

## World countries need to increase food production, improve distribution to feed entire population sufficiently

President U Thein Sein delivers address at 9<sup>th</sup> Asia-Europe Meeting Summit



President U Thein Sein taking part in discussion on agriculture and food sufficiency at 9<sup>th</sup> Asia-Europe Meeting Summit.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 6 Nov— President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein discussed the issue on agriculture and food sufficiency at the 9<sup>th</sup> Asia-Europe Meeting Summit held in the Lao People's Democratic Republic today.

Following is the translation of the full-text of his discussion at the summit.

His Excellency Prime Minister Mr Thongsing Thammavong, Heads of State and Government, and delegates, First of all, I would like to express that I am taking pride of the government of the

Lao People's Democratic Republic for hosting the 9<sup>th</sup> ASEM Summit which plays an important role in stepping up efforts for win-win situation between Asian and European countries.

I would like to thank the government and the people of Lao for their warm welcome and hospitality to us. I would like to express my delight for my first participation in the 9<sup>th</sup> ASEM Summit.

I would like to express my delight and welcome for Switzerland and Bangladesh, the new members of the ASEM. I would like to

underscore the agriculture and food security at today's meeting.

As you already know, nearly 1,000 million out of 7,000 million population of the world are suffering from famine. As increasing population density, urbanization, industrialization in developing countries and unprecedented climate change have destroyed crops and livestock, food security has become a great challenge.

The world countries need to increase their food production and improve distribution to feed the entire

population of the world sufficiently.

Being an agro-based country, Myanmar is rich in arable land and water resources and also blessed with moderate climate.

Rural population who earn livings on agriculture, livestock breeding and fishery constitute 70 percent of the whole population of the country as well.

But, we have found that most of farmers are struggling to make the ends meet and cannot engage in commercial farming.

Despite agricultural reforms and policies for privatization since the introduction of the market economy since 1988, local and international scholars saw no significant signs of progress.

Lack of technology, experience, loans and capitals — stemmed from lack of development and sanctions of the developed countries — contributed to failed transformation from conventional farming to mechanized farming and blocked export of the agricultural produce to the foreign markets.

Foreign investment in

the agroindustry in Myanmar is only 0.48 percent, making it the relatively least invested area.

Once Myanmar was called Rice Bowl of Asia and could export rice to the world countries on a wider scale. At present, Myanmar mainly grows rice and has 7.59 million hectares of rice-growing area out of total sown acreage of 22.5 million sown hectares in 2011-2012, accounting for 33.8 % of total area. Growing areas of beans and pluses and oil crops is the largest area after the paddy.

Myanmar's rice production has increased to 84.3 % during the years between 1996-1997 and 2011-2012 while the production of beans and pulses has risen to 295 %. Myanmar stands as a leading country in ASEAN in production and exporting of beans and pulses.

Myanmar is actively participating in international and regional food security activities. Myanmar is making cooperation in ASEAN Food Security Reserve Board, ASEAN Food Security Information System Project and ASEAN

+3 Emergency Rice Reserve Schemes, which are being implemented under the framework of ASEAN Cooperation.

Reserve rice volume for regional emergency rice volume is 87,000 metric ton. Of them, Myanmar has agreed to fill 14,000 metric tons, accounting for 16 % of ASEAN reserve rice.

Since the new government takes office, the reforms are taking place in such sectors as political, economic and social. Poverty alleviation is set as country's a priority task by way of development of agriculture and rural people.

Of the eight Millennium Development Goals, the first objective is to halve poverty and hunger by 2015.

To implement that fundamental objective, Myanmar aims to reduce poverty rate to 16 % from 26 % by 2015.

But there are challenges in the areas of market, loan, land ownership policies and macroeconomic policies, modern agricultural technology and infrastructures.

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NAY PYI TAW, 6 Nov— President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein attended the 9<sup>th</sup> Asia-Europe Meeting Summit at Champa Grand Hall of the National Convention Centre in Vientiane, the Laos People's Democratic Republic, today.

The summit was participated by head of ASEAN, Asia and European countries, heads of governments, deputy prime ministers, ministers, the ASEAN Secretariat, the chairman of the European Commission and senior officials.

The summit was opened with an address by Prime Minister of the Lao People's Democratic Republic Mr Thongsing Thammavong.

Afterwards, the par-

ticipants of the summit discussed respective issues sector-wise and President U Thein Sein discussed agriculture and food sufficiency.

During the summit, the heads of the ASEAN, Asia and European countries exchanged views on food sufficiency and fuel security, sustainable development, climate change, disaster risk management cooperation in social and cultural sectors and win-win issues in regional and international arena.

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*The ninth Asia-Europe Meeting Summit in progress.*

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## President U Thein Sein attends 9<sup>th</sup> ASEM Summit



PYITHU HLUTTAW



**Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann receives Australian and New Zealand MPs**

NAY PYI TAW, 6 Nov — Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann received a delegation comprising members of the parliaments of Australia and New Zealand led by

Chairman of The GAVI Alliance Board Mr. Dagfinn Hoybraten at Pyithu Hluttaw Zabuthiri Hall of Hluttaw Complex this evening. The Speaker was

accompanied by Pyithu Hluttaw Deputy Speaker U Nanda Kyaw Swa, chairmen, secretaries and members of the committees and officials of the Hluttaw Office.

*Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann meets members of the parliaments of Australia and New Zealand led by Chairman of The GAVI Alliance Board Mr. Dagfinn Hoybraten.—MNA*

They frankly exchanged views on development of socioeconomic sectors and matters related to further cooperation between the two parliaments. — MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 6 Nov— Pyithu Hluttaw session continued for 9<sup>th</sup> day at Pyithu Hluttaw Hall in Hluttaw Complex, here, at 10.10 am today, attended by Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann and 394 MPs.

At today's session, six questions were replied; one proposal submitted; and one bill submitted. With respect to the question of Dr Than Win of North Okkalapa Constituency on **"how preventive measures against decadent music, dance and mode of dress which is a national danger would be taken,"** Deputy Minister for Culture U Than Swe said that it is a matter of concern from family and class rooms to society.

Plans are under way to speed up future process of Myanmar National Culture Central Committee under which Ministry of Home Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Information, Ministry of Religious Affairs and Union Attorney-General Office are formed.

Regarding the question of U Thein Nyunt of Thingangyun Constituency on **"whether or not the**

**Private newspapers will emerge soon**



**government gave green light to private newspapers from the period between 1965-1967 in Myanmar and Union Government will allow to publish private newspapers according to the Printers and Publishers Registration Law (1962)"**, Union Minister for Information U Aung Kyi replied that some private newspapers were in operation during the period between 1965 and 1967 at time when the Printers and Publishers Registration Law (1962) was still in force.

Green light will be given to publication of private newspapers soon.

In so doing, a new media environment is being set up in cooperation with respective media. The Union Government would allow the publication of daily private newspapers at an opportune time.

U Thein Nyunt would like to know the more prescribed period for it.

The Union Minister said that it depends on the facts that how the remaining organizations including Myanmar Press Council would implement institutions urgently in the process of new media reforms.

So, the Union Government is not position

to decide fixed dates for it.

With respect to the question of U Nyi Nyi Myint of Ottwin Constituency on **"if there is any plan to reconstruct Ottwin Township Sport Ground,"** Union Minister for Sports U Tint Hsan said that it will be implemented with the fund of Bago Region Government in 2014-2015 financial year.

Regarding the question of U Khin Maung Thi of Loilem Constituency on **"if there is any plan to upgrade inner fencing and stand in Loilem District Sport Ground,"** the Union Minister said that it will be implemented with the fund

of Shan State Government in 2014-2015 financial year.

Deputy Agriculture and Irrigation Minister responded to the question on agriculture matter raised by Dr Soe Thura of Kyonpyaw Constituency that arrangements were being made for upgrading and construction of irrigation facilities and priority would be given to tasks in accord with the budget allotments and he called for constant collaborative efforts between authorities concerned and farmers.

Regarding the question raised by U Than Soe of Thazi Constituency, the deputy minister answered that repair

works for water outlets of Thettaw dam (2) would be carried out in accord with the budget allotments.

Next, U Aye Mauk of Mahlaing Constituency submitted a proposal to make new enactments, if there is no rules and regulations and bylaws, which enable farmers to apply for a mortgage on their own farmlands to the Central Bank of Myanmar (or) its branches and private banks, including agriculture bank under the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation.

Deputy Ministers U Khin Zaw, Dr Lin Aung and U Than Tun said that the proposal should be put on record as it was under implementation by the Hluttaws and the Union government.

Two Hluttaw representatives took part in the discussions on the proposal that the Hluttaw approved to put it on record.

Member of Union Election Commission U Win Ko submitted a bill on recalling a representative of the Hluttaw and Chairman of the Bill Committee U Ti Khun Myat read out the report.

Today's session came to an end at 12.50 pm, and the tenth-day session will continue tomorrow.

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**New Vaccine**

NAY PYI TAW, 6 Nov— With a view to reducing preventable infectious childhood diseases, the Ministry of Health has introduced pentavalent vaccine into its routine immunization schedule today.

Pentavalent vaccine is a combination of five vaccines-in-one that prevents diphtheria, tetanus, whooping cough, Hepatitis B and haemophilus influenza type B (HIB).

According to the World

**Myanmar launches pentavalent vaccine**

Health Organization (WHO), a total of 1.4 million children under 12 months of age will be vaccinated against five deadly diseases under the programme.

Speaking on the occasion, Union Minister for Health Dr Pe Thet Khin thanked Global Alliance for Vaccines and Immunization (GAVI), donors, WHO and UNICEF for their supports for introduction of the new vaccines and urged members of the National Health Committee from the Union

level ministries, regional governments and NGOs to continue to make efforts for protecting children against the preventable diseases.

In his key-note address, Mr Dagfinn Hoybraten, GAVI Alliance Board Chair said almost 670,000 will be vaccinated with pentavalent vaccines within the next six months and more than 1.1 million with the measles 2nd dose within the next year in Myanmar. WHO's Resident Representative Dr HSB Tennakoon expressed

the WHO's commitment towards the government, GAVI, UNICEF and INGOs to ensure that those life-saving vaccines along with other vaccines are safely delivered to millions of children, no mother and child should be left unprotected. The introduction as part of efforts for making intensification of the routine immunization, will save children of Myanmar who are exposed to the risk of dying from pneumonia and meningitis, being the leading



causes of child mortality. HIB is a leading cause of childhood bacterial

meningitis, pneumonia and other serious infectious.

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**WORLD**



*Britain's Prime Minister David Cameron (C) speaks to exhibitors during a visit to the Big 5 International Building and Construction exhibition at the Dubai World Trade Centre on 5 Nov, 2012. Cameron will visit the Gulf and Middle East on a three-day diplomacy and trade trip this week, his office said on Monday. —REUTERS*

**Cameron seeks arms deals, says supports Arab Spring**

DUBAI, 6 NOV—Prime Minister David Cameron sought to balance concern over human rights in Gulf Arab states with winning lucrative arms deals for Britain as he started a tour of the region on Monday.

Cameron said supported calls for greater democracy in the Middle East and that the British government was engaging Gulf states — some of which are trying to stifle political unrest — on their human rights record.

But discussions would show “respect and friendship,” he said, recognising that governments have bridled at foreign criticism.

Cameron arrived in the United Arab Emirates on Monday and will visit Saudi Arabia on Tuesday before travelling to another destination in the Middle East.

High on his agenda will be selling the BAE Systems-built Eurofighter Typhoon fighter jet.

BAE officials say the Emirates has shown interest in ordering up to 60 Typhoons. He will also talk to UAE officials about how to develop a “strategic air defence relationship”, including collaboration on military aerospace equipment.

