

## Due to lack of effective utilization of water resources, people would face scarcity of water, leading to outbreak of conflicts between some countries

NAY PYI TAW, 13 Nov— “Our common objective of Green Economy and Green Growth is to have sustainable development. It means that natural resources are made available to current

Although there are so many alternative opportunities for adopting green economy policies, the policies should not be strict ones. All have agreed that Myanmar’s green economy may contribute to

Growth Forum.

He continued to say that The Future We Want was announced in Rio+20 Declaration held in Brazil in June this year. In an attempt to enjoy sustainable

living in arid zones and 20 percent have no access to clean water. With the growing population, more people who have no clean and safe water would increase. Due to the lack



and future generation. For poverty alleviation and sustainable development, Green Economy is one of the five leading headings under “The Future We Want” as well as one of the most important things for sustainable development.

eradication of poverty, sustainable development, all inclusiveness, more job opportunities and better global eco system,” said Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham at the opening ceremony of 2<sup>nd</sup> Green Economy and Green

development through green economy, every country should have different approaches, goals and many alternatives. In the cases of eradication of poverty and sustainable development, special emphasis is being placed on least environmental-degradation technology, research and development, technology transfer to developing countries and creation of sophisticated technology that can facilitate green economy.

It is also important for finance, technology, capacity building and important linkages between country’s necessities. Effective utilization of natural resources and effective management for environmental degradation and minimizing wastage become a green economy. It is expected that the rapidly growing world population would reach nine billion by 2050. The growing population may bear too much burden on the use of natural resources. For instance, 41 percent of world’s population is

of effective utilization of water resources, people would face the scarcity of water, thereby leading to the outbreak of conflicts between some countries. Effective ways for use of water for irrigation, urban cleaning and industries should put into consideration.

That is to say, we should avoid the development due to excessive exploitation of natural resources for future development alone.

Human beings play a crucial role for sustainable development in first Rio Declaration held in Brazil



*Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham addresses second Green Economy and Green Growth Forum.—MNA*

in 1992 and have rights to enjoy better environmental-friendly life. Anyway, green economy is the most appropriate way for future development. People around the world will have to make basic changes to use of resources, manufacturing and waste disposal. It means

democracy in accord with the new constitution; that progress could be seen at the time when political, economic, social and administrative reforms were in progress; that among them, green growth and green economy could be assumed as a developmental policy; that the concept of placing emphasis on development first and addressing the bad consequences later on was out of date; and that in shaping the nation

## Aids, medical care reach out to earthquake victims

NAY PYI TAW, 13 Nov — The strong earthquake which jolted at 07:42:38 hrs on 11 November destroyed pagodas, religious edifices, houses, schools, offices and construction work and killed and wounded some people in Sagaing, Shwebo, Kyaukmyaung, KhinU, Mandalay, Amarapura, Singu, Kyaukse and Thabeikkyin in Sagaing and Mandalay regions.

The earthquake destroyed 25 schools, 35 monasteries, 45 pagodas, 55 staff quarters, 201 houses, 13 clinics, one pier and five cable towers and transformers in Sagaing and Mandalay regions.

The government has

planned to rebuild offices and staff quarters and will construct low-cost quake-resistant housings for the victims and pagodas and will rebuild pagodas, religious edifices and schools in cooperation with donors.

Under the leadership of the government, the local authority, local people, donors, the Tatmadaw, members of the fire services department, Red Cross members and NGOs have provided aids to the earthquake victims for their livelihood, health and security.

Besides, special medical teams comprising specialists are providing medical care to the victims.—MNA



*Union Minister U Win Tun speaking at second Green Economy and Green Growth Forum.*

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that it needs to change their old behaviors.

The Vice-President said that Myanmar was transforming itself into

into developed one through green economy, approach should be made in accord with the particular (See page 9)



*Mr. John Beddington.—MNA*



*Dr. Bindu Lohani. MNA*



*Ms. Anna Maria Oltrop.—MNA*

## Myanmar wrestlers aiming for more gold in 2013 SEA Games



NAY PYI TAW, 13 Nov— Although wrestling is an internationally famous sport, it is in the early stage to be increasingly popular among the public in Myanmar.

Myanmar Wrestling Federation founded in 2008 took part in the XXVI SEA Games in 2011 in Indonesia to have first-hand experience of international wrestling sports event. But four of five wrestlers bagged four bronze medals in the event.

Myanmar Wrestling Federation is making systematic arrangements for the success of Myanmar wrestlers in coming XXVII SEA Games Myanmar will be holding in 2013 as a host. Altogether 13 men and seven women wrestlers

were selected through basic wrestling course organized in August, and now they are being given training in wrestling by Turkish coach. One more coach will arrive soon. MWF President U Kyaw Kyaw Lin said that arrangements were being made for gaining in popularity in cooperation with the Ministry of Education. Myanmar selected wrestlers would be sent to Turkey, Iran and Azerbaijan to take six-month training course.

“Long-term plans are underway for wrestling to have widespread popularity within the country while efforts are being made to grab at least three of fifteen gold medals in coming SEA Games. It is sure to bag gold

medals”, Secretary of the federation Dr Aung Kyaw San said. —Kyemon

## Gold knowledge course opened

YANGON, 13 Nov— Jointly-organized by Yangon Region Women’s Affairs Organization, Supervisory Committee for Maternal and Child Welfare Association and Yangon Region Gold Entrepreneurs Association, a gold knowledge course was opened at the hall of YWCA in Botahtaung Township, here, recently.

Daw Khin Thet Htay, patron of Yangon Region Women’s Affairs Organization and Supervisory Committee for Maternal and Child Welfare Association, spoke on the occasion. Next, Chairman of Yangon Region Gold Entrepreneurs Association U Myo Myint explained purpose of holding the course. A total of 110 trainees are taking the course.

Kyemon

## Book Corners arrive in Monywa



MONYWA, 13 Nov— Aimed at boosting reading habit and accumulating the knowledge of local people, Public Service Book Corners are being kept open at a railway station and a bus terminal in Monywa, starting from 5 November.

Daily newspapers, weekly journals and other publications of interest are available at the book corners which are being kept open daily for readers to enjoy free of charge.

Those who want to donate publications to the

book corners are invited to put their books on the shelves of the book corners.

Kyemon

## GSM mobile networks upgraded in Mandalay

MANDALAY, 13 Nov— Thanks to MGW Capacity Expansion of ZTE GSM/UMTS system in Mandalay on 27 October, it is leant that telecommunication system was getting better and breakdown in Internet connection began to lessen.

Under the plan for extension of GSM/UMTS mobile phones by the Ministry of Communications and Information Technology, Pyin Oo Lwin, Tada U, Myittha, Kume, Kyaukse, Ngazun, Natogyi, Taungtha, Bagan,

Nyaung U and Mogok Townships in Mandalay Region and Sagaing, Kalay, Kawlin, Katha and Wuntho Townships in Sagaing Region have better communications in GSM mobile networks.

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Photo shows renovations to Botahtaung Kyaikdeup SandawU Pagoda which is gaining momentum with the collaborative efforts between the pagoda board of trustees and wellwishers on 10 November. KYEMON

As open season comes, globetrotters from France, Germany, Italy and Thailand thronged Botahtaung Kyaikdeup SandawU Pagoda on 9 November.

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Road accidents are frequent due to reckless stopping of vehicles loaded with edible palm oil containers in front of Htidan edible palm oil tankers near Thekwin bus-stop on Strand Road in Kyimyindine Township. KYEMON

## Motorbike licences issued

THAYET, 13 Nov— Official licences were issued to owners of more than 10,000 unlicensed motorbikes in six townships of Thayet District in Magway Region till 4 November, the last date of prescribed period.

As a combined team comprising personnel of Internal Revenue Department, Directorate of Road Administration, Customs Department,

book corners are invited to put their books on the shelves of the book corners.

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Myanma Economic Bank and Myanma Insurance carried out a task of issuing licences to owners of 1154 motorbikes in Thayet, Aunglan, Mindon, Minhla, Hsinbaungwe and Kanma Townships of Thayet District, K 575,411,450 went to the government finances. —Kyemon

## Cash donation for Maha Wisaya Ordination Hall

YANGON, 13 Nov— A seventh cash donation ceremony of taxi drivers, members of a social and religious association of the car hire service of the Ministry of Commerce, and their families was held at Myothit monastery in Myothit ward in Pyinmana

on 8 November. Responsible persons of the association presented K three million to the fund of Maha Wisaya Ordination Hall which is under construction at the monastery through the Presiding Nayaka Sayadaw.

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## Palethwe model farmland sees good harvest

HSINBO, 13 Nov— A ceremony to harvest a five-acre Palethwe hybrid paddy model farmland of

farmer U Kyaw Soe was held at Pinbaw village of Hsinbo sub-township in Myitkyina District in Kachin State on

1 November. It was attended by township level departmental heads, staff and farmers. The model farmland yielded 109 baskets per acre of paddy.

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**WORLD**

**New Yorkers' easier commute is welcome post-storm**

**progress US**

NEW YORK, 13 Nov—Millions of New York City commuters, whose routines were capsized by Superstorm Sandy, kicked off the work week on Monday with a slightly smoother trip thanks to light holiday traffic, restoration of some train lines and an opening of the final tunnel shut by historic flooding.

Two weeks after the storm, tens of thousands of homes and businesses in the hardest-hit sections of New York and New Jersey remained without electricity, but most residents affected elsewhere were powered up.

On Long Island, where some 56,000 homes and businesses remained without service on Monday afternoon, the New York state-owned Long Island Power Authority said it expects to restore power to most of those able to receive it by the end of Tuesday.

LIPA said up to 17,500 customers in Nassau and

Suffolk and 29,000 in the Rockaways in New York City were unable to receive power safely because severe flooding may have damaged electrical panels, wires, outlets and appliances.

Even with the lights on, some homes remained without phone, Internet and TV service due to damaged equipment and wires brought down by the deadly storm.

At least 121 people perished in the storm, which caused an estimated \$50 billion in property damage and economic losses and ranks as one of the most destructive natural disasters to hit the US Northeast.

New York Governor Andrew Cuomo said he plans to ask the federal government for a supplemental appropriation of \$30 billion in disaster aid — on top of reimbursements expected from the Federal Emergency Management Agency for out-of-pocket emergency expenditures.

The money would pay

for infrastructure costs, housing needs, costs to local governments, and small business losses, while helping with the long-term economic recovery in New York City, Long Island and other devastated parts of the state, he said.

“The damage here is much more severe than just the out-of-pocket expense,” Cuomo told a news conference. “This was cataclysmic for New York, and I think it is a wise investment for the federal government to help us to build this economy back.”

President Barack Obama is to visit the city's disaster areas on Thursday.

Meanwhile, New

York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg joined with City Council Speaker Christine Quinn and city Comptroller John Liu to announce an emergency capital appropriation of \$500 million to repair public schools and hospitals.

Bloomberg said in a news conference that while the city will seek federal reimbursements for its expenditures, it was moving ahead without any guarantees of repayment.

“Our city has never experienced a storm as destructive as Hurricane Sandy, and financing for these repairs is as necessary as it is urgent,” Bloomberg said.—Reuters



*Commuters pass through Grand Central Terminal in New York, on 12 Nov, 2012. For hundreds of thousands of workers in New York City, the commuter chaos wrought by superstorm Sandy nearly two weeks ago transformed the trip to and from work into a grueling adventure. Many still set off hours earlier than usual or stay at work late to try to avoid excruciatingly long waits at bus stops or to beat the traffic jams.—REUTERS*

**Russia says Syrian opposition should seek dialogue**

MOSCOW, 13 Nov — Russia said on Monday a new Syrian opposition coalition that aims to oust President Bashar al-Assad, should seek an end to the Syrian crisis through negotiation and reject outside interference.

The Russian Foreign Ministry gave the coalition, formed in Qatar on Sunday with Western and Arab backing, a cool reception in a statement which cited media as saying its members had agreed not to enter talks with Assad's government.

Russia's “main criterion ... remains the readiness of such alliances to act on the platform of a peaceful resolution of the conflict by Syrians themselves, without external interference, through dialogue and negotiations,” the ministry said.

Deputy Foreign Minis-

ter Gennady Gatilov said separately, on Twitter: “Unification of the Syrian opposition can be helpful if it enters into political dialogue with the government.”

Representatives of groups including rebel fighters, veteran dissidents and minority groups agreed — after days of wrangling and cajoling by Arab, US and other officials — to join a new assembly that can form a government-in-exile.

