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## PYITHU HLUTTAW

### Public participation required for elimination of discrimination against HIV/AIDS patients: Union Health Minister

NAY PYI TAW, 9 Nov—Dr Aung Than of Shwebo Constituency asked the measures of the Union government to eliminate discrimination against HIV/AIDS patients and help them against loss of basic rights.

Union Minister Dr Pe Thet Khin described promotion of health education programmes as a means to reduce discrimination against HIV/AIDS patients. He suggested increased participation of Health Ministry and related ministries, Myanmar Human Rights Commission, local and foreign social organizations, parliamentarians, and legal experts to reduce marginalization.

U Khin Maung Nyo of Loikaw Constituency asked whether the government can arrange to appoint esteemed traditional medical practitioners holding

certificate, and educated traditional medical practitioners holding degree in traditional medicine as chairperson of Traditional Medicine Council.

The Union Minister replied that the appointment can only be done under the law and only the director-general of Traditional Medicine Department can be appointed to the position.

Daw Aung San Suu Kyi of Kawhmu Constituency submitted a proposal urging the Union government to form a supervisory committee constituted with personnel of Health Ministry, members of Hluttaw committees/commission, academicians, intellectuals and intelligentsia, and local and foreign donors in order to upgrade Yangon People's Hospital on which the public relies to high standard medical centre. Union Minister Dr



Union Minister Dr Pe Thet Khin.—*MNA*

Pe Thet Khin expressed ministry support for the proposal. The Hluttaw approved her proposal.

Dr Khin Maung Swe of Kyauktada Constituency submitted a proposal urging to cooperate in the interest of urbanites and rural folks to bridge the gap of medical service delivery between urban and rural areas.

Union Minister Dr Pe Thet Khin asked to put the proposal on record, which the proposer agreed. It was decided to monitor the works of Health Ministry in response to the proposal. *NLM*



Deputy Minister for Education Dr Ba Shwe.—*MNA*

Education Dr Ba Shwe replied that the focal ministry has been focusing

### Academic independence, sine qua non for promotion of education standard

NAY PYI TAW, 9 Nov—Daw Aung San Suu Kyi of Kawhmu Constituency called for creating of an academic environment in which undergraduates can think freely apart from decentralization of educational institutions as she put forward an urgent proposal at today's Pyithu Hluttaw session urging the Union government to form a supervisory committee constituted with personnel from education Ministry, members of Hluttaw

committees/ commission, academics, intellectuals and intelligentsia in order to upgrade Yangon Arts and Science University as a standard one furnished with learning aids.

She called for academic independence stressing that ongoing efforts of Education Ministry alone are simply not enough for promotion of education, the bedrock of national development. Three MPs seconded her proposal.

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### Names of Union Ministry Changed

According to the agreement of fifth regular session of first Pyidaungsu Hluttaw, the names of the following union ministries have been changed into the ones shown against each.

Original Name	New Name
(1) Ministry of Communications, Posts and Telegraphs	Ministry of Communications and Information Technology
(2) Ministry of Labour	Ministry of Labour, Employment and Social Security

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Thein Sein  
President

Republic of the Union of Myanmar

## Cherry not harmful to health: Deputy minister

NAY PYI TAW, 9 Nov—Myanmar Mini and Cherry QQ3 vehicles include nothing harmful to the health of the people, Deputy Industry Minister U Thein Aung said at today's Pyithu Hluttaw session.

on promotion of education standard and asked to put it on record. He suggested better plans should be implemented when the University Law emerges in the next term of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw.

Daw Aung San Suu Kyi insisted on seeking approval from the Hluttaw and the proposal was put to the vote.

As the majority voted in favour of the proposal, the Hluttaw approved it.

Again Dr Mya Oo of Ngazun Constituency put forward a proposal urging to promulgate strong national education policy for promotion of education, the cornerstone of national

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U Aung Thein Lin of South Okkalapa Constituency demanded more clarifications of the respective ministry, saying the explanation of the ministry about the imported cars that are rumoured to include asbestos that could cause the pulmonary diseases.

The deputy minister also said no to direct knock down system at industrial

zones proposed by U Myint Soe of Pyawbwe Constituency to carry out full recondition and modification to imported trucks and buses. But, he said the ministry would allow the modification if the entrepreneurs outside industrial zones could ensure the norms set by the Ministry of Commerce are met. *NLM*







**Chairman of Myanmar National Sports Committee Union Minister for Sports U Tint Hsan pressed the button to unveil the signboard of Winner Sports at the shop on Bo Min Yaung Street in Mingala Taungnyunt Township on 7 November.—NLM**

### China-ASEAN commodities exhibition kicks off

NAY PYI TAW, 9 Nov— Tatmadaw Convention Hall in Yangon, *Myanma Alinn* reported. The show would boost



### Kyi Lin in Goal's best Asian players list

YANGON, 9 Nov— Myanmar international Kyi Lin earned a mention in goal.com, the famous international sports website, as one of 11 best players of Asia, *Myanma Alinn* reported. The Yangon United winger said he was "very happy" with the mention. "I always tried to deliver my best performance for the country and the team," he said. He also thanked the audience for his milestone international recognition. The goal-scoring midfielder led Myanmar team



### Mawlamyine railway station gets book corner

NAY PYI TAW, 9 Nov— Mon State Information and Public Relations Department has started a book corner at Mawlamyine railway station, *Myanma Alinn* reported.

The book corner was opened by officials of the department with the attendance of 30 locals.

Journals, magazines, fictions, newspapers, and other publications are available at the book corner.

IPRD is establishing book corners at public places such as railway stations, jetties, and bus stops around the country.—NLM



the trade opportunities between the two countries, according to an official of the exhibition.

Eleven entrepreneurs from Chongqing are displaying 15 booths at the exhibition that lasts till 10 November.

to Suzuki Cup, scoring and creating most of the goals Myanmar succeeded in the cup qualifiers. "I'm very proud that the world recognizes an outstanding player of our country," U Wunna Kyaw, a trainer of sports and physical education institution, said.

NLM

The organizers are hoping for improving trade connectivity between the two countries, the report suggested.

It is the fifth of its kind since the new government took office about two years ago.—NLM

### Lack of life jacket at Katha motorboats raises parents' concerns

NAY PYI TAW, 9 Nov— Parents voiced concerns over lack of life jackets at licensed motorboats running between Katha and Palweshwe village on either bank of Ayeyawady River, according to a *Myanma Alinn* report.

"Students are taking the ride once in a morning and once in the evening," an unnamed parent is quoted.

"Any accident could risk the lives of the children."

Students from the villages on eastern bank of Ayeyawady River are commuting daily to Katha to attend their school.

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### Police save turtles from being smuggled

MYITKYINA, 9 Nov— According to a tip-off that turtles were going to be smuggled into a neighbouring country, local police members and personnel arrested Naw Win Soe (a) Pa Kyal together with four bags containing 64 turtles in it at a port of Myitkyina-Bhamo

motorized boats in Pamatee ward in Myitkyina on 4 November.

The investigation revealed that these turtles were owned by Ma Yin Cho of Rampu ward and Ma Lu Bu of Kyunthayar ward, and actions are being taken to arrest them.

Kyemon

### Narcotic drugs seized in Tachilek

TACHILEK, 9 Nov— According to the statement given by Sai Wun Tit who was detained for questioning on suspicion of a criminal case by Tachilek Police Station, a combined force led by Tachilek District Police Commander Police Lt-Col Ohn Kyaw launched a search of his house on Khattar Street in Hsansai

(Ka) ward in Tachilek and seized 584,000 WY stimulant tablets, a WY mould, weapons, foreign currencies, gold block, gold chain, jewellery, vehicle and motorbike.

Police filed a lawsuit against Sai Wun Tit over illegal possession of narcotic drugs and weapons.

Kyemon

### Police get their hands on bogus police

YANGON, 9 Nov— Police members of Yangon Region Police Force caught a man in traffic police uniform who carried out an inspection of vehicles running on Yangon Airport Road at 6 pm on 4 November.

The man who got in disguised as a traffic police member was Zaw Than Oo and he was arrested together with K 4100 he extorted in his pocket. Mayangon Police Station filed a lawsuit against him.—Kyemon

### Daylight burglar arrested

YANGON, 9 Nov— While launching a campaign to curb crimes in Insein Township, police members caught a suspect called Pyae Phyo Kyaw of Nyeinthaya street in West Kannar ward of the township and seized a gold chain and a heart-shaped locket from him on Aung

Thukha street in Peinnegon ward of the township at about 3 pm on 2 November.

Investigations revealed that he snatched the jewellery from a woman on Kyaedinesu 1<sup>st</sup> street in Peinnegone ward. Insein Township Police Station filed a lawsuit against him.

Kyemon

### Illegal teak and hardwood seized

NAY PYI TAW, 9 Nov— A combined force of forest personnel from Htigyaing and Kawlin Township Forest Departments seized 19.4169 tons of illegal teak and 3.6110 tons of hardwood totaling 23.0279 tons, two

engines, two circular saws and five related items at block Nos (62) and (63) of Pyinte reserved forest on 29 October. Investigations are underway to expose suspects.

Kyemon





WORLD

Iran urges recognition of nuclear “rights”, directs talks with US

Iran

TEHERAN, 9 Nov — Iranian officials on Thursday called for the recognition of the nuclear “rights” of the country and for the direct talks with the United States over the controversial nuclear programme of the Islamic republic.

The United States and its western allies have been accusing Iran of secretly developing nuclear weapons under a civilian disguise, a charge that has always been denied by Teheran.

According to local reports on Thursday, Iranian Foreign Ministry spokesman Ramin Mehmanparast said that recognition of the nuclear rights of the Islamic republic by the United States will build trust in bilateral relations.

“Respect for rights of the Iranian nation will help reduce Teheran’s distrust towards Washington,” Mehmanparast was quoted as saying by semi-official *Fars* news agency.

He underscored the necessity for fundamental and practical changes in Washington’s “wrong” approaches towards Iran, and



Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad speaks during a news conference in Nusa Dua, Bali November 2012. Ahmadinejad is in Bali to attend the 5th Bali Democracy Forum.—REUTERS

said Teheran will judge the United States by its actions not words, according to *Fars*. The remarks were made in reaction to the recent US presidential election in which Barack Obama was re-elected.

The outcome of the US election showed that Americans want a president that avoids extremist and unilateral policies, the report quoted the spokesman as saying. On the possibility of restoration of relations between the two countries

and solving Iran’s nuclear issue, which is recently urged by some Iranian officials, Iranian Judiciary Chief Ayatollah Sadeq Amoli-Larijani also said the Americans should win Iranians’ trust in order to restore the relations, *Teheran Times* daily reported on Thursday.

The resumption of “relations with the United States is not easy, and after all these (sanction) pressure, such relations are

not possible overnight,” Amoli-Larijani said.

Attempts are recently underway by some Iranian expatriates and politicians to restore relations with Washington in order to alleviate the pressures on the country’s economy, which has been hit significantly by the Western sanctions over the country’s controversial nuclear programme.

On Thursday, Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad said that Iran’s nuclear programme has been politicized and the dispute should be resolved through direct talks between Iran and the United States, the official *IRNA* news agency reported.

Ahmadinejad said that all member states of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) and even the five permanent members of the UN Security Council plus Germany (P5+1) say explicitly that Iran should resolve the issue through direct talks with the United States, according to the report.

Xinhua

Russia puts missile defence solution before arms talks

Russia

Moscow, 9 Nov—Russia-US arms reduction talks would not go on until the two sides solve the thorny issue of missile defence, Russian Deputy Foreign Minister Sergei Ryabkov said on Thursday.

The missile defence issue includes components of the US-led missile defence shield in Europe and other parts, Ryabkov said.

Russia expected legally binding guarantees that the missile defence system was not directed at Russia, and could not accept verbal assurance as an alternative, said the senior diplomat.

If the missile shield issue could not be solved, bilateral weapons reduction negotiations would not go on, Ryabkov added.

Moscow’s plan to reduce

Xinhua

Netanyahu, on phone with Obama, pledges cooperation

Israel



Israel’s Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu attends the weekly cabinet meeting in Jerusalem on 4 Nov, 2012. REUTERS

JERUSALEM, 9 Nov—Benjamin Netanyahu spoke by telephone with Barack Obama on Thursday and congratulated him on his re-election, after critics accused the Israeli prime minister of backing Mitt Romney and jeopardizing ties with Washington.

After Obama’s re-election on Tuesday, some of Netanyahu’s opponents—who hope to defeat him in an election on 22 January—accused the right-wing leader of backing the wrong man.

Netanyahu, who denies having shown any preference during the US campaign, told Obama during the call that his re-election “was a vote of confidence in your leadership”, his office said.

The White House said Obama had received messages of congratulations from leaders around the world and the president was able to return some of the calls on Thursday.

Netanyahu said he “looked forward to continuing to work with the president to address the great challenges facing the United States and Israel and to advance peace and security in our region,” a statement from the prime minister’s office said.

