

## Only mechanized farming can promise prosperity of the country

### President visits Shwedaung Research Farm



NAY PYI TAW, 11 Nov — President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein visited Shwedaung Research Farm in Wundwin and honoured outstanding staff working at the farm.

The President, accompanied by Chairman of the Union Election Commission U Tin Aye, Union ministers, Chairman of Pyithu Hluttaw Peasants, Workers and Youth Affairs Committee U Tin Htut, deputy ministers and departmental heads

left here for Wundwin by helicopter this morning and arrived at the farm at 8.10 am today.

First, the President warmly greeted the local farmers from townships in Mandalay Region at the briefing hall of the farm.

At the meeting, Chief Minister of Mandalay Region U Ye Myint reported on progress in the agricultural sector in the region and Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing

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*President U Thein Sein cordially greets local farmers at Shwedaung Research Farm in Wundwin of Mandalay Region.—MNA*

## Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham comforts quake victims, presents cash assistance

NAY PYI TAW, 11 Nov — Vice-President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Dr Sai Mauk Kham accompanied by Deputy Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement U Phone Swe, Deputy Minister for Health Dr Win Myint, Deputy Minister for Education U Aye Kyu, Deputy Minister for Electric Power U Aung Than Oo

and Deputy Minister for Transport U Han Sein left here by helicopter at 3 pm and arrived in Mandalay at 4.20 pm. They were welcomed by Mandalay Region Chief Minister U Ye Myint, Sagaing Region Chief Minister U Tha Aye and officials.

The Vice-President together with Lt-Gen Myint Soe of the Commander-

in-Chief (Army)'s Office and party proceeded to Thabeikkyin by helicopter and arrived there at 5.10 pm.

The Vice-President and party inspected damaged departmental buildings and houses caused by 6.8 and 5.0 magnitude earthquakes occurred three times with its epicenter, 12-mile southwest of Thabeikkyin,

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*Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham views collapse and damages of houses in a severe earthquake in Seikkan Ward of Thabeikkyin.*

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## Business trips to US increase

“After the Washington has eased sanctions, the number of business trip has significantly increased if compared with pleasure trip to American”, said a US tour operator.

Three years ago, Myanmar citizens visited US mainly for pleasure and study. Myanmar businessmen hardly visited US that time since there were almost no business opportunities for Myanmar businessmen due to US's sanctions against Myanmar.

Ko Andrew, a tour operator whose office in Bagara Condo, Yangon,

said “We mainly operate US tours for Myanmar people to be able to visit annual economic and technological exhibition in US. When we launched the US tour, most of the visitors go to US as observers. Now, national businessmen go to America to do business in own country and to make direct contact with US businessmen.

Previously, US goods had to be imported into the country via transit countries like Singapore and Thailand. The number of visitors has increased as US goods could be directly

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imported and Myanmar businessmen can directly do business with US businessmen. There are business tour operators in other global countries that operate business tours to major economies. Myanmar should also have a number of business tour operators."

The world's greatest exhibitions like International Builders Show, SHRM Show, Consumer Electronic Show and FABTECH Show are held annually in Las Vegas in American, which attract more than 2000

investors, businessmen, mining entrepreneurs, industrialists, constructors, and electronics producers from over 100 countries across the globe. Those exhibitions serve as gathering place for businessmen from all corner of the world to make deals with one another.

U Myint Thein of Thein Group Construction who attended International Builders Show last year recounted his experiences, "I had a chance to observe new production technologies at the show and could also learn modern construction

techniques of America practically. It is a show where one can study the changing models of construction in global countries and purchase and import latest building materials on their own."

Myanmar at present is trying to integrate its economy with many Western countries including US and those business and technological shows therefore would benefit much to Myanmar national businessmen offering opportunities to learn state-of-the-art technologies and products and to meet technicians and entrepreneurs around the world.—*Ko Gyi Thar*

**Ayeyawady Bridge (Malun) nearing completion**

NAY PYI TAW, 11 Nov—Magway Region Chief Minister U Phone Maw Shwe inspected construction of a 240-foot long reinforced concrete bridge at Migyaungye Village in Magway Township, preventive measures against bank erosion of Ayeyawady River, selling and buying of local people in Sibinthayar Market, tasks for cleaning and beautifying of the market and preventive measures against fire and tarmacking

of Migyaungye-Pahtanago motorway on 9 November. On his inspection tour of Ayeyawady Bridge (Malun) construction project, the Chief Minister stressed the need for timely completion of construction works meeting set standards and worksite safety.

Ayeyawady Bridge (Malun) across Ayeyawady River on linking Migyaungye-Pahtanago motorway in Magway Township and Minhla Township is 3215

feet long in main structure. The approach road of the bridge is 1312 feet long on Migyaungye bank and 2012 feet long on Malun bank. The rail-cum-road bridge has a 20 feet wide motorway and 10 feet wide railroad. It is flanked by three-foot wide pedestrian lane on both sides. It can withstand 60 tons load. It is set to complete in December 2012. So far, 65 per cent of the whole project has been completed.

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**Rural people interested about reading habit campaign**

PAKOKKU, 11 Nov—Myanmar Journalists Association (Pakokku) and Pakokku U Ohn Pe Library Committee jointly conducted a campaign to boost reading habit in Paunglaungkan Village on 28 November.

Chairman of Magway Region Journalists Association Dr Thet Lwin, Supervisor of Pakokku U Ohn Pe Library led the campaign which distributed a weekly and a daily free of charge to each household with the aim to cultivating reading habit among the rural people in Pakokku District.

The campaign covered 10 villages in Myaing Township and five villages in Pauk Township.

"We travelled



Paunglaungkan Village with more than 300 households at the invitation of Shweamyutay literary award winner Ko Aung Phyo Kyaw," Dr Thet Lwin said. "Many villages are interested

in our campaign and have invited us. We will visit there at an opportune time."

Donors and publishing houses donate newspapers and journals.

*Kyemon*

**Bridge collapses under the weight of loaded vehicle**

SAW, 11 Nov—A bridge across Saw creek on Chauk-Seikpyu-Saw-Kanpetlat collapsed while a truck loaded with 7000 bricks driven by

U Aung Myint passed the bridge. Although the truck turned over, there was no casualty. Due to the damaged bridge, transportation to

and Seikpyu, Chauk and Magway in Magway Region from Kanpatlet has broken down.

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**Junction in need of traffic lights**



YANGON, 11 Nov—Road accidents are frequent at the intersection of Thudamma Road with Artharwady Road in Ward-2 of North Okkalapa Township. It is

a busy intersection, almost clogged with traffic. Two or three people are annually involved in fatal accidents. Although there is always a lot of traffic at the intersection,

it is lacking traffic lights as well as traffic polices for road safety.

So, traffic lights should be placed at the intersection.

*Kyemon*



Photo shows the world's greatest economic and technological show in Las Vegas, US.

**Basic writing course opened**

YANGON, 11 Nov—With the aim of enabling enthusiasts to skillfully compose poems and to grammatically write articles, a four-week Basic Writing Course was opened by Myanmar Writers Association on 6 November for third time. The course

is being organized at the hall of Myanmar Writers Association in Sarpay Beikman Building in Kyauktada Township.

Writers Ledwinthar Saw Chit, Maung Nyein Thu (Gyobinkau), Khin Maung Tun (Lanmadaw),

Maung Sein Win (Padikon), Ma Hnin Phway, Ma Moe Myay, Maung Khin Min (Danubyu), Chit Naing (Psychology), Nwe Gyar Thaing and Ma Sanda are giving lecturers on basic writing to trainees.

*Kyemon*

**Readers interested in books on legal matters, politics**

YANGON, 11 Nov—It is learnt that sale of books about legal matters and politics has risen recently while book prices are going up. An official of Sarpay Beikman bookstall on Merchant Street in Yangon said that a book entitled "No Easy Day" translated by Hein Latt stood at the top of book sales list. Books by writers Maung Maung (Kawkareik), U Phone (Datu), Nyein Aye Ein, Aung Myat Oo, Takkatho Myat Thu, Sein Win Sein and Min Bahtoo are also ranked in the list. The 2008 Constitution and Myanmar's Thatponkyan

are also in demand in the market.

Thanks to its strategic location in downtown Yangon and availability of various kinds of publications, Sarpay

Beikman bookstall is a reliable one of readers.

Sarpay Beikman bookstall is being kept open from 9.30 am to 4 pm, except public holidays and Sundays.—*Kyemon*



WORLD

Obama's final win in Florida gives him 332 electoral votes



US President Barack Obama celebrates after winning the US presidential election in Chicago, Illinois, on 7 Nov, 2012.—REUTERS

NEW YORK, 11 Nov— With almost all ballots in Florida counted, US media on Saturday projected President Barack Obama the winner in that state four days after he won Tuesday's national election.

Florida brings his total of electoral votes to 332 versus 206 for Republican challenger Mitt Romney.

Florida was the last state where the outcome was in doubt because three counties

were still counting ballots.

Obama had 50.01 percent of the vote in Florida compared with 49.13 percent for Romney, with nearly all ballots counted, according to figures from the Florida Secretary of State's Office. The president's lead stood at nearly 74,000 votes.

CNN projected that Obama would win Florida. NBC and the Associated Press also were among the media outlets that called the state for Obama based on the latest tally.

Also in Florida, Tea Party-backed US Representative Allen West, the firebrand Republican lawmaker known for his blistering attacks on Obama and other Democrats, lost his

re-election bid, according to the state's latest vote tally on Saturday. With the victory in Florida, Obama swept all of the battleground states, with the exception of North Carolina, which he won narrowly in 2008.

The Democratic Party in Florida had declared victory on Thursday and Republicans tacitly conceded defeat.

Florida was the scene of a historic fight over ballot counting after the 2000 presidential election, when the US Supreme Court ultimately ruled that Republican George W Bush should be awarded the state's electoral votes and the presidency.

The delay in finalizing Florida's result this year

US

did not affect the national outcome but raised concerns that some of the problems in 2000 had not been resolved 12 years later. Exit polls indicate that Obama picked up 61 percent of Florida's Hispanic vote to 39 percent for Romney, underscoring the Republican Party's lack of appeal to the country's fastest-growing electoral group.

South Florida's large Cuban-American community, usually a solid Republican voting bloc, also voted for the Democrats in record numbers, according to exit poll data released by the Obama campaign.

Reuters

FBI probe of Petraeus began with "suspicious emails"

US

WASHINGTON, 11 Nov — The FBI investigation that led to the discovery of CIA Director David Petraeus' affair with author Paula Broadwell was sparked by "suspicious emails" from her to another woman and Petraeus was not the target of the probe, US law enforcement and security officials told Reuters on Saturday.

But the CIA director's name unexpectedly turned up in the course of the investigation, two officials and two other sources briefed on the matter said.

The FBI was looking into "an issue with two women and they stumbled across the affair with Petraeus," a US government security source said.

The FBI probe was triggered when Broadwell sent threatening emails to an unidentified woman close to the CIA director, a security official said, speaking on condition of anonymity. It was unclear what the relationship of the woman who received the emails was to Petraeus.

The woman went to the FBI complaining of cyber harassment and the law enforcement agency traced the threats to Broadwell, the security official said. The FBI then uncovered explicit emails between Petraeus and Broadwell, The Washington Post reported.