The United States had promoted the plan to unite factions into a more inclusive body than the widely criticized Syrian National Council (SNC). France said it would seek international recognition of the new entity “as the representative of the aspirations of the Syrian people”.

Reuters

**US to soon determine post-2014 troop presence in Afghanistan**



*US Secretary of Defence Leon Panetta addresses a news conference during a NATO defence ministers meeting at the Alliance headquarters in Brussels on 10 Oct, 2012.—REUTERS*

NEW YORK, 13 Nov—The United States will determine in the next several weeks how many troops it will keep in Afghanistan as part of a residual force following the drawdown of most combat forces at the end

of 2014, Defence Secretary Leon Panetta said on Monday.

Panetta said the top US and NATO commander in Afghanistan, General John Allen, had submitted several recommendations for an enduring presence which were being reviewed by the Pentagon and White House. “My hope is that we'll be able to complete this process in the next few weeks,” Panetta told reporters flying with him to Australia. “I'm confident that we'll be able to get to the right number that we're going to need for the post-2014 enduring presence.”

Panetta explained that the different options took into consideration the different types of missions for US forces in the post-2014 period, including counter-terrorism, training Afghan forces and advising them.

“All of those are being carefully reviewed,” Panetta said.—Reuters

**Taliban still a threat to Pakistani security, particularly in northwest**

ISLAMABAD, 13 Nov — Despite some setbacks that they suffered from Pakistani security forces, the Pakistani Taliban have continued their target killings in the country's northwest, assassinating at least two leaders of peace committees and dozens of civilians in the latest wave of violent attacks.

An anti-Taliban leader was shot dead in northwestern Lower Dir

District in the first week of this month. Abdul Rehman was a prominent member of a pro-government militia in the area. He had survived two previous attempts on his life.

A day later, at least five people were killed in a Taliban suicide bombing in Buner District, which is situated near Swat valley. A local anti-Taliban peace committee, Fateh Khan, was among those killed.

There were two more target attacks in the region in recent days. The Taliban spokesman Sirajuddin claimed responsibility for the four attacks in Pakistan in text messages to the media persons.

He said that the slain leaders were ‘hurdles in the way of Islamic system and were behind the murder and arrest of Taliban militants’.

Xinhua

**Syria opposition seeks support; Israel fires from Golan**

BEIRUT, 13 Nov—Syria's newly named opposition leader, a soft-spoken cleric backed by Washington and the Gulf Arab states, launched his quest on Monday for international recognition as a government-in-waiting to topple President Bashar al-Assad.

In a sign of the danger that the civil war could spread across Syria's borders, Israeli forces said they

fired “direct hits” on Syrian artillery in response to a mortar strike into the Israeli-occupied Golan Heights. Western and Arab enemies of Assad hope the creation of a new Syrian National Coalition for Opposition and Revolutionary Forces can finally unify a fractious and ineffective opposition.

The Arab League welcomed the formation of the new body, called on

other opposition groups to join it and described it as “a legitimate representative and a primary negotiator”, but fell short of calling it the new authority in Syria.

Shooting across the line that divides Syria from the Israeli-occupied Golan was just the latest spillover of violence that has alarmed neighbours including Turkey and Lebanon. Rebels and opposition politicians

formed Alkhatib's new opposition coalition after days of wrangling in Qatar under intense US and Qatari pressure. Backers hope the new body will give rebels inside Syria more clout and reassure religious and ethnic minorities, after a Syrian National Council (SNC) made up mainly of exiled Islamists proved ineffective as the main opposition voice.

Reuters

**Israel Israeli government announces thousands more work permits for Palestinians**

JERUSALEM, 13 Nov—The Israeli Justice and Interior ministries announced on Sunday granting work permits for Palestinians married to Israeli citizens and another 3,000 general permits for Palestinian construction workers, local media reported on Monday.

Currently, thousands of Palestinians married to Israeli citizens (mainly Palestinians in East Jerusalem) were unable to work in Israel.

According to data provided to Xinhua by Coordination of Government Activities in the Territories, a body which administers the Israeli Defence Ministry's policies and directives in the West Bank, there are currently 47,550 Palestinians authorized to work in Israel, 39,000 of which are permanent.—Xinhua



*Afghan army holds a ceremony to display illegal weapons in Laghman province, eastern province of Afghanistan, on 12 Nov, 2012.—XINHUA*

## Google's Android finally earns respect with developers

### Science

SAN FRANCISCO, 13 NOV — The mobile video game Kingdoms at War is popular with owners of Apple Inc's iPhone and Google Inc's Android smartphones alike. But for the game's maker, there is a very important difference — it earns more than double the money on iPhones and iPads than it does on Android devices.

The disparity is a weakness for Android, which has emerged as the world's most widespread mobile operating system, but has long suffered second-class status among software app developers who prefer the prestige, higher revenue potential and uniformity of Apple's rival platform. But app developers say that is changing fast.

Just three years after Google and partners from Samsung Electronics Co Ltd to HTC Corp launched a frontal assault on the iPhone, Android is coming into its own with an improved

built-in payment system, a growing fleet of high-end devices and a redesigned app store. That translates into increasing revenue for apps developers.

"When Android first launched, we didn't even really consider going on Android," said Wilkins Chung, the co-founder of Thinking Ape, which makes the Kingdoms at War app. "Now it's at the point where it makes

business sense to invest more resources on Android and try to get there faster. Even though we monetize less, it's still a significant amount of revenue."

Smule, another mobile app developer, released its first Android app this Spring, roughly a year after the iOS version appeared, and in July the company launched an app on both Android and iOS simultaneously. Next year, Smule hopes to launch all its

new apps on both platforms at the same time, said General Manager Purna Gupta.

The monetization level of the Android apps is not as good as it is on Apple's iOS, she conceded, but added: "We've been pleasantly surprised." A prosperous network of quality app developers is critical for Android as competition among Google, Apple, Amazon.Com Inc and Microsoft Corp in the fast-growing mobile gadget market heats up.

Eye-catching design and top-notch hardware components are key selling points for smartphones and tablets, but vibrant digital apps and content are becoming equally essential to a product's overall appeal. "Clearly it's gone from being a device war only, to being an ecosystem battle," said Richard Wong, a partner at venture capital firm Accel Partners, which has invested in Rovio, the maker of the hit mobile video game Angry Birds. — Reuters



Android mascots are lined up in the demonstration area at the Google I/O Developers Conference in the Moscone Center in San Francisco, California, on 10 May, 2011. — REUTERS



White-flag dolphins

## Chinese survey team looks for rare white-flag dolphins

### Science

WUHAN, 13 NOV — Scientists who are conducting a survey of endangered finless porpoises on the Yangtze River said on Monday that they also hope to find white-flag dolphins, a native species that was declared extinct in 2007. The survey team, who started its research on Sunday, reached a white-flag dolphin nature reserve in central China's Hubei Province on Monday.

"It is not impossible to find white-flag dolphins on the Yangtze River. It's one of the main goals of our

survey," said Wang Ding, head of the survey team.

In 2006, a similar survey by Chinese and foreign scientists failed to find white-flag dolphins on the Yangtze River, China's longest. In 2007, scientists announced that white-flag dolphins had gone "functionally extinct," meaning that the population is too small for the species to effectively reproduce.

"There is still the possibility of finding one or two white-flag dolphins on the Yangtze. We are looking forward to a miracle," said Wang Kexiong, deputy head of the survey team. — Reuters

## RIM to introduce new BlackBerry 10

### Tech

## devices on 30 January

NEW YORK, 13 NOV — Research In Motion Ltd plans to introduce its new line of BlackBerry 10 smartphones on 30 January, the company said on Monday, giving investors a measure of confidence the long-awaited devices are approaching the finish line. The Waterloo, Ontario-based company, a one-time pioneer in the smartphone industry, is betting its future on the new line of products, which will be powered by its new BlackBerry 10 operating system. RIM has struggled over the last two years as its devices lost ground to snazzier and faster smartphones such as Apple Inc's iPhone and Samsung Electronics Co Ltd's Galaxy line. In a brief

statement, RIM said the twice-delayed devices will be launched simultaneously in multiple countries. It will introduce two BlackBerry 10 smartphones, along with the platform that powers them at the event.

"While it is clearly an uphill battle for RIM given the recent launch of the iPhone 5 device and the aggressive marketing dollars being pushed toward Windows 8, we view it as a modest positive that a date is now officially set for the launch of the new BB10 devices," Wells Fargo analyst Jennifer Fritzsche wrote in a note to clients.

RIM has said it plans initially to roll-out touchscreen devices. Phones with the mini QWERTY

keyboards that many long-time BlackBerry users rave about will come a few weeks later, while lower-end versions of both devices will be launched later in the year. The company did not say when the devices will be available in stores. That will be announced at the event.

Evercore Partners analyst Mark McKechnie believes the BB 10 devices will be available within two to four weeks of the launch event, but some such as Peter Misek of Jefferies expect the devices to go on sale only in March. RIM's Nasdaq-listed shares were up 3.2 percent at \$8.82 in late afternoon trading on Monday. Its Toronto-listed shares rose nearly 3 percent to C\$8.81.

Reuters

## US Titan supercomputer named world's

### fastest

### Tech

WASHINGTON, 13 NOV — US Secretary of Energy Steven Chu announced on Monday that Titan, a new supercomputer located at

fastest supercomputers.

Tentimes more powerful than its predecessor, the Jaguar system, Titan will provide unprecedented



US Titan supercomputer

the Department's Oak Ridge National Laboratory, has been named the world's most powerful, according to the TOP500 list of the world's

power to accelerate scientific discoveries using technologies first developed for video game systems like Xbox 360 and PlayStation 3.

It achieved 17.59 Petaflop/s (quadrillions of calculations per second) on the Linpack benchmark test — the specific application that is used to rank supercomputers on the Top500 list.

"The nation that leads the world in high-performance computing will have an enormous competitive advantage across a broad range of sectors, including national defence, science and medicine, energy production ..." said Chu in a statement. "Titan joins the Department's top-ranking supercomputers in equipping our nation's researchers with the tools needed to keep the United States on the cutting edge of innovation."

Xinhua



The exterior of one of the Research In Motion Limited (RIM) buildings is shown in Waterloo on 10 July, 2012. REUTERS

## Microsoft's Surface tablet has "modest" start

### Tech

PARIS, 13 NOV — Microsoft Corp's new Surface tablet — its challenger to Apple's iPad — had a "modest" start to sales because of limited availability, Microsoft Chief Executive Steve Ballmer told French daily *Le Parisien*.

The world's largest software company put the Surface tablet center stage at its Windows 8 launch event last month in its fightback against Apple and Google in the exploding mobile computing market.

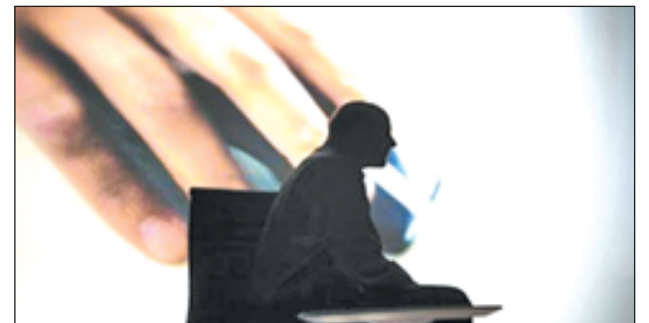
"We've had a modest start because Surface is only available on our online retail sites and a few Microsoft stores in the United States," Ballmer was quoted as saying.

The new device, which runs a limited version of Windows and Office with a thin, click-on keyboard cover, is being positioned by Microsoft as the ideal combination of PC and tablet that is good for work as well as entertainment.

Ballmer also said 4

million upgrades to Windows 8 were sold in the three

days following the system's launch. — Reuters



Microsoft CEO Steve Ballmer is silhouetted against a video screen during his presentation of the new Surface in Los Angeles, California, on 18 June, 2012. — REUTERS

BUSINESS & HEALTH



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

Novartis drug helps patients with rare inflammatory

Business diseases

ZURICH, 13 Nov — Novartis' Ilaris helps reduce patients' symptoms and the frequency of attacks in two rare inflammatory diseases, mid-stage studies showed, as the Swiss drugmaker looks to expand the use of the medicine. Results of two separate studies on Sunday in patients with Familial Mediterranean Fever (FMF) and TRAPS — rare genetic diseases which can cause fever, rash and joint pain — both met their primary endpoints, Novartis said in a statement.