In a speech earlier in the

nuclear stockpiles depended on all relevant factors affecting its “strategic stability,” including some Western partners’ plans to deploy the missile defence programme in Europe, he said. Washington and other countries’ unwillingness to rule out deploying weapons in outer space, the stagnation in ratifying the Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty would also influence Moscow’s policy on arms reduction, according to the official.

Also on Thursday, Russian Deputy Prime Minister Dmitry Rogozin urged the United States to offer paper guarantees over the missile defence programme following the re-election of President Barack Obama.

Iran fired on US drone over Gulf



A MQ-1 Predator unmanned aircraft in an undated photo.—REUTERS

a routine, but classified, surveillance mission over Gulf waters about 16 nautical miles off the Iranian coast.

Pentagon spokesman George Little said the aircraft fired multiple rounds at the Predator drone and followed it for at least several miles as it moved farther away from Iranian airspace.

“We believe that they fired at least twice and made at least two passes,” he said. International airspace begins after 12 nautical miles and Little said the drone at no point entered Iranian airspace. Last year, a crashed CIA drone was recovered inside Iran. Defence Secretary Leon Panetta was quickly notified of the incident, as

were members of Congress and the White House, Little added. The United States also sent Iran a warning through diplomatic channels, saying it would defend its military assets and would keep sending aircraft on such surveillance operations.

“There is absolutely no precedence for this,” Little said. “This is the first time that a (drone) has been fired upon to our knowledge by Iranian aircraft.” Many questions about the incident remain, including why Iranian warplanes could not manage—if they wanted—to shoot down an unarmed drone, which lacks advanced capabilities to outmaneuver them.—Reuters

WASHINGTON, 9 Nov—Iranian warplanes fired at an unarmed US drone in international airspace last week but did not hit the aircraft, the Pentagon said on Thursday, disclosing details of an unprecedented incident that triggered a formal warning to Tehran through diplomatic channels.

The 1 November intercept was the first time Teheran had fired at an unmanned American aircraft, in a stark reminder

of how tensions between the United States and Iran could escalate quickly into violence. If Iran had hit the drone, as the Pentagon believes it was trying to do, it could have forced American retaliation—with the potential consequences that entails. According to the timeline provided by the Pentagon, two Iranian SU-25 “Frogfoot” aircraft intercepted the American drone at about 4:50 am EST (0850 GMT) as it conducted

Guatemala scours for quake survivors, death toll expected to rise

SAN MARCOS, (Guatemala) 9 Nov—Rescue workers on Thursday carted out dead bodies found under rubble in the aftermath of Guatemala’s most powerful earthquake in decades, while others cleared wrecked cars and collapsed buildings as they searched for survivors.

At least 52 people were killed in the 7.5 magnitude quake on Wednesday, many of them crushed under debris in San Marcos state, a mountainous region near the Mexican border.

Nearly two dozen people were still missing and President Otto Perez forecast that the death toll would climb.

“Sadly we expect the number to keep rising,” Perez told reporters in Guatemala City, adding that 22 people were missing and around 200 injured.

Emergency workers said they pulled seven people alive from rubble at a construction site on the outskirts of San Marcos city. Reuters



Two men walk past damaged houses after a 7.4-magnitude earthquake struck on Wednesday on the streets of San Marcos, in the San Marcos region, about 250 km (155 miles) south of Guatemala City, on 8 Nov, 2012.—REUTERS





A pilot reacts on board of a Chilean solar car to participate in the Atacama Solar Race, which is the second version of the solar car competition in Latin America, in Plaza de la Ciudadania, in the city of Santiago, capital of Chile, on 7 Nov, 2012. The race will be held from 15 to 19 Nov in the Atacama Desert. XINHUA

## RIM's BlackBerry 10 platform wins coveted US security clearance

TORONTO, 9 Nov — Research In Motion Ltd said on Thursday it has won a much-coveted US government security clearance for its yet-to-be launched platform for BlackBerry 10 devices that are expected to hit store shelves in the first quarter of 2013.

The company said its BlackBerry 10 platform has received the FIPS 140-2 certification, which would allow government agencies to deploy the devices, along with the new enterprise management platform to run the devices, as soon as the new smartphones are launched.

RIM, a one-time pioneer in the smartphone industry, has seen its fortunes fade in recent years as nimbler rivals such as Apple Inc and

Samsung Electronics Co have taken the game away from RIM with faster and snazzier devices.

RIM's fate now depends almost entirely on the long-awaited line of so-called BB 10 devices. Last month, RIM said it had begun carrier tests on the new line of devices, which the company hopes will help it regain some of the market share it has ceded to the likes of Apple's iPhone and a slew of other devices that run on Google Inc's Android operating system. The Waterloo, Ontario-based company said this is the first time BlackBerry products have been FIPS certified ahead of launch. "Achieving FIPS certification for an entirely new platform in a very short period of time, and before launch, is quite remarkable," RIM's head

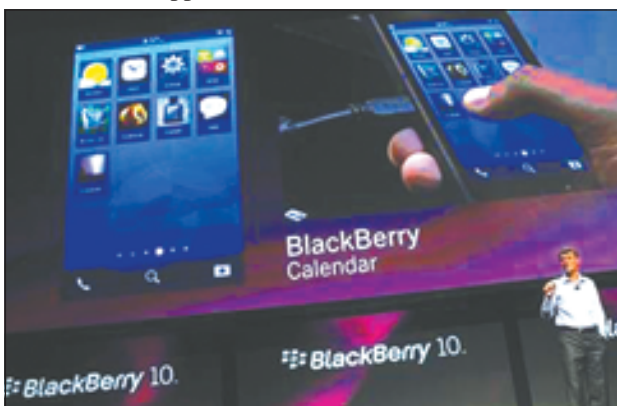
of security certifications, David MacFarlane, said in a statement.

FIPS certification, which is given by the National Institute of Standards and Technology, is one of the minimum criteria that is required for products used by US government agencies and regulated industries that collect, store, transfer, share and disseminate sensitive information.

The stamp of approval gives confidence to security-conscious organizations — including some of RIM's top clients like US and Canadian government agencies — that the data stored on smartphones running BlackBerry 10 can be properly secured and encrypted.

RIM promises that BlackBerry 10 will deliver a better user experience, along with the ability to separately manage both one's corporate and personal data on the same device. — Reuters

*Research In Motion CEO Thorsten Heins displays features of the BlackBerry 10 during his keynote address during the BlackBerry Jam Americas in San Jose, California on 25 Sept, 2012. — REUTERS*



## Int'l earth science university consortium inaugurated in central China

WUHAN, 9 Nov — An international university consortium on earth science, which counts 11 universities from 7 countries as members, was inaugurated on Tuesday in Wuhan, capital of central China's Hubei Province. The university consortium initiated by the Wuhan-

based China University of Geosciences (CUG) set up its permanent secretariat on the CUG campus.

Wang Yanxin, president of CUG, said that the International University Consortium on Earth Science (IUCES) will be committed to establishing an

annual international forum on earth science education, carrying out Sino-foreign cooperation programs on higher-learning education and scientific research in the field, and sharing educational resources among member institutes. Xinhua

## AT&T to boost annual spending 16 percent to \$22 billion

NEW YORK, 9 Nov — AT&T Inc will boost capital spending by about 16 percent to \$22 billion a year for the next three years to upgrade its wireless and wireline networks, the company said on Wednesday. Its shares fell more than 3 percent after the news. Rival Verizon Communications Inc is ahead in high-speed mobile services, and AT&T also must improve rural phone lines, comprised of outdated copper technology. The company said it hopes the investments will boost revenue growth by allowing it to chase new opportunities such as adding wireless connections to cars and home security.

AT&T said upgrading its wireline network was more attractive than carving off the business or divesting parts of the network. Previously, it said it was considering selling some rural phone lines. "This gives us the opportunity to improve our top-line growth and change our cost structure," Chief Executive Randall Stephenson told analysts at an AT&T event in New York. Investors worried about the spending hike from AT&T's 2012 capital budget for \$19 billion to \$20 billion, although the company vowed to come in at the low end of the range this year. "It's a big number and it's not just for one year," Hudson Square Research analyst Todd Rethemeier said.

Verizon Communications has sold off many hard-to-reach rural phone lines. AT&T was forced into the upgrade option because it could not find a buyer, Rethemeier said. "They're doing it because they really have to do it," said New Street Research analyst Jonathan Chaplin, adding that "the pay-off is unclear." AT&T said the investment would lead to revenue growth 100 basis points above the US gross domestic product, supporting earnings per share growth in the mid-single-digit percentage range for the next three years. But Chaplin was unimpressed with the growth targets. "It

looks like a giant boost of spending for the results we thought (they'd produce) all along," he said. AT&T shares were down \$1.18 or 3 percent at \$33.62 on the New York Stock Exchange after the news. The S&P 500 stock index was down 2 percent.

The three-year spending plan includes a budget of \$8 billion for expanding the wireless network and \$6 billion for upgrading the wireline network, the company said.

It said this will boost capital expenses to the high end of its target for spending in the mid-teen percentage range of revenue for the next two years, with spending returning to normal levels in 2015. Executives said AT&T's business customers are nervous about spending due to the weak economy and the looming US "fiscal cliff" under which the White House and lawmakers have two months to agree on a plan

to shrink the federal budget. Failure to meet the self-imposed deadline will trigger \$600 billion in spending cuts and higher taxes beginning in January.

A day after President Barack Obama was re-elected, AT&T CEO Stephenson said he hopes the government will focus on resolving the fiscal cliff. He told analysts the uncertainty is creating "a real throttle on this country's growth now." Stephenson told Reuters he hoped Obama's re-election "will be a positive and get us going forward on this fiscal cliff."

AT&T plans to tap debt markets to take advantage of historically low interest rates. It expects its ratio of net debt to earnings before interest, tax, depreciation and amortization to rise to about 1.8 over the next two years from 1.42 at the end of the third quarter.

Reuters



Reflections are seen in the window of an AT&T store in New York on 21 March, 2011. — REUTERS

## Sony PlayStation certificate sparks talk China may lift console ban

TOKYO / SHANGHAI, 9 Nov — Sony Corp's PlayStation 3 has received a certification of quality from a Chinese safety standards body, sparking speculation that China will end a decade-old ban on home game consoles. China has banned video game consoles since 2000, citing a need to protect the well-being of its young people. Some analysts cautioned against reading too much into Sony's new certificate, noting the organization that gave it has no regulatory authority. "The Ministry of Culture has the regulatory authority over the console segment and is the sole organization that can revoke the ban," said Lisa Cosmas Hanson, managing partner of US-based video games consultancy Niko Partners.

The China Quality Certification Centre website showed two models of the PlayStation 3, labeled

"computer entertainment system" received approval this July. All products must pass the safety standard before they can be sold to Chinese consumers.

Sony confirmed that it had received certification but remained tightlipped about whether this heralded an imminent entry for the PlayStation into the world's second-largest economy or whether the company needed further certificates.

"This does not mean that we have officially decided to enter Chinese market," Sony spokeswoman Mai Hora said. "We recognize that China is a promising market so we will continuously study the possibility." Representatives for China's Ministry of Culture could not be reached for comment. But there has also been some precedent that China authorities are taking a less hard-line attitude towards

game consoles. This year Lenovo Group launched Eedoo CT510, a motion sensing device that plays games similar in concept to Microsoft's Kinect extension for the Xbox game console, by touting by Eedoo as an "exercise and entertainment machine".

Although video game consoles are banned in China, online gaming and games on mobile devices are deeply entrenched — limiting the potential upside for Sony and rival game machine makers like Microsoft Corp and Nintendo Co Ltd. "It obviously has a huge population, but gamers in China have different consumption habits," said Piers Harding-Rolls, senior games analyst at IHS Screen Digest in London. "A lot of established gamers will use non-dedicated devices they have used over many years." — Reuters



**BUSINESS & HEALTH**

**Boeing may take year to decide on mini-jumbo revamp**



A worker stands in front of an engine on the Boeing 777 at their assembly operations in Everett, Washington, on 18 Oct, 2012.— REUTERS

NEW YORK/PARIS, 9 Nov—Boeing Co appears to be at least a year away from offering a new version of the 777, its most profitable jet, timing that would be later than some airline customers want and could push them into the arms of rival Airbus.

Carriers such as Dubai's Emirates Airline and British Airways had planned on the new mini-jumbo, provisionally called the 777X, entering service by the end of the current decade. That being the case, the industry widely expected Boeing to begin selling the new jet by the end of this year.

With just seven weeks

left in 2012, that timetable now appears increasingly unlikely, based on internal conversations between the planemaker and its customers. "It's going to be way further off than people think," said a person familiar with the discussions who declined to be identified because the person was not authorized to speak publicly about the matter. "Boeing is in conversations about it," the person added. "But the launch date (for sales) is a year away at least."

