

NAY PYI TAW, 25 Nov—President U Thein Sein who was in Mandalay visited Maha Muni Buddha Image in Mandalay together with Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Vice-Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, Deputy Speaker of the Amyotha Hluttaw U Mya Nyein and Union ministers this morning.

The President and party paid homage to the Buddha

Image and offered flowers, meals, water, light and joss sticks.

They offered gilded robes to the Buddha Image and made cash donation.

They signed visitors' book and viewed round the pagoda.

The President cordially greeted pilgrims and storekeepers who open shops at the stairway of the pagoda.—MNA

Vietnamese President Mr. Truong Tan Sang and wife Madam Mai Thi Hanh to pay state visit to Myanmar

NAY PYI TAW, 26 Nov— At the invitation of His Excellency U Thein Sein, President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, and wife Daw Khin Khin Win, His Excellency Mr. Truong Tan Sang, President of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam, and wife Madam Mai Thi Hanh will pay a state visit to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar in the near future.—MNA

President U Thein Sein visits Maha Muni Buddha Image



President U Thein Sein paying homage to Maha Muni Buddha Image in Mandalay.

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Skytree marks 6 months since opening

TOKYO, 25 Nov— The 634-meter-tall Tokyo Skytree marked on Thursday its six-month anniversary since opening, still drawing more visitors than expected as a new metropolitan tourist spot.

About 3.28 million people had visited Skytree's 350-meter-high observation deck as of Wednesday, while some 27.92 million people had visited Tokyo Skytree Town, a new commercial complex featuring the landmark tower in Tokyo's Sumida Ward.

Tobu Tower Skytree Co. revised upward its annual

estimate of visitors to Skytree Town to 44 million from 32 million.

"We didn't expect many people to visit here on weekdays," said a spokesperson for the Skytree operator.

Meanwhile, Tokyo Skytree is still having trouble transmitting TV signals, which has resulted in poor reception at many households.

Tokyo Skytree was supposed to take over from Tokyo Tower in transmitting TV signals next January, but the switch is expected to be postponed to May.—Kyodo

Chief Minister's Cup Inter-Township Open Men's Football Tournament wraps up

NAY PYI TAW, 25 Nov— The final match and prize giving ceremony of Taninthayi Region Chief Minister's Cup Inter-Township Open Men's Football Tournament took place at Region sports ground on 22 November evening. Taninthayi Region Chief Minister U Myat Ko and officials watched the final match.

At the final match, Dawei Township Team won over Myeik Township Team.

After the final match, region level officials presented awards to best players and second and first prize winning teams, and chief minister championship trophy to Dawei Township football team.

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Tokyo Skytree seen in Tokyo's Sumida Ward on 22 November, since its opening to the public. KYODO

Noteworthy amounts of rainfall (25-11-2012)

Ye	(1.57) inches
Bilin	(0.94) inch
Launglon	(0.87) inch

25-storey Mandalay Zaygyo Condominium project sees 90 per cent completion



MONywa, 25 Nov — In his address at the ceremony to donate cash and kind for quake victims held at the Hluttaw hall, here, on 19 November, Sagaing Region Chief Minister U Tha Aye said that the 6.8 magnitude earthquake and aftershocks caused damage to religious edifices, school buildings, hospitals and houses in the upper parts of Kyaukmyaung Sub-township near the third

FMI to organize internationally-recognized marathon on 27 November 2013

YANGON, 25 Nov — According to the 20th annual general meeting of FMI Co., Ltd, arrangements are being made to organize an internationally-recognized marathon on 27 November 2013.

As a Cooperate Social Responsibility programme, FMI Co., Ltd will conduct the marathon in cooperation with Yangon City Development Committee. Moreover, the company had arranged to organize a Myanmar Library Festival from 1 to 3 February in 2013.

“The marathon will be the very first internationally-recognized one that can bring Yangon fame and benefit. Myanmar will be included in the map of marathons. Myanmar Library Festival will be also an important one”, FMI Co., Ltd Chairman U Thein Wai said.

Rehabilitation tasks in quake-hit areas set to complete within one hundred days

defile of the Ayeyawady. He vowed to put all-out efforts in rehabilitation tasks, bringing about the situation which is better than before in one hundred days. Reno-vation of school buildings would be top on the list of priorities with the use of cash donations by wellwishers, followed by

Most of companies in the FMI Co., Ltd are members of Global Impact Programme that encourage economic institutions to respect human rights and labour standards, to conserve environment and to fight against graft and corruption in the society.— *Kyemon*

MANDALAY, 25 Nov — As Mandalay City is becoming increasingly urbanized, civil development plans are underway in accord with the characteristics of a big city. So far, 90 per cent of construction of 25-storey Mandalay Zaygyo Condominium project has been completed. The project is being developed at a place between 27th and 28th streets and 84th and 86th streets in Chanayethazan Township, Mandalay.

Zaygyo plaza is six-storey high and the remaining 19 out of 25 storeys are apartment floors. Works for availability of electric and water, natural disaster risk and fire preventive measures are being carried out. Now the finishing touches are being put to the building, and works are being stepped up to ensure timely completion of the project.— *Kyemon*

reconstruction of hospitals, houses and office buildings, he added. Collaborative efforts of the locals, donors, regional authorities concerned, Tatmadawmen, and members of police force and fire brigades were being made in accord with the motto: “Replace the earth

Book corners available in Bago

BAGO, 25 Nov — With a view to encouraging the reading habits of local people by Bago District Information and Public Relations Department, two book corners are being kept opened separately in Bago. One is in Bago railway station and the other is in Bago bus terminal.

For widening the

Quake damage of Mingun village in Sagaing

SAGAING, 25 Nov — The 6.8 magnitude earthquake caused damage to religious edifices in Mingun village of Mingun Station in Sagaing Township.

“According to the data collected, a crack appeared on the south-east corner of Pahtodawgyi Pagoda, a ten-foot long and seven-foot wide huge stone fell down on the ground, a pole that supports the Bell tilted to the northern side, concrete crusts of the umbrella of Mya Thein Tan Pagoda fell down on the ground, some parts the statues of lion in the corner of the pagoda were damaged, the foundation of the ground floor of Dhamma Nada Centenary Building had a crack in it, crusts on the ceiling of the cave in the compound of Settawya Pagoda fell down on the ground, an umbrella of Ngapat Pagoda slightly



tilted to the one side and a diamond orb of the pagoda fell down on the ground and a crack appeared on the pagoda’s girth, a diamond orb of Poh Zedi fell down on the ground, an umbrella of Kaunghmudaw Pagoda tilted to the one side and a crack appeared on the

pagoda’s girth”, Mingun village administrator U Thein Nyunt Swe said.

Arrangements are being made to renovate the quake damage with the collaborative efforts of personnel from authorities concerned.

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Vegetable vendors doing a brisk trade in Mandalay

MANDALAY, 25 Nov — As seasonal fruit and vegetables are plenty in some regions of Shan State and Pyin Oo Lwin starting from the early November, they are being transported

regions arrive in the market every evening.

As various kinds of kitchen crops are plenty in the market and sold at falling prices, the market crowded with local people is bustling



to the new kitchen crop market in Mahaaungmye Township, and vendors are doing a lively trade in locally-produced fruit and vegetables.

Fruits and vegetables transported from these

with life from 6 pm to 8 am the next day. About 2000 vendors from Mandalay, Amarapura, Tada U, Kyaukse and Sagaing are swarming all over the new kitchen crops market.

Kyemon

Maintenance works on Yangon-Mandalay expressway

NAY PYI TAW, 25 Nov — Deputy Minister for Construction U Soe Tint inspected road works being carried out along Yangon-Mandalay Expressway on 21 November morning.

The deputy minister looked into approach road to conduit which was under repair between mile post Nos (367/3) and

(363/3) near Tagundine roundabout on Panntin-Tagundine road section and maintenance works along the expressway.

On his arrival at Meiktila (Theegon) tollgate between mile post Nos (284/4) and (284/5), he oversaw the collecting of vehicle tolls and running of vehicles. — *Kyemon*



Photo shows chilies scattering on the ground to dry off at a village in Meiktila where chili growers get a good price for their produce.

KYEMON

Donate Blood

WORLD

New corruption scandal rocks Brazilian government

SAO PAULO, 25 Nov—Brazilian President Dilma Rousseff, moving quickly to nip a new scandal in the bud, ordered the dismissal on Saturday of government officials allegedly involved in a bribery ring, including the country's deputy attorney general. Federal police raided government offices in Brasilia and Sao Paulo on Friday and arrested six people for running an influence peddling ring that sold government approvals to businessmen in return for bribes.

Among those under investigation are the former personal secretary of ex-president Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva, Rosemary de Noronha, who has headed the regional office of the presidency in Sao Paulo since 2005.

The bribery scandal erupted on the heels of Brazil's biggest political corruption trial that sentenced some of

Lula's closest aides to prison terms for buying support in Congress for his minority Workers' Party government after taking office in 2003.

Rousseff, Lula's chosen successor, was not affected by the vote-buying scandal and she has built on his popularity by gaining a reputation for not tolerating corruption. But the ruling Workers' Party was rocked by the scandal which tarnished Lula's legacy even though he was not implicated.

The new corruption case could further hurt the standing of Lula, who remains Brazil's most influential politician. Friday's arrests included two brothers who were recommended for positions in the federal government by Lula's former secretary, Noronha: Paulo Rodrigues Vieira, director of the National Water Agency and Rubens Carlos Vieira, director for airport infrastructure

at Brazil's Civil Aviation Agency.

Police accused the brothers of recruiting second-tier government employees who would be open to bribery, while a third brother also under arrest, Marcelo Rodrigues Vieira, contacted businessmen willing to pay for false or

speeded-up approvals. Police have been investigating the bribery ring since 2010 when an official in the government accounting office who was offered \$150,000 for a favourable report got cold feet, returned the money he had been paid and blew the whistle.—Reuters



Brazil's President Dilma Rousseff participates in the ceremony of investiture for the new President and Vice-President of the Supreme Court, ministers Joaquim Barbosa and Ricardo Lewandowski, in Brasilia on 22 Nov, 2012. —REUTERS

African presidents urge Congo rebels to abandon war

GOMA/KAMPALA, 25 Nov—African leaders called on eastern rebels in Democratic Republic of Congo on Saturday to abandon their aim of toppling the government and leave the city of Goma they captured

this week.

The appeal came from heads of state of the central African Great Lakes region who fear that if left unchecked the offensive by the M23 rebels could drag the volatile, ethnically-diverse

and mineral-rich region back into another bloody conflict.

Meeting in the Ugandan capital Kampala, they urged M23 to abandon its threat to overthrow the elected government in Kinshasa and to "stop all war activities and withdraw from Goma".

The rebels responded by saying that the Congolese army was reinforcing in the east in preparation for launching counter-offensives on their positions. "M23 warns the government forces against this new military adventure. We must react with vigour to discourage this new war-like initiative," the movement's political wing said. The regional leaders' plan proposed deploying a joint force at Goma airport comprising of a company

of neutral African troops, a company of the Congolese army (FARDC) and a company of the M23. The leaders told M23 to withdraw from current positions to not less than 20 km (12 miles) from Goma town within two days, but did not say what the consequences would be if the rebels did not comply.

A spokesman for the Congolese army, known as FARDC, said M23 was illegally occupying territory in the east of the vast country and started the conflict. "We'll defend ourselves and let's see what the final result is," Colonel Olivier Hamuli told Reuters by phone from Bukavu, the next major city in the rebels' sights.

The rebels, who say they intend to "liberate" all of Congo, have often accused the government of aggression as a pretext for their own attacks.

The meeting in Kampala brought together Congo's President Joseph Kabila and the heads of state of Uganda, Kenya and Tanzania. But Rwandan President Paul Kagame, who has vehemently denied accusations by Congo and UN experts that his government is supplying, supporting and directing the M23 rebellion, did not attend the summit, although he sent his foreign minister.

Reuters

US dollars, the report said, expecting that more than 1 million tons could be exported this year, the volume which Myanmar achieved before 1956.