Both studies are being presented at the American College of Rheumatology (ACR) meeting in Washington DC. Ilaris or ACZ885, which blocks a protein called interleukin-1 beta that is thought to increase inflammation, is already sold for treating cryopyrin-associated periodic syndromes, a rare inflammatory disorder. Novartis is also hoping to file the drug this year for regulatory approval in systemic juvenile idiopathic arthritis (SJIA), a debilitating

disease that can affect a child's growth.

Results of the phase II study showed the drug helped 100 percent of FMF patients reduce the frequency of attacks by at least 50 percent during three months of treatment. Eight of the nine patients in the trial did not have an attack during the three months and blood markers of inflammation also normalized. There are currently no approved treatments for FMF or TRAPS, rare genetically-inherited anti-inflammatory diseases, which can affect both children and adults.

Novartis is hoping to show the drug can be beneficial in treating rare inflammatory diseases after receiving a setback last year when US health regulators rejected Ilaris for use in gout over concerns about side effects. New data from a mid-stage study on the use of Ilaris in TRAPS showed that patients who came off therapy after being treated with the drug did not have a relapse for three months on average.—Reuters

Hyundai's focus on quality risks emerging

Business

SRIPERUMBUDUR, 13 Nov—Running around the clock and selling everything it can build, Hyundai Motor's Indian factory is bursting at the seams. But as demand grows and rivals scale up, the car maker has chosen to take its foot off the pedal.

Hyundai's strategic decision to focus on quality over quantity, even as its production lines are stretched in India and elsewhere, risks losing hard-won market share and is forcing it to divert output from its plant outside Chennai away from exports to other high-growth markets to meet domestic demand. The South Korean firm, with affiliate Kia Motors, has surged to the No 5 spot in the global automaker rankings by offering stylish models at affordable prices.

That formula has been especially successful in

market share

emerging countries such as India, where it is No 2 by market share. The decision to slow down was prompted by fears a growing reputation for well-built cars could suffer in a headlong dash to churn out more vehicles, but it has sparked rumbles of discontent among some executives at the South Korean firm.

"Our operations all over the world are calling for more cars.



A Hyundai logo is seen on a car at the Paris Mondial de l'Automobile, on 28 Sept, 2012.— REUTERS

Japan economy shrinks, points to recession

TOKYO, 13 Nov — Japan's economy shrank in the September quarter for the first time since last year, adding to signs that slowing global growth and tensions with China are nudging the world's third-largest economy into recession. The 0.9 percent fall in GDP was in line with expectations, although a decline in capital expenditure was much steeper than forecast. Sony Corp and Panasonic Corp have slashed spending plans to cope with massive losses as they struggle with competitive markets and a strong yen.

The fall in GDP translated into an annualized rate of decline of 3.5 percent, government data showed on Monday. While US growth

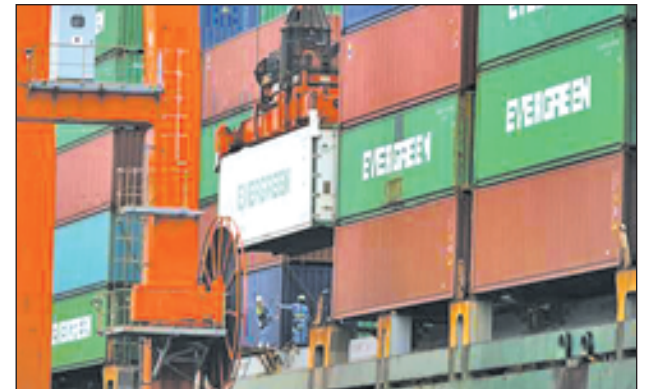
showed a modest pick up in the third quarter, Japan and the euro zone economies are shrinking. "The GDP data confirms that the economy has fallen into a recession," said Tatsushi Shikano, senior economist at Mitsubishi UFJ Morgan Stanley Securities in Tokyo. "It is set for a second straight quarter of contraction in the current quarter." A recession is commonly defined as two consecutive quarters of contraction.

The data will keep the Bank of Japan under pressure to boost monetary stimulus even after it eased policy in October for the second straight month as a strong yen and a territorial row with China add to the impact on exports of the global slowdown. Many

analysts expect the BOJ to leave policy unchanged at a review next week, but some see it boosting stimulus again at a 19-20 December meeting, shortly after the US Federal Reserve is due to meet. External demand accounted for 0.7 percentage

points of July-September GDP contraction, matching the median projection. Japan's exports fell 5.0 percent in July-September, the biggest decline since a 6.0 percent decline in April-June last year, the data showed.

Reuters



Workers unload a container from a cargo ship at a port in Tokyo on 12 Nov, 2012.—REUTERS

Next-day discharge after C-section may be okay

NEW YORK, 12 Nov — Some women who deliver their babies by cesarean section may be able to check out of the hospital the next day without raising their risk of problems, according to a Malaysian study.

The study, which appeared in the journal *Obstetrics & Gynecology*, looked at 360 women in Malaysia, who were randomly assigned to go home either one or two days after having a C-section. Both groups were equally satisfied with their care, and the women who were discharged sooner seemed to have no more problems with breastfeeding or mental well-being.

"Day 1 discharge compared with day 2 discharge after a planned cesarean delivery resulted in equivalent outcomes," wrote lead author Peng Chiong Tan, at the University of Malaya in Kuala Lumpur. Those results don't mean that hospitals should start discharging women the day after a C-section, but they do suggest that a next-day discharge is something women can talk about with their doctors, researchers said. In the United States, where C-sections are done in about one-third of births, women typically stay in the hospital for three to four days after the procedure. That compares with about

two days for women who deliver vaginally.

In the past, there were concerns about insurers pushing mothers to leave the hospital before they're ready.

That led to a 1996 law requiring insurers to pay for a 48-hour hospital stay after a vaginal delivery and a 96-hour stay after a C-section. Still, the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG) says a shorter stay after a C-section is an option if the baby is ready to go home, though the mother should meet certain requirements first such as normal blood pressure, no signs of infection and adequate

pain control.

At Tan's hospital in Malaysia, women who have a C-section are routinely told to expect just a two-day stay, and some providers there have discharged new mothers the day after. Tan's team randomly assigned the 360 women having a planned C-section to go home either one or two days after delivering.

In the end, 16 percent of the women in the day-after group were not discharged that early, because either they or their babies were having problems. But when they did go home the day after, there didn't seem to be a greater risk of difficulties.

Reuters

Acetaminophen in infancy again tied to asthma

Health

NEW YORK, 13 Nov — Babies given acetaminophen for fevers and aches may have a heightened risk of asthma symptoms in their preschool years, according to a Danish study. The findings, published in the *Journal of Allergy and Clinical Immunology*, focused on 411 Danish children and add to a mixed bag of research about whether there's a link between acetaminophen — better known by the brand name Tylenol — and children's asthma risk.

Researchers found that the more acetaminophen children were given as infants, the more likely they were to develop asthma-like symptoms in early childhood. That statistical link alone does not prove that acetaminophen causes airway trouble, according to senior researcher Hans Bisgaard, a professor of

pediatrics at the University of Copenhagen. "We think it is too early to conclude a causal relationship," he told *Reuters Health* in an email—though he added that the findings should encourage further research into a "plausible biological mechanism" by which acetaminophen could promote asthma.

The study included 336 children who were followed from birth to age seven. All had mothers with asthma, which put them at increased risk for the lung disease themselves. Overall, 19 percent of the children had asthma-like symptoms by the age of three, meaning recurrent bouts of wheezing, breathlessness or coughing.

Bisgaard's team found the risk generally went up the more often a child was given acetaminophen in the first year

of life. For each doubling in the number of days a baby received the drug, there was a 28 percent increase in the risk of asthma symptoms.

The link disappeared, though, by the time the children were seven years old. At that point 14 percent of the children had asthma, and the risk was no greater for those given acetaminophen as babies. Weeding out the specific effects of acetaminophen on asthma risk is tricky.

The biggest reason is that children with asthma tend to get more severe respiratory infections. Compared to other children, their colds may more often turn into bronchitis or pneumonia, so it would make sense that they'd be given the fever-reducing acetaminophen more often than other children would.

Reuters

## Putin suggests some flexibility on anti-dissent laws

MOSCOW, 13 Nov—Russian President Vladimir Putin said on Monday he was ready to review or move more slowly on a clutch of recent laws that rights campaigners say are aimed at silencing his critics.

Since Putin's re-election in March, preceded by the largest protests in his 12 years in power, parliament has rushed through laws tightening controls on the Internet, increasing the penalties for defamation and expanding the definition of high treason, among others.

Rights activists and political opponents say Putin has orchestrated the clampdown, and the West has also expressed concern that civil liberties are being rolled back.

"Everything that is taking place here is done for a sole purpose—that of our country being stable. Effective and stable," Putin told a meeting of the Civil Society and Human Rights



Russian President Vladimir Putin (L) and Mikhail Fedotov, chairman of the presidential Civil Society and Human Rights Council, attend a meeting in Moscow's Kremlin on 12 Nov, 2012.—REUTERS

Council, his own advisory body. "It cannot be more stable if it is only based on the power of law enforcement and repressive agencies.

It will be more stable if society is more collective, effective, responsible, if a bond is established between society, the citizen and the state," he added, according to RIA news agency.

Putin was heading the

first meeting of the council since 39 new members were elected in an online vote to replace prominent rights campaigners who resigned after his re-election in March.

He told the meeting he was ready to reconsider the law on high treason, which rights campaigners say could mean that any Russian citizen who had contacts with a foreigner could be accused

of trying to undermine the state. Putin also offered to rephrase wording in another bill that envisages stiffer punishments for defamation, and said parliament should not rush to adopt a law that would introduce jail sentences for offending religious feelings.

He also said he would "look again" at legislation signed in July that requires foreign-funded non-governmental organizations to register as "foreign agents", saying its main aim was to prevent foreign meddling in Russia's domestic affairs.

Council members said it was not clear what kind of concessions, if any, Putin might ultimately make.

"What was that? The way I see it, an attempt to get some sort of feedback on all the laws that have irritated society," said Irina Khakamada, a member of the Council. "Let's see what the result will be. I don't know."

Reuters

## Argentina sets deadline for Ghana to release ship

BUENOS AIRES, 13 Nov—Argentina has threatened to bring its dispute with Ghana to an International Court in Germany's Hamburg if the African country refuses to release its naval ship Libertad by Tuesday.

"The government of Ghana has until tomorrow, Tuesday, to lift its embargo and acknowledge the Law of the Sea Treaty," Argentine Foreign Minister Hector Timerman told reporters in the capital of Buenos Aires on Monday.

The law exempts the Libertad, as a warship, from being seized, Timerman said. A Ghanaian court ordered the ship impounded on 2 Oct after it docked in the country's Tema Port.

Argentina has evacuated most of its sailors aboard by a chartered plane, leaving some 40 behind to operate and maintain the vessel. "All diplomatic means and legal measures available within Ghanaian and international

law have been taken since the illegal seizure of the frigate Libertad," said Timerman, adding Argentine officials were already in Hamburg to prepare the case against Ghana.

Meanwhile, Argentine Defence Minister Arturo Puricelli confirmed that Ghana had suspended electricity and water service to the ship days ago.

Last week, Puricelli ordered the ship's crew to display their regular weapons to prevent Ghanaian officials from moving the ship to another site.

Ghana seized the ship on a claim by US-based private investment fund NML Capital Limited that Argentina owed it 370 million US dollars.

Argentine President Cristina Fernandez has insisted the embargo of the ship is illegitimate, saying Argentina will not negotiate with what she calls "vulture funds."—Xinhua

## Leaders of Central America, Mexico call for hemispheric anti-crime scheme

MEXICO CITY, 13 Nov—Mexican President Felipe Calderon and his Central American counterparts on Monday called for implementation of the Hemispheric Cooperation Scheme Against Transnational Organized Crime to combat organized crime more effectively.

Meeting with Belizean Prime Minister Dean Barrow, Costa Rican President Laura Chinchilla and Honduran President Porfirio Lobo at the presidential office of Los Pinos, Calderon thanked them for their support of the people and government of Mexico over the past few years. The leaders examined various issues and reviewed the progress made in international collaboration, such as the Mesoamerica

Project, a cooperation scheme for health, housing, energy and infrastructure, and the Single Free Trade Agreement, which will boost economic and commercial relations for the benefit of their nations.

