

Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham receives former PM of Republic of Korea



NAY PYI TAW, 15 Nov— Vice-President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Dr Sai Mauk Kham received former Prime Minister of the Republic of Korea Mr Kun Goh at the credentials hall of the Presidential Palace here

today. Also present at the call were Union Minister for Labour, Employment and Social Security U Maung Myint and deputy ministers U Thant Kyaw, Dr Daw Khin San Yi and U Phone Swe and departmental officials.

During the meeting, they openly discussed the matters on rural development and poverty reduction programmes in Myanmar, experiences of the ROK in bringing development to rural areas in Korea and rice farming.— MNA

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Local people of Thabeikkyin return home

NAY PYI TAW, 15 Nov— At present, the people from urban area of Thabeikkyin of Mandalay Region who faced a strong earthquake relieved from worries. They have arrived back home now.

After shocks hit here mildly. However, the people are in the worry due to rumour that more earthquake will jolt here,” said a senior assistant teacher who is member of the earthquake relief committee.

“As soon as earthquake hit, we did not know what

we should do. Many people run to the football ground. So, we followed them. In the early days, there were many earthquake victims in the football ground of Tha-beikkyin. Now, we went back home thanks to assistance of the Union government, region government and local people and current situation. Some of victims have lost houses

so they stay at their relatives. I went back my home. Local authorities provide necessary assistance to us. In the town, volunteers participate in the relief and rehabilitation tasks vigorously. In fact, as earthquake cannot be predicted, we all should not worry about rumours,” said local Daw Ni of Thabeikkyin.

Myanma Alinn



Daw Ni of Thabeikkyin recounts her experiences in earthquake.

“We lack experience in recent strong earthquake. We have never faced such earthquake before. We were worried about earthquakes. We suffered a lot of losses.

Volunteers of relief and rehabilitation committee participate in clearing of debris in Thabeikkyin.



Spokespersons and Information Team disbanded

Republic of the Union of Myanmar
President Office
Notification No.86/2012
1st Waxing of Tazaungmon, 1374 ME
(14 November, 2012)

Dissolution of Spokespersons and Information Team

Spokespersons and Information Team that was formed with President Office’s Notification No.75/2011, dated 10 August, 2011 has been disbanded as of today.

Sd/

Thein Sein
President
Republic of the Union of Myanmar

Summary of observations at 9.30 hr MST on 15-11-2012

NAY PYI TAW, 15 Nov— During the past (24) hours, rain or thundershower have been scattered in Lower Sagaing, Mandalay and Magway Regions, Shan and Rakhine States, isolated in Upper Sagaing and Yangon Regions, Kachin and Chin States, weather has been partly cloudy in the remaining Regions and States. Night temperatures

were (3°C) to (4°C) above November averages temperatures in Northern Shan, Eastern Shan, Chin, Kayah and Mon States, (5°C) above November averages temperatures in Magway Region and Southern Shan State and about November average temperatures in the remaining Regions and States.

NLM

Main stadium for Tokyo 2020 bid to be designed by Britain’s Zaha Hadid

TOKYO, 15 Nov— Britain’s Zaha Hadid Architects have won the design competition for Tokyo’s new National Stadium that will be used as the main venue for the 2020 Olympics if the city wins the right to stage the Games, the Japan Sport Council announced Thursday.

Iraqi-born Zaha Hadid, who designed the Aquatics Centre for this summer’s London Olympics, was chosen among 11 finalists whittled down from 46 applicants, both domestic and abroad.

In 2004, the 62-year-old Hadid won the Pritzker Prize, the architectural equivalent of the Nobel Prize. “The design was truly radical and represents the vibrancy

which sport is all about,” said architect Tadao Ando, who chaired the competition committee. “Its impact is what won it.”

The existing National Stadium was built in 1958 for the 1964 Summer Games in Tokyo. The renovated stadium will cost 130 billion yen and will seat 80,000 with a retractable roof.

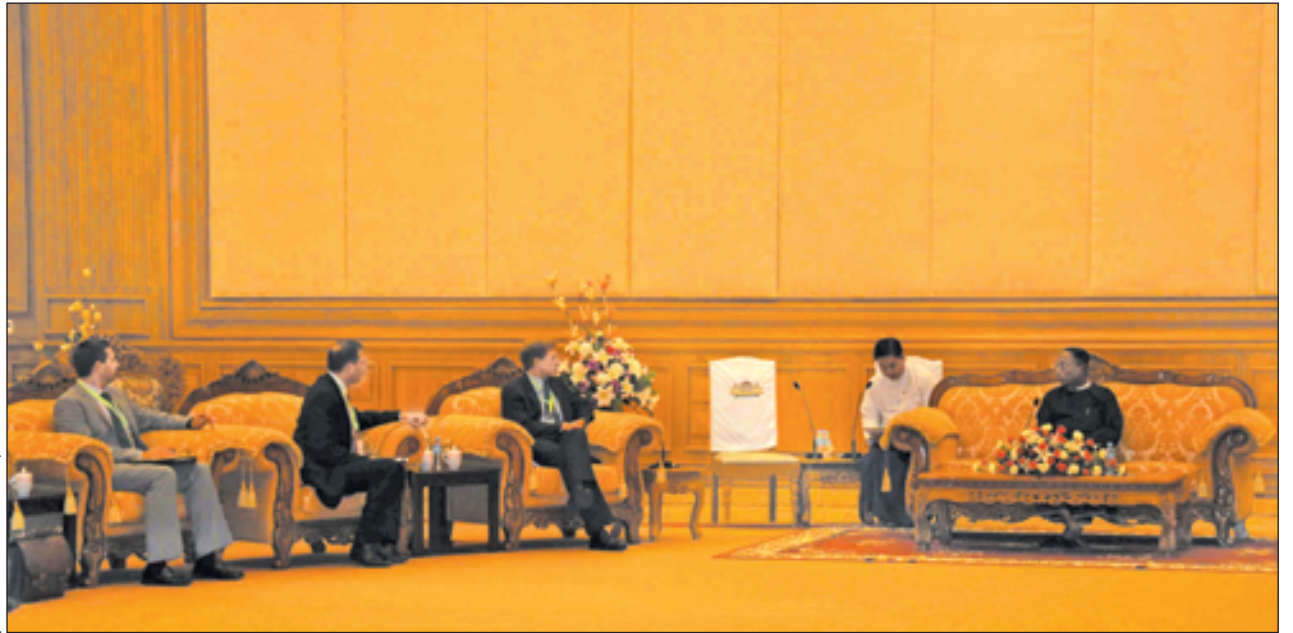
It is set to be used for the 2019 Rugby World Cup and the 2020 Olympics—should Tokyo win the bid against Madrid and Istanbul next September.

“It’s so full of life,” Japanese Olympic Committee President Tsunekazu Takeda said. “It will serve as a fantastic symbol of the 2020 Tokyo Olympic bid.”—Kyodo

Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker receives US delegation

NAY PYI TAW, 15 Nov—Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker U Khin Aung Myint received a delegation led by Special Representative and Policy Coordinator Mr Patrick Murphy of the United States of America at Amyotha Hluttaw hall, here, at 3 pm today. Present at the call together with the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker were Deputy Speaker of Amyotha Hluttaw U Mya Nyein and the officials of the Hluttaw Office.—MNA

Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker U Khin Aung Myint receives Special Representative and Policy Coordinator Mr Patrick Murphy of the United States of America.—MNA



Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker receives EU delegation



Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and Amyotha Hluttaw U Khin Aung Myint shakes hands with Vice-President of European Union and Advisor to the Head of Foreign Affairs and Security Mr Robert Cooper. MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 15 Nov—Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and Amyotha Hluttaw U Khin Aung Myint met a delegation led by Vice-President of European Union and Advisor to the Head of Foreign Affairs and Security Mr Robert Cooper, at Amyotha Hluttaw hall, here, at 3.45 pm today.

At the call, they cordially exchanged views on parliament's duties, serving of representatives in accord with the democratic practices, opportunity for cooperation between Myanmar and EU, EU's more aids to Myanmar's democratic reform process and local-peace making process. Present at the call together with the Speaker

of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw were Amyotha Hluttaw Deputy Speaker U Mya Nyein, Chairmen of the Committees U Zaw Myint Pe, U Thein Win, U San Tun, Dr Khin Shwe, Dr Myint Kyi, Col Maung Maung Htoo, U Win Maung, Daw Nan Ni Ni Aye, Daw Khin Waing Kyi and officials from the Hluttaw Office.

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New GSM/UMTS mobile centers inspected

NAY PYI TAW, 15 Nov—Deputy Minister for Communications and Information Technology U Thaug Tin on 13 November inspected newly-opened GSM/UMTS mobile centers at auto exchanges

in Yamethin and Pyawbwe Townships, Mandalay Region, GSM/UMTS mobile centers and machine rooms in Yintawywama, Kantaung, Meiktila, Hanmyintmo, Kume and Thetaw. Today, he also looked

into National Transit exchange, Soft Switch, IP-MPLS & POP machine rooms, Yatanarponne Teleport GPON Optical Line Terminal, CDMA 2000 1 x msc/ BSC and Microwave machine rooms at the Manager's office in Mandalay Region.

MNA

Two killed, 14 injured in KIA's attack

MYITKYINA, 15 Nov—KIA attacked a civilian convoy near 5th Mile Village of Lonekhin Village-tract in Phakant Township around 10.30 am yesterday, killing two and wounding 14, said the Kachin State government, adding that the one injured was in critical condition.

The convoy comprised five vehicles carrying 78 convicts from Phakant detention centre to be handed over to Myitkyina detention centre, 108 detainees on trial at Mohnyin Court to be sent to Mohnyin detention centre and money from Myanma Economic Bank (Phakant Branch) and was first attacked by two KIA roadside mines near 5th Mile Village around 10 am, leaving no damages.

The convoy came under the assault of KIA group of approximately 30 members as they proceeded to the destination around 10.30 am. The KIA group withdrew as road security forces and convoy security forces repulsed the attack. Fourteen were wounded and two killed from the vehicle carrying 78 convicts in the incident. The one wounded was in critical condition.

The convoy was faced with further mine attack at the exit of Nanya Village in Kamaing Sub-township in Phakant Township around 2 pm, with no casualties and damages, said the state government.—OIO

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

NAY PYI TAW, 15 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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WORLD

War looms after Hamas rocket kills three Israelis

GAZA, 15 Nov—A Hamas rocket killed three Israelis north of the Gaza Strip on Thursday, drawing the first blood from Israel as the Palestinian death toll rose to 13 and a military showdown lurched closer to all-out war with an invasion of the enclave.

Israeli warplanes bombed targets in and around Gaza city, where tall buildings trembled. Plumes of smoke and dust furred into a sky laced with the vapour trails of outgoing rockets.

Egyptian President Mohamed Mursi said in a

televised address to the nation that Israel's attacks on the Gaza Strip were "unacceptable" and would lead to instability in the region.

In a telephone conversation with US President Barack Obama, Mursi said he had discussed "ways to reach calm and end the aggression".

The Palestinian Islamist group Hamas claimed it had fired a one-tonne, Iranian-made Fajr 5 rocket at Tel Aviv in what would be a major escalation, but there was no reported impact in the Israeli metropolis 50 km (30 miles) north

of the enclave.

Israel's sworn enemy Iran, which supports and arms Hamas, condemned



An injured Israeli baby is held by a security officer inside an ambulance at the scene where a rocket, fired from Gaza, landed in the southern city of Kiryat Malachi November 15, 2012.—REUTERS

the offensive begun by the Israel Defence Forces (IDF) as "organised terrorism".

Israel was more concerned about the mood in Egypt, whose new Islamist government brokered a truce between the two sides on Tuesday only to see it shattered a day later when Israel assassinated the top Hamas military commander.

Hamas is an offshoot of the Muslim Brotherhood which now controls Egypt, Israel's most powerful Arab neighbour and a crucial partner in the 1979 peace treaty that stands between fragile stability and region-

al chaos.

Cairo had condemned the offensive and recalled its ambassador from Israel.

Israel's ambassador left Cairo on what was called a routine home visit and Israel said its embassy would stay open. The dominant Muslim Brotherhood, spiritual mentor of Hamas, called for a 'Day of Rage' in Arab capitals on Friday.

In Lebanon, the Iranian-backed Shi'ite militia Hezbollah denounced Israel's strikes on Gaza as "criminal aggression" and called on Arab states to "stop the genocide".

Reuters



A Palestinian man sits inside his damaged house after Israeli air strikes in Gaza City November 15, 2012.—REUTERS

Iran test-fires missiles, unveils military achievements in ongoing drill

Iran

TEHRAN, 15 Nov—Iran's Army and the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps (IRGC) have test-fired a range of missiles and unveiled their military achievements in the ongoing joint air defence drill starting on Monday.

Code-named "Modafe' an-e Aseman-e Velayat 4", or "The Defenders of the Sky of Guardianship 4", the seven-day drill is held in an area of more than 850,000 square km, accounting for half of the country, in which a large number of soldiers are participating.

