admitted after the match he began to struggle physically during the second set, having won the first.

"I want to give my best and at this moment I'm trying to be as optimistic as possible," Djokovic, winner of the season-ending showpiece when it was staged in Shanghai in 2008, told a Sunday news conference at London's O2 Arena which is hosting the event for the fourth year running.

"It's expected to not always be on your top form and especially at this time of year the effects of the long season can influence you physically and mentally also, but as I said, this is a very important tournament.



Novak Djokovic

"I definitely want to do well, find the mental and physical strength to perform my best and we'll see if that best will be good enough."

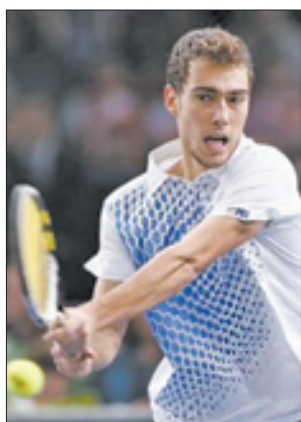
As well as a weary body, reports from Serbia have said the 25-year-old's father was ill, an issue Djokovic was not keen to elaborate on.

Reuters

Pole Janowicz dreaming of a place among the elite

PARIS, 5 Nov — Little-known Pole Jerzy Janowicz set his sights on a place among the tennis elite after being beaten 6-4, 6-3 by fourth-seeded Spaniard David Ferrer in the final of the Paris Masters on Sunday. The 21-year-old's barnstorming run to the final secured a place in the world's top 30 and a seeded place in the Australian Open, the grand slam tournament he skipped in January because of a lack of cash.

Another consolation for the unseeded Janowicz's runner-up finish was a cheque for 234,865 euros (\$301,700). "I have just become a top-30 player



Pole Jerzy Janowicz

so I think I will not have to worry any more about money and I will have good opportunities to fight for an even better ranking," he told a news conference.

"I'm going to be seeded

Tennis

in Australia, that is a huge help. In the small ATP tournaments sometimes I will have a bye in the first round. "This is a good opportunity to work even harder and to fight for everything. Maybe one day I will become a top 10 player in the world." Janowicz beat five top-20 players this week including US Open and Olympic champion Andy Murray. "At the beginning of this year my goal was to be in the top 100 and suddenly I am in the top 30," he said. Tournament director Guy Forget, the former world number four, said he had seen it all before.

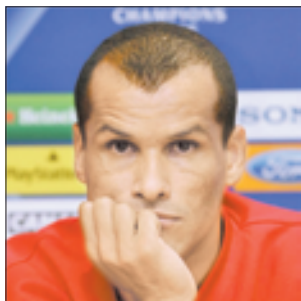
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Soccer

Rivaldo quits Angola's Kabuscorp

RIO DE JANEIRO, 5 Nov — Former Brazil star Rivaldo has given the strongest indication that his decorated 21-year professional career is over after quitting Angolan club Kabuscorp. The 40-year-old used his Twitter account to announce his departure on Sunday after less than 12 months at the Luanda-based club.

"It's my last day here in Angola but only as a footballer because I will



Former Brazil star Rivaldo

always consider Angola my home," Rivaldo said. The attacking midfielder last month revealed his 2012

season was over after suffering a rib and shoulder injury during a match in Angola's top-flight. At the time he said he was still deciding whether to continue playing and denied reports linking him with a return to Brazilian football.

The former Barcelona star scored 11 goals in 15 matches for Kabuscorp after joining the club from Sao Paulo earlier this year.

Xinhua

Earthquake rattle Galaxy in MLS playoffs

LOS ANGELES, 5 Nov — David Beckham's Los Angeles Galaxy suffered a shock 1-0 home defeat by the San Jose Earthquakes in the first leg of Major League Soccer's Western Conference playoff on Sunday. Victor Bernardez blasted in a free kick in stoppage time, stunning the LA crowd after the match looked to be heading for a stalemate between the top-scoring teams in MLS.

The defending champion Galaxy will have it all to do in the second leg at San Jose on Wednesday. Bernardez rifled a bullet shot through the wall of Galaxy defenders which flew under the outstretched arms of

goalkeeper Josh Saunders.

Former England captain Beckham, reported to be leaving LA after his contract expires at the end of December, was replaced by Edson Buddle with 10 minutes left in the game.

LA escaped a potential season-ending playoff defeat by Vancouver last Thursday with a 2-1 comeback 2-1, but paid for not taking their chances against the Earthquake.

Substitute Buddle squandered the home team's best opportunity in the 87th minute with a weak shot with Robbie Keane wide open.—*Reuters*



Nadia Petrova of Russia kisses her trophy after the final match against Caroline Wozniacki of Denmark at the WTA Tournament of the Champions in Sofia, Bulgaria, on 4 Nov, 2012. Petrova won 2-0 to claim the title.

XINHUA

Lakers finally show All Star class in Detroit win

LOS ANGELES, 5 Nov — The Los Angeles Lakers finally resembled the team many expected they would be as they blasted the Detroit Pistons 108-79 on Sunday to end their early-season slide.