He announced the Declaration on the Strengthening of Cooperation Against Transnational Organized Crime which, among other key issues, confirms governments' commitment to tackling and combating this scourge on the basis of the principle of common, shared, different responsibility.

Calderon stressed that transnational organized crime is the "greatest threat currently facing states and societies of our region, especially by violence that

it uses to carry out criminal activities."

It has posed a serious problem for public health, economic growth and development, security, and democratic institutions, he added.

The declaration also confirms the duty of states to implement social policies for the benefit of their societies and to strengthen international cooperation against transnational organized crime and the worldwide problem of drugs, based on an integral, balanced approach that includes actions for preventing, punishing and combating the crime.—Xinhua

## Congress comes back Tuesday to confront "fiscal cliff"

WASHINGTON, 13 Nov—Amid a global fright over Washington's political brinkmanship, US lawmakers return to the capital on Tuesday with a seven-week deadline to reach agreement on scheduled tax hikes and budget cuts that threaten to trigger another recession.

The post-election battle over the so-called fiscal cliff is shaping up as an extension of the political campaign with Democrats trying to rally support for raising taxes on the wealthy as part of any deal, and Republicans countering that such an approach would devastate

"job creators" across the country.

President Barack Obama has scheduled high-profile

White House meetings with business, civic and labour leaders in advance of a summit set for Friday of top

Republicans and Democrats in Congress.

Republican leaders, among them former vice presidential nominee Paul Ryan, have planned their own round of television appearances and news conferences to make their case.

Both sides generally agree on the need to avoid the jolt of \$600 billion in draconian deficit-reduction measures they all agreed to in August 2011.

They also agree on a need for long-term deficit reduction and revisions of the tax code.

Reuters

## Man arrested at Heathrow airport in Syria "terrorist" inquiry

LONDON, 13 Nov—Police arrested a 24-year-old man at Heathrow airport on Monday as part of an investigation into people travelling to Syria for "alleged terrorist activity".

The man, who had arrived in the UK on a plane from Bahrain, was held "on suspicion of the commission, preparation or instigation of acts of terrorism", said the force. He was taken to a police station in south London for questioning by officers from Counter Terrorism Command, the police added in a statement.

Al Qaeda leader Ayman al-Zawahri last month called on Muslims to join the



An aircraft comes into land at Heathrow Airport in London on 13 Feb, 2012.—REUTERS

rebellion against Syrian President Bashar al-Assad, according to the SITE monitoring service.

Islamist militant groups have played an increasingly significant role in the fighting.

British police arrested

a man and a woman at Heathrow last month as part of similar investigations into travel to Syria. A 26-year-old man was charged on 16 October. The woman was released without charge.

Reuters



Algerian police students show their combat skills during the graduation ceremony, in Algiers, Algeria, on 12 Nov, 2012. A graduation ceremony was held on Monday in the police academy in Ain Benian.—XINHUA



Dusk sets in over the US Capitol building hours before US President Barack Obama is set to deliver his State of the Union address to a joint session of Congress on Capitol Hill in Washington, on 24 Jan, 2012.—REUTERS

LOCAL NEWS

**Online charging, convergent billing systems inspected**

YANGON, 13 Nov—Union Minister for Communications and Information Technology U Thein Tun visited Hanthawady Information Technology and Auto-Telephone Exchange on 10 November and Bahan and Ahlon Exchanges on 11 November.

He inspected linkage of Internet with foreign countries, convenient application of ADSL users, collection of bills for auto-phone users through online,

functions of online charging system for GSM mobile phones and convergent bill system for CDMA.

Telephone users may contact Daw Tin Nwe Moe (AE, Tel: 095100001), Daw Khin Phyo (SE, Tel: 0950-21010) with regard to GSM mobile phone bills, U Thant Zin Htwe, (AE; Tel: 0973000100) and U Ko Ko Aung, (SE: Tel: 09850001) for CDMA and U Zaw Min Oo (SE, Tel: 095421077) for auto-phone.

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**Air-conditioners in high demand**

YANGON, 13 Nov—In the hot season, sales of air-conditioners are in high demand. “At the time when temperature is higher and higher, air-conditioner is marketable. Demands of the air-conditioner are higher not

only in the branches of the shops in Yangon but also in Mandalay and Magway,” said an owner of the shop.

People prefer to buy one or one and a half HP air-conditioners worth about K 300,000.—Myanma Alinn



**TRAFFIC JAMS OF VEHICLES:** Myawady, the town of border trade in Kayin State, is bustling with trucks with loads of commodities and passenger buses along up and down routes. They cross Dawna mountain ranges. Due to pits and rough surface of the road, vehicles face poor transport and traffic jams severally.

MYANMA ALINN

**Development of Myingyan industrial zone emphasized**

MYINGYAN, 13 Nov—A meeting on development of Myingyan industrial zone was held at Myaylat Yadana Hall of the zone in Myingyan on 8 November afternoon.

Officials discussed quick processes for

development of industrial sector in the region, plans to develop small- and medium-scale industries, and improvement of Myingyan industrial zone.

Region and district level departmental heads,

**Foodstuffs, clothes donated to fire victims**

NAWNGKHIO, 13 Nov—Wellwishers from Nawngkhio Township donated K 1,350,000, clothes, mosquito nets, blankets and foodstuffs worth K 970,000 to the fire victims of Namhsam and Mabein where a fire broke out on 2 November and personal goods, foodstuffs and K 700,000 to the victims

of Mabein Township on 10 November.

At the office of Kyaukme District General Administration Department, Leader of the relief work committee U Tin Oo (Staff Officer (Rtd) of Cooperative Department) presented donations to Township Administrator U Aung Ko Ko.—Myanma Alinn

**Will basketballers do the trick as SEA Games host**

YANGON, 13 Nov—Myanmar as the host for organizing the XXVII SEA Games in 2013 plans to hold 30 sports events including basketball sport.

Myanmar selected basketball team that had secured the silver medal along its competitions in chronicle of SEA Games is making preparations for the XXVII SEA Games.

Myanmar team competed in the XVIII SEA Games in 1995 as its latest competition. After over one decade, Myanmar re-participated in the XXVI SEA Games in 2011.

As Myanmar will host the games in 2013, Myanmar women’s team will take part in the competition to have best experiences in the sports.

“A total of 20 tentatively selected players were chosen from national champion and inter-region/state champion challenge



cup. In May, the team is likely to go to Malaysia to take a joint training.

The team is striving for securing medal in the coming SEA Games. As a problem, the players from countryside cannot spend long time training period in Yangon. So, the best players could not be capped.

At present, the long-term plan is being implemented to develop the basketball sport.

The inter-school sports competitions are held for turning out the outstanding students,” said Joint Secretary Daw Ohnma Aung of Myanmar Basketball Federation.

Tentatively selected basketball players have been under training at the camp since May 2012.

Coaches U Sein Win and Daw Khin Mar Cho are giving training to the players. The coaches from the US will arrive here in 2013.

Myanma Alinn

**Traffic dangers for students at school hours**

BHAMO, 13 Nov—Four Basic Education High Schools, three BEMs and many BEPSs are located in Bhamo.

School hours of all the basic education schools are designated from 9 am to 1 pm and 12 noon and 3 pm.

Vehicles drive near the schools at school going time and school leaving time.

Recently, a schoolchild was dead in car accident. Therefore, parents and students are worrying about traffic accidents on the roads in front of Basic Education

members of industrial zone supervisory committee and management committee reviewed the discussions.

Myanma Alinn

High School No 1 and BEHS No 2.

Parents of the students said that it should supervise runs of express buses and trucks in front of the schools going time and school leaving time.

Myanma Alinn

**Old and damaged service cables substituted**

MYITKYINA, 13 Nov—Workers and technicians of Buga Electricity Supply Co supervised by Kachin State Superintending Engineer U Than Tint of Kachin State Electricity Supply Enterprise substituted the old service cables with new

ones in wards of Myitkyina as of 6 November.

Electricity Supply Enterprise informs the people about danger of old and damaged service cables and urged them to use new cables.

Myanma Alinn

**Asian Youth U-17 Weightlifting Championship concludes**

YANGON, 13 Nov—The Asian U-17 and Junior U-20 Weightlifting Championships hosted by Myanmar under the supervision of Asian Weightlifting Federation continued at Theinbyu Gymnasium on 9 November.

May Zin Oo stood fourth in the women’s 44-kilo class,

Kay Khaing two silver in the women’s 48-kilo class, May Phyo Moe two silver in the women’s 53-kilo class, Soe Sanda two bronze in the women’s 58-kilo class and Moe Thuza three gold medals in the women’s 63-kilo class.

Min Min secured one bronze in the men’s youth

56-kilo class.

As weightlifters from 16 contending countries are vigorously participating in the championships, Myanmar youth team has the opportunity to secure the first prize in the inter-club weightlifting event in the coming SEA Games.

Myanma Alinn

**Engine blast of express bus wounds passenger**



YANGON, 13 Nov—A blast occurred at engine of an express bus of Shwemanthu Highway

Bus Line that will leave for Pathein from Hlinethaya Highway Bus Terminal at 8.30 am on 7 November.

The express bus carried passengers from Shwe-manthu Terminal (Parami) of South Okkalapa Township at 7 am.

At a time when the express bus driven by Aung Kyaw Myo (a) Lupyogyi was ready to leave with passengers at Hlinethaya Highway Bus Terminal, the engine blasted.

In the engine blast, one girl was injured at leg and lower parts of the body and now she is receiving medical treatment as in-

patient at the hospital, and the remaining two passengers were also injured without serious.

“The injured girl took on the seat above the engine, so she was serious in injuries. In the incident, she fell down. The engine blasted into pieces,” said a witness passenger.

The brand of the express bus had entered Myanmar recently. The engine may have some faults. The highway buses should be maintained for safety of passengers, said a passenger.—Myanma Alinn

**PERSPECTIVES**

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**Cooperation needed to boost tourism**

Tourism is a vital component of economic development of the country. The tourism is responsible for generating thousands of dollars in tax revenue. Simply but, when people travel, the economy grows, jobs are created and the money goes right back into the local community.

International tourist arrivals in Myanmar is expected to reach over 900,000 in the 2013, maybe the arrivals can reach over 900,000.

Myanmar looks set to see 5 per cent growth in tourist arrivals and the number of tourist arrivals will reach 1.4 million in 2014, seeing the rosy picture for its future tourism sector.

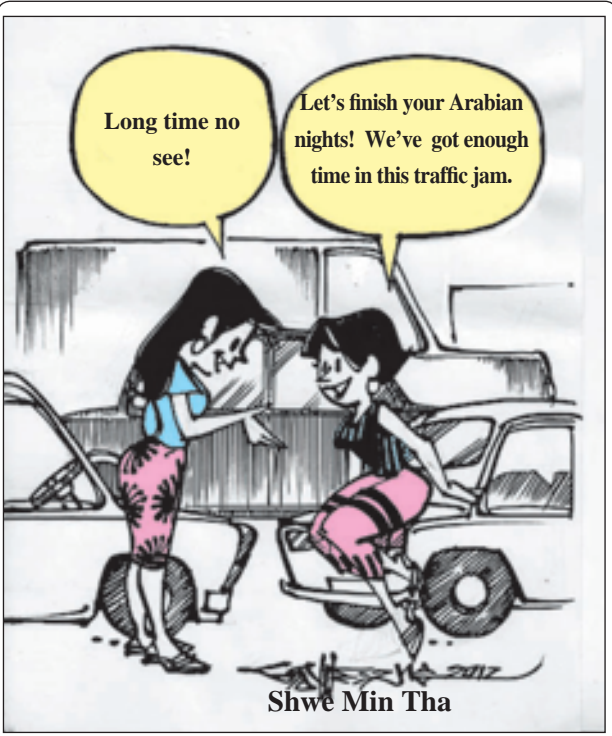
One of South East Asia's largest and most diverse countries, Myanmar stretches from the sparkling islands of the Andaman Sea in the south right up into the Eastern Himalayan mountain ranges.

To this day Myanmar remains one of the most mysterious and undiscovered destinations in the world. A land of breathtaking beauty and charm yet only recently emerging into the modern world.

Thanks to the such resources for eco-tourism, the tourism industry continues to grow, touching all of us and connecting with all corners of the economy.