On Wednesday, the third day of the drill, Iran test-fired S-200 air defence missile

system "successfully" in the southern port city of Bandar Abbas, said the commander of Iranian Khatam al-Anbia Air Defence Base, Farzad Esmaili, adding that the missile system has been developed for high-altitude

targets.

The missile system can also confront strategic aircraft and semi-ballistic missiles, Esmaili was quoted as saying.

In July, 2011, IRGC said Iran had managed to upgrade the Russian-made

long-range S-200 air defence system into an entirely new apparatus, according to local media. Also on Wednesday, Iranian air force "successfully" test-fired another two homemade missile systems, "Qader" and "Ya-Zahra 3", in the eastern province of Southern Khorasan, the official IRNA news agency reported.

The "Qader" missile is equipped with electro-optic and laser rangefinders systems, while the "Ya-Zahra 3" missile is designed to be used in low altitudes, said the report.

On Tuesday, semi-official Fars news agency reported that Iran "successfully" test-fired the Hawk air defence system.

Reuters



An Iranian surface-to-air missile is launched during a military drill at an undisclosed location in Iran, on 14 Nov, 2012.—XINHUA

Germany reveals Afghan troops withdrawal timetable

Germany

BERLIN, 15 Nov—Germany plans to cut the number of its troops in Afghanistan from 4,760 to 3,300 by the end of February 2014, top government officials said on Wednesday.

Foreign Minister Guido Westerwelle and Defence

Minister Thomas de Maiziere told reporters that Germany is gradually reducing its forces in Afghanistan. Germany has planned to bring all combat soldiers home by the end of 2014, when Afghan forces are scheduled to take full responsibility for national

security. Local media reported that the proposal is expected to be passed in the parliament swiftly. Westerwelle said Germany would continue to provide Afghanistan with long-term non-military assistance after a total withdrawal of combat

troops. Germany has already started the phase-out of troops in Afghanistan, where as many as 5,350 German troops were stationed during the peak period a year ago.

The number of German soldiers ranks the third in the about 100,000 NATO-led International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) after the United States and Britain.—Xinhua

UN Secretary-General's Message for International Day for Tolerance

16 November, 2012

Building tolerance and understanding is fundamental for the twenty-first century. In an increasingly globalized world — in which societies are growing more diverse — tolerance is central to living together.

Yet tolerance is being tested. In the face of economic and social pressures, some seek to exploit fears and highlight differences to stoke hatred of minorities, immigrants and the disadvantaged. To counter the rise of ignorance, extremism and hate-based political appeals, the moderate majority must speak up for shared values and against all forms of discrimination.

Our goal must be more than peaceful coexistence. True tolerance requires the free flow of ideas, quality education for all, respect for human rights, and the sharing of cultures for mutual understanding. As we advance these values, let us draw strength and guidance from the UNESCO Universal Declaration on Cultural Diversity.

Tolerance is both a condition of peace and an engine for creativity and innovation. In our evermore interconnected world, promoting tolerance is the way to build the harmony we need to address pressing challenges and secure a better future. —UNIC/Yangon



Rescuers are seen around debris of a helicopter near Mashhad in northeastern Iran on 14 Nov, 2012. The death toll of a rescue helicopter crash in northeastern Iran on Wednesday morning has increased to ten, semi-official Mehr news agency reported.

XINHUA

Ten killed in helicopter crash in NE Iran

TEHRAN, 15 Nov—The death toll of a rescue helicopter crash in northeastern Iran on Wednesday morning has increased to ten, semi-official Mehr news agency reported.

Earlier in the day, a medical emergency official in northeastern Mashhad city told Fars news agency that the helicopter which belonged to Iran's airforce and was hired by the emergency center of Mashhad was crashed in an operation.

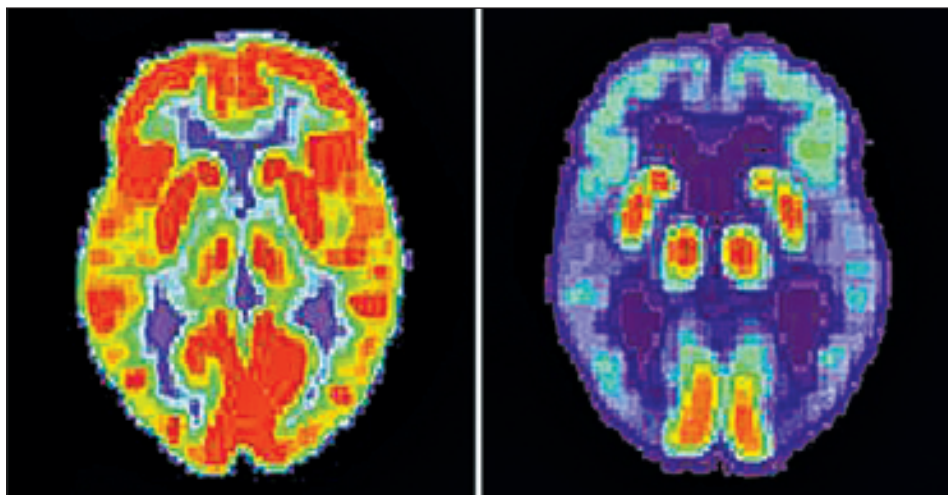
The helicopter was transferring five injured people in an accident to a hospital in Mashhad when it crashed in Sineh-Arab region in Khorasan Razavi

province in the northeast of Iran, the official, Reza Vafaeinejad, was quoted as saying.

Vafaeinejad said there were ten people onboard the helicopter, including five crew members and five injured in a traffic accident near Mashhad.

He said that the crash took place due to bad weather condition and foggy air so that the pilot had to lower its height, hence, the helicopter hit the cables of high-pressure power and crashed.

Earlier Wednesday, Fars reported that nine people onboard the helicopter were killed and one was seriously injured who was taken to a nearby hospital.—Xinhua



A combination image of brain scans show a normal functioning brain and one with Alzheimers.— REUTERS

Scientists identify new risk gene for Alzheimer's

Science

CHICAGO, 15 Nov — Two international teams of scientists have identified a rare mutation in a gene linked with inflammation that significantly increases the risk for the most common form of Alzheimer's disease, the first such discovery in at least a decade.

The findings, published on Wednesday in the *New England Journal of Medicine*, offer new insights into the underpinnings of Alzheimer's, a deadly, brain-wasting disease that robs people of their memories, their independence and their lives.

In separate studies, teams led by privately held deCode Genetics and John Hardy of University College London found that people with a mutation in a gene called TREM2 were four

times as likely to have Alzheimer's as people who did not have the gene.

"It quadruples the risk of Alzheimer's," said Dr Kari Stefansson of Reykjavik-based deCode in a telephone interview.

The level of risk compares with ApoE4, the best-known genetic cause of late-onset Alzheimer's, the form of the disease that occurs in older adults.

But this new gene variant is 10 times more rare than ApoE4, which is present in about 40 percent of people with late-onset Alzheimer's.

Rare or not, scientists say the discovery represents a big breakthrough for Alzheimer's research.

"This is one of the most common, most devastating illnesses in humans and we still don't have a very good

understanding of what causes the disease," said Dr. Allan Levey, director of the Emory Alzheimer's Disease Centre of Excellence in Atlanta, which helped confirm the deCode findings.

"In my mind, this is very important. It gives us another important clue as to one of the biological factors that contribute to causing the disease," he said.

Reuters

Russia says satellites normal after cable break

Tech

MOSCOW, 15 Nov — Russia's space agency scrambled to refigure communications with civilian satellites and the *International Space Station* on Wednesday after a cable broke outside Moscow, but said the satellites and the station were operating normally. The space agency, Roskosmos, offered assurances after state-run news agency RIA cited an unnamed source as saying Russia lost the ability to control most of its

civilian satellites and send commands to its segment of the space station.

"The cable break ... is not affecting the functioning of Russian satellites and the *International Space Station*," Roskosmos spokesman Alexei Kuznetsov said. He said the agency was able to communicate with the satellites and control them.

Kuznetsov said a cable had broken during work by a construction company at an unspecified site northeast of Moscow.

RIA cited its source as saying the broken cable would not be repaired for at least 48 hours. It also cited a separate source saying military satellites had not been affected. After the break, the source said, contact with facilities on the ground around Russia that communicate with civilian satellites had been lost.

"Specialists have lost the ability to control civilian satellites and issue commands to the Russian segment of the ISS," the source was quoted

as saying, adding: "They see crew and can speak to them." Kuznetsov said the cable break "did not lead to loss of control of orbital facilities, including the ISS, because reconfiguration of the operations of ground-based control facilities was conducted".

RIA cited a source as saying the problem could delay the departure of a Russian, an American and a Japanese astronaut from the station, scheduled for 19 November.—Reuters



HP picks Cosco's Greek pier as regional transport hub

Tech

ATHENS, 15 Nov — Hewlett Packard will transport its goods across Europe, the Middle East and Africa through Greece's biggest port, the Greek government said on Wednesday, after a deal with China's Cosco Pacific that Athens hopes will attract investors and bolster cargo business at its commercial docks.

The agreement is expected to take effect at the end of the year, the government said. Cosco Pacific, one of the world's biggest container terminal operators, signed a deal with Greece in 2008 to run a pier at the state-owned Piraeus port. HP is the world's largest manufacturer by sales of personal computers.

The conservative-led government of Prime Minister Antonis Samaras has made investment and growth a priority since taking over in June. Greece is battling its biggest economic downturn in six decades.

Samaras hailed the deal as "a vote of confidence in Greece in this effort we are undertaking today to revive the Greek economy."

"It reaffirms the role our country can play on the global business map," he said after meeting representatives of both companies and the shipping and development ministers. In 2011 more than 20 million passengers and 1.7 million containers passed through Piraeus, the country's busiest port and a gateway to Eastern Europe, according to the Piraeus Port Authority (OLP).

The Development Ministry, which announced the preliminary agreement, did not place a value on the deal but said it could increase local cargo business at Piraeus by 50 percent. It is also expected to create hundreds of jobs, the ministry said.

HP's merchandise would be distributed by sea through the Cosco terminal and by land through Greece's Trainose, the monopoly that operates 500 freight and passenger routes on 2,500 km (1,550 miles) of railways, the ministry said.—Reuters

Adobe says user forum was breached, takes site offline

Tech

BOSTON, 15 Nov — Adobe Systems Inc shut down a website where customers share information about using its Connect online conferencing service after the software maker discovered it had been compromised in a data breach.

The company, whose software is frequently targeted by computer hackers because it is widely used to publish digital documents, said on Wednesday that it would reset passwords of the approximately 150,000 members of the site, Connectusers.com.

Adobe said its Connect web conferencing service and other company sites were not breached.

News of the breach surfaced on Tuesday when a hacker claimed in a posting on the Internet to have stolen log-in credentials of

150,000 Adobe customers and partners.

The hacker, who claimed to be from Egypt, released 644 records from the site, including emails, saying the release was done to point out that Adobe is slow in fixing security problems.

The hacker also promised to release data stolen from Yahoo Inc. A Yahoo spokeswoman did not respond to a request for comment.

The Adobe breach was discovered a week after Russian security firm Group-IB said it had uncovered a flaw in Adobe's Reader software that criminals are currently exploiting to attack PCs by infecting them with malicious PDF documents.

Adobe spokeswoman Wiebke Lips said the company is still reviewing that report, though it has not yet received samples of malicious code discovered by Group-IB.—Reuters

Scientists go the whole hog in genome mapping

Science

LONDON, 15 Nov — Scientists have mapped the genome of the domestic pig in a project that could enhance the animal's use for meat production and the testing of drugs for human disease. A study published in science journal *Nature* identified genes that could be linked with illnesses suffered by farmed pigs, providing a reference tool for selective breeding to increase their resistance to disease.

"This new analysis helps us understand the genetic mechanisms that enable high-quality pork production, feed efficiency and resistance to disease," said Sonny Ramaswamy, director of the US Department of Agriculture's National Institute of Food and Agriculture.

"This knowledge can ultimately help producers breed high-quality swine, lower production costs and improve sustainability."

Alan Archibald at the University of Edinburgh's Roslin Institute in Scotland, who worked on the project with collaborators in the

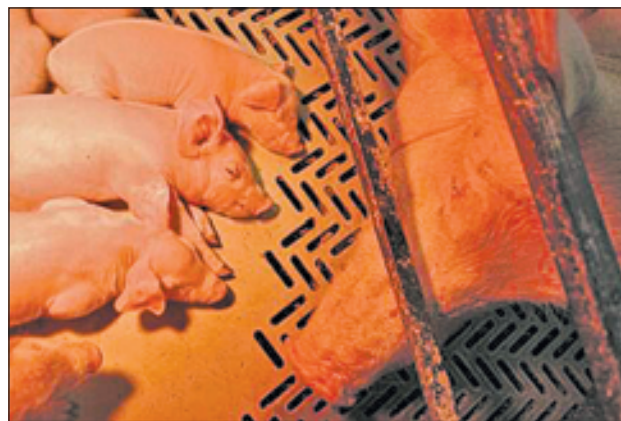
Netherlands and the United States, said the new genome sequence was the first good draft. Archibald said while making sense of the analysis would take time, the benefits of genome sequencing flow through more quickly in agriculture than, for instance, human medicine,

"because we can use selective breeding".