The Lakers had begun the new season 0-3 for the first time since 1978, a shocking development for a team who acquired All Stars Dwight Howard and Steve Nash in the off-season.

On Sunday, however, they shook off the rust against the Pistons as Howard scored a game-high 28 points, Metta World Peace added 18 and Los Angeles quickly

dominated by grabbing a 21-point lead after the first quarter.

The chemistry problems that had plagued the Lakers, who include Pau Gasol and Kobe Bryant, in previous games was not an issue as they tallied 27 assists.

Bryant had eight assists to go along with 15 points and seven rebounds.

The Lakers were again without Nash, who will miss at least a week with a left leg fracture. Jonas Jerebko led Detroit with 18 points off the bench but they fell to 0-3 on the season.

Reuters

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 6:35 pm
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 8:00 pm
 17. News
 18. Bakery World
 19. TV Drama Series
 20. India Drama Series

Yangon United FC grabs MNL Youth Championship Cup- 2012



YANGON, 5 Nov— The final matches of second round for 2012 Myanmar National League Youth Championship took place at respective grounds yesterday evening. At the matches, Yangon United FC and Ayeyawady United held a draw, Zeyarshwemyay FC beat Southern Myanmar 3-0 and Yadanabon FC won over Kanbawza FC 3-1.

Yangon United FC stood first, Zeyarshwemyay and Yadanabon FC second and third. Yangon United FC achieved the Cup for the third time. President U Zaw Zaw, Secretary U Tin Aung and officials of Myanmar Football Federation presented cash awards and individual awards to Zeyarshwemyay FC and Champion Yangon United FC.— *Kyemon*

After the competitions,

Germany's Schaeuble says debt reduction is global task

BERLIN, 5 Nov—The United States and Japan must share responsibility with Europe for ensuring global economic stability, German Finance Minister Wolfgang Schaeuble said, signaling that a G20 meeting this weekend should not focus solely on the euro zone crisis.

Speaking in an interview before finance ministers and central bankers from the Group of 20 nations meet in Mexico, he said top economies must pursue structural reforms and fiscal consolidation to win back market trust and build sustainable growth.

Schaeuble also said in emailed answers to questions submitted by Reuters that he saw no danger of delay in the introduction of Basel III rules on banking capital that are due to be phased in from



German Finance Minister Wolfgang Schaeuble speaks during a news conference about the federal tax assessment for 2012 at the finance ministry in Berlin, on 31 Oct, 2012.

REUTERS

January. "The United States and Japan bear as great a responsibility for (ensuring stability) as we Europeans," he said. "The G20 economies must decisively win back confidence with structural reforms and sustainable financial policies. This is the most important precondition for strengthening global economic conditions," Schaeuble said.

The G20, which brings

together major wealthy and emerging economies, must measure its progress by the goals it set at its Toronto summit two years ago, he added. There the developed countries committed to halve their budget deficits by 2013 and to stabilize their debt load by 2015. Schaeuble reiterated that Greece, still locked in difficult talks with its international creditors aimed at averting bankruptcy,

must implement the tough measures it has promised.

The minister dampened expectations that the euro zone's new bailout fund, the European Stability Mechanism (ESM), might soon be able to recapitalize banks directly, reiterating that a planned new oversight body must first be fully functional. "It is important that liability and control go hand-in-hand. In other words, quality clearly comes before speed," he said.

The G20's regulatory arm, the Financial Stability Board (FSB), will complete proposals by the time of the group's next summit in September 2013 on regulation of non-bank financial institutions ranging from hedge funds to insurance companies.

Reuters

Chinese premier arrives in Vientiane for Asia-Europe Meeting, Laos visit

visit to Laos.

In a written statement released upon his arrival, Wen conveyed the greetings and good wishes of the Chinese people to the people of Laos.

Wen said Laos has achieved political stability and economic development in recent years and a good beginning to its seventh Five-Year Plan. China congratulates Laos on its remarkable results of reform and opening up, he said.

The premier noted that China and Laos are good neighbours, friends, and partners that trust each other and share a long-standing traditional friendship.

Wen said bilateral relations have developed smoothly, enjoying mutual political trust, sound economic cooperation and close coordination on multilateral occasions.

"I expect to thoroughly exchange views with Laos' leaders on comprehensively promote the two countries' cooperation in all fields so as to make continuous progress of China-Laos comprehensive relations of strategic cooperation and partnership," Wen said.

Lao Prime Minister Thongsing Thammavong held a welcoming ceremony for Wen at the airport.

Xinhua



Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao (R, front) shakes hands with Lao Prime Minister Thongsing Thammavong (L, front) upon his arrival at Vientiane, capital of Laos, on 4 Nov, 2012.—XINHUA

VIENTIANE, 5 Nov— Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao arrived in Vientiane on

Sunday night to attend the ninth annual Asia-Europe Meeting and pay an official

Rival Libya militias battle in streets of Tripoli

Libya

TRIPOLI, 5 Nov— At least five people were wounded and a stray bullet caused a hospital, causing panic and increasing concerns about Libya's precarious security situation a year after the ouster of Muammar Gaddafi.