We all encounter someone directly involved with the tourism industry each day. It can be at the local coffee shop or specialty boutique; during lunch at your favorite restaurant; or enjoying the agricultural offerings of a farmers' market. It can be as simple as fueling your car. All of these experiences and many more are tied to the tourism industry.

Cooperation among governmental and private sectors including citizens is sine qua non for providing better facilities to the tourists at all levels and improve their services and deliver their best will pave the way to boost the tourism and encourage more tourists to visit the country.



**Buddha Image-carving ceremony held**

NAY PYI TAW, 13 Nov — A ceremony to carve the teak into Buddha Images that will be kept at Shwedagon Replica Pagoda in Indonesia was held at Myitta Uyin in Mingaladon Township, Yangon Region on 11 November morning.

It was attended by Union Minister for Livestock and Fisheries U Ohn Myint and wife.

First, members of Sangha sprinkled scented water on the teak that will be carved into Buddha Images

and sculptors started their works.

Next, the Union minister and officials accepted K 18.95 million and US\$ 300 donated by the President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and family and wellwishers.—MNA

*Union Minister U Ohn Myint carving teak into Buddha image.*  
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**Temple damaged by earthquake, renovation sooner or later**

NAY PYI TAW, 13 Nov—Union Minister for Culture U Aye Myint Kyu inspected the earthquake-hit

ancient pagodas in Inwa area as Sagaing and Mandalay Regions were hit by an earthquake on 11 November.

Maha Aungmyay Bonsan Monastery (Me Nu building) built in the time of King Bagyidaw (1822), one of

the ancient edifices and Layhtetgyi pagoda were partially damaged by the earthquake. The Union Minister urged the deputy director-general of the Department of Archaeology, National Museum and Library and officials to renovate the ancient edifices, keeping remains unchanged traditional style.

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*Union Minister U Aye Myint Kyu views damaged temple.*  
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**Mechanized farming more beneficial, says chief minister**

NAY PYI TAW, 13 Nov—Mechanized farming could generate more profit, Ayeyawady Region Chief Minister U Thein Aung said at the coordination meeting for development of the region yesterday.

Union Minister for Livestock and Fisheries U Ohn Myint said the ministry would provide commercial cow and goat breeders with technologies and capital.

Union Minister at the President Office U Hla Tun said the Union government would work together with the region government for development of the region. He said utility services offered to the people must satisfy the demand.

The Union ministers and the chief minister visited farms in Nyaungdon Township.—MNA

**Green growth, green economy to promise job opportunities**

NAY PYI TAW, 13 Nov—The 48<sup>th</sup> International Tropical Timber Council-ITTC was held in Hokohama in Japan from 5<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> November. Union Minister for Environmental Conservation and Forestry U Win Tun attended and delivered the meeting. He's saying that Myanmar signed ITTA, 2006 agreement and is making concerted efforts in focusing sustainable forest development and management of the environment as well as implementing the ITTO's platform in conformity with local situation. Myanmar is also taking part in the areas of collecting data on timber extraction and trading and sharing information and development of wood-based industry. Myanmar is going to start Capacity Building for Development REDD+ Activities in the Context of Sustainable Forest Management.

Green development



*Union Minister U Win Tun delivering a speech.*  
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and green economy, a new development policy of Myanmar, will promise the job opportunities. The Union Minister met Mr Takaaki Iwaki, Deputy Governor of the Government of Kochi in Japan on 5 November and he visited Makino Botanical Garden Herbarium of Kochi on 6 November.

On 7 and 8 November, the Union Minister held talks

with heads of government administrative bodies of Japan and responsible persons of JICA, ITTO and DAIO Paper Co., Ltd. He then viewed electric power plant used by waste wood materials and solar system buildings. On 10 November, he held discussion with US representative in the meeting.

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**Due to lack of effective utilization of water resources, people would...**

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conditions of a certain country.

Sustainability of economic development through green economy had become more and more important as economic relations between Myanmar and foreign countries was in good shape while they were making arrangements to invest in industrial sector and other businesses and some were in here making investments. If the nation was not on the track to green development, natural resources would be depleted soon and the way we chose would be widely blamed by next generation for depletion of natural resources. It was required

with environmental conservation. All citizens had already been urged to actively participate in the environmental conservation works.

The government raised the awareness of environmental conservation, acknowledging the active participation of private sector and urging them to cooperate with the government. Environmental Conservation Law was promulgated in 2012 and the Ministry of Forestry was reconstituted as the Ministry of Environmental Conservation and Forestry.

Only cooperation through pragmatic efforts based on declarations, directives and pledges



*Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham cordially greets those present at Green Economy and Green Growth Forum.—MNA*



*Those present seen at 2<sup>nd</sup> Green Economy and Green Growth Forum.—MNA*

to avoid the ways of social and economic development that could deplete natural resources.

Myanmar firmly pledged to implement the tasks of economic development in parallel

and decisions, could develop efficiency and effectiveness. Governments of each and every country make investments in green economy based on decisions made in the meetings led by the United Nations. In doing

so, investments should be made till green economy saw remarkable progress.

He would like to urge panel of chairs and co-chairs to supervise the whole meeting to be able to produce good outcomes. Transformation of green development from national to international levels called for aid and sustainable development and he believed that practical processes and good results would emerge in the meeting.

The Vice-President said he would like to praise the GEGG, the Ministry of Environmental Conservation and Forestry and the Ministry of National Planning and Economic Development for organizing the forum and make a wish for the success of the forum and emergence of good

outcomes aspired by every one.

Next, Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham posed for a documentary photo together with the Union ministers and those present.

Then Chairman of GEGG U Thein Tun and scholars spoke on the occasion.

In his speech, Union Minister for Environmental Conservation and Forestry U Win Tun said that the world nations were striving for economic growth with the increased use of natural resources and environment; that it could be seen in developing countries; that sustainability of economic growth should be not only for today's generation but

for next generation.

According to the agenda, officials read out their papers respectively.

Also present at the forum together with the Vice-President were Union ministers, deputy ministers, members of environmental conservation, the Vice-Chairman of ADB, representatives of Norwegian and Swedish governments, resident representatives of UN agencies, representatives of international organizations, departmental heads and guests.

The second Green Economy and Green Growth Forum will be held up to 15 November.

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**Knowledge Exchange Program course for senior officers opened**

NAY PYI TAW, 13 Nov—The opening ceremony of Knowledge Exchange Program course for senior officers, jointly organized by the Ministry of National Planning and Economic Development and Nanyang Center for Public Administration (NCPA), Nanyang Technological University (NTU), was held at the Ministry, here, at 9.30 am today, with an address by Deputy Minister for National Planning and Economic Development Dr Khin San Yi. Also present at the ceremony were the senior officers of the

Ministry of Home Affairs, the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation, the Ministry of Cooperatives, the Ministry of Industry, the Ministry of Rail Transportation, the Ministry of Construction, the Ministry of Electrical Power, the Ministry of Labour, Employment and Social Security, the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement, the Ministry of Transport, the Ministry of Communications and Information Technology, the Ministry of Immigration and Population, the Ministry of Science and Technology, the Ministry of Education

**KCC donates broadcasting machines to MRTV**

NAY PYI TAW, 13 Nov—A ceremony to donate broadcasting machines by Korea Communications Commission (KCC) of the Republic of Korea to Myanmar Radio and Television under the Ministry of Information, took place at MRTV in

and the Ministry of Health.

At the course, professors and scholars from NTU of Singapore shared their knowledge on social management, national development policies and road transportation and labour affairs. Later, those present cordially exchanged the views. The course will go on till 16 November.—MNA

Tatkon Township, this afternoon.

At the ceremony, KCC Vice-Chairman Mr Kim Daehee and Deputy Minister for Information U Paik Htway extended greetings. After that, the deputy minister accepted broadcasting machines handed over by the KCC Vice-Chairman and presented the gift.

Before the ceremony, the deputy minister and the KCC Vice-Chairman held a discussion on broadcasting programme. KCC's content management system machines is worth USD 240,000.

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*In memory of late U Kyaw Thein, wife Daw Tin Hla from 3<sup>rd</sup> Street in Natchaung Kwetthit Ward of Tamway Township in Yangon Region donated K 200,000 to the fund of Hninzigon Home for the Aged through Joint-Secretary of the Home U Maung Maung Gyi recently.*

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## WIPO Director-General calls on Union Foreign Affairs Minister



Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Wunna Maung Lwin receives World Intellectual Property Organization Director-General Mr Francis Gurry.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 13 Nov—Mr. Francis Gurry, Director-General for World Intellectual Property Organization paid a courtesy call on U

Wunna Maung Lwin, Union Minister for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs at 11:30 am today.

Matters relating to

the cooperation between Myanmar and World Intellectual Property Organization were discussed during the meeting.—MNA

## Coord meeting on purchase of rice reserve held

NAY PYI TAW, 13 Nov — In his speech at work coordination meeting on purchase of rice reserve by the government held at Directorate of Trade this morning, Union Minister U Win Myint said that purchase of rice reserve was carried out in accord with the guidance given by the President, aiming at helping farmers gain proceeds to a certain extent and ensure cost efficiency as rice price had gone down in 2011 monsoon paddy harvest season; that

wider consideration should be given to helping farmers for long-term benefit as price drop were common in annual harvest season; that it was required to boost rice production in quality and quantity; that Myanmar Rice Mill and Farm Machinery Show-2013, jointly-organized by the Ministry of Commerce and Myanmar Rice Industry Federation, would be held from 2 to 5 March in Myanmar Convention Centre in Yangon and it would

contribute to emergence of modern rice mill and rice processing facilities and better production techniques in Myanmar.

The coordination meeting was also attended by retired managing directors and general managers, chairmen and members of Supervisory Committee for Rice Reserve, responsible persons of Myanmar Rice Federation and affiliated associations, scholars and departmental officials.

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## Joining hands with people to conduct entire national census discussed

NAY PYI TAW, 13 Nov— The entire national census will be conducted in 2014 with the aim of adopting policy towards social, economic, management of the nation as well as implementing drawing plan process, said Chairman of the National Census Commission Union Minister for Immigration and Population U Khin Yi on his preliminary taking census for 2013 meeting held at Mawlamyine in Mon State on 10 November.

The preliminary taking census for 2013 will be launched in 20 townships from 30 March to 10 April. The entire national census will successfully be conducted soon knowing the results of pros and cons based on the preliminary taking census for 2013, he noted.

He wants the entire people to take part in this process energetically in order to fetch correct information. He went to Hpa-auk village in Mawlamyine

Township, one of choosing places for 2013 preliminary taking census where he met responsible persons and explained work process.

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Union Minister for Immigration and Population U Khin Yi speaking at preliminary taking census for 2013 meeting.—MNA

## Swedish Prime Minister attends NIR Forum on Responsible Business and CSR

YANGON, 13 Nov — Prime Minister of Sweden Mr Fredrik Reinfeldt and party attended the NIR Forum on Responsible Business and CSR (Corporate Social Responsibility) was held at the Parkroyal Hotel here at 11 am today.

Mr Erik Belfrage, President of International Council of Swedish Industry (NIR) extended greetings and the forum was opened with key-note address by Mr Fredrik Reinfeldt, Prime Minister of Sweden.

Afterwards, Deputy Minister for National

Planning and Economic Development U Hset Aung and Commerce Minister of Sweden Dr Ewa Bjor Ling delivered addresses.

During the forum, the paper on the Global Compact in Myanmar was presented by Prof Dr Aung Tun Thet; the Role of Telecom in Economic and Societal Development by Ms Elaine Weidman, Director Sustainability, LM Ericsson, CSR in Myanmar and the Role of the CSR-Center of the UMFCFI by Representative of the CSR-Center Joint General-

Secretary of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry U Moe Kyaw, the Responsible Business and Financing by Deputy Director-General Mrs Anne Abrahamson from the EKN-the Swedish Export Credits Guarantee Board.

The Swedish delegation led by Prime Minister Mr Fredrik Reinfeldt visited the Shwedagon Pagoda at noon.

The delegation left here by special flight and they were seen off at the Yangon International Airport by Chief Minister of Yangon Region U Myint Swe and officials, Ambassador of Sweden to Myanmar Mr Klas Molin and embassy staff.

A forum on economic cooperation between the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry and industrialists from Sweden was also held at the Parkroyal Hotel at 9 am today.

During the forum, Myanmar business side was led by President of the UMFCFI U Win Aung while Swedish side was led by Dr Ewa Bjor Ling, Commerce Minister of Sweden and comprised with members of NIR and industrialists.

