

## President U Thein Sein receives Chairman of Chiefs of Staff Committee of India Chief of Air Staff and party

NAY PYI TAW, 27 Nov— President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein received an Indian delegation led by Chairman of Chiefs of Staff Committee of India Chief of Air Staff Air Chief Marshal NAK Browne, PVSM, AVSM, VM, ADC at the Credentials Hall of Presidential Palace, here, this afternoon.

Also present at the call together with the President were Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Vice-Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, Commander-in-Chief (Air) General Myat Hein, Union Ministers Lt-Gen Ko Ko, U Wunna Maung Lwin and U Soe Maung and officials. The visiting Indian delegation led by the Chairman of Chiefs of Staff of India was accompanied by Indian Ambassador to Myanmar Dr. Villur Sundararaja Seshadri.

At the call, they held comprehensive discussions on enhancing bilateral cooperation through further promotion of bilateral

**President U Thein Sein shakes hands with Chairman of Chiefs of Staff of India Chief of Air Staff Air Chief Marshal NAK Browne, PVSM, AVSM, VM, ADC. MNA**



friendship and fine traditions between the two countries, boosting investments,

ensuring peace and stability of border region between the two countries and sector-

wise cooperation between the two armed forces.

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## Experts dig up Arafat's remains, samples taken

RANALLAH, 27 Nov— The Palestinian National Authority (PNA) on Tuesday finalized digging up remains of late Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat, as Russian, Swiss and French

experts took samples of the remains to inspect the reason behind his death.

Arafat's tomb was opened early Tuesday morning in the West Bank city of Ramallah amid intensive

Palestinian security presence and media coverage, with the presence of foreign inspectors.

Tawfiq Tirawi, chief of the Palestinian Committee to probe circumstances of Ara-

fat's death, told Xinhua that samples were taken without taking the remains out of the tomb.

"Everything has been done as scheduled," said Tirawi, adding that he would brief the media on the details of the exhumation of Arafat's tomb. A well-informed Palestinian source, speaking on condition of anonymity, told Xinhua that "the procedures of opening the grave and taking samples of the remains lasted for several hours," adding that a presidential music band played the national Palestinian anthem when the grave was opened.

"Taking parts of the remains was very complicated due to the architectural design of the tomb. The tomb was opened using manual digging tools and the digging was so soft and gentle because the site is holy and it is the grave of the historic leader of the Palestinian people," said the source.

Xinhua

## Euro zone, IMF secure deal on cutting Greek debt

BRUSSELS, 27 Nov— Euro zone finance ministers and the International Monetary Fund clinched agreement on reducing Greece's debt on Monday in a breakthrough to release urgently needed loans to keep the near-bankrupt economy afloat.

After 12 hours of talks at their third meeting in as many weeks, Greece's international lenders agreed on a package of measures to reduce Greek debt by 40 billion euros, cutting it to 124 percent of gross domestic product by 2020. In a significant new pledge, ministers committed to taking further steps to lower Greece's debt to "significantly below 110 percent" in 2022 — the most explicit recognition so far that some write-off of loans may be necessary from 2016, the point when Greece is forecast to reach a primary budget surplus.

To reduce the debt pile,

needed to recapitalize Greece's teetering banks and enable the government to pay wages, pensions and suppliers on December 13.

Greece will receive up to 43.7 billion euros in stages as it fulfils the conditions. The December installment will comprise 23.8 billion for banks and 10.6 billion in budget assistance.

The IMF's share, less than a third of the total, will only be paid out once a buy-back of Greek debt has occurred in the coming weeks, but IMF Managing Director Christine Lagarde said the Fund had no intention of pulling out of the program.

They promised to hand back 11 billion euros in profits accruing to their national central banks from European Central Bank purchases of discounted Greek government bonds in the secondary market.

They also agreed to finance Greece to buy back



they agreed to cut the interest rate on official loans, extend their maturity by 15 years to 30 years, and grant Athens a 10-year interest repayment deferral.

"When Greece has achieved, or is about to achieve, a primary surplus and fulfilled all of its conditions, we will, if need be, consider further measures for the reduction of the total debt," German Finance Minister Wolfgang Schaueble said. Eurogroup Chairman Jean-Claude Juncker said ministers would formally approve the release of a major aid installment

its own bonds from private investors at what officials said was a target cost of around 35 cents in the euro.

European Central Bank President Mario Draghi said on leaving the talks: "I very much welcome the decisions taken by the ministers of finance. They will certainly reduce the uncertainty and strengthen confidence in Europe and in Greece."

Greek Prime Minister Antonis Samaras welcomed the deal. "Everything went well," he told reporters outside his mansion at about 3 am in the morning.