The FBI investigation began fairly recently — months rather than years ago, when Petraeus would still have been in



US Gen David Petraeus

uniform as one of the US Army's top field commanders, the official said.

Representative Peter King, Republican chairman of the House of Representatives' Homeland Security Committee, said in an interview on MSNBC: "It's hard to believe this went on for four or five months at this level without the president or somebody in the White House being told about it by the FBI. I would have thought the FBI had an absolute obligation to tell the president when this type of investigation is going on."

"And then we're told the White House was told about it the very day after the election is (over). It raises a lot of questions. I'm not into conspiracy theories but this one just doesn't add up," said King, who is a frequent critic of the White House.

Reuters

Fleeing fallen Syrian town, refugees fear Assad's air power

Syria

RAS AL-AIN, 11 Nov — Gun and mortar fire could be heard on Saturday from the Syrian border town of Ras al-Ain two days after it fell to rebels fighting to oust President Bashar al-Assad, and refugees who had fled to Turkey said they feared retribution from the air.

Laden with what possessions they could carry, Syrians continued to cross the border into Turkey, some saying they were scared the fighting was not over and Assad's fighter planes and helicopters would be back.

"We will stay here until the fighting has completely stopped and all has calmed down," said 40-year-old Gasan Alun, who fled to the Turkish town of Ceylanpinar several days ago with 23 members of his family.

"I hope to God they don't bring the planes," he said. "It's the planes we're scared of."

The rebel flag flew above the town, a Reuters reporter on the Turkish side of the border said, and early on Saturday rebels could be seen driving freely in open pick-up trucks, guns slung across their shoulders.

"The fighting has stopped but only for now," said Ahmad, a Syrian teenager who had

just crossed into the Turkish border town from Ras al-Ain through a hole in the barbed wire fence marking the border. The refugee crisis and the threat of spillover risks stretching Turkey's military and resources in a region where it is also fighting an emboldened Kurdish insurgency.—Reuters



Syrians throw their belongings while trying to cross a ditch after crossing from the northern Syrian town of Ras al-Ain to Turkey in the border town of Ceylanpinar, Sanliurfa Province, on 10 Nov, 2012.—REUTERS

China likely to significantly expand RQFII quota

BEIJING, 11 Nov — China's securities authorities announced on Saturday that it has "agreed in principle" to expand its RMB Qualified Foreign Institutional Investors (RQFII) pilot programme by increasing the investment quota by 200 billion yuan (31.74 billion US dollars).

The RQFII programme has faced strong demand from overseas investors since its launch late last year, and the current 70 billion yuan quota is running out due to the enthusiastic investors, said a spokesperson with the China Securities Regulatory Commission (CSRC).

The RQFII mechanism, which was launched in December 2011 to widen investment channels for overseas yuan funds on the Chinese mainland, allows qualified investors to invest yuan-based funds raised in Hong Kong in the mainland securities market within a permitted quota.

The government departments are also mulling

over details of relevant rules of the RQFII programme, such as loosening restrictions to allow more institutions to take part in the scheme, said the spokesperson.

Meanwhile, the CSRC is considering implementing differential taxation on personal profits from securities trading to encourage long-term investment, which has gained approval from relevant departments, the official said.

The CSRC has worked

with the Ministry of Science and Technology to formulate policies that help evaluate scientific achievements or intellectual information in terms of share value or capital investment.

Scientific and technical personnel in enterprises are encouraged to enjoy profits from their achievements, and their shares at the enterprises should be confirmed according to laws and regulations, said the CSRC spokesperson.—Xinhua

Royal couple begin New Zealand tour on somber occasion

New Zealand

WELLINGTON, 11 Nov — New Zealand's next head of state, Prince Charles, joined military veterans in commemorating the nation's war dead on Sunday, in his first official function on a six-day tour of the country.

The prince and his wife, the Duchess of Cornwall, flew into Auckland late Saturday on the last leg of their Pacific tour to celebrate the Diamond Jubilee of Queen Elizabeth II, after earlier visiting Papua New Guinea and Australia.

Under overcast skies, the couple attended a ceremony at the Auckland War Memorial Museum on Sunday morning to mark Armistice Day, the anniversary of the end of World War I, and to honor those killed in other conflicts.

Prince Charles laid a wreath on behalf of the Queen of New Zealand, before going to meet veterans and some of the estimated 300 members of the public who turned out to meet the royal couple.

The heir to the throne will also be celebrating his

64th birthday in New Zealand on 14 Nov, a birth date he shares with Governor-General Sir Jerry Mateparae, the Queen's representative in New Zealand. A party is planned at Government House, the Governor-General's official residence in Wellington, to which 64 ordinary New Zealanders who also share that birthday have been invited. As well as Auckland and Wellington, the royal couple will also visit the North Island farming town of Fielding and the quake-battered South Island city of Christchurch, where they will view the city's reconstruction progress and meet people who were severely injured in the 22 Feb quake that killed 185 people last year.

The tour has renewed a long-running debate over whether New Zealand should continue its constitutional ties to a monarchy that is resident in the United Kingdom.—Xinhua

## Philips, LG Electronics, others face EU cartel fines



BRUSSELS, 11 Nov — Six top electronics firms including Philips and LG Electronics face hefty European Union fines at the end of the month for fixing prices of TV cathode-ray tubes, four people with knowledge of the matter said. The sources said on Friday other companies involved in the cartel were South Korea's Samsung SDI, French group Thomson, which was renamed Technicolor in 2010, and Japanese companies Matsushita, now known as Panasonic Corp,

and Toshiba Corp. The European Commission, which raided the companies in late 2007, will announce the fines on 28 November, according to a Commission document seen by Reuters and confirmed by sources. Sanctions are expected to be substantial because the cartel lasted more than a decade from the late 1990s, one of the sources said. The EU executive can penalize companies up to 10 percent of their turnover for breaching EU rules.

In the case of Dutch group Philips that could reach 2.26 billion euros (\$2.9 billion), while for South Korea's LG Electronics it could be 5.4 trillion won (\$5.0 billion), based on their 2011 revenues. However, sanctions are not expected to hit those levels.

The sources said Taipei company Chunghwa Picture Tubes alerted the EU antitrust regulators to the existence of the cartel, so will not be fined. LG Philips Display, a joint venture between Philips and LG Electronics, and MT Picture Display, a joint venture between Matsushita and Toshiba, will also be penalized, the sources said. The European Commission

did not respond to a phone call or email seeking comment.

Cathode ray tubes, which were also used in computer monitors, have largely been replaced by modern display technologies such as LCD, plasma display and organic light-emitting diode.

The EU authority slapped a total fine of 648 million euros on six LCD companies which included Chunghwa Picture Tubes, Samsung Electronics and LG Display two years ago for taking part in a cartel. Last year, it penalized four producers of cathode ray tubes glass 128.74 million euros for fixing prices.

Reuters



## Science

### French mammoth may have been Neanderthal lunch

CHANGIS-SUR-MARNE, (France), 11 Nov — French archaeologists have uncovered a rare, near-complete skeleton of a mammoth in the countryside near Paris, alongside tiny fragments of flint tools suggesting the carcass may have been cut into by prehistoric hunters.

The archaeologists say that if that hypothesis is confirmed, their find would be the clearest ever evidence of interaction between mammoths and ancient cavemen in this part of Europe. "Evidence this clear has never been found before, at least in France," said Gregory Bayle, chief

archaeologist at the site. "We're working on the theory that Neanderthal men came across the carcass and cut off bits of meat." Archaeologists came across the giant bones by accident while they were excavating ancient Roman remains in a quarry near the town of Changis-sur-Marne, 30 km (19 miles) east of Paris.

The mammoth, which the archaeologists have named "Helmut", is thought to be between 100,000 and 200,000 years old and is only the fourth near-complete specimen to be found in France. The first was dug up near the southeastern city of Lyon in 1859.

Scientists believe

Helmut, a woolly mammoth, may have become stuck in mud or drowned. Two tiny shards of flint found among the bones indicate that cavemen cut into the body, but make it unlikely they actually killed the creature. To come to that conclusion, the archaeologists would have expected to find a whole flint head.

Mammoth remains are commonest in the frozen climates of Siberia, where around 140 specimens have been found including some of the world's best-preserved carcasses. The prehistoric animal disappeared from Western Europe around 10,000 years ago, most likely due to climate change and hunting.— Reuters



A Sketch of a mammoth

### Google says multiple services blocked in China

SAN FRANCISCO, 11 Nov — Google Inc said several of its online services have been blocked in China.

Traffic to Google's services in China dropped sharply beginning on Friday evening there, according to an online "Transparency Report" website operated by Google, which provides updates about access to its

services in different parts of the world.

Among the sites affected were Google's search engine and its Gmail web email product. The disruptions come as China's once-in-a-decade meeting to appoint new leadership gets underway.

A Google spokeswoman said the company did not

know why the disruption was happening. Google said in a statement that it had "checked and there's nothing wrong on our end."

Google's YouTube



video service has been inaccessible in China since 2009, while access to other services in China are blocked sporadically.

In 2010 Google relocated its Chinese search engine to Hong Kong after a spat with authorities over censorship and cyber-attacks that Google said originated in China.— Reuters

## Tech



Sony Corp's logo is pictured on a Walkman speaker displayed at an electronics store in Tokyo on 24 Oct, 2012. — REUTERS

### Moody's cuts Sony rating to one notch above junk

TOKYO, 11 Nov — Sony Corp's long-term debt rating was lowered one notch by Moody's Investor Service to the lowest investment grade level because of shrinking demand for its consumer electronics. The downgrade to Baa3 from Baa2 follows a one-notch cut by Moody's in October, which also said its outlook on the firm remained negative. Another cut would lower its rating to junk, forcing some funds to offload its debt and curtailing the company's ability to raise money in credit markets.

"Without robust restructuring in the coming 12-18 months, Sony's non-financial services businesses will at best achieve roughly breakeven, and are also at risk of remaining unprofitable," the rating agency said in a report. Sony, in the quarter ended 30 September, posted a small operating profit, after

a loss a year ago, helped by the sale of a chemicals business that offset weak demand for its TVs. The company is also mulling the sale of its New York headquarters, which would also provide a boost to income.

The company maintained its profit outlook for the full business year, but expects to sell fewer of its hand-held PSP and Vita consoles.

It also trimmed forecasts for sales of TVs and compact digital cameras. In the past several months Sony has spent \$1.8 billion to buy companies ranging from medical equipment to cloud gaming. Shares in Sony, valued at less than \$12 billion, have dropped around two-fifths since the start of the year. Its stock fell 0.9 percent to 879 yen on Friday.

Reuters

### NASA renames radiation belt mission to honour pioneering scientist

WASHINGTON, 11 Nov — US space agency NASA on Friday renamed a recently launched mission that studies Earth's radiation belts as the Van Allen Probes in honour of the late physicist James Van Allen, who discovered the radiation belts encircling Earth in 1958.

The new name of the mission, previously called the Radiation Belt Storm Probes (RBSP), was announced on Friday during a ceremony at the Johns Hopkins University based in Baltimore, the US state

of Maryland.

"James Van Allen was a true pioneer in astrophysics," said John Grunsfeld, astronaut and associate administrator for NASA's Science Mission Directorate at the agency's headquarters in Washington, DC "His ground breaking research paved the way for current and future space exploration. These spacecraft now not only honor his iconic name but his mark on science."