The 777X is aimed at the market for long-haul jets, worth hundreds of billions of dollars for Boeing and Airbus over the next decade

or so. But some think delay by Boeing in creating the new 777 could push airlines into buying Airbus' rival A350-1000 jet, due to enter service in 2017.

Emirates, British Airways, Cathay Pacific Airways and United Airlines, big buyers of the 777, have been pressing for the 777X to come sooner rather than later. The 777 is one of the most successful jets of all time and airlines are eager for an amped-up version that can go farther on less fuel with more passengers.

Rather than wait, United started talks with Airbus about upgrading some of its 25 orders for the A350-900 to the A350-1000, industry sources said. Cathay Pacific chose the A350-1000 in July. Analysts say others may grow impatient and follow. In contrast, the 777X may not enter service until 2021 or 2022, rather than the end of the decade, based on Boeing's recent statements, said Richard Aboulafia, an analyst at the Teal Group in Fairfax, Virginia.—Reuters

**Business**

**Genital injuries send thousands to emergency care each year**

**Health**

NEW YORK, 9 Nov — Television shows and movies may portray people getting hit in the crotch as comical, but it's a serious issue that sends almost 16,000 men and women to US emergency rooms every year, according to a study. Bicycles, furniture and clothing are all items blamed for the injuries, which can go on to cause people physical, psychological and reproductive problems later on, said senior author Benjamin Breyer, an assistant professor of urology at the University of California, San Francisco.

"To put this in perspective, the yearly incidence of these (injuries) is almost twice as much as dental injuries, and about the same as electrical and chemical burns," Breyer added. In the past, most research looked at severe genital and urinary tract injuries caused by major trauma, such as car accidents. For the new study, which appeared in *The Journal of Urology*, Breyer and his colleagues decided to look at those injuries thought to be caused by common

consumer products.

The team analyzed a national database of emergency room visits caused by consumer products, identifying all genital injuries to men and women 18 years and older between 2002 and 2010. The injured body parts included, among other things, penises, testicles, bladders, kidneys and external female genitalia. Overall, 142,143 injuries sent people to an emergency room over the nine-year period, which worked out to about 15,794 per year — a number that didn't seem to change over time.

Sporting items were the most common cause of injuries among people of all ages. These included bicycles as well as basketball, soccer, football and baseball equipment. Breyer said one example of damage from a sporting item is people falling forward on their bicycles and landing on the centre bar. Padding or cushioning could help avoid injuries. Other accidents involved clothing, shaving items and bathing products,

including men catching their penises in zippers or people cutting themselves while trying to shave their pubic hair. "I was surprised to find how many injuries from bicycles, personal grooming and bathrooms there were. Those to me were unexpected," Breyer said.

The types of injuries also differed by age and sex. Men were injured the most, accounting for about two thirds of the emergency room visits. Young people were the most often injured, with 18 to 28 year olds making up roughly 40 percent of the visits. Older people sustained only about eight percent of the injuries, but were more likely to hurt themselves during everyday activities, such as taking a shower. "The next step is to get a little more information on the actual injuries, what happens to the patients and the mechanism of how it happens," Breyer said, noting that this could be used to develop programs to prevent these injuries.

Reuters

**Trade panel approves five-year duties on China solar products**

WASHINGTON, 9 Nov — The United States gave final approval on Wednesday to duties on billions of dollars of solar-energy products from China for the next five years, protecting US producers against lower-priced imports and raising fears of Chinese retaliation. The US International Trade Commission voted 6-0 in favor of double- and triple-digit duties in a case filed last year by SolarWorld Industries America.

Beijing has protested the case each step of the way, calling it a protectionist move that threatens the future of solar energy by driving up costs for consumers. SolarWorld, the largest US solar-panel manufacturer, accused Chinese competitors such as Suntech Power Holdings of selling solar cells and panels in the United States at unfairly low prices and receiving government subsidies. SolarWorld's German parent, SolarWorld AG, is pressing the European Union for similar curbs on Chinese solar products.

Gordon Brinser, president of SolarWorld America, told reporters the unanimous vote showed

"very clearly" that US producers had been harmed the imports. The duties should allow US producers to start adding jobs, but stringent enforcement is needed to prevent Chinese companies from circumventing the orders, he said.

In the meantime, SolarWorld has invested \$27 million over the past year in technology that is increasing the efficiency of its solar cells, Brinser said.

US and European producers complain that China's rapid expansion of solar panel manufacturing has created a massive

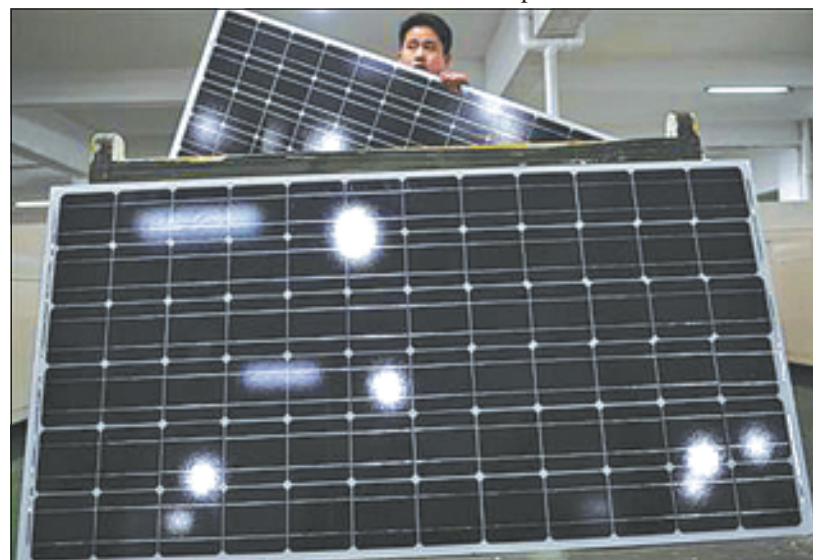
oversupply, destroying profits and crippling share prices. The United States imported about \$3.1 billion worth of solar cells and panels from China in 2011, up from \$640 million two years earlier, although both figures contain some products not covered by the investigation. The ITC vote clears the way for the US Commerce Department to issue five-year anti-dumping and countervailing duty orders on those imports, based on rates announced last month. Suntech, the world's largest producer of solar panels, was hit with combined Commerce Department

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duties of about 36 percent, while another major Chinese manufacturer, Trina Solar, faces duties of about 23.75 percent. More than a hundred other Chinese producers and exporters face combined duties of about 31 percent and other Chinese firms combined duties of more than 250 percent. "SolarWorld's hypocritical campaign has forced the fast-growing American solar industry to foot the bill for SolarWorld's competitive failures," Suntech America managing director EL McDaniel said in a statement.

Reuters

An employee carries a solar panel as he works at a production line at a solar company workshop in Yongkang, Zhejiang Province on 23 Feb, 2012. REUTERS



Panasonic Corp's new president Kazuhiro Tsuga poses in front of the company's logo before his interview in Tokyo on 9 July, 2012. REUTERS

**At Panasonic, blunt chief looks to force turnaround**

TOKYO, 9 Nov — In a presentation beamed to Panasonic Corp offices around the world last week, company president Kazuhiro Tsuga stunned middle managers with the blunt message that their bonuses would be cut by more than a third. A couple of hours later, he warned investors in Tokyo that Panasonic would lose close to \$10 billion in the year to March as it writes down assets and restructures — taking cumulative losses at the 94-year-old firm to nearly \$25 billion in five years. Tsuga branded the maker of Viera TVs a "loser" in consumer electronics.

Tsuga's move, and its execution, mark him out as a bold leader who is not averse to taking the tough decisions to turn around Panasonic. With local rivals Sony Corp and Sharp Corp, Panasonic is battling something of a death spiral of crushed demand in an anemic global economy, intense competition, a bloated business portfolio

and weakened finances. Karl Roberts, managing director at AlixPartners, said the mobile gadgets market, a near-duopoly of Samsung Electronics and Apple Inc, is a "winner take all business," but the hope for rivals is that product life cycles can turn over fairly quickly.

"The question for all companies who are not Apple or Samsung is what are their prospects for those distinctive market place developments. What everybody's after is how do we get to that durable success that companies such as Apple have achieved." Tsuga, 55, who has a liking for muscular cars, preaches survival through tough love. He warned his managers that businesses failing to earn margins of at least 5 percent would have no place in a re-modeled Panasonic, according to a person at the company who was not authorized to speak about the closed-door broadcast.

Reuters



## Palestinians prepare UN upgrade despite US, Israel warnings

UNITED NATIONS, 9 Nov—The Palestinian Authority circulated a draft resolution to UN member states on Wednesday that calls for upgrading its UN status to that of an “observer state” despite US and Israeli suggestions that the Palestinians could face retaliatory moves.

The draft resolution, which could be put to a vote in the 193-nation UN General Assembly later this month, also reiterates the Palestinian Authority’s commitment to the “two-state solution” in which Israel and an independent Palestinian state would co-exist in peace. If approved, the resolution would “accord to Palestine Observer State status in the United Nations system, without prejudice to the acquired rights, privileges

and role of the Palestine Liberation Organization as the representative of the Palestinian people,” according to a draft obtained by Reuters.

The Palestinians are currently considered an observer “entity” at the United Nations. Acceptance of the Palestinians as a non-member state, similar to the Vatican’s UN status, would implicitly recognize Palestinian statehood. The upgrade could also grant the Palestinians access to bodies like the International Criminal Court in The Hague, where they could file complaints against Israel.

The status upgrade seems certain to win approval in any vote in the General Assembly, which is composed mostly of post-colonial states historically sympathetic to



President of the Palestinian Authority Mahmoud Abbas addresses the 67th United Nations General Assembly at the UN Headquarters in New York, on 27 September, 2012. —REUTERS

the Palestinians. Palestinian diplomats also are courting European countries to further burnish their case.

Frustrated that their bid for full UN membership last year failed amid US opposition in the UN Security Council, Palestinians launched their watered-down bid for recognition as an “observer

state,” the same status given to the Vatican.

Israel and the United States oppose the move by the Palestinians and have called on Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas to return to peace talks that collapsed in 2010 over Israeli settlement construction in the occupied West Bank.—Reuters

## Three mortar shells from Syria hits Golan demilitarized zone

JERUSALEM, 9 Nov—Three stray mortar shells fell in the demilitarized zone (DMZ) in the Golan Heights on the Israel-Syrian border on Tuesday, which defence officials believe to be related to the inner-fighting in Syria, Israel Radio reported.

One of the shells landed on the fence surrounding the

Alonei Habashan community near the DMZ, but did not explode. The other two exploded in open areas. No casualties were reported.

Security officials at the scene seemed positive that there was no intention against Israel, but that the incidents are a by-product of Syria’s civil war, which has been

going on since March last year. This is another incident in a line of several, in which the inner-fighting in Syria have “leaked” into the DMZ, close to the border with Syria. On Wednesday, four stray bullets hit a Israeli military outpost at the centre of the Golan Heights, no damages or injuries were reported. A day ago, a military SUV was hit by stray bullets fired from within Syrian territory as well.

On Saturday, three Syrian tanks entered the buffer zone in the Golan Heights, prompting Israel to issue an official complaint to the UN the following day. UN forces across the border have increased patrols along the Syria-Israel border to prevent any friction between the two countries.



Security personnel collect a non-detonated mortar shell fired from Syria and landed in Alonei Habashan in the Golan Heights, on 8 Nov, 2012.—XINHUA

## Indonesia, Australia, Timor Leste eager to close economic ties

JAKARTA, 9 Nov—Leaders of Indonesia, Australia and Timor Leste agreed on Friday to further develop economic ties by boosting trade and investment, Antara news agency reported. Indonesian President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono, Timor Leste Prime Minister Xanana Gusmao and Australian premier Julia Gillard also agreed to intensify people-to-people communication.

“There will be a further technical discussion in Dili, Timor Leste in March or April next year regarding these aims,” Gillard said after a trilateral meet-

ing of leaders of the three neighboring countries on the sidelines of the fifth Bali Democracy Forum in Nusa Dua, Bali. Leaders of the three countries have learned that the future of

their economy is closely related with the economic development in Asia which exerts significant influence on global supply chain, Gillard said.

Xinhua



Rescue workers try to extinguish a fire at the site of a blast near the Ranger’s office in Karachi on 8 Nov, 2012.—REUTERS

## SEC left computers vulnerable to cyber attacks

WASHINGTON, 9 Nov—Staffers at the US Securities and Exchange Commission failed to encrypt some of their computers containing highly sensitive information from stock exchanges, leaving the data vulnerable to cyber attacks, according to people familiar with the matter. While the computers were unprotected, there was no evidence that hacking or spying on the SEC’s computers took place, these people said.

The computers and other electronic devices in question belonged to a handful of employees in an office within the SEC’s Trading and Markets Division. That office

is responsible for making sure exchanges follow certain guidelines to protect the markets from potential cyber threats and systems problems, one of those people said.