Reuters



Staff members are seen around the mausoleum of the late Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat in the West Bank city of Ramallah, on 27 November, 2012. Samples of the remains of iconic Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat were exhumed so experts could search for additional clues to his death, Palestinian officials said.—XINHUA



## Chinese delegation led by Legal Affairs Committee Chairman arrives in Yangon

YANGON, 27 Nov — A Chinese delegation led by Member of Standing

*Chinese delegation led by Member of Standing Committee of National People's Congress of the People's Republic of China Mr. Hu Kangsheng visits Shwedagon Pagoda.*

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Committee of National People's Congress of the People's Republic of China Chirman of the Legal Affairs Committee Mr. Hu Kangsheng arrived in Yangon by air this afternoon. They were welcomed at Yangon Intentional Airport by Speaker of Yangon Region Hluttaw U Sein Tin Win, Deputy Speaker U Tin Aung, Chinese Ambassador to Myanmar Mr. Li Junhua and officials. Mr. Hu Kangsheng and party visited Shwedagon Pagoda in the evening.

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## Statement 7/2012 of Myanmar National Human Rights Commission on its admission as member of Asia Pacific Forum of National Human Rights Institutions

1. The Business Meeting of the Asia Pacific Forum of National Human Rights Institutions (APF) decided to admit the Myanmar National Human Rights Commission as an associate member of the APF which is the Asia Pacific regional group consisting of the National Human Rights Institutions in the Asia Pacific region. The Business Meeting of the Asia Pacific Forum was held during the 11<sup>th</sup> International Conference of the International Coordinating Committee of National Institutions for Promotion and Protection of Human Rights (ICC), which was held in Amman, Jordan from 4 to 7 November 2012.
2. At the invitation of the United Nations Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights and the National Center for human Rights (NCHP) of Jordan, which is the Chair of the ICC, a three-member delegation headed by the Chairman of the MNHRC, attended the 11<sup>th</sup> International Conference of the ICC. The overall theme of the Conference is "The Human Rights of Women and Girls, Gender Equality: The Role of National Human Rights Institutions" and the current situation, challenges and advancements relating to the human rights of women in light of the international human rights standards were discussed with the objective to eliminate discrimination against women and to empower women towards gender equality. Regarding the human rights of women and girls and the promotion of gender equality, the 11<sup>th</sup> Conference of the ICC adopted the Amman Declaration and Programme of Action.
3. During the Conference, the regional groups of National Human Rights Institutions (NHRIs) from Africa, the Americas, Asia Pacific and Europe respectively met on 5 November 2012.
4. At its meeting on 5 November, APF members accepted the Myanmar National Human Rights Commission as an associate member, pending its application to the ICC for membership. The APF procedure requires that an applicant is entitled to apply for associate status before it is accredited by the ICC. Accordingly, the Myanmar National Human Rights Commission will work to apply to the ICC for accreditation.
5. On 8 November, the Myanmar National Human Rights Commission Delegation also participated in the Post-Conference Half-Day Side-Event on Business, Women's and Children's Rights hosted and organized by the ICC Working Group on Business and human Rights.

*The Myanmar National Human Rights Commission  
13 November, 2012*

## Press release of Ministry of Home Affairs

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

1. Daw Khin San Hlaing of Pale Constituency submitted an important proposal at 15<sup>th</sup> day fifth regular session of first Pyithu Hluttaw, 2012, urging the Union government to form an independent State level commission with reliable persons to investigate whether Latpadantaung copper
2. The Pyithu Hluttaw decided to approve the proposal.
3. The proposal requires

mining project and Kyayzintaung, south of Sabetaung copper mining project should be allowed or not and how it should be done after informing the public of findings, assessments and suggestions. The Union Minister for Defence made clarifications at the Pyithu Hluttaw regular session on the same day.

to "form an independent State level commission with reliable persons". The commission will be formed soon and it will visit the project area.

4. Due to strike at six camps in the project area where Section 144 is declared, the project activities are suspended since 18 November, 2012.
5. The commission will not be able to look into the project as usual if the project activities are suspended. The

commission will be able to independently investigate and correctly assess the project only when it is running as usual.

6. The protesting organizations around the project area are to break away not later than 12 pm on 27 November, 2012, to enable the commission conduct independent investigation.
7. If not, the measures will be taken under the existing laws in line with the constitution.

## Installation of main pipeline with a budget of K 21 billion

YANGON, 27 Nov — According to Yangon City Development Committee, a budget of K 21 billion will be spend on installation main pipeline for the increased supply of 45 million gallons of water to Yangon from Ahtayu water-purifying plant, a second phase of Ngamoeyeik Water Supply Project, in the middle of the year 2013.

Yangon City Development Committee is supplying 160 million gallons of water for Yangonites daily. At present, there is not enough of water in some townships at the edge of the water supply main pipe, and dwellers encounter drinking

water stress in summer.

To be free from the shortage of water there, installation of HDPE pipeline is being carried out from Thingangyun Township to Ahtayu water-purifying plant of Nyaunghnabin in Hmawby Township starting from February 2012. So far, installation of pipeline has been completed by 55 per cent, and more than 95 per cent of construction of water-purifying plant has been completed. Upon completion, Yangonites will be supplied with 45 million gallons of drinking water in the middle of the year 2013.

The project can contribute towards



adequate supply of water to Mingaladon, North Okkalapa, South Okkalapa, Thakayta, Mingala Taungnyunt, Thingangyun, Dawbon and Dagon Myothit Townships.

An engineer of Engineering Department (water and sanitation) of YCDC said that people will be able to enjoy clean and

safe water supplied through high density polythene pipeline, and nylon pipe makes installation process easy, thereby contributing towards timely completion of the project works.