During his career, Van Allen was the principal investigator for scientific investigations on 24 Earth satellites and planetary missions, beginning with the first successful American satellite, Explorer 1, and continuing with Pioneer 10 and Pioneer 11.

Launched on 30 August from Cape Canaveral Air Force Station in Florida, the Van Allen Probes comprise the first dual-spacecraft mission specifically created to investigate the radiation belts that surround Earth.

Xinhua



Late physicist James Van Allen

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45-mile north of Shwebo and 82-mile north of Mandalay seismological observation centre at 7.42 am today, relief works and providing health care services to quake victims. The Vice-President presented medicines, foodstuff and cash assistance to them.

The Vice-President comforted quake victims and spoke words of encouragement, vowing that the government would provide them with necessary assistance and calling for officials concerned to disseminate knowledge on earthquake to the people.

In Thabeikkyin, the quake devastated 102 houses, four schools, 48 departmental buildings and 21 religious buildings, causing three people dead and 35 injured. A total of K 30 million— K 10 million contributed by the government and K 5 million each by four wellwishers— were handed over to the victims and relief and rehabilitation works are underway. As aftershocks are frequent up to a certain amount of time at the recent quake-hit areas, local people should not live in brick and brick noggin houses. —MNA



*Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham comforts quake victims.—MNA*



*Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham presents cash donations to local people at Thabeikkyin Sports Ground.*

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*Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham cordially greets local people.*

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*Sagaing Region Chief Minister U Tha Aye visits fire victims at Kyunhla People's Hospital.—MNA*

**Sagaing Region Chief Minister comforts victims of oil tanker blast in Kanbalu Township**

NAY PYI TAW, 11 Nov —Chief Minister of Sagaing Region U Tha Aye, Region Hluttaw Speaker U Thin Hlaing, Region ministers and officials yesterday inspected the place where oil tanker blast occurred after the train derailed near Chetgyi Village in Kanbalu Township.

After speaking words of encouragement in meeting with local people at Chetgyi village, they handed over K 2.5 million donated by the Union Government, K 1.25 million by Sagaing

Region Government and K1.25 million by Myanmar Railways for 25 persons who were killed in the blast.

Next, they comforted five patients who are receiving medical treatment at Kyunhla People's Hospital and presented K 50,000 each to them.

Then they proceeded to Kanbalu Township People's Hospital and presented K 2.79 million donated by the Union Government and K 1.86 million by the region government to the injured.

A total of K 22.3 million—K 5.25 million donated by the Union Government, K 3.11 million by the region government, K 4.15 million by the Union Solidarity and Development Party, K 1.25 million by Myanmar Railways, K 1.5 million by Health Department, K 2.55 million by Shwebo District and Township, K 4.5 million for the purchase of medicines— were handed over to families of those who were killed and injured in the blast.— MNA

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reported on development of the agricultural sector.

Speaking on the occasion, President U Thein Sein wished wellness for farmers from Mandalay Region, local people and agricultural staff and departmental heads. He said he, departmental heads and some parliamentarians were there to view efforts for agricultural development in Mandalay Region, to encourage farmers and staff who make such efforts and to fulfill the requirements.

The incumbent government is the one elected by the people to exercise democracy. Now, the government is over one year and seven months

population of the country, he said. The President said the government is working to fulfill these wishes. The first one is stability, political stability, he said. Unrests and riots could delay the development of the country, he pointed out.

The President guaranteed that the government would bring about the political stability. He went on to say that political process and nation building tasks are all-inclusive. The President said that second wish is internal peace, saying the armed conflicts with ethnic armed groups have endured more than 60 years since the independence. He said the successive governments have tried to bring about

armed conflicts started at the beginning of post-independence period would have ended. But peace making process was not easy in real situation. It is required to take times to be able to address that issue through political approach due to needs, wills and deep-seated feelings of ethnic minorities. It is required to take more times for ensuing eternal peace aspired by all of us. Regarding the second point which is socioeconomic development, national economy was based on agriculture sector. It is necessary to try hard for food sufficiency. Mandalay Region was in the state of 65 per cent food sufficiency.

So first priority should be given not only to food sufficiency but also to surplus. There had been



President U Thein Sein observes sorting of paddy seeds.—MNA

old. The objective of the government is to serve the interests of people, to fulfill the wishes of people and to attend to the needs and aspirations of people as the prime task. Wishes will differ from one another among 60 million people. However, two major consensual wishes can be seen when consensus are collected from over 60 million people. The first one is peace and stability of the State. There have been armed groups in border regions since independence in 1948, coupled with internal political stability. Therefore, people desire for peace and stability of the country. The second one is socio-economic development.

People aspire socio-economic development including education and health related with social status. These two wishes are consensus of 60 million

peace, achieving not only some successes but also met with some failures which, he said, the government is the heir to. Since taking the office, the government has tried to build internal peace, he said. There are 11 armed groups of which 10 have reached agreements with the government, he said. The people on the conflict-prone borders experienced instability, he said. As the armed groups have ceased fire, the people there can earn their living peacefully now, he said.

The government has yet to reach agreement with an ethnic armed group KIA in Kachin State, the northernmost part of the country and is making constant engagements, he said. Peace would be made in the near future after realizing the magnanimity of the government, he said.

If peace making had been realized with KIO,

an increase in world population. Today's world population was more than 7 billion. It is estimated that there would be more than 100 million in Myanmar by 2050. There would be surplus to a certain extent for 60 million people. More efforts should be made to feed 100 million people. Each and every country paid more attention on food sufficiency as climate change has a great impact on agriculture sector. They were trying hard for food sufficiency as flood, drought and heavy rain may occur at any time.

Being an agro-based country with full of prospects, first priority should be placed on from food sufficiency to surplus. It is required to move forwards to the stage of 100 million people from the stage of feeding 60 million people. The objective of the government is to establish



President U Thein Sein views seeds of paddy, maize, sunflower and cotton displayed by Agriculture Department and Industrial Crops Development Department and Agricultural Research Department.—MNA

industrialized nation while striving for the agricultural development, he said. The country would enjoy prosperity only when it could succeed in establishing the industrialized nation, he pointed out. Land, water resources, capital and market are needed for the agricultural development, he added. Businessmen and government officials are to make coordination to ensure the market, he said. The produce should fetch more prices, he said. The yields were reduced by wrong cultivation methods, he said. The production roads flanked by irrigation canals have been constructed, he said.

As the forms of farmland vary, the accurate per acre yield can not be calculated. The plots must be rearranged after the production roads have been constructed to make more preferable to give accurate figure of per acre yield, he said. It would also help irrigate farmlands easily, he said. He highlighted the need

to introduce mechanized farming to boost production and to address the issue of lack of labour in the future. He tipped multiple cropping patterns for food security of Mandalay. He congratulated an award-winning farmer whose farm produced awful yield of more than 300 baskets of rice.

If a farmer invest K 300,000 in growing rice per acre, he can harvest 100 baskets of rice per acre. The current market price is K 400,000. So, the profit is approximately is K 100,000 per acre. If the farm is reclaimed to get higher value, loans can be borrowed under farmland act by pawing the reclaimed farm. If a plot of farm is valued around K 3 million, there is no reason not to be able to borrow K 300,000. It is therefore required to reclaim the farmland to get higher value since loans can be borrowed at low interest rate by pawing farm in agricultural sector. Particularly, only production routes are built

in irrigated farms, can harvested paddy be sent to thresh. Constant focus on agribusiness would automatically increase the income of farmers. Concentrated efforts must be made as the major requirements are land, water and cash.

Breeding is a related business of agricultural sector. Now, dairy cow farming is run on a wide scale in Nay Pyi Taw with huge loans of cooperatives. A viss of cow milk sells for K 1000 to K 1500, Breeding of three or four cows will earn K 10000 to K 15000 a day. Poultry can be raised in those villages that have no milk market.

Even if the income cannot increase, the expense must be reduced, he said. He urged them to set up small cooperative societies after combining the agriculture and cooperative sectors and to save money there so that the societies can run by themselves in the future and can lend money to farmers.

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Photo shows thriving plantation at research farm.—MNA

## NATIONAL

## Only mechanized farming can promise...

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He also urged the farmers to save and to use as a capital and not to waste their income so that they can hire agricultural machinery for harvesting from the societies in the future.

Especially, village administrators have responsibility to work hard to develop their respective villages and the government has been striving to supply safe drinking water, electricity, schools, hospitals, clinics and mid-wives to villages as part of efforts for the development of villages, he added.

The President pledged that the government would provide necessary assistance to the villages if the village administrators and the local people worked together in cooperation with each other for the development of their respective village, he said.

He also stressed the need for commitment of the administrators and the local people to the development of the villages, urging them not to solely rely on the government.

As the population of the rural people makes up of 70 per cent of the total population of the country, the development of the country means the development of the rural areas, he added.

The rural areas would develop in parallel with the development of the agriculture sector and the income from the

agricultural sector would invest in building the industrial country to pave the way to prosperity, he said.

The government has been striving for peace and stability and progress of socio-economy in the country as part of efforts bringing the prosperity equally to the people.

After the meeting, President U Thein Sein honoured 80 outstanding staff from Myanmar Agriculture Department, 15 from the Industrial Crops Development Department, five from the Irrigation Department and nine from the Agriculture Mechanization Department.

The President presented 700 kilos of Palethwe hybrid paddy seeds for 100 acres and 500 kilos of high-yield hybrid maize seeds for 100 acres in Wundwin Township through Mandalay Region Agriculture Minister U Myint Than and a representative of the peasants.

During the meeting, Union Minister for Information U Aung Kyi pledged that the ministry would broadcast 24-hour free-to-air channel for agriculture and livestock breeding sector as part of efforts for educating farmers beginning November, 2013.

Chairman of Pyithu Hluttaw Peasants, Workers and Youth Affairs Committee U Tin Htut clarified the letters related to the affairs of farmers accepted by the committee.

Afterwards, the



President U Thein Sein views thriving Shwedaung-8 cotton plantation at research farm.—MNA

President and party viewed the harvesting of hybrid paddy seeds with the use of a combine harvester made in Korea.

They also viewed seeds of paddy, maize, sunflower and cotton, value-added products and instruments to control quality of seeds displayed at the meeting.

The President and party visited the Shwedaung Research Farm. During the visit, Deputy Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Khin Zaw reported on irrigation systems in the country and condition of irrigated farmland in the research farm, progress in transition to mechanized farming system.

Deputy Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Ohn Than reported on progress of Palethwe hybrid paddy seeds

production and works on production of hybrid paddy seeds, sunflower seeds and cotton seeds at the research farm and Director-General U Kyaw Win on cropping pattern of farmers making the best use of irrigation system.

Afterwards, Union Minister U Myint Hlaing reported on measures for distributing seeds produced at the research farm to farmers and costs for and earning from the production.

After hearing reports, the President stressed the need for searching the best ways to get irrigation water and effective implementation of the river water pumping system and irrigation system, systematic use of the irrigation water and minimizing the waste.

He also called on the personnel of the regions for

making efforts for producing paddy seeds by themselves, for helping farmers to export their surplus rice and for searching crop markets for farmers.

He also stressed the need for cooperation with companies to produce and sell seeds and also called on ministries concerned for providing agricultural machinery to farmers to reduce waste in harvest.

Afterwards, the President and party viewed purifying rice with the use of machine and running oil mill.