By early afternoon the headquarters of a Supreme Security Committee (SSC) militia, a body set up last year to try to regulate armed groups, was in flames and being looted by members of a rival militia faction, witnesses said. Local shops were also looted.

The fight erupted just after midnight due to a dispute over a detained member of one of the armed groups, residents in the southern District of Sidi Khalifa said.

Both militias are affiliated to the SSC, an umbrella group for various armed groups that refused to join the official police or army, saying they were still run by Gaddafi loyalists.

Civilians blocked the street where the fighting raged to prevent cars from entering the battleground where the sound of gunfire rang out. Many civilians went home to get their own arms.

"We called the police early in the morning to help us stop the shooting, but no

one came," resident Khaled Mohamed told Reuters.

A stray bullet caused panic at the nearby Tripoli Central Hospital, sending doctors and nurses running for cover. Dr. Khaled Ben Nour said five casualties had been brought in.

"We have real patients with real needs. These rogue militias need to leave us in peace so we can do our jobs," Ben Nour said.

SSC members at the scene said that the SSC headquarters - a former intelligence building - had been occupied by one particular militia belonging called Support Unite No. 8 led by Mohamed al-Warfali.

A group of rival militias - also belonging to the SCC - fired at the building from a former post office.

"Mohamed al-Warfali and his lawless group of men have occupied the SSC building and refuse to come out," said militia member Mohamed al-Himrazy who accused Warfali's group of breaking SSC rules.

The SSC, run and paid for by the Interior Ministry, is much better armed than the official police. The ministry has repeatedly promised to disarm the militias but has yet to do so, to the disgust of many Libyans.

Reuters

President U Thein Sein attends opening session of 9th ASEM



NAY PYI TAW, 5 Nov— President U Thein Sein attended the ceremony to welcome new members of ASEM and opening session of ninth Asia-Europe Meeting at Champa Grand Hall of National Convention Centre in Vientiane in Lao People's Democratic Republic this afternoon.

The President was welcomed by Laotian

President Mr Choummaly Sayasone and wife and Prime Minister Mr Thongsing Thammavong and wife on arrival at National Convention Centre.

The President posed with Heads of State/Government from ASEAN, Asian and European countries, the ASEAN Secretary-General, the President of the European Commission.

The President attended the ceremony to welcome new ASEM members Bangladesh, Norway and Switzerland. The Laotian PM extended greetings and Bangladeshi PM Mrs Sheikh Hasina, Norwegian PM Mr Jens Stoltenbert and Swiss President Madam Eveline Widmer-Schlumpf delivered addresses.

President U Thein

Sein, together with Heads of State/Government, deputy PMs and ministers from ASEAN, Asian and European countries, the ASEAN secretary-general, the European Commission president, deputy ministers and high-level officials attended the opening session.

The Laotian Premier delivered the opening

Heads of State/Government from ASEAN, Asian and European countries, the ASEAN Secretary-General, the President of EC pose for documentary photo at 9th ASEM.—MNA

speech.

Chairman of European Council Mr Herman Van Rompuy, Pakistani Prime Minister Mr Raja Pervais Ashraf, President of European Commission Mr Jose' Manuel Barroso

and Cypriot President Mr Demetris Christofias delivered addresses.

The speech of Mr Elio Di Rupo, Prime Minister of Belgium which hosted 8th ASEM, brought the ceremony to an end.—MNA

President U Thein Sein meets Australian Prime Minister Ms. Julia Gillard

NAY PYI TAW, 5 Nov— President U Thein Sein met Australian Prime Minister Ms. Julia Gillard

at Don Chan Palace Hotel in Vientiane at 11.20 am today.

The President was

accompanied by Union Ministers U Wunna Maung Lwin, U Tin Naing Thein and U Kyaw Lwin and

Deputy Minister Dr Win Myint. Together with the Australian Prime Minister, National Security Senior

Advisor Mr. Richard Moude and officials attended the meeting.

They held comprehensive discussions on further cooperation in the areas of trade and commerce between the two countries as foreign investment law was enacted in Myanmar, generating electricity including solar power, transferring technologies for more

agricultural production and development of telecommunications and information technology in rural areas, conducting courses and workshops for capacity building of service personnel who are going to discharge duties in ASEAN Summit 2014 in Myanmar which coincides 40th Anniversary of Diplomatic Relations between ASEAN and Australia.—MNA



President U Thein Sein receives Australian PM Ms. Julia Gillard at Don Chan Palace Hotel in Vientiane.—MNA

Summary of observations at 9.30 hr MST on 5-11-2011

During the past (24) hours, rain or thundershowers have been scattered in Upper Sagaing and Bago Regions and Shan State, isolated in Mandalay, Yangon and Taninthayi Regions and Chin, Kayah and Mon States and weather has been partly cloudy in the remaining Regions and States. Night temperatures were (3°C to (4°C) above November average temperatures in

lower Sagaing and Magway Regions and Shan (Northern and Eastern) and Mon States, about November average temperatures in the remaining Regions and States. The significant night temperature was (10°C) in Pinlaung. The noteworthy amount of rainfall recorded were Thaton (0.91) inch, (Central) Yangon (0.71) inch and Homalin (0.47) inch.

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