Identifying genes responsible for diseases that are also seen in people could see pigs used more extensively for drug testing.

For instance, the inherited illness known as porcine stress syndrome, which can cause sudden death in pigs, has similarities to the human condition malignant hyperthermia which causes a fast and dangerous rise in body temperature in some people under general anesthetic.

Some of the genetic faults that pigs share with humans can be linked with conditions as varied as Alzheimer's disease, diabetes, dyslexia, obesity and Parkinson's disease, the researchers said.—Reuters



A sow rests with its piglets at a farm in Hotemaze, on 26 Oct, 2012.— REUTERS

BUSINESS & HEALTH

Even moderate drinking in pregnancy may affect child's IQ **Health**

LONDON, 15 Nov — Women who drink even moderate amounts of alcohol while pregnant may risk lowering child's intelligence levels, according to a study by British scientists.

Advice to pregnant women about drinking is contradictory, with some guidelines recommending no alcohol at all and others suggesting the odd drink now and then is safe.

But in a study described as "hugely important" by one expert, researchers using genetic analysis of more than 4,000 mothers and children found that drinking between one and six units of alcohol a week during pregnancy can lead to lower Intelligence Quotient (IQ) scores by the time a child is eight.

"Even at levels of alcohol consumption which are normally considered to be harmless, we can detect differences in childhood IQ which are dependent on the ability of the fetus to clear this alcohol," said Sarah Lewis of Bristol University, who led the study. "This is evidence that even at these moderate levels, alcohol is influencing fetal brain development."

This study used genetic data from women and children who were part of another study called the Children of the 90s study.

Since the individual genetic variations that people have in their DNA are not connected to lifestyle and social factors, this kind of study avoids potential complications.

Most previous studies have used observational evidence, but experts say this can be misleading because, for example, mothers who drink in moderation while pregnant are typically also well educated, have good diets and are unlikely to smoke—all factors linked to higher IQ in children and which could mask any negative effects of alcohol.

A US study published in July found that older, educated women are more likely to drink while pregnant.

This study, published in the journal *PLOS ONE* on Wednesday, used a new technique analyzing the genetic variants which modify the effects of alcohol exposure levels.

Reuters

AT&T sees \$1 billion opportunity in company cybersecurity **Business**

BARCELONA, 15 Nov — Companies will double or triple spending on cybersecurity in the coming years as attacks grow more sophisticated and frequent, creating a billion dollar business opportunity for US carrier AT&T Inc, it said on Wednesday.

Attacks on AT&T networks have doubled in the past four months and now tend to be more targeted to evade detection, Frank Jules, president of AT&T's global enterprise unit, said at the Morgan Stanley TMT conference.

"We see them on a daily basis and they are now getting smaller instead of coming in huge waves, which were easier for us to



detect," he said.

"Every chief information officer at major corporations that I meet wants to talk about security. I think this will be a \$40 billion market one day."

Jules said AT&T's strategy for its global business solutions unit was to accompany big multinationals as they expand overseas to provide them not just with connectivity but new products and services

like security and machine-to-machine technology, which puts mobile SIM cards into everything from cars to vending machines.

AT&T said in early November it would boost capital spending on its US network by about 16 percent to \$22 billion a year for the next three years to upgrade its wireless and wireline networks.

Reuters

Lenovo aims to raise EMEA margins by 50 percent **Business**

DUBAI, 15 Nov — Lenovo Group Ltd, on track to become the world's top PC maker, has bolstered its presence in Europe, the Middle East and Africa (EMEA) and aims to raise regional operating margins by about 50 percent, a top company executive said on Wednesday.

The Chinese company's profit growth slowed in the second quarter, although it beat expectations and outpaced results from its main rivals, such as Hewlett-Packard Co, Dell Inc and Acer Inc.

Yet uncertainty over the future of the PC market—seen by some analysts as a 'sunset' industry—has spurred Lenovo to expand into mobile computing and smart phone handsets.

The company's operating margin in EMEA was 2 percent in the second quarter and it aims to raise this to 3 percent "in the next



18 months — by the end of the next financial year", Gianfranco Lanci, Lenovo president for the EMEA region, told Reuters.

He said these gains were achievable because the company had already beefed up its operations in the Middle East, Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union.

"It's a matter of scaling expenses. We have the right set up," he said.

"We can see growth coming without adding too much in terms of resources.

We still need to look

into how we can invest in branding."

Lenovo's smartphones, such as LePhones, have gained traction in China with the PC maker ranking second in market share in the second quarter, behind Samsung Electronics, IDC data showed.

The Chinese manufacturer launched smart phones in Russian speaking countries this month, the first time these handsets have been sold in the EMEA region.

Reuters

Facebook stock jumps 12.6 percent as share lockup expires **Business**

SAN FRANCISCO, 15 Nov — Shares of Facebook Inc jumped nearly 13 percent on Wednesday, as investors breathed a sigh of relief that expiring trading restrictions on a huge block of shares failed to trigger an immediate wave of insider selling.

"While the lockup is expiring, there is nothing requiring anybody to sell," said Tim Ghriskey, chief investment officer at Solaris Group in Bedford Hills, New York. "Given the low price,

these long-term holders are deciding to hold the stock, and that is lifting it here as the fear of the expiration subsides." Roughly 800 million Facebook shares were eligible for sale on Wednesday after restrictions on insider selling were lifted on the biggest block since Facebook's May initial public offering.

The lockup expiration greatly expands the 921-million-share "float" available for trading on the

market until now.

"We've seen this before with other lockups. People sell them leading up to the lockup period expiring, and then they have a bit of a relief rally," said Ryan Jacob, chief executive of the Jacob Funds, which does not own Facebook shares. In August, shares of the online reviews website Yelp Inc surged by more than 20 percent on the day that insider trading restrictions expired.

Reuters

US regulators report possible link between caffeine shot, deaths **Health**

NEW YORK, 15 Nov — The US Food and Drug Administration confirmed on Wednesday the receipt of reports that another caffeine drink, 5-hour Energy, may have been involved in a number of deaths—in this case 13 over the past four years. The reports were first detailed by the *New York Times* on Wednesday.

The news follows the FDA's disclosure last month that it was investigating reports of five deaths that may be related to Monster Beverage's namesake drinks.

The highly caffeinated beverages are the fastest-growing type of soft drink in the United States, with sales increasing 17 percent last year to about \$9 billion,

according to Beverage Digest.

FDA spokeswoman Shelly Burgess said that 5-hour Energy, sold by Living Essentials, has been mentioned in some 90 FDA filings since 2009, including more than 30 that involved serious or life-threatening events like heart attacks, convulsions, and in one case, a spontaneous abortion, the *New York Times* reported.

The *Times* said another federal agency, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, reported late last year that more than 13,000 emergency room visits in 2009 were associated with energy drinks alone.

But Elaine Lutz, spokeswoman for Living

Essentials, the company that distributes 5-hour Energy, said in a statement that the product "is not an energy drink" (the so-called shot comes in a bottle that holds less than 2 ounces).

"Living Essentials," the statement went on, "takes reports of any potential adverse event tied to our products very seriously. We fully comply with all of our reporting requirements."

The company was "unaware of any deaths proven to have been caused by the consumption of 5-hour Energy." Currently the FDA does not publicly disclose adverse event filings about dietary supplements, including energy shot drinks.

Reuters

Texas Instruments cuts 1,700 jobs, winds down tablet chips **Business**

NEW YORK/SAN FRANCISCO, 15 Nov — Texas Instruments is eliminating 1,700 jobs, as it winds down its mobile processor business to focus on chips for more profitable markets like cars and home appliances.

Texas Instruments said in September it would halt costly investments in the increasingly competitive smartphone and tablet chip business, leading Wall Street to speculate that part of the company's processor unit, called OMAP, could be sold.

The layoffs are equivalent to nearly 5 percent of the Austin, Texas-based company's global workforce.

"A sale would have been better than a restructuring but a restructuring is certainly better than nothing," Sanford Bernstein analyst Stacy



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Rasgon said.

TI has been under pressure in mobile processors, where it has lost ground to rival Qualcomm Inc. Leading smartphone

makers Apple Inc and Samsung Electronics Co Ltd have been developing their own chips instead of buying them from suppliers like TI.—Reuters

MYANMAR GAZETTE

The President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar has transferred Rector U San Lwin of Meiktila Institute of Economics under Higher Education Department (Upper Myanmar), Ministry of Education to Yangon Institute of Economics under Higher Education Department (Lower Myanmar) under the same ministry as Rector from the date he assumes charge of his duties.

The President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar has confirmed the appointment of Director-General U Bo Bo Yin of the Constitutional Tribunal of the Union on expiry of the one-year probationary period.

Ephedrine, pseudoephedrine tablets seized in Lashio

NAY PYI TAW, 15 Nov — It is learnt that 100,000 ephedrine tablets and over 500,000 tablets with pseudoephedrine were seized in Lashio on 13 November.

Officials of Shan State Police Force and Lashio special anti-narcotic squad

seized 15 kilos of 100,000 India-made ephedrine tablets worth K 64.5 million and 111 kilos of 518,000 pseudoephedrine tablets worth K 103.6 million at the corner of Buta street and Myawady Street in Ward-1 in Lashio while conducting a search of unlicensed four-

wheeled Hilux car driving from Myawady street to Buta Street. Two men—Hsam Kwat and Aik Yone—were arrested. According to the investigations, accomplices—Khin Maung Oo (a) Maung Oo, Kyaw Kyaw Win, Nann Moon (a) Ah May were also arrested.—MNA

Free medical treatment given

MANDALAY, 15 Nov — Under the Women and Child Health Development Project organized by Aungmyaythazan Township Health Department, providing local people with free medical treatment and giving health education took place at Early

Childhood Development and Protection Centre jointly-organized by Social Welfare Department and World Vision Myanmar on 1 November.

A medical team comprising head of township health department and health in-charges Dr

San San Aye, Dr Hnin Thida Cho and Dr Khine Zar Lin, nurses led by Matron Daw Cho Cho Myint and midwives and health staff performed free medical treatment to 88 patients and gave educative talks on health to 99 locals.

Kyemon

Mudon sees free clinic



MUDON, 15 Nov — Aimed at providing local people from Mudon and nearby villages with free medical treatment, a free clinic was opened at Dawna street in Myoma (1) ward of Mudon on 1 November.

Mudon free clinic was temporarily opened on Mawlamyine-Thanyuza-yat road on 19 August 2011, and the clinic moved to the present building established with the contribution of K 80 million by wellwisher U Khin Maung Win and Daw Khin San Win (Myat Pann Khine Co.) and family of Mandalay.

A fund of more than K 100 million contributed by wellwishers from Mudon and nearby villages, Yangon and Mandalay

was set up for giving free medical treatment to the patients. During the period from the opening date to the end of September, 13080 medical treatments were given to patients and eye surgeries were performed for 79 patients with eye complaint.

As medical equipment needed for opening of a dental clinic have been donated by U Toe Myint Shwe (a) U Bo Bo and Daw San Lwin and family, plans are underway to attend to the needs of local people in health and social matters. Member doctors of Mudon Medical Association work at the free clinic three days a week alternately on a voluntary basis.

Kyemon

Fourteenth fire of Padaukpin oil drilling area in Thayet

THAYET, 15 Nov — A fire broke out at a manual oil drilling block of Shwe Yarhi company in Padaukpin oil drilling area in Thayet Township of Magway Region at 3.30 am on 14 November.

The fire started due to the friction between a metal container and a pulley while Min Thu Han (23 years) of Nyaungkon village of



Myanmar to lead ceremony of recitation of Three repositories of Buddhist Scriptures in Bodh Gaya

YANGON, 15 Nov — With the aim of promoting Tharavadda Buddha Sasana and peace across the globe, the annual ceremony to recite Three repositories of Buddhist Scriptures will be held under the leadership of the Sitagu Sayadaw and members of the Sangha of Gaya in the compound of the Bodhi Tree Pagoda in Gaya of Bihar State in India from 2 to 12 December on a grand scale.

The opening ceremony of recitation of Three repositories of Buddhist Scriptures will be held on 2 December and the closing ceremony on 12 December. The recitations will be carried out from 9 am to 11 am and from 1 pm to 5 pm.

“The recitation of Three repositories of

Pakokku Township was drawing crude oil from the Well No. Ms.19. The fire engulfed oil drilling equipment, 15 containers of crude oil and a makeshift tent. Thayet Police Station filed a lawsuit against Min Tun Han for his recklessness.

It was the third time for Padaukpin oil drilling area in November and the fourteenth time during the period from the first day of the area to date.

Kyemon

Buddhist Scriptures is annually held in Bodhi Gaya. Buddhist countries like Sri Lanka, Laos, Vietnam, India, Cambodia, Thailand and Myanmar have to take this responsibility alternately. Other Buddhist countries also contribute to the ceremony. Arrangements are being made for successful holding of the ceremony by members of the Sangha and officials as Myanmar will be taking responsibility for this year's ceremony.