They also visited the cotton research farm on which Shwedaung-8 cotton strains are grown to produce seeds with the use of back-cross method.

After giving detailed instructions on agriculture sector to the Chief Ministers of Sagaing and Mandalay Regions at the research farm, the President gave instructions on prompt response to the earthquake which has 6.8 Richter Scale and jolted at 7.42 am with its epicenter 48 miles north of Shwebo.

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## 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary medical cooperation marked

NAY PYI TAW, 11 Nov—A ceremony to mark 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of medical science research and academic matters between Medical Research and Yangon General Department (Lower Myanmar) and Okayama University of Japan was held at the department on Ziwaka Road in Dagon Township yesterday morning.

Speaking on the occasion, Union Minister for Health Dr Pe Thet Khin said that the Ministry of Health and Okayama University of Japan started cooperation works in 1996. With the aim of ensuring medical science and research works and academic proficiency in Myanmar, the university and the Medical Research Department (Lower Myanmar) signed the agreement in 2002, he said.

Medical professionals of Myanmar and Japan

cooperated in surgical operations and transplanting in born disabilities, injured and burnt patients at Nay Pyi Taw General Hospital and Yangon General Hospital, he noted. The university contributed to reopening of the rural health centres damaged by cyclone Nargis in villages of Yangon Region. He thanked the university for its cooperation with the Ministry of Health.

Chairman of the university Prof Kiyoshi Morita extended greetings.

Later, the Union Minister presented the gift to the chairman of the university and visited the booth on medical research works and medical education being jointly conducted by the university and the department.

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Photo shows an aerial view of crop plantation.—MNA

INTERVIEW

Proud to work hard to deliver international-standard newspapers

PERSPECTIVES

Monday, 12 November, 2012

Industrial development strategies

As for industrial growth we must first design strategy for import-substitute industry development. In so doing, there should be an independent body that makes necessary intervention from tactical point of view for the success of import-substitute industry while monitoring and adjusting farmland reforms to ensure development of mechanized farming.

After adopting industrial strategy as the core principle, efforts must be focused on development of SMEs and SEZs along with private sector as the most important tactic. At the same time emphasis must be placed on infrastructural development.

One of the most important sectors is the research and development. In addition, special focus must be directed on such tactics as standardization, procurement, importation and transfer of technologies, and increased investment in research.

Contributory monetary policies for industrial development, reforms, and banking systems must be adjusted to fit the economic system in use.

Furthermore, the education system must be able to cultivate smart and righteous persons and a shared sense of community among the entire nation toward the common goal with common consciousness and guarantee the rule of law. It is needed to build national unity which can ensure willingness to take whatever role in serving the national interests harmoniously with others.

Priority must be given to import-substitute industry and export-oriented heavy industry must be expanded when SMEs development reaches certain extent to be able to pass the stage of infant industry by designing export-oriented industrial strategy for different kinds of export products.

There must be flexible tactics in intervention, relaxation, restriction and reformation as necessary and actions for industrial development must be relentlessly followed by concentrated efforts for development of service industry along with effective taxation system.

We hope that success would go far beyond the objectives of the projects if industrial development measures had been taken in line with the most fitting strategies and tactics.



Transforming into Public Service Media (PSM), three dailies have re-launched their colour editions in Nay Pyi Taw and Mandalay since 18 October. Yangon editions of two Myanmar-language dailies are distributed in colour in either week. While editorial staff are working to improve the quality of the papers, the remaining organs of the newspapers such as distribution and press units are working to deliver the newspapers to readers as dawn breaks.

A colour printing machine is being installed at Botahtaung Township News and Periodicals Enterprise (Yangon branch). Here is the excerpt of the interview with U Yan Myo Aung, Manager (press) of News and Periodicals Enterprise.

Q: What's the purpose of installing the new press?

A: We're installing the four-colour press to distribute colour editions of all Myanma Alinn, Kyemon and The New Light of Myanmar to the entire country.

Q: When will it be completed and when will it start operation?

A: Now we're installing

Interview: Maung Maung Htway & Photos Tha Nyan (MNA)

the press. Kyemon daily will be printed with the machine in short period of time by the end of this month.

Q: Subscribers complained that the newspapers are received late. Why?

A: The circulation of Kyemon in Yangon is about 150,000. The printing hour for colour newspapers (for that circulation) is more than eight hours.

Q: Why all three newspapers are printed in colour in Mandalay?

A: The press hasn't been installed in Mandalay yet. The newspapers printed at the Nay Pyi Taw Press are transported to Mandalay by vehicles of the enterprise. That's why we haven't still met the satisfaction of Mandalay readers. We're working day and night at full throttle.

Q: So, will the schedule be regular at the end of this November?

A: Yes. For the new press will start operation by the end of this month, the distribution will be regular gradually. Both Myanma Alinn and Kyemon will be printed in colour daily



in December. Myanma Alinn already has its own press. So, all the three newspapers will be printed in colour in Yangon with two new printing machines.

Q: How is the performance of the new machine?

A: The press is produced by The Printers House Pvt Co Ltd of India. It is type of Orient X-Cel. It is capable of printing 36000 circulation an hour.

Q: What's your message to the subscribers?

A: We're working heart and soul in cooperation with foreign technicians to deliver the colour newspapers of Myanma Alinn and Kyemon to the readers within the short period of time. A new press will arrive at the end of November for upper Myanmar. Colour newspapers will be in circulation in Mandalay by the end of December.

Q: What's the future plan?

A: We're trying to change the size of our newspapers, plus its outlook, from tabloid to broadsheet.

Q: What's your view

on the change of the newspapers?

A: The staff of our press unit are working seven days a week to deliver international-standard newspapers. And we're very proud to have a chance to do so.

Myanmar, Yunnan to cooperate in economy, labour affairs

NAY PYI TAW, 11 Nov—A delegation led by Union Minister for Labour, Employment and Social Security U Maung Myint arrived back from Kunming on 8 November noon after paying a visit at the invitation of Yunnan Province Governor Mr Li Jiheng of the People's Republic of China from 4 to 8 November.

During the visit, the Union Minister and the

Governor exchanged views on promotion of bilateral relations, cooperation in economic sector between the two countries, cooperation in labour affairs between respective ministries, and investment of CMP in Myanmar.

The Union Minister visited tea plantation on a commercial scale and Luo Zxa Tu hydropower plant in Pu'er of Yunnan Province.—MNA

Closer cooperation between Yangon, Mandalay entrepreneurs needed

NAY PYI TAW, 11 Nov—Mandalay Region Chief Minister U Ye Myint called for closer cooperation between entrepreneurs from Yangon and Mandalay in the light of ASEAN integration by 2015 as he addressed the workshop on ASEAN Economic Community (AEC) held at Shwepyitha Hotel in Mandalay yesterday morning.

He said the government is making preparation for integration into ASEAN Economic Community. He urged the entrepreneurs to prepare for market competitiveness and unbalanced growth.

U Pyae Wa Tun, CEO of Parami Energy Group of Companies extended greetings at the workshop.—MNA



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## Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker on tour of Loikaw, Pasawng, Pruhso



Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw Thura U Shwe Mann cordially meets local national races.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 11 Nov— Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw Thura U Shwe Mann, accompanied by Pyithu Hluttaw representatives and Union ministers arrived in Loikaw from Nay Pyi Taw by Tatmadaw helicopter this morning to fulfill the requirements of the local people of Kayah State.

They were welcomed at Loikaw Airport by Kayah State Chief Minister U Khin Maung Oo, Speaker of State Hluttaw U Kyaw Swe and local people.

At the city hall in Loikaw, the Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw and party met local people and fulfilled the requirements of regional development.

In meeting with the local people, the Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker explained implementation of people's desire

and aspiration and formation of a committee to effectively undertake internal peace process and national race affairs.

The local national races and Hluttaw representatives reported on requirements in education, health, economy, electric power, transport and peace and stability of the region. The Union ministers and the Hluttaw committee chairman explained the plans to fulfill the requirement of respective sectors.

The Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw and Hluttaw representatives donated 1000 dozens of exercise books, 220 bags of rice and K 3.9 million for monasteries and Parahita houses in Loikaw through officials and visited Loikaw by car.

In Pasawng, they met local people at the

hall of Township General Administration Department. Officials explained plans of the government to fulfill the regional development. After reviewing the discussions, the Speaker cordially greeted those present.

Next, the Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker together with the State chief minister and personel went to Pruhso where he met townselders and local national people who reported on requirements for regional development at Tawwin Thazin Hall.

Members of the Union government, the Hluttaw committee chairperson and the State chief minister explained future development programmes and collaborative efforts for genuine peace in the state. The Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker assessed the reports and plans of the Union government and greeted the attendees.

On the occasions, Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann said they were

there to listen to the voices of people and to fulfill the wishes and anticipations of the people being the parliamentarians. Though Kayah State enjoyed certain peace and stability in the past, nets of national people lagged behind in development due to lack of security.

Rays of peace can be seen in Kayah State and national brethren thus need to try collaboratively to enjoy peace in short period. Authorities concerned and local national brethren are to coordinate necessities for regional development when the peace prevails.

The bicameral legislature is abolishing laws unbeneficial to citizens, and promulgating laws beneficial to citizens. He urged people's representatives, government members, and local national brethren to strive until lasting peace is built in the region.—MNA



Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann cordially converses with local national races.—MNA

### Cooperative University (Sagaing) to be opened in December

NAY PYI TAW, 11 Nov — Union Minister for Cooperatives U Kyaw Hsan assisted in construction works at the Cooperative University (Sagaing) which will be upgraded to the university in the upcoming 2012-2013 fiscal year.

During his tour of inspection yesterday, the Union minister called for timely completion of the work meeting set standard as the ministry has provided quality materials

to the construction work and urged the townselders and personnel of the university to make efforts for shaping the university to a prestigious one in Sagaing Region.

The archway and hostels for faculty members are under construction while lecture halls are being renovated and computer and language labs are being extended as part of efforts of opening the university in December.

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### Faculty members urged to turn out qualified technicians

NAY PYI TAW, 11 Nov—A coordination meeting on development of human resources, supply of adequate lab equipment at Universities of Computer Studies and upgrading the universities to be research universities was held at the Department of Myanma Science and Technological Research of the Ministry of Science and Technology on 9 November.

In his address, Union Minister for Science and

Technology Dr Ko Ko Oo said that the ministry is striving for turning out international level technicians; he stressed the need for faculty members to realize the objectives of the ministry; and students are to uplift their skills and subject-wise proficiency practically and theoretically so as to participate in development of human resources.

At Yangon West Technological University,

### Asian Youth and Junior Weightlifting Championship-2012 tournament continues

YANGON, 11 Nov— Asian Youth and Junior Weightlifting Championship hosted by Myanmar continued at Theinbyu

the Union minister instructed faculty members to train the students with lecture rooms, labs, workshops and practical equipment and emphasize environmental conservation.

Yesterday, the Union minister visited Technological University (Thanlyin).—MNA

gymnasium in Mingala Taungnyunt Township here yesterday.

Vice-President of Myanmar Olympic Federation Deputy Sports Minister U Thaug Htaik, President of Myanmar Weightlifting Federation U Thet Lin and officials from Asia Weightlifting Federation presented the prizes to winners in men's (62, 69) kilos, women's (48, 53) kilos and men's (62, 69, 77) kilos events.—MNA

## Yasser Arafat's look-alike reminds Palestinians of late leader

Palestine

RAMALLAH, 11 Nov— Dressed in military uniform, Salim Smairat, a 59-year-old fruit and vegetable vendor in the West Bank City of Ramallah, walked out his dark house lacking of electricity and water, after carefully adjusting his black-white Keffiyeh, a symbol of the Palestinians' historic leader Yasser Arafat.

