

## Union government to spend K 1 billion from K 100-billion-natural-disaster fund in helping earthquake victims

### President U Thein Sein on inspection tour of earthquake-hit areas in Mandalay, Sagaing regions

NAY PYI TAW, 24 Nov—President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein, after inspecting quake-hit areas in Sagaing and Mandalay Regions, accompanied by Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Vice-Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, Deputy Speaker of Amyotha Hluttaw U Mya Nyein, Union ministers U Myint Hlaing, U Hla Tun, U Ohn Myint, U Kyaw Lwin, Dr Mya Aye and Dr Pe Thet Khin, Lt-Gen Myint Soe and Lt-Gen Kyaw Swe of the Commander-in-Chief (Army) Office, Deputy Minister U Phone Swe, senior military officers and departmental heads, left here by special aircraft at 7.15 am today and arrived at Mandalay International Airport to comfort the quake victims.

At the airport lounge, Mandalay Region Chief Minister U Ye Myint and Chief Minister of Sagaing Region U Tha Aye reported on earthquake, loss and damage of lives and property, relief works and plans for rehabilitation tasks.



President U Thein Sein cordially greets local people at Myodwin relief camp in Thabeikkyin Township.—MNA

On the occasion, the President said that natural disaster is unavoidable factor. Not only Myanmar but the global countries

are facing natural disasters. Earthquake is also forecast and preparedness can be taken for minimizing an unpredictable natural storms and tsunami can be loss and damage. (See page 9)

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**Notification of important findings reported by Auditor-General of the Union to the President**

1. Section 242 (d) of the Constitution and Section 8 (a) of the Auditor-General of the Union Law prescribes “The Auditor-General is responsible to the President”. In addition, Section 11 (a) of the Auditor-General of the Union Law prescribes “occasional reporting on unusual cases of audition of budget of the State either at Pyidaungsu Hluttaw session or Pyithu Hluttaw session or Amyotha Hluttaw session”. Section 11 (j) “reporting of the action of the Auditor-General of the Union to Pyidaungsu Hluttaw”.
2. The Auditor-General of the Union, having audited the accounts of Union ministries and central authority organizations for 2011-2012 fiscal year, have presented report on important findings dated 19-10-2012 to the President. The President Office sent the complete report to the Hluttaw Office on 24 October, 2012.

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**Sending of message by the President to the Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw regarding the enacting of two Hluttaw Bills**

1. The State Peace and Development Council had enacted the two Hluttaw Laws out of 22 laws in order to be able to implement the tasks before the State constitution came into effect-
  - (a) Pyithu Hluttaw Law with the State Peace and Development Council Law No. 12/2010 dated 21-10-2010
  - (b) Amyotha Hluttaw Law with the State Peace and Development Council Law No. 13/2010 dated 21-1-2010
2. The Pyidaungsu Hluttaw had approved the two laws so that they can be enacted with the amendment. The Pyidaungsu Hluttaw sent the laws on 23-3-2012 in accordance with section 105 of the Constitution and the Hluttaw bylaw 106 to be signed by the President

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### Japanese relief aid for quake victims arrives

YANGON, 24 Nov—Relief supplies donated by Japanese government and people for earthquake victims in Mandalay and Sagaing Regions arrived here by flight of Singapore Airlines on 23 November.

The deputy ambassador of the Japanese embassy

handed over 800 blankets, 600 mattresses, 40 generators and 40 sheets of tarpaulin worth ¥10 million for the earthquake victims.

Officials of the Relief and Resettlement Department accepted the donations.

Myanma Alinn



### Kathina offertories donated to members of the Sangha

MAWLAMYINE, 24 Nov—The families of Mon State High Court held the communal Kathina ceremony at the hall of the court in Mawlamyine of Mon State on 18 November.

Chief Justice of the state high court U Khin Maung Gyi and wife Daw Kyi Kyi, high court judges, the Mon

State Judicial Officer and officials were present at the ceremony.

They offered meals to members of the Sangha led by Shwehintha monastery Sayadaw of Mawlamyine. Later, they donated Kathina offertories to members of the Sangha.

Myanma Alinn

### Second car rally marks ASEAN-India friendly relations



YANGON, 24 Nov—The second ASEAN-India car rally will be held on 25 November, according to the press conference held at Myanmar Motion Picture Organization on Wingabar Road in Bahan Township.

A total of 124 participants from ten ASEAN countries and CII of India will take part in the rally.

Thirty-one Mahindra-XUV 500 cars will be used in the rally.

On 25 November, the rally will start from Yogyakarta of Indonesia to Huwahati of India. The whole rally will last 22 days.

As a token of showing off the friendly relations and integration in the ASEAN

region, the car rally will be held in the near future.

Myanma Alinn



YANGON, 24 Nov—As the nation is gathering development momentum, Internet access is allowed in various areas.

At present, Internet access is being introduced to the platform of Shwedagon Pagoda where the pilgrims and tourists visit.

From 15 August 2012 to date, the foreigner pilgrims used 2575 access cards. At present, the pilgrims are allowed to use Internet 30 minutes once, but the access duration will be extended in the future, said a responsible person of the Pagoda Board of Trustees.

Foreigner pilgrims may take out 30-minute access cards from the counters opened for foreigners only on the platform to be able to apply Internet free of charge.

Head of Office U Win Kyaing said, "Arrangements are being made to give free



Internet access to the local pilgrims.

After creating the connection with the present servers, the people will be allowed to use free Internet access in the early next year."

At present, the Internet

surfers post the facebooks.

That is why the pilgrims who have experienced evening lighting activities and magnificent images of pagoda, stupas and religious edifices on the platform and then may post the images on

the facebook.

With the aim of enabling pilgrims to apply Internet free of charge, Crystal Shine Co donated three sets of computer to the Pagoda Board of Trustees.

Myanma Alinn

### Seized gold wares handed over to owner



MAWLAMYINE, 24 Nov—A ceremony to hand over the gold wares seized from the criminal case to owner by Thanbyuzayat Township Police Force of Mon State was held in conjunction with the ceremony to honour the outstanding policemen at the meeting hall of the township General Administration Department on 20 November morning.

At first, Commander of Mon State Police Force Police Col Myo Swe Win made a speech and handed over 45 items of gold wares weighing 59 ticals and five yways worth K 32,540,700 to owner U Kyaw Kyaw Oo of Thakayta Township.

After that, the owner presented rewards K 1.5 million to outstanding policemen of the township police force through commander of Township Police Force Police Major Min Tun Win.—Myanma Alinn

### Trains, stations, railroads upgraded for passengers of rail transportation

YANGON, 24 Nov—With a view to ensuring convenience of passengers, Myanmar Railways upgrade coaches and railroads, said an official of Myanmar Railways.

After raising the price of tickets, Myanmar Railways focuses on upgrading of the circular railroads and rail tracks, and maintenance of railway stations, said Assistant Manager U Kyaw

Myint of Division 7 of Myanmar Railways.

"Myanmar Railways is earmarked to install 75 fibre seats at the coaches of circular trains and has completed installation of 54 seats. Moreover, a total of 54 coaches have been renewed in painting. The industry has completed six of 20 coaches in major repairing and 17 of 24 locomotives in painting," he continued.

Myanmar Railways is undertaking maintenance not only of coaches but also railway stations for travelling convenience of passengers daily.

"There are 38 railway stations along 29.5 miles long Yangon circular railroad. The railway stations and rail tracks

became damaged and decay with the passage of time. Thus, a total of 33 of 38 railway stations have been completed in renovation. We expected to complete maintenance of those facilities at the end of November," said Assistant Manager (Civil) U Tin Win.

With respect to maintenance of railroads, concrete sleepers have been laid along the circular railroads except the section between Yangon Railway Station and Kyimyindine Station. All the people are to join hands with the MR in sanitation and maintenance of railway stations and rail tracks.

In Yangon, about 85,000 people rely on rail transportation daily. Thus, Myanmar Railways runs 200 plies with the use of 21 coaches.

Myanma Alinn

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WORLD

**Chambliss latest Republican to break with anti-tax lobbyist**

WASHINGTON, 24 Nov— Senator Saxby Chambliss this week became the latest Republican lawmaker to loosen his ties to Grover Norquist, the anti-tax lobbyist famous for getting elected officials to sign a “taxpayer protection pledge.”

The rebellion, albeit a modest one, comes as Republicans prepare to negotiate with Democrats and President Barack Obama on a deal to avert the so-called fiscal cliff - some \$600 billion in tax increases and spending cuts set to start jolting the economy at the beginning of 2013.

“I care more about this country than I do about a 20-year-old pledge,” Chambliss told Georgia television station WMAZ on Thursday. “If we do it his way, then we’ll continue in debt, and I just have a disagreement with him about that.”

Chambliss, who represents Georgia, is a member of the so-called Gang of Eight group of senators, a bipartisan alliance working

for deficit reduction, formed last year when the country was on the verge of default thanks to a partisan battle over raising the country’s borrowing limit.

A vast majority of elected Republicans have signed the pledge Norquist created in 1986, which commits them to voting against tax increases, and it became a type of litmus test among US conservatives.

But its influence, and that of Norquist’s organization, Americans for Tax Reform, may be waning following Republican losses in this month’s elections and acknowledgments from Republican leaders that revenue must be raised to pare deficits topping \$1 trillion. “Grover Norquist has no plan to pay this debt down. His plan says you continue to add to the debt. I just have a fundamental disagreement with him about that,” Chambliss said.

Norquist, in response, noted that Chambliss was an author of an open letter to him last year from three

Republicans promising support for revenue generation from the “pro-growth effects” of lower tax rates. “Senator Chambliss promised the people of Georgia he would go to Washington and reform government rather than raise taxes to pay for bigger government,” Norquist said.

Some Republicans contend they are only open to raising revenue through economic growth, an impact hard to quantify and

which Democrats and many economists say is not nearly enough. Republican aides on Capitol Hill have been grumbling privately about the attention Norquist gets, worrying that it weakens their ability to negotiate across the aisle.

Representative Scott Rigell, a Virginia Republican who won re-election despite disavowing the pledge, expressed similar sentiments publicly in a 17 November interview on CNN.—Reuters



A boy looks for reusable materials after a fire hit a slum area in Quezon City, the Philippines, on 24 Nov, 2012. Three children died in the fire, while more than 100 families were left homeless.—XINHUA

**The Secretary-General’s message on the International Day For The Elimination Of Violence Against Women 25 November 2012**

Millions of women and girls around the world are assaulted, beaten, raped, mutilated or even murdered in what constitutes appalling violations of their human rights. From battlefield to home, on the streets, at school, in the workplace or in their community, up to 70 per cent of women experience physical or sexual violence at some point in their lifetime. As many as a quarter of all pregnant women are affected.

All too often, perpetrators go unpunished. Women and girls are afraid to speak out because of a culture of impunity. We must fight the sense of fear and shame that punishes victims who have already endured crime and now face stigma. It is the perpetrators who should feel disgraced, not their victims.

My UNiTE to End Violence against Women campaign is engaging Governments, international organizations, civil society groups, the media and ordinary citizens. Last year, when UNiTE asked young people around the world how they intended to help advance this critical cause, I was very encouraged by the responses. Many youth called for an end to ignorance. They said we should not condone negative attitudes. They demanded that we raise our voices to promote human rights, and join forces to help victims. One young man said simply that boys could fight violence against women “by growing up to be responsible and respectful fathers and husbands”.

The United Nations is working on all of these fronts. We are raising awareness through public outreach programmes. Our United Nations Trust Fund to End Violence against Women just this month announced plans to disburse \$8 million to local initiatives in 18 countries. Members of my expanding Network of Men Leaders are addressing violence by raising public awareness, advocating for better laws and holding Governments accountable.

As we build on these efforts, we must fundamentally challenge the culture of discrimination that allows violence to continue. On this International Day, I call on all Governments to make good on their pledges to end all forms of violence against women and girls in all parts of the world, and I urge all people to support this important goal.

