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Curriculum Vitae of the Right Honourable John Key



Mr John Key was born in Auckland and moved to Christchurch when he was a child. He was educated at Burnside High School and gained a Bachelor of Commerce from the University of Canterbury.

Mr John Key launched his investment banking career in New Zealand in the mid-1980s. After 10 years in the New Zealand market he headed offshore, working in Singapore, London, and Sydney for United States investment banking firm Merrill Lynch. During that time he was in charge of a number of business units, including global foreign exchange and European bond and derivative trading. In 1999, Mr John Key was invited to join the Foreign Exchange Committee of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York and on two occasions undertook management studies at Harvard University in Boston.

In 2001, he headed back to New Zealand to stand for Parliament for the National Party. He won the Helensville seat in 2002. Mr Key rose through the ranks, becoming deputy finance spokesman then finance spokesman.

After the 2005 election, he continued to be National's finance spokesman and he was elected as party leader on 27 November, 2006.

At the 2008 election, he became Prime Minister when National was elected to lead the Government. He also became Minister of Tourism, Minister Responsible for Ministerial Services, Minister in Charge of the New Zealand Security Intelligence Service, and Minister Responsible for the Government Communications Security Bureau. At the 2011 election, Mr John Key led National to a second election victory.

He is married and they have two children.

Thura Ko Ko secures two gold, one silver in gymnastics

YANGON, 20 Nov— Myanmar selected gymnastic player Thura Ko Ko brought the honour to the nation by bagging two gold and one silver medals in the 21st International Invitation Gymnastic Competition (Fig Senior) held in Singapore from 16 to 18 November.

Thura Ko Ko and coach U Zaw Win will take a joint training in Thailand from 19 November to 19 January.

The gymnastic athletes selected for the coming SEA Games to be hosted by Myanmar in December 2013 led by General Secretary U Aye Thein of Myanmar

Gymnastics Federation left here by air this morning to take a joint training in Thailand.

They were seen off at Yangon International Airport by the vice-president of the federation and executives, and officials of the Ministry of Sports.—MNA



President U Thein Sein poses for documentary photo with heads of State/Government at fourth ASEAN-US Leaders' Meeting at Champa Room of Peace Palace in Phnom Penh of Cambodia.—MNA

Myanmar, a dialogue coordinator, vows to strengthen ASEAN-US relations

NAY PYI TAW, 20 Nov — President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein attended the fourth ASEAN-US Leaders' Meeting at Champa Room on the third floor of Peace Palace in Phnom Penh of Cambodia at 6.20 pm yesterday.

Also present at the call together with the President were Brunei Darussalam Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Muizzaddin Waddaulah, Prime Minister of Cambodia Samdech Hun Sen, President of the Republic of Indonesia Dr Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono, Prime Minister of Lao People's Democratic Republic Mr

Thongsing Thammavong, Prime Minister of Malaysia Dato Sri Mohammad Najib bin Tun Haji Abdu Razak, President of the Republic of the Philippines Mr Benigno Aquino, Prime Minister of Singapore Mr Lee Hsien Loong, Prime Minister of Thailand Mrs Yingluck Shinawatra and Prime Minister of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam Mr Nguyen Tan Dung, President of the United States of America Mr. Barack Obama, US Secretary of State Mrs. Hillary Clinton, ministers of ASEAN countries, ASEAN Secretary-General Dr. Surin Pitsuwan and high ranking officials.

First, heads of ASEAN countries and the US President posed for a documentary photo.

In the meeting, heads of state/government of ASEAN countries and the US President reviewed ASEAN-US relations and held discussions on future prospects.

In the discussion, the Cambodian Prime Minister

said that future programmes would be laid down ASEAN-US relations at the meeting. US plays an important role in world's economic, security and development.

He called for collaborative efforts between ASEAN countries and the US on the basis of mutual understanding and trust in responding to global economic recession

and political challenges, highlighting the strategic partnership role of the US in ASEAN countries.

He stressed the need for effective implementation of ASEAN-US Action Plan (2011-2015) boosting cooperation in peace and development. He urged to make better in trade and investment sectors.

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"There was no doubt to say that ASEAN-US relations see remarkable progress during his terms in office. With annual ASEAN-US Leaders' Meetings since 2009, ASEAN-US ties saw continued progress year after year. ASEAN-US Eminent Persons Group was established and found out important points contributing to better ASEAN-US dialogue relations."

Pyidaungsu Hluttaw approves Bill Amending the Constitutional Tribunal Law

Dy Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker leaves for Germany to attend Federalism in Europe, Asia and Beyond

Photo shows Pyidaungsu Hluttaw representatives signing attendance book. MNA



NAY PYI TAW, 20 Nov—At the invitation of Hanns Seidel Foundation of Germany, Deputy Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw U Nanda Kyaw Swa and member of Pyithu Hluttaw Legal Affairs and Special Cases Assessment Commission U Win Thein left Yangon yesterday to attend Federalism in Europe, Asia and Beyond to be held in Wittelsbach of Bavaria State of Germany. They were seen off at the Yangon International Airport by Chairman of Pyithu Hluttaw International Relations Committee U Hla Myint Oo, Deputy Speaker of Yangon Region Hluttaw U Tin Aung, member of Legal Affairs and Special Cases Assessment Commission U Tin Htwe, officials from Hluttaw and German Embassy.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 20 Nov—Pyidaungsu Hluttaw approved the law amending the Constitutional Tribunal Law today during its 7th-day meeting at the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw in the complex of Hluttaw buildings here today.

It was attended by Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw U Khin Aung Myint, Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw Thura U Shwe Mann and 589 representatives of the Hluttaw.

During the meeting, Pyidaungsu Hluttaw put the bill amending the Constitutional Tribunal Law on record as both Pyithu Hluttaw and Amyotha Hluttaws approved it.

The bill has been sent to the President to sign on 18 November to be enacted as the law.

Besides, Pyidaungsu Hluttaw put on record the journey of the Myanmar delegation led by the President to Vientiane, Laos, to participate in the 9th Asia-Europe Summit.

During the report session, Union Minister for Electric Power U Khin Maung Soe reported on seeking approval for spending US\$43.162 million and K130 million to remove and install the two 120MW Mitsubishi M701D Gas Turbines contributed by Thailand. Member of the Joint Bill Committee U Aung Kyi Nyunt reported on the finding and recommendations of the Joint Bill Committee.

Afterwards, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Thant Kyaw reported on felicitations of signing

the additional protocol of the International Atomic Energy Agency.

During the discussion session, six MPs discussed matters related to allocation of the additional budget bill.

Similarly, regarding the important findings of the Union Auditor-General's Office, six MPs discussed the report of the Joint Public Account Committee. Regarding the discussion, Union Minister for Information U Aung Kyi, Deputy Minister for Livestock Breeding and Fisheries U Khin Maung Aye, Deputy Minister for Communications and Information Technology U Win Than, Deputy Minister for Commerce Dr Pwint Hsan, Union Minister for Hotels and Tourism U Htay Aung, Union Minister

for Rail Transportation U Zayar Aung and Union Minister for Environmental Conservation and Forestry U Win Tun.

Afterwards, Vice-Chairman of the Joint Public Account Committee U Thein Win submitted a proposal to seek the approval from Pyidaungsu Hluttaw to approve the report of the Joint Public Account Committee regarding the important findings of the Union Auditor-General's Office, and Pyidaungsu Hluttaw approved it.

The meeting ended at 2.30 pm and will continue tomorrow. Twenty-two teachers and 117 school children from the ILBC (Yangon) observed the 7th-day meeting of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw.

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Deputy Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw U Nanda Kyaw Swa being seen off at Yangon International Airport by officials.

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ILBC instructors, students observe Hluttaw Complex

NAY PYI TAW, 20 Nov—A total of 139 observers including 22 instructors from ILBC (International Language & Business Centre) (Yangon) and 117 students from Secondary 3, 4 and University Foundation Program paid close attention to progress of the seventh day's meeting of the fifth regular session of the first Pyidaungsu Hluttaw. And they looked around the Hluttaw Complex, here, this morning.—MNA



Students and instructors from ILBC (Yangon) attending Pyidaungsu Hluttaw as observers.—MNA

International Financial Project and its current and relations on future Myanmar discussed

NAY PYI TAW, 20 Nov—“This discussion could open up new cooperation and help facilitate Myanmar's foreign investment and economic reform,” said Union Attorney-

General Dr Tun Shin at a discussion on International Financial Project and its current and relations on future Myanmar from legal angle, jointly organized by

Union Attorney-General's Office and Singapore-based Milbank from US Myanmar, at Thingaha Hotel, here, this morning.

Leader of Milbank Mr

Gray Stephen Wigmore and Ms Jacqueline Chan Su-Lynn extended greetings. Departmental officials held discussions on project finance. It was attended by deputy ministers, the deputy Attorney-General and departmental heads.

MNA

China hopes Obama's Myanmar visit conducive to stability

BEIJING, 20 Nov—China hopes US President Barack Obama's Myanmar visit will be conducive to east Asia's peace, stability and development.

While commenting on the visit, Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Hua Chunying made the remarks at a regular press conference on Monday, adding that, “President Obama's visit is a matter between the United States and Myanmar.”

She added that China and Myanmar are friendly neighbors, who, on the basis of the five principles of peaceful coexistence, conducted substantial

cooperation in the spirit of equality and reciprocity, and they have also promoted their strategic partnership of cooperation.

“The development of China-Myanmar relations benefits the two peoples, and contributes to regional peace, stability and prosperity. We are confident in the in-depth development of bilateral relations,” said Hua.

Obama arrived in Yangon on Monday morning kicking off his trip to Myanmar, becoming the first sitting US president to visit the nation in the history of Myanmar-US relations.—MNA/Xinhua

WORLD

Counting of ballots in Sierra Leone's poll on course

FREETOWN, 20 Nov—As Sierra Leoneans await the final results of their general election held on Saturday, both local and foreign observers have hailed the exercise as “well conducted.”

So far, less than 10 percent of the entire elections results have been announced in view of the difficulty in reaching some remote polling centres and it will take at least a week before the final results are out. Chief Electoral Commissioner Christiana Thorpe said, however, the final and certified results

will be officially announced within 10 days after voting.

Both the ruling All People's Congress (APC) of Ernest Bai Koroma and the main opposition Sierra Leone People's Party (SLPP) of Julius Maada Bio have sounded optimistic of victory.

Koroma's APC seems to be on the ascendancy after having made significant inroads in the strongholds of the main opposition SLPP in the south-eastern parts of the country. Meanwhile, international and local observers have given a “thumbs-up” to the people

of Sierra Leone for the way they conducted themselves in the polls on 17 Nov.

The head of the Carter Centre team, former Zambian leader Rupia Banda, said the people voted “freely and with enthusiasm”, whilst the Commonwealth observer team leader, Olara Otunni, said the “organization and conduct of the elections met international standards.”

In their preliminary assessment, the European head of observer, Richard Howitt, described the conduct of the polls on Saturday as “free, peaceful and well conducted”.

He praised the National Election Team for the efficiency and peaceful atmosphere that prevailed at the polling centres.

In reaction to a press statement from the SLPP on Monday that there was massive election malpractice, the governing APC described this as “consistent with their agenda to discredit the entire process in fear of losing the elections.”

In its statement, the APC categorically said that the SLPP statement was “replete with fabricated and baseless story.”

Xinhua



A would-be suicide bomber is presented to the media after being captured by Afghan security forces in Herat province, west of Afghanistan, on 19 Nov, 2012. Two would-be suicide bombers attired in women dress were identified and arrested while attempting to enter a conference hall attended by ranking officials.—XINHUA

Pakistan army says shelling from Afghan side kills child

ISLAMABAD, 20 Nov—Pakistani security officials said on Monday that mortar shell fired from Afghan side of the border killed a child and injured a woman and a child in Bajaur tribal region.

It is the latest incident of cross-border firing, which has heightened tension between the two countries.

“Terrorists fired a mortar round from Ganjgil Top on Afghan side of the border, at about 14:30 local time, hitting a house in a village in Hilal Khel of Bajaur Agency. As a result, a child was dead,” Pakistani security officials said.

The officials said that a child and a woman

were also injured in the shelling. They said Pakistan will lodge protest against Afghan government over the incident.

Four civilians in a border village in Pakistan's South Waziristan tribal area were killed in a similar cross-border shelling on 12 November.—Xinhua

UN Security Council reports progress on Gaza statement

UNITED NATIONS, 20 Nov—The UN Security Council on Monday wrapped up a closed-door meeting and reported a progress in bridging the gap over a proposed press statement on the Israeli raids on the Gaza Strip.