It is set to complete the whole project in May 2013, and water supply will be put into service in June.

Kyemon

## Communal celebrations in Tazaungmon

YANGON, 27 Nov — Tazaungmon is the month with many religious and social festivals for Myanmar Buddhists. Matho Shwekyar robe-weaving competitions are held on a grand scale and communal celebrations are organized in each ward and street. According to a vinyl advertising for communal celebration on the wall near YWBA Building, families of Leikan street

in Pazundaung Township will celebrate a communal festival. An organizer said free food stalls would be kept open in the festival sponsored by 50 wellwishers to serve everyone with various kinds of refreshments. The twenty-eight Buddha Images conveyance ceremony would be held on the next two days and it was planned to hold annually, he added.

Kyemon

## 83<sup>rd</sup> Vinaya examination on Fullmoon Day of Nadaw

MAHLINE, 27 Nov — A coordination meeting on holding of the 83<sup>rd</sup> Vinaya examination under the aegis of the presiding Sayadaws of Sasana Waiponla Laymyathnar Monastery and Shitmyathnar Pariyatti Sathintaik was held on 11 November. The Vinaya examination will include

oral and written tests, and a total of 600 monks will participate in it.

The examination for the very first time was held on 11<sup>th</sup> Waxing of Nadaw 1291 ME. The four-day 83<sup>rd</sup> Vinaya examination will be organized on Fullmoon Day of Nadaw up to 3<sup>rd</sup> Waning of Nadaw. —Kyemon

WORLD

## Pentagon says undecided about post-2014 troops level in Afghanistan

WASHINGTON, 27 Nov—US Defence Secretary Leon Panetta has not yet decided on how he would advise the president about how many US troops should remain in Afghanistan after 2014, Pentagon Press Secretary George Little said on Monday.

“It’s entirely premature to speculate on troop numbers in Afghanistan between now and the end of 2014 or beyond,” Little said. “In September, we completed the full withdrawal of the 33,000 surge troops, and we will soon

begin considering how we move forward on further troop level adjustments, which will include planning for our post-2014 military and civilian presence in Afghanistan.”

Little said that Panetta will speak on Tuesday with John Allen, who commands US and NATO forces in the Central Asian country, to discuss a “range of matters on Afghanistan.”

According to agreements between Afghanistan and the United States, the US side can have a presence in Afghanistan after



US President Barack Obama greets troops at Bagram Air Base in Kabul on 2 May, 2012.—REUTERS

2014, when Western troops there are scheduled to withdraw. “Any US presence would only be at the invitation of the Afghan government, and aimed at training Afghan forces and targeting the remnants of al-Qaeda,” said Little.

On what kind of pres-

ence the United States would have in Afghanistan post 2014, President Barack Obama will have the final say, after taking into account recommendations from military leaders and his national security team including Panetta.

Xinhua

## 14 killed in fire at German workshop in Black Forest

BERLIN, 27 Nov—At least 14 people were killed on Monday in a fire at a workshop for people with disabilities in the Black Forest of southern Germany. Police said the fire broke out at about 14:00 local time (1300 GMT), injuring seven other people at the workshop in the town Titisee-Neustadt of Baden-Wuerttemberg state.

Investigations are underway on the cause of the fire. Local media said it was caused by an explosion in a storage room. A police spokesperson from nearby Freiburg said the death toll could still rise.

Firefighters and rescue workers gathered from neighbouring regions and managed to rescue almost everyone in the building, local media said, adding that smoke did not cease until one hour after the fire was extinguished.

The woodwork and metalwork workshop has 120 employees with mental or physical disabilities, local media said.

Police have asked those who were at the scene when the fire broke out to identify themselves, as 50 of the employees were in the building when the accident occurred.—Xinhua

## Bicycle bomb wounds 26 Afghans



Afghan wounded men receive treatment at a hospital in Khost Province in eastern Afghanistan, on 26 Nov, 2012.—XINHUA

KABUL, 27 Nov—A powerful explosive device placed on a bicycle went off on Monday in Khost city, capital of Khost Province 150 km southeast of Afghan capital Kabul, leaving over two dozen people, all civilians, injured, the provincial administration confirmed in a statement sent to media.

“The terrorists planted explosive object in a bicycle and detonated it in Sargardan Choak area in Khost City this morning, injuring 26 innocent civilians,” the statement added.

In the statement the Khost provincial administration put the attack on the “enemies of peace”, a term

referring to Taliban militants by Afghan officials.

The statement also called on security organs to spare no efforts in identifying and punishing those behind subversive activities in Khost and elsewhere in the country. Earlier, a local official on the condition of anonymity reported killing two people and injuring 18 others in the blast that rocked Khost city.

“The terrorists planted the bomb in the cavities of a bicycle and detonated it with a remote control in Sargardan Choak area, Khost City at around 11:00 am local time, killing two people and injuring 18,

mostly civilians,” the official told Xinhua but declined to give his name, saying authorized officials would brief the media after investigation.

Hospital sources have also confirmed the injury of over two dozen people in the blast. Director of health department in Khost city, Amir Badshah has confirmed that 26 injured people had been taken to hospitals for medical treatment, some of whom were in critical condition.