UNIC/Yangon

**Ernest Bai Koroma re-elected as Sierra Leone’s President**

FREETOWN, 24 Nov — Sierra Leone’s National Electoral Commission (NEC) announced late Friday that Ernest Bai Koroma has been re-elected as Sierra Leone’s President for a second term.

The flagbearer of ruling All People’s Congress Ernest Bai Koroma received 58.7 percent of vote cast,

while his main challenger Julius Maada Bio from Sierra Leone People’s Party (SLPP) got 37.4 percent.

According to Sierra Leone’s Constitution (1991), if presidential candidate wins 55 percent of the vote, a run-off will not be needed. The NEC also announced that the turnout rate in the 17 Nov elections was 87.3

percent and 4.7 percent of the votes were invalid. It will be Koroma’s second and final term in office.

Parliamentary and local council election results are yet to be declared. Ernest Bai Koroma was elected President in 2007.

He also contested in the 2002 presidential elections, and served as the

leader of the parliamentary opposition from 2002 to 2007. President Koroma’s campaign is based on the theme of “Transformation for National Prosperity,” which promises to revamp the country’s mining sector to enhance the economic and social wellbeing of the people.

Xinhua

**S Africa to host the 5th South Africa-China Strategic Dialogue next week**

JOHANNESBURG, 24 Nov— South Africa will next week host the 5th South Africa-China Strategic Dialogue Mechanism in Pretoria, Ministry of International Relations and Cooperation said Friday.

The event to take place on Monday will be co-chaired by South Africa International Relations and Cooperation Deputy Minister Ebrahim Ebrahim and China’s Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs Zhai Jun.

The meeting takes place within the context of the Strategic Dialogue Mechanism, which is an instrument at deputy ministerial level, by which the two countries consolidate and strengthen their relations as well as monitor implementation of bilateral agreements.

“Among the issues

to be discussed during the meeting are South Africa’s bilateral relations with China; strengthening cooperation on the African Continent, reform of the global system of governance, and international and regional issues of common interest,” ministerial spokesperson Clayson Monyela said.

South Africa and China enjoy cordial relations which are now at the strategic partnership level. In this regard, frequent high visits take place, various agreements have been signed and the volume of trade has increased.

Last year alone, South Africa’s total bilateral trade with China amounted to some 21,195 million U S dollars (188 billion rand). Between January and June this year, the trade amounted to 109.35 million dollars (97 billion rand).—Xinhua

TAIYUAN, 24 Nov— China’s top legislator has urged thorough study and implementation of the spirit of the 18th National Congress of the Communist Party of China (CPC), in order to complete the building of a moderately prosperous society in all aspects.

Wu Bangguo, chairman of the Standing Committee of the National People’s Congress, made the comments during a five-day inspection tour to north China’s Shanxi Province, one of the largest coal production bases in the country. The tour ended Friday. He called for efforts in making economic, political, cultural, social and ecological progress.

During his visit to local industrial companies, Wu called for the enterprises to play a leading role in technology innovation and aspire to international advanced

**Top legislator urges implementation of CPC national congress spirit**



Wu Bangguo (C), chairman of the Standing Committee of the National People’s Congress of China, gets knowledge about technical issues of wheel production as he visits a heavy industry enterprise in Taiyuan, capital of north China’s Shanxi Province, on 20 Nov, 2012. Wu made an inspection tour in Shanxi from 19 to 23 Nov. XINHUA

levels. He also praised local enterprises’ efforts in ecological protection through promotion of a recycling economy. He encouraged the industrial firms to contribute to clean energy development and energy efficiency improvements.

Wu visited the Shanxi provincial museum, encouraging the province to boost tourism with its unique historical and cultural resources. During his tour to urban communities and rural villages, the legislator visited

residents.

Wu expressed his appreciation of the province’s achievements during the past 10 years. He urged further measures to implement the missions set down at the 18th CPC National Congress with efforts in economic transformation and scientific development.

He asked the province to optimize its coal resources with scientific and technological progress to improve energy efficiency, as well as to strengthen its advantage in equipment manufacturing industry.

He also stressed efforts to enhance the province’s industrial core competitiveness and ensure safe production. Wu urged efforts to create jobs, protect the workers’ legitimate rights and interests and deepen the income distribution system reform.—Xinhua



## Software firm SAP mulls Shanghai listing

Tech

FRANKFURT, 24 Nov — German software group SAP is considering a listing in China to give the world's biggest business software firm the option of tapping financial resources in one of its fastest growing markets.

"We are looking into the possibility of a third listing," a spokesman said. SAP will have to wait until China has finalized plans to set up an international board in Shanghai to attract foreign listings.

China has been talking about the launch of an international board on the Shanghai Stock Exchange. It was about to kick off the new board in the second half of last year but the move was delayed by the euro zone debt crisis. SAP is already listed in Germany and New York.

The group, which competes with Oracle, IBM and Microsoft, wants to invest \$2 billion in China by 2015. It also has a mid-term



Logo of German company SAP is pictured at the CeBit computer fair in Hanover, on 6 March, 2012.

REUTERS

sales target of 1 billion euros (\$1.29 billion) for China, which in the third quarter showed a 40 percent growth

in software sales, making it SAP's sixth-largest market. (\$1 = 0.7761 euros)

Reuters

## GSM operators add 240,000 subscribers in October: COAI

Tech

NEW DELHI, 24 Nov — Arresting the two-month fall, total subscriber base of GSM operators rose by about 240,000 to 671.91 million users in October, telecom industry body COAI said. The total subscriber base at the end of September was 671.67 million users. In September, the subscriber base had reduced by 1.9 million users following a whopping 7.1 million fall in August.

Top three operators — Airtel, Vodafone and Idea

Videcon stood was at 4.39 million by the month end.

Bharti Airtel, which has 27.74 per cent market share, added about 490,000 users to take its subscriber base to 186.41 million. Vodafone India and Idea Cellular added about 480,000 users and 230,000 million users, respectively.

With this, Vodafone's subscriber base stood at 153.14 million, while that of Idea Cellular was at 115.70

## Sony at greater risk than Panasonic in electronics downturn: Fitch

Tech

TOKYO, 24 Nov — Panasonic Corp has a better chance than rival Sony Corp of surviving Japan's consumer electronics slump because of its unglamorous but stable appliance business of washing machines and fridges, credit rating agency Fitch said on Friday. Fitch cut Panasonic's rating by two notches to BB and Sony three notches to BB minus on Thursday, the first

time one of the three major ratings agencies have put the creditworthiness of either company into junk-bond territory.

Rival agencies Moody's and S&P rate both of Japan's consumer electronic giants at the same level, just above junk status.

Moody's last cut its rating on Panasonic on Tuesday. Panasonic "has the advantage of a relatively stable consumer appliance business that is

still generating positive margins", Matt Jamieson, Fitch's head of Asia-Pacific, said in a conference call on Friday to explain its ratings downgrades.

But at Sony, he added, "most of their electronic business are loss making, they appear to be overstretched." Japan's TV industry has been bested by cheaper, more innovative models from Samsung Electronics and other foreign rivals, while tablets and smartphones built by Apple Inc have become the dominant consumer electronics devices.

Investors are focusing on the fate of Sony and Panasonic after another struggling Japanese consumer electronics firm, Sharp Corp, maker of the Aquos TV, secured a \$4.6 billion bail-out by banks including Mizuho Financial Group and Mitsubishi UFJ

Financial Group.

Sony and Panasonic have chosen divergent survival paths. Panasonic, maker of the Viera TV, is looking to expand its businesses in appliances, solar panels, lithium batteries and automotive components. Appliances amount to around only 6 percent of the company's sales, but they generate margins of more than 6 percent and make up a big chunk of operating profit.

Sony, creator of the Walkman, is doubling down on consumer gadgets in a bid to regain ground from Samsung and Apple in mobile devices while bolstering digital cameras and gaming.

Reuters



— which account for about 68 per cent of the GSM market, added over 1.2 million users in October, according to the COAI data released today.

However, Uninor and Videocon lost 1.1 million users and 59,151 users, respectively in October, 2012. The subscriber base of Uninor stood at 41.03 million, while that of

million at the end of October.

Airtel added 170,000 users, taking its subscriber base to 66.78 million in October. State-run MTNL, which operates in Delhi and Mumbai, added 13,652 users in the said month. Another PSU BSNL and private operator Loop Mobile failed to add any subscriber, according to the data.

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Sony and Panasonic TV sets are displayed at an electronic shop in Tokyo on 22 June, 2012. — REUTERS

## Science fund cuts could hurt EU recovery, scientists warn

Science

LONDON, 24 Nov — Cutting science funding in the European Union would threaten economic recovery in the bloc, the heads of scientific organizations said on Friday after such cuts were proposed. "We believe it would be deeply damaging to future economic growth if we were to cut funding now," Andrew Harrison, director general of Grenoble-based neutron research centre the Institut Laue-Langevin, told Reuters. EU leaders on Friday abandoned talks to find a deal on the bloc's budget for 2014-2020 but European Council President Herman Van Rompuy, who chaired the summit, proposed cuts in a number of areas, including research and innovation, in an effort to reach a deal.

According to a document seen by Reuters,

Van Rompuy's proposal penciled in a 139.5 billion euro (\$180.8 billion) budget under the competitiveness-for-growth heading, which includes the EU's flagship Horizon 2020 research funding programme.

This is a further cut from a Van Rompuy proposal earlier this week of 152 billion euros and down sharply from an original Commission proposal of 164 billion euros.

Although it is unclear if there would be any knock-on effect from the proposed cuts on Horizon 2020 when talks resume early next year, the original budget for the research program was 80 billion euros, roughly half the original pot.

European scientists, whose funding is already under pressure from the economic downturn, will

be alarmed at the prospect of cuts to one of the biggest science budgets in the world. Harrison, of the Grenoble-based research centre, joined in a lobbying effort with seven other world-leading research organizations calling on the Commission to defend science funding ahead of the budget summit. In a letter to Commission President Jose-Manuel Barroso that was also signed by Rolf Heuer, director general of the CERN research centre near Geneva, the organisations warned that science should be central to Europe's long-term prosperity.

"At a time when a return to growth is the most pressing policy priority across Europe, it is absolutely vital that investment in our scientific resources (both human and technical) is sustained," they said. — Reuters

## Star trek desks: Classrooms for the next generation?

Science

LONDON, 24 Nov — Scientists designing and testing what they hope might become the classroom of the future have found that "Star Trek"-style multi-touch, multi-user desks can boost children's maths skills.

A three-year project with 400 eight to 10-year olds found that using interactive "smart" desks can have benefits over doing maths on paper, and that pupils are able to improve their fluency and flexibility in maths by working together.

"Our aim was to encourage far higher levels of active student engagement, where knowledge is obtained by sharing, problem-solving and creating, rather than by passive listening," said Liz Burd of Britain's Durham University, who led the study.

The research team, whose findings were published in the journal *Learning and Instruction*, designed software and desks that recognise multiple touches on a desktop using infrared light vision systems.

The desks are built into furniture of the classroom to help encourage more collaboration, and are networked and linked to a main smartboard.

A live feed of the desks goes directly to the teacher who can intervene quickly to help a pupil while allowing group work to continue.

Burd's team found that 45 percent of pupils who used a maths programme on the smart desk system increased the number of unique mathematical expressions they created, compared with 16 percent of those doing it on paper.

Using the new desks helped children work together and solve problems using inventive solutions, the researchers said. "We found our tables encouraged students to collaborate more effectively," said Burd. "Such collaboration just did not happen when students used paper-based approaches."