MNA/Xinhua



An examinee asks about the way to the examination room of the 2013 civil service exams in Yinchuan, capital of northwest China's Ningxia Hui Autonomous Region, on 25 Nov, 2012. More than 1.5 million people took part in the nationwide exams in China to qualify for about 20,000 state civil service posts on Sunday. —XINHUA

"China an important partner on world level": Spanish minister

MADRID, 25 Nov—"China is an important partner on world level," said Spanish Minister of Industry, Energy and Tourism, Jose Manuel Soria recently at an award ceremony held to recognize the efforts of those who have contributed to relations between Spain and China.

"Thanks to their work, bilateral relations will be increasingly intense and will improve on all levels, year by year," said Soria at the ceremony for the Global Asia prize which took place at Club Financiero de Genova.

He added that next year will see the celebration of the 40th anniversary of relations between the two countries and that Spanish Prime Minister, Mariano Rajoy plans to visit China in the first quarter of 2013.

The eight winners of the prize include Zhu Bangzao, the Chinese ambassador in Spain, who won the

"Diplomatic Prize" and Feng Junwei, chief correspondent of Xinhua News Agency's office in Madrid.

Zhu stressed that "intense and continuous efforts are being carried out in both countries to continue improving bilateral relations."

The Global Asia Awards brought together over 150 business and institutional personalities from Spain, China and Latin America with the aim of building a "bridge of understanding between the Chinese and Spanish speaking worlds."

Global Asia is a group of Spanish businesspeople which is dedicated to serving as a "bridge of knowledge between Asia and the Spanish speaking world." It produces the only Spanish and Chinese bilingual magazine on the market, the *Global Asia Magazine*.

Xinhua

Bangladesh garment factory fire kills 120

DHAKA, 25 Nov—At least 120 people were burnt to death as a fire swept through a garment factory on the outskirts of Bangladesh's capital, the chief of the fire brigade said on Sunday.

The fire at the nine-story factory in the Ashulia industrial belt started on the ground floor late on Saturday and quickly spread, trapping hundreds of workers.

"This morning we have recovered 120 dead bodies and the death toll could rise," Abu Nayeem Mohammad Shahidullah, director general of the fire brigade, told reporters.

Bangladesh has around 4,500 garment factories that

make clothes for brands including Tesco, Wal-Mart, JC Penney, H&M, Marks

& Spencer, Kohl's and Carrefour.

Reuters



A firefighter tries to control a fire at a garment factory in Savar, outskirts of Dhaka on 24 Nov, 2012.

REUTERS

Indonesia proposes to buy more rice from Myanmar

YANGON, 25 Nov—Indonesia has proposed to buy 300,000 tons of rice from Myanmar in addition to the 200,000 tons, local media quoted the Myanmar Rice Industry Association (MRIA) as reporting on Friday.

Indonesia first agreed to buy 200,000 tons, of which 5,000 tons have been exported, said the Weekly Eleven News.

The trading of the 200,000 tons of rice is to be done in a year starting February under a memorandum of understanding (MoU) signed between Myanmar Rice Industry Association (MRIA) and the Perum BU-

LOG) Indonesia National Food and Logistic Agency) in January.

From 2001-2002 to 2005-06, Myanmar exported a substantial amount of rice to the Indonesia market. But after 2005-06, rice export to Indonesia was almost none.

According to statistics, in the nine months' period (April-December) of the fiscal year 2011-12, Myanmar exported only 2,125 tons of rice to Indonesia.

In the first seven months (April-October) of the fiscal year 2012-13, Myanmar exported 706,625 tons of rice to foreign countries, earning 275 million

German expert calls for actions against climate change

Science

BERLIN, 25 Nov—A German expert called for strengthened actions against global warming Friday, days before the United Nations Climate Change Conference in Doha next week. "With the current pledges made by countries and their measures, we are on the course of 3.5 or 4 degrees Celsius warming towards the end of the century," said professor Hans Joachim Schellnhuber, director of Potsdam Institute for Climate Impact Research (PIK).

"We have to avoid that," urged Schellnhuber, who is also the Chairman of German Advisory Council on Global Change, an advisory body for German federal government. "A four-degree-Celsius-increase world would be one of unprecedented heat waves, severe drought, and major floods in many regions,

with serious impacts on ecosystems and associated services," warned a report conducted by PIK and Berlin-based Climate Analytics for the World Bank.

In Copenhagen Climate Change Conference 2009, the target of global warming by 2100 was set at below 2 degrees Celsius, compared with the level in the pre-industrialization time. Representatives from nearly 200 countries will gather at Doha next week for the 18th Conference of Parties to United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change.

"We have technical means for the goal of 2 degrees Celsius, we have probably even the money for doing that, but we do not have the political will so far," said Schellnhuber. At the Climate Change Conference 2011 in Durban, South Africa, parties

agreed to start from 2013 the second commitment period of Kyoto Protocol, the only legally binding treaty for emission reduction currently.

A protocol, another legal instrument or an agreed outcome with legal force under the Convention applicable to all parties, was also decided to be set no later than 2015 and to be implemented from 2020. The following two climate change negotiations this year in Bonn, Germany and Bangkok, Thailand, however, failed to see progress in agreement on climate protection.—Xinhua

Cuba to hold int'l conference on hurricane Sandy, climate change

Science

HAVANA, 25 Nov — Cuba will host an international conference next May to discuss the effects of hurricane Sandy and issues related to climate change, the official news agency Prensa Latina said on Saturday.

The Sixth International Conference on the Comprehensive Management of Coastal Areas will be held next May in the eastern city of Santiago de Cuba, which was most devastated by Sandy late last month, said the report, quoting Dr Ofelia Perez, director of the Centre for Multidisciplinary Studies on Coastal Areas (Cemzoc) of the University of Oriente.

The conference will be "a bright opportunity to study the complex circumstances associated to the course of the devastating cyclone in the region," said Perez.

Mexico postpones approval of large-scale GM corn fields

Science

MEXICO CITY, 25 Nov —A top Mexican government official said on Thursday that the long-awaited but highly controversial approval of genetically modified (GM) corn fields on a commercial scale will drag into next year. Mariano Ruiz, a deputy agriculture secretary, said in an interview that the regulatory approval process won't be finalized under the outgoing government of President

Nokia's imaging head quits to join Tata's Jaguar Land Rover

Tech

HELSINKI, 25 Nov—Nokia's long-time imaging chief Damian Dinning has decided to leave the loss-making cellphone maker at the end of this month, the company said in a statement.

The strong imaging capabilities of the new Lumia smartphone models are a key sales argument for the former market leader, which has been burning through cash while losing share in both high-end smartphones and cheaper handsets.

Nokia's Chief Executive Stephen Elop has replaced most of the top management since he joined in



A corporate logo is displayed at the Nokia flagship store in Helsinki on 29 Sept, 2010.—REUTERS

late 2010 and Dinning is the latest of several executives to leave. Dinning did not want to move to Finland as part of the phonemakers' effort to concentrate opera-

tions and will join Jaguar Land Rover to head innovations in the field of connected cars, he said on Nokia's imaging fan site PureView-club.com.—Reuters

China conducts flight landing on aircraft carrier

Tech

LIAONING AIRCRAFT CARRIER, 25 Nov—China has successfully conducted flight landing on its first aircraft carrier, the Liaoning, naval sources said. A new J-15 fighter jet was used as part of the landing exercise.

After its delivery to the People's Liberation Army (PLA) Navy on 25 September, the aircraft carrier has undergone a series of sailing and technological tests, including the flight of the carrier-borne J-15. Capabilities of the carrier platform and the J-15 have been tested, meeting all

requirements and achieving good compatibility, the PLA Navy said.

Since the carrier entered service, the crew have completed more than 100 training and test programmes. The successful flight landing also marked the debut of the J-15 as China's first generation multi-purpose carrier-borne fighter jet, the PLA Navy said. Designed by and made in China, the J-15 is able to carry multi-type anti-ship, air-to-air and air-to-ground missiles, as well as precision-guided bombs.—Xinhua

This undated photo shows staff members checking a carrier-borne J-15 fighter jet on China's first aircraft carrier, the Liaoning.—XINHUA



Fighting Sandy debris-removal crooks: There's an app for that



A worker removes the debris of a home destroyed by Hurricane Sandy in Union Beach, New Jersey on 20 Nov, 2012.—REUTERS

Tech

NEW YORK, 25 Nov —A devastating storm like Sandy can bring out the crooks-and not just opportunistic looters and burglars. Officials dealing with the destruction in the US Northeast say one of their biggest headaches is debris-removal fraud committed by greedy contractors who inflate their share of the millions in cleanup funds doled out by federal agencies.

But new digital technology created by private companies and municipalities in the wake of Hurricanes Katrina and Irene is making it much easier to stop firms from overcharging by claiming they have trucked away more wreckage than they have.

The new software combats fraud and also streamlines the vexing municipal task of documenting every last dumpster of debris or broken

tree branch to prove to Federal Emergency Management Agency auditors that the money was properly spent.

Ray Iovino learned his lesson after 2011's Hurricane Irene, which caused nearly \$16 billion in economic damage across eight northeastern US states.

As assistant director of the bureau of equipment and inventory for Long Island's Nassau County, Iovino remembered all too well the messy months of paperwork that consumed his office after Irene felled nearly 2,500 trees in his area. "The first thing they asked for were the pictures of every tree that went down in the storm," Iovino said, in reference to FEMA.

County officials, unfamiliar with federal regulations, had simply written down the locations of the trees, which wasn't good enough.—Reuters

ment generally over the importance of having this instrument, and that farmers have the tool of genetically modified organisms," said Ruiz. "But like they say, the devil is in the details," he added. Scientists recognize Mexico as the birthplace of corn, and opponents of GM corn have argued that genetically modified varieties pioneered by companies like Monsanto will contaminate native strains and irrevocably harm the grain's biodiversity.

Ruiz said the govern-

ment still had to designate so-called "centers of origin" where GM corn cultivation will be banned as well as set other safety regulations. Mexico, Latin America's second-biggest economy, plants 7.2 million hectares (17.8 million acres) of corn annually to grow mostly white corn which is used for human consumption, including the country's staple tortillas. Domestic corn production this year will total nearly 22 million tonnes, according to agriculture ministry data.

Reuters

BUSINESS & HEALTH

Spectrum winners will have to pay by

Business

1 December: DoT

NEW DELHI, 25 Nov — Winners of recently held 2G spectrum auction will have to make payment, either in full or at least 33 percent of the due amount, 1 December, the Department of Telecom said today. "... the last date for payment is 1 Dec, 2012. If the payment is not received by the last date, the EMD (earnest money deposit) will be forfeited," DoT said in the notice.

Recently, the government concluded auction of GSM spectrum (1800 MHz band airwaves frequencies) earning a total of Rs. 9,407.64 crore against a minimum potential of Rs. 28,000 crore. As per the auction result, Telenor-promoted Telewings Communications won spectrum in six telecom

circles and will have to pay maximum in the total amount at Rs. 4,018.28 crore, followed by Videocon Telecommunications at Rs. 2,221.44 crore, Idea Cellular Rs. 2,031.31 crore, Vodafone Rs. 1,127.94 crore and Bharti Airtel will have to pay Rs. 8.67 crore.

Vodafone won spectrum in most of the circles. This include Jammu and Kashmir, Assam, Himachal Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh (East), Uttar Pradesh (West), Madhya Pradesh, West Bengal, Haryana, Bihar, Kerala, Orissa, North East, Punjab and Kerala. Idea Cellular deposited the highest EMD of Rs. 1,306.75 crore, followed by Telewings at Rs. 1,096 crore, Videocon Telecommunications Rs. 648 crore, Vodafone Rs. 229 crore and Bharti Airtel Rs.

102.75 crore.

Spectrum winners have been given option to opt for deferred payment under which they can pay 33 percent upfront by 1 December and the rest in installments after two year moratorium. In case these companies opt for deferred payments then Telewings will have to pay Rs. 1,326.03 crore upfront, Videocon Rs. 733.08 crore, Idea Cellular Rs. 670.33 crore, Vodafone Rs. 372.22 crore and Bharti Airtel Rs. 2.86 crore. Government will give option to companies whose licences were cancelled to adjust entry fee (paid for licences in 2008) in the amount they have to pay as per their preference, a DoT official explained.

"They can set-off entire amount from initial set-off payment or from the gross amount they have to pay. Based on their indication, we will re-calculate their installment amount," the official said. Uninor, in which Telenor had majority stake, paid Rs. 1,658 crore for licences in 2008, Videocon (then Datacom) gave around Rs. 1,500 crore and 13 licences of Idea Cellular cost the company Rs. 1,168 crore.