Some of the staffers even brought the unprotected devices to a Black Hat convention, a conference where computer hacking experts gather to discuss the latest trends. It is not clear why the staffers brought the devices to the event. The security lapses in the Trading and Markets Division are laid out in a yet-to-be-released report that by the SEC’s Interim Inspector General Jon Rymer.—Reuters



A general exterior view of the US Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) headquarters in Washington, on 24 June, 2011.—REUTERS

## Gunmen kill two Chinese workers in northeast Nigeria

MAIDUGURI, 9 Nov—Two Chinese construction workers have been shot dead by unknown gunmen in Nigeria’s northeast Borno state, the police said on Thursday, in a region plagued by an Islamist insurgency.

The killings bring to four the number of Chinese workers killed in the last month in Borno, after gunmen suspected of being robbers killed two construction workers in October.

Radical Islamist sect Boko Haram has killed hundreds in bomb and gun

attacks in Borno state since it launched an uprising there in 2009, mostly targeting figures of authority.

“At about 8 a.m. (Wednesday) some gunmen shot and killed two Chinese construction workers at Benisheik in Kaga local government of Borno state,” Police Commissioner Abdullahi Yuguda told Reuters.

He said a policeman was killed and several officers injured in Banki, another area in Borno, on Wednesday when they were attacked by gunmen.

Reuters

## Cousins ordered to pay \$3.7 million for starting Arizona’s largest fire

PHOENIX, 9 Nov—Two cousins who admitted to accidentally starting the largest wildfire in Arizona history by leaving a smoldering campfire unattended were ordered on Thursday to pay \$3.7 million to cover losses from the blaze.

US Magistrate Judge Mark Aspey ruled that Caleb Malboeuf, 27, and David Malboeuf, 25, must pay the restitution for property

damage and other losses to 16 victims of the fire, including several insurance companies, prosecutors said.

The blaze charred 840 square miles (2,175 square km) in eastern Arizona and New Mexico last summer, destroying three dozen homes and businesses and forcing as many as 10,000 people to evacuate.

The Malboeufs were sentenced by Aspey in August to two days in jail

and ordered to perform 200 hours of community service.

The pair had pleaded guilty to misdemeanor charges of leaving an unattended fire and failing to remove all flammable material from around a campfire. Assistant US Attorney Patrick Schneider said the multimillion-dollar restitution would probably never be paid in full but sent a message to the two men.

Reuters



LOCAL NEWS

Union Chief Justice receives EU delegation



NAY PYI TAW, 9 Nov— Union Chief Justice U Tun Tun Oo received a delegation led by Mr Richard Samuel Horsey, an expert from the European Union, at the Union Supreme Court at 10 am yesterday. It was also attended by judges of the Union Supreme Court U Tha Htay, U Soe Nyunt and U Mya Thein.

During the meeting, they discussed current judiciary system and courses for improvement of judiciary skills of judges.

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Let's safeguard and protect the children, precious for future of nation

NAY PYI TAW, 9 Nov — “Upholding the four fundamental principles of the Convention in the Rights of the Child, more collaborative efforts between the ministries concerned, UN agencies and INGOs and NGOs are to be made on mine risk reduction for children. It is required to conduct mine risk education for regional development while the nation has moved towards the goal for peace. Delegates to workshops in which plan of actions have been made are to share knowledge, technology and experience to the public,” Union Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Dr Daw Myat Myat Ohn Khin said at the workshop held at Sky Palace Hotel in Nay Pyi Taw Hotels Zone on 7 November. Next, Mr. Ramesh Shrestha of UNICEF and

Mine Action Adviser Ms. Kim Warren of Don Church Aid gave talks on mine risks.

It was also attended by Deputy Minister for Home Affairs Brig-Gen Kyaw Zan Myint, Deputy Minister at President Office U Aung Thein, departmental heads and officials of UN agencies and INGOs and NGOs. The workshop will continue tomorrow.

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The right attitude will bring great benefit to country

NAY PYI TAW, 9 Nov— “Ayeyawady Region was the barn not only in Myanmar but also in the world in the past. The suggestions for thriving what kind of patterns are suitable for our country and the opportunities are now open for our country. We should try to put great efforts in the market economy by means of agriculture product. The right attitude will bring the great benefit to the country but the agricultural data need to be accurate. Unless the situations are real, the

government won't provide the necessary assistances in agricultural sector. In urban development programme, the state budget was allowed to develop the agriculture sector before. Now, more international investments are invited to ensure all sectors make progress. That's why necessary assistances on monetary factors are needed to consider by all means,” said the Union Minister for National Planning and Economic Development Dr Kan Zaw in meeting with members of Supervisory

Committee of Foreign Assistance of Township and Township Planning and Implementing Committee in Kyaiklat, Pyarpon, Dedaye in Ayeyawady Region and the south district of Yangon on 6 November.

The Union Minister went to Thayawady of Bago Region and Taikkyi of the north district of Yangon where he met members of Township Planning and Implementing Committee and Supervisory Committee of Foreign Assistance of Township.

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Myanmar, UNICEF to cooperate further for child development

NAY PYI TAW, 9 Nov— Myanmar government and UNICEF signed basic cooperation agreement (BCA) recently as the two parties view to cooperate further for 5-year national-level project aimed for development of children.

Deputy Minister for National Planning and Economic Development

Dr Daw Khin San Yi on behalf of Myanmar government and UNICEF Resident Representative Mr Ramesh Shrestha signed the agreement which covers young child survival and development, accessibility of water, environmental cleanliness and personal hygiene, access to basic education and gender

equality, HIV/AIDS and children, protection of children and education, supervision and assessment of social policy.

Under the agreement signed in 1950 between Myanmar and UNICEF, the latter has assisted in fighting against small-pox, leprosy and malaria in the former.

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Palethwe hybrid paddy strains ready for summer paddy cultivation season



SAGAING, 9 NOV — A 20-acre Palethwe hybrid paddy strain plantation for seed production, research plantations and a 50-acre Palethwe monsoon paddy plantation are being established at Pyaw village river water pumping project of Sagaing District Water Resources Utilization Department.

Paddy strains from the 20-acre Palethwe hybrid paddy strain plantation will

be distributed to famers in Sagaing District, Monywa District and Shwebo District in Sagaing Region before summer paddy cultivation season. It is arranged to put the paddy strains under 500-acre summer paddy plantations each in Sagaing and Monywa Districts and 1400-acre in Shwebo District. Pollination ceremony will be held at the end of this month.

Kyemon

Korea Myanmar Ocean Forum launched

YANGON, 9 NOV— Myanmar Maritime University under the Ministry of Transport and Korea Maritime Institute (KMI) held Korea-Myanmar Ocean Forum at Park Royal Hotel, here, on 7 November morning.

During the forum, President of Korea Maritime Institute Dr. Hak-So Kim gave an opening speech relating to undertakings to initiate the bilateral cooperation between Myanmar Maritime University and KMI. Then, Rector Dr Charlie Than,

Yangon Region Electric and Industry Minister U Nyan Tun Oo and Korean Ambassador to Myanmar Mr. Kim Hae-Yong extended greetings.

Rector Dr Charlie Than and President of Korea Maritime Institute Dr. Hak-So Kim signed the MoUs on promotion of exchanging views on technical knowhow between both sides, and on enabling to do research and to enforce policy network that helps marine economy enhance.

The forum intends to

constantly develop marine economy through mutual cooperation between the two sides, implement private and

public maritime economy policy network, stand as a maritime alliance country in Asia-Pacific region and doing more research with ideas from experts.—MNA

Talks on Economic and Social Challenges in the Reform Process of Myanmar on 10 Nov

YANGON, 9 NOV— and Telecom-munications Educativetalkson Economic of Germany at the Republic and Social Challenges in the Reform Process of Myanmar will be given by German professors led by former Minister for Posts

of Germany at the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry, here, at 1 pm on 10 November (Saturday). —MNA

Rescue team help patients who wounded while fetching petrol from derailed tanks in Kanbalu Township. (News on page 16)

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## PERSPECTIVES

Saturday, 10 November, 2012

## Take time!

Hopes are high since the long-awaited foreign investment law has finally emerged as the landmark legislation of the second wave of reforms, which is widely expected to bring in a considerable number of investors, especially from Western countries.

It is frequently, or almost consistently, stressed in the government circle that mere agrarian economy would not create economic prosperity and industrialization is an economic necessity. Transformation from conventional farming to mechanized one has also been mentioned as a means of socio-economic development of farmers.

Nonetheless, it is always easier said than done and we just can't wave a magic wand to make things better. Mechanized farming would take certain period of time and we are in no hurry. In fact, it was initiated more or less twenty years ago. More haste, less speed.

Often described as a happy-go-lucky people, Myanmar people seem especially fond of displaying their lovely 'easy-going' spirit and 'infinite' patience in every aspect of their life. Greed is a sin and content is a virtue in our view. But, it has always been difficult for us to differentiate between greed and ambitiousness, and content and indolence.

If it is well to profit by the folly of others, it is high time we found out our own faults and took a careful look at some regional countries which were nothing better than us four or five decades ago. A sense of urgency is all we need right now to create a miracle. Better late than never.

### Emergency Response Team Course conducted in Hopin, Kachin State

MOHNYIN, 8 NOV— Organized by Kachin State Red Cross Committee under Myanmar Red Cross Society, the opening of Emergency Response Team Course was held at Hopin Sub township administrator's office on 5 November, with an address by Mohnyin District Deputy Commissioner U Myint Hlaing.

"The purpose course is to carry out relief tasks in Rakhine State. After the course, except five female

trainees, male red cross members will undertake relief tasks in Rakhine State for one month under the arrangements of Myanmar Red Cross Society" said Joint Secretary U Ganesh from Kachin State Red Cross Supervisory Committee.

Altogether thirty five Red Cross members from Myitkyina, Mogaung, Mohnyin and Hopin Townships attended the five-day course.

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## ARTICLE

# The grand palace for the grand monarch

If the Palace Versailles in France was "the envy of Europe" in the 17<sup>th</sup> century A.D., the Palace Kambozathadi at Hamsavadi (Bago) in Myanmar was the marvel of Southeast Asia in the 16<sup>th</sup> century A.D. For, though the two Palaces were built in different periods and centuries of history and they belonged to two different cultures, the two have some common backgrounds.

They both were grand royal residences built for the two grand monarchs— King Louis XIV of the Bourbon dynasty of France and King Bayint Naung of the Taungoo dynasty of Myanmar. Both were conquerors. Louis XIV was acclaimed "Sun king" and he virtually was the master of Europe after he successfully waged four imperial wars namely the war of the league of Ausburg, the Dutch war, the war of Devolution and the war of Spanish succession. He built the largest French Empire and his neighbours stood in awe of the French king's energy, ambition and cleverness. King Bayint Naung was styled by his vassals "the Emperor of Ten Directions," for with his might and main he led many unifying military campaigns within the country and waged external wars for empire-building. His domains and vassalages formed the largest farflung empire in Myanmar history.

It was at the behest of his son Crown Prince and Ministers that a grand new palace named "Kambozathadi" was built in A.D. 1553, two years after his accession to the throne. It was a complex of several grand buildings of thick teak wood, elaborately carved, richly gilt and gold plated and adorned with intricate mosaic works of pearl and precious stones, occupying many acres of land in the heart of the palace city Hamsavadi.

Thirteen years after the completion of the new palace, a new capital Hamsavadi was built around the palace. It was the palace city of square design surrounded by enclosure walls with 20 gilt spire gates, five on each side, constructed by the lords of his tributary vassal states and they were named after them such as (1) Zimme (2)

Ohn Paung (3) Mo Hnyin (4) Mo Kaung (5) Dawei (6) Kalay (7) Mo Ne (8) Nyaung Shwe (9) Thayawaddy (10) Theinini (11) Taninthayee (12) Ayudia (13) Martaban (14) Pakhan (15) Pathein (16) Thayeykhitaya (17) Inwa (18) Taungoo (19) Lin Zin (20) Dalla.

H.R.H Prince Damrong Rajanubhar of Thailand's book Journey through Burma in 1936 mentions that he saw some of these gates and others in ruins when he visited the Palace site in Bago.

Myanmar envoys admired at his palace and told Akbar that their master's teak Palace gilt, gold plated and studded with precious stones was equally magnificent and they invited Akbar to visit Hamsavadi. They returned home in 1579 A.D.

Louis XV who succeeded Louis IV is said to have uttered on his death bed "Apres moi deluge!" (After me, the flood). So it was, for the French Revolution broke out in 1789 and his successor Louis XVI and Queen Marie Antoinett were guillotined.

the layout and foundation of the entire complex of the palace. It was a town by itself.

Over two hundred unburnt trunks of teak columns of immense width with traces of gilt and vermilion and inscriptions bearing the names of vassal kings and measurements of teak columns with dates were recovered from the site after removing the debris, charcoal and vegetation. They are preserved and displayed in a large shed at the site. Broken Buddha statues, ceramic plates, pottery, martaban jars, Portuguese wine jars, gold pieces, semi-precious stones, metallic tools, weapons, utensils and seals were also dug up. They are displayed in the site museum.