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## Shwe Platform Topside sailed away

NAY PYI TAW, 13 Nov— Deputy Minister for Energy U Htin Aung attended Shwe Platform Topside Sail Away Ceremony in Ulsan of South Korea on 6 November.

The deputy minister viewed the platform topside at Offshore Fabrication Yard at Offshore Fabrication Yard Offshore & Engineering Division of Hyundai Heavy Industries Co Ltd on 6 November. The deputy minister and President and CEO Mr J S Lee of Hyundai Heavy Industries and Chairman and CEO of POSCO Company Mr J Y Chung delivered addresses at the ceremony.

The ceremony was also attended stakeholders in Shwe natural gas project including CEO of Daewoo Company Mr D H Lee.

The deputy minister then viewed round the offshore fabrication yard.

On 8 November, the deputy minister met Senior Vice-President Dr S Y Yang of Daewoo International Corporation and discussed matters related to prevention leakage of the natural gas and pollution.

The deputy minister and party stayed in South Korea on 4-9 November.

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Prime Minister of Sweden Mr Fredrik Reinfeldt extends greetings at NIR Forum on Responsible Business and CSR (Corporate Social Responsibility).—MNA

REGIONAL

China sells jetliners, may spur Eastern revival

NEW YORK, 13 Nov— China announced 50 new orders for its new Comac C919 passenger jet at the opening of the country's main air show on Tuesday and looked set to assist in the rebirth of one of the most famous names in aviation—defunct US carrier Eastern Air Lines.

The dozens of new orders for China's first large commercial passenger jet were seen dominating the first day of the China Airshow, held every two years in the southern city of Zhuhai, along with fresh evidence of China's military ambitions.

The latest orders for the 150-seat plane will boost the official total to 380, reaching the state-owned manufacturer's declared breakeven point of 300-400 orders. Western analysts



Four Su-27 fighter jets of Russian aerobatic team "Russian Knights" perform a test flight in Zhuhai, south China's Guangdong Province, on 12 Nov, 2012. The 9th China International Aviation and Aerospace Exhibition will kick off on Tuesday in Zhuhai.—XINHUA

however say it will be some time before the aircraft, due to make its maiden flight in 2014, proves its viability.

The C919 is designed to challenge Airbus (EAD.PA) and Boeing (BA.N) in the largest segment of the \$100 billion annual jetliner market.

Commercial Aircraft

Corporation of China (COMAC) said on Tuesday it would sign orders for 20 aircraft each with Joy Air and Hebei Aviation Group, confirming a Reuters report of buying interest from the two Chinese regional carriers.

Its only foreign customer GECAS, a unit of

China

General Electric (GE.N) which co-produces the engines, will buy 10 more, taking its total order for the plane to 20, COMAC said in a statement.

Other potential C919 customers that have already signed tentative agreements also include Irish low-cost carrier Ryanair (RYA.I) and British Airways IVAG.L, according to COMAC.

COMAC also confirmed it would sign a provisional agreement with investors representing Eastern Air Lines, which went bankrupt in 1991. There have been sporadic reports of efforts to relaunch the airline, whose forked logo was seen on display as a backdrop to the signing ceremony due later on Tuesday.

Xinhua

Rockets hit Afghan capital

Kabul

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KABUL, 13 Nov— At least two rockets fired from undisclosed location hit downtown Afghan capital Kabul on Tuesday morning, causing no casualties, a police source said.

"Two rockets landed near the Kabul stadium in police district 2 at around 6:40 am local time and according to initial reports by our police forces, no one was killed or wounded in the attack," the source told Xinhua anonymously.

The scene is located around 4 km south of Afghan Presidential Palace and the main NATO headquarters in the city with around 4 million populations.

Several government agency buildings, including defence ministry compound, were located near the attack site. Citing police chief of

Kabul Mohammand Ayoub Salangi, a local tv channel Lemar TV also reported that the attack caused no casualties. The government troops immediately cordoned off the area shortly after the blasts. No group claimed responsibility for the attacks, but Taliban suspects routinely claim responsibility for such attacks.

On 18 September, at least 12 people, including nine foreigners, were killed and 11 others were wounded in a suicide bombing near Kabul airport in an attack claimed by the Hizb-e-Islami, the second militant group opposing the government,

Taliban insurgents fighting the government forces and some 100, 000 NATO-led troops have yet to make comments.

Xinhua

Hashimoto's new political party to announce "approved" candidates

Japan

OSAKA, 13 Nov— Nippon Ishin no Kai (Japan Restoration Party), a political party led by Osaka Mayor Toru Hashimoto, is expected to release this week a list of approved candidates for the next general election for the 480-seat House of Representatives, local Press reported on Tuesday.

The expected list of the new candidates, which would be released by Saturday, included nearly 80 candidates for single-seat constituencies mainly in western Japan, according to the daily Asahi Shimbun.

The report cited senior members of the political party as saying that most of the candidates on the list are trainees who have studied in political institute Ishin Seiji Juku, which Hashimoto and his political allies launched March this year.

Nippon Ishin no Kai has begun recruiting candidates for the election through public invitation since September. Its dedicated

working team coordinated by Hashimoto is now selecting the candidates for final interviews.

The two sides agreed to boost cooperation in fields of education and training and reached consensus on measures to further promote cooperation between the two countries, including accelerating the signing of agreement on economic cooperation, investment, as well as agreement on investment promotion and protection.

On the same day, Macedonian FM met with Vietnamese President Truong Tan Sang, during which the two sides confirmed to strengthen relations in the future.

Nicola Poposki is paying an official visit to Vietnam at the invitation of his Vietnamese counterpart Pham Binh Minh on 11-13 November. Vietnam and Macedonia established diplomatic ties at the ambassadorial level in 1994.—Xinhua



Japanese economic and fiscal policy minister Seiji Maehara gives a Press conference in Tokyo on 12 Nov, 2012 on the country's gross domestic product data for the third quarter of 2012, released earlier in the day. GDP contracted an annualized real 3.5 percent from the previous quarter. KYODO NEWS

China's ecological progress determines more than its own future

BEIJING, 13 Nov—The Communist Party of China (CPC) has given ecological progress a more prominent position by incorporating it into the country's overall development plan together with economic, political, cultural and social progress.

Elaborated in one of the 12 parts of the report delivered by Chinese leader Hu Jintao to the 18th CPC National Congress, ecological progress is seen by the CPC as a long-term task of vital importance to the people's wellbeing and China's future.

"Harmony between

man and nature" is a major theme in ancient Chinese philosophy, but it has been challenged by China's robust economic expansion over the past decades.

Clean water and fresh air have become luxuries in some parts of China. In some cities, people have taken to the streets to protest against chemical projects.

Economic development nationwide is constrained by the shortage of resources, and people are increasingly worried about the environment.

Under such circumstances, the concept of ecological progress was advocated by Hu for the first time in the keynote political document at the 17th CPC National Congress in 2007.

It is not a term the CPC has coined simply to fill a theoretical vacancy, but rather a future-oriented guiding principle based on the perception of the extremely high price China has paid for economic miracles. In this sense, this notion will determine the country's future.

Mongolia says to promote renewable energy development

ULAN BATOR, 13 Nov— Mongolian President Tsakhia Elbegdorj said on Monday that his country had rich renewable energy resources and would vigorously pursue development in this area.

Solar, wind and other renewable energy resources were very rich in Mongolia,

Elbegdorj said at the opening of the Northeast Asia Renewable Energy Resources Cooperation Forum.

The resources were more than enough to meet domestic demand, so the country might export such products in the future, he added.—Xinhua

Snowstorms weaken in NE China

BEIJING, 13 Nov— Snowstorms have started to weaken in northeast China but some parts of the region can still expect heavy snow, according to the National Meteorological Centre (NMC) on Tuesday.

The blizzards, which left up to 34 cm of snow in Heilongjiang Province and 15 cm in Jilin Province by 5 am, are expected to gradually weaken in the next 24

hours, the center said.

The NMC continued to issue a blue alert on snowstorms, which are expected to persist in Jilin's central parts and Heilongjiang's central and eastern parts over the next 24 hours.

A cold front from west to east is expected to bring strong winds and a drop in temperature from four to eight degrees Celsius across most parts of the country, the

Weather

centre said.

Affected by the cold front, rain and heavy snow will fall in northern parts of Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region. Temperatures will drop by up to 12 degrees Celsius in Xinjiang, eastern parts of northwest China as well as central and northern parts of the Qinghai-Tibet Plateau, it said.—Xinhua



Actors and actresses from China Opera perform "Madama Butterfly" in Beijing, capital of China, on 12 Nov, 2012. Madama Butterfly is an opera by Italian composer Giacomo Puccini. —XINHUA

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Lama Cering Duanzhi walks in a corridor at the Qutan Temple in Ledu County, northwest China's Qinghai Province, on 10 Nov, 2012.

XINHUA

## Bosnia's Radmanovic assumes chairman of presidency

SARAJEVO, 13 Nov—Nebojsa Radmanovic on Saturday assumed Chairman of the Presidency of Bosnia and Herzegovina (BiH) with a tenure of eight months, in accordance with the rotation principle.

The rotation takes place on the basis of Article 5 of the Constitution, in conjunction with Article 5 of the Rules of Procedure of the presidency, according to the Office of Public Affairs of BiH Presidency.

Under the Constitution, the presidency consists of three members, coming from three constituent peoples: one Bosniak and one Croat elected from the Federation of BiH and one elected from Republika Srpska.

Together they serve a four-year term, where the member with the most votes becomes the chairman unless he or she was the incumbent chairman at the time of election.

The chairmanship rotates every eight months to ensure equality.

Xinhua



Two visitors pick CDs in a music lounge of the Tianjin Library in north China's Tianjin Municipality, on 10 Nov, 2012. A music lounge where visitors can choose from a pool of CDs is now available at the Tianjin Library. The lounge is part of a music library scheduled to officially open in early 2013. The music library, when fully completed, will also include a training center, a music database for in-depth appreciation, a professional recording room and a reading zone.—XINHUA

## New York readies for Veterans Day as region struggles

US

NEW YORK, 13 Nov—New York City was preparing to stage its first major event since cancelling its annual marathon as thousands of victims of Superstorm Sandy continued to struggle with power outages, gasoline shortages and freezing weather conditions.

Sunday's annual Veterans Day Parade is expected to attract crowds of over 600,000 people

to central Manhattan and will be a test for a city still struggling to clean up after one of the worst natural disasters in the region's history. Thousands were in temporary shelters, and in New Jersey a tent city on the edge of Monmouth Park racetrack was home to hundreds. Authorities in the region said they did not have access to enough alternative housing or hotel rooms for all those who have been displaced.

Sandy smashed into the East Coast on 29 October, killing at least 120 people and causing an estimated \$50 billion in damages and economic losses. It destroyed homes along the New Jersey Shore and around New

York City, cut off electricity for millions of people and knocked out much of the public transportation system.

Newly re-elected President Barack Obama is to visit hard-hit areas of New York City on Thursday. Obama put off an earlier visit at the request of Mayor Michael Bloomberg, who feared it could hinder relief efforts. Bloomberg announced a day of service on Saturday and hundreds of volunteers helped stricken areas of the city. On Staten Island, the New York City borough hit hardest by the storm, the sense of total material loss has settled in and residents were preparing their homes for demolition.

Reuters



A man and his dog stand in the middle of a road in the Rockaway Beach neighbourhood of Queens, New York, on 10 Nov, 2012.

REUTERS

## Three bomb explosions kill seven in Syria's southern province

Syria

DAMASCUS, 13 Nov—Three car bombs went off in the southern province of Daraa early Saturday, killing at least seven people and causing huge material and building damage, the state-run SANA news agency said.

Quoting an official source, SANA said the first car bomb rocked the crowded al-Mubailat street, the second rattled the Panorama roundabout, and the third tore through the Finance Directorate in Daraa.

SANA said the third bomb was rigged with a large amount of anti-tank mines, some of which didn't go off during the blast.

The Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights claimed the Daraa explosions killed scores of government soldiers. But such a claim was impossible to be verified.

Meanwhile, an explosive-laden car went off in Damascus' Tadamun District, injuring nine people, according to state media.

Tadamun has seen intense fighting between government troops and armed militias over the past several months. Armed groups fired a hand-made rocket at the George Khouri square in Damascus, hitting a residential bloc and injuring

two young girls, one of whom was in grave condition, state media said.