Saudi Arabia has also signalled it might place a second substantial order of Typhoons on top of the 72 jets it has already acquired, Cameron’s office said.

*Reuters*

**Iran slams anti-nuclear weapons treaty as discriminatory**

UNITED NATIONS, 6 NOV—Discriminatory implementation of the nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) has left many countries feeling that being a party to the anti-atom bomb pact hinders cooperation in the field atomic energy, Iran’s UN ambassador said on Monday.

Western diplomats and analysts have long expressed concern that Iran might one day follow North Korea’s example and pull out of the

NPT and produce a bomb. North Korea withdrew from the treaty in 2003 and tested nuclear devices in 2006 and 2009. Speaking at a meeting of the UN General Assembly on the annual report of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), Iranian Ambassador Mohammad Khazaee sought to assure countries that despite Teheran’s reservations about the way the treaty is enforced, Iran does not plan to pull out.

“Iran...is fully committed to its legal obligations, and its nuclear activities are, and have always been, exclusively for peaceful purposes,” Khazaee said. He added that Teheran considers development of the full nuclear fuel cycle an “inalienable right” under the NPT. Western powers and their allies fear Iran is amassing the capability to produce atomic weapons, an allegation Teheran rejects. The Security Council has imposed four rounds of sanctions on Iran for refusing to halt nuclear-fuel work, but Teheran has pressed ahead with uranium enrichment.

Khazaee accused the United States, Britain and France of supplying Israel — which is not a party to the 1970 treaty aimed at preventing the spread of nuclear arms and is widely assumed to be the Middle East’s sole nuclear power — with atomic “assistance and cooperation.”

*Reuters*



*Iran's Ambassador to the UN Mohammad Khazaee speaks before the UN Security Council at the UN Headquarters in New York, on 9 June, 2010. —REUTERS*

**Iran nuclear fuel move may ease war fears - for now**

VIENNA, 6 NOV—A slowdown in Iran’s accumulation of its most sensitive nuclear material may have helped put off the threat of a new Middle East

war for now, but Teheran’s expanding uranium-enrichment capacity suggests any relief could be short-lived. By dedicating a big part of its higher-enriched

uranium to make civilian reactor fuel, Iran is removing it from a stockpile that could be used to make nuclear weapons if refined further and which would otherwise have grown faster.

This may explain why Israel — assumed to be the region’s only nuclear-armed state — recently signaled that an attack was not imminent, after months of speculation that it might be.

But the trend that has emerged in UN nuclear watchdog reports on Iran this year could yet be reversible, proliferation experts say: the material can be converted back to uranium gas as long as it has not been introduced

into a working reactor.

Doing so “would take a bit of time, but not more than a month or two, using technology the Iranians have already demonstrated that they have mastered,” a Western envoy said.

In addition, Iran’s rapid installation of new centrifuges — the machines that enrich uranium by spinning at supersonic speed — in an underground site gives it the capability to rapidly increase output, analysts say. Even so, another Vienna-based diplomat said the fact that Iran was making reactor fuel from some of its higher-grade uranium was positive in itself. —Reuters



*A general view of the Bushehr nuclear power plant, some 1,200 km (746 miles) south of Teheran on 26 Oct, 2010. —REUTERS*

**Sandy’s aftermath causes nightmare commute, housing crisis**

NEW YORK/BELMAR, (New Jersey), 6 NOV— Commuters battled unruly crowds and snarled traffic to return to work on Monday, a week after superstorm Sandy devastated the US Northeast, as authorities scrambled

election, with President Barack Obama and Republican challenger Mitt Romney locked in a close race. New York Governor Andrew Cuomo announced that New Yorkers would be able to vote in any polling



*People stand near garbage piled up in the streets of the Rockaways neighbourhood in the Queens borough of New York on 5 Nov, 2012. —REUTERS*

to clear debris ahead of more bad weather and put special measures in place to ensure residents could vote in Tuesday’s presidential election. Many of Sandy’s victims were still suffering, and living conditions were harsh for tens of thousands of people unable to return to their homes. Some 1.4 million homes and businesses were due to endure another night of near-freezing temperatures without power or heat.

The devastation could also send ripples through Tuesday’s presidential

place — instead of just their assigned location — by presenting an affidavit, while in New Jersey storm-affected residents will be designated as overseas voters, allowing them to submit an absentee vote by fax or email.

An exhausted region now faces the prospect of a new storm. A strong “Nor’easter” was forecast to bring freezing temperatures and more rain and wind by the middle of the week, possibly flooding coastal areas that have yet to recover from Sandy. —Reuters

**Suicide bomber kills 50 Syrian security men**

BEIRUT, 6 NOV—A suicide car bomber killed at least 50 Syrian security men in Hama Province on Monday, an opposition group said, in what would be one of the bloodiest single attacks on President Bashar al-Assad’s forces in the 20-month-old uprising.

Another day of relentless violence in Syria coincided with more unity talks in Qatar among opposition factions.

Syrian state media reported that a “terrorist” suicide bomber had targeted a rural development centre in Sahl al-Ghab in Hama Province, putting the death toll at two.

Rami Abdelrahman, head of the Syrian Observatory for

Human Rights, said the centre was used by security forces and pro-Assad militia as one of their biggest bases in the area.

“A fighter from the Nusra Front drove his car to the centre and then blew himself up,” he said. “A series of explosions followed. At least 50 were killed.”

The Nusra Front, an al Qaeda-inspired group of ultra-orthodox Salafi Muslims, has claimed responsibility for several suicide bombings in Damascus and elsewhere in the past. It operates mostly independently of other rebel factions, some of which have criticized it for indiscriminate tactics.

Syrian officials often blame foreign-backed

militants for the anti-Assad revolt, in which about 32,000 people have been killed since it began in March 2011.

In Damascus, a car bomb exploded in the mostly

Alawite western District of Mezzeh 86, killing 11 people and wounding dozens more, including children, state media and the Syrian Observatory reported. —Reuters



*A crowd gathers in front of a building and car damaged after a bomb explosion in the Mezzeh 86 area in Damascus, in this handout photograph released by Syria’s national news agency SANA, on 5 Nov, 2012. —REUTERS*

## SCIENCE &amp; TECHNOLOGY

Europe approves high-price gene therapy **Tech**

LONDON, 6 Nov — European officials have approved the Western world's first gene therapy drug from a small Dutch biotech company, in a milestone for the novel medical technology that fixes faulty genes. The formal clearance from the European Commission paves the way for a launch next summer of the treatment for an ultra rare genetic disease that will cost around 1.2 million euros (\$1.6 million) per patient, a new record for pricey modern medicines.

After more than 20 years of experiments and a series of disappointments, the EU approval of Glybera, which treats the genetic disorder lipoprotein lipase deficiency (LPLD), is a significant boost for the gene therapy field. Joern Aldag, chief executive of Amsterdam-based uniQure, said more such treatments would follow and argued a high

price was justified because gene therapy restored natural body function and did not just offer a short-term fix.

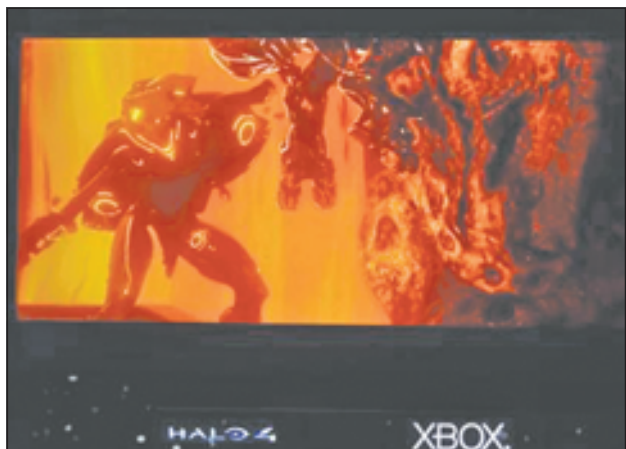
"This provides higher benefit to patients than the classical protein replacement strategy and this is why we think we should be fairly and adequately compensated," he said in a telephone interview on Friday. Patients with LPLD, which affects no more than one or two people per million, are unable to handle fat particles in their blood and are at risk of acute and potentially fatal inflammation of the pancreas.

The approval follows a positive recommendation from the European Medicines Agency in July.

The privately owned firm is now working with governments on potential pricing strategies, which are likely to vary from country to country, ahead of the commercial roll-out from the second half of 2013.

Reuters

## Microsoft pulls out the stops for Halo 4



A scene from the new version of the Halo video game "Halo 4" is previewed at the Microsoft Xbox news briefing during the E3 game expo in Los Angeles, California on 4 June, 2012.— REUTERS

SAN FRANCISCO, 6 Nov — "Master Chief" springs back into action on Tuesday with the release of Microsoft Corp's Halo 4, the latest installment of the Xbox blockbuster that will compete with Activision Blizzard's Call of Duty franchise for holiday-season bragging rights. Microsoft hopes the return of the laconic green-armoured super-soldier protagonist of Halo, which has generated \$3 billion of revenue since its 2001 launch, after a five-year hiatus will bring out gamers in droves when the title begins selling in more than 40 countries starting midnight. The Halo series, made by Microsoft Game Studios, spearheaded the company's foray into gaming that began with the 2001 launch of the first

Xbox. It has sold more than 46 million copies to date and helped the console lead the market ahead of Sony's Playstation and Nintendo's Wii.

It remains to be seen if the well-reviewed game can revive flagging videogame sales or surpass "Call of Duty: Black Ops 2", which goes on sale next week and will vie for the title of 2012's top-selling game. The first-person shooter series is now the biggest title on the Xbox. Nintendo is also selling its new Wii U console, featuring a companion tablet controller, over the holidays. Microsoft's rival Activision Blizzard is set to release a dedicated Wii U version for its "Call of Duty: Black Ops 2" title when the new console hits stores on 18 November. "Because there

Foxconn International surges 35 percent as Citi report lifts iPhone hopes **Tech**

Workers walk out of the entrance to a Foxconn factory in Chengdu, Sichuan Province on 4 July, 2012.

REUTERS

HONG KONG, 6 Nov — Shares of Foxconn International Holdings Ltd (FIH) (2038.HK), the world's biggest contract maker of cellphones, surged as much as 35 percent after Citigroup upgraded the stock to a 'buy' and said it expected the firm to start assembling iPhones this year. The report, Citigroup's first positive rating on the

stock in nearly three years, spurred heavy buying.

The shares have languished this year because of FIH's dwindling handset-making business as its biggest customers including Nokia Oyj trail Apple Inc in the smartphone race. FIH will see a sharp turnaround next year as Internet and software companies enter the smartphone race and the firm

hasn't been a game to star "Master Chief" for five years, there's a bit of a pent-up demand," said Ryan McCaffrey, Xbox Executive editor at videogame website IGN.com.

"Call of Duty has taken over as the most popular game on the Xbox, so I think it will be very close," he added. In Halo 4, "Master Chief" deals out death and destruction to evil aliens while embarking on a quest to save his longtime friend and artificial-intelligence construct Cortana. Microsoft, which has high hopes for the latest Halo, is pulling out the stops. Halo: Reach, the fourth game in the series sans Master Chief, was launched in September 2010 and raked in \$200 million in global sales on launch-day. The company is hosting marquee events in cities from Seattle and Berlin to London — where

the company will stage an as-yet-undisclosed stunt on the Thames river. Microsoft also held a massive launch event last week in the small country of Liechtenstein in Europe. Some historic landmarks and the countryside of the 62-square mile nation was transformed into a futuristic Halo-like universe and reporters were allowed to test the game. GameStop Corp, the largest US chain, is also planning midnight events. With less than 12 hours before the title's launch, GameStop spokeswoman Wendy Dominguez said fans had begun lining up outside a handful of stores, including at their Flower Mound, Texas outlet. Some dressed in Halo costumes. "They've either pre-ordered Halo or they're waiting to get their hands on a copy and they're pretty excited about it," Dominguez said.— Reuters

starts assembling iPhones for Apple, Citigroup said.