Reuters





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3. Those important findings Auditor-General of the Union reported to the President are publicized as follows:

1. The Office of the Auditor-General of the Union under provision of the Union Budget Law, emphatically audited accounts of government agencies for 2011-2012 fiscal year, inspected whether the full amount of allotted fund is received and whether the allotted fund are spent effectively and departments adhere to official account procedures and inspected the work progress in line with the procedures.
2. Likewise, region and state level auditor-general offices emphatically audited the accounts of departments and organizations in respective regions and states for 2011-2012 fiscal year in line with procedures.
3. In so doing, the offices at different levels found out the cases of honest mistakes and unordered procedures. During the period of audition, discussions were held with heads of departments concerned and clarified the findings to them while correcting and adjusting the mechanisms.
4. During the period of audition from 1-4-2011 to 30-9-2012, 47 cases of loss of the State were found out in 15 ministries due to embezzlement and collusion of fund allotted by the State and income to be earned by the State, as an important finding in other words an important audition complaint.
5. Following this, heads of government departments and institutions concerned were summoned to Office of the Auditor-General of the Union and Region and State Offices of the Auditor-General from 18-9-2012 to 17-10-2012 and discussions were held on the findings. In so doing, the focus was on compensation of the losses of the State, legal actions against those held accountable, and enforcement measures to ensure non-recurrence of similar cases. Then, such measures were put into practice at 25 departments and institutions of the ministries concerned.
6. Regarding the budget for expenditure for 2011-2012 fiscal year, 15 ministries and 47 departments and service organizations had already repaid K 17426.772 million and USD 162,322.290 out of K 58,398.810 million and USD 232, 977.310 to the State in accord with the important findings from 1 April 2011 to 30 September 2012. The remaining amount of money to be repaid is K 40, 828.122 million and USD 70, 655.020. The amount of money to be repaid due to mismanagement and malpractice of service personnel is K 143.916 million. It is explained below.

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| (a) Debts from private sector   | K 40828.122 million and USD 70655.020 |
| (1) To be repaid by the Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries (The sum that private entrepreneurs owe Livestock, Feedstuff and Dairy Product Enterprise for the advance payment, debts on feedstuff and advance payment for the mutually beneficial investment) | K 35653.707 million                   |

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| (2) To be repaid by the Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries (The remaining money to be paid by the private sector for hiring the department-owned plot in Gyokon)   | USD 70655.020      |
| (3) To be repaid by the Ministry of Hotels and Tourism (The remaining money to be paid by those who were allowed to buy Innlay Khaungdine Hotel and a building at No (128) on Sule Pagoda Road)   | K 4815.000 million |
| (4) To be repaid by the Ministry of Information (The sum to be paid by the private sector as overdue fee in handing over of apartments of Dagon Complex project)  | K 88.465 million   |
| (5) To be repaid by the Ministry of Commerce (Rent payment for the building and sale revenues to be paid by the private sector)   | K 270.950 million  |
| (b) Mismanagement and malpractice   | K 143.916 million  |
| - To be repaid by the ministries in accord with the objection of the audit (Newspaper fees, advertising fees, drawing more money from port tax, drawing more money from railroad construction, no payment for purchasing of things to be used in GMS meeting although expenditure was paid) | K 143.916 million  |

7. It is found that actions should be taken against departments and service organizations that did not meet the important findings (objections of the audit) during the fiscal year.

8. Important findings, objections of the audit and actions that had been done while making investigations on expenditures for 2011-2012 fiscal year of government organizations are informed in order to give directive.

4. The sum of K 19.057 million stated in the report on important findings on false statistics of the Ministry of Telecommunications and Information Technology had been repaid to the State on 19 October 2012. As the investigation revealed that there was a malpractice in Myanma Alinn Daily of the Ministry of Information for 2010-2011 fiscal year, the statement on the situation being carried out by the ministry to repay K 117.701 million to the State had been issued. Arrangements are being made for the sum to be repaid by the Ministry of Rail Transportation to repay to the State.

5. Regarding the report on important findings, The Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries is carrying out close supervision on the debts which are to be settled by the private entrepreneurs by setting a prescribed period for them. Likewise, close supervisions are being carried out by the Ministry of Hotels and Tourism, Ministry of Information and Ministry of Commerce to get back the debts which are to be settled by the private entrepreneurs by setting a prescribed period.

**Regional development tasks in Moenyo Township**

NAY PYI TAW, 24 Nov—A stake-driving ceremony of reconstruction of Htan-binkon bridge on Shanndaw-Innbokekon-Moenyo road in Moenyo Township of Thayawaddy District in Bago Region was held at the bridge on 21 November, attended by Bago Region Chief Minister U Nyan Win and the region ministers. On his arrival at the worksite of Htut Myat bridge construction project on Latpandan-Tawlatha-Htaindaw-Moenyo road in the township, the chief

minister looked into construction works, and observed thriving groundnut plantations in the region.

The chief minister attended the opening of self-reliant extended building at Moenyo People's Hospital. Region Social Affairs Minister Dr Kyaw Oo and a local formally opened the new building which was built with the contributions of K 5 million by the region government and K 13 million by the local people.

*Kyemon*

**Gas leak causes tea-shop fire in South Okkalapa**



**Social Works in Sagaing, Mandalay inspected**

NAY PYI TAW, 24 Nov—Deputy Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Daw Su Su Hlaing on 16 November looked into providing trainees with vocational training and academic subjects, and damage of quake-hit buildings at School for the Blind, quake-hit school building of Sagaing pre-primary school in Sagaing of Sagaing Region, and the School for the Deaf and newly-built staff quarter at pre-primary school No (1) in Chanmyathazi Township of Mandalay Region and met with trainees at domestic

YANGON, 24 Nov—A fire broke out at a tea-shop at the corner of Thittsa and Thanthuma streets in ward-10 of South Okkalapa Township at about 5 pm on 22 November.

A fire started while the gas is being filled from one

vocational training school.

On 17 November, the deputy minister inspected learning of trainees at Youth Training School and Women Vocational Training School in Mandalay.

On 18 November, the deputy minister met officials of Child Care Centre, Training School for Women and Children and Centre for Development of Women at the meeting hall of Mandalay Region Social Welfare Department.

Then, the deputy minister visited training schools and centre in Mandalay.

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cylinder to another. Only the shop was on fire.

A total of 15 fire engines, three administrative vehicles and an ambulance were at the scene and fire fighters fought for 15 minutes to extinguish the blaze.

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**Passenger minibus skids and overturns**



YANGON, 24 Nov—A passenger minibus from No (48) Bus Line in operation along Insein-Theinbyu route skidded and turned over in front of Shwe Phalar Restaurant near Hsinyaydwin bus-stop on Yangon-Insein road in Kamayut Township of Yangon Region. The road accident happened at about 9 am on 22 November.

A minibus with vehicle No. (7A/...) carrying more than 30 passengers driven

by Thaug Shwe along Insein road to Hledan had skidded out of control and overturned on the sidewalk in front of Shwe Phalar Restaurant while trying to avoid a bicyclist near Hsinyaydwin bus-stop in Kamayut Township. The road accident left 18 passengers on board injured. Those in critical condition were sent to Yangon General Hospital. It is learnt that the driver is still at large.

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so that they can be enacted. The President returned the 2012 Pyithu Hluttaw Bill and the 2012 Amyotha Hluttaw Bill with ten comments for amendment to the Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw on 30-3-2012 in accordance with section 106 (a) of the Constitution. 3. The Pyidaungsu Hluttaw after making coordination sent back the two bills which had been sent back by the President with his comments on 18-11-2012 in accordance with section 106 (b) of the Constitution and the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw bylaw 109 to be signed by the President so that they can be enacted. As regards the two bills, the original approval of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw, the comments of the President and the final approval of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw are show against the table hereunder-

S/ N	Pyidaungsu Hluttaw's original approval	President's comments	Pyidaungsu Hluttaw's final approval
(a)	2. (h) The Union level organizations mean the Union Government, the National Defence and Security Council, the Finance Commission, the Union Supreme Court, the Constitutional Tribunal, the Union Election Commission, the Union Auditor-General, and the Union Civil Service Board which have been formed under the Constitution and the committee, the commission and the organization formed by the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw, the Pyithu Hluttaw and the Amyotha Hluttaw.	The definition of the Union level organizations under section 2 (h) covers the committee, the commission and the organization formed by the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw, the Pyithu Hluttaw and the Amyotha Hluttaw. According to the decision of the Constitutional Tribunal on 28-3-2012 that the Union level organizations do not include the committee, the commission and the organization formed by the Hluttaws, and the section should not be enacted.	Pyidaungsu Hluttaw had approved it as its original approval
(b)	2. (l) The Hluttaw representative office means the office opened at the respective constituencies for the Hluttaw representatives to be able to discharge duties.  65. The Hluttaw shall grant the rights to open the Hluttaw representative offices at the township as necessary	The section 2 (l) provided the definition of the Hluttaw representative office and the section 65 granted the rights to open the office. Under the Constitution, there are 330 Pyithu Hluttaw representatives and 168 Amyotha Hluttaw representatives, and if the rights were granted to open the Hluttaw offices at the townships as necessary there can be problems and adverse consequences such as discrimination which is contrary to democratic practices, financial requirement for the office and staff, task can be carried out for the Hluttaw representatives of the region and the state and the opening of office can be confused as the rights have already been given to the Hluttaw representatives to engage in party politics. Thus, the case at present should not be accepted as bills .	Pyidaungsu Hluttaw had approved it as its original approval  Pyidaungsu Hluttaw had approved it as its original approval
(c)	9. (e) Coordination with the relevant government bodies and authorities for constituencies and national development not to be contrary to the Constitution.	The section 9 (e) is the provision that grants the rights to each Hluttaw representative to be coordinated with government bodies for their matters. The section 11 (a) of the Constitution, the power vested in the Hluttaw, the Union Government and the Union Supreme Court is a check and balance among them. No power vested in any person. If they want to apply a check and balance among them, they are to apply it organization-wise,	Pyidaungsu Hluttaw had approved it as its original approval
(d)	10. (c) Making question, holding discussion and collecting facts on the issues discussed in Hluttaw and activities of persons or members representing the committees formed in accord with the Constitution.	As there are documents and facts which were prohibited to be seen or to be given in accord with the Constitution, Hluttaw laws and other existing laws, the phrase, "except documents or facts which are under prohibition in accord with the Constitution and an existing law", should be added	Pyidaungsu Hluttaw had approved it as its original approval.
(e)	10. (h) Making contact with them through respective Hluttaw committees if there arises a matter for Hluttaw representatives to coordinate with Union level organizations as necessary.  10. (i) Coordinating through respective Hluttaw committees and informing respective Hluttaws if there arises a matter for Hluttaw representatives to coordinate with Region/ State level organizations and members of organizations as necessary.	In making analysis of the supplement to sub-section (h) and (i) of Section 10, each and every Hluttaw representative was allowed to coordinate with Union level organization, Region/State level organization and members of the organizations through respective Hluttaw committees. According to the provision in which members of Union level organization have a right to make clarification and to take part in discussions on the bill or matters related to theirs organizations in accord with Section 90 and 91, Section 140 and Section 160 of the Constitution, sub-sections (h) and (i) of Section 10 should not be added as Hluttaw representatives were allowed to coordinate with them during the Hluttaw session.	Pyidaungsu Hluttaw had approved it as its original approval.  Pyidaungsu Hluttaw had approved it as its original approval.
(f)	10. (j) Invitation of three constituents concerned to observe parliament session with the agreement of the Speaker.	Regarding the supplementation of Section 10 (j), though it is appropriate to enable observation, it should be added as general provision if it is to be legitimized as part of the law, and to allow presence of three locals at parliament session should not be supplemented to Article 10.	Pyidaungsu Hluttaw had approved it as its original approval.
(g)	12. (f) A Hluttaw representative if needed to arrange accommodation and necessities on his own in meeting with constituents in his constituency shall coordinate with administrative organs or authorities concerned if necessary; he shall ask help from administrative organs or authorities concerned for his security.	Section 12 (f) is the privileged provision for accommodation and security of Hluttaw representatives. This provision should however not be supplemented to Section 10 for reasons below—parliamentarians need to be equal to citizens in line with democratic practice as they are visiting their constituencies concerned; parliamentarians have already been exempted from witnessing and detention, the right an ordinary citizen cannot have; and the relationship between the legislature and executive branch under the Constitution doesn't allow this.	Pyidaungsu Hluttaw had approved it as its original approval.
(h)	13. Hluttaw representatives shall have privileges mentioned below from government departments and institutions	As Section 12 (b) prescribes emoluments, accommodation allowances, meal allowances, travel allowances and other	It is approved to cancel Article 13 in line with the comments of the President

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concerned as social allowance either monthly or yearly. However, the privileges shall not be in form of cash.