Reuters



Nurses can help improve vaccination rates

Health

NEW YORK, 25 Nov — More elderly and at-risk adults get their flu and pneumonia vaccinations when the shots are coordinated and given by nurses instead of doctors, a new analysis suggests. Researchers linked the changeover to a 44-percent increase in patients' chances of getting a flu shot and a more than doubling of their likelihood of getting vaccinated against pneumonia. Jeffrey Johnson, who worked on the study, said there's been a recent effort to get public health nurses and pharmacists involved in giving vaccines — although policies vary by state in the US. He said shifting responsibility to non-doctors might be especially helpful for people with chronic diseases.

"The family physician has all of the responsibility to look after the patient, and so somebody with diabetes, for example, comes in and their first concern is their blood sugar and their blood pressure and pretty soon, the time for the visit is up," Johnson, from the University of Alberta in Edmonton, Canada, told Reuters Health. "But for a nurse in the primary care

setting, (vaccinations and other preventive care) might be the first thing they're responsible for," he added. "The evidence, we think, clearly shows that shifting the responsibility and the ability to vaccinate to non-physician personnel... That works."

The new analysis is part of research Johnson and his colleagues have been conducting on vaccinations in the elderly and people with chronic diseases — looking at both how effective they are, and how to encourage more people to get them. His research team analyzed 77 studies of the success of financial incentives, patient outreach and other strategies to improve vaccination rates for flu and pneumonia, in particular. The US Centres for Disease Control and Prevention recommends all adults and children get the flu shot every year. Adults older than 65 and those with certain chronic conditions are supposed to get the so-called pneumococcal vaccine, as are young kids.

The researchers found that changing who performs vaccinations — especially putting the job in the hands of trained nurses — was

one of the most successful vaccination-promoting strategies, along with calls and texts to patients reminding them about the shots. But even with the team-change strategy, typically less than half of all eligible people got their vaccines, according to findings published in the *Annals of Family Medicine*. "In the end, the effectiveness of these things is still pretty modest," Johnson said.

Reuters



NEW DELHI, 25 Nov — Finnish technology startup Blaast on Wednesday opened an Android application store hoping to tap into booming demand for affordable

smartphones in Indonesia and other emerging markets. The 2010-founded Blaast has built a platform to distribute apps to mid-range cellphones, enabling carriers

Laughter is the best medicine. Professional performers 'Doctor E.K.' and 'Dr. Mafalda', members of the Red Noses clown doctors perform in the paediatric clinic in Novo Mesto, Slovenia, on 7 Nov, 2012.

REUTERS



Extra prenatal choline doesn't help kids' brains

Health

NEW YORK, 25 Nov — Taking extra choline during pregnancy does not improve babies' language and memory skills, according to a new study. "I think eating the recommended amount of choline, which is just about a half of a gram a day for pregnant women, would probably do you well," Dr Steven Zeisel, the senior author of the study and a professor at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, told Reuters Health. "Going to high levels doesn't always give you improvement."

The results contrast with earlier studies in animals showing that a choline boost in utero improves rodents' performance on memory

tasks. Companies claim that choline pills support "brain health," along with the health of other organs, and sell choline supplements over the counter for about \$9 for 100 250-milligram capsules. Choline is an essential nutrient found in meat, eggs and milk, and during pregnancy and breastfeeding, large amounts of choline are delivered to the baby through the mother. Zeisel said it's possible that the women in the study who didn't take a choline pill were getting enough from their diet.

Earlier studies have found that pregnant women with very low levels of choline in their diet have a

higher chance of delivering a baby with a birth defect report of 25 Sept, 2009). And adults who eat a choline-rich diet perform better on memory tests. To see if adding extra choline during pregnancy can offer any benefits to babies, Zeisel and his colleagues asked 99 pregnant women to take six pills every day, beginning when they were 18 weeks pregnant and continuing until three months after the baby was born.

Fifty of the moms received fake pills containing corn oil, while 49 received pills with 833 milligrams (mg) of phosphatidylcholine, a form of choline.

Reuters

German business regains confidence

Business

BERLIN, 25 Nov — German industry and trade business confidence rose for the first time after six successive months of decline, Munich-based Ifo institute reported on Friday.

Based on a monthly survey of 7,000 firms in manufacturing, construction, wholesaling and retailing, Ifo published its business climate index for November 2012, showing companies were more satisfied with the current situation and less pessimistic about the future.

The index, a transformed

mean of the balances of business current situation and expectations, climbed from 100 in October to 101.4 in November, the first rebound since March 2012.

"The German economy is holding up in the face of the euro crisis," said Ifo President Hans-Werner Sinn.

It was to the surprise of some economists, who had expected the index to decrease again in November to under 100. Earlier on Friday, German Federal Statistical Office (Destatis) confirmed its initial report

that German economy slowed further in the third quarter of 2012, with a quarter-on-quarter growth rate of 0.2 percent, 0.1 percentage point lower than the previous three months.

The index for business satisfaction of current situation increased from 107.2 in October to 108.1, the first gain since June 2012. While the expectation index for the coming six months rose by 2.0 points to 95.2, a slight recovery since March this year.

Xinhua

Finnish app store startup Blaast bets on Android in

Asia

Business

to sell more data packages bundled with free access to applications.

"Android is going to own over 75 percent of smartphone sales in emerging markets," said Blaast Chief Executive Joonas Hjelt.

Blaast said its Android store will launch in Indonesia with No 2 carrier XL Axiata, preinstalled on Sony's new Xperia J smartphone.

So far operators in

Malaysia and Bangladesh have launched Blaast service for basic cellphones.

Google's Android has become the dominant smartphone platform over the last quarters, controlling around 2/3 of smartphone sales globally.

Models costing less than \$200 have boosted Android demand, especially in emerging markets.

Reuters

All artifacts stolen from Ancient Olympia Museum recovered

ATHENS, 25 Nov — Greek police said on Saturday that all the artifacts which had been stolen from the Ancient Olympia Museum in February have been recovered.

Three Greeks were arrested in connection with the case which had shocked Greece and two more were still at large, according to earlier report.

On 17 February this year, masked perpetrators broke into the museum at the birthplace of the Olympic Games, immobilized a female guard and removed from displays some 70 bronze and clay objects, as well as a gold ring of significant value.

On early Saturday policemen detained at a hotel in the nearby port city of Patras

three locals aged 41, 50 and 36 as they were negotiating the sale of the ring, according to a police press release which verified earlier media reports.

The bargaining had started from the sum of 1.5 million euros (1.94 million euros) and had closed at 300,000 euros (389,100 US dollars).

Upon suggestion of the arrested suspects, all the stolen antiquities were found in a bag buried in a rural area in Ancient Olympia. They were later taken to the Museum of Ancient Olympia, where they were registered and verified, police said.

“Today is an extremely important and happy day for the Ministry of Culture and the archeological com-

munity,” Secretary General of the Ministry of Education and Religious Affairs, Culture and Sports, Lina Mendoni said during a press briefing in Athens.

“Despite the most difficult economic backdrop, we do not compromise security, neither protection of our cultural heritage,” Citizen’s Protection Minister Nikos Dendias added, praising the arrest of the robbers and the recovery of the artifacts as a great success.

“Amid a wave of negative publicity and reality for Greece and Greek peoples over the past two years, this is a bright moment. These items are part of our history. Since the robbery, we felt as if a part of our heart was

missing. Now it is back in place,” Maria Panagopoulou, resident of a village near the ancient Stadium of Olympia, told *Xinhua* in a telephone interview. The robbery at the Ancient Olympia Museum had shocked Greeks. It was the first time perpetrators had broken into the museum.

In January, robbers who have still not been traced, had stolen a painting by Spanish artist Pablo Picasso and other valuable artworks from the National Art Gallery in Athens.

The two incidents increased worries that the debt crisis which has hit Greece hard since 2009, has weakened security measures at museums and archeological sites.—*Xinhua*



Photographers take pictures of maple leaves in a botanical garden in Nanjing, capital of east China’s Jiangsu Province, on 24 Nov 2012.

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Alabama shooter kills one sheriff’s deputy, wounds another

NEW YORK, 25 Nov—A man shot and killed one Alabama sheriff’s deputy and critically wounded another when they went to his home near Fairhope on a report that he was acting aggressively toward family members, authorities said on Saturday.

The shooter, Michael Jansen, also was killed in the exchange of gunfire on Friday afternoon, the Baldwin County Sheriff’s Office said in a statement.

Baldwin County Sheriff Huey Mack told reporters that the deputies responded to a report that Jansen had “been confrontational with some family members” and were speaking with him at his home near Fairhope, about 15 miles southeast of Mobile.

“While the deputies were on scene and talking to the individual, the individual produced a handgun and began firing at the deputies,” Mack told reporters. A third deputy



Deputy Scott Ward of the Baldwin County Sheriff’s Office in Alabama is pictured in this undated handout photo obtained by Reuters on 25 Nov 2012.

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at the scene was not wounded. The two deputies suffered multiple gunshot wounds and were taken to USA Medical Centre in Mobile, where Deputy Scott Ward was pronounced dead and the second deputy, who has not been identified, was listed in critical condition, the sheriff’s office said.

Ward served as a sheriff’s

deputy for 15 years. “I’m very proud of him, it’s a big loss,” Mack told reporters. “But he was doing his job and we’ll pull together in a time like this and we’ll honour his memory by carrying on.”

The shooting is being investigated by the Baldwin County Major Crimes Task Force, he said.

Reuters

Italy centre-left picks candidate for next prime minister

ROME, 25 Nov—Italian centre-left voters head to the polls on Sunday to choose the candidate who will be the leading contender to succeed Mario Monti as prime minister after a general election in March.

Opinion surveys show Democratic Party leader Pier Luigi Bersani is front-runner among five candidates, followed by youthful Florence mayor Matteo Renzi, who has vowed to shake up Italy’s political establishment if he is chosen.

Voting booths will be open from 08:00 to 20:00 local time (07:00 GMT to

19:00 GMT) with results due around midnight (23:00 GMT). About 3 million party and non-party voters are expected to take part.

Bersani may fail to secure the 50 percent he needs for a first-round victory, which will mean a second round run-off will be held on 2 December to decide who will lead an alliance that is well ahead in opinion polls for the next election.

In a second round Bersani is likely to pick up the votes of third-placed left-winger Nichi Vendola, the openly gay governor of the southern Puglia region. The



Secretary of the Italian PD (Democratic Party) Pier Luigi Bersani delivers a speech during a political rally with European Socialists in Paris on 17 March 2012

REUTERS

party vote will eliminate a major element of uncertainty in Italian politics ahead of the national poll to choose a successor to Monti’s technocrat government. While the slick and dynamic Renzi, 37, is much more popular across the general population, canny career politician Bersani, 61, is

favoured by party supporters who will decide the primary. Both men reject the idea encouraged by international markets that the respected and sober Monti should return after the vote to continue his economic policies that have so far included unpopular spending cuts, tax rises and labour reform.—*Reuters*

Mauritania’s Abdel Aziz returns home after gunshot treatment

NOUAKCHOTT, 25 Nov—Mauritanian President Mohamed Ould Abdel Aziz returned home on Saturday after more than a month of medical convalescence in France, calming fears concerning the state of his health and uncertainty over who was managing the country in his absence.

Abdel Aziz, an ally of the West in its fight against al-Qaeda in Africa, flew to Paris on 14 October after soldiers opened fire on his unescorted car as he returned to the capital Noakchott from his country residence.

The government and Abdel Aziz himself have said the shooting was accident.

However, many in the coup-prone country had questioned the official version of the shooting. And his delay in returning home after being discharged from hospital last month had also

raised questions about who was really in charge.

Thousands of his supporters, some arriving on camels, awaited his arrival at the airport carrying images of the president and banners welcoming him home.

“I was a bit worried, it’s true. But now we are reassured that this is a man determined to finish the mission that God has given him. And we wish him good luck,” said Mariet Oumar Ndiaye, one of his supporters.

Abdel Aziz greeted government ministers and top military officials on the airport’s tarmac but made no statement. He travelled into

Nouakchott in the back of a roofless car, shaking hands and waving at the crowds that lined the road.