The council is expected to meet again Tuesday morning with the hope to adopt the statement on the issue, said Hardeep Singh Puri, the Indian UN ambassador who holds the rotating council presidency for November. He told reporters that “the Security Council is fully seized of the situation as it is unfolding.”

“Yes, we have been working on that draft press statement,” Puri said.

“There's still working progress... We hope that we can continue this work first thing tomorrow morning.”

The council began its closed-door meeting on 6:30 pm EST (2300GMT) on Monday, and it lasted about one and a half hours to consider a draft statement, which, proposed last Thursday by Morocco, calls for a halt to the Israel-Hamas hostilities. Morocco is the only representative of the Arab countries on the Security Council.

At the meeting, the 15 council members reached agreement on the text of the statement, but some of the council members need to refer the text back on Monday night to their capitals

for instructions, Puri said.

The council members are expected to come back to the Security Council with their final response by 9:00 am EST (1400GMT) on Tuesday, the statement will be adopted on Tuesday morning with no objection from any of the council member. A press statement is adopted by consensus at the Security Council and the council president will read it to the press here after its adoption. Puri said the draft statement contains an important message that “the violence has to cease by all parties.” “I am hoping that I can come before you tomorrow morning and read out the statement,” he said.—Xinhua

Rwanda accuses Congo of shelling border town

KIGALI, 20 Nov—Rwanda accused UN-backed Congolese forces of shelling its territory during a battle with rebels near the border on Monday but said it had no plans to respond militarily to what it called Kinshasa's “provocation”.

Tension between the central African neighbours is reaching breaking point over an insurgency in Congo's eastern hills that Kinshasa's government says is orchestrated by Rwanda with designs on the region's mineral riches.

“Rwanda does not intend to respond to provocation coming from the DRC,” Rwandan Foreign Minister Louise Mushikiwabo told Reuters. “Issues in (eastern Democratic Republic of Congo) are too serious to be subjected to game playing.”

A local UN official said Congo's presidential guard unit had fired the heavy weapons into Rwandan territory, though a spokesman for the United Nations in New York said the reports could not be immediately confirmed.

M23 say they are fighting because Kinshasa broke the terms of a 2009 peace agreement that integrated them into the army as a solution to an earlier rebellion.

UN experts back the



Recruits of the newly formed Congolese Revolutionary Army march during military training in Rumangabo military camp, Democratic Republic of Congo, on 23 Oct, 2012.—REUTERS

government contention that Rwanda, which has intervened in Congo repeatedly over the past 18 years, is behind the M23 revolt. Rwanda denies involvement.

On Monday, the rebels gave the government 24 hours to start talks or face a new onslaught.

Kinshasa swiftly rejected the ultimatum, meaning that the worst fighting in the area in four years was only likely to intensify. Goma's capture would be an embarrassment for President Joseph Kabila, who won reelection late last year in polls that triggered widespread riots in Kinshasa and which international observers said were marred by fraud.

Congo is rich in minerals including diamonds, gold, copper and coltan—used in mobile phones. But little money has been spent on developing a country the size of Western Europe. The vast nation was wrecked by wars between 1994 and 2003 which killed about 5 million people. Many eastern areas are still plagued by violence from a variety of rebel groups, despite UN-backed efforts to defeat them. M23 is led by mutinying soldiers who rose up eight months ago. They have now fought four days of battles to come close to Goma, home to a million people including hundreds of thousands of refugees who have fled rebel advances elsewhere.

Reuters

Iranian leader says Syrian national talks possible if opposition gives up armed conflict

TEHRAN, 20 Nov—Iran's Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei said on Monday that talks between the Syrian government and opposition groups are possible if the latter give up armed conflicts, Press TV reported.

Khamenei underlined

the prevention of arms flow into Syria as the only solution to the country's crisis, said the report. It is natural for any government to counter the opposition groups when they receive arms from outside the country, he was quoted as saying.

The Iranian leader said

that if the Syrian opposition groups lay down their arms, it would be possible for them to demand the government to hear their views and allow them to express their positions, according to Press TV.

Khamenei also warned of the plots by the western powers to break anti-Israel resistance by targeting Syria.

Earlier in the day, the National Syrian Dialogue Meeting concluded here with the participants calling for cease-fire and giving up armed conflicts in the crisis-ridden country, semi-official Mehr news agency reported.

Some 200 political representatives from Syrian ethnic groups, minorities and opposition, along with representatives of the Syrian government and parliament, attended the meeting.

Xinhua



Pakistani Foreign Minister Hina Rabbani Khar speaks during a news conference at the Developing Eight (D-8) Summit in Islamabad, Pakistan, on 19 Nov 2012.

XINHUA

Intel CEO to retire as chipmaker struggles with mobile

SAN FRANCISCO/NEW YORK, 20 Nov — Intel Corp's Chief Executive Officer Paul Otellini will retire sooner than expected and the top chipmaker said it may name an outsider for the position for the first time to steer a difficult transition toward mobile computing. Intel, which has selected chief executives from within its own ranks throughout its 45-year history, said it would consider both internal and external candidates in a transition expected to last six months.

Otellini will retire in May at the age of 62, earlier than the company's mandatory retirement age for CEOs of 65. Intel's fifth chief executive, Otellini has

worked at the company for nearly 40 years and became CEO in 2005. Intel's board was surprised last week when Otellini announced he planned to retire and it tried to get Otellini to stay, Intel spokesman Chuck Mulloy said. Some Wall Street analysts said it might make sense for Intel to consider hiring an outsider to shake up its strategy as the computing world goes through its most significant shift since the advent of the Internet.

But internal candidates will have a leg up over potential outside contenders because of Intel's size, complexity and engineer-driven culture, Mulloy said. "For any company of the size and complexity of Intel,

an internal candidate would have a natural advantage," he said.

However, Mulloy added: "Good corporate governance dictates today you should look inside and out." Intel, whose processors are dominant in personal computers, has been slow to expand into the fast-growing mobile industry, where Apple Inc's iPads and iPhones and other popular mobile devices use competing technology from Britain's ARM Holdings Plc.

"We all know that everyone is using smartphones and tablets now. It's the era of Intel versus ARM, so it may be good to come in with some fresh blood and a



Paul Otellini, president and CEO of Intel Corporation, holds an ultrabook as he gives a keynote address during the 2012 International Consumer Electronics Show (CES) in Las Vegas, Nevada, in this 10 Jan, 2012, file photo.—REUTERS

new perspective," Evercore analyst Patrick Wang said. Intel said it was promoting three executives to become executive vice presidents: Renee James, who is in charge of Intel software; Brian Krzanich, who is chief operating officer and

oversees manufacturing; and Stacy Smith, chief financial officer and director of corporate strategy. Smith, well-known by Wall Street, and Krzanich have in the past been viewed as potential CEOs.

Reuters

Forget phoning a business, new app sends a text instead

TORONTO, 20 Nov — Customers who are annoyed by automated voice prompts and music when they contact a company for information about a bill, price, product or service can send a text instead. A new app, TalkTo, lets users interact with any business in the United States via text messages sent from their iPhone, Android phone or Web applications. Its creators say it is convenient and efficient.

"Imagine you could text the front desk of a hotel to find out if they have a room

available, or a sports store to see if they have lacrosse equipment for kids," said Stuart Levinson, the CEO of Cambridge, Massachusetts-based company TalkTo. Retail shops, restaurants and services are the most popular businesses on the app, which allows users to perform tasks like place an item on hold, book a table at a restaurant, or make an appointment. Texting a business is similar to texting a friend. Users simply start typing the business name and then select it from a directory that includes tens of millions

of businesses.

If the business has signed up for the service, one of its representatives will respond directly to the request. For companies that are not on board, TalkTo has put together a team of agents that will dig up the information, make the required phone calls, and then relay the response via text. The average response time is 5 minutes, according to the company. Levinson said the inspiration for the app came from observing the decline of phone calls and the increase in texting.—Reuters

Tech



Photo taken on 14 Nov, 2012 shows the model of the Chang'e-3 lunar probe during the 9th China International Aviation and Aerospace Exhibition in Zhuhai, south China's Guangdong Province. Some 650 manufacturers at home and abroad attended the six-day airshow kicked off on Tuesday, which was expected to receive 400,000 visitors.—XINHUA

Photos of Einstein's brain reveal clues to extraordinary mental abilities

BEIJING, 20 Nov — Extraordinary folding patterns were found by researchers in several regions of Albert Einstein's brain on a batch of newly uncovered photographs. The photographs, taken shortly after Einstein's death, but never analyzed in detail before, were published on Friday in the American medical journal *Brain*.

In the photos, analysis spotted some unusually elaborate folding on the frontal lobes, which are thought to do abstract thought. The finding may provide tantalizing clues about the neural basis of Einstein's extraordinary mental abilities, said Dean Falk, study co-author and an anthropologist at Florida State University, the United States.

Albert Einstein was a theoretical physicist who developed the general theory of relativity, affecting a

revolution in physics. His brain was removed shortly after his death in 1955. Because of the reputation of being one of the foremost geniuses of the 20th century, Einstein's brain has attracted attention of researchers and speculations.

Xinhua

S Korea's rocket launch likely to take place on 29 November

SEOUL, 20 Nov — South Korea's third attempt to launch a space rocket is expected to take place on 29 November after it has been postponed due to a last-minute technical glitch, the government said on Monday.

After holding a meeting earlier in the day, South Korean and Russian researchers agreed that 29 November is "technically suitable" for the third launch

attempt of the Korea Space Launch Vehicle-1 (KSLV-1), also known as *Naro-1*, the Ministry of Education, Science and Technology said in a statement.

The ministry added that the Launch Preparation Committee will be convened on Thursday to determine the definitive launch date.

South Korea's earlier launch attempt on 26 October was aborted when a gas leak

in the link between the two-stage rocket and the launch pad was detected just hours before the planned lift-off. South Korea failed in its two previous attempts in August 2009 and June 2010 to send a satellite into space on a rocket built partially using domestic technology. The rocket's first stage was built by Russia while the second was manufactured by South Korea.—Xinhua

Bruce Sagan told *Xinhua*, noting "journalism will go on... But not as a mass vehicle in its usual sense."

Sagan, a publisher of *Hyde Park Herald* and a member of the management committee of the ownership of the *Chicago Sun-Times*, said subscriptions in print *Sun-Times* have been decreasing by about 40 percent over the last decade, while digital readership in recent years has been increasing. According to a report released recently by the Audit Bureau of Circulations (ABC), of the *Chicago Sun-Times'* average



US media experts say newspapers face challenges in digital age

weekly circulation of over 263,000 (excluding suburban subsidiaries), about 70,900 is in digital, an increase of over 11 percent from the prior year.

"In 20 years, there won't be any traditional newspapers anymore," Sagan said. "But people will continue to pay for news, for journalism." Owen Youngsman, Knight Professor of Digital Media Strategy at Northwestern University, is more upbeat. "I'm sure there will be print newspapers as long as I'm alive," but acknowledging that people's desire to get information immediately was a handicap for print newspaper. He said that starting at the first Gulf War in the '90s when people could see what was happening in real time on CNN, newspapers were forced to redefine their core purpose, changing from reporting of what happened to the context and analysis of why what happened.—Xinhua

Tech

Apes experience midlife low in happiness, just like humans

BEIJING, 20 Nov — Apes experience a midlife low in happiness, just like human's midlife crisis. The finding was published on Monday in the journal *Proceedings of the American National Academy of Sciences*.

Researchers analyzed data on 508 apes from zoos and research centers in the US, Australia, Canada, Singapore and Japan by collecting questionnaires from caretakers and other observers. They found the happiness degree on the graph forms an U-shaped pattern, as it hits a low point at the midlife of the apes.

The finding suggested that the human's tendency toward midlife discontent may have been passed on through evolution, rather than resulting simply from the modern life, said study author Andrew Oswald, a statistician at the University of Warwick in Britain.

"Biology and physiology have to be at the top of a list of possible explanations. Apes don't have mortgages and divorces and school fees to pay," he said.

Xinhua

BUSINESS & HEALTH



Unemployment may be associated with increased heart attack risk.— XINHUA

Unemployment may be associated with increased heart attack risk

Business

WASHINGTON, 20 Nov — Unemployment, multiple job losses and short periods without work may be associated with increased risk for acute myocardial infarction (AMI, heart attack), according to a report published online on Monday by Archives of Internal Medicine.

Many adults in the United States are affected by the strain of employment instability, but little is known about the cumulative effect of multiple job losses and unemployment on the risks for AMI, according to the study background.

Matthew Dupre and colleagues from Duke University examined the associations between different

dimensions of unemployment and the risks for AMI in 13,451 US adults aged from 51 to 75 years in the Health and Retirement Study with biennial follow-up interviews from 1992 to 2010.