(a) right to free treatment at home

(b) right to free water but the bill should not be over K 3,000 per month

(c) right to free electricity but the bill should not be over K 10,000 per month

(d) right to free local telephone calls but the bill should not be over K 10,000 per month

(e) right to free air travel arranged by State-owned airways only for a round trip per year together with two others

(f) right to free upper-class seats in train and vessels run by the State and free seats in vehicles run by the State only for a round trip per year together with four others.

allowances as the rights and privileges of parliamentarians, to supplement a provision on privileges like Article 13 is not required and is an eyesore to public opinion and thus Article 13 should not be supplemented.

(i) 14. Hluttaw representatives concerned in coordination with local people can use the development fund distributed to respective constituencies in annual Union budget in line with regulations.	As parliamentarians can discuss and make suggestion on national project bills related to permitted projects in respective regions put forward by the Union ministries in Hluttaw sessions, and the administrative branch can use the budget allocation only after the Pyithu Hluttaw has approved, Article 14 should not be supplemented.	The Pyidaungsu Hluttaw had approved it as its original approval.
(j) 63. Hluttaw representatives, being the respected personalities representing the constituencies which elected them, shall be assumed as reliable persons for consultation to local administrative organs or authorities in preparing regional development plans, and fulfilling the wishes of people in administrative and social and economic issues of constituencies concerned.	The proposed Article 63 is provision for conduct related to personality. The qualities of conduct related to personality cannot be defined. The Article of the bill prescribes code of conducts for parliamentarians. MPs if adhere to those codes of conduct shall become reliable persons for consultation. As it is not appropriate to enact law for personalities, the article should not be supplemented.	The Pyidaungsu Hluttaw had approved it as its original approval.

4. Some of the provisions in the bill sent to the President for his approval to enact as laws have some shortcomings and thus two messages were sent to the Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw on 23-10-2012 for legal proceeding. The following is the full context of message sent regarding the 2012 Pyithu Hluttaw Bill.

1. 2012 Pyithu Hluttaw Bill was sent to the President to seek his approval and message highlighting ten points to be considered was sent back.
2. Pyidaungsu Hluttaw accepted two points out of 10 remarks of the President and sent back the bill with the remaining eight points as originally passed by the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw.
3. Some of the provisions in that bill need to be in conformity with the Constitution as well as the check and balance of three branches of the State sovereignty, the core essence of democratic practice.
4. Therefore, message is sent again urging to proceed with the 2012 Pyithu Hluttaw Bill in line with legal provisions.

5. Likewise, the following is the message sent regarding the 2012 Amyotha Hluttaw Bill.

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4. Therefore, message is sent again urging to proceed with the 2012 Amyotha Hluttaw Bill in line with legal provisions.

**Taunggyi Tazaungdaing Festival kicks off**



TAUNGGYI, 24 Nov — The opening of Taunggyi Tazaungdaing Festival and hot-air balloon-flying ceremony kicked off at the festive ground of Awayar Hillock in Taunggyi at 6 pm on 21 November.

Chairman of leading committee for organizing the festival Shan State Social Affairs Minister Dr Myo Tun and Minister for Development Affairs U Toe Maung formally opened

the festival before national races girls, members of Shan traditional cultural troupes and more than 1000 students performed dances.

Shan State Chief Minister U Sao Aung Myat pressed the button to set off fireworks. Revelers jammed into the festive ground to watch the firework display.

As a gesture of opening the ceremony, hot-balloon groups released Sein-na-

pan hot-air balloons.

Next, night hot-balloon-releasing competition followed. During the period from 21 to 28 November, a total of 400 hot-balloons will be taking part in the competition in which 86 Nya-mee-kyi hot-air balloons, 37 Sein-na-pan hot-air balloons and 327 hot-air balloons with animal motifs will be released.

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**New Hsin-ma-like Market to be put into service soon**



YANGON, 24 Nov — According to Markets Department of Yangon City Development Committee, new Hsin-ma-like market on Strand Road in Kamayut Township will be put into service soon.

The eight-storey market building includes 456 showrooms, 161 shops, 58 apartments and a parking lot for 50 vehicles. The

committee designed and financed the construction of the market being built by Mother Construction Co., Ltd. According to an official of the department, the new market is the only one of the committee that still bears the full cost of building the market without making any contracts with other developers.

For construction of

new Hsin-ma-like market, no payment is required for shop owners to make. They will be allowed to get back their original places. An official of the department vowed that there is no plan to collect any money from shops owners while upgrading the old markets into new ones under the supervision of the department. — *Kyemon*



**PERSPECTIVES**

Sunday, 25 November, 2012

**Together, it is possible to stop violence against women, girls**

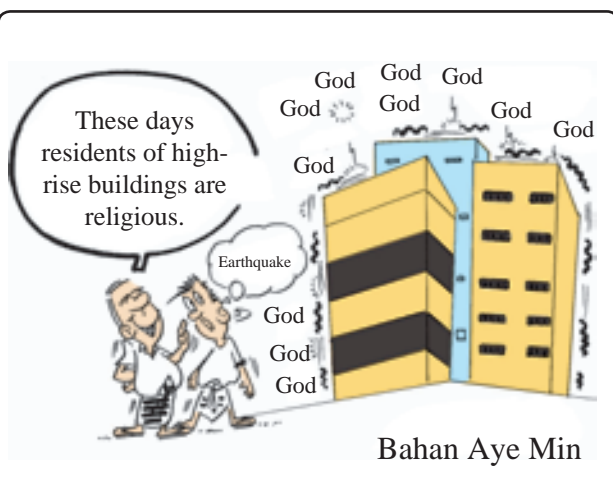
Today is the International Day for the Elimination of violence against Women which has been commemorated around the world on 25 November each year since 2000. It is an occasion for governments, international organizations and non-governmental organizations to heighten the public awareness of violence against women under the theme: Using legislation to end violence against women and girls.

Since 1981, women activists have observed the November 25<sup>th</sup> as a day against violence to commemorate the brutal assassination of the three sisters in the year 1961, who fought hard to end the dictatorship in the Dominican Republic. The 25th day of November as the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women was designated by the United Nations General Assembly on 17 December, 1999.

Throughout the globe, women and girls suffer from various forms of violence in the home, on the streets, in schools, the workplace, during conflict and even in time of peace. It includes prevalent forms of domestic and sexual violence, harassment at work, abuse in school, female genital mutilation in armed conflicts and female infanticide in the preference for boys, child marriage, "honour" killings, trafficking of girls and other multiple forms of violence.

The aforementioned violence has thwarted women and girls across the world to live in dignity, has infringed their fundamental human rights and has hampered them from achieving their full potential. These obstacles to the advancement of women have escalated social and economic costs and have seriously imperiled progress and prosperity of the world. The right of women and girls to live free of violence is incontrovertible and fundamental.

On this November 25<sup>th</sup>, it is required for all governments and partners to make new commitments, to take strong actions to protect women and girls and to translate their promises into concrete actions. Violence against women and girls should not be placed in any society and impunity for perpetrators must not be tolerated. The onus is on all of us to take responsibility for eradicating violence against women and girls. Only then will we have a more just, peaceful and equitable world.



Bahan Aye Min

**NATIONAL**

**U Min Thein presents his credentials to Governor-General of Commonwealth of Australia**

NAY PYI TAW, 25 Nov— U Min Thein, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar to the Commonwealth of Australia, presented his Credentials to Her Excellency Ms. Quentin Bryce AC CVO, Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia, on 21 November 2012 in Canberra.—MNA

**U Myint Naing presents his credentials to Nigerian President**

NAY PYI TAW, 25 Nov— U Myint Naing, Ambassador Extraordinary and Pleni-potentiary of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar to the Federal Republic of Nigeria, presented his Credentials to His Excellency Dr. Goodluck Ebele Jonathan, President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, on 20 November 2012 in Abuja. MNA

**National Dialogue on Land Tenure and Land Use Rights held**



Those attendees pose for documentary photo at National Dialogue on Land Tenure and Land Use Rights.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 24 Nov— In his address at the National Dialogue on Land Tenure and Land Use Rights at Myanmar International Convention Centre, here, this morning, Union Minister at the President Office U Tin Naing Thein quoted the President as saying that although invitation of foreign investments aimed at ensuring job creation, generating incomes, improving socio-economic status and living standard of the people, thereby contributing towards national development, it was required to uphold interest of the nation and its people and in order not to tarnish the image of the nation and its

sovereignty. He hoped that the outcome of workshop could contribute towards how to attend to the needs of local people and homeless persons in shelter, to prevent against illegal settlement, to manage farmlands for their livelihoods, to conserve water resources and forests, to set up community plantations and to seek ways and means for formulation of rural development plan and town plans.

The Union minister called for suggestions on urbanization projects, housing plans for the increased population and plans for homeless persons, unemployment and education, health,

social, communications and transportation. He stressed the need to put emphasis on ensuring better socio-economic status of rural people who make up 70 per cent of the total population and laying down farmland and land use policies.

Next, Chairman of National Economic and Social Advisory Committee U Tin Htut Oo and U Shwe Thein of Food Security Cooperation explained matters related to meeting agendas.

Then Mr. Saturnino Jun Borrás of International Institute of Social Studies (ISS), The Hague, the Netherlands and UN special representative Mr. Oliver

De Schutter gave talks.

Afterwards, the Union ministers, the deputy ministers and attendees posed for a documentary photo. It was also attended by Union ministers U Tin Naing Thein, U Soe Thein, U Win Tun and Dr Kan Zaw, deputy ministers, officials of respective ministries and agencies, Union and Region/State Hluttaw representatives, entrepreneurs, responsible persons of local and international NGOs, officials of UN agencies, diplomats, donor organizations and guests.

The workshop will continue tomorrow.

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**Breeding of milk cows and milk and dairy products development discussed**



Union Minister U Ohn Myint holding talks with New Zealand Ambassador Mr Tony Lynch and party.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 24 Nov— Union Minister for Livestock and Fisheries U Ohn Myint received Bangkok-based New Zealand Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Tony Lynch and party at his office yesterday noon.

At the call, both sides cordially discussed measures on milk cows breeding of Myanmar and milk and dairy products production development, breeding of cows for meat and meat sector development.

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## Union government to spend K 1 billion...

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disaster. However, the recent earthquake jolted at over 7 am on Sunday when the local people were at farming works. Fortunately, although the earthquake was strong, the number of casualties is small.

If the earthquake hit the downtown with epicenter at night where the people are asleep, the number of casualty would be heavy.

After the shakes of earthquake, Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham arrived at quake-hit areas and supervised saving the patients in critical conditions, giving medical treatments to the injured people and fulfilling the requirements of the victims.

concerning knowledge about earthquake.

The President pointed out that it is necessary to repair the schools damaged in the quake and construct new school buildings for continuous learning of students.

Offices and departmental buildings should be repaired and constructed for smoothly running of administrative mechanism.

Assistance would be provided to resuming of vocational works of the local people.

In addition, the damaged religious edifices would be renovated and rebuilt, he said.

In so doing, the President said that tasks should be



President U Thein Sein cordially greets students at relief camp in Sampanago Village.—MNA



President U Thein Sein presents cash assistance to a patient at Thabeikkyin makeshift Hospital.—MNA

At present, the stake of relief works for the quake victims has finished.

After that, the rehabilitation tasks should be undertaken for quake victims. Due to the quake, some of the housings were damaged and some housings were in bad conditions for living.

Thus, the plan is under way to construct the temporary buildings in which the victims can live safely. After that, the buildings that could minimize the damages in earthquakes would be constructed for the quake victims.