After strengthening and restoring the palace platform, two principal buildings were re-constructed (1) King's Sleeping Chamber or the Bumble Bee Throne Room and (2) the lion Throne Room with two big spacious adjoining Audience Halls on either side of the Throne Room.

Next were other buildings, the residences of chief queens, lesser queens and concubines. Teams of archaeologists, historians architects and art restorers pooled their heads in restoring and reconstructing Kambozathadi.

But after few important buildings were constructed it was decided to stop the work for two major reasons. Firstly there was lack of great budget and fund.

Secondly to reconstruct the Palace entirely would affect nearly half of existing town Bago.

For researchers and serious visitors, archaeologists at the site are ready to explain with power points the history and details of the Palace as recorded in Myanmar chronicles and foreign accounts.

A special lecture hall and reception room are located next to the site museum.

### Maha Saddhamma Jotikadhaja Sithu Dr. Khin Maung Nyunt

Wide and deep moat infested with ferocious crocodiles encircled the city walls. Within the city were ten major boulevards, several streets and lanes crossed at right angle. One Poet laureate of that time Pyay Nawade and other Myanmar classical writers composed verses on the magnificence and gradeur of his Palace and the city.

Portuguese adventurers such as Manuel de Faria Y. Sousa, Gasparo Balbi, Barbosa, Venetian Merchant Caesar Fredrick and English traveler Ralph Fitch who visited Hamsavadi of Bayint Naung's time and his palace Kambozathadi left graphic accounts of what they saw and experienced in their travelogues.

In his Asia Portuguesa, Faria Y Sousa writes:-

"Braginoco (Portuguese version of Barigynaung saw, a variant of Bayint Naung) built a palace as big as an ordinary city. The least part of its beauty was rich painting and gilding, for the roofs of some apartments were covered with plates of solid gold. Some rooms were set with status of kings and queens of massy gold set with rich stones, as big as the life. He (Bayint Naung) was carried on a litter of gold upon many men's shoulders the reverence paid him more like a god than a prince."

King Bayint Naung exchanged missions with India (Bengal). One of the missions met Akbar the mightiest monarch in Asia of that time. His palace at Fathpur-Sikri was one of the wonders of the world.

But the Versailles Palace was spared and saved and it stands till today. Had Bayint Naung foreseen the tragic fate of his successor son Nanda Bayin, he would have left his last word "After me, the conflagration!," for it was in the reign of his unworthy son that the vassal kings rebelled against him and he had to flee to Taungoo in 1599 A.D. The invaders ran sacked the city and set the Kambozathadi Palace on fire after looting everything from it. It is said that the Palace was burnt to melt down gold plates. Since then Kambozathadi was covered under ashes and vegetation for nearly four centuries during which Bago encountered natural disasters (flood, earthquake etc) wars, pillage and vandalism. But its name still lingers in poems, chronicles and travellers' accounts.

Early in 1990, the Department of Archaeology began excavation of the site of the Palace. A long and wide oblong shaped brick platform on which six palace buildings were constructed was unearthed together with some artifacts and antiquities. With the help of available documents, historical and inscriptional references and contemporary foreign accounts, archaeological digging continued, revealing

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



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development. The Deputy Education Minister welcome his proposal as three MPs discussed it. The Hluttaw approved his proposal. Dr Soe Yin of Kamayut Constituency asked whether there are plans for utilization of universities in Yangon (Hline Campus) in reforming universities. Deputy Minister for Education Dr Ba Shwe replied that Hline Campus is used a centre for

human resources development courses, geological researches, production of lab equipment, accommodation of lecturers and educational staff and hosts Myanmar Arts and Science Academy and Myanmar Examination Department, Yangon University of Education the Practising High School. He revealed increasing of utilization programmes.

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**Vacant positions filled in Pyithu Hluttaw committees/commission**

NAY PYI TAW, 9 Nov— 16 November at today's Hluttaw session. The vacant positions at Pyithu Hluttaw committees and commission were filled and the term of Ward or Village-tract administration bylaws and vacant, fellow and virgin land management bylaws were approved as amended by Bill Committee and Cases Assessment Commission extended for one year beginning from

MPs.—NLM

**Union Rail Transportation Minister calls for better delivery service**

NAY PYI TAW, 9 Nov— Union Minister for Rail Transportation U Zeyar Aung called for better delivery service in meeting with officials and staff at Mawlamyine Station on 7 November.

The Union minister travelled to Mawlamyine from Yangon to inspect condition of railroad on 5 November and inspected the condition of railroad and bridges and station on Mawlamyine- Ye railroad section and from Thanbyuzayat and Mawlamyine.

The Union minister also visited related offices in Mawlamyine, concrete sleeper factory in Mottama.

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Union Minister U Zeyar Aung seen at Thanbyuzayat Station.

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**Union Industry minister and party observe industrial estate in Thailand**

NAY PYI TAW, 9 Nov— A Myanmar delegation led by Union Minister for Industry U Aye Myint arrived at Map Ta Phut Industrial Estate from Thailand's eastern seaboard region. Thai Deputy Minister of Transport Mr. Prasert Jantarauangtong and Dr. Verapon Chaiperm of Governor of Industrial Estate Authorities of Thailand explained them facts about Map Ta Phut Industrial Estate. Map Ta Phut Industrial Estate is situated in Eastern Seaboard Region of in Thailand and

one of the successfully running industrial estate in 48 industrial estates in Thailand. Its main function is to produce petrochemical product with value-added.

The Union minister and party observed BCLP Clean Coal Technology and Sustainable Development Factory which is run with the use of Clean Coal Technology. BCLP power plant was constructed with the technology of Mitsubishi corporation from Japan and it could generate a total of 1400 MW since last 6 years.—MNA

**Myanmar, ROK to cooperate in SMEs**

NAY PYI TAW, 9 Nov— Union Minister at the President Office U Tin Naing Thein held discussion with a delegation led by Chairman of Korea Federation of Small and Medium Business (KBIZ) Mr Kim Ki-Moon of the

Republic of Korea, at the ministry yesterday morning. Their discussion focused on investment matters, development of small and medium industries and technical cooperation for industrial development.

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**Union Communications and Information Technology Minister receives American guests**

NAY PYI TAW, 9 Nov— Union Minister for Communications and Information Technology U Thein Tun received a delegation led by Project Director Ms Alex Morris and party of USA Country Strategic Organization at the Ministry, here, on 7 November.

Both sides had a discussion on the matters related to the Communication Bill, the future prospect for communications and ICT sector in Myanmar, the prices of mobiles and the limitation on Internet and development of Myanmar communication sector.

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**Union FM felicitates Cambodian Deputy Prime Minister**

NAY PYI TAW, 10 Nov— On the occasion of the 59<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Independence Day of the Kingdom of Cambodia which falls on 9 November 2012, U Wunna Maung Lwin, Union Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of the Union

of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr. Hor Namhong, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of the Kingdom of Cambodia.

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**Disaster reduction is every one's duty: SWRR Union Minister**

NAY PYI TAW, 9 Nov— "It is the responsibility of every human being to undertake disaster risks reduction works", stressed Union Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Dr Daw Myat Myat Ohn Khin at the opening of second disaster risk reduction trainer course at Amara Hotel here this morning.

Like other global nations, Myanmar also in cooperation with UN

agencies, INGOs and NGOs, is taking a part in disaster risks reduction, noted the Union Minister, adding that human activities are major cause of disaster rather than nature itself.

Chairperson of Disaster Risk Reduction Group Daw Lat Lat Aye explained ongoing works of the group. Twenty nine trainees are attending the course which concludes on 11 November.—MNA



**Opening of garment factory, bicycle assembling workshop and finished wood factory held in Hpa-an Industrial Zone**

NAY PYI TAW, 9 Nov— The opening of No 3 UMH garment factory took place in front of the factory in Hpa-an Industrial Zone in Hpa-an in Kayin State on 6 November morning. Kayin State Chief Minister U Zaw Min attended the ceremony and cut the ribbon to open the factory together with State Hluttaw Speaker U Saw Aung Kyaw Min and responsible personnel from UMH Co Ltd, Sunpex Co Ltd and Toyota Tsusho Corporation (Thailand).

The chief minister explained matters related to the opening of factories and the programmes to be extended to factories and workshops. The chief minister revealed the signboard of the factory and grew the shady trees and flowery plants and viewed production process inside the factory. No 3 UMH garment factory will offer over 500 job opportunities for local staff.

The chief minister then attended the opening of Myahtay Kywelin bicycle assembling workshop.

Kayin State Hluttaw speaker, State Security and Border Affairs Minister Col Aung Lwin, National Races leader U Saw Tun Hlaing, State Social Affairs Minister U Chit Hlaing and National Races leader U Saw Tha Htoo Kyaw cut the ribbon to open the workshop and the chief minister pressed the button to open the workshop and planted commemorative sapling.

The chief minister also attended the opening of Myalin finished wood factory. The chief minister went to the stake driven ceremony for UMH Industrial Park.

Arrangements are being made to construct other factories including garment factory to create job opportunities for local national races.

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## Union Minister U Aung Kyi sends open letter to all the persons of the journalism world

### Dear people of the journalism profession,

There came out comments which included anger or astonishment or criticism as well as valuable views on my answer to the question of MP U Thein Nyunt at the Pyithu Hluttaw on 6 November. Anyhow, I appreciate the comments.

Here, I would like to respond to some of the allegations that may even harm my reputation. I have already issued my biography in detail, so every one can check whether I have ever committed any corruption morally, socially or financially till now. Sincerely, I am a person who is so reluctant to violate the Precepts. I will never be a person who fails to keep his promises.

As a Union Minister I often meet the media for ensuring predictability on my work according to the system of good governance. For example, during the meeting with DVB on 24 September 2012, I said, "I have never said the (private) dailies will come out at the end of this year. It's just a prediction. I guess the early period of the coming year may be possible. I hope there will be press ethics to a certain extent in our institution when the dailies come out. And there must be suitable procedures too. So, the State on its part has to make necessary preparations. We need time

for those preparations. The most possible date will be the early next year. And it's just a prediction. Actually, the whole work doesn't depend solely on me. But I do not mean that we will start the work (of permitting dailies) only when every sector is accomplished. We will start as soon as we reach a certain point."

The questions of MP U Thein Nyunt of Pyithu Hluttaw on 6 November were:

1. Is it true that publication of private dailies was permitted in Myanmar till 1965-1967?
2. Even during the time of the Revolutionary Council private newspapers were permitted as per the 1962 Printers and Publishers Registration Law. Is the Union government going to permit the publication of private newspapers even during the time the law is still in force? If not, why?

Regarding the first part of the question of Hluttaw Representative U Thein Nyunt that whether it is true that publication of private dailies was permitted in Myanmar till 1965-1967, I would like to answer that it is true if some private newspapers still existed during the period from 1965 to 1967 during which 1962 Printers and Publishers

Registration Law was in force. But what I would like to add here is that there was no permission to publish new private newspapers according to the law.

Regarding the second part of the question "Even during the time of the Revolutionary Council private newspapers were permitted as per the 1962 Printers and Publishers Registration Law, is the Union government going to permit the publication of private newspapers even during the time the law is still in force?" the Union Government has an arrangement to allow the right to publish independent private newspapers during the time when 1962 Printers and Publishers Registration Law is still in existence. But according to the developing media landscapes and explanations of journalism in 21<sup>st</sup> century, we are nurturing a new media environment for sustainability of independent private newspapers in cooperation with media associations. In nurturing this media environment, we are implementing the following steps;

- (1) Formulation of fundamental principles of ethics
- (2) Setting procedures for making ethical decisions
- (3) Formulation of Code of Ethics
- (4) Formulation of Code of Conduct

- (5) Formulation of Community Standards
- (6) Formulation of legal matters

Therefore, I replied that the government would consider authorizing independent private dailies when the time is somewhat ripe for even if all institutional requirement could not be fulfilled. Again, Pyithu Hluttaw MP U Thein Nyunt asked the exact time in response to the answer that estimated time for authorization of private newspapers to be roughly 2013.

My answer to his question is "The Union government is in no position to determine the exact date since it depends mainly on the speed of all organizations including Myanmar Press Council to implement institutions in reforming the media environment."

I said "approximately the early part of next year" in meeting with media men, and again said in Parliament "the Union government is in no position to determine the exact date". So, what is it, a slip of the tongue, dishonesty, beating about the bush, sham democracy, or what exactly?

It is the parallax resulted from different observational positions between us. As much I am authorized to reveal the approximate date for sake of the reference for public prediction, I am

not in a position to give the exact date on behalf of the Union government without prior agreement, in answering the second question which indeed asked for commitment of the Union government.

I don't change my words. I on my part have been trying best for soonest emergence of independent private newspapers. And I would like to ask press institution to join hands for quick emergence of a good media environment.