In the conflict-ridden Afghanistan, the non-combatants often bear the brunt of the endemic conflicts. “Between 1 January and 30 June, 2012, conflict-related violence resulted in 3,099 civilian casualties or 1,145 civilians killed and 1,954 others injured, a 15 percent decrease in overall civilian casualties compared with the same period in 2011,” a report of United Nations Assistance Mission in Afghanistan (UNAMA) released here in last August said.

Xinhua

## Talks over flood insurance fund break down

LONDON, 27 Nov—The government has refused to bankroll a fund to subsidise insurance for households in flood-prone areas, derailing talks over the scheme and potentially leaving 200,000 homes without protection.

The government has told insurers it will not provide an overdraft to the proposed fund, leaving talks over the plan deadlocked, the Association of British Insurers said on Monday.

The impasse comes amid renewed heavy flooding across England, with 500 properties affected since Wednesday and 70,000 more at risk, according to Britain’s Environment Agency.

Britain has been hit by several severe floods over the past ten years, with one in the summer of 2007 costing insurers about 3 billion pounds (\$4.8 billion).

“The government has indicated it will not provide any temporary overdraft facility for the insurance industry’s not-for-profit scheme, which makes it very difficult to go ahead,”

said Nick Starling, the ABI’s director of general insurance. Reuters reported last week that a government refusal to provide a financial backstop had cast doubt over the ABI-backed plan, dubbed Flood Re, after months of talks.

The owners of about 200,000 British homes in areas at risk of flooding can afford insurance only be-

be agreed by Christmas at the latest to give them time to adapt. The Environment Agency had issued 193 flood warnings, indicating that a flood is expected, as of 1330 GMT on Monday, with central and south-west of England most at risk.

The floods are “really disastrous, traumatic” for those affected, said Paul Cobbing, Chief Executive



Residents speak outside a flooded house, close to the River Trent in Willington, central England, on 26 Nov, 2012.—REUTERS

cause of a deal under which insurers agreed to cover them at a loss in return for a government pledge to boost spending on flood defences.

That agreement expires in July, and the Flood Re scheme had been intended to take its place. Insurers say its successor needs to

of the National Flood Forum, a charity for communities at risk of flooding.

“It just seems ridiculous that we’ve come to this impasse — we need something in place that provides accessible and affordable insurance, and we need an agreement now.”—Reuters

## Chile hosts UN forum on disaster risk management

SANTIAGO, 27 Nov—Delegates from countries across the Americas gathered in Chilean capital Santiago on Monday for the opening of a United Nations conference on natural and man-made disasters and risk reduction.

Some 400 envoys attended the “Regional Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction in the Americas” to identify different mechanisms for reducing the risk of natural disasters at local, national and regional levels. The conference also aims to speed up the implemen-

tation of an international framework for disaster risk reduction that was adopted by all UN member countries as part of the 2005 Hyogo Framework for Action.

“The fact that the forum is being held in Chile reflects the government’s concern for a preventive approach that seeks to promote a culture of self-preservation when faced with emergencies,” said Chilean Deputy Interior Minister Rodrigo Ubilla during the opening of the three-day event. Benjamin Chacana, director of Chile’s National

Emergency Office (Onemi), said the forum offers an opportunity to “debate how we can continue to strengthen the integration of disaster risk reduction into government policies and planning, and also strengthen national institutions to increase resilience against natural disasters.”

Chacana added that the forum “reinforces our commitment to continue working hard to strengthen the safety conditions of all Chileans.” As an example of that effort, he cited Onemi-organized emergency

drills that have included the participation of 3 million people around the country, and the strengthening of the National Civil Protection System through strategic alliances with the key institutions that comprise the system.

Among those attending the conference slated to end on Wednesday are Margareta Walstrom, representative of UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon, and Ricardo Mena, regional chief for the Americas at the UN Office for Disaster Risk Reduction.—Xinhua

## Shallow quake hits eastern Indonesia

JAKARTA, 27 Nov—An earthquake measuring 5.9 hit eastern parts of Indonesia on Tuesday, the Meteorology and Geophysics Agency reported here.

The quake jolted at 09:59 am Jakarta Time (0259 GMT) with epicentre at 57 km northeast Maluku Tengah of Maluku Province and with the depth at 10 km under sea bed, an official

of the agency told Xinhua by phone. The intensity of the quake was felt at 2 to 3 MMI (Modified Mercally Intensity) in Ambon the capital of the province and at Amahi town of the province.

Indonesia is vulnerable to quake as it sits on a vulnerable quake-hit zone so called “the Pacific Ring of Fire.”—Xinhua

**SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY**

**Russian, US astronauts selected for year-long space flight**

MOSCOW, 27 Nov — Russian federal space agency Roscosmos and the US National Aeronautics and Space Agency NASA have picked up crew members for the future year-long mission to the *International Space Station (ISS)*, Roscosmos said on Monday. Russian cosmonaut to participate in the longest-ever space trip is Mikhail Korniyenko while the US astronaut is Scott

Kelly, Roscosmos said in a statement published on its website.