As a special programme of this year, Sitagu Alinkar Wutyi music band will perform the Life of Buddha at the ceremony”, Dr Ashin Kumara of Sitagu World Buddhist University said. A total of 250 members of the Sangha from Sri Lanka, Myanmar, India, Thailand, Cambodia and Bangladesh collectively recite Three repositories of Buddhist Scriptures under the Bo Tree at the ceremony.

Kyemon

Tatkon dwellers throng to friendly football match



NAY PYI TAW, 15 Nov — Organized by Tatkon Township Sports Committee, a friendly match between Tatkon Township football team and a football team led by drama performer Po Chit took place at the township sports ground on 13 November.

The match between the township football team led

by U Aye Lu, Administrator of Tatkon Township General Administration Department and Po Chit football team ended 5-2.

Next, the township administrator presented a gift to the Po Chit football team. Officials of the township, town elders and local people thronged the friendly match.

—Kyemon

EU Market Access Requirements Awareness Workshop held

YANGON, 15 Nov — The Republic of the Union of Myanmar Federation of the Chambers of Commerce and Industry organized a Workshop on EU Market Access Requirements Awareness with the sponsorship of Centre for the Promotion Imports from Developing Countries at

UMFCCI Training Institute on 12 and 13 November.

The workshop attended by associations from the sectors of garment, tourism, marine resources and affiliated associations of the UMFCCI focused on requirements of Myanmar products for EU market access.—Kyemon

Information team formed

**Republic of the Union of Myanmar
Union Government
Notification No. 81/2012
2nd Waxing of Tazaungmon, 1374 ME
(15 November, 2012)**

Formation of Information Team

1. Under the sub-section (a), section 24 of the Union Government Law, Information Team has been formed with the following persons in order that it can assume the duties of releasing news and information and holding press conferences occasionally regarding the political, economic, security, military and natural disaster affairs of the State.

(a) U Aung Thein Leader
Deputy Minister

Ministry of President Office
(b) U Ye Min member
Deputy Director-General
President Staff Office
(c) U Ye Naing member
General Manager
News and Periodicals Enterprise
Ministry of Information
(d) U Moe Kyaw Aung member
Director
President Office
(e) U Aung Soe Thein member
Director
Union Government Office
(f) U Nyan Tun Secretary
Director
President Office

(a) To release the State's news on political, economy, security, military and natural disasters in real time.
(b) To occasionally hold press conference if necessary.
(c) To release press statements.
(d) To serve as preactive media and reactive media regarding current political, economic and security conditions.
(e) To release the real-time news to local and foreign media, regional organizations and international organizations.
(f) To make coordination to give support by linking with information committees formed by the ministries.

By order,
Zaw Than Thin
Secretary
Union Government

2. The duties of the information committee are as follows:-

**Republic of the Union of Myanmar
Union Election Commission
Nay Pyi Taw
Notification No.48/2012
2nd Waxing of Tazaungmon 1374 ME
(15 November, 2012)**

42 Defence Services Personnel Region Hluttaw or State Hluttaw Representatives substituted

According to the request made in accordance with Section 33 of Region Hluttaw or State Hluttaw Election Law to substitute 42 Defence Services Personnel Region Hluttaw or State Hluttaw Representatives nominated by the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services in first multiparty democracy general election held on 7 November 2010, the Union Election Commission scrutinized and substituted 42 Defence Services Personnel Region Hluttaw or State Hluttaw Representatives stated hereunder in Notification No.3/2011 of the commission dated 20-1-2011 with personnel shown against them.

Kachin State Hluttaw

(1) BC 37765 Captain Thein Than Aye	BC 28738 Major Myo Naing
(2) BC 40099 Captain Pyae Phyo Aung	BC 47742 Captain Kaung Myat Thu
(3) BC 41203 Captain Tin Naing Tun	BC 43203 Captain Phyo Wai Myint

Chin State Hluttaw

(4) BC 37954 Captain Kyaw Zin Maung	BC 41506 Captain Han Linn Kyaw
(5) BC 38218 Captain Myo Maung Maung Thwin	BC 43367 Captain Phyo Phyo
(6) BC 39673 Captain Aung Zaw Htaik	BC 42577 Captain Nyan Htut Swe

Sagaing Region Hluttaw

(7) BC 37777 Captain Kyaw Thet Khaing	BC 27447 Major Than Tun
(8) BC 37964 Captain Kyaw Kyaw	BC 29403 Captain Aung Myat Win
(9) BC 39853 Captain Tun Naing Linn	BC 39000 Captain Nyan Min Maung

Taninthayi Region Hluttaw

(10) BC 38465 Captain Hlaing Bwar	BC 43259 Captain Thet Naing Soe
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Bago Region Hluttaw

(11) BC 39715 Captain Aung Linn Naing	BC 30083 Major Ye Maung
(12) BC 39716 Captain Kyi Khaing	BC 47647 Captain Naing Aung Khin
(13) BC 40183 Captain Win Kyaw Oo	BC 45417 Captain Aung Aung Myo

Magway Region Hluttaw

(14) BC 38181 Captain Ye Min Tun	BC 25297 Major Kyaw Soe Linn
(15) BC 38203 Captain Win Thant	BC 46804 Captain Soe Thu
(16) BC 38289 Captain Min Thukha Hlaing	BC 36353 Captain Ko Ko
(17) BC 39691 Captain Zarni Aung	BC 47287 Captain Paing Myo Htet
(18) BC 40023 Captain Zaw Tun Linn	BC 45020 Captain Phyu Win

Mandalay Region Hluttaw

(19) BC 40793 Captain Hein Min Htet	BC 24108 Major Aung Thet Myint
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Mon State Hluttaw

(20) BC 40710 Captain Nay Myo Thet	BC 51322 Captain Wunna Naing
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Rakhine State Hluttaw

(21) BC 38587 Captain Kyaw Hsan Win	BC 42595 Captain Thet Naing Myint
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Yangon Region Hluttaw

(22) BC 37555 Captain Nyein Chan Win	BC 27403 Major Myo Khaing
(23) BC 37951 Captain Ye Linn Aung	BC 28470 Captain Thet Naing Oo

Shan State Hluttaw

(24) BC 30863 Major Ye Naing Oo	BC 29578 Major Myo Min Aung
(25) BC 37413 Captain Kyaw Thu Yin	BC 24956 Major Zaw Tun
(26) BC 37681 Captain Thi Han Tun Myat	BC 31930 Major Win Zaw Latt
(27) BC 37703 Captain Myo Min Tun	BC 35539 Captain Myint Kyaw Naing
(28) BC 38841 Captain Zaw Zaw Oo	BC 28947 Captain Aung Kyi
(29) BC 38947 Captain Aye Min Htaik	BC 31656 Captain Myint Tun Naing
(30) BC 39582 Captain Tun Linn Maung	BC 33731 Captain Tezar Aung
(31) BC 40733 Captain Hlaing Myo Min	BC 34908 Captain Soe Khaing
(32) BC 40745 Captain Kyaw Zin Phyo	BC 30644 Captain Moe Khaing
(33) BC 40782 Captain Zeyar Moe	BC 36367 Captain Aung Latt
(34) BC 41303 Captain Zeyar Myo	BC 36320 Captain Ye Myat Tun
(35) BC 41312 Captain Kyaw Nay Han	BC 36457 Captain Aung Thura Tun
(36) BC 33092 Major Min Naychi Linn	BC 35197 Captain Hsan Linn

Ayeyawady Region Hluttaw

(37) BC 38564 Captain Tezar Phyo	BC 45323 Captain Han Zaw Tun
(38) BC 38791 Captain Han Linn Saw	BC 48200 Captain Thein Tan
(39) BC 39644 Captain Hein Latt	BC 35000 Captain Naung Ko Latt
(40) BC 40878 Captain Nanda Linn	BC 42523 Captain Wai Phyo
(41) BC 41097 Captain Min Ye Tun	BC 30766 Captain Win Naing Tun
(42) BC 37617 Captain Kyaw Zeyar Myo	BC 48373 Captain Zin Linn

By order,
Win Ko
Member
Union Election Commission

PERSPECTIVES

Friday, 16 November, 2012

Be cautious of clashes

These days, we see a lot of clashes, conflicts and violence around the globe. Today is the age of globalization. With the rapid advancement of IT, we have so many chances to enjoy the up-to-date information through the media. This news may be right or wrong. Some media want to release information ahead of others as quickly as possible without knowing whether or not the news comes from the reliable sources. We all should be cautious in our response to the rumors.

The renewed bout of Rakhine crisis, which first began in June, has raised international concern and is one of the biggest challenges to Myanmar's reform process. Some criticize that it is national security while others suggest it needs to establish a harmonious society. People there have to suffer the evil consequences of the violence, which has caused a big loss to education, economy and social sectors in the State. The violence has displaced and killed a number of people and lost houses and buildings.

Security has been stepped up in the state, with additional police and Tatmadaw men deployed. Bringing peace and stability to Rakhine State may end the incident as quickly as possible. The President also emphasizes on the rule of law there. The Investigation Board is formed to expose the real cause of the incident. According to the investigation, there are certain organizations and individuals manipulating the incident.

Those organizations and individuals will instigate the outbreak of bloodshed by utilizing fear and hate. Such kind of news is very sensitive. We all should not respond to anything with anger and need to be well aware of it. Media also should be cautious about reporting conflicts. Don't spark the clashes off.

Kick-off seminar on master plan for urban development of greater Yangon held

YANGON, 15 Nov — On his speech at the Kick-off Seminar on master plan for urban development of greater Yangon, jointly-organized by Yangon Region Government and Japan International Cooperation Agency, at Yangon City Hall yesterday, Yangon Region Chief Minister U Myint Swe

said that plans are underway to fully implement the six projects agreed between the region government and JICA.

Next, JICA Resident Representatives Mr. Masahiko Tanaka gave an account of works being carried out in Myanmar by JICA; Leader of JICA

Study Team Mr Hirano, progress in master plan for urban development of greater Yangon; Mr Koei, progress in water supply and sanitation project for Yangon; and Mr Hajime Matsuoka, progress in urban transportation project, and answered the queries raised by those present.

Next, Minister for Development Affairs of Yangon Region Yangon Mayor U Hla Myint and the JICA Resident Representative made concluding remarks.

In the evening, the Chief Minister gave a speech at the stake-driven ceremony of Trader Square Commercial Complex held at Traders Hotel on Sule Pagoda Road, here.

Director Mrs Kay Kuok of Traders Hotel Co., Ltd

NATIONAL

Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann meets US delegation



Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann receives Special Representative and Policy Coordinator Mr. Patrick Murphy of the United States and party.
MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 15 Nov — Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann received a delegation led by Special Representative and Policy Coordinator Mr.

Patrick Murphy of the United States at the hall of Pyithu Hluttaw Building, here, this morning.

Also present at the call were Deputy Speaker U

Nanda Kyaw Swa, Chairman of International Relations Committee U Hla Myint Oo and US Ambassador to Myanmar Mr. Derek Mitchell. They held discussions on US's

recognition of Myanmar democratization process, assistance for political process in Myanmar and further cooperation between the two parliaments. —MNA

Union Minister inspects damaged religious edifices in Mandalay Region

NAY PYI TAW, 15 Nov — Union Minister for Religious Affairs Thura U Myint Maung together with Mandalay Region Minister for Electric Power and Industry Dr Myint Kyu looked into quake-hit Diamond Orb and religious edifices at Tooth Relic Pagoda (Mandalay) in Amarapura Township yesterday and presented cash

donation for renovation of the Pagoda.

After planting Ingyin tree at northeast part of the Pagoda, the Union minister and party proceeded to Maha Thakyayanthi Kyauktawgyi Buddha Image in the township and presented cash donation for renovation

of the religious edifices in the compound.

At Shwelinpin Shwezedi Sutaungpyae Pagoda, the Union Minister supplicated on the repair works to the presiding Sayadaw of the Shwelinpin monastery and presented offertories to the members

of the Sangha.

On his arrivals at Maha Vizayayan Pahtotawgyi Pagoda in Amarapura Township, Waythali Mahagandayon Monastery in Pyigyidagun Township and Sandamuni Pagoda in Aungmyaythazan Township, the Union minister held coordination with responsible persons for renovation works.

MNA

Amnesty granted to 31 prisoners

YANGON, 15 Nov — In line with Section 401(i) of Code of Criminal Procedure, the President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar has granted amnesty to prisoners including the aged and unhealthy prisoners who had served their prison terms in accord with Sub-section (a), Section 204 of the Constitution as of today, for stability of the State and eternal peace, on humanitarians ground, turning them into citizens to participate in nation building tasks in whatever ways they can, realizing magnanimity of the State and extended greetings, and the Chief Minister, the Mayor, the Director and officials of Traders Hotel took part in the ceremony.

Shop complexes and a parking lot with the capacity of 600 cars will be included in the twenty-storey Trader Square Commercial Complex. —MNA

maintaining friendship with neighbouring countries. The government has extradited the foreign prisoners. Thirty one prisoners—24 males and seven females—were set free from Insein Central Jail this morning.