I would like to outline one simple reason why do we need the institutions. Every democratic nation which allows publication of daily newspapers has organizations and rules and regulations to enforce journalism ethics and to protect the individual rights of the people. Journalism codes of ethics have been formulated and publicized.

The press councils handled the responsibility and some countries even have ombudsmen to perform the duty. We have a lot of questions—that have yet to be answered—whether we are ready to take on this very fundamental task; whether we have already prepared to address complaints of the people; whether we are running corrigenda and if we have enhanced accountability to readers and to the fellow journalists in addition to press freedom.

The ministry does not directly or indirectly force the media men to perform these tasks, but rather allows them to get on with them independently. We are just

recommending them to do what they ought to.

Let's try to go ahead with quick launch of independent private newspapers in the favourable media environment. What we are doing, what we are writing and what we are talking about today will become the history of each of us later. We have to do what we ought to without personality cult and partisanship. Honest to god, I have done nothing wrong. Everyone will later understand my goodwill. It is just a matter of time. However, I am open to criticism.

These are actually beneficial to me. Isn't it what a journalist is supposed to make?

Thank you.

**U Aung Kyi**  
**Union Minister**

**Ministry of Information**

(Union Minister U Aung Kyi gave an answer to the question raised by Pyithu Hluttaw Representative U Thein Nyunt of Thingangyun Township as regards publication of private dailies on 6 November. As some media reports that quoted excerpts of the minister's answer could lead to misunderstanding of the people and the journalists over stances of the Ministry of Information and Union minister, the Union minister wrote an open letter that was posted on the official website of the Ministry of Information since 7 November. The open letter is reproduced for public consideration.)

## Union Minister U Win Myint receives Swiss ACC Chairman

NAY PYI TAW, 9 Nov—Union Minister for Commerce U Win Myint received Chairman of Asian Chamber of Commerce Dr Lustanberger and party at the Ministry, here, yesterday morning.

They discussed the matters relating to designation for Myanmar's

export to Switzerland, long-term cooperation between entrepreneurs of the two countries, bilateral cooperation for penetration of Myanmar products to Europe market and Investment Protection Agreement and Double Taxation Agreement.

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## Social security principles discussed

NAY PYI TAW, 9 Nov—Ministry of Labour, Employment and Social Security and ILO jointly organized a seminar on "social security principle" at MICT Park in Hline Township here this morning.

Chairman of Social Security Board U Yu

Lwin Aung and deputy liaison officer of Myanmar ILO Office Ms Piyamai Pichaiwongse gave inaugural speeches and Ms Valeria Schmitte of Thai-based ILO Office elaborated

on social protection, social security norms and work programmes. Ms Valerie Schmitt stressed the importance to practice social security norms in conformity with framework of ASEAN

and suggested Myanmar should adopt future plans, explaining social security principles in practice in Thailand and Indonesia. The seminar came to an end with concluding remarks of the chairman of Social Security Board.

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## Japanese Prof to give talks on Modern Japan in World History

YANGON, 9 Nov — President of the International University of Japan Prof Shinichi Kitaoka will give talks on Modern Japan in World History at the Park Royal Hotel from 4 to 6 pm on 24 November.

The president will

discuss why Japan has become the first developed country in Asia along with Meiji reforms, its struggles from ash to the second largest economy within 30 years after the second World War and its efforts to be able to participate

in the world security and peace activities in the post cold war period though it had been under the flag of the US for security.

Mr Kitaoka is an expert for diplomatic relations and had worked as the Japanese Ambassador to the United Nations from 2004 to 2006.

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Opening ceremony of social security principle in progress.—MNA



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## Hanoi wins right to host 2019 Asian Games

MACAO, 9 NOV— Vietnam's capital Hanoi has won the right to host the 18th Asian Games in 2019, beating Indonesia's second biggest city Surabaya in a vote at the 31st General Assembly of the Olympic Council of Asia (OCA) here on Thursday.

Sheikh Ahmad Al-Fahad Al-Sabah, president of the OCA, told the press conference that he believed Hanoi would make their commitment, without revealing the details of the voting.

"The majority of the votes are for the city of Hanoi to hold the 2019 Asian Games," said Al-Sabah. "The leaders of the country, the sports groups of the country, we have trust that they will reach



The delegate of Vietnam delivers a speech during the OCA's (Olympic Council of Asia) general assembly hosted in Macao, China, on 8 Nov, 2012. Hanoi, capital of Vietnam, won the right to host the 2019 Asian Games.—XINHUA

their commitment, and as a partner we will work very closely with them to bring the best Games ever in Asia."

"We will start for the Asian Games early next year," said Hoang Tuan Anh,

minister of Culture, Sports and Tourism and president of Vietnam Olympic Committee. "We believe that the Asian Games will bring developments to Vietnam's sports." Hanoi emerged as the favourite after the Vietnamese government pledged to spend million

of dollars on infrastructure development which would "transform Hanoi into a modern city". Vietnam has never hosted the Asian Games before but staged the 3rd Asian Indoor Games in 2009 and also the 2003 SEA Games.

Surabaya was awarded the right to host the 2021 Asian Youth Games. United Arab Emirates' Dubai, the third city in the running for the Games, withdrew just hours before the vote, saying it intended to concentrate on bidding for future editions of Asian Games.

The Asian Games are held every four years but will switch to a five-year gap for one edition after the 17th edition in Incheon, South Korea, in 2014, to establish a new four-year cycle.—Xinhua

## Cambodia celebrates 59th anniversary of independence from French rule

### Cambodia

PHNOM PENH, 9 NOV— Some 10,000 Cambodians from all walks of life gathered at the Independence Monument here for a celebration to mark the 59th anniversary of the country's independence from French rule on Friday. The celebration was presided over by National Assembly President Heng Samrin, who on behalf of King Norodom Sihamoni, laid a wreath and lit the victory torch inside the Independence Monument. The victory flame will be kept burning for three days.

Doves and balloons

were released into the sky as a sign of independence and freedom. In previous years, King Norodom Sihamoni presided over such important event, but this year, the King failed to attend the celebration because he was still mourning his father King Norodom Sihanouk, who died of illness on 15 Oct in Beijing at the age of 90.

Cambodia gained full independence from the French protectorate on 9 Nov, 1953 after late King Father Norodom Sihanouk conducted the royal crusade in 1952. France ruled Cambodia from 1863 to 1953.—Xinhua

## One rebel killed, rifles recovered in S Philippines

### Philippines

DAVAO CITY, (Philippines), 9 NOV— Government troops clashed anew with leftist rebels in southern Philippines on Thursday, killing one insurgent and seizing a number of rifles, the military said on Friday. The encounter happened as soldiers conducting combat patrol in the vicinity of Carasan village, Tago town, in Mindanao's Surigao del Sur Province chanced upon some 25 heavily-armed guerrillas of the New People's Army (NPA) at around 9:55 am on Thursday, said Lieutenant Colonel Eugenio Julio Osias IV, spokesperson of the army's 4th Infantry Division.

"A 30-minute fire fight ensued that resulted to the

killing of an unidentified rebel whose body was recovered at the scene of fire fight. No one from the government troops was hurt," Lieutenant Colonel Osias said in a statement.

The soldiers also recovered an AK-47 and M-16 assault rifles. The army spokesperson said pursuit operation against the fleeing insurgents is going on.

The 4,000-strong NPA, an armed wing of the Communist Party of the Philippines, has been fighting a 43-year leftist insurgency in 60 Philippine provinces.—Xinhua

## New Zealand government under fire after dropping Kyoto Protocol commitment

WELLINGTON, 9 NOV— The New Zealand government announced on Friday it would not be signing up to a second commitment period on greenhouse gas emissions under the Kyoto Protocol, opting instead for a non-binding pledge. Climate Change Minister Tim Groser said New Zealand would take an emissions pledge under the United Nations Framework Agreement on Climate Change from 1 Jan next year.

The controversial move would align New Zealand's climate change efforts with a group of developed and developing countries that were collectively responsible for 85 percent of global emissions. These countries included the United States, Japan, China, India, Canada, Brazil and Russia. "I want to emphasize that New Zealand stands 100-percent behind its existing Kyoto Protocol

commitment," Groser said in a statement.

"We are on track to achieving our target indeed we are forecasting a projected surplus of 23.1 million tonnes. Furthermore, we will remain full members of the Kyoto Protocol. There is no question of withdrawing. The issue was always different: where would we take our next commitment under the Kyoto Protocol or under the Convention with the large majority of economies? We have decided that it is New Zealand's best interests to do the latter," said Groser.

"It is our intention to apply the broad Kyoto Framework of rules to our next commitment. This will ensure that at least New Zealand has started a process of carrying forward the structure created under the Kyoto Convention Framework.

Xinhua



A pair of large screens display achievements which China has gained under the leadership of the Communist Party of China (CPC) in the past decade, at the Tian'anmen Square in central Beijing, capital of China, on 8 Nov, 2012. The 18th CPC National Congress was opened in Beijing on Thursday. XINHUA

## Indonesian president urges reform in UN Security Council

### Indonesia

JAKARTA, 9 NOV— Indonesian President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono on Thursday called for reforms that would allow the UN Security Council to play a more responsive and effective role in settling conflicts, local media reported.

"In my opinion, an effective Security Council must be one that better represents contemporary global realities (and serves as) an intergovernmental forum for exchanging ideas and sharing experiences on democracy," Yudhoyono said in his opening speech at the fifth Bali Democracy Forum in Nusa Dua, Bali.

Yudhoyono, who co-chairs this year's meeting along with South Korean President Lee Myung-

bak and Australian Prime Minister Julia Gillard, declared that the council should enable the widest possible contributions of UN Member States.

"We need to ensure a harmony between the aspirations of the Security Council Members and members of the General Assembly.

Such harmony requires the promotion of multilateralism and rejection of unilateralism," he was quoted as saying by the Jakarta Globe online.

The world needs a more effective international peacekeeping body that is able to thwart protracted and bloody conflicts when local authorities fail to settle such matters themselves, said Yudhoyono, adding

that such a forum would contribute to crafting a more successful model of global governance that can actively address the challenges of the times.

"To achieve global security, we must have a responsive and effective international enforcement mechanism," he said.

Yudhoyono proclaimed that the international community must step in to prevent prolonged humanitarian tragedies when local authorities fail to maintain order within their own borders. "On the one hand, such steps should fully respect the territorial integrity and sovereignty of the country concerned.

And yet, on the other hand, the steps should also ensure the

immediate conclusion of the humanitarian tragedy," he said, citing the current situation in Syria as a harsh reminder of the failure of the current international system.

"Critical to our democratic work at the global level is global governance. It is a governance that fully subscribes to democratic principles.

It is a governance that strengthens international peace and security, advances economic development and promotes effective enjoyment of human rights," he said.

Yudhoyono added that global governance must provide mechanisms to address long-standing issues of intolerance and prejudice.—Xinhua



Visitors watch a sculpture work created by a famous Chinese sculptor Zhu Bingren at the 15th West Lake Art Fair in Hangzhou, capital of east China's Zhejiang Province, on 8 Nov, 2012. The five-day art fair, displaying tens of thousands of newly created works by hundreds of artists from both home and abroad, opened here on Thursday.—XINHUA



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**Sandy forces 3 carmakers to scrap 15,000 cars**

CHICAGO, 9 Nov—Toyota Motor, Chrysler, Nissan and Honda plan to scrap about 15,000 vehicles damaged by Hurricane Sandy as automakers and dealers continue assessing the storm's impact, according to local media reports on Wednesday.

Travis Parman, spokesman of Nissan Motor Co, said late Tuesday it is estimated more than 6,000 Nissan and luxury Infiniti brand cars and light trucks are "unsaleable"

due to the storm.

As many as 200,000 may have to be replaced, said Larry Dixon, a senior analyst for the National Automobile Dealers Association.

Sandy, the biggest Atlantic storm in US history, raked New Jersey, New York and the surrounding region led to at least 100 deaths.

According to the *Detroit News*, Fisker Automotive Inc, a startup maker of luxury plugin hybrids, lost 320 of its

103,000 US dollars Karma sedans at the port of Newark, New Jersey, that burned in a fire triggered by salt water, said Roger Ormisher, a spokesman for the California-based company.

"We don't have a full estimate of the cost to replace them yet," Ormisher said. The cars were being processed at the port for delivery to Fisker dealers when the storm arrived.

Some 4,000 Toyota and Lexus vehicles were at the

company's port facility in Newark when the storm hit, said Jana Hartline, spokeswoman for Toyota's US unit in Torrance, California.

Chrysler lost about 750 vehicles in dealer stock due to the hurricane damage, said Ralph Kisiel, a spokesman for the Auburn Hills-based carmaker that's majority-owned by Fiat SpA. Ford Motor Co could not immediately provide estimates for storm damage.—*Xinhua*

**Car bomb exploded near Somali parliament**

MOGADISHU, 9 Nov—A remote controlled car bomb exploded near Somali parliament, a government soldier and several other people were injured, the deputy Mogadishu major Warsame Mohamed confirmed to *Xinhua* on Wednesday.