The two will blast off in spring of 2015 from Baikonur space centre in Kazakhstan and return to Earth in spring of 2016. The aim of the year-long expedition was to observe the human adaptability to living in space for a long time as a step to the overall preparations for a travel to

Mars, Roscosmos said. Korniyenko and Kelly have already worked together at the *ISS* as crew members of 23/24 mission.

The Russian cosmonaut has spent 176 days on the orbit while the NASA astronaut has been to space for 180 days. The two pilots are to start their training for the record-breaking mission in 2013.

Xinhua



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**Science**

**Private company to launch Sri Lanka's first satellite**

COLOMBO, 27 Nov — Sri Lanka's maiden satellite launch done by SupremeSAT, a private company with collaboration from China's state owned China Great Wall Industry Corporation, is expected to take place on Tuesday, an official said.

The launch was initially expected to take place on 22 November but was postponed due to bad weather, Space Systems Engineer Rohitha Rajapaksa told media. The new date has been set for 27 November with the launch centre being from Xi Chang.

The Sri Lankan government has distanced itself from the launch insisting that there is no state involvement. It was earlier reported that the total investment for the project is estimated at 320 million US dollars.

This amount includes the construction of a satellite Content Management Station and a Space Academy in Sri Lanka's central town Kandy. The company has entered into an exclusive partnership agreement with China's state owned China Great Wall Industry Corporation (CGWIC) for the design, manufacturing and launching of the satellite.

Reuters



**UN climate change conference opens in Doha**

DOHA, 27 Nov — The latest UN climate change conference opened Monday in Doha, Qatar, where delegates from over 190 countries gathered for discussions on major issues relating to global anti-warming efforts, including details of the Kyoto Protocol's second commitment period. Participants at the conference, known as the 18th Conference of Parties (COP 18) to the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), expect it to press ahead with what has been achieved in previous years and accomplish substantive results.

At the beginning of the opening ceremony, COP 17 President Maite Nkoana-Mashabane from South Africa announced that the conference presidency was handed over to Abdullah bin Hamad Al-Attiyah, chairman of Qatar's Administrative Control and Transparency

Authority. Accepting the presidency, Attiyah said in a speech that climate change is a challenge confronting all human beings and effective actions need to be taken to cope with it.

Headed that the ongoing two-week conference is a precious opportunity for every participant here to advance their efforts in salvaging the warming globe. UNFCCC Executive Secretary Christiana Figueres said at the conference that the talks in Doha will strive to complete some of the work that was initiated in past COPs, especially the process started in Bali. The UN climate chief also said the talks here will work out detailed arrangement of the second commitment period of the Kyoto Protocol, a legally binding accord requiring industrialized countries to cut their carbon emissions.

Xinhua

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Abdullah bin Hamad Al-Attiyah, chairman of Qatar's Administrative Control and Transparency Authority, delivers a speech on the first day of the UN climate change conference in Doha, Qatar, on 26 Nov, 2012.—XINHUA

**Privacy groups ask Facebook to withdraw proposed policy changes**

SAN FRANCISCO, 27 Nov — Two privacy advocacy groups urged Facebook Inc on Monday to withdraw proposed changes to its terms of service that would allow the company to share user data with recently acquired photo-application Instagram, eliminate a user voting system and loosen email restrictions within the social network. The changes, which Facebook unveiled on Wednesday, raise privacy risks for users and violate the company's previous commitments to its roughly 1 billion members, according to the Electronic Privacy Information Centre and the Centre for Digital Democracy.

"Facebook's proposed changes implicate the user privacy and terms of a recent settlement with the Federal

Trade Commission," the groups said in a letter to Facebook Chief Executive Mark Zuckerberg that was published on their websites on Monday. By sharing information with Instagram, the letter said, Facebook could combine user profiles, ending its practice of keeping user information on the two services separate. Facebook declined to comment on the letter. In April, Facebook settled privacy charges with the US Federal Trade Commission that it had deceived consumers

and forced them to share more personal information than they intended. Under the settlement, Facebook is required to get user consent for certain changes to its privacy settings and is subject to 20 years of independent audits. Facebook, Google and other online companies have faced increasing scrutiny and enforcement from privacy regulators as consumers entrust ever-increasing amounts of information about their personal lives to Web services.—Reuters



A Facebook page is displayed on a computer screen in Brussels on 21 April, 2010. REUTERS

**Tech**

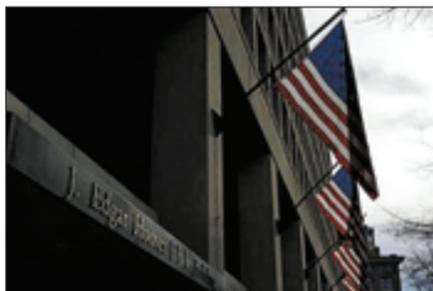
**FBI uses Twitter, social media to look for securities fraud**