"Amazon, Google, Microsoft, Xiaomi, Baidu, Tencent <0700.HK> are all trying to launch smartphones and none has in-house manufacturing," Citigroup said, raising its target price on FIH to HK\$5.80 and its earnings estimate for 2013 by 134 percent. Shares of FIH, which assembles handsets for the likes of Huawei Technologies Co Ltd and ZTE Corp, <0763.HK> <00063.SZ> jumped as high as HK\$3.69 in their biggest

one-day gain ever.

That compared with a 0.4 percent drop in the benchmark Hang Seng Index <HSI>. FIH shares are still down nearly 30 percent this year compared with a near-20 percent rise for the broader index.

FIH will receive orders of up to 200 million lower-to-mid-end Chinese smartphones next year, including the popular Xiaomi smartphone, said Alex Hu, chief of propriety trading at Mega Securities.

Reuters

Staples to have Amazon lockers in US stores **Tech**

NEW YORK, 6 Nov — Staples Inc, the largest US office supply retailer, has agreed to install "Amazon Lockers" in its US stores, a Staples spokeswoman said on Monday. The Amazon lockers at Staples will allow online shoppers to have packages sent to the office supply chain's stores. Amazon already has such storage units at grocery, convenience and drug stores, many of which stay open around the clock.

Amazon.Com Inc, the world's largest Internet

retailer, is trying to let customers avoid having to wait for ordered packages due to a missed delivery.

With the service, Amazon sends customers an email with a pickup code, which is entered on a touchscreen to open the locker containing the package. Shoppers have three days from the delivery date to pick up the package.

The online giant pays a small fee to the owners of the stores that house its lockers. Staples did not give any further details of the service.

Reuters



A family leaves the Staples store in Broomfield, Colorado on 17 Aug, 2011 as the back-to-school shopping season begins.

REUTERS

Warming temperatures cause aquatic animals to shrink most **Science**

WASHINGTON, 6 Nov — Warmer temperatures cause greater reduction in the adult sizes of aquatic animals than in land-dwellers, according to a new study by scientists from Queen Mary, University of London and the University of Liverpool.

The research, published on Monday in *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*, shows that the body size of marine

and freshwater species are affected disproportionately by warmer temperatures. This could have implications for aquatic food webs and the production of food by aquaculture.

The researchers compared the extent to which the adult size of 169 terrestrial, freshwater, and marine species responded to different non-harmful temperatures, in the

largest study of its kind. Summarizing the results, coauthor Andrew Hirst from Queen Mary's School of Biological and Chemical Sciences, said: "Aquatic animals shrink 10 times more than land-dwellers in species the size of large insects or small fish. While animals in water decrease in size by five percent for every degree Celsius of warming, similarly sized species on

land shrink, on average, by just half a percent."

The research also demonstrates that the most likely cause of this difference in size is due to the much lower availability of oxygen in water than in air. Warming increases the need for oxygen by organisms on land and in water, however aquatic species have a much harder job meeting this increased demand.— Xinhua

BUSINESS & HEALTH

Apple sells three million iPads over first weekend

Business

SAN FRANCISCO/NEW YORK, 6 Nov—Apple Inc sold 3 million of its new iPads in the first three days the tablet computers were available, driving optimism for a strong holiday quarter despite intensifying competition. Sales of the 7.9-inch iPad mini and fourth-generation 9.7-inch version, both Wi-Fi only models, were double the first-weekend sales of the Wi-Fi iPad sold in March, Apple said on Monday.

Apple did not break out numbers for the crucial iPad mini, a smaller version of the original tablet designed to spearhead its foray into a

segment now dominated by Amazon.com Inc's Kindle Fire and Google Inc's Nexus 7. Analysts estimate that about 2.3 million of the new iPads sold over the weekend were the mini-tablets, surpassing expectations of 1 million to 1.5 million.

Wall Street, which was disappointed with Apple's latest quarterly earnings, had been looking to the iPad mini to boost demand during the crucial year-end holiday shopping season as competition reaches a fever pitch. Microsoft Corp became the latest major entrant to the market last month with the Windows-

driven Surface.

While lines for the new iPads appeared lighter than usual for a new Apple product when they began selling at stores on Friday, the company said demand was so strong that it "practically sold out of iPad minis." Apple had never before introduced two different iPad models in one quarter. Raymond James analyst Tavis McCourt said that while the sales numbers looked good, the company would need to sell another 20 million iPads this quarter to meet his estimate.

"There's still a lot of wood to chop in the quar-



The Apple logo hangs in a glass enclosure above the 5th Ave Apple Store in New York, on 20 Sept, 2012.—REUTERS

ter," McCourt said. The company said it had already shipped many of the new iPads ordered before the release date, but some would not be sent out until later this month. "We set a new launch weekend record and

practically sold out of iPad minis," Apple Chief Executive Tim Cook said in a statement. "We're working hard to build more quickly to meet the incredible demand."

Reuters

Health

Novartis gets EU nod for kidney tumour drug Votubia

ZURICH, 6 Nov — Novartis said on Monday its drug Votubia had received approval from the European Commission for treating non-cancerous kidney tumours in patients with a rare genetic disease known as tuberous sclerosis complex (TSC).

This marks the first approval of a medical treatment in this patient population in Europe, Novartis said.

Reuters

Lloyds mulling St James's Place stake sale

Business

LONDON, 6 Nov — up (LLOY.L) is considering selling its 60 percent stake in



A Lloyds plaque is seen on offices in The City of London on 23 April, 2009. — REUTERS

wealth manager St James's Place (SJP.L) in a bid to raise around 1 billion pounds (\$1.60 billion), according to a report in Britain's Sunday Times. The report said the bank's stake in Britain's biggest chain of

financial advisers could be placed with investors in the market before the year-end.

Antonio Lorenzo, the bank's strategy director, is

risen 23 percent in 2012, and closed on Friday at 398.5 pence, valuing the firm at just over 2 billion pounds, according to Reuters data. Lloyds declined to comment on whether it was looking to sell its stake when contacted by Reuters. However, a Lloyds spokesman said St James's Place was "a good business that is performing well" and that the bank was "comfortable" with its shareholding. Lloyds has been rumoured to be considering the sale of St James's Place since well before the financial crisis. St James's Place last week reported strong third quarter sales, a sign that the British wealth manager is grabbing market share from rivals and benefiting from its well-heeled clientele saving more money. (\$1 = 0.6235 British pounds) Reuters

leading the disposal plan, which comes as Lloyds faces renewed scrutiny from the Britain's Financial Services Authority over its capital position, the report said. St James's Place shares have

Modest results in programme to reduce kids' screen time

Health

NEW YORK, 6 Nov — A programme aimed at reducing the number of hours young children spent in front of a screen didn't accomplish that goal, but it did cut back on the meals they ate in front of a television, a new study found. That's good news according to the lead author, because people tend to eat more and eat unhealthy food while watching television.

"The relationship between screen time and obesity is linked to eating in front of a screen," said Dr Catherine S Birken, a pediatrician at The Hospital for Sick Children in Toronto.

In addition to its association with obesity, the study's researchers say screen time — whether it is in front of a television,

computer or video game console — has been linked to children having problems with language development and behaviour, and their likelihood of cigarette smoking.

"These are really important health outcomes in young children," said Birken. "So we need to understand what works and what doesn't." So far, studies scrutinizing various methods of cutting back on kids' screen time have found little success.

However, Birken told Reuters Health that a couple of past studies did find promising results in preschool children, which is why her team decided to test a practical approach in that age group. For their study, published in the journal Pediatrics on Monday, Birken and her colleagues recruited

three-year-old children from a network of clinics around the Toronto area during their annual checkups. The children and their parents were randomly assigned into one of two groups.

In an intervention group of 64 children, the parents were told about the health impact of screen time on kids and how to reduce their children's hours. Some of the techniques included removing televisions from the kids' bedrooms and not allowing them to eat with the television on. Those families, along with a control group of 68 similar children and their parents, were also educated about safe media use, such as rating systems, Internet safety and violent programming.

Reuters

Sadrill sells Asian unit in deal worth \$2.9 billion

Business

OSLO, 6 Nov — Offshore rig firm Sadrill (SDRL.OL), the world's biggest rig operator by market capitalization, will sell part of its Asian business to Malaysia's SapuraKencana (SKPE.KL) to free up cash for expansion elsewhere, the firms said on Monday.

Sadrill, the crown jewel in shipping tycoon John Fredriksen's empire, said it would sell its tender rigs business, involving rigs designed for water depths of up to 6,500 feet, for an enterprise value of \$2.9 billion.

Board member Tor Olav Troeim said the company would get \$1.2 billion to \$1.4 billion in cash from the deal, depending on how the sides agree to settle a \$187 million seller's note.

"The net proceeds received from the transaction will be redeployed as equity to aggressively grow our deep-water fleet and also open up for significant new investment in the jack-up sector, a sector which recently has shown strong signs of improvement," Sadrill Chairman John Fredriksen said in a statement. Sadrill shares were down 1.11 percent at 232 Danish crowns (\$39.95) at 5.15 am EDT.

Sadrill said the enterprise value included \$363 million in remaining capital expenditure, around \$800 million in debt and that it would also receive \$350 million worth of new shares, raising its stake in SapuraKencana to around 13 percent from 6.4 percent.

Reuters

Pru strikes \$590 million Thai insurance deal, turns up heat on AIA

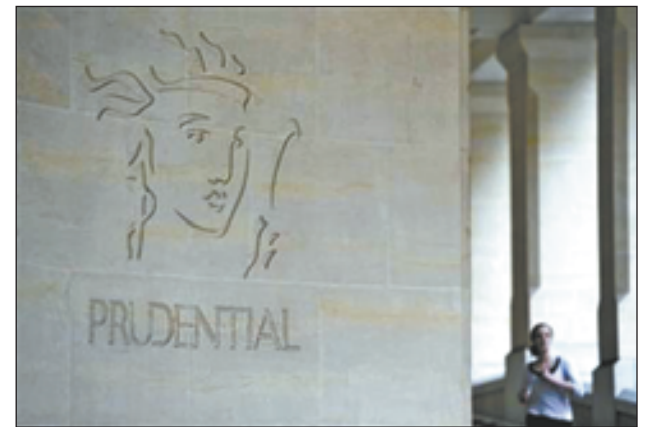
Business

HONG KONG, 6 Nov — Prudential plc (PRU.L) (2378. HK) has agreed to buy the insurance unit of Thailand's Thanachart Bank for 368 million pounds (\$590 million) in cash, turning up the heat on rival AIA Group Ltd (1299. HK) in the fast-growing Southeast Asian market. The British insurer's acquisition, which will double its market share in Thailand, is its first major attempt to buy an Asian company since Chief Executive Tidjane Thiam aborted a \$35 billion bid in 2010 for AIA, the former Asian unit of American International Group Inc (AIG.N).

Since then, Southeast Asia has emerged as a battleground for AIA and Prudential, the region's

two dominant insurers. Prudential recently announced plans to open an office in Cambodia and AIA last month said it had agreed to buy ING's (ING.AS) Malaysian insurance unit for \$1.73 billion. Premiums in six Southeast Asian countries are expected to rise an average of 7.9 percent next year, according to a report by Swiss Re, more than double the global life insurance average.