The George Khouri Square is located in al-Qassa District dwelled mostly by Christians. Furthermore, armed men fired a mortar shell that landed on a private clinic at al-Tuliani area in central Damascus, leaving material damage, the pro-government al-Ekhbaria TV said.

As the blasts kept rattling the country, activists reported intense clashes between government troops and armed militias in a number of other areas.

The oppositional Local

Coordination Committee's network placed the death toll of Saturday's violence at 107 nationwide. The figure couldn't be checked independently.

Explosions have become increasingly common and almost daily occurrences in Syria, particularly in Damascus.

The United Nations has recently warned that the number of affected people who are in need of humanitarian aid could increase from 2.5 million to 4 million by early next year if violence continues unabatedly.

Xinhua

ENTERTAINMENT



Huma Qureshi, who also features in Vishal Bharadwaj's Daayan opposite Emran Hashmi, has also begun shooting for Nikhil Advani's next. — PTI

### Chicago calling Huma Qureshi

MUMBAI, 13 Nov — Huma Qureshi has been invited by a film school in Chicago to give a lecture to the students about her journey in Bollywood. The school will also felicitate the Gangs of Wasseypur and Luv Shuv Tey Chicken Khurana actress.

A friend of Huma said: "She has a strong theatre background and started her career in Bollywood from scratch with no godfather

backing her. The film school feels Huma is worthy of felicitation and most apt to talk to students about her Bollywood and the hard work that goes behind it."

Huma Qureshi, who also features in Vishal Bharadwaj's Daayan opposite Emran Hashmi, has also begun shooting for Nikhil Advani's next. She also has a three film deal with Ekta Kapoor's production house. — PTI



The 47-year-old, who has delivered hit romantic movies with actresses like Kajol, Rani Mukerji and Kareena Kapoor, says romance is more than just songs. — PTI

### Romance about comfort, not chemistry: Shah Rukh Khan

NEW DELHI, 13 Nov — Shah Rukh Khan is considered the 'king of romance' in Bollywood, but unlike many who believe that romancing on screen is about chemistry, the superstar says it is all about comfort. The 47-year-old, who has delivered hit romantic movies with actresses like Kajol, Rani Mukerji and Kareena Kapoor, says romance is more than just songs.

"Romance is not just about songs. Comfort is needed when you do romantic films. For me it's not about chemistry, it's about comfort.

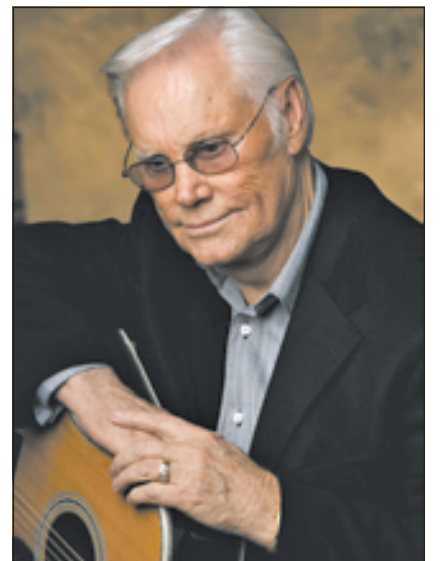
It's really difficult to look into a girl's eyes and say 'I love you' and then say the same thing to another girl," Shah Rukh said at a Press conference on Sunday.

"When you get a chance to romance such beautiful girls, then work becomes easy," he added. In his latest film Jab Tak Hai Jaan, releasing on Diwali, Shah Rukh will be seen with two leading ladies—Katrina Kaif and Anushka Sharma. The movie, directed by late filmmaker Yash Chopra, is said to be a love triangle.

PTI

### Country music star George Jones begins farewell tour

LOS ANGELES, 13 Nov — Country music legend George Jones has embarked on his final tour, the singer's spokesman said on Monday. Jones, 81, whose near six-decade career is best known for the hits "White Lightning" and "He Stopped Loving Her Today," is marking the end of the era with a farewell tour



Country music legend George Jones

called "The Grand Tour," which is scheduled to finish in November 2013 in Nashville, Tennessee, the country music capital.

"After this (tour) he's done with touring," Jones' spokesman Jeremy Westby told Reuters.

Jones kicked off the tour last week and the Nashville show is set for 22 Nov, 2013. So far, just 26 performances have been announced, but more dates are expected.

Jones cancelled several concerts in April and May this year after suffering an upper respiratory infection,

raising fears for his long-term health

Westby said that although Jones was ending touring, he hoped to make more records. "He's been talking about doing another record next year with Dolly (Parton)," he said.

Jones earned the nickname "No-Show Jones" at the peak of his success in the 1970s for famously missing several live performances because of drunkenness. The Country Music Hall of Famer gave up drinking after a 1999 car accident. — Reuters

### Lindsay Lohan books Jay Leno interview after cancelling Barbara Walters

NEW DELHI, 13 Nov — Lindsay Lohan has booked a new interview just days after pulling out of a planned sit-down with Barbara Walters. The 26-year-old actress — who cancelled her appearance on '20/20' on the advice of her new PR team Rogers & Cowan amid recent allegations of lying to police about a car accident in June and public spats with her parents — has now agreed to appear on the 'The Tonight Show With Jay Leno' on 20 November.

The interview will focus entirely on the troubled starlet's new Lifetime movie Liz & Dick about Elizabeth Taylor rather than her personal life, according to OK! Magazine. Barbara is said to have been "disappointed" that Lindsay cancelled their interview

because she had already completed researching and also filmed preliminary interviews with the actress on the set of the movie.

But a source previously revealed that Lindsay's new advisors were concerned that

Barbara would ask about her current legal troubles so felt they had no choice but to cancel the interview which was originally scheduled to take place next Friday (16.11.12). The insider said: "Barbara was going to

try and get Lindsay to talk about all of the drama in her personal life, including the possible upcoming charges for lying to the cops after her car accident, and Lindsay isn't ready to talk about anything.

"Barbara is one of the most respected journalists in the industry and she wasn't going to let Lindsay get away with telling any lies or spinning the story, so Lindsay's team just couldn't let her go on the show and have it end up like Dina's disastrous interview with Dr Phil." However, Lindsay considers Barbara a close friend and is said to be sorry to have cancelled so close to the interview date and has promised Barbara they will reschedule as soon as possible.

PTI



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### "Back to 1942" debuts at Rome film festival

ROME, 13 Nov — Chinese director Feng Xiaogang's movie "Back to 1942" made its debut at the 7th Rome International Film Festival on Sunday and is competing for top award.

Starring Oscar-winning actor Adrien Brody and American actor Tim Robbins, the epic film presents a tragedy of the devastating famine in China's central Henan Province in 1942. The film's director said he picked this moment in history because the tragic drought of that year claimed about 3 million lives, about half as many as the Jews slaughtered in World War II.

At a cost of 210 million yuan (about 33.6 million US dollars), the film depicts the darkness and warmth of humanity, scriptwriter Liu Zhenyun said. — Xinhua

### Anne Hathaway reveals oatmeal paste diet for 'Les Miserables'

LOS ANGELES, 13 Nov — Hollywood starlet Anne Hathaway credits a strict diet of dried oatmeal paste for helping her shed some 25 pounds (11 kg) for her role in the forthcoming big screen musical "Les Miserables." "I had to be obsessive about it — the idea was to look near death," Hathaway told Vogue about preparing for her role as the consumptive prostitute Fantine in the musical version of Victor Hugo's classic 19th century French novel.

Hathaway, 30, told the December edition of the magazine, that she first lost 10 pounds (5 kg) to begin filming and then later dropped another 15 pounds (7 kg) by eating nothing but two thin pieces of oatmeal paste a day. "Looking back on the whole experience — and I don't judge it in any way — it was definitely a little nuts," said "The Dark Knight Rises" actress. "It

was definitely a break with reality, but I think that's who Fantine is anyway."

Extreme body changes have become part of Hollywood lore, even factoring into the marketing of films. Natalie Portman received much publicity for dropping some 20 pounds (9 kg) for her Oscar-winning role as a ballerina in 2010's "Black Swan." Jennifer Lawrence, who plays the

famished star of the life-or-death thriller "The Hunger Games," made waves last week vowing never to diet for a role. Hathaway said it was a rocky transition back into everyday life after filming.

"I was in such a state of deprivation — physical and emotional," she said. "When I got home, I couldn't react to the chaos of the world without being overwhelmed.

Reuters



Actress Anne Hathaway poses for photographers as she arrives at the European Premiere of "The Dark Knight Rises" in Leicester Square, central London, on 18 July, 2012. — REUTERS

## Ronaldo to miss Portugal-Gabon friendly

Soccer



Cristiano Ronaldo

LISBON, 13 Nov — Cristiano Ronaldo has been ruled out of Portugal's friendly international against Gabon this week, the Portuguese football federation (FPF) said on Monday.

The Real Madrid forward was substituted at half-time during the Spanish champions' 2-1 victory over Levante on Sunday after suffering a gash to the head

from a stray elbow. He had previously scored the opening goal in the match.

The FPF also said that Maritimo full-back Ruben Ferreira and Braga midfielder Hugo Viana would replace Valencia's Joao Pereira and Dynamo Kiev's Miguel Veloso, who were both considered "unfit" for Wednesday's tie in Libreville.—Xinhua



Rory McIlroy of Northern Ireland is congratulated by officials after he finished the final round of the Barclays Singapore Open golf tournament in Sentosa on 11 Nov, 2012. — REUTERS

## McIlroy piles up further player of the year honours

Golf

NEW YORK, 13 Nov — World number one Rory McIlroy added further accolades to his already bulging resume when he was named winner of the PGA of America Player of the Year award and the Vardon Trophy on Monday. The 23-year-old Northern Irishman, who clinched his second major title with a record eight-shot victory at the PGA Championship in August, was always likely to land both honours after triumphing a season-high four times on the 2012 PGA Tour.

McIlroy followed in the footsteps of his Ryder Cup team mate Luke Donald when he became the second player to win the money list titles in both Europe and the United States.

He is also a heavy favourite to become the PGA Tour's Player of the Year, which is voted upon by tour members and scheduled

to be announced early next month. McIlroy comfortably held off the challenge of Americans Tiger Woods, Bubba Watson, Jason Dufner, Brandt Snedeker and Matt Kuchar to claim PGA of America Player of the Year honours.

He finished with 100 points while Woods ended up with 66, Masters champion Watson and Dufner each totaled 50, Snedeker earned 36 and Kuchar 34. McIlroy won the Vardon Trophy, first presented in 1937, with an adjusted scoring average of 68.87. Jim Furyk was second on 69.30 and Dufner third (69.45). McIlroy, who secured the European Tour Race to Dubai title by finishing third at the Singapore Open on Sunday, is vying with Woods, Dufner, FedExCup champion Snedeker and Watson for the PGA Tour's Player of the Year award.

Reuters

Baseball

TORONTO, 13 Nov — Los Angeles Angels centre fielder Mike Trout and Washington Nationals Bryce Harper were crowned Major League Baseball's rookies of the year on Monday. Trout was the unanimous winner of the American League award, sweeping all 28 first place votes, while Harper won a close race for the National League award. The 21-year-old Trout led the AL in steals (49) and runs scored (129) while batting .326 with 30 home runs and 83 RBIs.

Oakland Athletics outfielder Yoenis Cespedes was a distant second while Texas Rangers pitcher Yu Darvish was third. Voting was conducted by the Baseball Writers' Association of America. There could be more honors in store for Trout before the end of the week. Not only was Trout's season one of

## Trout and Harper claim rookie of the year honours

the best ever by a rookie, the centre fielder is also a candidate for the AL most valuable player, which will be announced on Thursday.

"He is playing to his

potential," Angels manager Mike Scioscia told MLB.com. "And when a player does that at such a young age, you want him to come out there and just continue



Los Angeles Angels' Mike Trout gets ready to play against the Texas Rangers in their MLB baseball game in Anaheim, California on 20 Sept, 2012. — REUTERS

do what he's doing this year for a long time. I think that's what's exciting about seeing him continue to develop."

Harper also had a brilliant rookie campaign

but the 20-year-old faced some stiff competition for the NL award from Arizona Diamondback pitcher Wade Miley who picked up 12 first-place ballots to finish a close second. Harper finished with 112 points while Miley collected 105. A versatile talent who played all three outfield positions, Harper batted .270 with 22 home runs, 59 RBI, 56 walks and 18 stolen bases in 139 games.