“It was important to come and see the president, because we heard lots of rumors,” said Alassane, a student who traveled to the airport for Abdel Aziz’s arrival.

“The opposition said he was incapable of running the country, that he’s paralysed. That’s why we came here, to make sure,” he said.

Straddling black and Arab Africa on the continent’s west coast, Mauritania, a country of 3.2 million people, has been hit by two coups since 2005.—*Reuters*



Artists from China perform at the opening ceremony of 2012 Abuja Carnival in Abuja, the capital city of Nigeria, on 24 Nov 2012.—XINHUA

LOCAL NEWS

Industry Ministry claims champion in women's volleyball tournament



NAY PYI TAW, 25 Nov— At the meeting hall No 2 of Nay Pyi Taw Sports Training Camp on 23 November, Union Minister for Sports U Tint Hsan delivered a speech at the concluding ceremony of Fitness Center Training Course No 1/2012.

The Union Minister presented completion certificates to the trainees and viewed use of sports gear by the trainees.

The Union Minister also attended the final match and prize presentation ceremony

of the 6th Nay Pyi Taw Inter-Ministry Women's Volleyball Tournament at the Paunglaung Gymnasium where Ministry of Industry beat Ministry of Defence with a 3-2 result.

After the final match, the deputy ministers of the ministries presented first, second and third prizes to the respective teams and winners. The Union Minister awarded the championship shield and duplicate shield to Ministry of Industry team.

Myanmar Alinn



People reading at mobile library in Lawpita model village of Loikaw Township.

Arrival, departure of tourists increase at Heho Airport

HEHO, 25 Nov—The number of arrival and departure of tourists rose at Heho Airport this year than that of last year.

In October 2012, there were 16758 tourists on arrival and 16136 tourists on departure in 579 flights compared with 14155 tourists on arrival and 14071 tourists on departure in 395 flights in last year's October, according to the Department of Civil Aviation.

Six airlines including Myanmar Airways are in operation at Heho Airport daily. In the month of

religious festivals such as Inlay Phaungdaw U Pagoda in Inlay of Shan State (South) and Taunggyi hot-air balloon festival, 22-26 flights on average ply to Heho daily. In monsoon, 101-5 flights run to Heho daily.

Last year, the air-port operated 30-35 flights daily and 17 chartered flights when the arrival of tourists was great.

Most of the tourists who arrive in Heho came from Republic of Korea, People's Republic of China and Thailand including the US, the UK, France, Russia,

Spain, Japan and Canada, totalling 25.

Heho is a focal point for tourists who visit Taunggyi, Inlay, Pindaya and Kalaw, the ideal destinations of the country.



Deputy Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw U Nanda Kyaw Swa back from Germany

YANGON, 25 Nov— At the invitation of Hanns Seidel Foundation of Germany, Deputy Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw U Nanda Kyaw Swa and Pyithu Hluttaw Legal Affairs and Special Cases Assessment Commission Member U Win Thein who attended the meeting on Federalism in Europe, Asia and Beyond held in Welberg Cruz of Barbara State in Germany arrived back here by air this evening.

They were welcomed at the Yangon International Airport by Yangon Region Hluttaw Speaker U Sein Tin Win, Deputy Speaker U Tin Aung and officials from Hluttaw Office.

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Deputy Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw U Nanda Kyaw Swa being welcomed back by officials at the Yangon International Airport.—MNA

Chief Justice of the Union leaves for Japan to cooperate in judicial sector

NAY PYI TAW, 25 Nov— At the invitation of the Ministry of Justice of Japan, Chief Justice of the Union U Tun Tun Oo left here for Japan by flight yesterday evening to cooperate in judicial sector.

The Chief Justice of

the Union and party were seen off at the Yangon International Airport by Yangon Region High Court Chief Justice U Win Swe and judges of Yangon Region High Court. The Chief Justice of the Union was

accompanied by Kachin State High Court Chief Justice U Tu Ja, Yangon High Court Judge Daw Thin Thin Nwe, Director-General U Sein Than of Supreme Court of the Union and officials.

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People in Loikaw plied with public service media

LOIKAW, 25 Nov—With the aim of enabling the local people to have a wide range of knowledge, Loikaw District Information and Public Relations Department opened the mobile library as part of public service media in Lawpita model village of

Mahtawkhu Village-tract in Loikaw Township on 15 November.

In addition, the district department showed off the wall magazine at the hall of the village.

The staff officer of the department explained the

purpose of opening the mobile library, public service media and advantages of reading.

The mobile library is kept open from 9 am to 1 pm daily to disseminate knowledge to the bookworms and students.

Myanmar Alinn

Milk fed to children in Bago

BAGO, 25 Nov—Bago Region Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department and Basic Education Department jointly organized the ceremony to feed milk to students from No 14 Basic Education Primary School in Myothit-A Ward of Bago

on 9 November.

Deputy Director Dr Aung Than Win of the department explained, "feeding milk to school children is a priority. The plan is being implemented with added momentum."

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In October this year, 27 per cent of home-grown tourists and 73 per cent of foreign tourists arrived at Heho Airport.

Department of

Civil Aviation takes responsibilities for smooth landing and taking off of airplanes, navigation tasks, maintenance of airport building and greening tasks.

At the airport, Kanbawza Bank Exchange Counter opens its money exchange counter. Other banks will follow suit.

A tour guide said, "Airport staff give good services to the passengers. But, the better facilities should be provided to the foreign tourists."

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Over 35500 overage vehicles handed over

YANGON, 25 Nov—The vehicle permit issuance section of Yangon Region under Import Branch of Directorate of Trade issued import permits to the entrepreneurs from 1 August to 23 November 2012.

Import permits have been issued for 7598 vehicles including 1350 CC vehicles, Saloons, Hatchbacks, Vans, Wagons, Light Trucks and Trucks. The imported vehicles have valued at US\$ 50.14 million. Yangon Region Directorate of Road Administration so far accepted over 35500 overage vehicles from 19 September 2011 to 21 November 2012.

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Sports trial chooses selected Wushu players

NAY PYI TAW, 25 Nov—The sports trial for selecting Wushu athletes was held at Bahtoo Gymnasium in Mandalay on 23 November.

The selected players are to represent Mandalay Region in the second Inter-Region/State Students Festival in Nay Pyi Taw.

Students from basic education schools, Sports and Physical Education Institute (Mandalay) and Thurein Nann High School participated in the sports trial.

The selected players will be under training at Bahtoo Stadium.—*Myanmar Alinn*

PERSPECTIVES

Monday, 26 November, 2012

Spokespersons

We need a strategy to further promote and strengthen trust between the people and the State, between the people and the important stakeholders, and between the government and important stakeholders.

As trust is the foundation for enhanced cooperation among them, this strategy is a must for every country at present. In consequence, good governance is crucial for winning public trust. In fact, public efficiency, distribution of regional administrative power, bonds of understanding between the government and private organizations and the community organizations, administrative accountability and transparency, crisis management and rehabilitation are the vital parts of today's reforms towards good governance.

As for a government the task of looking into the requirements of the majority is a vital mission towards establishing a modern state. Only then will there be public accepted good governance.

Additionally, good governance supports State power directly. Good governance will help create a caring and sharing society that serves as foundation for mutual trust between the government and the people. From there we will lead towards well-rounded progress. Ours is a people-centred government and its goal is the people-centred development.

Consequently, the role of spokespersons has become vital in today's reforms and it has become inevitable for them to inform the people about the performances and accomplishments of their institutions through the media. These spokespersons on their part will have to provide people with up-to-date and correct information in an interesting and people-friendly way apart from organizing a lively press meet. This process guarantees transparency a part of good governance.

The more important thing here is the respective ministries and organizations must understand well the nature and the vitality of information releasing work and must provide data and facts and material, and human resources assistance for these spokespersons to do their job well.

Educational development...

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As Sagaing University was built under the special programme of the State, he hoped the university to be a best one among universities in Sagaing Region. He called for turning out of students to be good and able persons equipped with good disciplines and patriotic spirit. Not for aiming at getting a degree, it was required to nurture the students to be really educated. He urged teachers to continue their learning to be proficient in their subjects.

With more contacts and engagements with ASEAN countries, ASEAN dialogue partners and global nations including East Asian countries, teachers were to teach students to be good at English and to cultivate them to be ready to join the workplace as soon as they finished their education when factories and industries emerged there, he added. Educational development was a key to national development. Good governance would be originated in schools.

President U Thein Sein calls...

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Mandalay and Sagaing regions, senior military officers, commanders and

Region to inspect the damages and removal of trusses.

The President called for

He called on townsellers to make collaborative efforts for successful realization of the visions of the university.

Then the President viewed round the classrooms. Sagaing University will be put in service on 5 December, and a total of 735 students were admitted to the university.

On his arrival at Yaza-manisula Kaunghmutaw Pagoda, the President paid homage to the Buddha Images in the pagoda and cordially greeted pilgrims and locals.

Sagaing Region Chief Minister U Tha Aye

reported to the President on the diamond orb which tilted to the one side hit by the earthquake on 11 November and progress of repair work.

The President made cash donations for the pagoda and signed in the visitors' book.

Next, the President viewed photos of quake-hit pagodas and damaged religious edifices displayed in the prayer hall of the pagoda.

Then the President and party arrived back in Nay Pyi Taw via Mandalay International Airport.

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The foundation works of the bridge was complete on 31 July, 2011 and construction of upper structure started on

for each damaged kiln for reconstruction. He encouraged them to redouble their efforts without a sense of loss.



President U Thein Sein looks into damages of pottery industry in Kyaukmyaung Sub-township.—MNA

departmental heads visited the construction site of Ayeyawady Bridge (Yadana Theinga) in Kyaukmyaung Sub-township in Sagaing

a focus on durability rather than speed in building the bridge, demanding not to use sub-quality materials and closer inspection of each pier hit by the quake. He called for forming of investigation commission to find out the cause of collapse of trusses, stressing to seek ways to ensure no recurrence of similar cases. He suggested the working hours should not be later than midnight as the work is risky. He urged to put in place trusses on Singu bank and to remove trusses on Kyaukmyaung bank at the same time, with systematic measures to ensure safety. He urged those present to take care of the families of the dead and wounded staff and help the hospitalized ones.

September this year starting from Kyaukmyaung bank.

Some trusses, erection crane and erection towers were damaged in the earthquake which jolted on 11 November, but the piers were not affected.

The President then inspected poultry to be provided by Livestock and Fisheries Ministry to quake victims for regeneration of their livelihood. The ministry has planned to provide 1000 fowls, 190 ducks, 534 swine, 73 cows and 29 milch cows.

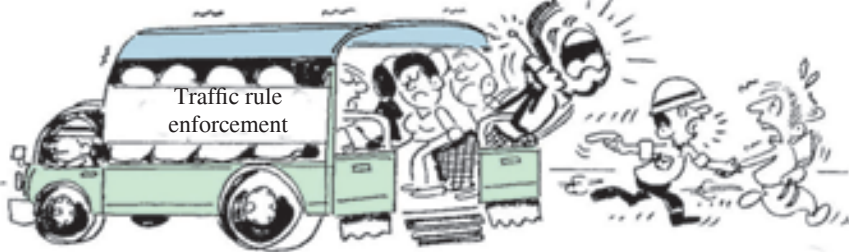
The President comforted local glazed earthen products manufacturers and workers at Han Win Glazed Earthen Products Manufacturing in Nwe Nyein Ward.

The President affirmed to contribute K 1.5 million

The President then inspected the damaged kilns. The earthquake had collapsed 55 out of the 74 kilns in Nwe Nyein Ward.

The President in meeting with quake victims at Kyaukmyaung Sub-township Basic Education High School said though the region had faced an earthquake, there were less casualties and the most hit hard were residences and buildings. He encouraged them to put greater efforts in their works without desperation, saying that it is human who creates material wealth and the new ones will come when the old ones are gone. He said that the government and wellwishers would help them to achieve better status, calling for their (See page 9)

Hello! Darling, I will be late tonight. No, I am not in massage spa. I am nabbed by traffic police' coz I didn't use Zebra crossing.



Cartoon Bahan Aye Min

Good citizens make good nation



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

NAY PYI TAW, 25 Nov— Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw Thura U Shwe Mann called for mutual understanding among national brethren in the interests of respective regions and the nation as he met local national races from Mon and Kayin States today.