Prudential's purchase of Thanachart will help bolster its regional presence and narrow the gap with AIA, which has a dominant position in Thailand. They've got a very good Southeast Asia footprint, or ASEAN footprint, and Thailand was the weak link," said Credit Suisse Asian insurance analyst Arjan van



A woman passes the Prudential offices in central London on 13 May, 2010. — REUTERS

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"This goes some way to reducing that weakness. Thailand is structurally, demographically a very attractive market," Thiam played down the rivalry with AIA and instead emphasized the market's potential for growth."

What's relevant is that 98 percent of people don't have a life insurance policy," Thiam told Reuters, en route to a meeting in Bangkok. "If you go into a market like this, you don't really worry about the competition," he said.

Reuters

## Next-generation Saudi prince takes key

Saudi Arabia

### Interior post



**Saudi Prince Mohammed bin Nayef attends a Saudi special forces graduation ceremony near Riyadh on 25 Sept, 2012.—REUTERS**

RIYADH, 6 Nov—Saudi Arabia appointed Prince Mohammed bin Nayef as Interior Minister on Monday, marking a significant move towards a new generation of leaders from the kingdom's ruling family.

Prince Mohammed, a son of the late veteran Interior Minister Prince Nayef, who died in June, is best known as Saudi Arabia's long-time security chief and

has garnered the praise of Western countries for his role in the campaign against al-Qaeda. "This brings forward the promotion of the next generation to the succession," said Robert Lacey, author of "Inside the Kingdom". Prince Mohammed was born in 1959. The appointment as Interior Minister lifts Prince Mohammed, who was already a deputy interior minister, into a critical role for the ruling al-Saud family and one that has until now only been held by the current ruling generation.

Despite his role in the security hierarchy, analysts say Prince Mohammed is in tune with King Abdullah's cautious social and economic reforms partly aimed at making Saudi society more open to outside influence.

He replaces his uncle, Prince Ahmed, who was only appointed as Interior Minister in June. "Prince Ahmed is relieved of his position as Interior Minister at his own request and Prince Mohammed bin Nayef is appointed," said a royal decree carried on state media.

King Abdullah, the late Prince Nayef, Crown Prince Salman and Prince Ahmed are all sons of Saudi Arabia's founder King Abdulaziz who was known as Ibn Saud. Analysts said the departure of Prince Ahmed meant he was less likely to become king. Unlike in European monarchies, the Saudi line of succession has so far passed along a line of brothers and is determined within the ruling family who weigh both the seniority and capability of leading candidates.—Reuters

## New Yorkers will be allowed to vote in any

Poll

### polling place

NEW YORK, 6 Nov—New York Governor Andrew Cuomo said on Monday New Yorkers affected by superstorm Sandy will be allowed to vote in Tuesday's US election in any polling place by presenting an affidavit.

Cuomo said he was signing an executive order on Monday that will allow voters to cast ballots at voting stations other than the ones to which they are assigned. He said his order arose from concern that hundreds of thousands of New York residents could be effectively disenfranchised by the damage to many polling places caused by

Sandy one week ago.

"This executive order I am signing today is an

extraordinary step in that direction," Cuomo said in a news conference.—Reuters



**Voting machines are delivered to a make-shift polling centre in the playground of a flood damaged school in the Rockaways neighbourhood of the Queens borough of New York, on 5 Nov, 2012.—REUTERS**

## Arafat exhumation set for 26 November over poison report

RAMALLAH, 6 Nov—The body of the late Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat is set to be exhumed on 26 November, eight years after his death, as part of an

investigation to see if he was murdered, a diplomat said on Monday.

Two senior Swiss forensic experts are already in the West Bank to discuss

plans for the exhumation, which is complicated on a technical, legal and political level.

A French court in August opened a murder inquiry into Arafat's death after a Swiss institute said it had discovered high levels of radioactive polonium on the Palestinian leader's clothing, which was supplied by his widow, Suha.

Allegations of foul play have long surrounded Arafat's demise. French doctors who treated him in his final days said they could not establish the cause of death.

Suha has said she believes he was poisoned and has requested the exhumation so that samples can be taken from Arafat's body to see whether polonium is present.



**A Palestinian presidential guard watches as labourers work at the mausoleum built over the grave of late leader Yasser Arafat in the West Bank City of Ramallah on 4 July, 2012.**

REUTERS

## Haqqani network hit with UN sanctions

UNSC



**US Ambassador to the United Nations (UN) Susan Rice speaks with the media after Security Council consultations at UN headquarters in New York on 7 June, 2012.—REUTERS**

UNITED NATIONS, 6 Nov—The UN Security Council's Taliban sanctions committee on Monday added the Pakistan-based Haqqani network, accused of high-profile attacks in Afghanistan, to a UN blacklist, the United States said. The Security Council committee's move also singled out Qari Zakir, an operational commander involved in many of the

network's highest-profile suicide attacks, US Ambassador to the United Nations Susan Rice said in a statement.

"These sanctions oblige all UN member states to implement an asset freeze, travel ban and arms embargo against Zakir and the Haqqani Network," Rice said.

New additions to the Taliban sanctions list are relatively rare, since such

moves are usually agreed upon unanimously. Council diplomats said it was especially significant that Pakistan, a member of the 15-nation council until the end of 2013, did not stand in the way of the move.

The UN blacklist now contains 131 individuals, including Zakir, and three entities, one of which is the Haqqani network.

The United States designated the Haqqani network as a terrorist organization in September, a move the group's commanders said proved Washington was not sincere about peace efforts in Afghanistan.

US officials have long accused Pakistan of supporting the network, an allegation Islamabad denies.

The Haqqanis, who are allied with the Afghan Taliban, are some of the most experienced fighters in Afghanistan and have carried out several high-profile attacks on Western targets.

Reuters

## Five wounded as rival militias battle in Libya

TRIPOLI, 6 Nov—Rival militias aligned with the Libyan government fought a gun battle on Monday in a western city, wounding five people, a day after a similar battle brought a central Tripoli neighbourhood to a halt, the head of a rights group said.

Abdel-Monem al-Hurr said armed groups in al-Khoms opened fire on each other after refusing to hand over a man wanted by the Supreme Security Committee (SSC), a body set

up by the Interior Ministry last year.

The violence underscored the challenges faced by Libya's first freely elected government, approved last week, to rein in militias which gained power during the conflict that ousted Muammar Gaddafi last year. His 42-year rule held together a country riven with clan, regional and sectarian divisions.

Hurr, a former spokesman for the SSC and now head of the Libyan Arab Human Rights Organization, said he had called tribal elders together to help mediate the situation. "The leaders of each side are rival members of the al-Zayed tribe of al-Khoms," he said. "One man refused to hand over a wanted person to the SSC and so they began to fight."

Hurr said the fighting

had mostly died down after three hours.

The leaders in the battle each belonged to the SSC and Libya's Shield, umbrella groups for various armed groups that refused to join the official police or army, saying they were still run by Gaddafi loyalists.

"The SSC group in Khoms detained 10 people from the Libya Shield's armed group and set its base on fire," Hurr said.

Ahmed Juma, a nurse at the Khoms General Hospital, said five people were brought in suffering from gunshot wounds.

Monday's battle in the town 120 km (75 mile) east of Tripoli, came a day after militias fought a pitched battle in central Tripoli, injuring five people and damaging a hospital.

Reuters



**Soldiers stand guard around the Supreme Security building compound in Shara Alzawia, Tripoli on 5 Nov, 2012.—REUTERS**

Reuters

LOCAL NEWS

## Sagaing district marks Palethwe pollination



SAGAING, 6 Nov— Sagaing district marked the pollination of hybrid Palethwe paddy in Pyawt village in Myinmu Township in the region on 1 November.

The ceremony organized by Sagaing District Agriculture Department was held at 20-acre seed

production research farm irrigated by the river water pumping station.

Head of Sagaing District Agriculture Department U Toe Wai explained the effects of the pollinations. The officials pollinated the Palethwe paddy.

The pollination is to

be carried out seven times a day for 12 days.

If the hybrid paddy is systematically cultivated and fed with reasonable amount of inputs, it can give more than 200 baskets per acre.

The seeds of the paddy obtained from the pollination will be distributed to Monywa, Sagaing and Shwebo Districts to put 2400 acres of farmland of the areas under summer paddy.

The award-winning farm of the Palethwe paddy of U Shwe Ba, a farmer from Nyaungshwe Township, gave 269.96 baskets per acre.

Myanma Alinn

## Midwifery course opened in Taungdwingyi

TAUNGDWINGYI, 6 Nov—The auxiliary midwifery course conducted by Magway Region government was opened yesterday.

The opening ceremony was held in Taungdwingyi Township People's Hospital at 9 am yesterday.

The course was completed by 20 trainees from isolated village-tracts and villages.

The six-month course will cover both theoretical and practical lessons. It is the second course of its kind in the region.

Myanma Alinn



## India-Myanmar trade promotion meeting on 7-9 Nov

NAY PYI TAW, 6 Nov— India-Myanmar trade promotion meeting will be held in Moray in India on 7-9 November.

The meeting will be attended by officials of Border Trade Department of Myanmar and the trade and departmental officials from Indian side.

A merchant of Tamu said that it is difficult to get the recommendation of the Indian officials to export commodity to India. He said the issue should be discussed at the meeting.

Security of transportation routes should also be put on the agenda at the meeting, he said.

"The director-general level officials are expected to attend the meeting," he said.

Myanma Alinn

## Teachership orientation diploma course concludes

MONYWA, 6 Nov— Monywa Education College in Monywa of Sagaing Region conferred diplomas on new faces of education service on 1 November.

The concluding ceremony of teachership course was held at the college in the morning.

Principle of the college UKhin Maung Aye explained the purpose of the course and presented diplomas to the trainees.

The course is eighth of its kind conducted by the college.

A total of 337 new-blood teachers out of trainees—229 from Sagaing Region and 44 from Chin State—completed the course.

Myanma Alinn

## Road to famous Soon Oo Ponnya Shin Pagoda being repaired



SAGAING, 6 Nov— Board of trustees of famous Soon Oo Ponnya Shin Pagoda of Sagaing Hill took a leading role in repairing and upgrading the road of Sagaing Region.

The once 10-foot-wide road was extended to 15-foot-wide one which was also tarmacked.

The pilgrimage vehicles found it difficult and dangerous to use the

former road to climb up the hill.

The repair of the road is funded by the contribution of the pilgrims.

The repair has completed 1700 ft and more 2300 ft will be repaired. The road from the foot of the hill to the pagoda has the length of 6000 ft.

The cost for 10 square feet of the road is K100,000 and the board of trustees invited donors for repair of the road.—Myanma Alinn

## Health ministry collecting data to provide elephantiasis vaccine

YANGON, 6 Nov— The Ministry of Health is collecting data to immunize the people against resurfaced elephantiasis as it could successfully introduced new pattern of immunization in the previous month.

"We've started to administer five vaccines to children at once," Dr Myint Hlaing, project manager of the ministry, said.

According to Dr Myint

Hlaing, the new pattern has almost no side effects.

The five-in-one immunization pattern introduced by the ministry in the previous month has been available at private clinics about three years ago.

"The Health Ministry provides the immunization free of charge," a pediatrician said.

Plus the immunization for children, the ministry is compiling data about the

recurring elephantiasis to provide immunization in the vulnerable areas.

"We're currently collecting lists of occupants in townships and wards of Yangon region.

The immunization will start as soon as the data have been collected," according to the ministry source.