He stressed the need to carry out such tasks in accord with the wishes of the local people. Likewise, it is necessary to broaden the horizon of the people

undertaken step by step or simultaneously. The Union government would spend K 1 billion on earthquake victims from the K 100-billion-natural-disaster fund.

The State, donors and local people should join hands in rebuilding the housings of the local people.

The expenditure should be calculated to the people in detail for construction tasks. If the people wished to construct ready-made buildings, the constructional materials would be bought from abroad.

The President noted that a systematic layout plan would be laid down for construction of hospitals, schools and roads in rebuilding villages.

Debris of damaged buildings should be removed

with the use of heavy machinery, he said.

On arrival at Thabeikkyin, the President and party viewed damaged township police station, departments and housings.

At Thabeikkyin Basic Education High School, the President looked into learning of students at the temporary buildings.

In meeting with the local people, the President said that the local people should consider that lesser casualty in earthquake was better although they faced the strong quake.

The President kept a promise that the people would possess new buildings for the damages of old buildings. So, they should comfort their offspring.

The President went on to say that the reconstruction tasks would be carried out for the quake victims with the assistance of the Union government and well-wishers, and the local people are to join hands with the government in the tasks. The President kept one more promise that the construction tasks would be carried out without moving the town area.

Emphasis would be placed on construction of temporary and permanent housings for the people, especially for monasteries at first.

The President said that he was accompanied by the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services, Union ministers and well-wishers to fulfill necessary requirements.

He acknowledged the Tatmadawmen who immediately undertook rescue and relief works for the

local people after the rocks of earthquake. So, the local people were urged to try hard for re-operating their vocational works.

After that, the President presented one solar-lamp each to every household. The Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services donated CI sheets and bags of cement to the people for construction of housings.

At Thabeikkyin Hospital, he encouraged patients and provided cash assistance.

At Thayettaw Monastery, they paid homage to Secretary of Township Sangha Nayaka Committee Presiding Abbot of the monastery Sayadaw Bhaddanta Jotipala and members of the Sangha and supplicated on plans to be implemented for renovation of religious edifices including monasteries and then donated alms.

The President and party arrived at Sampanago

Village of Thabeikkyin Township and Malei Village of Kanbalu Township and inspected opening of relief camps, learning of students at temporarily buildings and damages of school buildings.

After comforting the local people, they presented solar lamps to them.

During the visit of the President, Defence Services (Army, Navy and Air) families donated 6100 bags of cement, 10000 CI sheets, rice, foodstuffs, blankets, clothes, cash donations worth K 152 million, Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries chickens, cows, and well-wishers Sky Net, Asia World, IGE, Max Myanmar, Shwedaung and IBTC companies K 1200 million.

Director U San Kyu of Mother Construction Co Ltd will repair all the damaged buildings in Sampanago Village.

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Relief items seen at Malei Village in Kanbalu Township.—MNA



## Ministry of Information Myanma Radio and Television Announcement on tender scrutiny for 8 Camera OB Vans, 5 Camera Flyaway Video Kits to be used in XXVII SEA Games

- As the Procurement Committee of the Ministry of Information invited the open tender on 1-8-2012 to buy 8 Camera OB Vans, 5 Camera Flyaway Video Kits to be used in the XXVII SEA Games, 11 companies submitted tenders. They were as follows:-
  - Ntegrator Private Limited
  - Nexus (J&S Telecom International Limited)
  - Secure Network (Datacom System International Private Limited)
  - China Digital Video (Beijing) Co. Ltd (CDV)
  - Broadcast Technology Limited (BTL)
  - Red Link (Nextier Global Communication Private Limited)
  - TMW Enterprise Ltd
  - Digital Solution and Service Co Ltd (D2S)
  - BE Holding Private Ltd
  - Myanmar World Distribution Co Ltd (MWD)
  - Mega Link Trading Co Ltd
- The committee led by the director-general of Myanma Radio and Television met those companies from 13-10-2012 to 26-10-2012 one by one to check whether they meet technical specifications and then compiled the technological findings and reviews.
- Moreover, proposals of each company were sent to the France-based TV technological expert firm in code numbers to be fair in compiling the technological findings and then, remarks of the firm were sought.
- Based on technological findings of MRTV and that of technological experts abroad, the Tender Scrutiny Board led by two deputy ministers inspected the companies on 7-11-2012 and 8-11-2012.
- In so doing, the board ran the following work processes and
  - met all companies simultaneously and clarified rules of tender
  - carried out assessment for the first time
  - carried out assessment for the second time and chose the tender winner
- In undertaking the assessment for the first time, the board met each company and sought the technological requirements of their equipment and lowest possible price. After that, the Tender Scrutiny Board chose the companies to be inspected as follows:-
  - guarantee of companies and technological experiences in TV broadcasting
  - whether use of camera types and technologies are in conformity with departmental requirements and whether staff members have technological experiences
  - availability of training and after sale service
  - technological assessment of MRTV and findings on technological assessment that of foreign experts
  - whether there is adequate budget for purchasing equipment based on proposed price
- According to the first time assessment, seven companies that did not meet the demands of the MRTV at prices and technologies were left, and following four companies were scrutinized for the second time. These companies were:-
  - Broadcast Technology Limited (BTL)
  - TMW Enterprise Ltd
  - Digital Solution and Service Co Ltd (D2S)
  - BE Holding Private Ltd
- After the second assessment, TMW Company that proposes the least price and is in line with technological requirement was tentatively chosen. The prices proposed by TMW Company was as follows:-
 

(a) 8 Camera OB Vans (1 Set)	USD 2,930,000
(b) 5 Camera Flyway Video Kits (1 Set)	USD 900,000
- If eleven companies that had submitted tenders can propose the lesser prices for 8 Camera OB Van, 5 Camera Flyaway Video Kit than that of TMW Company in accord with the Technical Specification, Standards and Request for Proposal, they may submit proposals to the Procurement Committee, Ministry of Information, Office No. 7, Nay Pyi Taw, not later than 30-11-2012. These companies are to arrive at Ministry of Information, Office No. 7, Nay Pyi Taw, at 0900 hr on 3-12-2013 for tender selection.

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## South Korea says IEA wants its nuclear sector to be more transparent

SEOUL, 24 Nov—The International Energy Agency (IEA) wants South Korea to bring more transparency to its nuclear power sector and strengthen the independence

of regulators to increase trust in the safety of its plants, the economy ministry said on Friday.

The agency, which advises industrialized na-

tions and represents 28 oil importing countries, was due later on Friday to unveil a report on South Korea's energy policies for the first time since 2006.—Reuters

## Mursi draws fire with new Egypt decree

CAIRO, 24 Nov—Egyptian President Mohamed Mursi triggered controversy on Thursday by issuing a decree likely to lead to retrials of Hosni Mubarak and his aides but which was compared to the ousted leader's autocratic ways.

As well as ordering retrials for Mubarak-era officials responsible for violence during the uprising against his rule, the decree shielded from legal challenge an Islamist-dominated assembly writing Egypt's new constitution.

It gave the same protection to the upper house of parliament, dominated by Islamists allied to Mursi, and assigned the president new powers that allowed him to sack the Mubarak-era prosecutor general and appoint a new one.

It stated that all decisions taken by Mursi until the election of a new parliament were exempt from legal challenge.



Egypt's President Mohamed Mursi smiles during a meeting with South Korea's presidential envoy and former Foreign Minister Yu Myung-hwan (not in picture) at the presidential palace in Cairo on 8 Oct, 2012.

REUTERS

Presented as a move to "protect the revolution", the decree won immediate praise from Mursi's allies but stoked fears among secular-minded Egyptians that the Muslim Brotherhood and its allies aim to dominate the new Egypt. It seemed likely to deepen the divisions that have plagued the post-Mubarak era.

"These decisions will feed discord in Egyptian

politics and will be far from creating a favourable climate for restoration of economic growth," Mustapha Kamal Al-Sayyid, a professor of political science at Cairo University, said. Leading liberal politician Mohamed ElBaradei, writing on his Twitter account, said Mursi had "usurped all state powers and appointed himself Egypt's new pharaoh".—Reuters

## Mexican president wants to change his country's name ... to Mexico



Mexico's President Felipe Calderon waves to the crowd after presiding for the last time as President over a military parade in celebration of the 102nd anniversary of the Mexican Revolution on Zocalo Square in Mexico City on 20 Nov, 2012.—REUTERS

MEXICO CITY, 24 Nov—Mexican President Felipe Calderon has one non-urgent item pending on his agenda in the dying days of his presidency

— he wants to change his country's name.

Calderon sent a bill to Congress on Thursday to change the constitution to tweak his nation's of-

ficial name from Estados Unidos Mexicanos, or United States of Mexico, to plain old Mexico — as the country is already known the world over. Mexico was given its name of Estados Unidos Mexicanos in the 19th century, when the country's post-revolutionary founders harked to the United States of America as an example of democracy and freedom to follow.

"The name of our country no longer needs to emulate that of other nations," Calderon said. "Forgive me for the expression, but Mexico's name is Mexico."—Reuters



Free Syrian Army fighters pose near a tank after they said they fought and defeated government troops at military base at the town of Atareb near Aleppo on 19 Nov, 2012.—REUTERS



**REGIONAL**

**S Korea's independent presidential candidate bows out of race**

SEOUL, 24 Nov—South Korea's independent presidential candidate Ahn Cheol-soo quit the presidential race on Friday after talks with his liberal rival over merging their campaigns failed to make a breakthrough. "I am giving up my candidacy. Moon Jae-in is now the only candidate (from the liberal camp)," a teary-eyed Ahn told a Press conference, referring to the presidential nominee of the

centre-left main opposition Democratic United Party. Negotiations over fielding a single liberal candidate were meant to prevent vote splitting and shore up the liberal base to defeat the conservative presidential hopeful of the ruling Saenuri Party, Park Geun-hye, the 60-year-old daughter of former South Korean dictator Park Chung-hee. The talks, however, came to a deadlock as the two men

failed to narrow their differences over details of opinion polls that were to decide who would run on the liberal ticket in the 19 December election. Ahn, a 50-year-old software mogul-turned-politician, was widely popular among young and urban voters disenchanted with the political establishment. While he billed himself as a fresh face in politics, some of his plans for political reform, includ-

ing slashing the number of legislators, copped much criticism from academics and political experts. Moon, a 59-year-old former human rights lawyer who served as chief of staff to late President Roh Moo-hyun, said that he is "sorry" for Ahn and his supporters. The current President Lee Myung-bak is constitutionally barred from seeking a second five-year term. *Xinhua*



Photographers take pictures of scenery on Lushan Mountain in east China's Jiangxi Province, on 23 Nov, 2012.—XINHUA

**India awards peace prize to former Brazilian president**

NEW DELHI, 23 Nov—India has awarded its Indira Gandhi Prize for Peace, Disarmament and Development to former Brazilian President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva on Thursday, local media reported on Friday.

President Lula was conferred the prize by Indian President Pranab Mukherjee at a function in the national capital for his "outstanding contribution to the cause of eliminating hunger and promoting inclusive growth in Brazil, for his advocacy of stronger ties among the developing economies and for his signal contribution to the cause of the India-Brazil partnership", the reports said. "In awarding the prize for 2010 to President Lula, we are honouring today an outstanding champion of the developing world. President Lula has been a transformative figure in Brazil. The people of India hold you in high esteem. *Xinhua*



Photo taken on 24 Nov, 2012 shows the explosion site in Shouyang County of Jinzhong City, north China's Shanxi Province. An explosion at a restaurant on Friday evening killed at least eight people and injured another 37. An investigation is conducted to determine the cause of the explosion.—XINHUA

**One cop dead, one civilian wounded as rebels attack N Philippine construction firm**

MANILA, 24 Nov—One policeman died, while a civilian was injured after leftist rebels attacked Friday a construction firm in the northern Philippine province of Aurora.

Lt. Tala Servidad, spokeswoman of the Army's 7th Infantry Division, said New People's Army rebels went to Villa village in Ma. Aurora town and burned a backhoe and a dump truck owned by AP Palacios Construction. The company has been

contracted by the government to build a road that will connect Aurora Province to Metro Manila.