“Results demonstrated that several features of one’s past and present employment increased risks for a cardiovascular event. Although the risks for AMI were most significant in the first year after job loss, unemployment status, cumulative number of job losses and cumulative time unemployed were each independently associated with increased risk for AMI,” the authors note.— Xinhua

US ITC will review Apple, Samsung patent decision

WASHINGTON, 20 Nov — The US International Trade Commission will review a judge’s decision which found that Apple did not violate patents owned by Samsung Electronics in making the iPod touch, iPhone and iPad. An administrative law judge at the ITC had said in a preliminary ruling in September that Apple was innocent of violating the patents. The ITC, which could have opted to simply uphold the judge’s decision, said that it would take up the matter. A final decision is expected in January. If Apple is found to infringe, its devices can be banned for sale in the United States.

Apple and Samsung have taken their bruising patent disputes to some 10 countries as they vie for market share in the booming mobile industry. Apple won a huge victory in August when a US jury found the South Korean firm had copied key features of the iPhone.

Apple was awarded \$1.05 billion in damages. That ruling is under appeal. In its announcement that it would review the case,

the ITC asked for briefings on how it should consider standard essential patents, which are normally expected to be licensed widely and on fair, reasonable and non-discriminatory terms. The use of standards helps companies ensure devices are interoperable.

Some antitrust enforcers have argued that it is wrong for companies which own standard essential patents to ask for infringing devices to be barred from the country except in extreme instances. The commission is reviewing a decision by ITC Judge James Gildea, who said in September that Apple did

SAN FRANCISCO, 20 Nov — Yahoo Inc shares reached their highest level in a year and a half, as investor confidence grows that new Chief Executive Marissa Mayer can pull off a comeback that eluded three of her predecessors. The Internet pioneer has yet to actually provide Wall Street with any hard evidence that its business is turning a corner—and she has warned that it will be a lengthy job—but investor faith in the ex-Google executive is running high. Hedge funds Tiger Global Management and Greenlight Capital Management recently disclosed large stakes in Yahoo, accumulated during the third quarter. “Money managers are starting to want to own this name again,” said Colin Gillis, an analyst with BGC Partners.

“For the amount of traffic they have, and the assets they have, they should be able to squeeze some value out of that,” Gillis said, referring to Yahoo. With Mayer at the helm, he said, Yahoo has “finally got somebody who the market believes can do that.” Gravity Capital Management’s Adam

Seessel said that Mayer’s recruitment of various Google Inc employees, including recently hired Yahoo Chief Operating Officer Henrique de Castro, has also helped burnish Yahoo’s image. “What the market is seeing is not (financial) numbers so much as they’re seeing people voting with their feet, people moving from Google to Yahoo,” said Seessel, whose firm owns Yahoo shares.

“All these people from Google wouldn’t be following her if they didn’t think that she didn’t have some good cards to play,” he said. Shares of Yahoo finished Monday’s regular trading session up 2.8 percent at \$18.36, amid a broad market rally. The last time Yahoo traded above \$18.30 was in May 2011. Yahoo ranks among the world’s

most popular websites, with roughly 700 million monthly visitors. But the company’s revenue has eroded, amid competition from Google and Facebook and an industry-wide change in the online advertising market that has compressed prices for the online display ads that are key to its business.

The company has been rocked by internal turmoil: CEO Carol Bartz was fired over the phone and CEO Scott Thompson left after less than six months on the job due to questions about his academic credentials. Mayer, Google’s first female engineer, took the top job at Yahoo in July.—Reuters



Yahoo! Chief Executive Marissa Mayer listens in a Startup Battlefield session during TechCrunch Disrupt SF 2012 at the San Francisco Design Centre Concourse in San Francisco, California on 12 Sept, 2012.—REUTERS

Kids with psoriasis likely to be obese or overweight

Health

WASHINGTON, 20 Nov — Children with psoriasis are about twice as likely to be overweight or obese as children who don’t have the disease, according to an international study published on Monday in Archives of Dermatology. And US children with psoriasis have much higher odds than psoriatic children in other countries of being obese or overweight, the study also shows.

Within this US population, Hispanics and African American children had significantly greater rates of being obese and

overweight than whites and Asians. The odds ratio of being obese were particularly high for US children with more severe psoriasis.

“There has been increasing attention to the association of psoriasis and metabolic risks in adults, but this study shows that the association of being overweight or obese and having psoriasis may be even higher in affected children than in adults,” said Amy Paller, chair of dermatology at Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine and lead author of the study.

“This is incredibly significant,” Paller said. “It tells us these children are at increased risk of health complications (cardiac risk and insulin resistance) and need to be watched closely and treated.”

Psoriasis is characterized by red, often itchy scaling lesions that can be localized (especially to the scalp, knees and elbows) or cover the entire body. The disease affects 2.5 to 3.5 percent of the global population with up to 33 percent of the cases starting in childhood, particularly during adolescence.

Xinhua

Smoking in pregnancy tied to lower reading scores

WASHINGTON, 20 Nov — US researchers have found that children born to mothers who smoked more than one pack per day during pregnancy struggled on tests designed to measure how accurately a child reads aloud and comprehends what they read, according to a study published this week in the current Journal of Pediatrics.

Lead author Jeffrey Gruen, professor of pediatrics at Yale University School of Medicine, and colleagues analyzed data from more than 5,000 children involved in the Avon Longitudinal Study of Parents and Children, a large-scale study of 15,211 children from 1990-1992 at the University of Bristol in the United Kingdom.

Gruen and his team from Yale and Brock University in Canada, compared performance on seven specific tasks — reading speed, single-word identification, spelling, accuracy, real and non-word reading, and reading comprehension — with maternal cigarette smoking, after adjusting for socioeconomic status, mother-child interactions, and 14 other potential factors.

They found that on average, children exposed

to high levels of nicotine in utero — defined as the minimum amount in one pack of cigarettes per day — scored 21 percent lower in these areas than classmates born to nonsmoking mothers. The children were tested at age seven and again at age nine. Among students who share similar backgrounds and education, a child of a smoking mother will, on average, be ranked seven places lower in a class of 31 in reading accuracy and comprehension ability. “It’s not a little difference — it’s a big difference in accuracy and comprehension at a critical time when children are being assessed, and are getting a sense of what it means to be successful,” said Gruen.— Xinhua



A customer looks over the iPad mini after the device went on sale at Apple’s retail store in Palo Alto, California on 2 Nov, 2012. — REUTERS

not violate the four patents at issue in the case, which was filed in mid-2011. The two standard essential patents in the complaint are related to 3G wireless technology and the format of data packets for high-speed transmission.

Apple has a parallel complaint filed against Samsung at the ITC, accusing Samsung, a major Apple chip provider as well as a global rival, of blatantly copying its iPhones and iPads. An ITC judge said in that case that Samsung infringed on four Apple patents. The full ITC will issue a final decision in February.

Reuters

Obama pledges economic, security engagement with ASEAN

PHNOM PENH, 20 Nov— US President Barack Obama during talks with ASEAN leaders pledged to engage in a range of issues including economic and security aspects, an official said on Monday. Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) Secretary General Dr Surin Pitsuwan told a Press briefing after the US ASEAN leaders meeting that Obama had pledged US support for the centrality of the 10-member regional bloc.

“ASEAN leaders

welcomed the statement on supporting ASEAN centrality in the evolution of cooperation in the region. The US also pledged to engage economically and work on security and stability in the region.” Assuring of a long engagement, Obama had remarked on the rapid increase in relations between the two sides and insisted that continued meetings would result in more extensive engagement.

“All leaders were enthusiastic of more extensive

relations and continuous summits that would lay down irreversible momentum for US and ASEAN relations,” he said.

Obama had also commended ASEAN for adopting Human Rights Declaration and commitment to address related challenges in the region. He is also to attend the East Asia Summit on Tuesday when key global and regional issues are to be raised by the leaders of ASEAN members and eight dialogue partners.—Xinhua



A man hangs paintings created by autistic children on the wall in Huijia Chuangyi Restaurant in Xiaodian District of Taiyuan City, capital of north China's Shanxi Province, on 19 Nov, 2012. The restaurant has provided a platform to sell paintings by autistic children from Fangzhou Autism Rehabilitation Centre in Shanxi since October in 2011. XINHUA

UN chief in Cairo, meets Egyptian FM on Gaza truce bid

CAIRO, 20 Nov— UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon arrived on Monday evening in Cairo for a two-day visit to push for an early ceasefire between Israel and the Palestinian militants in the Gaza Strip, official MENA news agency reported.

Ban has met with Egyptian Foreign Minister Mohamed Amr, discussing the efforts to put an end to the ongoing Israeli attack on Gaza and reach a ceasefire, as well as the Syrian crisis.

During the visit, Ban is also scheduled to meet with Egyptian President Mohamed Morsi and Prime Minister Hisham Qandil on regional and international issues, topped by the current conflict between Israel and Hamas. Ban will also meet with Arab League Secretary-General Nabil al-Arabi on Tuesday to discuss the Gaza escalation, before the latter heading for the Gaza Strip in a solidarity visit.

According to Palestinian medics, the death toll in the Hamas-ruled Gaza Strip has climbed to 104 Palestinians since Wednesday.—Xinhua

Wen urges closer cooperation in East Asia

PHNOM PENH, 20 Nov— Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao on Monday urged members of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) and China, Japan and South Korea (10+3) to further promote cooperation in the region.

At a 10+3 summit, Wen asked countries in the region to focus on development problems and work for an early creation of East Asian community.

Wen arrived in Phnom Penh on Sunday afternoon to attend a series of meetings of East Asian leaders and pay an official visit to Cambodia.

The 13 nations have

successfully handled the 1997 Asian financial crisis and properly dealt with the current international financial crisis, forged a rather complete cooperation platform, and made important achievements in maintaining financial and food security in the region, Wen said.

The Chinese premier called on the countries to strengthen capacity for crisis management, speed up the revision of the Chiang Mai Initiative Multilateralization, a regional currency swap arrangement, promote the 10+3 macroeconomic research office to a regional institution, and groom Asia's

bond market.

Wen urged the parties to work hard to boost regional integration, saying China supports talks for comprehensive economic partnerships in the region, the expansion of mutual investment and industrial convergence.

The Chinese premier also urged efforts to promote transnational infrastructure.

He called on the leaders to strengthen policy coordination, expand financing channels, and build convenient and efficient infrastructure networks.

Xinhua



Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao (2nd L) attends a summit between the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) and China, Japan and South Korea (10+3) in Phnom Penh, Cambodia, on 19 Nov, 2012. The summit coincided with the 15th anniversary of ASEAN Plus Three (APT) cooperation.—XINHUA

UN Security Council calls for comprehensive response to piracy

UNITED NATIONS, 20 Nov— The UN Security Council here on Monday issued a presidential statement, calling on the international community to develop a comprehensive response to tackle the underlying causes of piracy.

“The Security Council continues to be gravely concerned by the threat that piracy and armed robbery at sea pose to international navigation, the safety of commercial maritime routes, and the security and economic development of states in

the regions concerned,” the statement said following an open debate of the 15-nation body on piracy.

It stressed the need for a comprehensive response by the international community to repress piracy and tackle its underlying causes for a durable eradication of piracy and armed robbery at sea and illegal activities connected therewith.

In the statement, the Security Council underlined that regional coordination of efforts is necessary to develop a comprehensive strategy to counter the threat.

It also called for international assistance as part of a comprehensive strategy to support national and regional efforts to assist the UN member states undertaking steps to combat piracy and related illegal activities.

“The Security Council reiterates its call upon states, particularly concerned states, to criminalize piracy under their domestic law and to favourably consider the prosecution of suspected, and imprisonment of convicted pirates and their facilitators and financiers ashore,

consistent with applicable international law including international human rights law,” said the statement. It urged countries, international organizations and the private sector “to share evidence, information and intelligence, as appropriate, for anti-piracy law enforcement purposes.

The Council lauded that effective counter-piracy measures through increased national, bilateral and multilateral initiatives as well as regional cooperative mechanisms has led to a substantial reduction in the number of successful piracy-related attacks in different regions.

Xinhua



Dutch Defence Minister Jeanine Hennis-Plasschaert (L, front) talks to French Defence Minister Jean-Yves Le Drian before the European Union (EU) defence ministers' meeting in Brussels, Belgium, on 19 Nov, 2012.—XINHUA

At least 20 dead in stampede in eastern India

NEW DELHI, 20 Nov— At least 20 people, including children and women, were killed and several others injured in a stampede on a bridge over the Ganges river during a Hindu religious ceremony on Monday evening in the eastern Indian state of Bihar, said local media reports. The incident took place in Bihar's state capital Patna during the Chhath festival celebrations worshipping the Sun, when people were returning after

offering prayers at sunset at the famous Adalatganj ghat.