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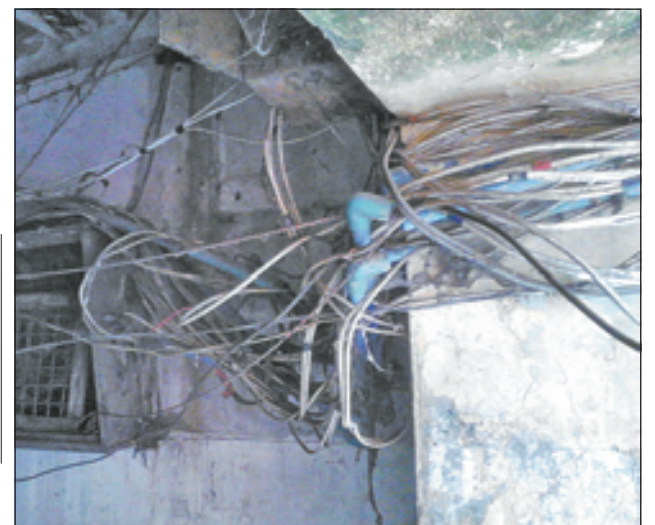
## Yankin old housings need repair

"Yes, we've new buildings. But we still need to ensure endurance of the old buildings.

The electric cables should be repaired to prevent fire outbreak," a dweller of the township said.

In rainy season, the old buildings were very vulnerable to electric shock as the uncover electric cables got wet by the rain that seeping through the wall and floor.

Myanma Alinn



## YCDC to import Japanese food testers

YANGON, 6 Nov— Yangon City Development Committee has placed orders for two Japanese machines to test the quality of food.

"Two modern machines will be imported from Japan to test the food quality selling in Yangon city area. They'll arrive in December. The quality test will be introduced in 2013," said an official of health department of YCDC.

One of the machines

will check the ingredient of unpermitted dyeing while the other will test the quality of oil, drinking water and soft drink.

The machines will be used in testing the food quality at coming SEA Games to be hosted in Nay Pyi Taw in 2013. Nay Pyi Taw Development Committee, Yangon City Development Committee and Mandalay City Development Committee are testing the quality of food in respective areas.—Myanma Alinn

## Lugyimin promises better services to remedy failed promotion offer

NAY PYI TAW, 6 Nov— Director of Lugyimin mobile shop U Yan Naing Soe Myint guaranteed better services at Lugyimin branches in a press conference on 4 November in Yangon in the aftermath of the shutdown of the branches in Nay Pyi Taw, Yangon and Taunggyi following overloaded promotion programme a day ago.

The branches were closed as they found it unable to handle the crowd who queued for mobile handsets offered at a very cheap discount.

The limited stock of handsets was set to be sold out with coupon systems but the overcrowded customers led to the forced close of the branches.

Myanma Alinn

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**PERSPECTIVES**

Wednesday, 7 November, 2012

**Much still have to be done for democracy**

Myanmar has been undergoing radical reform towards open economy, rule of law, representation of the people through electoral process, all vestiges of democracy. Although the country has become a social phenomena in the international community through its bold initiatives, much still have to be done for the country to be a full-fledged democratic one.

There is high expectation of change in all sectors of the economic and social spectrum. New private banks are opened, new economic and commercial enterprises jostled in the highly competitive market, new education institutions for rising generations of youths towards their aspiration to meet the challenges of the ever changing demands are also introduced to be in line with a pragmatic approach to education problems.

As the country is facing the risk of lacking a skilled workforce, having a skilled and socially responsible labour is essential. Meanwhile, introduction of democratic practices in the country which is still in initial stage of democracy is somewhat time-consuming and it is an uphill battle. Whatever it is, none of the setbacks could dampen it from moving towards democracy.

Life is a challenge, not a curse; a privilege, not a negation; a social opening, not isolation, meaning it is a matter of course. In that sense of urgency, we are to try hard to make our life more productive, more wonderful and more applicable while marching towards a modern and developed nation. The full implementation of the programme is both an urgent priority and a long-term project which requires perseverance and resolve.

At a time when the country is making much headway in all spheres in its move to a democratic nation, all the citizens are to try their best to be physically strong and morally upright. Only then, will we be able to leverage from the solid base to advance to a high-income country.

**NATIONAL**  
**Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham received Toyota Tsusho Corporation Chairman**



*Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham and Chairman and CEO of Toyota Tsusho Corporation of Japan Mr Jun Karube and party pose for documentary photo.—MNA*

NAY PYI TAW, 6 Nov— Vice-President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Dr Sai Mauk Kham received a goodwill delegation led by Chairman and CEO of Toyota Tsusho

Corporation of Japan Mr Jun Karube and party at the Credentials Hall of Presidential Palace, here, at 11 am today.

Also present at the call together with the Vice-

President were Deputy Ministers U Zin Yaw, U Thein Aung and Dr Pwint Hsan and officials from the President Office.

At the call, they had a comprehensive discussion

on investment of Toyota Tsusho Corporation based on the condition of reform process in Myanmar and doing businesses in line with the investment law.

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**Asia-Pacific Malaria Elimination high-level ministers' Conference held**

NAY PYI TAW, 6 Nov— Union Minister for Health Dr Pe Thet Khin delivered an address at the Asia-Pacific Malaria Elimination high-level ministers' Conference held at Sydney in Australia from 31 October to 2 November.

The minister said, in his speech, that Myanmar is driving a move to fight the malaria with added momentum in collaboration with UN, WHO, 3D Fund, Japanese government and international non governmental organi-



*Union Minister Dr Pe Thet Khin attends Asia-Pacific Malaria Elimination high-level ministers' Conference.—MNA*

zations.

The Union Minister also attended the work-coordination meeting

on malaria elimination tasks in Asia, Pacific, America, Middle East and European countries,

jointly organized by WHO and Roll Back Malaria Organization.

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**Deputy Foreign Affairs Minister arrives back from India**

NAY PYI TAW, 6 Nov— The Myanmar delegation led by Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Thant Kyaw arrived back by air today after attending 12<sup>th</sup> Myanmar-India Foreign Office Consultations Meeting held in New Delhi, India yesterday at

the invitation of Foreign Secretary of India Mr. Ranjan Mathai.

At the consultations, held at the Hyderabad House in New Delhi yesterday, the two delegations discussed a wide range of issues of mutual interest to further strengthen the existing

relations and cooperation between the two countries.

The Indian Foreign Secretary hosted a luncheon in honour of the Myanmar delegation at the Hyderabad House.

In the evening, the Deputy Minister met the staff of the Myanmar Embassy at the Myanmar House in New Delhi.

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If we were transparent like now about 50 years ago,

Now we are 'Asian tiger'



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**World countries need to increase food...**

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As developed countries lifted and temporarily suspended sanctions against Myanmar, I believe Myanmar will be able not only to stand as a country with food sufficiency but also to provide regional and global countries in need of food with its surplus if natural and human resources-rich Myanmar gains modern technology,

experiences, research, loans and foreign investments.

Myanmar welcomes designation of areas for further cooperation made by ASEM member countries at the meeting on food security held at Chai Maing of Thailand in 2011.

I would like to request ASEM member countries to assist Myanmar in its drive for poverty alleviation scheme that will

contribute to development of agriculture sector and better living standard of local people who make up the majority of the total population.

I fully support the Vientiane Declaration for strengthening partnership of ASEM member countries and urged ASEM member developed countries to lead the process of laying down the concrete cooperation programme between Asia and Europe.

Thank You.

**President U Thein Sein receives German Foreign Affairs Minister**

NAY PYI TAW, 6 Nov— President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein who is in Lao People's Democratic Republic, received German Foreign Affairs Minister Mr Guido Westerwelle at National Convention Centre

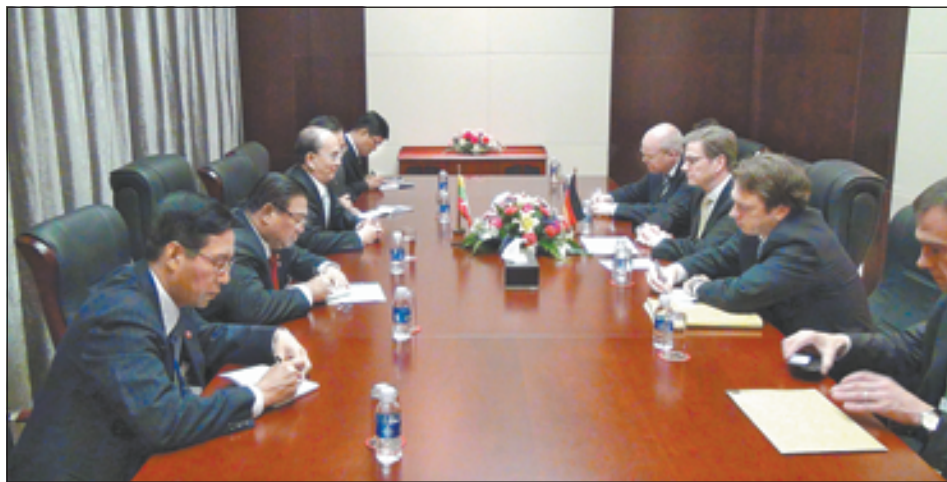
in Vientiane of Lao People's Democratic Republic, yesterday evening.

Also present at the call together with President U Thein Sein were Union Ministers U Wunna Maung Lwin, U Tin Naing Thein, U Kyaw Lwin and Deputy

Minister Dr Win Myint.

At the meeting, they had a cordial discussion on further strengthening amity between the two countries, bilateral cooperation and investment of German businesses in Myanmar.

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President U Thein Sein holds discussion with German Foreign Affairs Minister Mr Guido Westerwelle and party.—MNA

**President U Thein Sein held talks with Austrian Deputy Finance Minister**

NAY PYI TAW, 6 Nov— President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein and Austrian Deputy Finance Minister Mr Andreas Schiender held talks over promoting the relations between the two countries and encouraging investment in Myanmar at the National Convention Center in Vientiane, the

Lao People's Democratic Republic today.

They also discussed matters related to technological assistance from Austria and construction of basic infrastructures, development of agriculture sector including systematic utilization of water, development of hydro power generation sources, removal

of EU's sanctions against Myanmar and re-granting the Generalized System of Preferences (GSP) to Myanmar.

Union Ministers U Wunna Maung Lwin, U Tin Naing Thein and U Kyaw Lwin and Deputy Minister Dr Win Myint also attended the meeting.

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President U Thein Sein meets Austrian Deputy Finance Minister Mr Andreas Schiender and party.—MNA

**President U Thein Sein, Danish Prime Minister hold talks**



President U Thein Sein discusses with Prime Minister of Denmark Mrs Helle Thorning Schmidt and party.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 6 Nov— President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein held talks with Prime Minister of Denmark Mrs Helle Thorning Schmidt at the National Convention Centre in Vientiane, the Laos People's Democratic Republic, today.

During the meeting, they cordially discussed matters related to support for the reforms and

progress in Myanmar, promoting the friendship and all-round cooperation between the two countries as the embassy of Denmark was opened in Yangon this month, lifting remaining EU's sanctions against Myanmar to help Myanmar for its active participation in the international arena and re-granting the Generalised System of Preferences (GSP) to Myanmar and a visit of

the business delegation from Denmark to be paid to Myanmar to promote investment and trade in Myanmar.

Also present at the call were Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Wunna Maung Lwin and Union Minister at the President Office U Tin Naing Thein. The Danish Prime Minister was accompanied by officials.

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**President U Thein Sein receives Italian Prime Minister Mr Mario Monti**



President U Thein Sein meets with Italian Prime Minister Mr Mario Monti and party.

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NAY PYI TAW, 6 Nov— President U Thein Sein received Prime Minister Mr Mario Monti of Italy, at National Convention Centre in Vientiane of the Lao People's Democratic Republic, at 11:30am today.

Also present at the call together with the President were Union Ministers U Wunna Maung Lwin, U Tin Naing Thein and U Kyaw Lwin and Deputy Minister Dr Win Myint. The Italian Prime Minister was accompanied by diplomatic advisor Ambassador and

officials.