Director U Maung Maung Aye of Yangon Region Myanmar Correctional Department met with them

at the hall of Insein Central Jail. They were seen off by officials at Yangon Railways Station and highway bus terminals.

Thirty one prisoners include the two disabled, one aged, one Cameron, one long-sentenced prisoner and 26 others.

MNA

For god's sake, we still afford low-cost dinner even though low-cost phones, low-cost cars and low-cost housings are far beyond our reach.

Cartoon Chit Min Lu



Mohnyin District Deputy Commissioner U Myint Hlaing and wellwisher formally open inter-village bridge worth K 20,124,000 linking Mawhan and Mawpin villages in Mohnyin Township recently.

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PYITHU HLUTTAW

State governments...

(from page 16)
U Sai Maung Tin of Laikha Constituency should be put on record.

Regarding the proposal submitted by U Aung Thein Lin of South Okkalapa Constituency, Deputy Minister for Home Affairs Police Maj-Gen Kyaw Kyaw Tun replied that farmers should submit their applications for farmland holding to the respective region/state governments and the proposal should be put on record and monitored.

U Ngun Moung of Haka Constituency submits proposal.

MNA



Regarding the proposal submitted by U Aung Myint of Gangaw Constituency, Deputy Minister U Aye Myint Maung replied that coordination would be made for farmlands in the forest reserves with ministries concerned after laws and procedures were promulgated and the proposal should be put on record.

Union Minister at President Office U Soe Maung responded to the proposal to issue directives by the Union government for setting auspicious days of states as public holidays

in these states submitted by U Ngun Moung of Haka Constituency that state governments were allowed to make decisions independently in accord with the democratic practices and the Union government would urge the state governments to do this.

Member of Bill Committee U Soe Yal read out the report of the committee on the Bill to amend the law of constitutional tribunal of the Union sent by Amyotha Hluttaw with no amendment, and Pyithu Hluttaw approved the Bill.



Deputy Minister for Home Affairs Police Maj-Gen Kyaw Kyaw Tun makes clarification.

MNA

Today's session ended at 4.35 pm and the date to hold the 14th day session will be announced. — MNA

AMYOTHA HLUTTAW

Bill amending the Constitutional...

(from page 16)
bill amending the Constitutional Tribunal Law. Two representatives held discussion on it. On behalf of the Union Government, Deputy Attorney-General U Tun Tun Oo explained the bill.

Whether the bill should remain unchanged as approved the Bill Committee was put to vote and the majority voted in favour of approved bill of the bill committee.

Next, U Mya Nyein

Deputy Minister for Defence Maj-Gen Kyaw Nyunt replies to questions.

MNA



of Yangon Region Constituency No. 7 proposed the Hluttaw to approve the bill amending

the Constitutional Tribunal Law, and U Tun Myint, member of Hluttaw Rights Committee seconded the proposal.

The Hluttaw Speaker sought approval of the bill by the Hluttaw. As no MP raised objection, the bill was passed as approved by the Bill Committee.

U Saw Tun Mya Aung of Kayin State Constituency No. 5 put forward a proposal urging the Union government to make preparation in cooperation with teams made of local national people for ensuring accuracy in

issuing citizenship scrutiny cards and household registration certificates and no misspelling of the names of tribesmen and tribeswomen. Ten MPs discussed his proposal.

Deputy Minister for Immigration and Population U Win Myint said plans have been laid to help surveyors cooperate with local tribesmen in taking national census in 2014 for correctness of the name of tribesmen. The majority of the Hluttaw voted in favour of the proposal and the session came to an end in the noon.—MNA

U Maung Saw Phyu of Rakhine State Constituency No. 4 raising question.

MNA



Amyotha Hluttaw, 24 Union ministries held coordination meeting over remaining questions, proposals

NAY PYI TAW, 15 Nov—Amyotha Hluttaw held a meeting with Union ministries over the questions and proposals which were not yet raised during the first, second, third and fourth regular sessions of Amyotha Hluttaw at the Amyotha Hluttaw Building here at 1 pm today.

During the meeting, U Aung Tun, Chairman of the Amyotha Hluttaw Government's Guarantees, Pledges and Undertakings Vetting Committee discussed the questions and proposals which were not yet raised during the first, second, third and fourth regular sessions of Amyotha Hluttaw.

Afterwards, 18 MPs discussed their proposals which were put forward at the Amyotha Hluttaw and the seven groups organized by the committee held coordination meetings with



Amyotha Hluttaw, Union ministries hold coordination meeting on remaining questions and proposals at first, second, third and fourth regular sessions.

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respective ministries.

The committee chairman reviewed the results of the discussions and the meeting ended.

During the meeting, 24 Union Ministries including

Ministry of Border Affairs, Ministry of Information, Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation, Ministry of Electric Power and Ministry of Construction discussed with the committee on

203 questions and 28 proposals which were not yet discussed at the first, second, third and fourth regular session of Amyotha Hluttaw.

MNA

Border Affairs Minister discusses Rakhine affairs with UN officials

NAY PYI TAW, 15 Nov—Union Minister for Border Affairs Lt-Gen Thein Htay met with Head of UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (Myanmar) Ms Barbara Manzi and Humanitarian Affairs officer UN Regional Civil Military Coordination Officer Mr Sebastian Rhodes Stampa, at the Ministry, here, this noon.

They exchanged views on rehabilitation in Rakhine State, prospect for getting more aids from the donors by holding workshop for long-term development and emergence of a harmonious society by creating economic and job opportunities not only for the displaced but also for local people.

MNA

Medical treatment given to the injured in quake-hit townships

NAY PYI TAW, 15 Nov—Ministry of Health is being provided medical treatment to the injured in quake-hit townships of Mandalay and Sagaing Regions and those in critical condition are transferred to Mandalay General Hospital.

A medical team led by Deputy Minister for Health Dr Win Myint performed emergency health care services in Thabeikkyin Township on 11 November.

Moreover, medical

teams from Mandalay General Hospital and other township hospitals provided health care to quake victims.

Plans are underway to perform emergency health care for victims of quake-hit Thabeikkyin and Singu Townships by specialists from Pyin Oo Lwin, Kyaukse and Meiktila Hospitals. They gave medical treatments to 103 wounded persons and 361 patients. — MNA

Munich customs warns tourists to Czech Republic of new form of drug smuggling

MUNICH, 15 Nov—Munich customs investigators on Tuesday advised tourists to the Czech Republic to beware a new form of drug smuggling.

German news agency DPA quoted investigators as saying that drug dealers would use unsuspected Asian tourists travelling in the Czech Republic

as drug couriers and the dealers would attach plastic boxes filled with narcotics to the tourists' vehicles with strong magnets.

Christian Schuetkopf, spokesman for the Customs Investigation Office Munich, said the smugglers would then follow the cars on the way to Germany at a safe distance

and wait for an opportunity to remove the boxes.

Five months of investigation have led to the arrest of five suspects aged 21 to 43 years, he said.

In recent years, drug smuggling is becoming more and more serious in the Czech Republic because of its geographical position.—Xinhua



Chinese mergansers rest on the Xiuhe River in east China's Jiangxi Province, on 12 Nov, 2012. The bird inhabits in forest rivulets and morass, feeding on fishes and insects. It is endemic to China and has a very small number. XINHUA



Working staff clean snow piled aside tracks at the Hegang Railway Station in Hegang, northeast China's Heilongjiang Province, on 13 Nov, 2012. Heavy snowstorms swept northeastern regions of Heilongjiang since last Sunday, forcing highways to close. Local authority of railway service initiated an emergency plan to maintain order of stranded passengers.—XINHUA

Bomb defused near gov't compound in Yemen

ADEN, 15 Nov—Yemeni police troops defused an explosive device planted near a government compound in the port City of Aden on Tuesday evening, a security official told Xinhua.

"The explosive device was found under a small tree near the main gate of Aden's Local Council headquarters and was timed to go off overnight by way of remote operation," the security source said on condition of anonymity.

"Experts of the anti-bomb unit deactivated the explosive device and foiled the planned terrorist operation," he said.

Militants of the al-Qaeda terrorist group believed to have planted the explosive

device to target military and government officials there, according to local police officers.

The Yemen-based al-Qaeda offshoot has exploited Yemen's year-long unrest and controlled several southern cities for more than one year before they were driven out by a US backed offensive.

On 20 June, Yemen's military officials announced seizing al-Qaeda's last bastion in the country's troubled south following the offensive. However, local military and anti-terrorism experts said the Yemeni al-Qaeda branch remained a major threat to the impoverished Arab country. Xinhua

Heavy rains, floods sweep western

Algeria

ALGIERS, 15 Nov—Heavy rains and floods swept the western region of Algeria, inundating several national roads and blocking some railways, local TSA news websites reported on Tuesday.

In Tlemcen Province, some 580 km west of the capital Algiers, national roads 22 and 98 have been inundated and became inaccessible, said a statement released by the National

Algeria

Gendarmerie, according to TSA. Three national roads crossing the country's southwestern Province of El Bayadh were blocked and a bridge collapsed, the source said. In the western province of Sidi Bel-Abbes, floods blocked five national roads, while in the southwestern province of Naama, floods blocked national road 6, TSA said.

Meanwhile, official APS news agency reported

that the National Railways Transport Company (SNTF) announced the suspension of the railway section between Ain Sefra and Beni Ouenif as well as the section between Oran and Bechar due to the inundation.

A weather report issued on Tuesday warned that heavy rains will continue pouring on Tuesday night and Wednesday mostly in the western region of the North African nation.—Xinhua

Police arrest 11 terror suspects in northern Kenya Kenya

GARISSA, 15 Nov—Kenyan authorities said on Tuesday they are holding 11 terror suspects including a key mastermind behind a spate of bomb and grenade attacks in the northern part of the East African country.

Regional Commissioner Maalim Mohammed said the key suspect was arrested on Tuesday in Garissa town near the border with Somalia, following tip off from the members of the public. The 10 others were arrested in the past week. "The police today arrested a key terror suspect

who has been causing harm to Garissa residents.

The man is behind all terror attacks on churches and policemen in Garissa town and its environs, "Mohammed told Xinhua by telephone on Tuesday. "The man was also behind the killing of a businessman in Garissa town last week and three witnesses have also identified him as the key suspect behind insecurity in Garissa," he added.

The government administrator said the key suspect is being interrogated for several crimes committed in the recent

past in the region. "We want him to tell us where he has been taking all firearms from the injured or killed policemen. We want him to tell us who are his collaborators and then arraign him in court later this week," Mohammed said.

He said some of the criminals in custody could be behind very deadly attacks including the killing of 17 worshippers at AIC, a chaplain of the "Utawala" interdenominational church, and a police officer on patrol in Garissa last week. Kenya's northern region particularly

Garissa County has of late witnessed a spate of grenade and gun attack on innocent Kenyans, refugees and the police over the past month which are seen as retaliatory attacks from the embattled Al-Shabaab militias in Somalia since the capture of the port City of Kismayo. Kenyan security forces have repeatedly accused local residents in the restive region of either harbouring members of Al-Shabaab or participating in the attacks, and have repeatedly carried out several operations against local residents.—Xinhua

Brazil faces 2nd highest tax burden in L America Brazil

RIO DE JANEIRO, 15 Nov—The latest report showed that Brazil has the second highest tax burden among Latin American countries, after Argentina.

Brazil also had the highest tax to the GDP ratio in Latin America from 1990 to 2009, and was surpassed by its neighbour Argentina recently, according to a report released on Tuesday by the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD).

Currently, taxes in Brazil amount to 32.4 percent of the country's gross domestic product, it said.

The report showed that indirect taxes are especially high in Brazil, compared to OECD members,

and the value-added tax (VAT) system, operated at sub-national state level, is "complex, leading to predatory tax competition among the states and entailing high compliance and administration costs."

Direct taxation has also been growing in recent years, although at a slower pace, it said.

"The potential progressivity of the tax system is reduced by the combination of the heavy reliance on indirect taxes, the low contribution of personal income taxes to total tax revenues, and the significant weight of social security contributions and payroll taxes," said the report. Xinhua



A nurse presents a portable blood glucose meter during a free clinic service for diabetes in Zhengzhou, capital of central China's Henan Province, on 14 Nov, 2012. An activity of free clinic service was held by Zhengzhou Renmin Hospital to welcome the World Diabetes Day on Wednesday. XINHUA

US, Britain call for fair elections in Sierra Leone

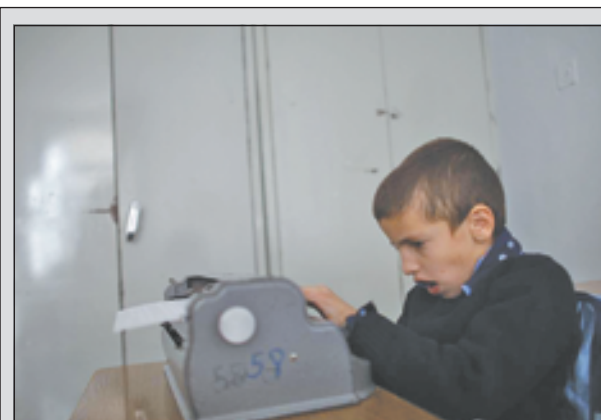
WASHINGTON, 15 Nov—The United States and Britain on Tuesday issued a joint statement calling for free, fair and transparent presidential and parliamentary elections in Sierra Leone.