A temporary bridge made of bamboo collapsed due to heavy rush of people, mainly devotees and their family members, said Indo-Asian News Service. All the bodies were brought to the Patna Medical College Hospital for postmortem and the injured were admitted for treatment in nearby hospitals. Over 100,000 people were present during the ceremony.—Xinhua

Accident



Photo taken on 21 May, 2012 shows the summer scenery of Wuyuan County, east China's Jiangxi Province. Wuyuan's environmental protection efforts in recent years has turned it into an ideal wild bird habitat. More than 370 wild bird species, including 36 endangered species, now live in the county's 193 conservation areas. XINHUA

LOCAL NEWS

Preventive measures taken for illegal timber

NAY PYI TAW, 20 Nov— Bago mountain ranges greening project is being implemented in the five-year plan as of 2004-2005 for long-term existence of greening Bago Yoma mountain ranges.

Bago mountain range is constituted with 5.16 million acres of forest reserves and protected public forests, 7.37 million acres of public forests, totaling 12.53 million acres. On completion, the project will create 1.87 million acres of forest reserves or protected forest reserves.

extractions

Seizure of illegal timber extraction is one of the five tasks to nurture the forest plantation.

Due to implementing the plan to fight illegal extraction of timber in the area of Bago mountain ranges, a total of 36922 tons of timbers including teak, hardwood and other woods were seized in the five-year plan period and action was taken for 8687 illegal timber extraction cases.

In the second five-year plan, a total of 19 persons were seized with

14 cars, three boats, two motorcycles, 75.5823 tons of teak, 33.2878 tons of hardwood and 101.5734 tons of other woods in 107 cases in September and October 2012 in Bago, Daik U, Kyaukdaga, Nyaunglebin and Shwegyin townships of Bago District.

Thus, seizures of illegal timbers are being geared up for minimizing deforestation and greening Bago mountain ranges, said an official.

Myanma Alinn

Alms donated to members of Sangha in PyinOoLwin

PYIN OOLWIN, 20 Nov— The first rice offering ceremony for 500 members of the Sangha was held at Aung Yadana Dhammayon in Nyangwe Ward 13 of Ward 1 in PyinOoLwin of Mandalay Region on 10 November morning.

The people donated alms to members of the Sangha without any anxiety as part of serving the interest of the Sasana.

Myanma Alinn



Master Cards ready to be used for citizens in Myanmar

YANGON, 20 Nov— Master cards can be used in Myanmar for the first time in line with the developing world financial system, said officials of a private bank on 15 November.

Managing Director U Pe Myint of CB Bank said that master cards, maestro cards and cirrus cards holders may withdraw money from ATM of CB bank round the clock.

“CB Bank cooperated with US-based Master Card company is to apply master cards in Myanmar for the first time, especially for enabling



hospitals and Yangon International Airport. The holders can draw money with the use of master cards. Moreover, ATMs have been installed in Mandalay, Bago, Toungoo and Pyinmana. The machines are kept open round the clock. The machine admits the users to draw K 300,000 three times in maximum a day.



the athletes who will take part in the 2013 SEA Games, tourists and investors to have easy access to take out money,” he said.

CB Bank has installed 36 ATMs at 29 places including CB Bank head office and branches, shopping malls and shopping centres,

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Knowledge about taxation shared

THINGANGYUN, 20 Nov— Internal Revenue Department broadens horizon of the people over taxation in Yangon East District of Yangon Region at Thabyay Hall of No 1 Basic

Education High School in Thingangyun Township on 14 November. Assistant Director U Min Lwin Oo of IRD shared knowledge about taxation to the students.

Myanma Alinn

Pho Kay to meet with Soe Lin Oo in Traditional Boxing Challenge

YANGON, 20 Nov— Myanmar Traditional Boxing Federation of the Ministry of Sports will organize the Myanmar Traditional Boxing Challenge and Women’s Traditional Boxing Tune-up for Muay Challenge at Theinbyu Gymnasium in Yangon on 25 November afternoon.

Pho Kay (Mandalay) and Soe Lin Oo (Myo Zarni) had met in the five-round match

in Mandalay in September. They ended at draw match. In the challenge, Tun Tun Min (Mudonthar) vs Thabye Nyo (Cement Plant), Po Tha Gyi (Mandalay) vs Lay Nyo Shin (Thatti), Ye Yint (Nagamahn) vs Kyarbauk (Cement Plant) and Min Mahar (Cement Plant) vs Win Mauk (Shwe Phu) will meet in the five-round challenges. Moreover, other boxers will participate in three four-round matches.

Units of gold to be changed in line with international market

YANGON, 20 Nov— The 10th annual general meeting of Myanmar Gold Entrepreneurs Association was held at Panda Hotel in Lanmadaw Township on 16 November for using measurements of Myanmar gold entrepreneurs’ field in line with the international measurements.

Gold can be produced from various areas of Myanmar, especially in Kachin State, Mandalay Region and Sagaing Region.

The Government fixes

the price of gold in line with the current foreign currency rate. That is why it cannot exactly forecast the up and down rates of the gold price. In the international gold market, the dealers use grams, kilograms and tri ounces and pound. One tri ounce of gold is equal to 1.875 ticals while one tical is equal to 16.600 grams. In Myanmar, measurement of gold is fixed in yway, pe, mat, mu and tical. The domestic measurement of gold is slightly different in units

Mine blast destroys bridge, railroad, causes traffic delays



MOHNYIN, 20 Nov — A mine exploded on the bridge No. 478 between mile posts No. 599/23 and 24 and

between Mawlu and Pinwei stations Indaw Township, Sagaing Division, 11.50 pm on 17 November. The blast damaged the floor of the railroad bridge and destroyed about three feet of railroad.

As engineers from the Myanma Railways are repairing the damage portion of the bridge and railroad, the passenger trains running between Mandalay and Myitkyina have stopped nearby railway stations, causing delays of on the railroad.

The blast is the first in Indaw Township in Sagaing Division this year although mine blasts usually happen in Kachin State.— *NLM-001*

Mobile telephones sold to rural people

GANGAW, 20 Nov— Myanmar Posts and Telecommunications of Gangaw is selling GSM mobile phones to the rural people as of 15 November. So far, the MPT has sold 1016 GSM mobile phones to 41 villages. In the township, there are over 2500 GSM mobile users.

Moreover, Gangaw Township has installed with 720 auto-digital telephones and 1600 CDMA mobile phones.— *Myanma Alinn*

New school building handed over

PYAWBWE, 20 Nov— A ceremony to hand over Anawrahta Building of Basic Education Primary School (Branch) to the education department was held in Gyogon Village of Pyawbwe Township on 10

November morning. The building was constructed at K 27.5 million by the Government, K 3,515,000 by wellwisher U Tin Soe-Daw Aye Aye Than, and K 1,365,000 by local people.

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from that of international. Therefore, the measurement of unit in gold weighing will be used in equal term in the domestic market and then the

use of units in gold trading will be applied in line with that of international standard, said an official of the association.

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PERSPECTIVES

Wednesday, 21 November, 2012

Higher income versus better health

Today when Myanmar is marching towards a democracy nation we all must work hard. To be able to work hard we must keep good health. As our country needs good workers it is our duty to keep healthy and strong.

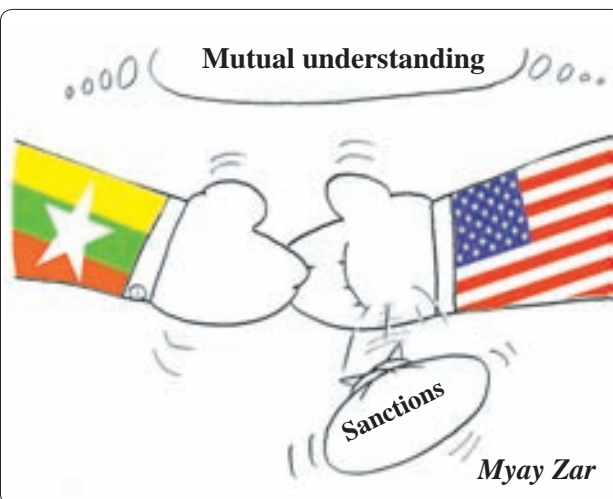
Most of us don't think about the state of our health until we are sick, but being mindful of your lifestyle choices and paying attention to the way you feel can help you take steps to ensure that you are doing everything you can to optimize your health.

As the trends show, people have a very tough time achieving healthy weights when inactive lifestyles are the norm and inexpensive, high-calorie foods and drinks are readily available 24 hours a day.

According to the FAO, the period between 1990 and 2009 saw a decline in per capita consumption of cereals, roots, beans and pulses. During the same period, however, the per capita consumption of cheese doubled, that of egg almost tripled, chicken quadrupled, and beef increased nearly five-fold.

This nutrition transition or the increased consumption of animal protein and foods with higher fat content is common in developing and emerging countries. As the middle class grows and people have more disposable income, they tend to eat higher up on the food chain. But the consumption of fast food, dairy products and meat can have serious consequences on health.

Loading up on hamburgers, fried chicken and other high-fat food can lead to heart disease, obesity and diabetes. Meanwhile, aging, dietary changes and reduced physical activity are leading to more heart disease and stroke. According to the report, a 64 per cent increase (3.4 million cases) in deaths related to coronary heart disease is expected between 2020 and 2030, and the above-mentioned health tips for everybody are simply a matter of choice these day.



Myanmar-Korea to promote trade volume

NAY PYI TAW, 20 Nov—The new government has been implementing economic reforms, the ministry has undertaken import/export and financial

matters for convenience, Myanmar wishes to cooperate with Korea to promote trade volume of the two countries and Myanmar welcomes foreign



President U Thein Sein attends 4th ASEAN-US Leaders Meeting at Champa Room on the third floor of Peace Palace in Phnom Penh in Cambodia.—MNA

Myanmar, a dialogue coordinator...

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He made a proposal urging to upgrade ASEAN-US Leaders' Meeting as ASEAN-US Summit and to hold the summit annually.

The US President replied that the US and ASEAN countries would continue to cooperate in economic and trade sectors. He said that there would be more cooperation in the sectors of trade, investment and SMEs through ASEAN-US Trade and Investment Framework Agreement. Under the cultural exchange programme, Youth Leadership programme including educational cooperation would be implemented with the aim of cementing relationship between ASEAN and American people.

He acknowledged the unity of ASEAN and its leading role in the region. The US was paying attention to the South China Sea issue

investment, the ministry will provide necessary assistance" said Union Minister for Commerce U Win Myint at the meeting with Chairman Mr Kim Chun Hwan and party from Shinhan Engineering & Construction Co Ltd of the Republic of Korea at the ministry here this morning.

Shinhan Engineering & Construction Co Ltd has experienced in construction,

although it is not involved in the issue.

He expressed US's support for the ASEAN's six-point principles on the South China Sea, welcoming informal meetings between ASEAN and China on the issue of South China Sea.

He explained US's efforts for drawing on stability not for long-term solution but for the present conflicts.

He would try to visit Brunei. He remarked his visit to Myanmar as a successful trip, expressing special thanks for hospitality of President U Thein Sein. The very first visit to Myanmar as a US President had brought good results.

President U Thein Sein replied that he was very delighted to have a chance to address the meeting as a country which is responsible for ASEAN-US Dialogue Coordinator.

He congratulated Mr.

architecture, electricity production, housing construction projects and has been implementing projects in many countries.

The company wishes to make long-term economic cooperation with Myanmar.

The Union Minister, Deputy Minister Dr Pwint Hsan and officials answered to queries raised by those attendees.

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Barack Obama on his re-election as President of the United States.

His re-election as President proved that American people's support for his domestic and foreign policies, the President added.

He said that there was no doubt to say that ASEAN-US relations see remarkable progress during his terms in office. With annual ASEAN-US Leaders' Meetings since 2009, ASEAN-US ties saw continued progress year after year.

ASEAN-US Eminent Persons Group was established and found out important points contributing to better ASEAN-US dialogue relations.

He called for benefit suggestions for strengthening ASEAN-US relations, thereby contributing towards sustainability of pragmatic relations.

He expressed his support for the suggestions of the Group, saying that the Group would be able to win the support of those present. ASEAN-US Economic Forum was an opportunity that could boost bilateral trade and investment.

He welcomed US involvement in Asia-Pacific region, especially steps to better relations with ASEAN, highlighting US's key role in peace and stability of the region.