At the call, they cordially exchanged the views on quick removal of all EU's sanctions against Myanmar for active participation of Myanmar in the international arena and the grant of GSP right, more human trains aid to Myanmar, signing of agreement this year for writing off loans to be repaid to Italy, granting of low-interest loans to Myanmar, providing assistances for holding workshops and conducting

the courses for human resource development in conservation of ancient cultural heritages in Bagan Ancient Cultural Zone, designation of Turin of Italy and Yangon of Myanmar as Sister Cities, putting Myanmar on the priority list of the 2013-2014 development programme and giving encouragement to Italian Oil and Gas Exploration Co to follow human rights and environmental conservation facts set by OECD in making investment.

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AMYOTHA HLUTTAW

**Construction ministry to repair Union Highway, Tiddim road**

NAY PYI TAW, 6 Nov—Deputy Minister for Construction U Soe Tint said at today's Amyotha Hluttaw session that Myeik-Taninthayi-Bokpyin-Kawthoung road will be upgraded in fifth five-year short-term project in response to the answer of U Tin Shan of Taninthayi Region Constituency (6) who called for immediate repair of Union Highway linking Myeik and Taninthayi.

The downtown road in Tiddim will be upgraded to tarred road if requested budget is allotted by the Union government, he said in his separate answer to the question raised by Chin State Constituency (5) U Kham Sum Mone that K 36 million budget was requested from the Union government for 2013-2014 fiscal year to tarmack the four miles and six furlongs long road.

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**Strand road available for trucks soon, YCDC speeding up water supply projects: Deputy Minister**



Hluttaw representatives seen at Amyotha Hluttaw session.—MNA

**Proposal to revoke Myanmar Citizenship Law -1882 put on record**

NAY PYI TAW, 6 Nov—At today's session, Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker U Khin Aung Myint informed the Hluttaw representatives

Hluttaw with amendments, and invited Hluttaw representatives who are willing to participate in the discussions on the bills.



**U Saw Tun Mya Aung from Kayin State Constituency No 5 submits a proposal.**

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of the Bill to revoke the Law in order to prevent destructive elements from disturbing systematic handing over of State duty and the successful holding of National Convention and the Bill to amend the Traditional Medicine Council Law which were sent back by Pyithu

Regarding the proposal urging the Union government to promulgate new Myanmar Citizenship Law after revoking the existing Myanmar Citizenship Law (1882 Pyithu Hluttaw Law No-4), U Mann Kan Nyunt of Kayin State Constituency No(2), U Khin Maung (a) U

NAY PYI TAW, 6 Nov—Yangon region government is making arrangements to allow trucks and container trucks to run over the upgraded Strand road in Yangon, Deputy Construction Minister U Soe Tint said in his answer to the question of Dr Tin Shwe of Yangon Region Constituency (6) at today's Amyotha Hluttaw

session. The Deputy Minister also said the region government will repave tarmac on lower Mingalardon road in Insein Township in coming fiscal year in his answer to U Nu of Yangon Region Constituency (10) who demanded immediate repair of the road.

He said no to the

demand for supply of water from Gyophyu pipe to Hsinsakhan and Lein-mawchan villages, requested by U Swe Aung of Yangon Region Constituency (12). Only when the Gyophyu water storage tank collects considerable amount of water, will it be possible to meet demand of Yangon city, he said. The

extension of supply to these villages would reduce the share of the city with unmet demand of tap water.

He said Yangon City Development Committee is speeding up repair of Mahawizaya water tank and Ngamoeyeik water supply project to extend the water supply to surrounding villages.—NLM



**Dr Banya Aung Moe from Mon state Constituency No 7 participates in discussion.**

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are required to amend. He said that if the whole law must be amended, wider discussions would be held for the good of the country; that it was required to take time for the proposal in accord with the time and circumstances. Hluttaw announced to put the proposal on record.

Next, U Saw Tun Mya Aung of Kayin State Constituency No (5) submitted a proposal to make necessary preparations in cooperation with the group

comprising local national races in the process of doing citizenship scrutiny cards and household registration of national races, and U Nein Khin Pang of Chin State Constituency No (7) to conduct workshops on capacity building of basic education teachers.

The ninth day session of Amyotha Hluttaw was attended by Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker U Khin Aung Myint and 193 representatives.

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**U Hsai Paung Nut of Shan State Constituency No 12 takes part in discussion.**

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Aung Kyaw Oo of Rakhine State Constituency No (3), U Maung Aye Tun of Rakhine State Constituency No (9), U Kyaw Kyaw of Rakhine State Constituency No (2), Dr Banya Aung Moe of Mon State Constituency No (7), U Khin Maung Latt of Rakhine State Constituency No (6), U Ohn Tin of Rakhine State Constituency No (10), and U Hsai Paung Nut of Shan State Constituency No (12) made discussion.

Union Minister

for Immigration and Population U Khin Yi replied that arrangements were being made to amend the impractical words and regulations in the law and bylaws; that relaxations of visa system under the name of Visa Policy in Myanmar were being realized for foreign investors to be able to do their business in the country easily.

The Union Minister urged to pinpoint which chapter or sections of 1982 Myanmar Citizenship Law

**U Kham Sum Hmon of Chin State Constituency No 5 makes question.**

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Nay Pyi Taw  
Announcement No. 45/2012  
7<sup>th</sup> Waning of Thadingyut, 1374 ME  
(6<sup>th</sup> November, 2012)

**Application for registration of political party submitted**

Myanmar Farmers' Development Party, headquartered at Compound-22, 166<sup>th</sup> Road in Tamwaygyi Ward in Tamway Township, Yangon, applied for registration as a political party on 6 November was granted permission to register as a political party in accord with Political Party Registration Law Section-9.

The registration No of Myanmar Farmers' Development Party is 61.

By order,

Win Ko  
Member  
Union Election Commission

Republic of the Union of Myanmar  
Union Election Commission  
Nay Pyi Taw  
Announcement No. 46/2012  
7<sup>th</sup> Waning of Thadingyut, 1374 ME  
(6<sup>th</sup> November, 2012)

**Defence Services Personnel Pyithu Hluttaw representative substituted**

According to the request made in accordance with Section 33 of Pyithu Hluttaw Election Law to substitute one Defence Services Personnel Pyithu Hluttaw representative 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 one Defence Services Personnel Pyithu Hluttaw representative hereunder the Notification No.1/2011 of the commission dated 20-1-2011 with personnel shown against him.

BC 32037	(Substitution)	BC 33144
Major Ye Naing Tun		Major Kyaw Kyaw Thet

By order,

Win Ko  
Member  
Union Election Commission

Republic of the Union of Myanmar  
Union Election Commission  
Nay Pyi Taw  
Announcement No. 47/2012  
7<sup>th</sup> Waning of Thadingyut, 1374 ME  
(6<sup>th</sup> November, 2012)

**Three Defence Services Personnel Region Hluttaw representatives substituted**

According to the request made in accordance with Section 33 of Region or State Hluttaw Election Law to substitute three Defence Services Personnel Region 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 three Defence Services Personnel Region Hluttaw representatives hereunder the Notification No.3/2011 of the commission dated 20-1-2011 with personnel shown against them.

**Yangon Region Hluttaw**

(1) BC 33732	BC 30682
Captain Aung Kyaw Oo	Captain Htin Aung Kyaw

**Ayeyawady Region Hluttaw**

(1) BC 24323	BC 53865
Major Kyaw Lin	Captain Nyan Tun
(2) BC 33698	BC 49653
Captain Aye Soe	Captain Khaing Myo Oo

By order,

Win Ko  
Member  
Union Election Commission

**Dy Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker receives ADB Vice Chairman**



Pyithu Hluttaw Deputy Speaker U Nanda Kyaw Swa meeting ADB Vice-Chairman Mr Stephen P. Groff and party.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 6 Nov—A delegation led by Vice Chairman of Asian Development Bank (ADB) Mr Stephen P. Groff paid a call on Pyithu Hluttaw Deputy Speaker U Nanda Kyaw Swa, at Pyithu Hluttaw Affairs Hall, here, this morning.

At the call, they discussed development of coordination process between Myanmar and ADB, financial and monetary experience, holding of workshops and conducting of courses.

Present at the call together with the deputy speaker were Chairman of Economic and Trade Development Committee U Maung Maung Thein, Secretary of Banks and Monetary Development Committee U Win Myint and member of Legal Affairs and Special Cases Assessment Committee U Than Lwin.—MNA

**Myanmar-Japan cooperation in business discussed**



Union Minister for Commerce U Win Myint holding talks with Japanese delegation.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 6 Nov— Foreign Investment Law have emerged. It is sure that it gives favourable conditions to foreign investors, said Union Minister for Commerce U Win Myint as he held a meeting with a Japanese delegation led by Takashimaya Corporation General Manager Mr. Nobu Kazu Yagi at the Ministry of Commerce, here, this morning.

He was glad to hear foreign investors are willing to make huge investments in various sectors— transportation, construction of shopping complex and hotels industry— of the country.

At a similar meeting at noon, the Union minister and a Japanese delegation led by Chairman of Toyota Tsusho Corporation Mr. Jun Karube focused on matters related to opening of Toyota's show-rooms sooner or later, potentials for bilateral cooperation in trading clothes, beans, sesame and marine products, and for involving in capacity building programme of Toyota Co as the company launches International Trade Training Courses.—MNA

**MISIS exchanges view with SIIS**

NAY PYI TAW, 6 Nov— The Myanmar Institute of Strategic and International Studies (MISIS) of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Shanghai Institutes for International Studies (SIIS) jointly conducted the exchange of views between the two research organizations at 5 pm on 4<sup>th</sup> November, 2012 at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Yangon.

Professor Yang Jaemian, President of Shanghai Institutes for International Studies (SIIS) at the exchange of views ranged from Myanmar's General Assessment of Regional Cooperation Architecture in East Asia, Myanmar's Perspective on China's role in the region, Myanmar-China Potential and Prospect of Cooperation on Regional and Global Agenda. It is learned that the exchange of views was attended by both Myanmar and Chinese scholars, as well as Officials from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.—MNA

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**MV MINDORO VOY NO (130)**

Consignees of cargo carried on MV MINDORO VOY NO (130) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 7-11-2012 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of M.I.P.L where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11:20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm to Claims Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the Vessel.

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

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MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY**

**AGENT FOR: M/S TOKO KAIUN KAISHA LTD**  
Phone No: 256924/256914

**CLAIMS DAY NOTICE**

**MV ALAW VOY NO (EAL08)**

Consignees of cargo carried on MV ALAW VOY NO (EAL08) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 7-11-2012 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of S.P.W (4) where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

**SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT  
MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY**

**AGENT FOR: EASTERN CAR LINER S'PORE  
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**CLAIMS DAY NOTICE**

**MV ZAMBALES VOY NO (108)**

Consignees of cargo carried on MV ZAMBALES VOY NO (108) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 7-11-2012 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of S.P.W (5) where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11:20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm to Claims Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the Vessel.

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

**SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT  
MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY**

**AGENT FOR: M/S TOKO KAIUN KAISHA LTD**  
Phone No: 256924/256914



Customers select bags at the autumn session of the biannual Canton Fair, or the 112th China Import and Export Fair, in Guangzhou, capital of south China's Guangdong Province, on 4 Nov, 2012.—XINHUA



**The Republic of the Union of Myanmar**

**Union Civil Service Board**

**Vacancy Announcement**

**Announcement No. 24 / 2012**

**8<sup>th</sup> Waxing of Thadingyut 1374 ME**

**( 23 October 2012 )**

1. The Civil Service Affairs Department under the Union Civil Service Board has issued an announcement of vacancies for the following position-

Position	Vacancy	Educational Qualification
Staff Officer	8	M.A(English/ International Relations)

2. The applicants -

- (a) must be citizens of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar.
- (b) must not be over 30 years of age ( 35 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 center to sit for written examination either at Nay Pyi Taw or 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 from 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 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.