The Speaker in meeting with State Hluttaw representatives, townselders, departmental personnel and local national races at Zweekabin Hall in Hpa-an said that he was there to see and hear aspirations and voices of races closely and together with him were chairpersons of Hluttaw committees and Union ministers concerned to immediately fulfill their needs if possible.

National brethren in Kayin State have to lead a hard life and departmental

staff discharging duties there faced the same fate, said the Speaker. The path of thorn had led national brethren into misunderstanding to hold weapons to fight each other, impeding the progress of the region. Today, with the rays of peace within the state, it begins to see development opportunities. Unless and until the armed conflict is ended, there would hardly be progress in ensuring peace and stability in the state, the major aspiration of the locals. The Speaker described collaborative efforts of national brethren with mutual understanding as the most realistic way of fulfilling people's aspirations in a short time.

Though the Hluttaw is featured with diversity, Hluttaw representatives

are working in unity for prosperity of the Union without party attachment, dogmatism and regionalism and there is no such thing as opposition party when it comes to interests of the nation. The Speaker added that he was there to serve better the interests of the people than doing so through debate in parliament. Though it is impossible to meet all the inspirations of the people, utmost efforts will be made for what should be done as priority. He urged them to boldly speak out the requirements for stability and development of the state.

Next, local national people, townselders and state Hluttaw representatives reported requirements for regional development and

discussed ongoing measures for peace and stability within the state.

Pyithu Hluttaw Committee Chairperson U Thein Zaw, Union ministers U Aung Min, Lt-Gen Thein Htay and Lt-Gen Ko Ko responded to the reports and discussions.

The Speaker coordinated essentials and urged local people to speak out boldly and frankly their very aspiration and personnel concerned to take care of their requirements with understanding. Civil servants with family spirit need to make sure local people within their assigned regions enjoy the full rights they deserve. The Speaker stressed that all the national people are responsible for development of own nation,

President U Thein Sein calls...

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cooperation in rehabilitation works.

The President provided rice and oil to quake victims. The Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services, the Amyotha Hluttaw Deputy Speaker, and Union ministers presented CI sheets, cement, blankets, condensed milk powder, note books and cash to them.

Sky Net Co contributed SkyNet receivers, Shwe Taung Co K 155 million, Kanbawza Bank Ltd K 100 million, and CAMCE Co of China which supplies trusses for the bridge K 10 million.

The President then viewed collapsed pagodas

including Shwe None Toe pagoda and paid homage to the Chairman of Sub-township Sangha Nayaka Committee Bhaddanta Pinnobhasa and monks and presented offertories.

The President then inspected collapse of approach road of the bridge on Singu bank. He then encouraged provision of free treatment at quake relief camp in Kule Village in Singu Township. He viewed the condition of partially collapsed Mani Zawtika Monastery, comforted the quake victims and presented relief aids and cash to them.

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saying good citizens make good nation.

The Speaker then cordially greeted those present. The Speaker and party proceeded to Mawlamyine State Hall in Mawlamyine, Mon State where they met local people of Mon State.

The Speaker said they were there to listen to the voices wishes of citizens directly in person though representatives make known the wishes and aspirations of citizens at Hluttaw sessions, urging them to make their wishes known boldly and frankly.

Next, local people, townselders, state Hluttaw representatives and members of political parties discussed and made suggestions for education, health, economic growth and conservation of cultural heritages of the

region.

Pyithu Hluttaw Committee Chairperson U Thein Zaw, Union ministers U Aung Min, Lt-Gen Thein Htay and Lt-Gen Ko Ko discussed future plans for development of the region.

The Speaker coordinated requirements and made concluding remarks.

He then inspected upgraded Strand Road and infrastructural developments in Mawlamyine.

During the Speaker's tour of Kayin and Mon States, some of urgent needs of local national races and requirements for regional development could be somewhat fulfilled and local national people were pleased to learn functions of parliament and efforts of the MPs in the interests of the region and nation.—MNA

Press Release...

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“submitting a report on the action and findings of the Auditor-General of the Union to the President and to the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw at the same time.

4. The following (m) shall be added after Section 11 (n) of the Auditor-General of the Union Law.

“(m) The Auditor-General of the Union if assigned by the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw to inspect the work progress of the functions of Union level organizations, Union ministries, government departments and organizations and Nay Pyi Taw Council, is to inspect and report to the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw.”

3. Regarding the bill, the message on remark of the President was sent back to the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw on 1-11-2012 in accordance with Section 106 (a) of the Constitution.

(The translation of the full text of the message is as follow:-)

“1. The **bill to amend the Auditor-General of the Union Law** to be signed by the President letter was received.

2. The following is the remark of the President regarding the bill.
 - (a) Section 242 (d) of the Constitution states that “The Auditor-General of the Union shall be responsible to the President”. In accord with the provision, Section 8 (a) of the Auditor-General of the Union Law enacted like this.
 - (b) Regarding the amendment to the original provision of Section 11 (a), “submitting a report on an unusual situation regarding the auditing the Union budget accounts”, with

“submitting a report once a year at least and submitting a report on an unusual situation occasionally regarding the auditing the Union budget accounts”, it is not required to amend it because Pyidaungsu Hluttaw can ask about the report if the Auditor-General does not report in the session of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw.

- (c) It is found that the proposal to replace the original provision in Section 11 (j) saying “the Auditor-General of the Union is to report his actions to the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw through the President” with “the Auditor-General of the Union is to report his actions and investigative findings to the President and the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw at the same time” is contrary to the provision in Section 242 (d) of the Constitution. Section 446 of the Constitution clearly states “Existing laws shall remain in force in so far as they are not contrary to this Constitution until and unless they are replaced or amended by the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw.” The amendment proposal is thus contrary to the Constitution.

- (d) It was proposed to supplement paragraph (m) in Section 11 as follows: “the Auditor-General of the Union if assigned by the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw to inspect the work progress of the functions of Union ministries, government departments, government organizations and Nay Pyi Taw Council is to inspect and report to the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw”. Section 446 of the Constitution clearly states “Existing laws shall remain in force in so far as they are not contrary to this Constitution until and unless they are replaced or amended by the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw.” The proposal to supplement is thus contrary to provision in Section 242 (d) of the Constitution.

3. In addition, adherence to provision in Section 11 (a) of the Constitution “The three branches of sovereign power namely, legislative power, executive power and judicial power are separated, to the extent possible, and exert reciprocal control, check and balance among themselves” would make the people recognize that democratic practice is embraced.
4. Therefore, remarks on the bill amending the Auditor-General of the Union sent by Pyidaungsu Hluttaw is sent under Section 106 (a) of the Constitution.
4. It is learnt that the President reckons that the bill should be legitimated in conformity with provisions concerned of the Constitution.

10 regional leaders to meet in Uganda over DR Congo conflict

KAMPALA, 25 Nov— At least 10 heads of state from the Great Lakes Region will convene in the Ugandan capital Kampala on Saturday for crisis talks aimed at ending escalating fighting in eastern Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), a top government official said here on Friday.

Henry Okello Oryem, Uganda's minister of state for international affairs told *Xinhua* by telephone that the leaders under their regional body, International Conference on the Great Lakes Region (ICGLR) will finalize plans for the deployment of a 4,000 strong man neutral international force in eastern DRC, following the fall of Goma, the provincial capital of North Kivu to M23 rebels

on Tuesday.

The ICGLR emergency summit comes barely three days after DRC's President Joseph Kabila, Rwanda's Paul Kagame and Uganda's Yoweri Museveni on Wednesday held crisis talks here aimed at ending the conflict that has forced tens of thousands of DRC people to flee to neighbouring Rwanda and Uganda.

"It will be a short meeting. It will take about four to five hours. The leaders will sit down to assess the recent developments in eastern DRC and take a decision on how to move forward to reverse the situation," said Oryem.

Uganda as the chair of the ICGLR, a body bringing together 11 member countries, has since July been

mediating to help end the fighting.

Museveni, Kabila and Kagame on Wednesday urged the M23 rebels to pull out of Goma, the major city in eastern DRC. The rebels have since rejected the directive.

Fighting in eastern DRC has internally displaced 475,000 people and forced 75,000 others to seek refuge in neighbouring Rwanda and Uganda, according to a recent report by the UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs.

Rwanda on Tuesday called for political dialogue between M23 and the DRC government to end the ongoing conflict in the eastern region of the country.

Xinhua

One Abu Sayyaf member captured in S Philippines

ZAMBOANGA, 25 Nov, —A member of rebel group Abu Sayyaf was captured

by joint security forces during a raid on Friday night at a remote village

of the Southern Philippine City of Zamboanga, local military said Saturday.

According to Captain Alberto Caber, spokesman of army's 1st division, the captured suspect, identified as Walid Amping, is the fifth militant suspect arrested in the recent joint pursuit against the Abu Sayyaf by local police and military in Zamboanga and Basilan Province.

Amping, also known as Alexander Antonio and Tuma, was arrested at Tulongatong, a village located in the west

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A female job seeker looks for vacancies at a job fair held in Yinchuan, capital of northwest China's Ningxia Hui Autonomous Region, on 24 Nov, 2012. The job fair provided 8,500 vacancies and attracted more than 15,000 applicants.—XINHUA

Gas explosion levels building, injures 18 in Springfield, Massachusetts

SPRINGFIELD, 25 Nov— An explosion triggered by a gas leak destroyed a strip club in downtown Springfield, Massachusetts, on Friday, injuring 18 people, although none seriously, authorities said.

Springfield Mayor Domenic Sarno said the building, a Scores Gentlemen's Club, exploded at about 5:25 pm as gas company workers, police officers and firefighters were responding to a leak in the area. The 18 injured people included nine firefighters, four Columbia Gas of Massachusetts employees and two police officers, Sarno said. "Through God's mercy, we are not aware of any fatalities," Sarno told reporters, adding none of

the victims suffered life-threatening injuries.

The club had been evacuated before the explosion due to the gas leak, which may have saved the lives of patrons and employees who had been inside, said Thomas Walsh, a spokesman for the city.

Images on a local CBS affiliate showed buildings with shattered windows, debris scattered in the street, and emergency services entering the area.

Witnesses described to local media a massive explosion that shook the ground and produced a huge cloud of smoke. The explosion was powerful enough to be felt in neighbouring towns, Sarno told reporters.—Reuters

Afghanistan truck bomb kills two, foreign troops among 70 wounded

MAIDAN SHAHR, 25 Nov—A suicide truck bomb killed two people and wounded more than 70 in volatile eastern Afghanistan on Friday, officials said, with several foreign troops among those injured.

The Taliban claimed responsibility for the bombing in Maidan Shahr, the provincial capital of Wardak Province, 35 km (22 miles) southwest of the capital, Kabul, but it was unclear what the target was.

A spokesman for the NATO-led International Security Assistance Force

One killed, at least four seriously injured in Paris bar shooting

PARIS, 25 Nov — One person was killed and at least four were seriously wounded in a bar shooting in a southern suburb of Paris on Friday afternoon, local media reported.

The shooting occurred at 13:00 local time (1200



File photo taken on 18 May, 2011 shows the scenery of Tai'erzhuang ancient city in Zaozhuang, east China's Shandong Province. Tai'erzhuang ancient city was approved to be the national 5A-level tourist area on 22 Nov, 2012.

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Russian Navy modernization in full swing: commander

MOSCOW, 25 Nov — Russian Navy has planned to fully upgrade all of the four fleets by 2020, Navy

Commander Victor Chirkov said on Friday.

According to Admiral Chirkov, the Black Sea, Baltic, Northern and Pacific fleets have been modernizing vessels, armament, as well as coastal and social infrastructure.

"In (Black Sea port of) Novorossiisk, the port facilities for new ships and submarines have been under construction. I hope we'll complete them by 2020," Chirkov said.

Currently, Russian Black Sea Fleet rents its base in Ukraine's Sevastopol and uses Novorossiisk as a backup port. In 2014, part of the Fleet will be relocated to Novorossiisk.

According to the Admiral, the Northern Fleet

plans to build a base for the new-class submarines of Borei and Yasen types.

At the Pacific Fleet, the facilities to base helicopter carriers of Mistral class and new submarines are being built, while at the Baltic Fleet, bases for new warships and submarines are also being upgraded. Two Mistral helicopter carriers will be put in service at the Pacific Fleet in 2014 and 2015.