He was glad to see US participation as a signatory to Treaty of Amity and Cooperation in Southeast Asia, the US as ASEM

member, US recognition of the pivotal role of ASEAN in development of regional architecture and its support for establishment of ASEAN Community as a gesture of keeping its pledge to assist ASEAN.

It was decided to upgrade ASEAN-US relations into strategic partnership level. As a country that is responsible for Dialogue Coordinator, he pledged to strengthen ASEAN-US relations.

He expressed thanks for a English language training programme, jointly-conducted by the US and Brunei, for the people of ASEAN.

The President said he met Mr. Barack Obama during the latter's visit to Myanmar ahead of the meeting. Myanmar people took great pride in the first visit of US President to Myanmar.

He welcomed constructive engagement of the US on Myanmar. He was confident that policy changes in the US would assist in the areas of democratic transition, promotion and protection of human rights, socioeconomic development and global economic integration and ensuring connectivity with international community.

The President reiterated that his government continued to perform reform process and would strive to be a genuine people-centered government.

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President U Thein Sein attends dinner hosted by Cambodian Prime Minister and wife

NAY PYI TAW, 20 Nov— President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein attended a dinner hosted by Cambodian Prime Minister Samdech Hun Sen and wife at Diamond Island Convention and Exhibition Center in Phnom Penh of Cambodia at 8:30 pm LST on 19 November.

Also present at the dinner together with President U Thein Sein were heads of state/government of ASEAN countries, East Asia Summit Leaders Prime Minister of the People's Republic of China Mr Wen Jiabao, Prime Minister of Japan Mr Yoshihiko Noda, President of the Republic of Korea Mr Lee

Myung-bak, Prime Minister of the Republic of India Dr Manmohan Singh, President of the United States of America Mr Barack Obama, special representatives of heads of state from Australia, New Zealand and Russian Federation, ministers from ASEAN countries, high ranking officials, ASEAN Secretary-General Dr Surin Pitsuwan and invited guests.

At first, President U Thein Sein and heads of state/government of ASEAN countries, the ASEAN secretary-general were cordially greeted by Cambodian Prime Minister and wife.

Cambodian Prime



President U Thein Sein poses for documentary photo with heads of State/Government at the dinner hosted by Cambodian Prime Minister and wife.—MNA

Minister and wife, heads of state/government of ASEAN countries and the ASEAN

secretary-general posed for a documentary photo. Then, Cambodian Prime Minister

extended greetings and hosted a dinner.

During the dinner,

Cambodian cultural troupe entertained the guests with dance and song.—MNA

General Soe Win visits People's Republic of China



General Soe Win attends opening of ninth China International Aviation and Aerospace Exhibition in China. MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 20 Nov— At the invitation of Deputy Chief of General Staff Lt-Gen Qi Jianguo of the Chinese People's Liberation Army, Myanmar Tatmadaw delegation led by Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) General Soe Win paid a goodwill visit to the People's Republic of China on 12 November. They arrived at Kunming International Airport at 6 pm local standard time where they were welcomed

by Deputy Chief of Staff of Yunnan Military Region Sr. Col Zhao Yongqi.

Then the Myanmar Tatmadaw delegation proceeded to Zhuhai of Guangdong Province by special flight of the Chinese PLA. On their arrival at Zhuhai Airport, they were welcomed by Zhuhai Garrison Deputy Commander Sr. Col Jiang Songhua. On 13 November morning, the Myanmar Tatmadaw delegation attended the ninth China International Aviation and Aerospace Exhibition

and observed the aerobatic performance staged by respective countries at the air show.

Next, they viewed round the booths of aviation and aerospace displayed at the air show. The goodwill delegation accompanied by Deputy Bureau Chief Sr. Col Song Yanchao of Foreign Affairs Office of the Chinese PLA and Chinese Military Attaché to Myanmar Sr. Col Xiong Shaowei went sightseeing Macau along Wanzhi by boat. Then they attended reception hosted by the Ministry of National Defence on the occasion of the ninth Air Show China held at De Han Hotel in Zhuhai. Before the reception, General Soe Win together with guests called on Lt-Gen Chen Yong, Assistant Chief of General Staff of the Chinese PLA.

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Members of Actionaid Organization observe Hluttaw



NAY PYI TAW, 20 Nov— A 25-member delegation from Actionaid Organiza-

tion (NGO) visited Hluttaw buildings at 2 pm today.

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Visiting Thai delegation concludes visit

NAY PYI TAW, 20 Nov— The visiting delegation led by Royal Thai Air Force Commander-in-Chief Air Chief Marshal Prajin Juntong and wife paid a visit to Defence Services Museum, here, yesterday noon. They then proceeded to Uppatansanti Pagoda, and observed Yadana white elephants in the precinct. Afterwards, they visited

Gems Museum.

They this morning arrived in Yangon by special flight of Thai Air Force. There, they paid homage to Thiri Mingala Kaba Aye Pagoda, Shwedagon Pagoda and Botahtaung Kyeik-dayup Pagoda.

In the evening, they returned home by special flight of Thai Air Force.

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Royal Thai Air Force Commander-in-Chief Air Chief Marshal Prajin Juntong and wife visiting Defence Services Museum.—MNA

Capacity building of banking service kicks off

YANGON, 20 Nov— The Central Bank of Myanmar and Mizuho Financial Group jointly organized a workshop on enhancement of the joint

venture with international banks, at Sedona Hotel, here, yesterday morning.

At the workshop, Deputy Director-General of the Central Bank of Myanmar U Thein Zaw and Managing Executive Officer Mr. Hiroshi Suehiro of Mizuho Corporate Bank Ltd gave opening speeches. Senior Joint General Manager Mr. Guan Yeow Kwang explained the purpose of

holding the workshop to the participants, and Joint General Manager Mr. Noriyoshi Tsunoda made a discussion about global financial market and FX market analysis.

Altogether 90 bank officers attended the workshop whose second day sees discussion of Mr. Kenichi Matsumoto about settlement method, trade financing solution and third day, discussion of Mr. Ling Kok Dung on lending business.

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Depression weaken into a low pressure area

NAY PYI TAW, 20 Nov— Department of Meteorology and Hydrology Department announced today that according to the observations at 6:30 hrs

MST today, the depression over West-central Bay of Bengal, it move southwestwards and has weakened into a low pressure area.

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A float is seen in the Santa Claus Parade in Toronto, Canada, on 18 Nov, 2012. The 108th Santa Claus Parade took place in Toronto on Sunday afternoon, attracting more than one million spectators along the 5.6-kilometer-long route in downtown Toronto.

XINHUA

After Sandy, EPA extends clean fuel waivers for NJ, New York City

WASHINGTON, 20 Nov—The Environmental Protection Agency has extended its emergency waivers for clean fuel rules for New Jersey and the New York City area as damage from Superstorm Sandy continues to prevent fuel distribution in the hard-hit region.

The waivers had been set to expire on 20 November, but Governors Chris Christie of New Jersey and Andrew Cuomo of New York asked the EPA to extend them because of continued fuel supply shortages.

Senior al-Qaeda leader killed in Algeria

ALGIERS, 20 Nov—A senior leader of al-Qaida in the Islamic Maghreb (AQIM) was among the three militants killed on Friday by Algerian forces in the southern province of Bejaia, local TSA news website reported on Sunday.

Citing a security source, TSA said that forensics identified one of the three militants as Makhfi Rabah, 45, who was also known as Sheikh Abdenacer. Hailing from the province of Boumerdes, some 50 km east of Algiers, Sheikh Abdenacer was known to have been close to head of

The EPA said it will continue to waive clean gasoline and diesel requirements for the area until 7 December.

Conventional gasoline still in the distribution system after that time can be sold until the supply is depleted, EPA Administrator Lisa Jackson wrote in a letter sent to the governors on Friday.

Low-sulfur requirements will also be waived for emergency response vehicles and equipment used for disaster recovery, Jackson's letter said.

Reuters

AQMI Abdelmalek Droukdel and was the commander of the group responsible for the Kabylie region (covering the provinces of Tizi Ouzou, Boumerdes, Bouira and Bejaia), the source specified.

In March 2012, an Algerian court sentenced Makhfi Rabah to death in absentia together with Droukdel and two other militants on the run.

Forensics are still working to identify the two other dead militants, the source said, adding that they might also be key members of AQMI.

Xinhua

72 pct overseas students return to China

BEIJING, 20 Nov—More than 72 percents of overseas Chinese students have returned to China after finishing education abroad since the late 1970s, according to a report from a government-backed agency. From 1978 to 2011,

about 818,400 Chinese students returned home after studying abroad, said a report issued on Sunday by the Chinese Service Center for Scholarly Exchange (CSCSE), which is administered by the Ministry of Education.

In 2011 alone, nearly 186,200 chose to return, nearly 40 percent more than that in the previous year, said the report, adding that the center had offered services to 110,000 of them.

To help those returning students, the center organ-

ized a special job fair for them, which is scheduled for 24 Nov.

The fair, featuring more than 500 jobs in big enterprises or public institutions, has attracted more than 1,500 applications, the report said.—Xinhua

Bomb rips through Nairobi minibus, killing six

NAIROBI, 20 Nov—A bomb tore through a minibus in Nairobi's Somali-dominated Eastleigh neighbourhood on Sunday, killing six people in an attack highlighting the security risks Kenya faces because of its intervention in Somalia to fight al Qaeda-linked militants.

Kenya has suffered a string of deadly attacks in its capital Nairobi, the port city of Mombasa as well as the eastern garrison town of Garissa over the past year.

The attacks have been blamed on Somali militants and their sympathizers in retaliation for Kenya's deployment of troops in neighbouring Somalia last

year to drive out al Shabaab rebels whom Nairobi has blamed for attacks on Kenyan territory.

"I saw bodies ripped apart," said a Reuters photographer at the scene of the blast. He saw a crowd lifting five dead bodies wrapped in sacks onto the back of a police vehicle.

The force of the explosion left only the charred skeleton of the minibus, commonly known as mata-tus in Kenya, the orange seats ripped apart. The windows of a nearby cafe were shattered and two other cars were damaged.

"There's a laxity on the side of the government. This is the fourth attack in

three weeks," said bystander Maurice Ouma, as a police siren wailed by.

"The government has to take responsibility for



providing security for its citizens," he said.

Armed cattle raiders killed at least 32 Kenyan

police officers in a military-style ambush last weekend. The attack exposed how ill-equipped Kenya's police force is as it faces challeng-

es on several fronts, including a presidential election next March.

Reuters

Blast rocks western Afghan town, three injured

HERAT, (Afghanistan), 20 Nov—A powerful blast rocked the border town of Islam Qala in the western Herat Province 640 km west of Kabul on Monday, injuring three people, a local official said.

"The blast happened at around 09:50 am local time near a border police

checkpoint in the border town of Islam Qala, leaving three people injured," the official told Xinhua but declined to be identified.

He also noted that authorized officials would release the details after completion of investigation.

Xinhua

122,000 Syrian refugees in Lebanon

BEIRUT, 20 Nov—The United Nations Higher Refugees Council said on Sunday in its weekly report that the number of Syrian refugees receiving aid in Lebanon has reached 122,000.

The UN report pointed out that 88,794 Syrian refugees in Lebanon have

been registered, while another 33,500 are still waiting for registration.

It added that there are around 6,000 Syrian refugees arriving in Lebanon each week, and the current figure represents an increase of 77,030 refugees since July.

Xinhua

Cuba receives humanitarian aid from Mexico

HAVANA, 20 Nov—A Mexican vessel with humanitarian aid for Sandy-affected regions arrived Sunday in Santiago de Cuba.

Mexican Navy ship "Papaloapan" carried a 163-ton load of asbestos cement plates to mend homes and other buildings damaged by Superstorm Sandy, which swept the Caribbean country and claimed 11 lives in its eastern region.

Santiago de Cuba, one of Cuba's worst-hit city, is making efforts to return to normality with the restoration of almost all public services such as electricity and telephone services, water supply, and urban cleaning.

Xinhua



Photo taken on 18 Nov, 2012, shows a shogi event for children of elementary school age or younger held at Tokyo Big Sight in Tokyo, which was recognized as a world record by holding 1,574 games at one time and at one place. KYODO NEWS

Seven killed in water tank collapse in India

NEW DELHI, 20 Nov—Seven persons were killed and 35 others injured when an overhead water tank collapsed in a slum area of the central Indian city of Bhopal early Monday, reported Press Trust of India.

The incident took place at Saibaba Nagar slum area in the wee hours, when an overhead water tank of Bhopal Municipal Corporation or local civic government collapsed, killing seven persons and trapping a large number

of others, according to the report.