**CLAIMS DAY NOTICE**

**MV ORA BHUM VOY NO (319)**

Consignees of cargo carried on MV ORA BHUM VOY NO (319) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 7-11-2012 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of M.I.P where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11:20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm to Claims Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the Vessel.

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

**SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT  
MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY**

**AGENT FOR: M/S REGIONAL CONTAINER  
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Phone No: 256908/378316/376797

*The photo taken on 4 Nov, 2012 shows the site of a blast in Damascus, capital of Syria. According to the local media, the blast targeted the parking lot of the Labour Union in front of the Dama Rose Hotel in Damascus. 12 people were injured, two of them in a critical condition.*

XINHUA

**Iran**

**Iran denies suspension of high-grade uranium enrichment**

TEHERAN, 6 Nov—A senior Iranian lawmaker denied on Sunday reports on the suspension of Iran's high-grade uranium enrichment, semi-official Fars news agency reported.

Kazzem Jalali, a member of the Iranian Majlis (parliament) National Security and Foreign Policy Commission, said.

"This claim is unreal because the 20-percent enriched uranium is needed for Teheran's (research) reactor and its medical purposes," according to the report.

On Saturday, some Western media quoted Mohammad Hassan Asafari, another member of Iran's Majlis National Security and Foreign Policy Commission, as saying that as a sign of "goodwill" in negotiations over the country's nuclear programme, Iran has already suspended its 20-percent nuclear enrichment. Jalali stressed that "In line with defending our nuclear rights, we believe that uranium enrichment is our inalienable right."

Xinhua

**Explosive device goes off near UN hotel in Syrian capital**

**Syria**

DAMASCUS, 6 Nov— An explosive device on Sunday ripped through a garage in front of Dama Rose hotel in the Syrian capital of Damascus, where a UN political office is housed, witnesses told Xinhua.

The blast was so powerful that it shattered some windows of the heavily-

fortified hotel, a witness said, adding that some people in the vicinity were injured by the explosion.

The blast is the latest one of an endless series of explosions that hit Syria during the 20-month bloody unrest. Syria's state-run media outlets reported the blast but fell short of giving any details.

Xinhua



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**Vacancy Announcement**  
**Announcement No. 20 / 2012**  
**8<sup>th</sup> Waxing of Thadingyut 1374 ME**  
**( 23 October 2012 )**

1. The Relief and Resettlement Department under the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement has issued an announcement of vacancies for the following position-

Position	Vacancy	Educational Qualification
Staff Officer (Male)	2	Any University Degree
(Female)	1	

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 form 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 center 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 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](http://ucsb.imis.com.mm) and [www.ucsb.gov.mm](http://www.ucsb.gov.mm).

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**Union Civil Service Board**  
**Vacancy Announcement**  
**Announcement No. 21/ 2012**  
**8<sup>th</sup> Waxing of Thadingyut 1374 ME**  
**( 23 October 2012 )**

1. The Irrigation Department under the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation has issued an announcement of vacancies for male in the following position-

Position	Vacancy	Educational Qualification
Staff Officer ( Mechanical )	7	B.E ( Mechanical )

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 physically fit and possess well intact limbs, must be in good health and capable of serving the duty at any assigned place.  
 (d) must be male according to the nature of work.

3. Application 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 center 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 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 on 7 February 2013.

8. The Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation has prescribed specific rules and regulation 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 Irrigation Department ( Headquarter ). Thitsar Road, Yankin Township, Yangon ( Tel : 01 -578119 ) and Offices No.(15) of the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation in Nay Pyi Taw ( Tel : 067 -410539).

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.

10. This announcement and the guide booklet for applicants may be browsed on Websites: [ucsb.imis.com.mm](http://ucsb.imis.com.mm) and [www.ucsb.gov.mm](http://www.ucsb.gov.mm).

**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 Pinyinana)	
(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

**China's Canton Fair sees declining participants, turnover**

GUANGZHOU, 6 Nov—The 112th session of the Canton Fair, China's largest trade fair, witnessed a decline in both participants and turnover, according to the event's closing Press conference on Sunday.

Statistics from the fair's organizer show that, as of Saturday, 188,145 overseas participants from 211 countries and regions have signed into the fair, said spokesman Liu Jianjun. The figure was 10.26 percent lower than the last session, in spring, and 10.5 percent lower than the corresponding period last year, he said.

The declining number of overseas buyers at the fair — a barometer of China's export situation — indicated weak global demand amid a sluggish recovery, compounded by a more recent eurozone debt crisis, according to insiders.

And regular customers and exhibitors comprised a major portion of over 73.3 percent of all participants in the fair, Liu added. The fair has also seen a fall in its turnover of 32.68 billion US dollars, a 9.3-percent decrease compared to the spring session. Orders from the traditional market of European countries and Japan dropped considerably, while those from emerging markets showed minor declines.

At a time when the entire world is tightening its belt, global buyers have become more cautious and hesitant in clinching orders. "The double declines have shown China's severe situations in foreign trade. The good news is that some Chinese enterprises have shown their competitiveness with brands and innovations," said Liu.

Xinhua

**One killed, 13 injured in car bomb blast in SE Turkey**

ANKARA, 6 Nov—A car bomb exploded in the Province of Hakkari in southeastern Turkey on Sunday as a police vehicle was passing by, killing one woman and wounding 13 others, private Dogan news agency reported.

The blast occurred in the Semdinli town of Hakkari in Turkey's border with Iraq and Iran, a scene of frequent conflict in recent months between Turkish security forces and the outlawed Kurdish Workers' Party (PKK).

The injured were taken to the Semdinli and Yuksekova state hospitals for treatment and two of them were believed to be in serious condition. Electricity supply in the town was cut off after the blast, according to the report.

According to Dogan, a group of PKK members staged the blast against the Special Action Police Officers in the region, and a large-scale operation was launched to capture the PKK rebels.

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

Xinhua

## Oliveira quits as Vasco da Gama coach

RIO DE JANEIRO, 6 Nov — Brazilian top-flight club Vasco da Gama has announced it has parted ways with coach Marcelo Oliveira after six straight losses.

The Rio de Janeiro club released a statement on Monday saying Oliveira had left “by mutual consent” following a meeting with Vasco president Roberto Dinamite. “In light of recent results, the coach Marcelo Oliveira has decided to leave the position with the consent of the Vasco board,” the statement said.

Assistant coach Gaucho

will take over control of the team for the final four matches of the season.

Oliveira began the season as coach of rival club Coritiba and replaced Cristovao Borges in the



Marcelo Oliveira

Vasco job following a 4-0 home loss to Bahia in September. Since then the club has slipped from fourth to seventh, having won just two of their 10 matches with Oliveira in charge.—Xinhua

Soccer

## Ronaldo backs Messi, Mourinho for FIFA awards

RIO DE JANEIRO, 6 Nov — Brazilian legend Ronaldo says if he could vote, he would nominate Barcelona’s Lionel Messi as his choice for the FIFA Ballon d’Or award.

Ronaldo, a three-time winner of the FIFA World Player of Year award, which merged with France Football’s Ballon d’Or in 2010, said the Argentinian striker deserved to win ahead of Real Madrid star Cristiano Ronaldo.

“It’s still a battle between those two — Messi and Cristiano Ronaldo,” he said on Monday. “Messi would get my vote because,



Barcelona’s Lionel Messi

in addition to being decisive, scoring loads of goals and winning trophies, he’s able to bring a special and different kind of magic to football. “Cristiano Ronaldo is a very technical, very skillful and very pragmatic

player, but Messi continues to produce the unexpected on a regular basis.”

The 36-year-old said he would vote for Real Madrid boss Jose Mourinho as coach of the year.—Xinhua

## Murray, Djokovic open with wins at Tour Finals

LONDON, 6 Nov — US Open champion Andy Murray withstood an early onslaught to beat Tomas Berdych in his first match on home soil since winning his maiden grand slam title and Novak Djokovic overcame Jo-Wilfried Tsonga as the ATP World Tour Finals began on Monday. Murray, greeted on court at the cavernous O2 Arena like a returning hero less than two months after beating Djokovic in Flushing Meadows epic to end Britain’s 76-year wait for a male grand slam winner, wore down Berdych to win 3-6, 6-3, 6-4.

World number one Djokovic also had to

contend with some blistering firepower from free-wheeling Frenchman Tsonga before registering a 7-6, 6-3 victory to move top of Group A. Djokovic and Murray will face each other in the latest installment of their rivalry on Wednesday when the winner will take a huge stride towards the semi-finals of the year-ender. Neither had it all their own way with Murray admitting he had struggled to deal with Berdych’s power.

“Some of the time in the first set he just completely overpowered me,” Murray told reporters. The Scot got

a rapturous reception as he walked on court but the crowd became subdued as Berdych took the opening set and threatened to seize control of the second before Murray responded to turn the match around.

Murray’s inability to convert the numerous break points he engineered cost him the first set. The Olympic champion was 15-40 ahead on Berdych’s serve in the opening game and was 0-40 up in fifth but was frustrated as Berdych produced brutal attacking tennis to stay on level terms.—Reuters

## Federer spares a thought for absent Nadal Tennis

LONDON, 6 Nov — Billed as a showdown between the world’s top-eight players, the ATP World Tour Finals got off to a spectacular start on Monday with strobe lights, music and victory for home favourite Andy Murray igniting the touchpaper for eight days of action. However, the fourth staging of the season-finale at London’s O2 Arena is missing one of its main attractions with Rafa Nadal’s injury-enforced absence taking a little gloss off the

tournament.

The Mallorcan has appeared in London for the previous three years, reaching the final in 2010 when he lost to old rival Roger Federer, but his recurring knee problems have robbed men’s tennis of his ferocious talent for the past six months.

While all the talk might be of Murray’s rapidly intensifying rivalry with world number one Novak Djokovic, Nadal is being missed, not least by 17-times grand slam champion Federer.

Some of the most memorable moments of the Swiss maestro’s remarkable career have been with Nadal across the net and he was quick to jog people’s memories as he prepared for his opening match against Janko Tipsarevic on Tuesday. “Once a tournament starts, you do unfortunately forget what’s happening around you,” world number two Federer, bidding for a record seventh end-of-year title and a hat-trick in London, told reporters.

Reuters

## NFL Soaring Falcons leave Dallas in a flap

ATLANTA, 6 Nov — The Atlanta Falcons continued their franchise-best start to a season and marched to an 8-0 record with a gritty 19-13 victory over the Dallas Cowboys on Sunday. Matt Ryan threw for 342 yards and no scores but was mistake-free as his running game and defense backed him up to hold off the visiting Cowboys (3-5). “It sounds great,” wide receiver Roddy White told reporters after becoming the Atlanta’s all-time reception leader and being asked how it felt.

“It just speaks to consistency over the years.” White passed Terance Mathis with his fourth catch of the evening with 574 receptions as a Falcon. “We’re starting to beat good football teams,” added White. “You need these kinds of wins so when you get in the playoffs in those tight games you can win.” With a seven-yard catch in the fourth quarter, Jason Witten became the Dallas’s all-time leading receiver, though the record was to be merely a footnote

in another tough loss. Witten had seven catches for 51 yards, making it 754 for his career and surpassing Hall of Famer Michael Irvin, who had 750 catches from 1988-99. After the teams exchanged a pair of field goals each in the first half, the Falcons took charge in the second when they got their running game moving. Michael Turner, who rushed for 102 yards, scored a touchdown on a three-yard run early in the fourth, before Matt Bryant added his third

field goal to give Atlanta a 16-6 advantage. Tony Romo connected with receiver Kevin Ogletree for a 21-yard touchdown to pull Dallas within three with 5:21 left.