"Upon joining us, Bryce's impact on our lineup and defensive alignment was immediate and came at a great time of need," Mike Rizzo, Nationals general manager and executive vice president of baseball operations said in a statement. "His sustained energy and enthusiasm throughout the summer played a big part in fueling our division title."

Reuters

Reuters

## Djokovic beats Federer, still reigns supreme

LONDON, 13 Nov — The world's top three players all scaled dizzy heights in 2012 but Novak Djokovic ended the year staring down at his rivals after grinding down Roger Federer to win the ATP World Tour Finals title in brutal fashion at London's O2 Arena on Monday. The 25-year-old shed sweat and blood before dethroning Federer 7-6, 7-5 in a showdown that provided a memorable climax to an incredible men's season.

Since winning a fifth grand slam title at the Australian Open in a near six-hour epic against Rafa Nadal back in January, Djokovic's reign has come under attack from both Federer and Britain's Andy Murray, but after beating both in London he is clearly still the dominant

force going into 2013. World number two Federer has been all but unbeatable in the tournament since it switched to London in 2009 and was seeking a hat-trick of titles at the eye-catching Thames-side dome.

With the majority of the 17,000 crowd cheering for the Swiss maestro he forged healthy leads in both sets with some typical brilliance but was eventually stopped in his tracks by the Serb. Djokovic, who had lost his last two meetings with the 17-times grand slam champion and trailed 16-12 in career meetings dating back to 2006, found himself 3-0 down after eight minutes and then faced a 5-3 deficit in the second.

Both times Djokovic dug deep, reeled in the

Swiss stylist, then hammered him into submission to seal victory in two hours 14 minutes. "I've experienced his aggressivity (sic) before, really trying to make his mark on the match," Djokovic told

reporters.

"I tried to convince myself that I will turn it around and fight. It happened again. I managed to deliver my best when I needed it most."—Reuters



Novak Djokovic of Serbia raises the trophy after beating Switzerland's Roger Federer in their final tennis match during the ATP World Tour Finals at the O2 Arena in London on 12 Nov, 2012. — REUTERS

## NFL Bills running back Jackson sidelined by a concussion



Buffalo Bills running back Fred Jackson runs into the end zone for a touchdown against the New England Patriots during the second quarter of their NFL football game in Foxborough, Massachusetts, on 11 Nov, 2012.

REUTERS

LOS ANGELES, 13 Nov — Buffalo Bills running back Fred Jackson has been ruled out of Thursday's game against the Miami Dolphins after being diagnosed with concussion, the National Football League team said on Monday. Jackson was hurt after being struck in the back of the head with an elbow by linebacker Brandon Spikes late in Sunday's 37-31 loss to the New England Patriots.

"The tests this morning were not as good as we had hoped and he (Jackson) had hoped so he won't play this week," Bills head coach

Chan Gailey told reporters. "It does make a difference. You have to make certain adjustments in a short week. The good thing is... we have enough (backup) that we can go into a game with without Fred and have enough to be able to keep people off-balance."

In the absence of Jackson, Gailey said CJ Spiller would handle most of the running back duties while Tashard Choice would also get "lots of opportunities". "He (Choice) is a dynamic player to say the least," Gailey added.

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Lakers pick D'Antoni, not Jackson, as new coach **Basketball**

LOS ANGELES, 13 Nov — With most of their fans demanding the return of Phil Jackson, the Los Angeles Lakers sprang a surprise on Monday by naming former Phoenix Suns and New York Knicks coach Mike D'Antoni to replace Mike Brown.

Hall of Fame coach Jackson, the 11-time NBA championship winner, had been widely expected to come out of retirement to lead the Lakers for a third time but the Lakers instead opted for the offense-minded D'Antoni.

According to local media, D'Antoni, 61, has signed a three-year deal for \$12 million, with the Lakers holding an option for a fourth year. Jackson, heavily favoured to get the job, met with Lakers general manager Mitch Kupchak and executive vice president Jim Buss on Saturday.

Though contractual terms were not discussed, he said, he told them he would make a final decision on Monday. Before that could happen, though, Kupchak phoned Jackson at midnight on Sunday to inform him

that D'Antoni had been appointed instead.

"He told me that the Lakers had signed Mike D'Antoni to a three-year agreement and that they felt he was the best coach for the team," Jackson said in a statement.

"The decision is of course theirs to make. "I am gratified by the groundswell of support from the Laker fans who encouraged my return and it is the principal reason why I considered the possibility."

Jackson, 67, compiled a 1,155-485 record in 20 NBA seasons, winning six NBA titles with the Chicago Bulls followed by five more in two separate stints with the Lakers. D'Antoni, who is known for his fast-paced offense-oriented system, had a 388-339 record as head coach of the Denver Nuggets, the Suns and the Knicks.

"After speaking with several excellent and well-respected coaching candidates, (Lakers owner) Dr. (Jerry) Buss, Jim and I all agreed that Mike was the right person at this time



New York Knicks head coach Mike D'Antoni reacts to a call late in the fourth quarter against the New Orleans Hornets during their NBA basketball game at Madison Square Garden in New York, on 17 Feb, 2012.

REUTERS

to lead the Lakers forward," Kupchak said in a statement. "Knowing his style of play and given the current make-up of our roster, we feel Mike is a great fit, are excited to have him as our next head coach and hope he will help our team reach

its full potential." D'Antoni is expected to be formally introduced as the 24th Lakers head coach later this week, though he has not yet been cleared to fly after having knee replacement surgery earlier this month.

Reuters

Japan, Russia to hold bilateral trade committee meeting on 20 November

TOKYO, 13 Nov — Japan will host a meeting of the Japan-Russia Intergovernmental Committee on Trade and Economic Issues on 20 Nov, with Japanese Foreign Minister Koichiro Gemba and Russian First Deputy Prime Minister Igor Shuvalov jointly chairing the session, Gemba said on Tuesday.

Noting that bilateral trade, which he said amounted to a record \$30.7 billion in value last year, has the potential to grow

much more, Gemba told reporters that he wants to help Japanese firms build confidence in Russian markets.

He said that during the upcoming meeting, "I intend to exchange opinions on the possibility of cooperation between Japan and Russia on a wide range of issues, such as cooperation in the (Russian) Far East and Siberia, energy and energy conservation."

Reuters



Al Zaatri Syrian refugee camp is seen in the Jordanian City of Mafrag, near the border with Syria, on 12 Nov, 2012. — XINHUA



**BEST SWIMMERS SWEEP MEDALS:** Best women's swimmer award winner Ma Khant Khant San (Kamayut BEHS No 2) who bagged three gold and two silver medals and best men's swimmer award winner Maung Arnt Khaung Htut (Dagon BEHS No 2) who secured three gold medals in Yangon Region U-12 Inter-Basic Education School Swimming Contest organized by No 3 Basic Education Department on 11 November.

MYANMA ALINN

Wiring Contest on 24 November

NAY PYI TAW, 13 Nov — Jointly organized by Myanmar Engineering Society and Thukha Susan Foreign Employment Agency and Technical School, the third wiring contest will be held at the training school in Hlinethaya Township at 9 am on 24 November.

The first winner will secure K 300,000, the

second K 200,000 and the third K 100,000. Those wishing to take part in the contest may submit the applications, not later than 23 November.

For further information, contact Thukha Susan Foreign Employment Agency, Tel: 386877 and 392233. The contest is aimed at improving skills of Myanmar workers.

Myanma Alinn

Soccer

Allegri to stay, confirms AC Milan



Massimiliano Allegri

MILAN, 13 Nov — AC Milan club Vice President Adriano Galliani confirmed on Monday that Massimiliano Allegri will stay as the Rossoneri head coach despite their dismal loss to Fiorentina at home on Sunday.

Allegri's job was again placed into doubt following the 3-1 home loss — their sixth in 12 Serie A games. "It is obvious that we are not happy," said Galliani.

"We evaluated everything last night and changing the coach wouldn't have given us any guarantees."

"Silvio Berlusconi and I had a long talk last night and then we called Allegri at around midnight and told him that we have faith in him. We have confirmed Allegri as the coach of Milan. He has done well in the past two years and this is the decision we have made," he said.

Xinhua

## Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham receives WIPO Director-General

NAY PYI TAW, 13 Nov—Vice-President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Dr Sai Mauk Kham received a delegation led by Director-General of World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) Mr Francis Gurry, at the Credentials hall of the Presidential Palace, here, at 3 pm today.

At the call, both sides cordially exchanged views

on progress of Myanmar and WIPO's cooperation in the Myanmar's reform processes.

Also present at the call together with the Vice-President were Union Minister for Science and Technology Dr Ko Ko Oo, Deputy Ministers U Thant Kyaw, U Ye Htut and U Myo Aung and departmental heads.

MNA

*Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham and WIPO Director-General and party pose documentary photo.—MNA*



## Rural electricity supply discussed

NAY PYI TAW, 13 Nov—Union Minister for Electric Power U Khin Maung Soe paid a visit to Japan on 29 October evening at the invitation of the Japanese Minister of Economic, Commercial and Industry.

On 30 October, the Union Minister met with Japanese Minister of Economic, Commercial and Industry Mr Yukio Edano in Tokyo of Japan. They discussed major repairing of Biluchaung-1 and

Hsedawgyi power stations, Thakayta and Ywama gas turbines with the assistance of Japan, and availability of loans with soft interests for construction of Kamanat-Myaungdaga 500-KV 50-mile long power line and 500-KV Thabyewa, Toungoo and Kamanat power stations, upgrading of five 230-KV main power stations and rural electricity supply tasks.

In meeting with Vice-President Mr Arakawa

Hiroto of JICA, the Union minister discussed cooperation in all-round development of electric sector in Myanmar.

On 31 October, the Union Minister visited Isogo power plant in Yokohama that can generate 1200 megawatts by applying clean coal technology, 500-KV Shin-Toyosu underground power station that supplies electricity to Tokyo and Tokyo power control station.—MNA

## Myanmar tapestry becomes attraction of tourists

NAY PYI TAW, 13 Nov—Due to arrival of tourists in Myanmar, tapestry works of Myanmar produced in Mandalay are marketable.

Embroidery works are Myanmar traditional handicrafts that flourished in Mandalay, Amarapura and Sagaing in the monarchical periods. The tapestry art does not fade out till today and the works is now flourishing in

Mandalay. Tapestry expert U Sein Myint of Mandalay explained the market of the tapestry works. Embroidery works are on sales in the tourist destinations such as Yangon, Mandalay, Shan State, Myitkyina and other major cities. Tapestry works were made of jewellery in the past.

Now, the new creations are made of oyster, glasses

and various sorts of jewellery items. Due to market demand, the industries produce hats, bags, waste coats, neckties, toys, key chains, telephone cases and embroidery paintings.

Myanma Alinn

## 4.8 M earthquake jolts about 35 miles south of Nay Pyi Taw

NAY PYI TAW, 13 Nov—An earthquake with a magnitude of 4.8 on the Richter Scale struck about 188 miles south of Mandalay Seismological Station and about 35 miles south of Nay Pyi Taw and 14 miles west of Swa at 8.23 am today. — MNA



## Untimely rainfall warning

NAY PYI TAW, 13 Nov—According to the observations at 9.30 hrs MST today, due to the influence of easterly wave, rain or thundershowers are likely to be isolated

to scatter in Mandalay, Magway, Bago, Ayeyawady and Yangon Regions, Shan, Rakhine, Kayah and Kayin States within next 72 hours commencing this noon.

Squalls with moderate

to rough sea are likely at times off and along Myanmar Coasts. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach 35 m.p.h, announced by Meteorology and Hydrology Department.

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## Donations invited for repair of damaged pagodas, religious edifices, schools and houses in quake

NAY PYI TAW, 13 Nov—A strong earthquake at 7 hours 42 minutes and 37 seconds on 11 November, 2012, devastated religious edifices, schools, houses, offices and construction sites and caused casualties in Sagaing, Shwebo, Kyaukmyaung, Khin U, Mandalay, Amarapura, Singu, Kyaukse and Thabeikkyin Townships in Sagaing and Mandalay Regions. The Union government is taking rescue and rehabilitation measures at full throttle. Donations of individuals or civil societies are welcomed as the government handles responsibility to repair the damaged pagodas and religious edifices.

Similarly, the government will accept donations from wellwishers, civil societies, NGOs and INGOs at home and abroad to repair the damaged schools, hospitals, dispensaries, houses and public buildings. The prospective contributors may contact the following numbers:-

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