A number of slums situated in the vicinity of the large water tank also got damaged in the incident. The cause of the incident was yet to be ascertained.—Xinhua

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1st ASEAN global dialogue kicks off in Cambodia

PHNOM PENH, 20 Nov— The first-ever ASEAN global dialogue was held here on Tuesday, focusing discussions on global challenges, particularly economic and financial issues.

The dialogue, held back to back with the 21st ASEAN Summit and related Summit, was attended by the leaders or representatives of East Asia Summit and the heads or representatives of the World Bank, the International Monetary Fund, the World Trade

Organization, the Asian Development Bank, and the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development.

The high-level forum was initiated by Cambodia, aiming at exchanging views on global challenges and ASEAN role in contributing to solve all issues. Cambodian Prime Minister Hun Sen said at the opening address.

“We hold the meeting while the world has not completely got out of the global financial crisis, so we have to continue facing the uncertainties of economic

growth and other issues in the future,” he said.

He added that slow economic growth and weak financial system in some developed countries have caused the global market to face instability and investors are reluctant to release their capitals.

“Despite in this difficulty, to date, ASEAN economies remain resilient,” he said. “However, if the situation of the global economy is still weak, ASEAN will be inevitable from the consequences of the crisis.”

“Therefore, the dialogue is very important to reflect the rising role of ASEAN in interactions to determine economic policies in the region and the world,” said the premier.

Leaders of the 18 countries in the East Asia Summit including the ten-member ASEAN and the United States, China, Japan, South Korea, India, Australia, New Zealand and Russia are gathering here to attend the 7th East Asia Summit, which will be held this Tuesday afternoon.—Xinhua



Dancers perform during a dancing show about the tradition of Miao and Dong ethnic groups in Kaili City of Qian-dongnan, southwest China's Guizhou Province, on 19 Nov 2012. XINHUA

Philippines seeks MILF's help to bring massacre fugitives to justice

MANILA, 20 Nov— Philippine authorities will ask the help of all the stakeholders in the peace

process, particularly the Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF), to facilitate the immediate arrest of the 92

suspects remaining at large in the 2009 Maguindanao massacre, police said on Monday.

Criminal Investigation and Detection Group Special Investigation Task Force Group (SITG) Maguindanao will also use the social media to reach out to the public for information that will lead to the arrest of those suspects, CIDG chief, Police Director Samuel Pagdilao Jr said.

“The CIDG remains strongly committed in its mandate to run after and arrest the remaining suspects and that it will not hesitate to explore other remedies like seeking the cooperation of all the stakeholders in the Mindanao Peace Process to finally account for all the

suspects at large and bring justice to the massacre victims,” he said.

SITG Maguindanao chief, Police Senior Superintendent Keith Ernard Singian said that currently nine of the principal suspects, mostly from the powerful Ampatuan clan, are standing trial over 50 counts of murder at Quezon City Regional Trial Court.

While 103 are now under detention, 92 remain at large, among them are nine members of the Ampatuan clan involved in the massacre, 64 Civilian Volunteer Organization members, eight policemen, four military personnel and seven others, Singian said. Singian added that some of those fugitives have hidden in areas occupied by MILF rebels in Mindanao, which has complicated the manhunt.

Fifty-eight people, including over 30 journalists, were killed on 23 Nov, 2009 in Maguindanao on the southern island of Mindanao, which was considered as one of the worst election-related violence in the country's history.—Xinhua

Mongolia, DPRK pledge to boost cooperation

ULAN BATOR, 20 Nov— Mongolia and the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK) pledged here on Monday that they would boost bilateral cooperation in various fields.

The two countries have been sharing traditional friendship since the establishment of diplomatic relations in 1948, Zandaakhuu Enkhbold, speaker of the Mongolian parliament said when meeting Choe Tae Bok, chairman of the DPRK Supreme People's Assembly.

“I want to say that

Mongolia is ready to cooperate with the new leader of the DPRK and continue the traditional friendly relationship,” Enkhbold said, hoping the two countries can cooperate in trade, information technology, exchange of workforce and lease of ocean ports as Mongolia is a landlocked country without ocean ports.

Enkhbold noted Choe's visit to Mongolia is very important in enhancing cooperation between the two legislative bodies.

Xinhua



Toru Sasaki, director of the ramen restaurant Iitenbari, holds a bowl of ramen at his restaurant in London on 12 Nov, 2012. The restaurant opened in March 2012. KYODO NEWS



Maguindanao Governor Esmel Mangudadatu points at the photo of one of the 195 suspects of Maguindanao massacre at the Philippine National Police (PNP) Headquarters in Quezon City, the Philippines, on 19 Nov, 2012. The PNP has arrested 103 suspects while 92 remain at large. In November 2009, a total of 57 people including 32 journalists were killed in the country's worst political massacre in Maguindanao.—XINHUA

Vietnam hosts regional meeting on anti-money laundering, anti-funding to terrorism

HANOI, 20 Nov— The 15th conference on anti-money laundering and anti-funding to terrorism of the Asia-Pacific Group (APG) was convened in Vietnam's capital Hanoi on Monday to review activities by and share experience among the group members in related issues.

reduce the impact of money laundering and terrorism to their social and economic development.

The APG conference is an essential part in the working program aimed at uniting nations in the Asia-Pacific region in the fight against crimes and terrorism.

The conference for the first time attracted the participation of representatives from the private sector, which is an important step to prove the regular coordination in the common effort against money laundering, he said.

Xinhua

Vietnam is determined to join the regional effort in preventing and fighting against money laundering and funding to terrorism, said Vietnamese Deputy Prime Minister Vu Van Ninh, adding that the country has implemented synchronized measures during the process.

Vietnam wants international agencies such as the APG to pay attention to the country's legal system so as to evaluate its effort and results obtained over the past years in this field, said Vu Van Ninh. APG's principal executive officer, David Shannon, said the APG supports its 41 members to



Rescuers work at the site where a double decker bus crashed with two other vehicles at Shau Kei Wan of the Hong Kong Island, south China's Hong Kong, on 19 Nov, 2012. The accident, happened at about 11:38 am local time, left three people dead and about 50 injured, local media reported.—XINHUA

Indonesia to ratify Nagoya Protocol

JAKARTA, 20 Nov — Indonesia will ratify the Nagoya Protocol on access to genetic resources, fair and equitable sharing of benefits arising from their utilization, Vice President Boediono said on Monday

“The government has submitted a bill on ratifying the Nagoya Protocol,” he said here.

He added that ratifying the protocol is essential for Indonesia as it is one of the world's genetic resource-rich countries. “With the law, Indonesia will have a firm legal basis to protect and

preserve its genetic resources and traditional knowledge related to genetic resources,” he said.

In addition, the law will also serve as a legal basis for the country to prevent theft and illegal utilization of biodiversity.

It will also ensure the fair and equitable sharing of financial and non-financial benefits arising from the utilization of genetic resources and traditional knowledge related to genetic resources to the genetic resources provider based on a common agreement, he said.

The vice president said after ratifying the protocol, Indonesia will prepare a set of good operational instruments for the implementation. The Nagoya Protocol was adopted by the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity at its tenth meeting on 29 Oct, 2010 in Nagoya, Japan, the Antara news agency reported.

The protocol is aimed at sharing the benefits arising from the utilization of genetic resources in a fair and equitable way.

Xinhua

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Troika negotiators to continue work on bailout deal in Cyprus

NICOSIA, 20 Nov—International lenders' negotiators are going to stay longer than originally planned in Cyprus, to clinch a bailout agreement with the government of the eastern Mediterranean island country, local media reported on Sunday.

Technocrats from the so-called troika including European Commission, the European Central Bank and the International Monetary

Fund arrived in Cyprus 10 days ago for a second round of bailout negotiations and were scheduled to leave on Sunday. However, they are planning to extend their stay and hold further talks over the next few days, following reports that they have reached an agreement with Cypriot officials on some of the key issues under discussion.

Cyprus applied for EU and IMF financial support in June after two of its largest

banks asked for state support to replenish their core tier 1 capital depleted by the write-down of the Greek debt and extensive exposure to the crisis-stricken Greek economy. State broadcaster Cyprus Broadcasting Corporation said the negotiators were seeking endorsement of preliminary agreements they had reached or were near to with the government on the capital ratio of the banks, and the selling of mortgaged

property when bank loans are not serviced for more than three years.

The two sides in the negotiations set a core tier 1 capital ratio of 9 percent by the end of 2013 and of 10 percent at the end of 2014.

Supervision of cooperative banks is to be done on two levels, originally by the Cooperative Central Bank, which will in turn be supervised by the Central Bank. —Xinhua

Ministry of Information Invitation for open tender of Myanma Radio and Television (Nay Pyi Taw, Tatkon) to maintain air-conditioners

1. Open tenders are invited to maintain air-conditioners of Myanma Radio and Television (Nay Pyi Taw, Tatkon) under the Ministry of Information.

- (1) Air-conditioners in Studio Complex
- (2) Air-conditioners in Radio Transmitter
- (3) Air-conditioners in Padauk Myay

Radio Transmitter Complex

2. Application forms of open tenders may be taken out from Office No. 7, Ministry of Information, Nay Pyi Taw, from 09:30 hour to 16:30 hour from (21-11-2012) to (29-11-2012) during weekdays.

3. The open tenders are submitted to Office No. 7, Ministry of Information, Nay Pyi Taw, in the presence of the members of the tender committee from 9:30 hr to 16:30 hr on (30-11-2012). The tenders, later than the designated date, will not be considered.

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Tel: 067 - 412327, 79474

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1. Machines to be purchased for Myanma Radio and Television under the Ministry of Information are as follow:-

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| (1) | Recording Media | - 1 Lot |
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Indonesian minister issues decree limiting recruitment of contract workers

JAKARTA, 20 Nov—Indonesian Manpower and Transmigration Minister Muhaimin Iskandar said that his ministry has issued a decree that will limit the use of contract workers, known as outsourcing scheme, in companies operating across the country, local media reported on Monday.

The minister said over the weekend that he had already signed on Thursday a revised decree on labour outsourcing and that it had been sent to the Law and Human Rights Ministry to be passed before its immediate enactment.

Under the decree, companies will be given six months to alter the status of their contract workers into

permanent staff.

According to the planned decree, companies will not be permitted to outsource their core business, leaving outsourcing limited to five types of job: cleaning services, security, driving, support services on mining sites and catering.

"Businesses are required to comply with the Labour Law and respect workers' normative rights on remuneration, allowances, annual leave and bonuses," Muhaimin said.

"They are allowed only to subcontract their temporary jobs, such as building repairs, painting and card printing, which can be finished within several months," he added.

Due to the inflexibility of the Labour Law, labour-intensive companies, such as footwear and textile firms, prefer to outsource their core work to third parties on a contract basis in order to avoid making them permanent employees.

Companies, meanwhile, argue that they employ contract workers to do core jobs because, under the existing Labour Law, it is costly and difficult to fire under-performing permanent staff, *the Jakarta Post* reported.—Xinhua



Actors perform during the musical *Notre-Dame de Paris* at Qingdao Grand Theatre in Qingdao, east China's Shandong Province, on 18 Nov, 2012.

XINHUA

ENTERTAINMENT

Why Oscar's "Simple" date-change is a ticking time Bomb

LOS ANGELES, 20 Nov—The Press release didn't look as if it contained big news.

"Key Dates Announced for the 85th Academy Awards," read the headline on the 18 September announcement, which came significantly later than usual for the Academy and contained one seemingly innocuous line:

"In an effort to provide members and the public a longer period of time to see the nominated films, the Academy will reveal the 85th Academy Awards nominations on 10 January, five days earlier than previously announced."

But that little change — those five days, which moved the nominations from what was already an unusually early slot to the Thursday before the Golden Globes — has shaken all things Oscar, essentially detonating a time bomb across the Academy Awards landscape.

As advertised, the move will give members of the Academy and prospective viewers extra time to see the 35 or so features that will be



An Oscar statue is seen beneath plastic sheeting during preparations for the 83rd Academy Awards in Hollywood, California on 26 Feb, 2011.—REUTERS

nominated (plus another 10 documentaries and foreign-language films) - but it'll give them significantly less time to see the 250 to 300 films that are eligible to be nominated. "As an Academy member, I'm not happy about it," said one voter, who was typical of those TheWrap has spoken to. "It's short-sighted and unfair to members, and they're limiting the number of movies that might get nominated because members won't see as many. And as a marketer, it hampers you in every way and forces you to flood people with emails and

mailings and screenings and screeners to get all your stuff out by 1 January."

Grumbling, moaning and the occasional gnashing of teeth over the compressed timeline has been almost constant since the announcement. One commonly heard phrase is, "What were they thinking?" Another is, "I know what they were thinking, and it has nothing to do with what they say they were thinking."