But the Falcons responded with a lengthy drive resulting in another Bryant field goal with just 17 seconds on the clock. It was another heart-breaker for Dallas, who clawed back a 23-0 deficit last week against the New York Giants only to lose in the final minutes.

Reuters



Dallas Cowboys tight end Jason Witten (82), gets hit by Atlanta Falcons cornerback Robert McClain (27), and linebacker Stephen Nicholas in the second half of their NFL football game in Atlanta, Georgia on 4 Nov, 2012.

REUTERS



Roger Federer (L) of Switzerland and Rafael Nadal (R) of Spain pose together before their men’s semi-final match at the Indian Wells ATP tennis tournament in Indian Wells, California, on 17 March, 2012.—Reuters

## Green Moon wins the Melbourne Cup

MELBOURNE, 6 Nov — Green Moon thundered down the straight to win the A\$6.2 million (\$6.43 million) Melbourne Cup on Tuesday, upsetting a host of highly-fancied foreign entrants to bring Australia’s most coveted racing prize back into local hands. The Robert Hickmott-trained stallion charged to the front with 300 metres to the line and held off fast-finishing runner-up Fiorente to win the two-mile handicap by a length, with third-placed Jakkalberry a further length-and-a-quarter back.

It is the first win for a locally prepared horse since Shocking won “the race that stops a nation” in 2009. Jockey Brett Prebble, who

rode the 22-1 shot to perfection, punched the air in celebration as a packed crowd at Flemington Racecourse roared, and shook hands with Britain’s Prince Charles in the crowd. Prebble said he knew the six-year-old bay had the race won at the 1,200 metre mark. “I knew nothing was going to go with him if he sustained the journey,” he said in a television interview.

“I probably pressed him a bit soon and it’s hard to wait when you have so much power underneath you but I was very confident that no-one would pick him up when I let him down and he ran all the way through the wire.—Reuters

**GENERAL**

**Focus Myanmar TV Programme**

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- \* Classical Song "Hnin Yun Khar Hay Man"
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- \* Read to enrich Your Mind with Knowledge
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- \* ASOCIO Multilateral Trade Visit 2012 Yangon & Business Matching

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**MYANMAR TV**

(7-11-2012, Wednesday)

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1. Paritta by Hilly Region Missionary Sayadaw
- 7:25 am**
2. To Be Healthy Exercise

- 7:40 am**
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- 7:50 am**
4. Health Programme
- 8:00 am**
5. Cultural Dances
- 8:20 am**
6. Teleplay
- 8:40 pm**
7. Myitta Pawana By Mingun Sayadaw
- 4:00 pm**
8. Martial Song
- 4:05 pm**
9. Musical Programme
- 4:15 pm**
10. Song of National Races
- 4:35 pm**
11. University of Distance Education (TV Lectures)
- 4:50 pm**
12. Songs For Upholding National Spirit
- 4:55 pm**
13. Classical Song
- 5:05 pm**
14. Pagoda Programme
- 5:30 pm**
15. ASEAN "Programmes"
- 6:35 pm**
16. Shwe Yin Chone Than
- 7:00 pm**
17. Documentary
- 7:30 pm**
18. BEAUTY STAR (Beautician Contest)
- 8:00 pm**
19. News
  20. TV Drama Series
  21. Myanmar Video

**Israel Israel passes law to cut tax for int'l companies**

JERUSALEM, 6 Nov—The Israeli Knesset (parliament) authorized a bill Monday afternoon allowing international companies to pay reduced tax rates if they promise to invest half of their profits in Israel.

The law, which Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Finance Minister Yuval Steinitz stand behind, is also known as the "locked profits law."

It was passed with 38 Knesset members voting for it and 21 against it. However, the law has caused a stir among left-wing and social justice activists, who protested the control of the tycoons (several wealthy families) over the Israeli market.

International companies in Israel have up until now enjoyed tax breaks on condition that they pay back

the money they've made in Israel.

However, if the companies chose to take their profits outside of Israel's borders, the companies would have to pay a tax rate of 25 percent on their revenues. The law is therefore termed the "locked revenues" law.

The new law is expected to enable companies to unfreeze much of their revenue and get a larger tax break. The tax rate could be as low as to only 6 percent of the revenues.

In response to the law's authorization, several young activists who were active in last year's social justice protests are arranging a Saturday protest, hoping to revive the movement and perhaps influence the upcoming 22 Jan elections.

The upcoming elections have been moved ahead of

their planned date in October because Netanyahu could not pass the 2013 budget, which included 6.83 billion dollars in cuts, specifically in social welfare services.

Last year, hundreds of thousands of Israelis took to the streets to protest the high costs of living in the country, the close connection between tycoons and government

officials and the monopoly of a few families on the Israeli market.

Recent polls have shown that social-economic issues would be at the core for the upcoming elections and parties from left and right have been vowing to make Israel "less expensive to live in" if voted into the next Knesset.—Xinhua

**Three killed, 15 wounded by car bombs in Iraqi capital**

BAGHDAD, 6 Nov—Three people were killed and 15 wounded in two car bomb explosions in and near Iraq's capital Baghdad on Monday, an Interior Ministry source told Xinhua.

One of the attacks occurred in Baghdad's eastern district of al-Obeidy when a booby-trapped car ripped through a residential area, killing three people and wounding eight others, the source said on condition of

anonymity.

In a separate incident, a car bomb went off in Taji area, some 20 km north of Baghdad, wounding seven people, the source said.

Violence in Iraq has decreased from its climax in 2006 and 2007, when sectarian conflicts pushed the country to the brink of a civil war, but tensions and sporadic shootings and bombings are still common across the country.—Xinhua



Trucks transport cinder in Shuozhou, north China's Shanxi Province, 31 Oct, 2012. As a city relying on coal power, Shuozhou has three major thermal power plants in its Shentou District. The thermal power plants emit some three million tons of coal ash each year. The pulverized fuel ash reclamation area, which used to be farmlands, is now covered with 120 million tons of coal ashes and becomes a huge pollution source.

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**Venezuela aids Cuba with 226 tons of food**

**Venezuela**

HAVANA, 6 Nov—A Venezuelan navy vessel arrived in Cuba on Monday, carrying 226 tons of food in aid to the Caribbean island battered by hurricane Sandy.

Loaded with beans, rice, flour, powdered milk, canned meat and water, Vessel "La Guajira" was berthed in Santiago de Cuba, 864 km east of Havana, and was received by Maria Luisa Bueno, regional delegate of the Cuban Foreign and Investment Trade Ministry, and Venezuelan Ambassador to Cuba Edgardo Ramirez.

Reinaldo Leon Fajardo, captain of the vessel, said more aid would follow through air and maritime ways.

On 28 October, another Venezuelan naval ship carrying 646 tons of humanitarian aid headed for Cuba and Haiti. A Venezuelan airplane has also sent the two countries 28 tons of food.

Sandy hit southeastern Cuba on 25 Oct, leaving 11 people dead and enormous material damage. In Haiti, it killed at least 50 people.

Xinhua

**Ytalk goes mobile**



YANGON, 6 Nov—Ytalk launched its mobile version in iOS and Android platforms at Tawwin Hninzi Hotel in Shwegontaing here on 3 November.

The application was developed by Myanmar Posts and Telecommunications, Yatanarpon Teleport Co Ltd and VMG Telecoms.

The software enables overseas calls from mobile phones through mobile network.

According to an official of VMG Telecoms, the software promises the clear voice and the providers could handle complaints in short period of time because it is local VOIP app.

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**Syrian gunfire hits Israeli army vehicle on Golan Heights**

JERUSALEM, 6 Nov — A patrolling Israeli army jeep on the occupied Golan Heights was hit by gunfire coming from Syria on Monday night.

There were no immediate reports of injuries to the people in the vehicle.

"An Israeli military vehicle traveling along the security fence was hit by stray bullets, most likely coming from the fighting inside Syria," the Israel Defence Forces (IDF) spokesman told Xinhua.

The army said the incident was being investigated and that a report had been filed to the UN observer forces in the vicinity.

It is believed that the fire was discharged as part of the clashes between the Syrian government forces and the rebels.

The IDF stressed that it is highly unlikely that the Israeli military vehicle was the target.

The incident followed a similar one that took place on Saturday, when three Syrian tanks, in pursuit of rebel forces, entered the demilitarized zone in the Golan Heights near the Israel-Syria border.

The IDF filed an official complaint with the UN and raised the level of alert in the area.

Xinhua



Firefighters work at the site of a train derailment in the Municipality of Santo Antonio de Pinhal, Sao Paulo, Brazil, on 3 Nov, 2012. At least 2 women died and another 43 were injured, according to reports of the firefighters who went to the scene. The causes of the accident are under investigations.

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## Ninth Asia-Europe Meeting concludes

NAY PYI TAW, 6 Nov— President U Thein Sein of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar attended the concluding ceremony of the ninth Asia-Europe Meeting at National Convention Centre Champa Grand Hall in Vientiane in Lao People's Democratic Republic at 4 pm today.

It was attended by Heads of ASEAN countries, Asian and European countries, deputy PMs, ministers, the ASEAN Secretary-

General, the European Commission President and high-level officials.

Laotian Prime Minister Mr. Thongsing Thammavong delivered an address.

After Mr. Herman Van Rompuy, President of the European Council which will host the 10<sup>th</sup> Asia-Europe Meeting in 2014 had given concluding remarks, the meeting came to an end.

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*Concluding ceremony of the ninth Asia-Europe Meeting in progress.*

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## President U Thein Sein exchanges views with Laotian President



NAY PYI TAW, 6 Nov— President U Thein Sein met Laotian President Mr. Choummaly Sayasone at the Presidential Palace in Vientiane of the Lao People's Democratic Republic at 2.15 pm today.

It was also attended by Union Ministers U Wunna Maung Lwin and U Kyaw Lwin, Deputy Minister Dr Win Myint, Myanmar Ambassador to Lao PDR U Kyaw Soe Win, the Laotian Minister at President Office, the Laotian Minister for Transport, Laotian Ambassador to Myanmar Mr. Nilahath Sayarth and officials.

They exchanged

views on continued implementation of multi-sector cooperation scheme which was under discussion during President's visit to Lao PDR, rural development and economic growth for the success of poverty alleviation plan, construction of a friendship bridge in border area of the two countries starting from the early 2013 after approving the design of the bridge this month, duty-free trade between the two countries and further cooperation for ensuring peace and stability in the border area of the two countries.

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*President U Thein Sein holding talks with Laotian President Mr. Choummaly Sayasone.*

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## Government to work in cooperation with people to alleviate poverty

NAY PYI TAW, 6 Nov— Union Minister at the President Office U Hla Tun, Union Minister for Mines Dr Myint Aung and Union Minister for Livestock and Fishery U Ohn Myint yesterday visited Sunchaung dam in Myothit Township of Magway Region and met local farmers.

They also met local people of Tatkon village and Lelu village-tract in Myothit Township.

Union Minister U Hla Tun said the government in cooperation with the people will alleviate the poverty in the rural people.

The region ministers reported on agriculture, breeding, development affairs, education and health.

Union Ministers Dr Myint Aung and U Ohn Myint discussed technical and capital aids for mining and breeding sectors.

The departmental officials reported on progress of tasks.—MNA

*Union Minister at the President Office U Hla Tun meets local farmers in Myothit Township of Magway Region.—MNA*



### Weather Summary on

6-11-2012

(Issued at 2:00 pm)

#### Bay Inference

Weather is partly cloudy to cloudy in the Andaman Sea and Bay of Bengal.

#### State of the Sea

Seas will be slight in Myanmar waters.

#### Outlook for subsequent two days

Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers in the extreme Southern Myanmar areas.