Strolling down the West Bank streets, Smairat, who bears a great similarity to Arafat, shocked many tourists and local residents.

Since 2004, the year when Arafat died under mysterious circumstances, Salim has been appearing in the streets of West Bank cities as an Arafat look-alike.

He impersonates Arafat's way of talking, greeting and his famous victory sign. "From my dark house I go out to people. I feel their love for Arafat through me. They respect me a lot," Smairat told *Xinhua*.

The Palestinian vendor has become a famous figure.

As he wanders around the streets in Ramallah, Smairat enjoys his new name "Abu Ammar," a nickname of Arafat.

Smairat began to wear the Keffiyeh on 11 Nov, 2004, when Arafat died mysteriously in a military hospital near Paris in France without finding any evidence that he was poisoned.

"My two kids started shouting 'Arafat, Arafat,'" he recalled. "It took me a long time to learn how to adjust the Keffiyeh like Arafat."

"Now I can adjust it even without a mirror," he said proudly.

A Moroccan tourist, identifying himself as Amir, saw Salim for the first time near the Yasser Arafat square in downtown Ramallah and was shocked, "Did Arafat come from the grave? I asked myself."

Many Palestinians consider Arafat an irreplaceable leader and yearn for his era in the face

of current political deadlock and financial crisis.

As of now, Smairat has accepted about 100 invitations to attend festivities and graduation ceremonies as Yasser Arafat. However, he decided not to show up publicly as the Arafat look-alike on Sunday to mark the eighth-year-anniversary of Arafat's death.

"I cry over Arafat because his death is a loss to all Palestinians and the Palestinian cause. He was a great man, and was the beloved father of the Palestinian and Arab people," Smairat told *Xinhua*, adding that "I don't want to salt their wounds."

The anniversary comes amid new investigations to probe Arafat's death.

An autopsy is expected to be carried out soon after Swiss experts reportedly found high levels of polonium, a radioactive substance, in Arafat's belongings.

*Xinhua*

## Japan to carry out \$700 million in aid

Japan programmes in Central Asia



The foreign ministers of Japan and five Central Asian countries — Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan — gather in Tokyo for a meeting on 10 Nov, 2012.—KYODO NEWS

TOKYO, 11 Nov— Japan said on Saturday it will carry out \$700 million worth of programmes for the next several years in five Central Asian countries to support their economic development efforts.

The programmes will be implemented in Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan, and in the areas of trade and investment, energy saving, poverty reduction,

disaster prevention and regional cooperation for the stability of Afghanistan, said a joint statement released after a foreign ministerial meeting of the six countries in Tokyo.

"We had open discussions to realize a stronger, richer and more open Central Asia," Foreign Minister Koichiro Gamba told a joint news conference after the one-day meeting.

*Kyodo News*

## Eight Afghan civilians killed in roadside bombing in Kandahar

KANDAHAR, 11 Nov — Up to eight Afghan civilians were killed early Sunday morning in two different roadside bombings, the authorities said.

"Two civilians, including a child, were killed and two women were seriously wounded when a minibus touched off a roadside bomb in Malang Kariz area in



Photo taken on 6 Nov, 2012, shows (from L to R, front row) Park Geun Hye of the ruling Saenuri Party, Moon Jae In of the main opposition Democratic Party and Ahn Cheol Soo, a former university professor and software mogul, attending an event held on the square in front of the Seoul city office. The three are running in the South Korean presidential election to be held on 19 Dec. —KYODO NEWS

## Israel launches air raid on Gaza militants in response to rocket fire

Israel

JERUSALEM, 11 Nov— Israeli aircraft targeted a Palestinian rocket-launching crew in the northern Gaza Strip late Saturday night, just moments after it fired projectiles toward southern Israel, the Israeli military said in a statement over-night.

"A short while ago, the IDF (Israel Defence Forces) targeted a rocket launching squad in the northern Gaza Strip moments after it fired rockets towards southern Israel. A direct hit was confirmed," the statement said. Gaza's armed Jihad movement, as quoted by media reports, said that a local commander named

Mohammed Shkokani was killed in the airstrike.

In one of the worst days of cross-border violence in recent weeks, militants in the coastal territory fired a salvo of 28 rockets at Israeli communities in the western Negev since early evening hours. The Iron Dome anti-rocket defence system successfully shot down one of the projectiles, the Israeli statement said.

Air raid sirens were heard in several of the communities that came under fire, prompting residents to seek shelter in protected spaces.

The airstrike also came hours after an anti-tank

missile hit an Israeli army jeep on a routine patrol along the border fence with central Gaza, wounding four soldiers. One of them was reportedly in critical condition after being hit in the head by shrapnel. A military helicopter sent the wounded to hospitals in the cities of Beersheba and Ashkelon.

In response, Israeli tanks fired shells and heavy machine guns at suspected militant sites in southern and central Gaza, killing four Palestinians and injuring more than 25 others, according to Palestinian sources and eyewitnesses.

*Xinhua*

## Race car kills four at Czech rally

PRAGUE, 11 Nov— A race car killed four persons including a child after leaving the rally track during the Czech Rally Show Uhersky Brod amateur event on Saturday, said regional rescuers.

Three other persons were driven to hospital with injuries after the fatal accident in Lopenik, South Moravia and their lives are not in danger, said Petr Olsan, spokesman for the regional rescuers.

Rescuers, firefighters and the police started operating on the spot of the accident. Police psycho-logists also arrived the site to help the injured and the relatives and friends of the victims.

According to the first information, the car left the road, bumped into a tree and then hit a group of spectators, said regional police spokeswoman Jana Macalikova.

A fatal accident

occurred at the Barum Rally Zlin in the same region in September with three killed. After the accident, the Rally Commission of the Czech Motorsport Federation decided to reduce the speed at rally racing events and move spectators farther away from the track in events of the Czech championship.

The Rally Show Uhersky Brod is not part of the Czech championship.

*Xinhua*

eastern Khost Province, 150 km southeast of Kabul.

"A civilian vehicle was running along a road in Sabari District at around 00:30 am (local time) Sunday but it was struck by a bomb, killing all six people aboard on the spot," police chief of Sabari, Roshan Khan, told *Xinhua*.

*Xinhua*

REGIONAL

**Culture week opens door for better understanding of Tibetan culture among Poles**

**Culture**

WARSAW, 11 Nov—The just concluded 2012 Poland China Tibetan Culture Week has helped the Polish people better understand Tibet and its culture, Chinese Ambassador to Poland Xu Jian said here on Saturday.

The culture week, the first of its kind in Poland, showcased Tibet's unique customs, its picturesque natural landscapes, rich culture and vigorous social development, Xu told *Xinhua* in an interview.

The week-long event included an exhibition of more than 200 photos taken by Chinese and foreign



*The 2012 Poland China Tibetan Culture Week.*

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photographers and 46 Tibetan Thangka paintings, a Tibetan folk song and dance performance, in addition to a series of discussions and

seminars between locals and Tibetologists.

Xu said the event had attracted a large number of Poles across a broad spectrum, adding "we feel it is necessary to deepen China-Poland cultural exchanges focusing on the Tibetan culture."

The ambassador said the success of the event was also a sign of deepening ties between the two countries.

Xu said the cultural exchanges between the two countries would take bilateral ties to a new level.

*Xinhua*

**Firing in Karachi, Pakistan claims five lives**

**Pakistan**

ISLAMABAD, 11 Nov—At least five people were killed and six others injured in a firing incident that took place near a seminary in Pakistan's southern port city of Karachi on Saturday night, police said.

Senior Superintendent Police Karachi, Asim Qaimkhani, said that the students of a seminary were sitting in a hotel near the school in the Gulshan Iqbal area of the city when being attacked by unknown

gunmen coming in on bikes.

The gunmen fled the scene after the attack, he said, adding that no group has claimed responsibility for the attack.

Police believe that it was a sectarian attack as the seminary belonged to Sunni Muslims.

In Pakistan, Sunni and Shia Muslims are on constant confrontation with each other due to their religious differences.

*Xinhua*

**Indian passenger plane makes detour after bomb scare**

**India**

NEW DELHI, 11 Nov—An Indian passenger plane of Go Air air company made an emergency detour after a bomb scare was reported, said local TV channel Times Now.

The plane returned to

Bombay on its way to Delhi and all its passengers were deplaned, said the report.

Police are checking the plane which was taken to an isolated bay of the Mumbai Shivaji international airport.

*Xinhua*

**Noda to state Japan's participation in TPP talks in election pledge**

**Japan**

TOKYO, 11 Nov—Prime Minister Yo-shihiko Noda said on Saturday he will stipulate Japan's participation in the Trans-Pacific Partnership free trade talks in his Democratic Party of Japan's manifesto for the next general election.

Noda's decision is seen as accelerating his preparations for the House of Representatives election, which must be held by next summer, while signaling his

intention to make the trade deal one of the biggest issues of the campaign.

Opposition parties have been urging Noda, who



promised this summer to call a general election "some-time soon," to dissolve the lower house by the end of the year.—*Kyodo News*

**Prime Minister Yoshihiko Noda speaks with reporters in Fukuoka, southwestern Japan, on 10 Nov, 2012. Noda said he will stipulate Japan's participation in the Trans-Pacific Partnership free trade talks in his Democratic Party of Japan's manifesto for the next general election.**

KYODO NEWS

**Over 10,000 forces to safeguard forthcoming ASEAN Summit in Cambodia**

**Cambodia**

PHNOM PENH, 11 Nov—More than 10,000 security forces will be deployed in capital Phnom Penh in order to ensure security and safety for foreign leaders attending the 21st ASEAN Summit and related Summits next week, Lt Gen Kirt Chantharith, spokesman for the National Police, said on Sunday.

"Over 10,000 police, military police, and bodyguards had been trained for months ahead of the Summits and they will be deployed in the city from next week to safeguard foreign delegates," he told *Xinhua* over telephone. "We will use all security measures to ensure full security and safety for the forthcoming meetings."

The forces will be deployed at the capital's airport, the Peace Palace, streets, hotels, and guest-houses, he said, adding that at night, there will be routine patrols and search

for weapons and explosions among passengers.

Cambodia will host the 21st ASEAN Summit and related Summits from 18-20 Nov at the Peace Palace in Phnom Penh, the capital of Cambodia.

The Summits will bring together all ASEAN leaders and dialogue country leaders including newly re-elected US President Barack Obama, Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao, South Korean President Lee Myung-bak, Japanese Prime Minister Yoshihiko Noda, Russian President Vladimir Putin, Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh, Australian Prime Minister Julia Gillard and New Zealand Prime Minister John Key.

Founded in 1967, the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) groups Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam.—*Xinhua*



*A citizen walks in the rain on Beima Road of Yantai City, east China's Shandong Province, on 10 Nov, 2012. A strong cold snap brought rainfall and wind to the coastal city, causing a fall in temperature.*

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**World party, political leaders congratulate China on CPC congress**

**China**

BEIJING, 11 Nov—Political party and political leaders worldwide have congratulated China on the 18th National Congress of the Communist Party of China (CPC), which opened on Thursday in Beijing.