To this latter camp, which includes both outsiders and AMPAS members, the clear intent of the move was to hurt the

Golden Globes, the tacky show whose importance on the awards calendar has always rankled the Academy.

The governors were said to be determined to make the Globes (and its presenting body, the much-maligned Hollywood Foreign Press Association) irrelevant by announcing Oscar nominations before the Globes even happen ... as if that would stop people from tuning in or persuade NBC, Dick Clark Productions or the HFPA to pull the plug on a multimillion-dollar cash cow that they would no doubt move to Thanksgiving weekend before they'd ever consider giving it up.

Yes, the move will put the Globes in the awkward position of taking place at a point where trade ads are more likely to proudly trumpet "six Oscar nominations!" than "Golden Globe winner!" And by the time Academy members are able to vote, the Globes results will most likely be forgotten by anybody casting an Oscar ballot.

Reuters

Aussie rockers AC/DC's music to be sold on iTunes

NEW YORK, 20 Nov—AC/DC'S entire catalogue, including 20 studio and live albums and three compilations will be available on iTunes for the first time worldwide, Columbia Records and Apple said on Monday.

Until now the Australian heavy metal group that was formed by two brothers, Angus and Malcolm Young, in 1973, had refused to put their music on Apple Inc's online music store.

"AC/DC's thunderous and primal rock and roll has excited fans for generations with their raw and rebellious brand of music, which also

resonates with millions of new fans discovering AC/DC everyday," Columbia Records and Apple, said in a statement announcing the deal.

"Their growing legion of fans will now experience the intensity of AC/DC's music in a way that has never been heard before," they added. The group's 1976 debut album "High Voltage," its classic "Back In Black" and 2008's "Black Ice" are among the albums available on iTunes. All the of music has been mastered for iTunes and fans can download entire albums or individual songs.

Reuters



AC/DC lead vocalist Brian Johnson (L) and Angus Young performs at the O2 Millennium Dome stadium in London on 14 April, 2009.—REUTERS

Metal singer Aaron Lewis finds second home in country music

NASHVILLE, (Tennessee), 20 Nov—Aaron Lewis stands as one of the more unusual crossovers into country music, but the singer of the metal band Staind believes it was a fit made in the cradle.

"It's been quite the pleasant eclectic mix of tattoos and black eyeliner, and Stetsons, cowboy boots and big shiny buckles," Lewis said in an interview after the release of his first full-length country studio album, "The Road," this week.

Lewis, 40, was raised on what he terms his grandfather's country music: Johnny Cash, Waylon Jennings, Charlie Daniels and George Jones. He collaborated with Daniels and Jones on his country EP, "Town Line," released last year.

This made the transition from the angst-ridden world of metal to the laid-back country scene an easy step for him, but perhaps not so much for his head-banging fans. "A few fans are really having a hard time with it," Lewis said.

Reuters



Aaron Lewis, singer for rock band Staind, arrives at the 47th annual Academy of Country Music Awards in Las Vegas, Nevada, on 1 April, 2012.

REUTERS

"Secret Disco Revolution" gets US release



US singer Gloria Gaynor performs during the 11th edition of the Mawazine World Rhythms music festival in Rabat on 19 May, 2012.

REUTERS

LOS ANGELES, 20 Nov—Screen Media Films has acquired US theatrical rights to the documentary "Secret Disco Revolution," featuring interviews with many 70's music icons, including Gloria Gaynor, The Village People, and Kool and the Gang. ScreenMedia plans a June 2013 US theatrical run of the documentary, the company announced on Monday.

Written, directed, and produced by Kastner, the film looks into the disco movement and many of its key figures. "For anyone that grew up with disco this film will transport you back in time while filling in the blanks to what you didn't even realize was happening around you," said Suzanne Blech, president of Screen Media Films.—Reuters

"Twilight" sendoff starts with huge \$341 million worldwide

LONDON, 20 Nov—The "Twilight" vampire saga's final chapter debuted with a massive \$341 million (214 million pounds) in global movie ticket sales as devoted fans bid farewell to blood-sucking spouses Bella and Edward and one of Hollywood's biggest franchises.

"The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn - Part 2" earned an estimated \$141 million (88 million pounds) in the United States and Canada over the weekend, falling slightly short of a record for the supernatural romance series about a human-vampire-werewolf love triangle.

The total, which includes sales from late night Thursday through Sunday, ranked as the eight biggest domestic film debut of all time. Late-night Thursday screenings comprised \$30.4 million of the \$141 million total.

Fan fever for the fifth "Twilight" movie raged high around the world. "Breaking Dawn - Part 2" rang up sales of \$199.6 million from Thursday to Sunday at theatres in 61 countries for a worldwide total of

\$341 million, distributor Summit Entertainment said on Sunday.

The earlier "Twilight" films pulled in a combined \$2.5 billion at global box offices over a four-year run. The success lifted tiny studio Summit Entertainment into Hollywood's big leagues and paved the way for its \$412 million acquisition in January by Lions Gate Entertainment.

"New Moon" scored the biggest debut of the series, grossing \$142.8 million over its first three days in 2009.

The movies based on a series of best-selling young adult books by Stephenie Meyer ignited a pop culture

infatuation with blood-sucking vampires and werewolves. The films star Kristen Stewart as human-turned-vampire Bella Swan, Robert Pattinson as her vampire love Edward Cullen, and Taylor Lautner as werewolf Jacob Black, who competes for Bella's affection.

Summit spent \$120 million to produce "Breaking Dawn - Part 2," which concludes the tale with newly turned vampire Bella and husband Edward in a high-stakes battle to protect their half-human, half-vampire daughter from an ancient vampire clan.

Reuters



Actor Robert Pattinson signs autographs for fans as he arrives for the European premiere of "The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn Part 2" in London on 14 Nov, 2012.—REUTERS

Beckham to quit LA Galaxy after MLS Cup final



Los Angeles Galaxy's David Beckham (C) chases the ball between Real Madrid's Fabio Coentrao (L) and Xabi Alonso (R) during the first half of their World Football Challenge international friendly soccer match in Carson, California on 2 Aug, 2012.

REUTERS

LOS ANGELES, 20 Nov— Former England captain David Beckham will leave LA Galaxy after next month's Major League Soccer (MLS) Cup final but intends to continue his playing career.

The 37-year-old midfielder said in a statement: "I've had an incredibly special time playing for the LA Galaxy, however, I wanted to experience one last challenge before the end of my playing

career. "I don't see this as the end of my relationship with the league (MLS) as my ambition is to be part of the ownership structure in the future." While age has taken its toll on his on-field ability, Beckham, who is married to ex-Spice Girl turned fashion designer Victoria, remains one of the most marketable figures in the game.

His management on Friday denied he had plans

to move to Australia's A-League though his decision to leave the Galaxy will prompt speculation over his next destination, with a return to England sure to be another option floated.

Beckham has spent six seasons with the Galaxy and in January signed a new two-year contract after winning the MLS title with the club.

The former Manchester United and Real Madrid

player will play his final game on 1 December in the MLS Cup final against Houston Dynamo at Galaxy's Home Depot Centre.

Beckham earned 115 caps for England, won six league titles with Manchester United in the Premier League and then enjoyed league success with Real in Spain.

The London-born midfielder was the first 'Designated Player' in MLS—a title covering the 'Beckham Rule' which allowed clubs to sign certain players outside of the league's strict salary cap rules. "In my time here I have seen the popularity of the game grow every year. I've been fortunate to win trophies, but more important to me has been the fantastic reception I've had from fans in LA and across the States," said Beckham.

"Soccer's potential has no limits in this wonderful country and I want to always be part of growing it." Both MLS and the Galaxy credit Beckham, who has maintained his celebrity status in the United States, with boosting the profile of the league and one of its leading clubs.—Reuters

Soccer

Dempsey wins US player of the year award

NEW YORK, 20 Nov— Striker Clint Dempsey was named US Soccer's "Athlete of the Year" for 2012, winning the award for the third time and second in a row, the federation said on Monday.

Dempsey, a regular starter in Juergen Klinsmann's US national team, scored 17 goals in the Premier League for Fulham

last season and then moved to Tottenham Hotspur during the close season.

The Texan, who scored five goals in this year's CONCACAF qualifiers for the 2014 World Cup, previously won the award in 2007 and 2011.

Under-17 team midfielder Rubio Rubin won the Young Male Athlete of the Year award.—Reuters



Tottenham Hotspur's Clint Dempsey heads the ball to score a disallowed goal against Lazio during their Europa League soccer match at White Hart Lane in London on 20 Sept, 2012.—REUTERS

Stenson clinches South Africa Open to seal Dubai spot

EKURHULENI, (South Africa), 20 Nov — Henrik Stenson fired a one-under-par final round of 71 to win the 102nd South African Open on Sunday, helping him to qualify for the lucrative DP World Tour Championship in Dubai.

The Swede finished three strokes ahead of South Africa's George Coetzee at the Serengeti Golf and Wildlife Estate to claim his seventh European Tour title.

Stenson started the day on 16-under-par after three impressive sub-70 rounds at the Jack Nicklaus-designed course and held a three-shot lead over Coetzee.

He endured a nervy start and a double-bogey at the par-three ninth hole which rounded off a disappointing outward nine of 38.

Stenson regained his composure however, and made three birdies without a blemish on the way home to post a winning score of 271.

"I hit a couple of loose ones out there, and obviously the one on nine was a bit like that. I left the club behind a little bit...wrapped it and hooked it into the hazard which wasn't a great time to do that," Stenson told reporters.

"Sometimes you need a poor one to wake you up and make you more determined so that you're committed on the next one. I was in the driver's seat for most of the week, so it was good the way it turned out. It's nice to seal the deal and it wouldn't have been nice not to."

Coetzee, who still awaits his maiden European Tour victory, eagled the par-five third hole to send out a warning shot to his playing-partner Stenson.

Two successive bogeys followed, but he pushed the former Ryder Cup player all the way, and the pair were level walking down the 15th hole.—Reuters



Henrik Stenson of Swede

Golf-World rankings

LONDON, 20 Nov—World rankings on Monday (US unless stated, last week's positions in brackets):

- (1) Rory McIlroy (Northern Ireland) 12.59 average points
- (3) Luke Donald (England) 9.06
- (2) Tiger Woods 9.00
- (4) Lee Westwood (England) 6.60
- (5) Adam Scott (Australia) 6.59
- (6) Louis Oosthuizen (South Africa) 6.15
- (7) Justin Rose (England) 6.08
- (8) Jason Dufner 5.83
- (10) Webb Simpson 5.71
- (9) Brandt Snedeker 5.64
- (11) Bubba Watson 5.49
- (13) Phil Mickelson 5.21
- (16) Ian Poulter (England) 5.16
- (12) Steve Stricker 5.08
- (14) Keegan Bradley 4.97
- (15) Nick Watney 4.94
- (17) Matt Kuchar 4.88
- (18) Dustin Johnson 4.81
- (19) Peter Hanson (Sweden) 4.77
- (20) Ernie Els (South Africa) 4.69—Reuters



Rory McIlroy from Northern Ireland walks on the sixth green with his caddy during the second day of the Hong Kong Open Championship on 16 Nov, 2012.

REUTERS



Minnesota Timberwolves guard Brandon Roy (L) grabs a loose ball in front of Toronto Raptors defenders Alan Anderson and DeMar DeRozan (R) during the first half of their NBA basketball game in Toronto on 4 Nov, 2012.—REUTERS

Timberwolves guard Roy to miss a month after knee surgery

NEW YORK, 20 Nov—The comeback by former Rookie of the Year Brandon Roy hit a snag on Monday when the Minnesota Timberwolves guard had arthroscopic surgery on his right knee.

Roy, who was averaging 5.8 points and 4.6 assists per game in five games this season, was expected to miss about a month, the NBA team said. He had been sidelined the previous 10 days due to discomfort with his knee.

"I think he feels like it's worth doing," coach Rick Adelman said. "Making sure everything's all right, so you

have to just go with it and hopefully when it's over with he'll be able to come back."

The 28-year-old Roy, a three-time NBA All-Star and sixth overall pick in the 2006 by the Portland Trail Blazers, missed the entire 2011-12 NBA campaign due to chronic knee problems but showed good form in the off-season when he signed on with Minnesota.