NEW YORK, 27 Nov — The FBI sees social media as a potential breeding ground for securities fraud, and has agents scouring Twitter and Facebook for tips, according to two top agents overseeing a long-running investigation

into insider trading in the \$2 trillion hedge fund industry. April Brooks, a special agent in charge of the New York field office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and David Chaves, a supervisory agent, said it is hard to predict

the next wave of securities fraud, but they add that it will have a lot to do with advances in technology and social media. "I will tell you technology will play a huge part, social media, Twitter. Any kind of technology that is new and doesn't exist today, if there is any way to exploit it, these individuals will exploit it," Brooks told Reuters TV in an interview for the Reuters Investment Outlook 2013 Summit. Brooks and Chaves oversee what the FBI calls "Operation Perfect Hedge," which has led to more than 60 convictions of hedge fund traders, analysts and industry consultants. Last Tuesday, a day after the Reuters TV interview, the government charged a former employee of Steven A Cohen's SAC Capital, Mathew Martoma, with a \$276 million insider trading scheme that prosecutors called "the most lucrative" ever.—Reuters

The main headquarters of the FBI, the J Edgar Hoover Building, is seen in Washington on 4 March, 2012. REUTERS



**Tech**



**Nokia unveils two new cellphone models, priced at \$62**

HELSINKI, 27 Nov — Struggling Finnish cellphone maker Nokia unveiled on

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

Monday two new cellphone models, the Asha 205 and the Asha 206, pricing both models at around \$62, excluding subsidies and taxes.

Both models will go on sale this quarter.

Nokia unveiled a new Slam feature which allows consumers to share multimedia content like photos and videos with nearby friends almost instantly through Bluetooth connection.—Reuters

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WORLD

## Obama health law to face religion-based challenge

WASHINGTON, 27 Nov—The Supreme Court on Monday cleared the way for a Christian college to pursue a religion-based challenge against part of President Barack Obama's healthcare reform, which it claims forces taxpayers and employers to subsidize abortions and contraception.

Liberty University, based in Lynchburg, Virginia, may now also argue that Congress exceeded its power by requiring big employers to provide healthcare coverage to workers, though legal experts said the argument

faces an uphill battle in court.

In June, the Supreme Court by a 5-4 vote upheld most of the healthcare reform, but left open a possibility for groups or individuals to challenge how the law is applied.

Monday's order allows for oral argument to proceed in the 4th US Circuit Court of Appeals in Richmond, Virginia.

Liberty University filed one of the first private lawsuits against the overhaul, on the day Obama signed the law in 2010.

It claimed that forcing

individual taxpayers and employers to subsidize abortions and contraception impeded the free exercise of religion under the First Amendment to the US Constitution. The Supreme Court decision in June did not address the employer mandate or the religious freedom claims, according to the university.

Ilya Somin, a law professor at George Mason University in Virginia, said the challenge to the employer mandate would be a "tough sell" based on the June decision, which let Congress

require people to buy health insurance under its power to tax.

"If you look at the way Chief Justice John Roberts upheld the individual mandate, and made it a tax, there is considerable reluctance on his part to strike down a major portion of this law," Somin said.

In September 2011, the 4th Circuit had said it lacked jurisdiction because challenging the mandates would have violated the federal Anti-Injunction Act's ban on lawsuits seeking to halt collection of a tax.



Beds lie empty in the emergency room of Tulane University Hospital in New Orleans on 14 Feb, 2006.

REUTERS

The Supreme Court in June formally declined to review Liberty's appeal. But the university later said that because the 4th Circuit was

wrong to decide it lacked jurisdiction, its decision should be thrown out, and a new lawsuit should proceed.

Reuters

## Spanish company embroiled in nuclear smuggling scheme with Iran



A general view of the Ona machine tools company is seen in Durango on 26 Nov, 2012.—REUTERS

BILBAO, 27 Nov—A company from Spain's Basque country smuggled machinery to Iran for likely use in the country's nuclear programme through an elaborate scheme involving a shell company in Turkey, Spanish tax authorities said on Monday.

Spain's tax agency said the company had managed to send over seven machines designed to make parts for turbines used in energy plants, in a scheme that

violated United Nations security council sanctions against Iran.

A source close to the operation named the company involved as ONA Electroerosion.

The machines, sold for nearly 1 million euros (811,600 pounds), were destined for use in Iran's nuclear development programme, according to the agency's investigations to date. The UN, the United States and the European

Union have imposed sanctions on Iran for refusing to halt nuclear enrichment, which Western powers fear is part of a plan to amass the capability to produce nuclear weapons.

Iran argues its atomic work is for use in medicine and generating electricity.

The company, based in the Basque municipality of Durango, had been denied a license to export seven fan-manufacturing machines to Iran in September 2009, precisely because of fears they could be used in the nuclear programme.

But it later duped Spanish customs by using an intermediary company set up in Turkey by its Iranian business partner, and shipped the machinery to Istanbul before dispatching it to Teheran.

Spain's tax agency said it had raided the company's premises on 13 November, removing documents and other information it was still analysing.—Reuters

## New travel books launched to promote Sino-British business contacts

LONDON, 27 Nov—Two books designed to facilitate better understanding between British and Chinese businesses were launched in London on Monday.