The car bomb went off

at a parking lot close to the Somali parliament building in Mogadishu, the capital city of Somalia, which is used by lawmakers.

None of the parliamentarians were hurt in the explosion that also destroyed three vehicles in the parking area.

*Xinhua*



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Ministry of Communications, and Information Technology

Heidi Klum "very happy" with bodyguard boyfriend



Heidi Klum recently insisted nothing has changed since she began a new relationship.— PTI

LONDON, 9 Nov — Heidi Klum is "very happy" with her new relationship. The supermodel — who split from husband Seal earlier this year — recently revealed she is dating her bodyguard Martin Kirsten and says she and her children Leni, eight, Henry,

seven, Johan, five and two-year-old Lou are in a great place.

She told chat show host Ellen DeGeneres: "I'm very happy. The kids are very good. They're happy. They're great and ... you know, obviously they don't hear a lot of the news and everything so they just celebrated Halloween obviously here in Los Angeles. ... They're happy."

The 39-year-old model recently insisted nothing has changed since she began a relationship with Martin in September and revealed the most important people in her life will always be her four children.

She said: "Nothing has changed for us. Not for the kids and not for anyone around us. It's not different for anyone than it was before." My children are everything for me. I've always wanted to have a big family. And I'm fortunate enough to have four.— PTI

Robert Pattinson admits fame can send people "crazy"

NEW DELHI, 9 Nov — Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn — Part 2 actor Robert Pattinson has become one of the most famous men in the world since starring in the vampire franchise but says his global super-stardom can take its toll. When asked if he'd lost some of his sanity over the years, the 26-year-old hunk said: "Maybe I didn't even have any sanity to begin with! I feel like that has happened a little bit. I've seen a lot of people dealing with fame and they go crazy quickly and it's frightening." Robert recently forgave his Twilight co-star and long-term girlfriend Kristen Stewart for cheating on him as she is the only person who can understand his life.

Kristen had an affair with her Snow

White and the Huntsman director Rupert Sanders, and despite initially breaking off their relationship, Robert wanted to give it one more chance as they have a deep connection because they starred in the 'Twilight Saga' franchise together.— PTI



Robert Pattinson

Brad Pitt's furniture line marks start of new lifestyle venture



The 48-year-old star will unveil his furniture in New York on 13 November.— PTI

NEW DELHI, 9 Nov — Actor Brad Pitt — who is well known for his keen interests in architecture and sketching designs — has created a simple collection of well-structured pieces with furniture maker Frank Pollaro who revealed their partnership will continue to expand in the future.

He told E! News: "We will continue to work together, releasing new designs as Brad's schedule permits. This is just the beginning." The New Jersey-based craftsman also insisted that despite collaborating with the father-of-six on the limited edition collection of furniture, the actor was the

talent behind the designs.

He said: "We are both very focused thinkers and we would labour over a single small detail for hours. Our meetings were marathons, stretching anywhere from seven to 12 hours long, and often through the night. We kept going with the help of some good meals and some great wines. The pieces are not only aesthetically beautiful, but technically complex. Together, we selected the pieces from his sketchbooks, which are filled with thousands of drawings. The designs are 100 percent Brad's." "I helped with finessing the details, engineering, and material selection, but

ultimately Brad made the final decisions. He is a thoughtful designer who understands physics and balance. I admire his work."

The 48-year-old star will unveil his furniture, which includes a dining

table, a cocktail table, a variety of side tables, club chairs and a romantic marble bathtub designed to be shared by two people at a two-day exhibition in Pollaro in New York on 13 November.

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Shah Rukh Khan to endorse real estate company

NEW DELHI, 9 Nov — After endorsing a car, watch and DTH brand, among others, Bollywood superstar Shah Rukh Khan has now been roped in as the brand ambassador of real estate development company Mahagun. Capital-based Mahagun India (P) Ltd. has also introduced its new corporate identity with a new logo.

The decision to rope in Shah Rukh was based on the similarity of the company's ideology. "Great names are built with consistent performances, and Shah Rukh and Mahagun have both built their reputation with excellence in performances every time



Shah Rukh, who is busy with the promotion of his forthcoming Diwali release Jab Tak Hai Jaan, appears in a print ad for the company, wearing black.— PTI

giving each of them an appropriate tag — 'A name that performs', " Dhiraj Jain, director, Mahagun India (P) Ltd, said in a statement.—PTI

Lindsay Lohan thinks the police are conspiring against her



Lindsay Lohan

NEW DELHI, 9 Nov — The Liz & Dick actress Lindsay Lohan believes Los Angeles cops have a "vendetta to bring her down" after they are pushing for her to be jailed for lying about her car crash in June, TMZ.com is reporting.

Lindsay still claims she wasn't driving her Porsche during the accident on the Pacific Coast Highway, but several eye witnesses are insisting she was behind the wheel. The 26-year-old star is "terrified" of going back to jail because Judge Stephanie Sautner has told her she will violate her current probation if she breaks the law again. She is allegedly saying:

"One car accident could ruin everything for me."

Lindsay is on probation since being found guilty of stealing a necklace in July 2011, for which she was sentenced to 120 days in prison and 480 hours of community service, and is telling friends she has since done everything right to abide by the law. The party-loving starlet's publicist Steve Honig recently quit after a rollercoaster few months for the actress, which also saw her accuse mother Dina Lohan of taking cocaine. A source recently told RadarOnline.com: "Prosecutors and cops think there is more than enough evidence for the judge to find Lindsay in violation of probation and are hopeful that this time, she will face the maximum penalty for lying to cops. Remember, the burden is much lower for a probation violation, just the fact that Lindsay will be charged with a crime is enough for her probation to be revoked and sent to jail."

PTI



## Hannover wrap last minute 3-2 win in UEFA Europa League

### Soccer

BERLIN, 9 NOV — Hannover secured their berth in the round of 32 with great difficulty as they gave away a 2-0 lead to Helsingborg in Group L of UEFA Europa League on Thursday. Hannover's Szabolcs Huszti ensured the 3-2 win with his last minute penalty while Helsingborg booked two straight red cards in the dying minutes of the match. Hannover broke the deadlock with only three minutes into the match as Mame Biram Diouf headed home a cross inside the penalty area.

The hosts were clearly in control of the proceeding of the pitch meanwhile Helsingborg defended deep to avoid another blow. Nevertheless Dider Ya Konan, Mame Biram Diouf

and Lars Stindl created opportunities to set the visitors consequently under pressure. Four minutes into the second half Hannover caught Helsingborg flat footed when Diouf doubled the lead with a diving header following a cross from the left wing by Lars Stindl. All at once Helsingborg gained a foothold into the match when Nikola Djurdjic reduced the lead by Hannover to 2-1 following a cross by Mattias Lindstrom at the 59th minute.

To make it worse for the hosts, Helsingborg's Alejandro Bedoya netted a long range cross to level the score at the 67th minute. Hannover was dazed but they were able to put up some resistance against frenetic Helsingborg. However, both sides were lurking for the lucky punch to grab three points. —Xinhua

## Formula One drivers told to avoid racy language

LONDON, 9 NOV — Formula One drivers have been told to mind their language after world champion Sebastian Vettel and race winner Kimi Raikkonen turned the air blue on the podium at last Sunday's Abu Dhabi Grand Prix.

A spokesman for the governing International Automobile Federation (FIA) said on Thursday that a private and 'friendly' letter had been sent to all teams' communications directors about the bad language.

The letter reminded them that it was "very much our collective responsibility

### Formula One

to make sure drivers are aware such language has no place during media events."

It added that swearing in broadcast interviews "shines an unwelcome beam of adverse publicity on their teams and sponsors, the sport and FIA." Raikkonen, whose win for Lotus was the first of his comeback and first by the 2007 world champion since he was at Ferrari in 2009, is well known for his taciturn nature and much of what he says in English can be hard to follow.

Reuters

## Blue Jays sign infielder Izturis to three-year deal

NEW YORK, 9 NOV — The Toronto Blue Jays added to their infield depth by signing



Los Angeles Angels third baseman Maicer Izturis (L) fails to make the out as Baltimore Orioles base runner Adam Jones steals in the fourth inning during their MLB American League baseball game in Baltimore, Maryland, on 26 June, 2012. — REUTERS

the versatile Maicer Izturis to a three-year contract worth \$9 million, the American League team announced on Thursday.

Izturis, 32, appeared in 100 games for the Los Angeles Angels last season, playing at least 25 games at second base, shortstop and third base in posting a .256 average with two home runs, 20 RBI and 17 stolen bases in 19 attempts. The Venezuelan is a nine-year veteran having spent eight years with the Angels after breaking into Major League Baseball in 2004 with the Montreal Expos.

Toronto also announced the acquisition of hard-throwing right-handed pitcher Jeremy Jeffress from the Kansas City Royals in exchange for cash considerations.

Jeffress, 25, made 13 appearances in relief for the Kansas City Royals last season without a decision, posting a 6.75 earned run average. In parts of three major league seasons with Milwaukee (2010) and Kansas City (2011-2012), he has made 37 relief appearances, posting a 2-1 record with one save and a 4.89 ERA. — Reuters

## Warriors centre Bogut ruled out for up to 10 days

LOS ANGELES, 9 NOV — Golden State Warriors centre Andrew Bogut will be sidelined for the next seven to 10 days in a bid to further strengthen his surgically repaired left ankle, the National Basketball Association team said on Thursday. Australian Bogut, who broke his ankle in January before being traded to Golden State from Milwaukee in March, has had limited playing time in four of his team's five games this season. The Warriors had hoped to ease

### Basketball

the seven-footer back into action following his March surgery but are now banking on extended rest.

Bogut, the top pick by the Milwaukee Bucks in the 2005 draft, is averaging 6.0 points, 3.8 rebounds and 2.0 assists this season after being limited to 18.3 minutes per game. Golden State are joint top of the Western Conference Pacific division with the Los Angeles Clippers after making a 3-2 start. — Reuters



Bob Bryan and Mike Bryan of the United States pose with the ATP World Tour.com Fan's Favourite Doubles award trophy at the O2 Arena in London, Britain, on 8 Nov, 2012. Bob Bryan and Mike Bryan were presented the ATP World Tour No.1 Doubles Team award and the ATP World Tour.com Fan's Favourite Doubles award Thursday. — XINHUA

## Federer beats Ferrer again to reach semi-finals

### Tennis

LONDON, 9 NOV — Defending champion Roger Federer guaranteed his place in the last four of the ATP World Tour Finals with a straight-sets win over Spain's David Ferrer on Thursday but Janko Tipsarevic became the first player eliminated after a second defeat. World number

two Federer, seeking a record-extending seventh title at the end-of-season finale, dished out yet more punishment to Ferrer in a 6-4, 7-6 victory at the O2, taking his career record over the tenacious Spaniard to 14-0.

Ferrer is now vying with Juan Martin del Potro for the other semi-final spot from Group B after the towering Argentine thrashed Serbia's Tipsarevic 6-0, 6-4.

Tipsarevic, who pulled out of the Paris Masters last week after feeling unwell, has managed just eight games in four sets and cannot reach the semi-finals even if he beats Ferrer in his final round-robin match on Saturday. Del Potro, beaten by Ferrer in his opener, will play Federer in his last group match. — Reuters



The Miami Heat's Chris Bosh (R) defends against Milwaukee Bucks' Andrew Bogut during their NBA basketball game in Miami, Florida on 22 Jan, 2012.

REUTERS

## Cabrera, Posey among Silver Slugger winners

### Baseball

NEW YORK, 9 NOV — Triple Crown winner Miguel Cabrera of the Detroit Tigers and Buster Posey of the World Series winning San Francisco Giants were among Major League Baseball's Silver Slugger winners as top offensive players, announced on Thursday.

Third baseman Cabrera, who led the American League in home runs (44), runs batted in (139) and batting average (.330) for the major league's first Triple Crown winner in 45 years, was a sure thing in the awards made by position in each league in a vote by managers and coaches.

Posey, who led the National League in batting average with a .336 mark to go along with 24 home runs and 103 runs batted in, won his first Silver Slugger as the league's top offensive

player at the catcher position. Besides Posey, there were 10 other first-time winners, among them six in the National League including Padres third baseman Chase Headley, Pirates center fielder Andrew McCutchen, Reds right-fielder Jay Bruce.

Reuters



Detroit Tigers' Miguel Cabrera walks back to the dugout after being called out on strikes to give the San Francisco Giants the World Series during Game 4 of the MLB World Series baseball championship in Detroit, Michigan, on 28 Oct, 2012. — REUTERS

## Gainey eyes another win to end PGA Tour season

### Golf

LOS ANGELES, 9 NOV — Three weeks after clinching his maiden PGA Tour victory, Tommy Gainey put himself in position for a repeat win as he charged into contention for the Children's Miracle Network Classic at Lake Buena Vista, Florida on Thursday. The 37-year-old American with an unconventional swing fired a seven-under-par 65 on the Palm course, one of two layouts hosting the final

PGA Tour event of the season, to end the opening round a stroke off the lead.