Chirkov also said the navy had upgraded their air forces at Baltic, Northern and Pacific bases.

Russia has been designing an aircraft carrier and planned to complete the work by 2020, according to Chirkov.

Xinhua



Debris from a bomb blast lies in Wardak province on 23 Nov, 2012.—REUTERS

(ISAF) said fewer than six coalition troops had sustained minor injuries in the bombing close to the provincial governor's office,

but gave no further details.

The bomber detonated explosives packed into a water tanker truck about 40 meters from a joint operations centre

run by Afghan and coalition troops, Ahmad Wali, a senior police official, told *Reuters* by telephone. In a text message sent to journalists, the Taliban claimed responsibility.

The United States has a sizable troop contingent based in Wardak Province, where a twin suicide bombing targeting a NATO base killed eight civilians and four Afghan policemen in September.

Wardak saw the worst single incident suffered by foreign forces in the 11-year war when the Taliban shot down a transport helicopter last year, killing 38 troops, 30 of whom were American, mostly elite Navy SEALs.

Reuters

getaway car was founded shortly afterwards in a nearby city.

It was reported that a man with "suspicious behavior" was arrested near the burnt car and put into custody.

A burnt-out BMW car suspected of being the

Xinhua

REGIONAL

4.9-magnitude quake hits area near Tokyo

TOKYO, 25 Nov—A 4.9-magnitude earthquake jolted Chiba prefecture near Tokyo at around 5:59 pm on Saturday, according to Japan Meteorological Agency.

The epicentre was initially determined at 35.6 north latitude and 140.1 east longitude, with a depth of 80 kilometres.

Strong tremor was felt in Tokyo. But no injuries were reported so far.

Xinhua



Contestants perform during a competition of dancing "Gangnam Style" in a shopping mall in Shenyang, capital of northeast China's Liaoning Province, on 24 Nov, 2012. All the contestants were citizens without professional dance training.—XINHUA

Nine killed in flyover collapse in Bangladesh

DHAKA, 25 Nov—At least nine people have been killed and dozens of others injured after three girders of an under-construction flyover collapsed in Bangladesh's southeastern Chittagong port city, police and firemen said on Sunday.

They said the girders of the flyover collapsed in Chittagong, some 242 km southeast of capital Dhaka, at around 7:30 pm local time Saturday evening. Fireman Md Farhaduzzaman told Xinhua that rescuers had

pulled six bodies from under the debris of the girders.

An official with the Chittagong Medical College Hospital police camp who preferred to be unnamed said three more died during treatment.

Bangladesh Army troops were called in to assist rescue operation, which began around at 9:30 pm on Saturday, along with Rapid Action Battalion, Bangladesh Border Guard and police personnel.

Protesting the delay

in the rescue operations, angry people demonstrated and set ablaze the flyover-construction materials after the incident.

Police reportedly fired several rounds of tear shells as protestors vandalized several vehicles. Some 10 motorcycles, including several of the journalists, were also set on fire.

Earlier in June, a rickshaw-puller sustained injuries as a girder of the same flyover collapsed. Two local firms are building the 1.4-km-long flyover.

Xinhua

China tightens measures on reopening of suspended mines

BEIJING, 25 Nov—China's workplace safety authorities on Saturday required tougher standards on reopening coal mines in production suspension in the wake of a deadly coal mine accident.

Some coal mines were ordered to suspend production due to safety problems, but they illegally resumed production without tackling the safety problems, said a notice by the production safety committee under the State Council, or the cabinet.

The coal mines which have failed to meet the safety standards should not be reopened and those who abuse their power to lower overhaul standards would be punished, the notice said.

A deadly coal mine accident occurred on Saturday at the Xiangshui Coal Mine in Panxian County of the coal-rich Liupanshui City, Guizhou Province, killing 18 people, injuring five and trapping another five after a gas and coal outburst.

Xinhua

Indian Air Force fighter aircraft crashes in western state, pilot safe

NEW DELHI, 25 Nov—An Indian Air Force combat aircraft crashed in the western Indian state of Gujarat on Saturday, defence sources said. However, the pilot of the MiG 21 Bison aircraft managed to eject safely as it crashed in the fields near Naliya air base in Kutch in Gujarat, the sources said,

adding that the mishap happened when the plane was on a routine sortie.

A probe has been ordered into the incident, they said. Some nine Indian Air Force officials were killed in a mid-air collision between two choppers in the state in August this year.

Xinhua

Filipino-Chinese couple shot dead in Metro Manila

MANILA, 25 Nov—A Filipino-Chinese couple was shot dead by two unidentified armed suspects early on Saturday in Philippine capital Metro Manila, local police said later that day.

The victims, identified as Ninting Wong, 70, and his wife, Quency Wong, were attacked by two gunmen riding motorcycle in tandem near their plastic factory in Tenejeros village in Malabon City at around 6:00 am, Malabon City police station said.

The suspects allegedly

robbed the couple of the payroll money amounting to around 100,000 pesos (about 2,439 US dollars) for their employees.

The wife sustained gunshot wound in her head, while her husband was hit in his chest. Both were declared dead on arrival when they were rushed to the Manila Central University hospital, the police added.

According to the police, robbery was probably the motive behind the killing, and they were hunting the suspects.—Xinhua

Key suspect in Philippines' worst massacre caught

operatives from the Cotabato Police Provincial Office.

Bong Andal did not resist when he was detained, making him the 106th suspect to fall. He was caught after local villagers provided information of him to authorities.

Chief Director General of the Philippine National Police (PNP) Nicanor Bartolome said on Sunday, "The arrest of Andal, and other suspects now in custody manifests the firm resolve of the PNP to arrest and prosecute all suspects behind the mass murder."

With this development, Bartolome instructed PNP units to press manhunt operations against the remaining 92 suspects still at large, even as he noted the efforts of Special Investigation Task Group Maguindanao in shifting manhunt operations to high gear.

On Friday, another suspect in the massacre was arrested as he mingled with families and friends of some victims during the 3rd year commemoration of the carnage in Ampatuan town, Maguindanao.

Xinhua

Five killed, one injured in firing in Peshawar, Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, 25 Nov—At least five people were killed and one was injured in a firing incident in northwest Pakistan on Saturday, reported local media Dawn.

Earlier local media Express said that five people were killed and one got wounded when unknown gunmen opened fire at their vehicle in Peshawar, capital city of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Province.

But police in Peshawar denied the firing incident and

said that the firing incident actually took place in the neighbouring tribal area of Khyber Agency bordering Afghanistan on Saturday afternoon.

When the bodies of the victims were shifted back to the Regi area of Peshawar, where they lived, the family members staged a protest, said a police officer in charge of the Regi area.

Police are investigating into the case, he said.

Xinhua



Rescuers work at a coal mine in Panxian County of the coal-rich Liupanshui City, southwest China's Guizhou Province, on 24 Nov, 2012. Eighteen miners were killed and five others remain trapped after a gas and coal outburst here on Saturday.

XINHUA



Photo taken on 24 Nov, 2012 shows the Romanian version of Chinese writer Mo Yan's novels at the 19th edition of International Book Fair Gaudeamus, in Bucharest, capital of Romania. Mo Yan is the winner of the 2012 Nobel Prize in Literature.—XINHUA

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Oil rig worker dies of injuries from Black Elk explosion in Gulf

NEW YORK, 25 Nov—One of the men burned last week in an explosion and fire on an oil platform in the Gulf of Mexico died on Friday of his injuries, an official said, bringing the confirmed death toll from the accident to two.

Avelino Tajonera, 49, a welder from the Philippines working on the Black Elk Energy rig, died in a New Orleans hospital on Friday morning, according to a statement from the Philippine Ambassador to the United States. He died shortly after his wife and three children arrived from Manila.

In the wake of the 16 November accident, which killed one other worker and

left another missing, US regulators ordered Black Elk to take immediate steps to improve safety at its offshore platforms.

The explosion and fire occurred when workers were welding a pipe on the deck of West Delta Block 32 platform, which sits in 56 feet of water about 17 miles south of Grand Isle, Louisiana.

The accident evoked memories of the deadly 2010 Deepwater Horizon disaster that killed 11 people and triggered the worst oil spill in US history.

A spokeswoman for Black Elk did not immediately return an e-mail from Reuters requesting comment.—Reuters



Police dog handler Jiang Honglin plays with his police dog "Smart" for the last time as the dog has completed military service in Jiangsu Armed Police Corps in Nanjing, capital of east China's Jiangsu Province, on 23 Nov, 2012. Five police dogs have to leave the corps as their term of military service is due.—XINHUA

Bank Holiday

All Banks will be closed on 28th November (Wednesday) 2012, Full Moon of Tazaung Daing, being public holiday Under the Negotiable Instruments Act.

Central Bank of Myanmar

Fresh cold front sweeps China, dropping temperatures

BEIJING, 25 Nov—A fresh cold front moving eastward will bring moderate to heavy snows to west China, dropping temperatures along the way, the Na-

tional Meteorological Centre (NMC) forecast on Saturday.

Moderate to heavy snow will hit the eastern parts of the Qinghai-Tibet Plateau and some areas in Xinjiang and Inner Mongolia on Saturday, while certain areas in Qinghai and Gansu, as well as Tibet Autonomous Region will experience temperature drops from 4 to 6 degrees Celsius in the next three days, the centre said.

The cold front will also bring winds of level 4 to 6 to Xinjiang, Inner Mongolia and central Gansu.

While the northern part of China are frequented by cold fronts, the southern regions have been pelted by persistent rains. The NMC cautioned that farmers in the south should take corresponding measures against wet weather.

Xinhua

Two road accidents leave six dead, 14 injured in Ukraine

KIEV, 25 Nov—Six people died, including two celebrities, and 14 others were injured in two separate traffic accidents in eastern Ukraine, authorities reported on Friday.

In one case, which occurred at 5.30 pm local time Thursday (1530 GMT), four people were killed and seven others injured when the minibus they were riding in collided with a car in Dnepropetrovsk region, according to the country's

Emergency Ministry.

The driver of the car, who was a Russian citizen,

famous Ukrainian journalist Maria Kravchenko, her husband Alexandr Nemtsov and actress Lidia Zalevska were among those killed.

In another accident in Lugansk region, two people died and seven others were injured after a bus carrying 10 people went off the road and fell into a ditch at around 5.50 am local time Friday (0350 GMT).

The passengers on the bus were going to work at a nearby coal mine.

The causes of both accidents are under investigation.—Xinhua



The recipients of Annual South-South Cooperation Awards and the Champions for South-South Cooperation and Triangular Cooperation Awards pose for group photos at the closing ceremony of the Global South-South Development (GSSD) Expo 2012 at the Hofburg Palace in Vienna, capital of Austria, on 23 Nov, 2012. UN agencies on Friday promised to exert more efforts together with their partners and developing countries to enhance South-South cooperation for a sustainable development of the South.

XINHUA

New York triple-murder suspect posed as retired cop

NEW YORK, 25 Nov—Neighbours of the man charged with murdering three New York shopkeepers of Middle Eastern descent described him on Friday as a self-styled "tough guy" who affected a fake Italian accent and claimed to be retired detective.

"He was the kind of guy who you could tell had watched 'The Godfather' too many times," said Ben Elchonen, who lives in the same Queens apartment building where murder suspect Salvatore Perrone, 64, often stayed with a girlfriend. Police say Perrone, an independent clothing salesman who is divorced and owns a home in the city's Staten Island borough, began his killing spree on 6 July when he shot Mohamed Gebeli, 65,

in his Bay Ridge, Brooklyn, clothing store.

On 2 August, Isaac Kadare, 59, was killed in his Bensonhurst, Brooklyn, budget items store. On 16 November, Rahmatollah Vahidipour, 78, was gunned down in a women's clothing boutique in Brooklyn. Perrone was identified after police circulated a picture taken from a security camera near the scene of the third attack.