In the joint statement, the two countries called on all Sierra Leoneans to actively take part in the elections, to abide by the rule of law, and to respect the final results.

Hailing Sierra Leone's "considerable progress" over the last decade, the two governments viewed this year's elections as "critical" for consolidating the country's gains already being achieved.

"We also urge Sierra Leone's presidential and parliamentary candidates to adhere to Sierra Leone's democratic and electoral processes, to renounce violence and incitement to violence, and to ensure that the elections are free, fair, and transparent," said the statement.

Putting high value on the friendship with the West African country, the two close allies expressed their willingness to work with it to ensure development and peace in the region.—Xinhua



A visually impaired student attends a class inside Al-Qabas school for visually impaired students in the West Bank city of Ramallah on 13 Nov, 2012. XINHUA

REGIONAL

Chinese Communist Party to unveil new leadership

China

BEIJING, 15 NOV— China's ruling Communist Party unveils a new leadership line-up on Thursday to steer the world's second-largest economy for the next five years, with Vice President Xi Jinping taking over from outgoing President Hu Jintao as party chief.

The new members of the Politburo Standing Committee—the innermost circle of power in China's authoritarian government—will emerge around 0300 GMT (10 pm EDT on Wednesday) after a closely controlled vote by the party's new 205-member

central committee, which was installed at the end of a five-yearly party congress on Wednesday. Only Xi and Vice Premier Li Keqiang are certain to be on the new standing committee. Xi will take over Hu's state position in March at the annual meeting of parliament, when Li will succeed Premier Wen Jiabao.

The committee is expected to be reduced to seven seats from nine to make consensus-building easier.

The other preferred candidates, according to sources close to the party leadership, are North Korean-trained economist Zhang Dejiang, financial guru Wang Qishan, minister of the party's organization department Li Yuanchao, Tianjin's party boss Zhang Gaoli, and the conservative Liu Yunshan, who has kept domestic media on a tight leash. The list of

the conservative-leaning preferred candidates was drawn up by Xi, Hu and Hu's predecessor, Jiang Zemin, the sources said. Wang, currently vice-premier in charge of economic affairs, is popular with foreign investors but seems set to lead the fight against corruption, having been elected to the party's main anti-graft body on Wednesday.

Guangdong's reform-minded party boss Wang Yang, Shanghai party boss Yu Zhengsheng and Liu Yandong, the lone woman, are dark horse candidates.

All eight of these people were on the list for the new central committee, the largest of the party's top decision-making bodies. Exclusion from that committee means a person cannot progress to the Politburo or the standing committee. The new leadership will emerge on Thursday morning to



Journalists wait at the Great Hall of the People in Beijing, capital of China, on 15 Nov, 2012.—XINHUA



China's Vice President Xi Jinping (front L) and China's Vice-Premier Li Keqiang (front R) leave their seats after the closing session of 18th National Congress of the Communist Party of China at the Great Hall of the People in Beijing, on 14 Nov, 2012.—REUTERS

“meet the Press” in a room in the cavernous, Soviet-style Great Hall of the People, which has been decked out in enormous red flags.

Intense secrecy has also surrounded who and how many will be promoted to the Politburo, a council of 20-odd members, and the all-powerful standing committee.

The composition of the two elite bodies could give clues to China's political and

economic direction, especially if they end up being dominated by conservatives. Advocates of reform are pressing Xi to cut back the privileges of state-owned firms, make it easier for rural migrants to settle in cities, fix a fiscal system that encourages local governments to live off land expropriations and, above all, tether the powers of a state that they say risks suffocating growth and fanning discontent.

Reuters

Cambodia proud to greet incumbent US

President for 1st time

Cambodia

PHNOM PENH, 15 NOV— Cambodian Prime Minister Hun Sen said on Wednesday that his country is proud to welcome the newly re-elected US President Barack Obama to the forthcoming 21st ASEAN Summit and related Summits later this week. “This will be the first time that the incumbent US President comes to Cambodia for the 4th ASEAN-US Leaders’ Meeting,” he said at a ceremony to deliver land titles to residents in Kampong Speu Province.

Obama has attended previous ASEAN-US Leaders’ Meetings in Singapore in 2009, in New York in 2010, and in Indonesia's Bali in 2011.

The premier said that he and Obama will co-chair the forthcoming ASEAN-US Leaders’ Meeting in Phnom Penh.

“It is a great honour for Cambodia to chair ASEAN and to lead talks in a regional

and international framework,” he said. Obama will make a 3-Asian nation tour which will bring him to Thailand, Myanmar and Cambodia on 17-20 November, the White House announced last Thursday. In Cambodia, he will attend the 7th East Asia Summit and the 4th ASEAN-US Leaders’ Meeting.

“The presence of Obama at the forthcoming ASEAN Summits will bring closer ties between all countries in the region and the United States,” Cambodian government spokesman and information minister Khieu Kanharith told Xinhua on Tuesday

The 21st ASEAN Summit and related Summits will be held on 18-20 November at the Peace Palace in Phnom Penh. The Summits will get together ten ASEAN member states leaders and eight ASEAN dialogue countries leaders

including US President Barack Obama, Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao, South Korean President Lee Myung-bak, Japanese Prime Minister Yoshihiko Noda, Russian President Vladimir Putin, Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh, Australian Prime Minister Julia Gillard and New Zealand Prime Minister John Key.

Besides, the heads of the Asian Development Bank, the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, the International Monetary Fund, and the World Trade Organization will take part in the meetings. Over 10,000 Cambodian security forces will be deployed to safeguard the Summits, he said.

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

162 passengers rescued after ship runs aground off Japan's Yamaguchi

Japan

OSAKA, 15 NOV—A total of 162 high school students and teachers on a school trip were rescued along with nine crew members after a passenger ship ran aground off the coast of Yamaguchi Prefecture, western Japan, on Wednesday, Japanese maritime authorities said.

The accident happened at around 3:20 pm local time when the 602-ton passenger

ship, Ginga, was stranded in shoals about 1.4 kilometers southwest off the coast of Suo-Oshima Town in the prefecture, according to the Japanese Coast Guard.

Receiving request for rescue from the passenger boat, the coast guard dispatched several patrol vessels and a helicopter for the operation.

The coast guard said

all the students and teachers on board ship were safely transferred to the nearest port by its vessels by 6 pm, adding that there were no reports of injuries.

The coast guard and Japan's Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism are conducting joint investigation into the cause of the accident.

Xinhua

Security forces kill two key Taliban commanders in S Afghan province

LASHKAR GAH, (Afghanistan), 15 NOV— Afghan and the NATO-led troops during a combined operations had killed two key Taliban commanders in militants' former stronghold Helmand Province 555 km south of Kabul on Tuesday, provincial administration said in a statement released

here on Wednesday.

“The key Taliban commanders Mullah Barakat and Mullah Nasir were killed during joined operations of Afghan and coalition forces in Nahr-e-Saraj District on Tuesday afternoon,” the short statement added without giving more details.

According to the

statement, the elimination of the mentioned Taliban commanders is a major setback to the outfit in Helmand and adjoining areas.

Taliban militants fighting the government and NATO-led force have yet to make comment.

Xinhua

Ambulance crash kills three in Bangladesh's capital

Accident

DHAKA, 15 NOV—Three were killed and three others injured when an ambulance carrying a critical heart patient collided head-on with a truck in Bangladesh's capital Dhaka early on Wednesday, police said.

The tragic accident occurred at around 3:30 am local time when the ambulance was carrying the heart patient Nilu Pathan and his four family members from Dhaka's one hospital to another after his condition deteriorated, Abdul Momin, officer-in-charge of Dhaka's Sher-e-Bangla police station, told Xinhua. He said, “Nilu Pathan, 52, and his spouse

Farzana Pathan, 45, and the driver Alamgir, 45, died on the spot as the sand laden truck hit the ambulance at an intersection.” According to police, all the injured including son and two nephews of Nilu Pathan were rushed to Dhaka Medical College Hospital where condition of Pathan's son was stated to be critical.

The cause of the crash was not immediately known as the truck's driver and his helper managed to flee, leaving the truck on the scene, said Momin. Fatal road crashes are not so common at least in Bangladesh's capital Dhaka although the South

Asian country has one of the highest fatality rates for road accidents in the world.

Almost everyday there is usually a fatal road accident elsewhere in the country due mainly to shoddy highways, poorly maintained vehicles, violation of traffic rules by inept drivers and lack of monitoring of the traffic department. According to a study of Accident Research Center of Bangladesh University of Engineering Technology, some 10,000 to 12,000 people are killed in road accidents in Bangladesh every year, of which about 75 percent fatalities occur in rural areas.—Xinhua

A crashed ambulance is seen at Sher-e-Bangla Nagar in Dhaka, capital of Bangladesh, on 14 Nov, 2012. Three were killed and three others injured when an ambulance carrying a critical heart patient collided head-on with a truck in Bangladesh's capital Dhaka early on Wednesday, police said.

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Argentina's Congress passes controversial legal regulation

Argentina's President Cristina Fernandez de Kirchner responds to a question from a member of the audience at the John F Kennedy Jr Forum at Harvard University in Cambridge, Massachusetts on 27 Sept, 2012.—REUTERS

BUENOS AIRES, 15 Nov—Argentina's Congress approved on Wednesday a new legal regulation that critics say President Cristina Fernandez could use to force a conclusion in her long-running battle with the country's biggest media group.

The regulation, which applies to the use of a legal mechanism called a per saltum, would let the Supreme Court intervene to decide cases of "institutional seriousness" even when they are being handled by lower tribunals.

Opposition lawmakers

say the mechanism could be used by Fernandez's government to force the country's top court to rule in a high-profile legal case brought by the Grupo Clarin conglomerate over a broadcasting reform law.

UK green-lights new tidal energy projects

UK

LONDON, 15 Nov—The UK gave the go-ahead to three tidal energy projects on Wednesday, tiptoeing forward on efforts to boost a sector that could generate 20 percent of the country's electricity.

The Crown Estate, which administers land and offshore development rights, said the three projects could proceed further with their plans subject to final approval from regional authorities following public consultation.

Concerns about environmental impact and huge costs in 2010 persuaded the British government to block public funding for a huge tidal energy barrage in the Severn estuary, but around 50 million pounds of public money has been made available for smaller projects through the Carbon Trust.

The latest awards take the total number of UK wave and tidal sites under

development or operation to 41.

Three years since the combative leader hailed the law as the start of a new era of media diversity, Clarin has refused to start selling off radio, television and internet licenses and she has given the company until 7 December to comply or have them auctioned by the state instead.

Clarin has vowed to resist and says it was protected by court injunctions for as long as there was no definitive ruling on the constitutionality of the law.

Under the per saltum regulatory clause passed by 135-95 by the government-controlled Congress, the Supreme Court would be able to reject any government request to intervene.

If the government asked the court to decide on the

Clarín case, and it accepted jurisdiction, the media conglomerate could have less time to comply with the broadcast law's stipulation that it sell off "excess" licenses, lawyers say.

However, legal specialists say a refusal by the court to intervene—or a ruling that was unfavourable to the government—could trigger a conflict between the powers of state.

Opposition lawmaker Graciela Camano said the new per saltum regulation was "an appendix to the media law."

Fernandez ally Diana Conti, however, said using the per saltum was aimed at ending "government by judges" and criticized judges who "put the brakes" on laws.—Reuters

development or operation to 41.

"This is great news not only for the developers involved but also for the industry as a whole because it shows the level of confidence that exists around this technology," said Renewables UK, a lobby group for low carbon technologies.

Underwater turbines and dam-like barrages harness energy from waves and tides, providing a more predictable form of renewable energy than wind power, according to the British government.

Proponents say the technology generates most electricity in the winter, when waves and tides are at their strongest.—Reuters



An engineer stands near the Atlantis Resources AK-1000 tidal energy turbine before it is shipped to the European Marine Energy Centre test site in the Orkney Islands from the port at Invergordon, northern Scotland on 12 Aug, 2010.—REUTERS



Workers clean snow in Changchun Longjia International Airport in Changchun, capital of northeast China's Jilin Province, on 14 Nov, 2012. Most of flights departing from and arriving at the airport were not affected by the heavy snowstorm that precipitated from Sunday until Tuesday.—XINHUA

India leads WTO bid to permit subsidies for food stockpiling

GENEVA, 15 Nov—A coalition of 46 developing countries led by India has proposed changing World Trade Organization rules to lift the limit on subsidised food stockpiling to support poor farmers, according to trade diplomats and a document seen by Reuters on Wednesday.

The proposal by the so-called G33 group of countries, which includes China, Indonesia, Pakistan and Zimbabwe, revives an idea previously contained in the Doha Round of trade talks

that collapsed last year.