Servidad said the rebels attacked Palacios because the owner refuses to pay the revolutionary tax.

She said that soldiers from the Army's 48th Infantry Battalion and local policemen went to Villa village to secure the company. But they were attacked by rebels, who killed a policeman and wounded the civilian in the area.—*Xinhua*

**Vietnam's yearend NA session decides country's crucial issues**

HANOI, 24 Nov—The 13th National Assembly (NA) of Vietnam closed its fourth session in capital Hanoi on Friday after deciding a number of the country's crucial issues. During the one-month session, law-makers have passed nine laws and two resolutions, among those requiring the top leaders to involve in annual confidence vote from 2013.

Nguyen Sinh Hung, NA Chairman said in his closing speech that 2013 is a transitional year for the country to begin a new development phase with new requirements for economic growth and solving social problems.

The pass of the Resolution on holding vote of confidence is an important change in the national political life, bringing the people's mastery to a higher level and encouraging officials to try harder in fulfilling their tasks as well as help competent agencies improve efficiency of activities of the State machinery, Hung said. The NA Chairman also required officials at all levels to be fully aware of the responsibility in carrying out the vote of confidence effectively. With 95.1 percent of approval, NA deputies have approved a framework allowing delegates

to express "high confidence," "confidence" or "low confidence" in the officials from President, Prime Minister to Supreme Court Judge and Chief State Auditor.

Members of people's councils will also be allowed to apply a vote of confidence for positions including Chairman of the People's Council and Chairman of the People's Committee, according to the Resolution.

Two consecutive annual "low confidence" rating from more than half of the legislature will trigger a no-confidence vote. Officials who receive votes of no confidence at this stage will be asked to stand down from their posts. Also on Friday, deputies agreed on the Resolution on people's opinions on the draft amendment of the Constitution in 1992. One hundred percent of deputies shared the view

that amending and supplementing the 1992 Constitution is crucial for the entire Party and people to fortify a political-legal foundation to serve the nation in the new development stage.

The amendments and supplements will be made public to garner people's comments from 2 January, 2013 and tabled for approval by the NA by the end of the year. Apart from the Resolution on conducting vote of confidence and on people's opinions on the draft amendment of the Constitution in 1992, Vietnamese law-makers have also approved nine laws including Law on State Reserve, Law on the Capital City and Law on Anti-corruption (amended), Law on Land (amended), and gave opinions to six draft other laws to ensure that they keep abreast with reality. *Xinhua*



Scholars study Palm-Leaf Manuscripts of Buddhist Sutras in Lhasa, capital of southwest China's Tibet Autonomous Region, on 21 Nov, 2012. The palm-leaf manuscripts of Buddhist sutras have been well preserved in China. Palm-Leaf sutras refer to the Buddhist classics inscribed on the leaves of palm trees. The practice originated in India and was introduced into China more than 1,000 years ago during the Tang Dynasty (618-907).—XINHUA

**Four released Chinese citizens fly back to China**

BOGOTA, 24 Nov—Four Chinese hostages recently released in Colombia fled back to China on Friday to

reunite with their families after 17 months of captivity. Without any statement to the press, the three Chinese oil

company engineers and their translator looked excited before boarding the Air France AF423 flight, which left Bogota around 6:30 pm (1030 GMT).

The Chinese citizens were abducted on 8 June, 2011 in southern Colombia and turned over Wednesday night to the International Committee of the Red Cross by "unidentified men" in civilian clothes. The Colombian government said the rebel Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC) was behind the kidnapping.

Chinese Ambassador to Colombia Wang Xiaoyuan came to see them off at the airport and told *Xinhua* that

the Chinese government is very pleased with their return. "We are very happy to see the return of the four Chinese to China.

The medical examinations went ok except that one of them needs a wheelchair due to a problem on the leg," Wang said. The ambassador thanked the Colombian government, El Dorado airport and immigration authorities for facilitating the return.

"We are grateful to the Colombian government, the airport authorities and the institutions that have offered all facilities to our compatriots for their return to China as soon as possible," Wang said.—*Xinhua*



Two of the four Chinese oil workers who were released by members of the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC) guerrilla group, arrive at El Dorado International Airport, in Bogota, Colombia, on 23 Nov, 2012.—XINHUA



## Catalans face up to economic risks of independence

Spain

MADRID/BARCELONA, 24 Nov—Industrious Catalans widely believe their world-class companies and export-strong economy — almost the size of Portugal's — would be better off without the rest of Spain.

As the region prepares for regional elections that may set it on course for secession, that contention is being tested by a raft of reports into the financial fallout of a split of Europe's fifth biggest economy.

It would take years to happen and businesses themselves are reluctant to discuss the possibility publicly, but privately senior managers say they are deeply concerned at the risk Catalonia could be forced out of the EU, even if it were only for a time.

Other problems relate to the scale of Spain's — and the region's — existing debt problems as well as how much more it may cost banks and companies



Flags of Catalunya (L-R), Spain and EU wave near Barcelona on 15 Nov, 2012.

REUTERS

to find funding outside the euro zone. "Economists are taking part in a war of statistics," said Pere Puig Bastard, economist at Spain's ESADE business and law school.

"From an economic standpoint, it's impossible to establish the impact of how long we would live in legal limbo and it's a bad time to be hitting investments."

A growing number of the northern region's 7.5

million people want to break away from Spain as a recession fosters frustration over a tax structure by which Catalonia pays an estimated 16 billion more to Madrid than it receives in return.

Sunday's regional election is expected to re-elect the conservative Convergence and Union party, whose leader Artur Mas pledges to hold a referendum on independence.

Reuters

## Holiday shopping marathon starts as consumer sentiment shaky

US

NEW YORK, 24 Nov—Add this to the list of things some people are thankful for: stores open on Thanksgiving Day. That's how Janet Guerrero, 24, felt when shopping on Thursday afternoon at a Wal-Mart in Westbury, Long Island, because she had nothing to wear to dinner. "It's an emergency," she said.

This year, Target Corp has joined Wal-Mart and Gap Inc in being open at least part of the day, and some retailers will be open throughout the day, a trend that began to take hold in 2011.

Walmart's US discount stores, which have been open on Thanksgiving Day since 1988, will offer some "Black Friday" deals at 8 pm local time and special deals on some electronics at 10 pm. Target has moved its opening from midnight to 9 pm on Thursday and Toys R Us is opening at 8 pm.

"It's a recognition that retailers need to be more

aggressive and want to show their physical stores are important," Moody's senior analyst Charles O'Shea said.

While he didn't see enormous crowds out in Vauxhall, New Jersey, he did see about 15 people lined up already at a Best Buy, which opens at midnight. At a Target in Westbury, only two lone shoppers were in line for a 9 pm opening. Still, for retailers, any crowd could make the effort worth it.

"It's a finite pie—if you can get a bit more by being open, then do it," O'Shea said. Other retailers, such as JCPenney Co Inc, are holding out and will not open until Friday morning, so shoppers

trying to get all the deals will need a lot of stamina.

"The retailers are taking what was a very plannable sport that was four or five hours where you can get things done and turned it into a marathon," Trutina Financial Chief Investment Officer Patty Edwards said. "I think the retailers have diluted the sport." Even some higher-end retailers had select stores open on Thursday.

But crowds were thin at the flagship Lord & Taylor on 5th Avenue, where workers voluntarily signed up for holiday shifts for an extra compensation day and holiday pay.—Reuters



Customers shop at Macy's department store in New York on 25 Nov, 2011. —REUTERS

## New Zealand aims for stronger Latin American ties as Pacific Alliance observer

New Zealand

WELLINGTON, 24 Nov—New Zealand is hoping to strengthen ties with the Latin America after being given observer status to the Pacific Alliance group, which aims for free trade and economic integration with a focus on the Asia-Pacific region.

New Zealand valued its engagement with the "like-minded" nations of the Pacific Alliance, which comprises Mexico, Chile, Colombia and Peru, Trade Minister Tim Groser said in a statement on Friday.

"Intensifying our

relationship with them via the Pacific Alliance provides real opportunities for New Zealand trade with the region," said Groser.

The Pacific Alliance was formed in April 2011, with the aim of facilitating regional economic integration in a way that complemented existing bilateral agreements between members.

The grouping brought together a population of 215 million and combined GDP of more than 2 trillion US dollars. Together Mexico, Chile, Colombia and Peru

accounted for 35 percent of the GDP of Latin America and the Caribbean, and represented more than half of the region's trade.

New Zealand already worked closely with Mexico, Chile and Peru in the context of the Trans-Pacific Partnership free trade negotiations and Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC), and shared with all members the goal of Asia-Pacific economic integration.

"Observer status offers New Zealand an additional strand to our already

warm and comprehensive relationships with each Pacific Alliance member," said Groser.

"As an observer, New Zealand will be better placed to build our existing relationships, and to share experiences and learning on integration within the Asia-Pacific region." New Zealand joins Australia, Canada, Spain and Uruguay as observer states, along with Costa Rica and Panama, two countries that are candidates to become full Pacific Alliance members.—Xinhua

## Price of milk makes Greeks' blood boil

ORCHOMENOS, 24 Nov—To understand why milk costs more in Greek shops than anywhere else in the European Union, Stathis Aravanis's farm is a good place to start.

Tall elm trees screen the 4 hectares (10 acres) of land that Aravanis farms outside the small town of Orchomenos in central Greece, not far from the ancient city of Thebes. The silence is broken only by the sound of grazing cattle and a passing tractor.

Each day 200 or so cows produce 5.5 tonnes of milk that he has been selling to Delta, a division of food conglomerate Vivartia, since 1990. Delta, which collects

the milk every two days, pays him 45 euro cents a litre.

That is in line with the average farm-gate price in Greece of 44.79 cents, according to Eurostat, the EU's statistics office. Only in Finland, Malta and Cyprus is the price higher.

Aravanis said his running costs made it impossible to produce more cheaply.

His farm is too small for him to grow fodder for his total herd of 440 animals, so he has to buy in clover, maize, oats, hay and soya, which is imported from the United States.

"If the price fell to 40 cents none of us would be able to survive. We are barely getting by at these prices,"



A cow is seen inside an area where the animals are milked at a farm in Orchomenos village, some 140Km (86 miles) north of Athens on 20 Nov, 2012.—REUTERS

he said.

Aravanis reserves his harshest criticism for government bureaucrats, who he says make it hard for farmers to obtain land permits to expand and reap economies of scale. "It's not as if cows are going to

be grazing in their living room," he said.

George Kefalas, who produces milk on a family farm near the northern city of Thessaloniki, said it can take two or three years to get an operating licence.

Reuters

## Philippine police to shift strategy for hunting 92 Maguindanao massacre fugitives

Philippines

MANILA, 24 Nov—The Philippine police will shift its strategy for running after the remaining 92 Maguindanao massacre suspects as the country commemorated on Friday the third year anniversary of the gruesome killings of 58 people, mostly journalists, the police Criminal Investigation and Detection Group (CIDG) said.

CIDG chief Police Director Samuel Pagdilao Jr said on Thursday that the Special Investigation Task Group (SITG) "Maguindanao" will focus on operational research by reviewing the identities and personal profiles of the 92 suspects who are still at large, and if necessary to purge the list in order to come up with a logical approach in accounting for the remaining suspects.

The shifting of strategy came in the wake of several incidents of mistaken arrest where CIDG operatives have nabbed the wrong person whose name is similar to

those who are in the list of wanted persons in the Maguindanao massacre case, he said.

Pagdilao ordered SITG Maguindanao chief, Police Senior Superintendent Keith Ernal Singian to initiate the conduct of operational research.

"Recent progress in the arrest of the remaining suspects has hit a snag with fictitious and similarity of names and aliases of the suspects, lack of identifying documents, birth certificate and photos made it difficult for CIDG operatives to implement the arrest warrants," he said.

Pagdilao expressed hope that the MILF as well as the local government leaders like Maguindanao Governor Esmel Mangundatu can help the CIDG in the conduct of operational research in order to come up with an updated list and true personalities of the remaining suspects that are subject of warrants of arrest.