Co-Chairman of the Pakistan Peoples Party and Pakistani President Asif Ali Zardari said in a congratulatory message the congress was a momentous occasion for the CPC as it undertook to review the progress made during the past five

years and laid down policy guidelines for the future.

The congress was taking place at a time of worldwide economic slowdown while China continued its steady forward march, the message said, noting China faced various challenges in pushing forward the cause of building socialism with Chinese characteristics, but, the Pakistani leader was confident "the Chinese leadership is endowed with the wisdom and sagacity to face these challenges and chart out a course that will take the Chinese people to even greater heights."

The message said the Pakistan-China friendship based upon mutual trust and respect was all-weather and time tested.

Leader of the Gaumei Ithihaad Party (GIP), or National Unity Party, and President of Maldives Mohamed Waheed in his congratulatory message conveyed best wishes for very constructive and fruitful deliberations at the congress.

The message said the Maldives and China observed the 40th anniversary of their diplomatic relations on 14 Oct, 2012, and the

GIP had enjoyed close ties of friendship and cooperation with the CPC.

The message reiterated appreciation to the Chinese government and its people for their assistance and cooperation in the development of the Maldives over the years.

President of the Liberation Front of Mozambique (FRELIMO) and President of Mozambique Armando Guebuza, in a congratulatory message, iterated support for the cause of the CPC and the Chinese people, and willingness to deepen ties between the two countries' parties, governments and peoples.

Wishing the CPC congress a complete success, the message said FRELIMO was looking forward to deeper friendly cooperation with the CPC on their common ideals of creating peace, justice and boosting social progress.

Secretary General of the Rally of the Togolese People and Togo President Faure Gnassingbe said in a congratulatory message the CPC congress was convened at a time when China was in need of new policies and strategies in the face of changes taking place in its economic and social development.

*Xinhua*



*Two tourists ride bicycles at the Hong Village near Huangshan Mountain, east China's Anhui Province, on 10 Nov, 2012. The beautiful scenery of Huangshan Mountain in the early winter has attracted many tourists. —XINHUA*

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Ministry of Energy

Myanma Petrochemical Enterprise

**Invitation for Presentation on Implementation of Joint Venture Project for No. 1 Refinery (Thanlyin)**

Date of Issue : 12-11-2012

Title : Implementaton of Joint Venture Project for No. 1 Refinery (Thanlyin)

Myanma Petrochemical Enterprise (MPE), The Ministry of Energy intends to implement Joint Venture between Myanma Petrochemical Enterprise (MPE) and Interested Foreign Investors to operate the No. 1 Thanlyin Refinery by using imported crude oil and also to enhance production capacity and efficiency improvement.

Interested investors are cordially invited to attend the presentation on Implementation of Joint Venture project as follows:

Date and Time - 3.12.2012 (Monday), 10:00 AM

Venue - Yadana Hall, Ministry of Energy, Building No. (6), Nay Pyi Taw

Managing Director

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Ministry of Energy



Photo taken on 9 Nov, 2012 shows the scene of the "2012 International Building Materials and Decoration Fair" in north China's Tianjin Municipality. The fair, with the participation of more than 800 enterprises, opened here on Friday.

XINHUA

## Three teachers kidnapped by PKK in southeastern Turkey

ANKARA, 11 Nov—Three teachers were kidnapped by members of the outlawed Kurdish Workers' Party (PKK) in southeastern Turkey, private Dogan news agency reported on Saturday.

A group of PKK rebels blocked a service minibus carrying 11 teachers near Calpinar village in Midyat town of Mardin province on Friday evening, said the report, adding that the PKK members let go eight teachers and kidnapped the other three.

Turkish security forces launched an operation in the region to capture the PKK rebels who kidnapped the teachers, said the report.

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

Xinhua

## UN chief welcomes Australia's re-commitment to Kyoto Protocol

UNITED NATIONS, 11 Nov—UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon on Friday said he welcomed Australia's re-commitment to the Kyoto protocol and emphasized the importance of addressing climate change issues.

Ban "welcomes the readiness of the Australian government to join a second commitment period

of the Kyoto Protocol and congratulates Prime Minister (Julia) Gillard for her leadership," said a statement issued here by his spokesperson. "Addressing climate change is fundamental for achieving sustainable development," Ban said. "Urgent action is needed."

"The secretary-general calls on all governments to

take decisive steps against climate change at the upcoming Climate Change Conference, in Doha, Qatar," said the statement.

Key greenhouse gas emitter Australia on Friday said it will sign up for a second round of the Kyoto Protocol environmental protection treaty.

Xinhua



Delegates to the 18th National Congress of the Communist Party of China (CPC) visit a photo exhibition on achievements which China has gained under the leadership of the CPC, at Beijing Exhibition Centre in Beijing, capital of China, on 9 Nov, 2012.

XINHUA

## GENERAL

## California teen steps into rattlesnake nest, survives

US

SAN DIEGO, 11 Nov—A teenage California girl searching for a cell phone signal to call her mother in a rural area outside San Diego inadvertently stepped into a nest of rattlesnakes and was bitten six times, but survived.

The 16-year-old, Vera Oliphant, spent four days in the intensive care unit of Sharp Grossmont Hospital, and doctors gave her 24 vials of antivenom after she was bitten by an adult rattlesnake and five young rattlers outside her uncle's home.

"I was trying to find a signal to call my mom and text my boyfriend," Oliphant said on Friday, a day after she was released from the hospital following the 27 October incident.

"I didn't see them until I already stepped on their nest and I felt them biting me." "My vision started to go right away.

First it looked like the snakes blended into the leaves and then I started seeing black spots around the edges and I started

blacking out." She returned to her uncle's home in Jamul, outside San Diego, and he immediately packed her into the car and rushed her to the emergency room, she said.

On the way, she talked to her mom and her boyfriend, who told her to stay calm so the venom wouldn't spread.

"I told my mom and my boyfriend I love them in case I don't get to see them again," she said.

Doctors there administered 24 vials of antivenom to quash the dangerous toxins, according to a hospital spokesman. Snake-bites usually aren't fatal, although a handful of people die in the United States each year from snake bites, including bites from rattle-snakes.

Oliphant has recovered and will be returning to classes at Chaparral High School in El Cajon on Monday. She said the next time she can't get a signal, she will handle it differently.

Reuters

## Pacific Alliance ministers meet to boost trade, integration

BOGOTA, 11 Nov—Ministers of Pacific Alliance member countries met in northern Colombia on Friday to strengthen free trade and economic integration and align their stances on trade with others.

At the gathering in the resort of Cartagena, Colombian Minister of Commerce, Industry and Tourism Sergio Diaz-Granados said the alliance aims for deep integration to enhance

the development and competitiveness of its member economies.

The minister also invited other countries in the region to join the bloc, whose four founding members — Colombia, Chile, Peru and Mexico — have already developed joint projects to promote sustainable development and prosperity for their combined population of 206 million.

Xinhua

## Brazil inaugurates new water system against drought

RIO DE JANEIRO, 11 Nov—Brazil on Friday put in place a new water network in the northeastern state of Bahia in an effort to fight the worst drought in more than 30 years.

During the inauguration of the network, which will supply water to some 300,000 people in nine towns, Brazilian President Dilma Rousseff said the

water supply to drought-hit regions is a priority for the government.

Though it is impossible to control the rain season, she said, mechanisms can improve people's livelihood during drought.

"It is time to solve the water problem, to ensure that men, women and children can have some coffee and take a bath,"

Rousseff said.

The president said the number of tank trucks operating in the region will be increased from 4,200 to 5,000.

But she noted at the same time that water networks, cisterns and irrigation systems should be promoted, "so that we need tank trucks less and less."

Xinhua

ENTERTAINMENT

“Hunger Games” star Jennifer Lawrence will not diet for role



Jennifer Lawrence

LOS ANGELES, 11 Nov — “The Hunger Games” star Jennifer Lawrence will not be dieting for a role any time soon. Lawrence, 22, who plays the famished Katniss Everdeen in the life-or-death thriller series, told *Elle* magazine in an interview to be published on 13 November that dropping a few pounds will not be part of her script.

“I’m never going to starve myself for a part,” Lawrence said, a view out of step with many in diet-obsessed Hollywood.

Lawrence’s figure in “The Hunger Games” raised eyebrows of some critics, who believed the actress looked a little too healthy for a character struggling to eat.

“I don’t want little girls to be like, ‘Oh, I want to look like Katniss, so I’m going to skip dinner,” Lawrence said.

“That’s something I was really conscious of during training...I was trying to get my body to look fit and strong—not thin and underfed.”

Suffering for a role by rapidly losing or gaining weight is part of Hollywood lore. Natalie Portman was applauded for dropping some 20 pounds for her Oscar-winning role as a ballerina in 2010’s “Black Swan”. Likewise Robert De Niro nabbed an Oscar after packing on 60 extra pounds in 1980 boxing film “Raging Bull”.

Lawrence’s figure did not hurt the first installment of the “The Hunger Games” series, which was released in March and has grossed some \$670 million worldwide. The actress has signed on for three sequels.— *Reuters*

Sophie Choudry wants to revive pop music in India

MUMBAI, 11 Nov — Actress-singer Sophie Choudry, who is garnering a positive response for her latest remixed number Hungama ho gaya, laments how Bollywood has taken over the trend of pop music videos.

“Music videos are more popular in the west because they don’t have Bollywood. Bollywood has overtaken everything. So much money is invested in these films. In the west, pop stars are bigger than movie stars,” Sophie told *IANS*. She admits music videos worked in India in 1990s. “I wish we could get those days back. Don’t you miss the music of Euphoria? I want to get the pop music back in India. It is almost dead,” she added.

Sophie has recently launched her new music



Actress-singer Sophie Choudry

album, in which she has remixed the popular song Hungama ho gaya, originally sung by Asha Bhosle in 1975. The video has got a positive response and Sophie can’t be happier.

“The response has been amazing without any promotions. The video was up on YouTube and people just loved it and gave it a positive response,” she said.

Sophie started off as a pop singer in 2000 with her all-girl band Sansara and later became a video jockey while continuing with her singing,

besides small acting assignments. The singer, who has done few films in Bollywood, says she is mostly occupied with live shows.

PTI

Taylor Swift to headline “New Year’s Rockin’ Eve”

LOS ANGELES, 11 Nov — Country-pop star Taylor Swift will ring in the New Year in the United States as the headline act on TV special “New Year’s Rockin’ Eve,” which will feature a two-hour tribute to late host Dick Clark, organizers said on Friday.

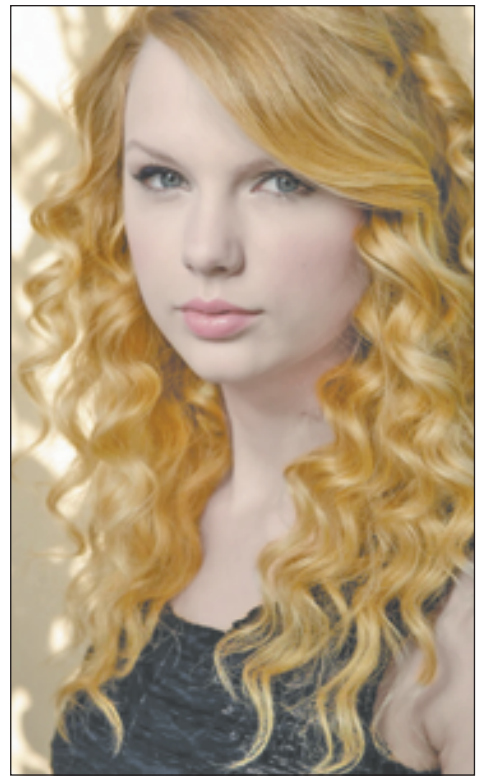
Swift, whose new album “Red” racked up more than 1 million copies in first week US sales, will perform live in New York’s Times Square on 31 December, just before the ball drops to bring in 2013.