The two handbooks, "Active Business Travel: Great Britain" in Chinese and "Active Business Travel: China" in English, are an initiative of the Chinese Business Association (CBA) of the London Chamber of Commerce and Industry (LCCI) to support the growing Sino-British trade

development and economic ties. Ou Yan, founding Chairman of the CBA and managing director of China Telecom (Europe) Ltd, said while there were numerous business guides on how to do business in China or Britain, few provide as thorough a guide. Peter Bishop, deputy chief executive of the London Chamber of Commerce and Industry, said: "It is important for the future economic growth of the country that British businesses increasingly look

to markets like China for their goods and services."

"These books are a must-have for anyone who wants to do business in China and for the rising number of Chinese companies who are setting up in the UK," Bishop said.

The books are written by Yintong Bester, a British China marketing and businesses communications specialist and founder of the Active Anglo Chinese Communications company.

Xinhua

## 132 counterfeit websites seized in US-EU post-Thanksgiving crackdown

WASHINGTON, 27 Nov—The US federal authorities and their European counterparts seized 132 websites for allegedly selling counterfeit goods in a coordinated post-Thanksgiving crackdown, announced US Immigration and Customs Enforcement on Monday. This is the third straight year that the US federal government launched a crackdown blitz on "Cyber Monday", a term for the Monday following the Thanksgiving Day, a major online shopping day with big sales and promotions in the year-end holiday season.

US Immigration and Customs Enforcement's (ICE) Homeland Security Investigations, and law enforcement agencies from Belgium, Denmark, France, Romania and the United Kingdom, as well as the European Police Office (Europol) seized 132 domain names that were illegally selling counterfeit merchandise online to unsuspecting consumers.—Xinhua

## Rapid action needed to halt malaria in Greece, say scientists

LONDON, 27 Nov—Greek authorities must urgently step up control of mosquitoes and surveillance of infected people to stop malaria from re-establishing itself in the crisis-hit country, scientists said on Friday.

Writing in online journal *Eurosurveillance*, they said recent outbreaks of the disease in the southern regions of Lakonia and East Attica were worrying. Tackling malaria requires measures such as insecticide spraying, eliminating standing water and tracking mosquito populations as well as people infected with the disease. "It is clear that surveillance and vector control programmes should be strengthened and rapidly intensified," said the study, led by researchers at the Hellenic Centre for Disease Control and Prevention (HCDCP) in Athens.

Greece's healthcare system is under extreme pressure from budget cuts, and experts fear groups such as the poor, unemployed or homeless, many of them immigrants, are not getting

treatment they need.

Malaria, which causes high fever and chills and kills hundreds of thousands of people a year worldwide, was once endemic in Greece but was officially eliminated in 1974. Most cases since then have been imported by travellers, mainly from Africa and Asia.

But Greece has established populations of potentially malarial mosquito species, and last year, 40 cases of locally-acquired malaria were reported, mainly in Lakonia and Attica. Between 1 January and 22 October this year Greece reported 75 cases in total, 16 of which were locally acquired.

Other mosquito-borne diseases, including West Nile virus carried by *Culex modestus* mosquitoes, also occur in Greece.

Apostolos Veizis, director of medical-operational support for Medecins Sans Frontieres in Greece, warned in a statement earlier this month that any malaria plan could not work properly unless access to healthcare was available to all.—Reuters

## Inflation expectations fall in November — YouGov

LONDON, 27 Nov — Public inflation expectations in Britain for the next 12 months fell to 2.8 percent in November from 3.0 percent in October, a survey by polling company YouGov showed on Monday.

Inflation expectations for the next 5-10 years also fell, dropping to 3.4 percent — the lowest since July — from 3.7 percent in October.

The survey of 2,162 people was carried out on behalf of bank Citi, and was conducted between 21 November and 23 November, shortly after official data showed consumer price inflation rose to 2.7 percent in October.



A market trader packs up his stall in London on 13 Nov, 2012.—REUTERS

"Expectations of continued inflation are translating into expectations of a further decline in living standards — and hence a continued desire

to deleverage and caution over spending — rather than stronger cost growth," said Citi economist Michael Saunders.

Reuters

## Putin sends condolences to Bangladesh over deadly fire

Moscow, 27 Nov—Russian President Vladimir Putin has sent condolences to Bangladeshi leaders over a fire in a garment factory that killed at least 112 workers, the Kremlin Press service said on Sunday.

Putin expressed condolences to Bangladeshi President Zilluru Rahman and Prime Minister Sheikh

Hasina in connection with the fire that erupted in a multi-story factory on the outskirts of the capital city Dhaka and “resulted in numerous casualties,” the Kremlin said in a statement.

Putin asked to “convey words of deep sympathy to relatives of those killed and wishes for sooner recovery of the injured,” the statement

said. At least 112 workers were killed in the blaze that gutted the seven-story Dhaka factory, fire department Operations Director Maj. Mohammad Mahbub told *The Associated Press*.

About 1,000 workers were trapped inside the factory and the remaining 3,000 escaped after the blaze broke out.—*Xinhua*



*Soldiers of the Chinese People's Liberation Army (PLA) take part in the rotation ceremony at the Stonecutters Island Naval Base in Hong Kong, south China, on 25 Nov, 2012. The Chinese PLA garrison troops in the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) conducted its 15th troop rotation on Sunday since it assumed Hong Kong's defence responsibility on 1 July, 1997.—XINHUA*



*Andres Paris (L), a representative of the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC) guerrilla group, reads a statement before peace talks between representatives of the Colombian government and FARC, in Havana, Cuba, on 24 Nov, 2012. XINHUA*

## French president's visit to Algeria to give new impetus to ties

ALGIERS, 27 Nov—The Algerian-French relations will be marked by a new impetus during the visit of French President Francois Hollande to the North African nation next month, Algerian Minister of Industry Cherif Rahmani said here on Sunday.