"Significant progress has already been achieved in the Doha Round negotiations which recognize the serious concerns of food security in developing countries," said the proposal, which was circulated to WTO members on Tuesday. "This has assumed the character of a global concern in the past few years with a need for urgent action."

Each of the 157 members of the WTO has to agree to limits on its trade-distorting subsidies, known as its "aggregate measure of

support" (AMS), when it joins the global trade club.

The proposal would amend the WTO's Agreement on Agriculture to permit more exemptions to the limits on such subsidies.

"Acquisition of stocks of foodstuffs by developing country Members with the objective of supporting low-income or resource-poor producers shall not be required to be accounted for in the AMS," said the proposal, which will be debated at a closed-door meeting on Friday.

Reuters

ENTERTAINMENT



Judge throws out Justin Bieber paparazzo chase case

LOS ANGELES, 15 Nov —Criminal charges filed against a photographer who pursued teen pop star Justin Bieber at high speeds on a Los Angeles freeway in July were thrown out on Wednesday, striking a blow to California's crackdown on overly aggressive paparazzi.

Celebrity photographer Paul Raef was the first person to be prosecuted under the state's 2010 law that criminalizes dangerous driving when taking photos commercially.

Raef was charged in July with two counts of violating the law stemming from a 6 July incident on a freeway in Los Angeles' San Fernando Valley.

Dismissing the charges, Los Angeles Superior Court Judge Thomas Rob-

inson called the state's anti-paparazzi law "problematic" and "overly inclusive."

The law "sweeps very widely and would increase the penalties for reckless driving" in unintended cases, Robinson said.

Robinson faulted the law's vague definition of commercial photography, saying that it could also apply to a photographer who was speeding to reach an arranged photo shoot with Bieber.

Raef could have faced up to a year in prison and \$3,500 in fines, if convicted. His attorney, Brad Kaiserman, said the law is "about protecting celebrities." A message left with Bieber's publicist requesting comment was not immediately returned.

Raef still faces lesser

charges of misdemeanor reckless driving and failing to obey police orders after he allegedly pursued Bieber, 18, at high speeds. He will be tried on those charges at a later date.

Bieber, who was pulled over by police for driving 80 miles per hour in a 65 mph zone, told officers at the time that he was being hounded by paparazzi, and police said they noticed Raef's car following the "Boyfriend" singer.

About 30 minutes after the traffic stop, Bieber called police to report that Raef continued to follow him. Police later found Raef and other paparazzi together in downtown Los Angeles.

The Canadian singer received a speeding ticket at the time.—Reuters

I'd love to work with Shah Rukh Khan, Salman Khan again: Sana Saeed

MUMBAI, 15 Nov — Sana Saeed, the little girl who played Shah Rukh Khan's daughter in Kuch Kuch Hota Hai, is all grown up now and says she would love to team up with SRK and Salman Khan again.

"I am very biased when it comes to Khans. I would love to work with all the Khans. Who would want to miss such a golden opportunity? But I was lucky enough to work with Shah Rukh and Salman in my first film and I would love to work with them again," Sana told IANS. She was last seen on the big screen in Salman Khan-starrer Har Dil Jo Pyar Karega... (2000).

In between, she appeared on the small screen in shows like Babul Ka Aangann Chhotey Na and Lo Ho Gayi Pooja Iss Ghar Ki.

Sana was just 10 when Karan Johar's directorial debut Kuch Kuch Hota Hai came out and at 24-year-old

she made a comeback in movies with KJO's Student of The Year as Tanya.

She plans to do some good films in Bollywood.

"Right now I am not doing any films. I would love to do some good films but nothing interesting has come my way yet. It would be stupid to jump into any film just for the heck of it," she said.

"Right now I am looking at some ad films. I am

going for lot of auditions. Besides, I don't see any difference in parallel cinema and commercial cinema. These days both kinds of films work in Bollywood," she added.

Sana had lot of fun while working with Karan again and calls him "a wonderful director". "Hopefully if I get a chance, I would love to work with him again."

PTI



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"Twilight Saga" ends with movie love letter to fans

LOS ANGELES, 15 Nov —"Twilight" fans bid an emotional farewell this week to Bella, Edward and Jacob in "Breaking Dawn-Part 2," the romantic book and movie franchise that ignited a pop culture infatuation with blood-sucking vampires and werewolves.

The tumultuous love triangle between human girl Bella Swan, vampire

Edward Cullen and werewolf Jacob Black, that has gripped avid fans known as "Twi-hards" for seven years, comes to a tantalizing end as "Breaking Dawn-Part 2" hits movie theaters around the world.

The "Twilight" film franchise, based on a series of novels by Stephenie Meyer, rocketed the three main stars, Kristen Stewart (Bella), Robert Pattinson (Edward) and Taylor Lautner (Jacob), into the spotlight and the first four films have grossed more than \$2.5 billion at the worldwide box office.

For director Bill Condon, who shot both parts of "Breaking Dawn" together and split into two movies post-production, the fifth and final film was all about the fans — who get a surprise twist to the ending.

"The real challenge was to make sure it was a

satisfying climax," Condon told reporters. "The film opens with an overture of all the main scenes from all five movies, and at the end, I...brought (it) back to the spirit of the old movies."

The movie pays homage to the angst-ridden teenage romance between Bella and Edward that was underscored by the off-screen real-life romance between Stewart, 22, and Pattinson, 26.

"Breaking Dawn-Part 2" shifts the action from a love story to a family story, as the Cullen clan recruit their extended vampire family to protect Bella and Edward's daughter Renesmee from an ancient vampire coven. "I think it's very sweet, especially the ending of it, I think it's very close to the book as well. It seems to be that it's really made for the fans," Pattinson told

Reuters.—Reuters



Billy Joel, Rihanna fight Pandora over compensation

advance copy of the letter was released on Wednesday by musicFirst, a coalition of musicians and business people, and SoundExchange, a nonprofit organization that collects royalties set by Congress on behalf of musicians.

"Internet radio and the artists whose music is played and listened to on the Internet are indeed all in this together," Tim Westergren, Pandora's founder and chief strategy officer, said in a statement.

"A sustainable Internet radio industry will benefit all artists, big and small."

The issue of how musicians are paid for Internet streaming of their songs has been a flashpoint for Pandora. Pandora is a mostly advertising-supported online music company, founded

more than a decade ago, that streams songs through the Internet. In October, it said its share of total US-radio listening was almost 7 percent, up from about 4 percent during the same period last year.

Pandora's success has been double-edged — the more customers it gains, the more money it has to pay overall for rights to stream music. So far, that rate is set until 2015. Pandora, along with other music services such as Clear Channel Communications, is supporting the bill on grounds that different providers, such as satellite and cable, pay different rates.

"The current law penalizes new media and is astonishingly unfair to Internet radio," Pandora said on its website.—Reuters



NEW YORK, 15 Nov — Some of music's most notable names including Billy Joel, Rihanna and Missy Elliott have signed an open letter to Pandora Media Inc opposing the online music company's push to change how artists are compensated.

Pandora is currently lobbying lawmakers in US Congress to pass the "Internet Radio Fairness Act," which would change regulation of how royalties are paid to artists. A group of 125 musicians who say

they are fans of Pandora argue the bill would cut by 85 percent the amount of money an artist receives when his or her songs are played over the Internet.

"Why is the company asking Congress once again to step in and gut the royalties that thousands of musicians rely upon? That's not fair and that's not how partners work together," said the letter, to be published this weekend in Billboard, the influential music industry magazine.

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Klinsmann pleased with US progress after draw with Russia

Soccer

KRASNODAR, (Russia), 15 Nov—The United States finished their 2012 campaign by twice fighting back for a 2-2 draw with Russia in Krasnodar on Wednesday, leaving head coach Jurgen Klinsmann praising his team's personality.

A brilliant 76th minute strike from Michael Bradley brought the US level after they gave up a ninth minute opener, then an injury time equalizer from Mix Diskerud cancelled out Roman Shirokov's penalty that looked to have given Russia the win.

"The way our team fought back twice after being down a goal was great," said former Germany player and coach Klinsmann.

"It showed a lot of personality. It showed a lot of character. This is a young team, and a team that is growing. We are pleased with the game overall, and to score in the last minute was great," he added.

This year, the US have earned impressive wins on the road in Italy and Mexico in friendlies, both for the first time, as well as securing their place in the final round of CONCACAF

qualifying for the 2014 World Cup in Brazil.

"We saw a very entertaining game. Russia proved why they are one of the best teams in Europe, and we wanted to see how good we are against such a strong team. I think you saw we can compete with very good teams in the world," said Klinsmann.

The US did not include their all-time top scorer Landon Donovan, who stayed at home to focus on his club team LA Galaxy's bid to reach the final of the MLS playoffs.



Russia coach Fabio Capello (R) and US coach Jurgen Klinsmann watch their teams during their international friendly soccer match in Krasnodar on 14 Nov, 2012.

Reuters

Tottenham Hotspur striker Clint Dempsey was also rested for the game as Klinsmann took the opportunity to have a look at some younger faces.

Joshua Gatt, who plays for Norwegian champions Molde, was handed a debut on the right-flank, while there were substitute appearances for 19-year-old striker Juan Agudelo and 21-year-old Terrence Boyd.

"It was important for us to introduce some younger players to the senior level. I think they all did great. There is nothing to lose for

them in a game like that. They can only win," said Klinsmann.

"For us, it's important that we have these youngsters grow step-by-step. Our team over the last 6-12 months grew a lot. We developed a lot more personality and confidence to compete with the best teams out there.

"We still have a long way to go, but I think we have a very good path and these younger players are a very important part of this path. Hopefully, we get more opportunities to give them playing time," he added.

Forward Jozy Altidore returned to the US starting line-up after being surprisingly left out for the October qualifying games and Klinsmann, who had been critical of the player, praised his contribution.

"I think you saw Jozy Altidore today was a handful. He gets a big, big compliment for his performance," he said.

The US start the final phase of qualification for the World Cup away to Honduras on 6 February.

Reuters



Tampa Bay Rays starting pitcher David Price throws a pitch to the New York Yankees in the first inning of their MLB American League game at Yankee Stadium in New York, on 14 Sept, 2012.—REUTERS

Knuckleballer Dickey, Price win Cy Young awards

NEW YORK, 15 Nov —RA Dickey of the New York Mets became the first knuckleball pitcher ever to win a Cy Young Award, while Tampa Bay Rays' left-hander David Price won the American League's top pitching award after the closest vote in 43 years.

Dickey, who turned 38 last month, confounded hitters by being able to change speeds on his dipping, darting knuckleball, posting a 20-6 record with a 2.73 earned run average. He led the National League in innings (233.2) and strikeouts (230).

It was a breakthrough year for Dickey, who the previous season was 8-13 and has a career mark of 61-56 over 10 seasons.

Dickey received 27 of 32 first-place votes cast and five second-place votes for a comfortable win with 209 points.

Finishing second was last year's winner Clayton Kershaw of the Los Angeles Dodgers. The lefty, who was 14-4 with a league-leading 2.53 ERA, got 98 points, with Washington Nationals' left-hander Gio Gonzalez (21-8, 2.89 ERA) taking third place.

Price was second in the American League voting two years ago but came out on top this time, edging last season's Cy Young and Most Valuable Player winner Justin Verlander of the Detroit Tigers by the narrowest margin since a tie in the 1969 voting.—Reuters

Money can't always buy success, Miami deal shows

Baseball

NEW YORK, 15 Nov —Spending vast amount of money is no guarantee for instant success, as the Miami Marlins discovered. Now, the team's owners are under fire for a proposal to trade their most expensive players to Toronto.

Major League Baseball executives on Wednesday were still poring over terms agreed by the two sides before approving a swap that would shift high-priced players including Jose Reyes, Josh Johnson and Mark Buehrle from the Marlins to the Blue Jays and slice some \$160 million

off Miami's payroll.

The proposed deal, which unsurprisingly produced howls of protest from Miami fans and squeals of delight in Toronto, comes about three months after the Red Sox unloaded about a quarter of a billion in salaries in a mega-deal with the Dodgers.

"It's very hard to referee owners who have their own sense of their best interest," former MLB commissioner Fay Vincent told Reuters in telephone interview on Wednesday.

"What we're really seeing is the natural devel-

opment of the response to enormous baseball salaries."

Of course, it is individual owners who have chosen to pay the freight on free agents, even when shown the example of the 2012 Oakland Athletics, who dethroned two-time American League champion Texas Rangers as division champions despite having the league's lowest payroll.

The trade figures to turn Toronto into instant contenders, fortifying the starting rotation with Johnson and Buehrle, and adding an electrifying talent in four-time All Star shortstop Reyes (11 home runs, 57 RBIs, 40 steals, .287 and 12 triples).

Given last season's resurgence in Baltimore, where the Orioles improved by 24 games to win a wildcard playoff berth, the rise of the Blue Jays will put even more pressure on the Red Sox to get better or flounder in the AL East, which also the New York Yankees and Tampa Bay Rays poised to make a run for it.