The New Year’s Eve music special for ABC television was hosted for four decades by legendary TV and music producer Clark before his death in April at age 82.

This year the show will be helmed again by Clark’s recent co-host—“American Idol” host and radio DJ Ryan Seacrest—under the title “Dick Clark’s New Year’s Rockin’ Eve with Ryan Seacrest,” ABC and Dick Clark Productions said.

The evening will kick off with a two-hour tribute to the host of TV dance show “American Bandstand” that will feature clips of Clark’s long career, and remembrances by musicians and industry celebrities.

The 5-1/2 hour show will also feature other musical guests, yet to be announced, and report on New Year celebrations around the globe.— *Reuters*



Singer Taylor Swift arrives at the 46th Country Music Association Awards in Nashville, Tennessee, on 1 Nov, 2012.

REUTERS

How forgetful Shruti Haasan almost missed her flight



MUMBAI, 11 Nov — Actress misplaces her boarding pass at the Mumbai airport.

A busy Shruti Haasan seems to be having memory lapses. The actress recently rushed from the shoot of Prabhu Deva’s film sets to catch a flight to Chennai. Running late and

A busy Shruti Haasan seems to be having memory lapses. PTI

recall where exactly she had dropped it. Says a source, “She panicked as she did not want to miss the flight. She looked around but could not find it. Luckily, the officials were kind enough to issue a new boarding pass just in time.”

According to a source close to the actress, “Shruti has been busy shooting.

Her mother (Sarika) had dropped in on the sets of the film to meet her. She then left in a rush for the airport. Perhaps she was too preoccupied with other things.” — *PTI*

Jennifer Hudson to sing at Nobel Peace Prize Concert

LONDON, 11 Nov — Singers Jennifer Hudson and Seal have been unveiled as the star performers at this year’s Nobel Peace Prize Concert. The pair will take to the stage in Oslo, Norway, a day after the prestigious award is bestowed upon the European Union next month, reported *Daily Express*.

“I am honoured to be performing at the 19th Annual Nobel Peace Prize Concert on 11 Dec in Oslo,

I am honoured to be performing at the 19th Annual Nobel Peace Prize Concert on 11 Dec in Oslo, Norway!,” Hudson posted on Twitter.— *PTI*

Norway!,” Hudson posted on Twitter.

Geir Lundestad of the Norwegian Nobel Committee said, “Through music, they will help celebrate and promote peace, informing audiences of the extraordinary contributions of the Nobel laureate.”

PTI



Superman voted greatest sci-fi hero, beats Han Solo

LONDON, 11 Nov — Superman has been voted the greatest ever sci-fi character on screen after beating Doctor Who and a host of Star Wars creations.

The Man Of Steel, memorably portrayed on screen by the late Christopher Reeve, topped a list of well-known names in a poll compiled by the makers of board game Stratego, reported *Daily Mirror*. Runner-up in the survey was Han Solo, played by Harrison Ford in the original trio of Star Wars movies, while another star of the films, the Jedi master

Yoda, was third.

“Superman is the archetypal hero, and clearly as popular now as he was when he first appeared in comic books over 70 years ago,” said Katherine Pierce, game’s marketing manager. The highest-ranked female character in the list included Ripley from the Alien movies, played by Sigourney Weaver, who was in 21st position.

The best placing from the popular long-running Star Trek series was Captain Kirk (William Shatner) at number seven, in the poll of 2,000 people.— *PTI*



Superman topped a list of well-known names in a poll compiled by the makers of board game Stratego, reported Daily Mirror.— *PTI*

## Santos says Robinho unlikely to return in January



Robinho

RIO DE JANEIRO, 11 Nov — Santos coach Muricy Ramalho admits he is unlikely to succeed in his bid to sign the club's former stars Robinho and Diego in the January transfer window.

The Brazilian top-flight outfit had identified the pair as priority targets as they attempt to build a squad capable of regaining a berth in South America's elite Copa Libertadores tournament after a disappointing 2012.

But Ramalho described the possibility of signing Wolfsburg play-maker Diego as "very difficult" due to the German club's financial demands while Robinho is reportedly intent on staying at Italy's AC Milan. "It is difficult to see them coming back but we're looking on other fronts, not just those players," Ramalho said. Robinho's lawyer, Marisa Alija, also all but ruled out Robinho's return to the club he has represented during two separate stints.

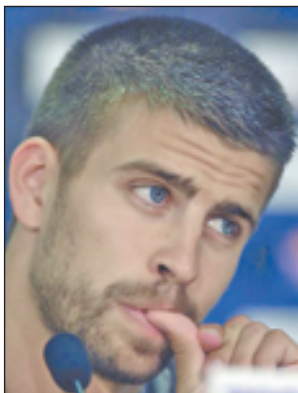
"We hear lots of speculation but Robinho has a contract with Milan until 2014," Alija said. "He is happy there and well looked after." "He hasn't said anything to me about going back to Santos next season. He has never hidden the fact that he wants to go back but at this stage has not said when that might be."

Xinhua

## Soccer

MADRID, 11 Nov — Central defender Gerard Pique looks likely to make his return to the starting line up as Barcelona make the short flight to Mallorca on Sunday. Barca travel after suffering a shock defeat to Glasgow Celtic in the Champions League in a match where they controlled around 90 percent of the ball, but were unable to break down a brave and well-organized defence.

Celtic's opening goal,



Central defender Gerard Pique

## Pique back for Barca's Mallorca trip

a header from a corner, once again highlighted that Barca can be vulnerable when defending set pieces and Pique's return will add some much needed height into the back line, where Adriano is out with a muscle injury. Club captain Carles Puyol has also returned to full training ahead of the Mallorca game, but the central defender, who damaged his elbow on 2 October, is unlikely to start in Mallorca.

Sergio Busquets will return to the starting 11, however, the midfielder was suspended for the Celtic match and will be fresher than his companions. Busquets will partner, Andres Iniesta, Cesc Fabrigas and probably Xavi Hernandez in the Barca midfield, although Cesc will have a free reign to push forward into the attack, where David Villa is likely to kick off the match alongside

Leo Messi.

Images of Villa and Messi arguing at a moment in the Celtic game have again raised questions over the relationship between the pair, given that it is the second short argument they have been filmed having this season, however, the most likely explanation, and certainly the one used by the club, is that it was nothing more than a brief discussion in a moment of tension in the game. Mallorca have struggled with injuries in defense this season and are missing several defensive players. Those weaknesses have seen them drop down the table following a positive start to the campaign and recent results include a 5-0 home defeat to Real Madrid, which Mallorca coach, Joaquin Caparros described as the worst in his year at the club.—Xinhua

## No Barca or Madrid but goals a plenty in Spain on Saturday

MADRID, 11 Nov — Neither FC Barcelona nor Real Madrid were in action this Saturday night in Spain but despite the attention being focused largely on the lower half of the table there was still plenty of action. Rayo Vallecano came back from 0-2 down to claim a fine win 3-2 at home to Celta Vigo. Iago Aspas had scored twice to put the visitors ahead before Celta were reduced to 10 men with a harsh sending off for central defender Gustavo Cabral for a second yellow card.

Leo Bautistao got Rayo back into things before the hour with a headed goal and full back Tito leveled the score with another close range header shortly afterward. Piti sealed the win with a penalty eight minutes from time after a foul on Rayo substitute Andrija Delibasic. Bottom of the table Osasuna stunned Espanyol with a 3-0 win in Espanyol's Cornellà-El Prat Stadium. Alvaro Cejudo, Kike Sola and Manuel Omwu all scored to give Osasuna their first away win after five straight defeats on the road.

Zaragoza's impressive season continued at the expense of Deportivo la Coruna, who have had a dreadful week after having all of their income embargoed.—Xinhua

## Klitschko beats Wach on points to retain titles

HAMBURG, 11 Nov — World heavyweight champion Vladimir Klitschko was made to go the distance against Polish challenger Mariusz Wach but earned an unanimous points decision on Saturday to retain his four title belts.

The 36-year-old Ukrainian, who holds the IBF, IBO, WBO and WBA crowns, was never seriously troubled by the 32-year-old who saw his unbeaten record snap after 27 wins in 27 fights. His older brother Vitali Klitschko holds the WBC crown.

"It was a very tough fight

and Mariusz had to take a lot of punches," Klitschko said in a ringside interview. "I thought that Wach would go down but he fought on." Klitschko also remembered late coach Emanuel Steward who died on 25 October. "On 7 July after our last fight we sang happy birthday to him. We miss you, we love you, you are always here in the ring, thank you Emanuel," said Klitschko.

Wach may be the first opponent taller than Klitschko, who is 1.98 metres, but he lacked the speed of the Ukrainian. The Pole did get one chance in the

fifth round, pummelling his opponent after a huge right to the head but the Ukrainian was saved by the bell.

It was back to form in the following rounds and Klitschko, who improved his record to 59 wins from 62 fights, pinned Wach to the ropes in the seventh and eighth but failed to knock him down. Instead Klitschko dished out painful punishment in the final rounds with the eyes of fans on referee Eddie Cotton to see whether he would put an end to it. The three judges gave Klitschko a 120-107, 120-107, 119-109 victory.—Reuters

## Boxing



Ukrainian WBA, WBO, IBO and IBF heavy weight boxing world champion Vladimir Klitschko lands a blow on Polish challenger Mariusz Wach during their title bout in Hamburg on 10 Nov, 2012. — REUTERS

## Murray came of age after Wimbledon heartache: Federer

Tennis

## Federer loses to Del Potro, face Murray in semis

LONDON, 11 Nov — Towering Argentine Juan Martin del Potro snapped Roger Federer's three-year unbeaten sequence at the ATP World Tour Finals on Saturday to earn a semi-final against world number one Novak Djokovic at the

season-ending showpiece. Del Potro, fresh from beating the Swiss in the Basel final a fortnight ago, claimed a 7-6, 4-6, 6-3 victory at the O2 Arena to guarantee himself runner-up spot in Group B with a 2-1 record, the same as defending champion Federer

who will meet Andy Murray for third time in London this year in the other semi-final. Federer won his seventh Wimbledon title this year when he beat Murray in the final but a few weeks later the Briton gained revenge in the Olympic gold medal match.

The Swiss 31-year-old, winner of 12 consecutive matches at the tournament since a semi-final defeat by Nikolay Davydenko in 2009, had already qualified for the semis before walking on court to face del Potro and produced a patchy display. David Ferrer beat Janko Tipsarevic 4-6, 6-3, 6-1 in the last round-robin match in the evening to also end with two wins and one defeat but the Spaniard missed out on sets countback.—Reuters

LONDON, 11 Nov — Andy Murray's tearful defeat in his first Wimbledon final proved the catalyst for the Scot's golden summer, according to Roger Federer, the man who crushed Murray's hopes that day in July.