A rifle and 22 caliber ammunition consistent with shell casings found at the crime scenes were discovered in a duffel bag Perrone was seen carrying in the surveillance video, police said. An attorney who represented Perrone at his arraignment could not immediately be reached for comment.—Reuters

Senior Chinese legislator meets Russian parliamentarians on ties

Moscow, 25 Nov—Senior Chinese legislator Chen Zhili met Russian parliamentarians here on Thursday, with both sides pledging to strengthen bilateral ties. Chen, vice chairwoman of the Standing Committee of China's National People's Congress (NPC) and chairwoman of the All-China Women's Federation, said the China-Russia comprehensive relations of strategic coop-

eration and partnership had maintained positive and stable momentum, which was facilitated by leaders of the two countries.

The visiting Chinese legislator held separate talks with Valentina Matvienko, chairwoman of the Federation Council, or upper house of the parliament, and Ludmila Shvetsova, vice chairwoman of the State Duma, or lower house of the parliament.

Calling Russia "a major and the most significant strategic partner of cooperation," Chen said China was willing to fulfill consensus reached by leaders of the two countries following their mutual visits and implement the blueprint of China-Russia relations for the next decade. Meanwhile, the two giant neighbors should "further deepen their political and strategic mutual trust, enhance prag-

matic cooperation in all fields, strengthen their cooperation in the international arena" so as to push forward the bilateral ties to new heights, Chen said. In addition, the deepening bilateral women's exchanges served to strengthen the "traditional friendship" of the two countries, Chen said, adding China would like to further promote China-Russia women's exchanges.—Xinhua



Vehicles are seen on a foggy day in Changsha, capital of central China's Hunan Province, on 24 Nov, 2012. Heavy fog brought inconvenience to local residents in Changsha on Saturday.—XINHUA

Two new metro stations to open in St Petersburg

ST PETERSBURG, 25 Nov—St Petersburg's metro network will have two new stations serving the city's south next week.

The City Transport Committee has announced

Bucharestskaya and Mezhdunarodnaya stations will open to the public on 27 December.

St Petersburg currently has five lines totaling 65 stations.—Xinhua

ENTERTAINMENT

Elizabeth Taylor has a new Barbie doll dedicated to her

NEW DELHI, 25 Nov — Toy giant Mattel have honoured the late actress Elizabeth Taylor and her charity by creating a unique new doll, which comes with her signature black hair and a glamorous white dress and is named 'White Diamonds' after Elizabeth's best-selling perfume.

A red satin ribbon can be seen pinned onto the dress, representing Elizabeth's dedication to helping those living with HIV/AIDS, and the Barbie comes with accessories such as gold jewellery, white sunglasses and a miniature replica bottle of her famous fragrance.

The Elizabeth Taylor WhiteDiamondsBarbie doll is available on BarbieCollector.com for \$150.

The doll is not the first to be modelled on the late actress, as one has already been produced capturing the look from her hit film Cleopatra and another in a semi-sheersleeveless chiffon violet gown, with a real Swarovski crystal necklace.

Elizabeth, who died in March 2011 from congestive heart failure, was recently named the highest-paid dead celebrity by Forbes and is said to have earned a staggering \$210 million last year alone from the auctioning of her jewellery, costumes and artwork. — PTI



The Elizabeth Taylor White Diamonds Barbie doll is available on BarbieCollector.com for \$150. — PTI

Kate Winslet's Titanic red gown up for auction

LOS ANGELES, 25 Nov — The iconic red 'jump dress' that Kate Winslet's character Rose DeWitt Bukater wore in Titanic is slated to go under the hammer along with Orlando Bloom's 'Legolas' bow from The Lord of the Rings trilogy at an auction here on 15-16 December.

The 'Drama Action, Romance - The Hollywood Auction' by Profiles in History also features the original Gort helmet from sci-fi classic The Day the Earth Stood Still. Winslet's

exquisite dress was designed by Deborah L Scott. This costume featured in one of the most memorable scenes of the movie when Rose and Jack meet for the first time on the windswept deck of the Titanic. Jack, played by

Legolas by Galadriel, played by Cate Blanchett. The bow is 6 feet long and is expected to fetch USD 80,000 to USD 120,000. The laser firing, vaporizing helmet is one of the greatest artifacts in science fiction film history.



The dress is expected to fetch USD 200,000 - USD 300,000. PTI

Leonardo DiCaprio, finds a distraught Rose leaning off a railing and stops her from leaping to her death. The dress is expected to fetch USD 200,000 - USD 300,000. While the bow was used by Bloom as 'Legolas' throughout the entire The Lord of the Rings trilogy. The bow was presented to

The Day the Earth Stood Still starred Michael Rennie as the humanoid alien visitor, Klaatu, who comes to Earth, accompanied by a powerful eight-foot metal robot (Gort), to issue an ultimatum to humanity. The helmet is expected to fetch USD 100,000 - USD 150,000. PTI



Top winner Emily Dorma (C) from Canada, runner-up Teng Tianyue (L) from China and the second runner-up Rhanna Mayara from Brazil pose for group photos at an awarding ceremony of the New Silk Road Miss World Competition in Pu'er, southwest China's Yunnan Province, on 24 Nov, 2012. A total of 46 models from across the world competed in the finals of the contest. — XINHUA

Kareena Kapoor wants to work with Zoya Akhtar

MUMBAI, 25 Nov — Many filmmakers wish to work with Kareena Kapoor, but she has her eyes set on one director — Zoya Akhtar, who has scripted the actress' forthcoming film Talaash.

"I am grateful to the directors who have cast me and that means a lot. (There are) Actors that I have worked with double times, so I consider myself lucky. But I personally love Zoya's (Akhtar) work. She is a wonderful filmmaker. I would love to work with Zoya," Kareena told IANS.

Earlier, reports indicated that Zoya was working on a script and intended to cast Kareena and her cousin, actor



Ranbir Kapoor in the movie. is concrete right now." However, to this, Kareena said: "She is wonderful. I hope things fall in place. I think Zoya is writing a script, (but) nothing

Meanwhile, Kareena believes the "audience has become very sharp and they are liking different films." PTI

Lady Gaga found fans in her garage in the middle of the night

The Judas singer had been celebrating Thanksgiving with her loved ones before retiring to bed. — PTI

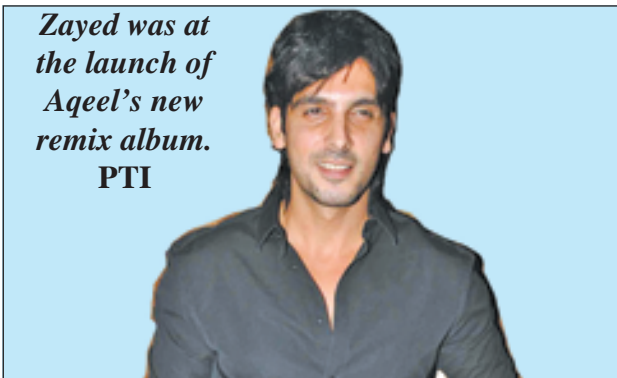


social networking website LittleMonsters.com. When the flamboyant pop star brought her 'Born This Way Ball' to Brazil she sent burgers and fries to all her fans who had camped outside her hotel to try and see her. She previously wrote on twitter:

"OI GALERA! In Rio + My beautiful fans are wearing leather & bandanas in the sun, bad asses, gorgeous smiles & fists in the air! I HEAR U! "Im sending you hamburgers, fries and coke. I love you monsters. (sic)" PTI

Zayed Khan gets nostalgic over uncle Feroz Khan's song

Zayed was at the launch of Aqeel's new remix album. PTI



MUMBAI, 25 Nov — Actor Zayed Khan got nostalgic listening to DJ Aqeel's remixed version of Kya dekhte ho, surat tumhari, which was originally picturised on his uncle, late actor Feroz Khan in 1980.

Zayed was at the launch of Aqeel's new remix album. "This collaboration, especially of this old song of Feroz chacha's has been so close to our heart. We always used to sing this song as kids. It was such a big success,"

the 32-year-old said here on Friday. The song featured in the movie Qurbani. "I think I was six years old when this film released and that was a special time. So, to revisit that time in a new century and age is great," he added

Zayed is quite sure that the song is quite going to be a hit with party goers. "I think there is a new song now on the circuit which will make people groove everytime it is played. I think this going to be new year's hottest song," Zayed said. Zayed was all praise for Aqeel, who is his brother-in-law. He believes the reason why the celebrity disc jockey is still so popular

is because he is still young in his head.

"I just feel Aqeel is very passionate about his work, he is dedicated to his work and the nice thing about Aqeel is that he likes to hang out with young people and he has never grown old in his head. I think that is very good for music. He constantly updates himself. "Aqeel really has a good sense of what the pulse of the audience is, what they want to hear," Zayed said. Aqeel, who is married to Zayed's sister and jewellery designer Farah Khan Ali, is famous for his remix songs — Nahin nahin, Tu hai wahi and Shake it daddy. — PTI

Bayern, Dortmund claim victories in German Bundesliga

BERLIN, 25 Nov — Frontrunner Bayern Munich humiliated Hannover 5-0 owing to a faultless performance while defending champions Dortmund came from behind to defeat Mainz 2-1 at the 13th match day of Bundesliga on Saturday. Record champions Bayern Munich return to winning ways following the hammering victory over chanceless Hannover, which were unable to make any impact on the scoreboards. The Bavarians caught a bright start as 40-million-man Javi Martinez capitalized on a header by Bastian Schweinsteiger, to score his first ever goal for the Germans with an overhead kick into top right.

Bayern's dominant performance denied Hannover to gain a foothold into the game. Toni Kroos doubled the home sides tally when he scored with a sideways scissor-kick at the 25th minute following a cross by Phillip Lahm. Thirteen minutes later Frenchmen Franck Ribery made it three on the scoreboards to wrap



Lewis Holtby (R) of FC Schalke 04 vies with Karim Matmour of Eintracht Frankfurt during their German first division Bundesliga soccer match in Gelsenkirchen, west Germany, on 24 Nov, 2012. The match ended with a 1:1 draw.— XINHUA

up the victory ahead of time. After the restart Hannover was unable to put up some resistance, as the Bavarians were not done with the scoring. Dante headed

home a free kick cross by Toni Kroos to increase the lead to four with 63 minutes on the clock. Finally, substitute Mario Gomez, who was fielded after a

long-term injury, marked the final 5-0 score when he shrugged off Hannover Karim Haggui to slot home inside the far post at the 67th minute. "We were resentful and aggressive and we played highly concentrated," Bayern coach Jupp Heynckes said. Defending champions Borussia Dortmund snatched the second place in the standings following a 2-1 comeback victory at Mainz.

Mainz caught the reigning champions flat footed as Marco Caligiuri's long-range strike opened the scoring for the hosts with only four minutes on the clock. The visitors remained unfazed and levelled eight minutes later through Marco Reus, who's curl ended up in the far corner from outside the box. The hosts squandered a few chances consequently Robert Lewandowski smoothed the way for the victory when he used Mario Goetz through ball to beat on-rushing Mainz goalkeeper with a lob before the break.

Xinhua

Soccer



Miami Heat's LeBron James (R) defends Cleveland Cavaliers' Dion Waiters (L) during the first half of their NBA basketball game in Miami, Florida, on 24 Nov, 2012.— REUTERS

Heat overcome Cavaliers to remain unbeaten at home

MIAMI, 25 Nov — The NBA champion Miami Heat staged a thrilling fightback to keep their unblemished home record alive, beating the Cleveland Cavaliers 110-108 on Saturday. The Heat, down by 11 at halftime and by seven with just under two minutes remaining, stormed home thanks mainly to Ray Allen who scored the last seven points to push the Heat to 10-3 on the season and 6-0 in Miami.

Allen coaxed in a lay up and drew a foul with 1:32 remaining for a three-point play and then gave the Heat the lead with 18 seconds left with a three-pointer. Cavaliers guard Jeremy Pargo had a chance to send the game to overtime but Dwyane Wade blocked his late shot.

LeBron James top scored for the Heat against his former team with 30 points while Chris Bosh added 23 and Wade 18. The Cavaliers had eight players in double figures, led by Pargo and Dion Waiters with 16 each, but the impressive team performance still was not enough, dropping them to 3-10.

"First of all, Cleveland played a very good basketball game," Heat coach Erik Spoelstra told reporters. "They did enough to put themselves in position to win but our guys absolutely relish those moments in the fourth quarter, the competitiveness of a close game. "We need to get out of here quick as we can before they put more seconds on the clock."