Xinhua



ENTERTAINMENT

## Shah Rukh Khan scared of daughter Suhana

MUMBAI, 24 Nov — If there is someone that superstar Shah Rukh Khan is scared of, it is his 12-year-old daughter Suhana. The actor says he often bows down to the whims and fancies of his little angel.

“I never feel bad about any scolding that I get from kids. Even my kids at home keep scolding me. I feel bad when I break rules in India and my elders scold me. But at home, if I stay up really late at night or do a

couple of things which irritates them, my daughter Suhana scolds me a lot and quite loudly at that,” Shah Rukh said on the TV show, India’s Prime Icon.

The actor finds it scary because though she is the youngest, she has a strong voice. “It is kind of scary because she is quite little, but her voice is very powerful when she is scolding me,” he added. The actor, who is married to Gauri Khan, also has a son named Aryan. He is 15.— PTI

*The actor finds it scary because though she is the youngest, she has a strong voice. (This image was posted by Shah Rukh Khan on Twitter) —PTI*



## Katrina Kaif will accept awards for Salman Khan, but only for cash



*Katrina Kaif proclaimed that she would have done it provided she got a certain per cent of commission from Salman Khan’s pay for the movie.— PTI*

MUMBAI, 24 Nov — According to reports, Salman Khan was unavailable to receive his award at the People’s Choice awards event recently.

So host Ayushmann Khurrana requested Katrina Kaif (who was in the present in the audience) to receive it on his behalf—as she was the leading lady of

the movie Ek Tha Tiger. When everyone sitting there thought Katrina Kaif would be more than happy to receive the award on behalf her co-actor; she declined the offer.

Katrina Kaif proclaimed that she would have done it provided she got a certain per cent of commission from Salman Khan’s pay for the movie.

She did not just leave Ayushmann Khurrana dumbstruck, but also managed to get a smile on the face of the audience.

Looks like the lady has learnt a lot more from Salman Khan, by putting away something she wouldn’t want to do with a smile on her face. — PTI

## Taylor Swift moving to London to be near new boyfriend

NEW DELHI, 24 Nov — Singer Taylor Swift has reportedly begun house-hunting in the UK and is ideally looking for a place close to the £3 million home in the Primrose Hill area of the city which the One Direction hunk Harry Styles — who she has been romantically linked with since splitting from Conor Kennedy — bought earlier this year.

A source told LOOK magazine: “Taylor says the reason things fizzled out between them last time was because they had no time together.” I’m sure their recent contact is behind her sudden enthusiasm to buy in London.

She says they’ll be

able to pick up where they left off. She has even asked Harry if he’ll look at some places with her, since he knows the area.”

However, insiders be-

lieve that Harry, 18, won’t be too impressed with her plan.

The source added: “I’m not sure how Harry will cope if Taylor does

move in down the road.” If Taylor does buy a London house to be near Harry, it won’t be the first time she has let love influence her property purchases.

In August, the We Are Never Ever Getting Back Together hitmaker bought a \$4.9 million 13-room property in Hyannis Port, Massachusetts after spending time in the area with Conor, 18, and the property is across the street from his grandmother’s home. Additionally, the country singer bought a home in Nashville for \$2.5 million in 2011. She also owns a huge penthouse apartment in the city, as well as a \$3.3 million home in Beverly Hills.

PTI



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*In the film, Prabhu plays a dance teacher from Chennai.— PTI*

## No dubbing artist for Prabhu Deva in ABCD—AnyBody Can Dance

MUMBAI, 24 Nov — Actor-filmmaker Prabhu Deva has dubbed in his own voice for upcoming Hindi film ABCD—AnyBody Can Dance and the makers call it an USP of the movie.

“Prabhu’s voice is being kept and there is no dubbing for him,” Rucha Pathak, senior creative director, Studios, Disney UTV, said in a statement.

“In the film, Prabhu

plays a dance teacher from Chennai who battles all odds to try and rise above and dazzle the world with his vision, dance and philosophy. So, his voice is an added USP in the film,” added Pathak.

The dance-based movie, directed by choreographer Remo D’Souza and produced by UTV Spot Boy, will release in February.— PTI

## Ang Lee talks about risks, spirituality of “Life of Pi”

NEW YORK, 24 Nov — Gay cowboy drama “Brokeback Mountain” may have been considered a risky film to make, but director Ang Lee said his new movie, “Life of Pi,” a 3D exploration of faith about a boy stranded on a boat with a Bengal tiger, is his riskiest yet.

The film, which was released in US theaters this week, is adapted from Yann Martel’s best-selling novel of the same name and was

once considered impossible to make.

Oscar-winning Taiwanese director Lee, 58, took on the laborious task of using computer-generated imagery to bring the sensational plot to the big screen, taking a year and a half just to edit the film together.

The director talked to Reuters about the film’s themes, technical barriers and casting an unknown actor in the lead. — Reuters

## Halle Berry’s ex headed to court after Thanksgiving brawl

LOS ANGELES, 24 Nov — The father of Halle Berry’s daughter is headed to court after he was arrested following a fistfight with her fiancé outside the Oscar winning actress’ Los Angeles home on Thanksgiving, police said.

Canadian model Gabriel Aubry, 37, was later released on \$20,000 bail after being charged with misdemeanor battery following the punch-up with Berry’s fiancé, French actor Olivier Martinez, 46, in the driveway of her house on Thursday.

The altercation occurred during a custodial hand-off involving Berry’s 4-year-old daughter with Aubry, Nahla, according to Los Angeles police officer

Julie Boyer.

Following the scuffle, Aubry and Martinez were both taken to Cedars-Sinai Medical Centre with “non-life-threatening injuries,” Boyer said.

Aubry is due to appear in court on 13 December. Berry, 46, who won a best actress Oscar for her role in 2001 film “Monster’s Ball,” has been embroiled in a bitter custody battle with Aubry since they broke up in April 2010. Earlier this month, a judge denied Berry’s request to move to France with Nahla.

Berry and Martinez met while filming the movie “Dark Tide.” They announced their engagement in March. A judge has since issued an emergency

protective order requiring Aubry to stay at least 100 yards (meters) from Berry,

their daughter and Martinez, according to celebrity website, TMZ.com.— Reuters



*Actress Halle Berry and model Gabriel Aubry pose as they arrive at the 2009 Vanity Fair Oscar Party in West Hollywood, California, in this 22 Feb, 2009 file photo. The father of Halle Berry’s daughter is headed to court after he was arrested following a fistfight with her fiancé outside the Oscar winning actress’ Los Angeles home on Thanksgiving, police said. — REUTERS*



## Ghana's Ayew shortlisted for African player

Soccer

of the year award



Ghanaian international Andre Ayew

ACCRA, 24 Nov—The Confederation of African Football (CAF) on Friday named Ghanaian international Andre Ayew among other players to contest the African Footballer of the Year 2012 Award.

The 22-year-old son of Ghana's soccer maestro Abedi Ayew Pele, together with reigning player of the

year Yaya Toure, Didier Drogba, Alexander Song and Demba Ba, will be vying for the award to be decided at an Awards Gala to be held at the Banquet Hall of the State House here on 20 December.

The best player of 2012 and the winners in other award categories will also be revealed at the televised

gala in Accra. Ayew, who plays for French Ligue 1 side Marseille, was the runner-up in last year's award. The main objective of the award is to honour African men and women who have excelled and also contributed to the development of the game of football in and outside the African continent.

The other categories for which winners will be announced include National Team of the Year, Women's Footballer of the Year, Women's National Team of the Year, Club of the Year, Most Promising Talent of the Year, Coach of the Year, Referee of the Year, Legend Award, Fair Play Award, Platinum Award as well as Africa Finest XI.

Xinhua

## Arsenal extends shirt sponsorship with Emirates



LONDON, 24 Nov — Arsenal has extended their shirt sponsorship deal with international airline Emirates for five years and 150 million pounds.

The company's logo will appear on the Gunners' shirts until the end of the 2018/2019 season.

Emirates began their partnership with Arsenal in 2004 when the airline secured naming rights to the stadium until 2021 and a shirt sponsorship that began in the 2006/07 season.—Xinhua

## Little league gets set to throw Canada's biggest bash

TORONTO, 24 Nov — Ice hockey may be Canada's national obsession but for 100 years the Grey Cup has thrown a massive party, a gridiron celebration that unites a country often divided by language and cultural sensibilities. The Grey Cup, the name of the Canadian Football League's (CFL) championship game and the trophy awarded to the winner, will be carried onto the Rogers Centre turf by Royal Canadian Mounted Police on Sunday and hoisted high by either the host Toronto Argonauts or the Calgary Stampeders.

The game will be broadcast in 187 countries but with just eight CFL teams spread across the country, the league maintains a folksy, small-town charm. Unlike the Super Bowl's media day where National Football League (NFL) players are instantly recognizable to the throngs of reporters, the CFL's lower-key version requires

members from the competing teams to wear name tags. Still, millions of Canadians gather around televisions each year in late November to watch and cheer a game where many could not even name a single player.

Even Queen Elizabeth took a moment to observe this year's game, which marks the 100th Grey Cup. "It is with great pleasure that I extend my sincere best wishes to all Canadians as they prepare to mark

the 100th Grey Cup — a trophy first donated by The Earl of Grey," she said in a statement. "In this way, the link between the Canadian Crown and Canadian football is particularly meaningful — especially in this year when the 100th Grey Cup coincides with my Diamond Jubilee as Queen of Canada."

Sometimes referred to as the Grand National Drunk, most fans are guaranteed a fun weekend but the Grey Cup has also



Toronto Argonauts players are interviewed on the field behind the Grey Cup logo during practice ahead of the 100th Grey Cup CFL football game in Toronto on 23 Nov, 2012.—REUTERS

## Age-conscious Bolt feels need for speed in 2013

BARCELONA, 24 Nov — Conscious that he is not getting any younger, Usain Bolt will be focusing on pure speed next year after retaining his Olympic 100 and 200 metres titles in London.

The charismatic Jamaican, who turns 27 in August, holds the world records in both sprints and will be looking to better those marks, set at the world championship in Ber-

lin in 2009, during 2013, he told Reuters Television on Friday.

"It's all about speed this year, trying to see how fast as I can go," he said in an interview in Barcelona, where he is attending the IAAF centenary celebrations. "I want to see what I can do," he added. "I'm getting older so I should try to go as fast as I possibly can now. "So I think that will be the main focus

as long as everything goes smooth as we want it to, no injuries and stuff, it should be a good season."

Bolt has said he wants to keep seeking fresh challenges after becoming the first man to retain both the 100 and 200 Olympic crowns, including possibly running the 400 metres or even competing in long jump. However, he ruled out the latter on Friday, saying his coach had warned him about the risk of injury.

"I have discussed it with my coach (Glen Mills) and he has explained to me that the majority of the time with long jumpers, it messes with your knees," Bolt said. "If you want to try long jump it's kind of hard because then you could pick up some knee problems and then you never know, it might be a career threatening injury." So for me I think I'll just avoid long jump and think about something else."—Reuters



Jamaica's double Olympic champion sprinter Usain Bolt strikes a pose while inaugurating a Puma store in Barcelona on 23 Nov, 2012.—REUTERS

## Kobayashi sets up website to try and raise F1 funds

SAO PAULO, 24 Nov — Kamui Kobayashi, Japan's only current Formula One driver, is hoping a website campaign can help raise the funds to keep him on the

starting grid next season after being dropped by the Sauber team. Speaking to reporters at the season-ending Brazilian Grand Prix on Friday after Sauber announced Mexican Esteban Gutierrez would be taking his place in 2013, Kobayashi did his best to sound confident.

"We see I think still some seats that are available so we try to get a seat," he said. "If we can find

son of sushi restaurant owner, who arrived in Formula One with Toyota support but no other backing and joined Sauber when the carmaker pulled out at the end of 2009.