The loss of Roy further depletes the backcourt for the Timberwolves (5-4), whose point guard JJ Barea is sidelined with a sprained left foot.—Reuters

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- 7:00 am
- 1. Paritta By Hilly Region Missionary Sayadaw
- 7:15 am
- 2. Dhama Puja Song
- 7:25 am
- 3. To Be Healthy Exercise

- 7:40 am
- 4. Nice & Sweet Song
- 8:00 am
- 5. Cultural Dances
- 8:10 am
- 6. Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions
- 8:40 am
- 7. Metta Bhavana By Mingun Sayadaw
- 4:00 pm
- 8. Martial Song
- 4:05 pm
- 9. Song of National Races
- 4:10 pm
- 10. Instrumental Music
- 4:25 pm
- 11. Musical Programme
- 4:40 pm
- 12. Teleplay (Health)
- 4:50 pm
- 13. University of Distance Education (TV Lectures)
- First Year (Home Economics)
- 5:05 pm
- 14. Songs For Upholding National Spirit
- 5:10 pm
- 15. Classical Song
- 5:20 pm
- 16. Documentary (Classical Music)
- 5:35 pm
- 17. ASEAN "Programmes"
- 6:20 pm
- 18. Traditional Boxing
- 6:35 pm
- 19. Shwe Yin Chone Than
- 7:35 pm
- 20. Alinka Wat Yi Music Troup
- 8:00 pm
- 21. News
- 22. TV Drama Series
- 23. Myanmar Video



MYANMAR MARTIAL ARTS TEAM TO TAKE PART IN WORLD SILAT CHAMPIONSHIP: Myanmar martial arts team led by Secretary U Myo Naung of Myanmar Martial Arts Federation left here by air on 15 November for Chaing Mai of Thailand to take part in the 15th World Silat Championship. They are seen off at Yangon International Airport by Vice-President of the federation U Ye Myint and Daw Ywan Aing Ein.

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Essay contests held to mark Int'l Day of Disabled People in Moehnyin, Moegaung

MOEHNYIN, 20 Nov — To mark the International Day of Disabled People, essay contests were held at Basic Education Primary schools in Moehnyin District today.

Deputy Director of Moehnyin District Education Department U La Roi and Assistant Director of Moehnyin Township Education Daw Khin Khin Nwe oversaw the essay contest at the BEPS in Namisu Village in the township.

The essay contest is divided into three categories: high school level, middle school level and primary school level and 34 school children participated in the contest. Meanwhile, an essay completion was held at the Basic Education High school No. 2 in Moegaung Township and 36 school children took part in the contest.—NLM 001

Roadside bomb kills one police in Western Afghanistan

FARAH, Afghanistan, 20 Nov—A roadside bomb struck a police van in the western Farah province, provincial police chief Mohammad Ghous Malyar told Xinhua.

The blast took place near the airstrip and the person killed in the incident is a Taliban former commander named Noor Mohammad Jan who had recently switched side and joined the government, the official added.

Taliban militants have yet to make comment. Xinhua



Trains are seen at New Jersey Transit's Meadowlands Maintenance Complex in Harrison New Jersey on 17 Nov, 2012.— REUTERS

NEW YORK, 20 Nov—New Jersey Transit's struggle to recover from Superstorm Sandy is being compounded by a pre-storm decision to park much of its equipment in two rail yards that forecasters predicted would flood, a move that

resulted in damage to one-third of its locomotives and a quarter of its passenger cars.

That damage is likely to cost tens of millions of dollars and take many months to repair, a Reuters examination has found.

The Garden State's

commuter railway parked critical equipment — including much of its newest and most expensive stock — at its low-lying main rail yard in Kearny just before the hurricane. It did so even though forecasters had released maps showing the wetland-surrounded area likely would be under water when Sandy's expected record storm surge hit. Other equipment was parked at its Hoboken terminal and rail yard, where flooding also was predicted and which has flooded before.

Among the damaged equipment: nine dual-powered locomotive engines and 84 multi-level rail cars purchased over the past six years at a cost of about \$385 million.

"If there's a predicted 13-foot or 10-foot storm

surge, you don't leave your equipment in a low-lying area," said David Schanoes, a railroad consultant and former deputy chief of field operations for Metro North Railroad, a sister railway serving New York State. "It's just basic railroading. You don't leave your equipment where it can be damaged."

After Reuters made numerous inquiries to state and local officials this week about the decision to store equipment in the yards, an unidentified senior transportation official told the New York Post that NJ Transit had launched an internal probe, the Post reported on Saturday.

Reuters

Italy's president says Europe determined to overcome crisis

ROME, 20 Nov—Europe is determined to overcome its current crisis, Italian president Giorgio Napolitano said after meeting his German and Polish counterparts in Italy on Monday.

"At a time when many look at Europe with uncertainty or detachment, and Europe no longer seems capable of realizing the promise of a fair society .. we heads of state of new and old EU member countries want to convey a message of encouragement," said

a statement from the presidency office.

"We will overcome this severe economic and financial crisis," it added.

During the meeting, held in southern Naples, Napolitano, Joachim Gauck and Bronislaw Komorowski discussed issues of economic governance amid the current debt crisis, and the present and future role of the European Union in the world.

The three leaders called on a strengthened Europe, animated by a profound spirit of union

and solidarity between all member states, and also stressed "the importance of the EU enlargement," as well as the values of linguistic and cultural diversity, "a hallmark of our society and lifestyles" which grounds its roots "in the strength of those who rebuilt Europe after the Second World War."

Education, science and research must be the "indispensable" priorities for ensuring prosperity and a bright future for European new generations, they said.—Xinhua

Artillery shelling targets biggest town in Sudan

Sudan

Sudan's Darfur

KHARTOUM, 20 Nov — El-Fasher, the biggest town in Sudan's Darfur region, was targeted on Saturday by artillery shelling believed to be launched by rebels, Sudan's Ashrouq net reported.

The shelling caused explosions in the western part of El-Fasher, the capital of North Darfur State, and spread panic among the citizens without casualties, the report said.

"The explosions resulted from rockets fired from Shaqra area, some 30 kms

west of the town," Ashrouq quoted a military source as saying.

"Two rockets have been fired from that area towards the town.

One fell to the south and the other to the north, without any loss," added the source.

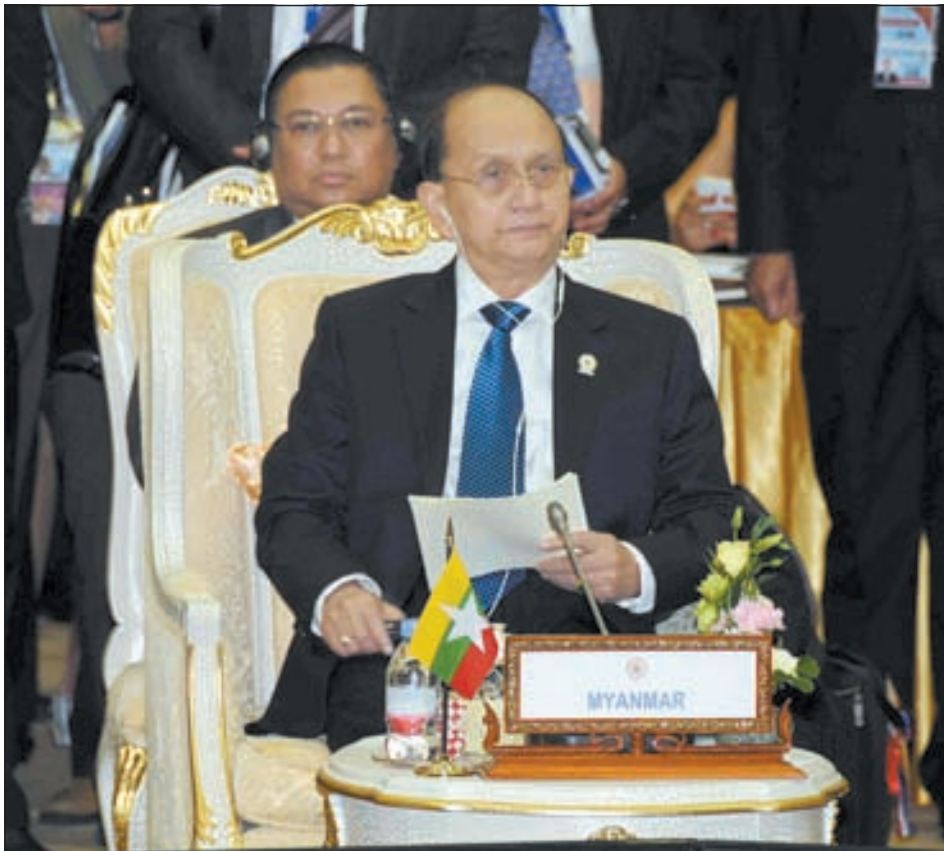
In the meantime, the director of El-Fasher airport denied that the airport was bombarded, affirming that the aviation movement at the airport was normal, according to Ashrouq net.

The Sudan Liberation Army (SLA)/Minni Min-

nawi faction has claimed in a statement published on the internet the responsibility for firing several rockets at vital areas in El-Fasher town.

Violence escalated in the Darfur region during the past two months. The United Nations-African Union Mission in Darfur (UNAMID) has expressed concerns over the mounting violence in the region and urged the conflicting parties to avoid whatever might threaten the fragile peace in the restive region.

Xinhua



President U Thein Sein attends ASEAN Global Dialogue

NAY PYI TAW, 20 Nov— President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein attended the ASEAN Global Dialogue at Champa Room on the third floor of Peace Palace in Phnom Penh, Cambodia at 9.15 am local time today.

The meeting was attended by King of Brunei Darussalam Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah

President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein attending ASEAN Global Dialogue.—MNA

Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah, Prime Minister of Cambodia Samdech Hun Sen, President of Indonesia Dr Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono, Prime Minister of Lao PDR Mr Thongsing Thammavong, Prime Minister of Malaysia Dato' Sri Mohammad Najib bin Tun Haji Abdul Razak, President of the Philippines Mr Benigno Aquino, Prime Minister of Singapore Mr Lee Hsien Loong, Prime Minister of Thailand Mrs Yingluck Shinawatra, Prime Minister of Socialist Republic of Vietnam Mrs Nguyen Tan Dung, special representatives from the People's Republic of China, Japan, Korea,

India, Australia, New Zealand, Russia and the US, the Secretary-General of ASEAN and high ranking officials.

At the meeting, the representatives from Asia Development Bank, World Trade Organization, UN Trade and Development Conference and International Monetary Fund focused on promoting of monetary, trade and economic cooperation between region and international organizations.

The President attended luncheon in honour of East Asian leaders at Rumduol 1 Room on the first floor of Peace Palace.—MNA

Myanmar welcomes State-owned and private-owned enterprises from Indonesia, and more cooperation to be made between the two countries

NAY PYI TAW, 20 Nov—President U Thein Sein of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar met Indonesian President Dr Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono, at Call Room on the 4th floor of Peace Palace in Phnom Penh, Cambodia, this morning.

In his speech, the Indonesian President said that he acknowledged Myanmar's success of democratic reforms. And Indonesia would continue to support it. Indonesia would send Indonesian economic delegation comprised of state- and private-owned entrepreneurs to Myanmar in order to hold discussions with Myanmar's state and

private sectors. Indonesia ayed to make cooperation in Myanmar's agriculture sector for boosting rice production. Detailed coordination would be made later. He continued to say that Rakhine incident was sensitive. So, he explained the outbreak of the nature of conflict to Indonesian people in order that Indonesian people did not misunderstand it. Indonesia recognized Myanmar's government handlings of Rakhine affairs by means of peace and stability and the rule of law and relief and resettlement. He expressed his support for Myanmar government's cooperation policies with

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Indonesian President Dr Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono



President U Thein Sein shakes hands with Indonesian President Dr Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono at Call Room on 4th floor of Peace Palace in Phnom Penh of Cambodia.

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UN, NGOs and INGOs. Indonesia would make close cooperation with Myanmar for seeking the ways of how to ward off the misunderstandings in the international arena, based on Myanmar's current policy.

President U Thein Sein, for his part, expressed thanks to the Indonesian president for his support for Myanmar's handlings

of Rakhine incident. The government was systematically undertaking the rehabilitation tasks by ways of opening relief camps and building new houses for the displaced people. For dissemination of knowledge and education and economic development, the government was opening more basic education schools and creating more job opportunities

there in cooperation with UN, international organizations, NGOs, INGOs and donors at home. He continued to say that Myanmar welcomed Indonesia's investment and assistance in Myanmar. The 27-member Investigation Commission was formed to expose the root cause of the incident. The cost of daily meal and accommodation for victims in relief camps

was about USD one million per month. Such amount had caused a heavy burden to Myanmar alone. So, Myanmar welcomed international aids, including UN.

He added that Myanmar welcomed State-owned and private-owned enterprises from Indonesia, and more cooperation would be made between the two countries.

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