Reuters

Hamilton on pole in Brazil, Vettel fourth

F1

SAO PAULO, 25 Nov — Lewis Hamilton grabbed pole position in Brazil on Saturday for his last race with McLaren while Red Bull's Sebastian Vettel took a big step towards becoming Formula One's youngest triple champion. Championship leader Vettel will start Sunday's season-ending race in fourth place, a position good enough to secure his third title in a row if he keeps it in what promises to be a rain-lashed affair at Interlagos.

Ferrari's Fernando Alonso, 13 points adrift

of Vettel and the German's sole rival, has to finish on the podium to have any hope of taking his third title and the Spaniard has a mountain to climb from seventh on the grid. Vettel, 25, made clear he would not be playing it safe despite his grid position.

"As soon as the lights go off I will try to attack the guys at the front. On top of that there might be things happening, with the weather forecast being what it is, so I won't be looking left and right to be honest," said the German.

Reuters



(L to R) Red Bull Formula One driver Mark Webber of Australia, McLaren drivers Lewis Hamilton and Jenson Button of Britain pose for photos after the qualifying session of the Brazilian F1 Grand Prix at Interlagos circuit in Sao Paulo on 24 Nov, 2012.—REUTERS

Netherlands sweep 3 golds in ISU World Cup speed skating event

MOSCOW, 25 Nov — The International Skating Union (ISU) World Cup speed skating event kicked off in Kolomna, Russia on Saturday, with the Netherlands winning three gold medals. In the 1,500m Ladies Division B, Linda deVries from the Netherlands was timed in 1:58.31 for the gold medal. Czech skater Karolina Erbanova and Ayaka Kikuchi from Japan ranked second and third respectively.

Moritz Geisreiter from Germany won in the 5,000m Men Division B clocking 6 minutes and 21.61 seconds. He is fol-

lowed by Canadian skater Jordan Belchos and another German athlete Robert Lehmann. In the 1,500m Ladies Division A, Dutchwoman Marrit Leenstra clocked 1 minute, 55.03 seconds edging Yekaterina Shikhova of Russia by 0.49 seconds. Defending overall World Cup champion Christine Nesbitt from Canada clocked 1:56.16 for the third.

Svet Kramer led a Dutch sweep of podium places in the 5,000m Men Division A. The Olympic champion clocked 6 minutes, 10.62 seconds to mark his second straight victory in the discipline this season.



Gold medalist Marrit Leenstra (C) of the Netherlands, silver medalist Yekaterina Shikhova (R) of Russia and bronze medalist Christine Nesbitt of Canada celebrate after the awarding ceremony for the 1500 Ladies Division A at the ISU World Cup Kolomna, Russia, on 24 Nov, 2012.— XINHUA

Jan Blokhuijsen was timed in 6:11.97 for the second and Jorrit Bergsma was 2.46 seconds behind the winner in third.

In the Mass Start Ladies, Kim Bo-Reum from

South Korea claimed victory in 8 minutes, 40.77 seconds. She was followed by Canadian skater Ivanie Blondin and Mariska Huisman from the Netherlands.

Xinhua

Hatton retires again after ninth round knockout

Boxing



Britain's Ricky Hatton reacts after losing to the Ukraine's Vyacheslav Senchenko in their boxing match at the Manchester Arena in Manchester, northern England on 24 Nov, 2012.— REUTERS

LONDON, 25 Nov— Britain's Ricky Hatton announced his retirement from boxing for a second time after his comeback ended in a ninth-round knockout defeat by Ukrainian welterweight Vyacheslav Senchenko in Manchester, England on Saturday. Britain's 34-year-old two-weight former world champion had lost 4-1/2 stone in preparation for his first fight in 3-1/2

years and 20,000 raucous fans turned up at the MEN Arena to see his return to the ring in his home city.

He seemed to heading for a points win but began to tire in the later rounds and the 35-year-old Senchenko, himself a former world champion, unleashed a fierce left hook to the body. Hatton hit the canvas and failed to beat the count leaving the Ukrainian, who only lost

his world title to American Paulie Malignaggi in April, as the only man to beat him in England. "I needed one more fight to see if I had still got it—and I haven't," Hatton told a post-fight news conference. "I found out tonight it isn't there no more. "I can look at myself in the mirror and tell myself I did my best, but there is always an excuse to find."

Reuters

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Obama visits bookstore, promotes "Small Business Saturday"

NEW YORK, 25 Nov—President Barack Obama, in a bid to show support for small businesses, took his daughters on an early Christmas shopping trip on Saturday as the US retail sector swings into high gear this holiday season.

Promoting "Small Business Saturday," the third annual event that encourages consumers to support independently-owned local shops, Obama took his daughters Sasha and Malia to "One More Page Books" in Arlington, Virginia, a suburb of Washington, DC.

"Preparation," said Obama, while talking to the store owner at the front counter and looking at his BlackBerry, apparently checking book titles while his daughters stood at his side. "That's how I shop."

Over the last two decades, small businesses have created two of every three US jobs. To try to spur job growth, the Obama administration says it aims to cut taxes for small businesses and expand entrepreneurs' access to financing.

Both Main Street merchants and larger retailers will find out soon if the so-called fiscal cliff that threatens to produce tax increases and automatic spending cuts in January will subdue shoppers and hold back spending this holiday season.

Congress and Obama are about to negotiate on a deal to avert the roughly \$600 billion in tax increases and spending cuts set to start jolting the economy at the beginning of 2013.

Asked by reporters what



US President Barack Obama and his daughters Malia and Sasha (R) visit One More Page bookstore in Arlington, Virginia, on 24 Nov, 2012.—REUTERS

is needed to cushion the economic impact of the looming fiscal cliff, Obama declined to answer, saying "we're doing Christmas shopping."

The White House said Obama bought 15 children's books that will be given as

Christmas gifts to family members.

Last year, more than 100 million Americans shopped locally on Small Business Saturday, according to an estimate by American Express.

Reuters

Maze amazes with second giant slalom win in Aspen

ASPEN, (Colorado), 25 Nov—With most of her rivals in the doldrums, especially Lindsey Vonn, Tina Maze found herself in the pole position of the early World Cup season thanks to her victory in the Aspen giant slalom on Saturday. The discipline's world champion has now won two out of three races after the season opener in Soelden two months ago, and holds a commanding lead in the overall standings with 250 points.



Tina Maze

"I'm extremely happy. After Soelden I have the impression that it is this year or never," she said. "It's a real relief when you've worked so hard

for five years with a small group and you realise it's paying off at last." Crowned in a combined time of one minute and 59.39 seconds as she finished ahead of Austria's Kathrin Zettel

and Olympic champion Vitkoria Rebensburg, Maze broke with the Slovenian federation five years to launch her own training team with her own coaches and servicemen.

Consistency is now combining with natural talent to turn her into a leading contender this season. "It was close last year already. Now I don't want to think too far ahead," she said. "I just want to ski well and not think that I'm winning just because Lindsey is unwell. I hope to win thanks to my talent and my strengths." While Zettel finished 0.90 seconds adrift and Rebensburg 1.54 behind, World Cup defending champion Vonn, hampered

by a lingering stomach bug, finished 21st.

All eyes at the finish were on the local favourite, who had left her fans guessing whether she would compete after being hospitalised last week because of gastric problems. "I'm just glad I was able to race here at home. Mentally I'm relieved regarding my health but also looking ahead to Lake Louise next weekend with three big races. I needed to see whether it was possible to be ready for Lake Louise," said the American, who will be seeking her 12th World Cup victory in the Canadian resort.

Reuters

Village health care centre handed over



Kataikkalay rural health care centre.

THATON, 25 Nov—The handing over ceremony for rural health care centre of Kataikkalay village, Thaton Township, Thaton District was held at the centre on 20 November.

The healthcare centre was constructed by Myanmar Red Cross society with the assistance of UNHCR. Daw Nilar Tun from UNHCR said the health care centre was set up with the aim of providing full health

care services to the people and reducing the side effects regarding the health care system. Regional In Charge of MRCS U Khant Htoo Zaw presented K 100,000 for the maintenance of the facility. The facility is 30 feet long, 33 feet wide and 12 feet high, and it costs K 16,210,000. The plot for the building was donated by U San Yi and Daw Tin May and family.

Myanma Alinn

Turkey expects NATO Patriot missile decision within week

ISTANBUL, 25 Nov—Turkey expects NATO to make a decision about deploying surface-to-air Patriot missiles along its southern border with Syria within the next week, Defence Minister Ismet Yilmaz said on Saturday.

Turkey asked NATO for the Patriot system, designed to intercept aircraft or missiles, on Wednesday after weeks of talks about

perceive could be a first step towards implementing a no-fly zone.

"We asked for Patriots from NATO taking into account the critical situation that emerged on our border with Syria ... The aim is for the protection of the widest possible area in Turkey," Yilmaz told reporters. "We expect the NATO Council to make its decision within the week," he said.



A Turkish soldier takes up his position near the border with Syria as seen from the Turkish border town of Ceylanpinar, Sanliurfa Province, on 24 Nov, 2012.

REUTERS

how to shore up security on its 900-km (560-mile) border as the conflict in Syria deepens.

NATO said it would discuss the request "without delay" but the move has riled Syria, which called it "provocative", as well its allies, including Russia and Iran, who are hostile to any development that they

Turkey is reluctant to be drawn into a regional conflict but the proximity of Syrian bombing raids to its border is straining nerves. Ankara has repeatedly scrambled fighter jets along the frontier and responded in kind to stray Syrian shells that have crossed into its territory.

Reuters

Educational development key to national development

NAY PYI TAW, 25 Nov — President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein accompanied by Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Vice-Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, Amyotha Hluttaw Deputy Speaker U Mya Nyein, the Union ministers and party arrived in Sagaing by air this afternoon.

On his arrival at Sagaing University which is going to be opened soon, they were welcomed by Rector Dr Thura Oo and faculty members.

At the hall of two-storey lecture theatre, Deputy Superintending Engineer U Khin Maung Swe of Public Works of the Ministry of

Construction reported to the President on progress of construction of school buildings and staff quarters and follow-up tasks.

Next, the rector explained matters related to opening of the university and number of the lecturers and specialized subjects to be taught at the university.

In his guidance, the President said undergraduates in Sagaing had to pursue tertiary education in Shwebo and Monywa, having to bear the high cost.

Upon completion of Sagaing University they would be able to pursue education, saving time and money.

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Photo shows Kaunghmudaw Pagoda after maintenance of its umbrella.—MNA



President U Thein Sein looks into reconstruction of Ayeyawady Bridge (Yadana Theinga) in Kyaukmyaung Sub-Township.

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NAY PYI TAW, 25 Nov — President U Thein Sein urged quake victims to

redouble their efforts despite the material losses as he visited quake-stricken areas

in Sagaing and Mandalay regions to comfort victims and contribute aids this

morning.

The President together with Commander-in-Chief

of Defence Services Vice-Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, Deputy Speaker of

Amyotha Hluttaw U Mya Nyein, chief ministers of (See page 8)

President U Thein Sein calls on quake victims to redouble their efforts without desperation



by the President so that the bill can be enacted.

2. The translation of the full text of “the bill to amend the Auditor-General of the Union Law” is as follows:-

1. The Law shall be known as the Law to amend the Auditor-General of the Union Law.
2. The phrase, “occasionally submitting report on unusual circumstance at the session of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw, or the Pyithu Hluttaw or the Amyotha Hluttaw regarding the auditing the Union budget accounts”, stated in Section 11 (a) of the Auditor-General of the Union Law shall be substituted with the phrase, “submitting a report once a year at least and occasionally submitting report on unusual situation at the session of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw, the Pyithu Hluttaw and the Amyotha Hluttaw regarding the auditing of the Union budget accounts”.
3. The phrase, “submitting a report on the action of the Auditor-General of the Union to the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw through the President”, stated in Section 11 (j) of the Auditor-General of the Union Law shall be substituted with the phrase,

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(The following is an unofficial translation of the Press Release No (7/2012).—Ed)

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25 November 2012

(12th Waxing of Tazaungmon 1374 ME)

Sending of remark by the President to the Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw regarding the Bill to amend the Auditor-General of the Union Law

1. The Speaker of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw sent a message to the President regarding “the bill to amend the Auditor-General of the Union Law” approved by Pyidaungsu Hluttaw on 23-10-2012 in accordance with Section 105 of the Constitution to be signed