Miami, meanwhile, looks content to pocket mil-

lions in revenue sharing paid by the richest teams, while giving NL East powers Washington Nationals, Atlanta Braves and Philadelphia Phillies a little less to worry about on the diamond.

Las Vegas has noticed. Online betting site Bovada (www.bovada.lv) adjusted their odds for the Marlins to win the 2013 World Series from 40-1 to 100-1, while improving the Blue Jays' chances from 35-1 to 14-1.

A year ago, it was the Marlins trying to make a splash.

Marlins owner, art dealer Jeffrey Loria, last year plunged into the free agent market for a roster makeover to match a re-branding push with their new name (from Florida Marlins), new retractable roof stadium, new manager and new uniforms.

But after their 69-93 record this season landed Miami at the bottom of the NL East, Loria decided on an about-face.

"We finished in last place. Figure it out," Loria told CBSSports.com from the MLB's winter meetings in Chicago.—Reuters



Miami Marlins shortstop Jose Reyes (R) celebrates with teammate Gil Velazquez after Reyes scored the winning run over the New York Mets on a bases loaded 11th inning single by teammate Donovan Solano during their MLB National League baseball game in Miami, Florida, on 2 Oct, 2012.—REUTERS

Spurs down Lakers ahead of D'Antoni arrival

Basketball



Los Angeles Lakers Kobe Bryant (R) goes up to shoot against the San Antonio Spurs during their NBA basketball game in Los Angeles, on 13 Nov, 2012.—REUTERS

LOS ANGELES, 15 Nov—San Antonio's Danny Green drained a three-pointer with nine seconds remaining and the Spurs' defence then denied Kobe Bryant the ball as the Western Conference-leading Spurs produced a dramatic 84-82 victory over the Los Angeles Lakers on Tuesday.

Bryant, who rose above a defence-dominated contest with 28 points and eight assists, was shadowed by San Antonio's Kawhi Leonard and unable to get

his hands on the ball after Green's clutch shot, forcing Pau Gasol to attempt a long three-pointer that ended their chances. "I tried to keep the ball out of his hands because usually he hits the game-winning shot," Leonard told reporters. "I wanted to let one of the other players shoot it."

The win was the third in a row for the Spurs (7-1), who got 19 points and seven assists from Tony Parker, as well as 18 points and nine rebounds from Tim Duncan.—Reuters

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- 5. Health Programme
- 6. The Mirror Images of The Musical Oldies
- 7. Teleplay (Traffic)
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- 9. Musical Programme
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- Second Year (Economic) 4:45 pm
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- 15. Golden Music of Old Stars 5:15 pm
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- 18. Evening News 6:20 pm
- 19. Internet Garden 7:00 pm
- 20. TV Drama Series 8:00 pm
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- 22. International News
- 23. TV Drama Series



TOURISTS VISIT PAGODA: Number of tourist arrival is increasing day by day in Myanmar. On 12 November evening, tourists visit Shwedagon Pagoda. MYANMA ALINN

Two killed by asphyxiation in steel factory in central France

PARIS, 15 Nov—Two people died of asphyxiation on Wednesday morning at the steel plant Aperam in Nievre, central France, local media reported. During a maintenance operation that caused a drop in oxygen levels, two workers aged 41 and 62 years old, died at steel plant Aperam, majority owned by Mittal group, RTL radio said. According to preliminary elements, a malfunction in an oven would have lowered the oxygen, it added. Ten other workers were also affected, according to the report.

Xinhua

5.4-magnitude quake hits New Britain region, Papua New Guinea

HONG KONG, 15 Nov—An earthquake measuring 5.4 on the Richter scale jolted New Britain region, Papua New Guinea at 23:41:53 GMT on Wednesday, the US Geological Survey said. The epicentre, with a depth of 6.00 km, was initially determined to be at 5.7427 degrees south latitude and 151.5574 degrees east longitude.

Xinhua

Iran plans to launch new homemade satellite in three months

TEHERAN, 15 Nov—President of Iran's Amirkabir University of Technology Alireza Rahaei announced on Wednesday the country is preparing to launch a new homemade satellite, called Nahid (Venus), into orbit in the next three months, semi-official Fars news agency reported. Researchers at the university have completed the industrial phases of the project and now are working on the launch phase, said Rahaei without elaborating on the mission or type of the satellite. On Monday, Iran's Islamic Revolution Guards Corps (IRGC) Commander, Mohammad-Ali Jafari, said that the Islamic republic would test a new satellite-carrier rocket in the near future, Teheran Times daily reported.

Jafari said that IRGC experts had managed to complete the project to manufacture the rocket which could carry 100 kg of solid fuel and could be used to send satellites into geostationary orbits 35,786 km above the equator. In March, Iran's Aerospace Industry Organization Director Mehdi Farahi announced that Iran planned to send satellites into geostationary orbits after the end of Iran's Fifth Development Plan in 2015, according to the daily. Iran's Fifth Five-Year Development Plan (2010-2015) is part of the 20-Year Outlook Plan (2005-2025), which is the country's main blueprint for long-term sustainable growth.

Iran, a founding member of the United Nations Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space, launched its first domestically-made data-processing satellite the Omid (Hope) into space in 2009. In February 2012, Iran launched an observation satellite into orbit. The spacecraft, named Navid (Herald), weighed 50 kg and could take pictures in low altitudes of about 250 to 375 km.—Xinhua

Obama speaks to Israeli, Egyptian leaders about Gaza violence



US President Barack Obama addresses his first news conference since his reelection, at the White House in Washington on 14 November, 2012.—REUTERS

WASHINGTON, 15 Nov—President Barack Obama spoke to Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Egyptian President Mohamed Mursi on Wednesday and reiterated US support for Israel's right to self-defence in light of rocket attacks from Gaza, the White House said. Obama spoke to the leaders about the rocket attacks being launched from Gaza into Israel and the escalating violence in Gaza, the White House said in a statement. "The president urged

Prime Minister Netanyahu to make every effort to avoid civilian casualties. The two agreed that Hamas needs to stop its attacks on Israel to allow the situation to de-escalate," the statement said. "The president also spoke with President Mursi given Egypt's central role in preserving regional security. In their conversation, President Obama condemned the rocket fire from Gaza into Israel and reiterated Israel's right to self-defence," it said.

Obama and Mursi agreed on the importance of "working to de-escalate the situation as quickly as possible" and would stay in close touch in the days ahead, the White House said. Egypt, only one of two Arab countries with a peace treaty with Israel, has played a role in recent years brokering a suspension of hostilities between Israel and Hamas militants who rule in the Gaza Strip. Mursi, Egypt's new Islamist president, has been under pressure from Washington to safeguard Egypt's peace deal with the Jewish state. Egypt maintains contacts with Hamas' leadership in Gaza and has diplomatic relations with Israel. Egypt's military receives heavy US financial aid, and Cairo is looking to Washington for development assistance and debt forgiveness to help its ailing economy. Israeli President Shimon Peres briefed Obama on Wednesday about Israel's killing of the Hamas military commander in Gaza.

Reuters

IMF ready to provide funds to help Tunisia recovery

WASHINGTON, 15 Nov—The International Monetary Fund is willing to provide external financing to Tunisia to help it recover from last year's political turmoil, David Lipton, the IMF's first deputy managing director, said in a statement on Wednesday. "The IMF stands ready to help Tunisia with policy advice, technical assistance and, if appropriate, financing," said Lipton, who visited the country this week and met with political and business leaders. Tunisia was swept up in the Arab Spring uprisings last year across the Middle East and North Africa, which

topped its ruler after an almost 23-year reign. Since then, several countries in the region have struggled to regain economic stability while dealing with political transition and a slowing global economy. Governments have spent billions to create jobs and cope with rising living costs.

In its annual assessment of Tunisia earlier this year, the IMF said the north African nation is still struggling to emerge from recession and faces risks from the euro zone debt crisis and internal tensions. Lipton said countries in the region should engage with the international community



David Lipton (L), first deputy managing director of the International Monetary Fund (IMF), and Governor of the Central Bank of Tunisia Chedly Ayari, attend a news conference in Tunis on 14 Nov, 2012.—REUTERS

and private investors to shore up growth and create jobs. "Many problems in the Arab countries in transition do not have ready-made solutions; work with many partners is necessary to address them," he said.—Reuters

State governments allowed to make decisions independently in accord with democratic practices



Pyithu Hluttaw representatives seen on their arrival at Pyithu Hluttaw.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 15 Nov—The thirteenth day session of Pyithu Hluttaw took place at Pyithu Hluttaw Hall of Hluttaw Complex, here, this morning, attended by

Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann and 380 representatives. Twenty-nine trainees from MDRI and CSIS were present at the session as observers.

NAY PYI TAW, 15 Nov—Amyotha Hluttaw Session continued for 13 days, at Amyotha Hluttaw Hall in Hluttaw Building here, this morning attended by Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker U Khin Aung Myint and 195 representatives.

With respect to the question of U Maung Saw Phyu of Rakhine State Constituency No.4 on exemption on rice basket collected by Tatmadaw, Deputy Minister for Defence Maj-Gen Kyaw Nyunt replied that pasture lands had been transformed into farmlands in Pale Pauk village-tract in Minbya Township and these lands had official permit. As Operation Control Command No. 9 could not grow rice, 15 farmers were allowed to do farming without collecting tenancy from them.

Deputy Minister at President Office U Aung Thein replied to the question of U Win Thein of Ayeyawady Region Constituency No.9

on paving of gravel roads and electricity supply in Pantanaw Township. He said that paving of earth and gravel roads in west ward in the township would be implemented based on Township Development Affairs Committee's annual funds collected. Regarding the electric power supply, Region Electric Engineering Office would carry out power supply in new wards in coordination with Myanmar Electric Supply Enterprise and local administrator and township Development Affairs Committee.

Regarding the question of U Phone Myint Aung of Yangon Region Constituency No.3 on development of public bus line system in Yangon, the deputy minister said that firstly, Ministry of Energy did not put any restrictions on CNG conversion. Secondly, CNG was mainly used in electric power and transportation sectors due to the limitation to the availability of onshore gas.

Deputy Minister for Home Affairs Police Maj-Gen Kyaw Kyaw Tun answered two questions on administrative matters raised by Daw Nann Sae

Awa of Hpa-an Constituency and U Ye Htut Oo of Natalin Constituency that permanent residence for 70 households at Holding Nos (4), (6), (7), (37), (46), (72)

and (74) in ward-2 in Hpa-an would be rest on the verdict of the court after making investigations on the case; and that the act of sending victims of road accidents to the nearby hospitals by duty-conscious persons was not against the law.

Deputy Minister for Environmental Conservation and Forestry U Aye Myint Maung answered the questions on forestry matters raised by U Soe Win of Sangyoung Constituency and U Tun Myint Oo of Maingpun Constituency that plans for conservation of natural resources and environment would be made in accord with environmental conservation law and bylaws in cooperation with departments concerned, INGOs and NGOs; and that timber extraction would not be allowed in Taungkaing forest reserve and it would be allowed in Namtaung forest reserve in accord with rules and regulations

for 2012-2013 fiscal year. Supervision would be made on the regional development tasks of the company.

Deputy Minister for Construction U Soe Tint responded to the questions on construction matters raised by U In Phon Hsan of Machanbaw Constituency and Daw Lei Lei Win Swe of Tamway Constituency that temporary bridges would be built on Myitkyina-Putao road starting from November 2012 and construction of new bridges would be carried out in accord with the progress in security situation; and that the budget for construction of flyovers in Yangon was submitted to financial commission at Yangon Region Hluttaw session in accord with the law. The deputy minister said the important proposal to set construction of Loilem-Pankaytu-Hsipaw road as a special project submitted by

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Bill amending the Constitutional Tribunal Law discussed



Amyotha Hluttaw regular session in progress.—MNA

CNG conversion was not allowed in new cars as the cars could use alternative fuels. Third, respective Region Government, All Buses Lines Supervisory Committee and Traffic Rules Enforcement Committee were handling traffic jams and dropping running rate of buses.

With respect to the question of U Kyaw Tun Aung of Rakhine State Constituency No.5 on construction of RC concrete bridge in the place of Myolae creek-crossing wooden

bridge, the deputy minister replied that Rakhine State Government would implement it when foreign aids were received.

U Tin Yu of Yangon Region Constituency No.11

seconded and discussed the proposal urging Amyotha Hluttaw to discuss the bill amending the Constitutional Tribunal Law submitted by U Mya Nyein of Yangon Region

Constituency No.7, and Hluttaw approved to discuss it. Members of Amyotha Hluttaw Bill Committee U Soe Myint submitted the Committee's report on the

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Free medical treatment provided to local people in Kayin State

NAY PYI TAW, 15 Nov—A team of specialists led by the Head of Kayin State Health Department and Medical Superintendent of State People's Hospital provided

medical treatment to the local people at People's Hospital in Kamamoung of Papun Township on 13 November.

State Chief Minister U Zaw Min and wife, state

ministers and officials presented cash and kind to eye patients at the hospital.

A total of 739 patients received free medical treatment.

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Significant night temperatures on 15-11-2012

Putao

(9°C)

Loilem

(10°C)

Haka

(11°C)