Federer's ruthless display on Centre Court to win a seventh Wimbledon title was a massive blow for Murray for whom it was his fourth defeat in a grand slam final. Inevitable questions were raised about Murray's ability to get over the final hurdle yet the 25-year-old rebounded a few weeks later to beat Federer in the Olympic singles final and in September he won the US Open by defeating world number one Novak Djokovic in a five-set epic.

Federer and Murray will clash for the third time in

London this year on Sunday in the semi-finals of the ATP World Tour Finals with the

Swiss two wins away from a seventh title.

Xinhua



Argentina's Juan Martin Del Potro hits a return to Switzerland's Roger Federer during their men's singles tennis match at the ATP World Tour Finals at the O2 Arena in London on 10 Nov, 2012. — REUTERS



Andy Murray

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- 9. Myanmar Language
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- 8:00 pm
- 15. News
- 16. International News
- 17. Weather Report
- 18. Cartoon Series
- 19. TV Drama Series
- 20. India Drama Series

Progress of Sagaing University inspected



NAY PYI TAW, 11 Nov—Union Minister for Education Dr Mya Aye inspected Science-1, Science-2 and Arts-1 two-storey lecture buildings and staff quarters at Sagaing University at 7 am on 10 November. At the hall of the staff quarter, the Union Minister met faculty members and officials. *MNA*



Thai Prime Minister Yingluck Shinawatra (R) and South Korean President Lee Myung Bak attend a joint Press conference in Bangkok on 10 Nov, 2012. *KYODO NEWS*

German chancellor Merkel to visit Portugal

LISBON, 11 Nov—German Chancellor Angela Merkel will visit debt-ridden Portugal with the company of leaders of some of Germany's most prominent companies including Volkswagen and Siemens on Monday, local media reported on Saturday. Merkel will be received by Portuguese President Cavaco Silva before meeting with Prime Minister Passos Coelho. She will also be present at the Portugal-

German Economic Forum in Lisbon, Portugal's Lusa news agency said. Merkel will also announce 100 internship scholarships for Portuguese graduates in Germany in an attempt to promote bilateral relationships. The chancellor's visit comes before the Portuguese are set to stage a general strike with huge numbers of participants on Wednesday. She will also be greeted with protests which were planned

long before she sets foot on the country. Portugal's Security, Organized Crime and Terrorism Observatory (OBS-COT) warned last week that protests during Merkel's visit could escalate to "unprecedented levels of violence." The chancellor's visit has been labelled a "high risk" and preparations to ensure her security and that of her entourage were set in motion several weeks ago. *Xinhua*

US President's kid brother transcends cultures in China

SHENZHEN, 11 Nov—While US President Barack Obama has been focused on getting re-elected and reviving the American economy, his half-brother, Mark Obama Ndesandjo, has been trying to save a three-year-old Chinese girl's life. "She got a very serious heart disease. It's so serious that the doctor says even a small infection could

probably cause heart failure and she might die, and we haven't been able to find a doctor yet for her," Ndesandjo said. Ndesandjo met three-year-old Qian Baohui five months ago during a visit to Angelmom, a Beijing-based NGO that cares for and raises money for chronically and terminally ill children. "We hope we can find people who can take her to the United States or some place where she can get an operation to save her life," he said. Ndesandjo, who has been living and working in China since fall 2003, has been doing what he can to evoke public attention to Qian's plight. But this type of endeavor isn't new for the US President's brother. Since he arrived in China, he has embraced the culture and been engaged in charity work. He traces his deep concern for children back to a visit he made to a Chinese

orphanage during his first weekend in China. "There's a little baby — I touched his hand with my finger, and he grasped it and would not let go," he said. "You know, I tried to pull my hand away, but I couldn't, and his big black eyes looked up at me, and at that moment I knew that baby wasn't thinking about whether I'm American, or yellow or white or pink or red — he just wanted love. And at that moment, there was a connection." But it was the loss of his job that pushed Ndesandjo to a life in China, and well before his brother ascended to the presidency, he had decided he needed a fresh start. "At that time, I wanted to do something different; when you lose your job, especially when a lot of people have in the financial crisis, you ask yourself, what do you want from your life?" *Xinhua*

Algeria warns military intervention would worsen situation in Mali

ALGIERS, 11 Nov—A military intervention in Mali is a useless step in current juncture, as it would only worsen the situation, Kamel Rezzag Bara, an advisor to Algerian President, said on Saturday. Bara told the local national radio that a peaceful settlement of the Malian crisis is still possible, saying "it's necessary to reach an acceptable agreement to avoid the spill over of the Malian conflict into neighbouring nations." The official further added that the solution to the crisis in Mali requires helping this violence ridden country "to develop a roadmap in agreement with all parties in Bamako to get out of the political crisis there." Furthermore, Bara indicated that the inter-

national community should distinguish between Tuareg rebels, namely Ansar Dine and the National Movement for the Liberation of Azawad (MNLA), who carry political claims, and terror groups belonging to al-Qaida organization and drug trafficking gangs. The official further specified that "the vision of Algeria in terms of settling the conflict in Mali is based on its deep awareness of the danger it is exposed to, and this why Algeria has started dealing with the situation in the aftermath of the Libyan crisis." Algeria is participating on Sunday in the extraordinary summit of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) in the Nigerian Capital of Abuja, to discuss a military

intervention in Mali. On Wednesday, Special Envoy of the UN Secretary General for the Sahel Region, Romano Prodi, paid a working visit to Algeria, as he discussed the crisis hitting northern Mali with Algerian top officials.—*Xinhua*



Palestinian men lie on a stretcher at al-Shifa hospital in Gaza City after being wounded in Israeli tanks shelling on 10 Nov, 2012. Four Palestinians were killed and 26 others wounded early on Saturday evening in the intensive Israeli tanks shelling on eastern Gaza city, medics and eyewitnesses said. —*XINHUA*

## Quake causes devastations, casualties in Mandalay and Sagaing Regions

NAY PYI TAW, 11 Nov—A strong earthquake measuring 6.8 magnitude on Richter Scale jolted about 82 miles north of Mandalay Seismological Observatory and about 45 miles north of Shwebo at 7 hours 42 minutes and 35 seconds this morning. Two aftershocks with the magnitude of 5 Richter Scale jolted with the epicenter about 59 miles north of Mandalay, about 23 miles north-east of Shwebo, about 36 miles west of Mogok and about four miles south-west of Thabeikkyin at 7 hours 59 minutes and 59 seconds and the epicenter about 53 miles north of Mandalay, about 16 miles northeast of Shwebo, about 41 miles west of Mogok and about 12 miles southwest of Thabeikkyin at 8 hours 2 minutes and 28 seconds, according to Meteorology and Hydrology Department.

The quake caused devastations and casualties in Sagaing, Shwebo, Kyaukmyaung, KhinU, Mandalay, Amarapura, Singu, Kyaukse and Thabeikkyin Townships of Sagaing and Mandalay

One woman was killed and 10 injured in No. 2 ward of Kyaukmyaung Township as a house collapsed. Steel structures being installed at Ayeyawady Bridge (Yadana Theinga) fell down upon a barge and a Z-craft, sinking the vessels and killing one. Four are still missing and 15 others were injured. The quake collapsed village communication office in Kyaukmyaung Village, half the building of Sebingyun village primary school, destroyed the 70 per cent of Majithonebin village primary school, collapsed Seiktha village primary school and collapsed half the building of Mala Village affiliated primary school.

In Shwebo, diamond orbs of Chanthagyi Pagoda and zedis of Minthamee Shwekyauung and NannUkyauung Pagodas, an ancient pagoda in the compound of Shwebontha Payagyi fell down to the ground and archways of Atwin Meiktila monastery and Ashae Lawka Marazein monasteries, inverted and spreading lotuses of Shwegugyi pagoda, walls

collapsed. The fence of township police station partly collapsed. Tabuk Village monastery and monastic school collapsed and one monk was injured.

In Kanbalu Township, walls of Male village monastery, two dhammayons and 20 houses were destroyed. Two stupas in Yayshin village monastery were damaged. Chimney of Myanmar Nyunt Rice Mill



*Damaged parts of diamond orb of Shwebontha Pagoda in earthquake.—MNA*

collapsed. Thabyaytha village monastery was destroyed. Umbrella of Ywale Pagoda in Htantabin village fell down to the ground. A patient ward of Male Village station hospital collapsed.

(Mandalay) of Amarapura Township were brought to the ground.

Arch of Shwegugyi Pagoda, Shwegugyi monastic school, arch of Shweyettaung Pagoda, brick fence of Tawya monastery and brick fence of Parriatti Sattamavamsa Nanda monastery were damaged. A collapse of a house in No. 2 ward left three injured. Nweyon police outpost was damaged.



*Photo shows Shwebontha Pagoda.—MNA*

the office compound and blasted a bushing of 33 KV transformer in Singu.

Nearly 100 houses were damaged, one house collapsed, one killed and 24 injured in Thabeikkyin Township. The buildings of township information and public relations department, the hospital, general administration department, bank, Seikkan primary school were slightly damaged and the tower of retransmission station tilted slightly.

In Moenyin, three rooms of a building in the compound of Shwethalyaung Pagoda were destroyed.

Three pagodas were destroyed. Now, authorities concerned are taking records on loss and damages in quake-hit areas and relief works are being carried out. According to the news reported at 4.15 pm, six people were killed, 50 wounded and four people

are missing.

Likewise, the earthquake slightly hit Kalay, Mawlaik, Katha and Tamu Districts but there were no casualties. Ministers of Region government and departmental officials are providing necessary assistance to victims of earthquake-hit areas.

Although there were some damages and losses in the earthquake this morning, there was no damage at dams and the 242 feet high standing Buddha image in the precinct of Bawdi Tahtaung in Monywa of Sagaing Region.

According to the latest news, a moderate earthquake of 5.8 Richter Scale hit 5 miles northeast of Shwebo at 5 hrs 26 min 20 sec MST, said Department of Meteorology and Hydrology. The follow-up news on the earthquake will be issued.

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*A strong earthquake of 6.8 Richter Scale destroys Ayeyawady Bridge (Yadana Theinga) in Kyaukmyaung Township.*

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The earthquake damaged Kaunghmudaw Pagoda, Hsinmyarshin Pagoda, Mahasedi Pagoda, Lekyunmanaung Chanthargyi Pagoda, Htuparyone Pagoda and the arch of Yadanabon Bridge, warehouse of Sagaing Region Electrical Engineering Office, slightly moved Mingun Bell and collapsed the upper wall of a staff-quarter in Sagaing.

of Zawtikayama monastery, Shwebon Yadana Mingala Nandaw monastery and Aungchantha monastery were destroyed. Upper part of old tiered-roof in Kontha monastery in Hsin Inn village was also damaged.

In KhinU Township, school and monastery in Yonebin village were destroyed and umbrella of Anyar Thihataw Pagoda tilted to the side and prayer hall of the pagoda

In Wetlet Township, Thitseint Village pagoda was damaged, Yelehmaw primary school collapsed, diamond orbs of Yelehmaw Village pagoda, Ywathagyi Village pagoda and Innmegyi Pagoda fell down to the ground.

The diamond orbs of Lemyethna, Ayeikmahtwet and Sandamuni Pagodas in Mandalay and of Pahotetawgyi Pagoda and Swedawmyet Pagoda



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