"For Sauber it is my last race but for myself I think it is different. "Everybody looks really worried but I don't really worry at the moment, I try to work hard to get sponsors and



Sauber Formula One driver Kamui Kobayashi of Japan gets ready for the first practice session of the Indian F1 Grand Prix at the Buddh International Circuit in Greater Noida, on the outskirts of New Delhi, on 26 Oct, 2012.—REUTERS

some sponsors I think it is easier." Kobayashi said money, or rather his lack of it, was "the main issue for sure" in why Sauber, who have several Mexican sponsors, had opted for Gutierrez alongside Germany's Nico Hulkenberg.

"This is Formula One," shrugged the Japanese, the

find out what's available for next year's seat." Kobayashi, an extrovert over-taker, has huge popularity in Japan after finishing third for Sauber in his home race at Suzuka this season but he has suspected for some time that he would not be kept on at the team.

Reuters



**GENERAL**

**Focus Myanmar TV Programme**

**MYANMAR INTERNATIONAL**

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- 7:25 am**
3. To Be Healthy Exercise
- 7:40 am**
4. Nice & Sweet Song
- 8:00 am**
5. (38) Phyar Mingalars
- 8:25 am**
6. Performance with Song
- 8:30 am**
7. Songs Of Tazaungdaing Festival
- 11:00 am**
8. Martial Song
- 11:15 am**
9. Round Up Of The Week's International News
- 12:25 pm**
10. How It's Works
- 12:50 pm**
11. Myanmar Movies
- 2:30 pm**
12. Joint Performance by State Orchestra & The Radio Myanmar Modern Music Troupe
- 4:05 pm**
13. Musical Programme
- 4:15 pm**
14. Song of National Race
- 4:20 pm**
15. University of Distance Education (TV Lectures) -Second Year (English)
- 4:35 pm**
16. Songs For Upholding National Spirit
- 4:55 pm**
17. Sing & Enjoy
- 6:20 pm**
18. Cartoon Series
- 6:45 pm**
19. Tamyethnar Takwetsar
- 8:00 pm**
20. News
  21. TV Drama Series
  22. New Melody



*Joint Secretary U Maung Maung Gyi of executive committee of Hninzigon Home for the Aged recently accepted K 300,000 donated by Daw Amar Si of BEHS No (2) in Hline Township, Yangon Region.—NLM*

**Vehicle pile-up leaves five dead, two injured in SE China**

**China**

FUZHOU, 24 Nov—Five people have died and two others injured in a pileup involving five vehicles on an expressway in southeast China's Fujian Province, local authorities said.

The accident happened at around 9:15 am when an out-of-control loaded trailer hit four vehicles in Fuding City along the expressway from Shenyang

to Haikou, according to a spokesman with the Fuding City government.

The two injured people were carrying slight injuries and sent to hospital, the spokesman said.

Traffic has resumed on the expressway section, and the cause of the accident is being investigated.

*Xinhua*



*Rescuers work at the scene of a vehicle pileup on the Shenyang-Haikou Expressway in Fuding, southeast China's Fujian Province, on 22 Nov, 2012. Five people have died and two others were injured in a pileup involving five vehicles in the Fuding section of the Shenyang-Haikou Expressway on Thursday morning. The two injured people were carrying slight injuries and sent to hospital. Traffic has resumed on the expressway section, and the cause of the accident is being investigated.*

*XINHUA*

**Donate Blood**

**Asleep in Jesus**  
**Zeya Kyaw Htin U Tin Gyi (Aged 94)**  
**Lieutenant Colonel Retired RDD**  
**Formerly Military Attache to India**  
**Managing Director of Number 3 Mining Enterprise (Retired)**  
 Born Sept 20<sup>th</sup>, 1919 passed away Nov 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2012 at Number 5 Bazaar Road, Bauktaw, Yankin Tsp, beloved husband of Daw Ni Ni, brother of Mrs Olive- Neville Roberts, U San Hla-Daw Kyi Kyi, U Ohn Pe (Daw Khin Soe), U Mya San-Daw Ti Htet, father of U Tin Maung Gyi, Chief Engineer (MIM)-Daw Khin Thanda Lwin, grandfather of Ei Darli Maung and Zayar Maung, and father of Daw Su Su Gyi retired MOGE. At 2 pm Sunday Nov 25 from above residence, the bus will leave to Yay Way Christian Cemetery for entombment. Funeral service will be held at 3 pm of Yay Way Christian Cemetery.

Bereaved Family



*Photo taken on 22 Nov, 2012 shows shattered windows of a building that has been hit by a mortar at the Damascus' neighbourhood of Mazzeh in Syria. Syria's state TV said two mortar shells have hit two buildings, one related to the Transport Ministry, causing material damages and injuring one person. —XINHUA*

**Two killed, six wounded in Afghan violence**

**Afghanistan**

KABUL, 24 Nov—At least two people were killed and six others were wounded in separate roadside bombings and a gunfire attack in Afghanistan on Thursday.

A member of Afghan Intelligence agency named Taj Mohammad was killed in a drive-by shooting at around 5 pm local time in Shindand district in western Herat Province, District police chief, Ghulam Sakhi Housaini, told *Xinhua*, adding the attacker fled the site shortly after the incident.

Separately, a woman was killed and a child was wounded in a roadside bombing targeting a police unit also in Shindand in the province 640 km west of capital city of Kabul, Housanini said, adding no member of the police mobile was harmed in the attack. In addition, five policemen were wounded in a roadside bomb attack in Surkh Rod district in eastern Nangarhar

Province earlier Thursday, a police spokesman in the province 120 km east of Kabul told *Xinhua*.

No group has claimed responsibility for the attacks so far. However, the Taleban militant group, who has been waging an insurgency since its regime was toppled by a US-led invasion in late 2001, was often responsible for such attacks.

*Xinhua*

**France faces twin tasks of ageing nuclear fleet, staff**

PARIS, 24 Nov—An ageing fleet of nuclear power plants and retirement of half of EDF's nuclear staff in the next 5 years are the main challenges the French nuclear safety watchdog is facing and will have to deal with, its new head said on Thursday.

France, the most nuclear-reliant nation in the world, will have to decide in

**Battle lines sharpen in fight over seven-year EU budget**

BRUSSELS, 24 Nov—European Union negotiators are close to securing British and German backing for a deal on nearly a trillion euros of spending over the next seven years, but concessions will be needed to win support from France, Poland and some southern European states.

European Council President Herman Van Rompuy, who is chairing the summit of EU leaders, has to win over London and northern European states furious at a proposed hike in EU spending over 2014-2020 by making deep cuts to the plans.

But in doing so he may have fostered an alliance between France, angry at proposals to cut the farm subsidies it gets from the budget, and countris in east Europe, who receive budget funds to help develop their economies. Spain and Italy could also align with the French position in negotiations.

French President Francois Hollande said on arrival he would stand up for the Common Agricultural

Policy, a long-standing farming subsidy program that gobbles up more than 40 percent of the EU budget and of which France is the biggest beneficiary.

The negotiations, which could go on for two or three days, promise to be hard fought and potentially acrimonious, particularly if France and Britain end up reigniting old animosity over spending.

Failure to strike a deal would add to the impression that EU leaders are unable to take decisive action when needed, after endless rounds of wrangling to resolve the euro zone's long-running debt crisis over the past three years. It would further damage the EU's image with its 500 million citizens.

Polish Prime Minister Donald Tusk said east European countries had teamed up with France and other net budget contributors keen to protect farm funds, including Italy and Spain, to force Van Rompuy to reverse some of his proposed cuts.

*Reuters*



## Administrative matters of education, health committees, commission of Pyithu Hluttaw, Amyotha Hluttaw discussed

NAY PYI TAW, 24 Nov — A coordination meeting on administrative matters of education and health committees and commission of Pyithu Hluttaw and Amyotha Hluttaw was held at Zabuthiri Hall of Hluttaw Building, here, this morning.

It was attended by Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann, chairpersons, secretaries

and members of Pyithu Hluttaw and Amyotha Hluttaw committees and commission, officials of the ministries of the Union government and Hluttaw Office.

First, the Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw spoke on the occasion, and chairpersons, secretaries and members of committees reported on education, health and administrative matters.

Next, those present held discussions, and the meeting came to an end with concluding remarks by the Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker.

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*Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann makes a speech at coordination meeting.—MNA*



## Summary of observations at 09:0 hr MST on 24-11-2012

NAY PYI TAW, 24 Nov — During the past (24) hours, rain or thundershowers have been scattered in Taninthayi Region and Kayin State, isolated in Yangon Region and Mon State and weather has been partly cloudy in the remaining States and Regions. Night temperatures were (3°C) below November average temperature in Southern Shan and Chin States, (3°C) above November average temperature in Mon State and about November average temperatures in the remaining Regions and States. The significant night tempera-

tures were (3°C) in Haka, (6°C) in Loilem, (8°C) each in Pinlaung and Heho. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Kawkareik (1.38) inches and Ye (1.06) inches.

Weather is partly cloudy in the North Bay and partly cloudy to cloudy in the Andaman Sea and elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

Seas will be slight to moderate in Myanmar waters.

Likelihood of continuation of rain or thundershowers in the Southern Myanmar areas.

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## Myanmar tie 1-1 draw with Vietnam in Suzuki Cup opener

BANGKOK, 24 Nov — Vietnam and Myanmar played to a 1-1 draw in the first game of the 2012 Suzuki Cup, Saturday at the Rajamangala Stadium in Thailand. In front of a sparse but noisy crowd, the match was first delayed due to frequent blackouts caused by rain and lightning.

When the game did get started the pitch had suffered a bit and was patchy. Both teams took a while to get into the game and adapt to the conditions before Vietnam opened the scoring through Le Tan Tai's header in the 35th minute.

Vietnam continued to control the game in the first half but couldn't add to their lead. The halftime break came as a welcome relief for Myanmar. Vietnam could have doubled their lead after the break as Nguyen Trong Hoang played a nice one-two and beat his man before picking out a teammate in the area. But he could only flash wide from inside the area. Vietnam came to rue the missed opportunity as a minute later Myanmar sent the ball over the top for Kyi Lin, who proved a handful all day, and he drew a foul from inside the area. Yan

Aung Kyaw stepped up and drove the ball to his left. The goalkeeper got a hand to the penalty but couldn't keep it out and Myanmar drew level. Myanmar countered soon after and with Kyi Lin chasing another ball over the top he almost made them pay as he got one on one with the keeper. Duong Hong Son, in goal for Vietnam, made himself big and managed to block the shot up high, keeping his side in the game.

Kyi Lin had the chances to win the game for Myanmar later but he proved too greedy in the next chance, not passing to the open man on his right, before shooting just wide in the 80th minute.

Vietnam pressed and were relentless in the last few minutes, winning several corners, free-kicks, and trying to break down the Myanmar defence. But it proved too little, too late as they had to settle for a draw.

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## Air New Zealand unveils Hobbit plane



*Air New Zealand reveals a Boeing 777-300ER Aircraft with graphics of the upcoming film The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey to promote its premiere in Auckland, New Zealand, Nov. 24, 2012.—XINHUA*

WELLINGTON, 24 Nov — Air New Zealand on Saturday launched a new Hobbit-themed aircraft in celebration of the much anticipated release of film The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey.

A Boeing 777-300ER now shows an imposing picture of Gandalf and a backdrop of the Peter Jackson film, to premiere in Wellington next week.

It took the team 400

hours to install the graphic at 830 sq meters, the largest ever applied to an aircraft.

The 73-meter Boeing, the longest in the airline's fleet, is now off to London via Los Angeles. It will return in time to play a "starring role" in the global premiere of The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey in Wellington on Wednesday.

Air New Zealand Chief Executive Rob Fyfe said at Auckland Airport on

Saturday that the effort and passion that had gone into the aircraft reflected "a real sense of connection that we have with the magical world of the Lord of the Rings and the Hobbit". The airline has dubbed itself the "Airline of Middle Earth".

He said another Hobbit-inspired Boeing 777 would be unveiled in November next year ahead of the second Hobbit movie.

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