Gainey birdied two of his last three holes to finish level with Colombian Camilo Villegas, one shot behind South Korean Charlie Wi who also started out on the Palm layout. Briton Russell Knox, in his rookie season on the

PGA Tour, was a further stroke back on 66, along with Americans Brian Harman and Scott Stallings.

Gainey, who last month won the McGladrey Classic in sensational fashion after closing with a storming 10-under-par 60, was delighted with his start on a blustery day at Lake Buena Vista. — Reuters



Tommy Gainey of the US in this file photo taken on 6 Feb, 2011. — REUTERS



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- 16. Friends For Peace, Partners for Prosperity
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- 18. TV Drama Series
- 8:00 pm
- 19. News
- 20. TV Drama Series
- 21. Gitadagale Phwintbaohn

Ygn fruit market widens



NAY PYI TAW, 9 Nov—Fruit arrivals to Yangon market are spread over various townships of Yangon as once major fruit market Thiri Mingala market was moved from Kyimyindine Township to Hlaing Township, according to a Myanmar Alinn report.

Fruit market in downtown Yangon at the corner of Maha Bandoola road and 37th street has become established. Due to restrictions of Yangon City Development Committee, the fruit shops in downtown Yangon are displayed only in the afternoon.—NLM

76-Carat diamond set to be auctioned for over 15 mln dollars



A woman compares the Archduke Joseph Diamond (R) to a 3 carat diamond during an auction preview at Christie's in Geneva, Switzerland, on 8 Nov, 2012.—XINHUA

GENEVA, 9 NOV—Archduke Joseph Diamond, one of the rarest and most famous diamonds in the world, was presented in Geneva on Thursday by Christie's and expected to achieve more than 15 million US dollars at an auction on 13 November.

The magnificent gem combines an impressive size of 76.02 carats, perfect color and internally flawless clarity.

Jean-Marc Lunel, senior specialist at Jewellery Department of Christie's, said due to its cut, shape, colour and clarity, Archduke Joseph was certainly to be one of the most important and precious diamonds ever presented at auction.

This spectacular diamond origin is traced to the ancient Golconda mines in India, the source of the world's most coveted historical diamonds, including the Koh-i-noor, in the Royal Collection at the Tower of London, and the Regent, considered the finest diamond in the French Crown Jewels.

According to Lunel, this diamond has been officially recorded as the property of the Archduke Joseph August of Austria, Palatine of Hungary (1872-1962), and was subsequently named after him.—Xinhua

Two killed in armed jewellery store robbery in Ukraine

KIEV, 9 NOV—At least two people were killed in an armed robbery at a jewellery store in eastern Ukraine on Thursday, local authorities reported. The robbery occurred at around 9.15 am local time (0715 GMT) when armed robbers entered the store in Mariupol and fatally shot two people, the Emergencies Ministry said.

The robbers stole jewelry and money from the store, according to preliminary reports.

Xinhua

Plaintiffs, BP urge judge to approve \$7.8 billion spill settlement

NEW ORLEANS, 9 Nov—BP Plc and lawyers representing over 100,000 individuals and businesses claiming economic and medical damages from the 2010 Gulf of Mexico oil spill on Thursday urged a US judge to approve a proposed \$7.8 billion class-action settlement.

US District Judge Carl Barbier initially approved the deal in May, but called the "fairness hearing" to weigh objections from about 13,000 claimants challenging the settlement to resolve some of BP's liability for the worst offshore oil spill in US history.

BP still faces civil and potential criminal liability charges brought by the US government and US states.

Barbier did not issue a final ruling at Thursday's hearing in a New Orleans court, but he appears poised to grant final approval to the deal in the coming days, legal experts said. "We shouldn't lose sight of the forest for the trees," Barbier said at the end of the hearing, saying that some objections "were not frankly made in good faith and bordered on being frivolous."

London-based BP's Macondo well spewed 4.9 million barrels of oil into the Gulf of Mexico over a period of 87 days. The torrent fouled shorelines from Texas to Alabama and eclipsed the 1989 Exxon Valdez spill in Alaska in severity.

Lawyers for some affected parties say they will "opt out" of the deal, reached in March between BP and lawyers representing plaintiffs ranging from restaurateurs, hoteliers, and oyster men who lost money from the spill to recovery workers and coastal residents claiming medical damages from the cleanup.

"The settlement zones are inherently unfair," said Stuart Smith, a lawyer for Florida business owners, referring to boundaries set by the deal which are meant to compensate businesses and homeowners based on their proximity to the spill.

Barbier said he had no authority to tweak the deal as written, but merely to approve or reject it.

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Slovenian flood victims to get gov't relief

LJUBLJANA, 9 NOV—The Slovenian government will provide 10 million euros (12.7 million US dollars) to aid the victims of recent floods, Defence Minister Ales Hojs said on Thursday.

The relief will be provided immediately, Hojs told reporters after a cabinet meeting. "These are interventional measures that will allow normal living, nothing more," he said.

Authorities are currently trying to estimate how much damage was caused by floods that hit Slovenia from 4 to 7 November.

If the damage exceeds 209 million euros (265 million US dollars), Slovenia will be eligible to ask for EU solidarity funds, according to the defence minister.

Heavy rains have left some 2,200 homes and industrial buildings in northern area destroyed in the past few days.

Initial estimates said the floods caused 135 million euros (172 million US dollars) of damage to agriculture, and 32 million euros (41 million US dollars) on state-maintained roads and railroads, while damage estimated to local roads is much higher.—Xinhua

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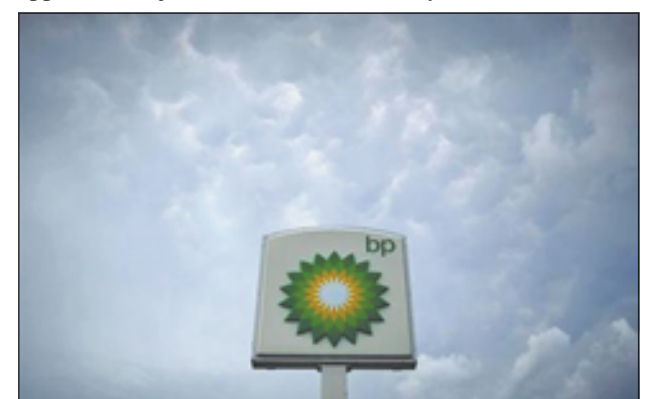
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Storm clouds form near a BP station in Alexandria, Virginia on 19 July, 2010.—REUTERS

Iran, Armenia building joint hydropower plant

TEHERAN, 9 NOV—Iran and Armenia have started the construction of a joint hydroelectric power plant on the Aras River, Press TV reported on Thursday. The ground-breaking ceremony was held on Wednesday with the participation of Armenian President Serzh Sargsyan and Iranian Energy Minister Majid Namjou.

With the completion of the project, some 1,700 megawatts of electricity will be generated annually for domestic use in Iran, said managing director of Iran's East Azerbaijan Regional Water Company, Arsalan Hashemi, according to the report.

The project, constructed simultaneously in Armenia's Meghri and Iran's Qarachilar regions, is financed with 560 million and 500 million US dollars in credits respectively from Armenia and Iran, said Press TV.—Xinhua

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## Myanmar receives more than 13 million USD per year for the right of way under the 30-year contract

AMYOTHA HLUTTAW



*Amyotha Hluttaw representatives signing attendance book.—MNA*

NAY PYI TAW, 9 Nov—Amyotha Hluttaw session continued for 12<sup>th</sup> day, at Amyotha Hluttaw Hall of Hluttaw Complex, here, at 10 am today, attended by Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker U Khin Aung Myint and 186 MPs.

At today's session, with respect to the question of Dr Aye Maung of Rakhine State Constituency No.1 on "how the right of way for Myanmar-China Natural Gas Pipe Line, damages in State/Region the pipe line pass through and compensation for those who suffer the losses due to pipe line," Minister for Energy U Than Htay replied that Myanmar will receive 13.81 million USD per year for the right

of way under the 30-year contract.

The 879.75 acres in Rakhine State, 1121.47 acres in Magway Region, 1707.93 acres in Mandalay Region and 1929.44 acres in Shan State, totalling 5638.596 acres will be rent for the construction of pipe line. Compensations have been paid for 85 huts and 15 houses along the pipe line area. And compensations amounting K 27662588119.65 have been paid for land and crops.

For the losses of land and crops, Ministry of Energy has formed the compensation organizations including respective general administration departments and local agents. For permanent handing

over of lands, five-year compensations of land value, seasonal crops and perennial crops are paid.

With respect to the question of U Man Kan Nyunt of Kayin State Constituency No.2 on "if there is any plan to reconstruct Donethami Creek-crossing Bridge that can withstand above 55 tons of load, linking Kayin State and Mon State and to construct a new bridge, Deputy Minister for Construction U Soe Tint replied that like ASEAN countries, Thailand's allowance load standards for 22-wheeled truck is 50.5 tons. The 50.5-ton loaded trucks are crossing Donethami Creek-crossing Bridge as it can withstand

50.5 tons of load. Over 50.5-ton loaded trucks will be allowed to pass on the rail-cum-road bridge after making coordination with Ministry of Rail Transportation. There is no plan to construct a new bridge.

Regarding the question of U Zone Hle Htan of Chin State Constituency No. 2 on "if there is any plan to



*Dr Myat Nyana Soe submits the Bill Committee's report.—MNA*

construct two-storey modern City Hall in Falam of Chin State," the Deputy Minister replied that it is the building with brick, CI sheet roof and concrete floor. In 2009-2010 financial year, Development Affairs Department (head office) has repaired it with the State's fund allotment of K 2.6 million. Chin State Government has no plan to construct a new one as it can be used up to 25 years.

Member of Amyotha Hluttaw Bill Committee Dr Myat Nyana Soe submitted the Bill Committee's report on amended Myanmar Citizens Investment Bill sent back by Pyithu Hluttaw to be discussed by Amyotha Hluttaw and the proposal.

After that, seven representatives discussed the proposal on "urging the Union Government to create equal education learning opportunity across the country and designate it as a national duty" submitted by U Aung Nyein of Magway Region Constituency No.2.

With respect to it, Deputy Minister for Education U Aye Kyu said that for having equal learning opportunities across the country, Ministry of Education is scrutinizing the opening of basic education primary schools in every villages and BEHSs or BEHSs (branch) in stations based on the facts that the numbers of students and smooth transport. In urban wards BEPSs, BEMSs and BEHSs are being opened based on the number of students and distance. Mobile schools are opened at regions with no villages. For the completion of basic education level, schools are

being upgraded so as to create education coverage.

The Government is implementing free and compulsory primary education programme in BESs. Since 2011-2012 academic year, compulsory primary education programme, free distribution of text books to primary students and exercise books in 2012-2013 and the grants of stipends and no collection of charges for primary students are being carried out. The last week of May is designated annually as the school enrolment week.

The KG school enrolment rate has increased to 98.47 percent. But, in some regions, children have no access to the primary education. For school enrollment of those children, officials from Ministry of Education is making cooperation with local authority concerned



*Union Energy Minister U Than Htay making clarification.—MNA*

after data are collected.

The Speaker announced that it was put on record as being a long-term process. The meeting came to an end in the afternoon.—MNA

### CEDAW takes effect in Myanmar

NAY PYI TAW, 9 Nov—Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement under the Ministry of Health and UNDP/UNFPA jointly organized a seminar on orientation on the convention on elimination of all forms of discrimination against women (CEDAW) and HIV/

AIDS at Theingaha Hotel here this morning, with an address by Deputy Director-General from Health Department Dr Nilar Tin. The seminar focused on clarification about CEDAW and dissemination of HIV/AIDS knowledge, and discussion on future programmes. Trainees

from Health Department, Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Department, Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association, Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation and social organizations participated in the seminar.

MNA

### 25 killed, 62 wounded in fuel train derailment

NAY PYI TAW, 9 Nov—A fuel train carrying seven carriages of petrol and two carriages of diesel running from Myo Haung Station at 12 am on 9 November was derailed after three carriages fell down on the track around 9.50 am on 9 November between mile post No. 511/8 and mile post No. 511/13 at the entrance of Chetgyi Station in Kanbalu

Township, followed by a fire outbreak from the spilt oil.

One fire engine from Kanbalu Township, one from Kyunhla Township, one from Chetthin Village, three from Kawlin Township and policemen from Kanbalu Police Station, firefighters from Kanbalu and Kawlin townships and locals from Chetgyi Village rushed to the scene to put out the fire which

was extinguished at 2.15 pm. Twenty five people from Chetgyi Village were killed and 62 other wounded in the blast while fetching petrol from the derailed carriages, according to initial report. The injured were rushed to hospitals in Kanbalu and Kyunhla townships. The authorities concerned are investigating into the case.

MNA



*Photo shows derailed fuel train carrying petrol and diesel.—MNA*