Rahmani said so at a joint Press conference with Jean-Pierre Raffarin, the visiting French official in charge of monitoring French partnership projects in Algeria.

“I think, hereafter, about a new impetus to our bilateral relations which is to be confirmed during the summit between the two presidents,” Rahmani was quoted as saying by the official APS news agency.

“We are at a turning point in our bilateral relations, within a changing world and emerging crisis, as we are called to get our economies and policies closer and convergent,” he said.

“We've decided to build our economy relations on substance, on real and tangible basis,” Rahmani said, adding that the two countries have identified the potential economic sectors of cooperation, including the car industry, petrochemicals,

pharmaceuticals, construction materials and food industry.

For his part, Raffarin indicated that he had initiated several projects with Rahmani, as a prelude to Hollande's forthcoming visit.

Raffarin arrived Saturday night in Algiers for a three-day visit, as boosting economic partnership is high on the agenda. He was here in February, as a special envoy of former French President Nicolas Sarkozy.—*Xinhua*

*Robert H Serry, the United Nations special coordinator for the Middle East Peace Process, talks with a wounded Palestinian boy during his visit to Gaza Strip in Gaza City on 25 Nov, 2012. —XINHUA*



## New York to hire thousands for Hurricane Sandy clean-up

NEW YORK, 27 Nov—The US state of New York has secured 27 million US dollars federal grant to hire more than 5,000 unemployed New Yorkers to help clean up communities still recovering from Hurricane Sandy, Governor Andrew Cuomo said on Sunday here.

The funding, provided by a National Emergency Grant, will be provided to

communities hit hard by the storm so they can quickly hire young people and the unemployed to help with clean-up efforts in affected counties.

The State Department of Labour, which is administering the funds, will work with communities to identify cleanup areas and deploy workers to job sites.

“As New York State

begins to rebuild and clean-up after the incredible destruction caused by Hurricane Sandy, the enormous amount of work to be done gives us a chance to provide young and unemployed New Yorkers with job opportunities cleaning up their communities,” Cuomo said.

*Xinhua*



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

## “Fiscal cliff” talks stalled but progress possible

WASHINGTON, 27 Nov—US lawmakers have made little progress in the past 10 days toward a compromise to avoid the harsh tax increases and government spending cuts scheduled for 1 January, a senior Democratic senator said on Sunday.

The United States is on course to slash its budget deficit nearly in half next year. Closing the gap that quickly, which in Washington is referred to as going over

a “fiscal cliff,” could easily trigger a recession.

“Unfortunately, for the last 10 days, with the House and Congress gone for the Thanksgiving recess ... much progress hasn't been made,” Dick Durbin, the No 2 Senate Democrat, told ABC's “This Week” programme.

Serious negotiations are expected to resume this week. Democratic and Republican lawmakers have been trying to convince the public—and financial markets—that they are willing to compromise and can reach a deal before the end of the year.

Durbin indicated Democrats might accept a reform of the government's Medicare health insurance programme for the elderly that would make higher-income seniors pay more for their care.

Democrats traditionally oppose limiting Medicare

benefits according to income, a practice known as “means testing.” Durbin said Medicaid, a public health insurance programme for the poor, also could be overhauled. But Durbin said Social Security, the federal government pension programme, needs only small tweaks to ensure long-term solvency rather than major reforms.

A deadline looms over the talks. Without action by lawmakers and President Barack Obama, roughly \$600 billion in tax increases and spending cuts will start to hit households and companies in early January.

House Speaker John Boehner has called for a short-term plan to avert the fiscal cliff to pave the way for Congress and the White House to agree to work during 2013 on comprehensive tax reform and longer-term spending cuts.—*Reuters*

## Eight dead, human remains found in northern Mexico

CIUDAD JUAREZ, 27 Nov—Mexican authorities discovered the bodies of eight men and the remains of others in the northern state of Chihuahua over the weekend, the local government said on Sunday. The eight victims, who were aged 30-35, were found by a road roughly 50 miles south of the city of Chihuahua. The victims had been tortured and shot in the head, a spokesman for the state government said.

State prosecutors also found a grave containing the remains of men who died roughly two years ago in the desert area just south of the city of Ciudad Juarez, near the US border.

Bones and clothing of the victims were discovered during a search of the area conducted on Friday and Saturday, according to a government statement. Authorities will work on determining the number of dead, cause and time of death, and identities of the victims, the statement said.

Chihuahua has been one of the Mexican states hardest hit by violence stemming from turf wars between drug cartels and their clashes with security forces.

Mexican President Felipe Calderon, who steps down at the end of the month, launched a six-year offensive against the cartels that led to a spike in violent crime. About 60,000 people have died in drug-related violence during his term.

President-elect Enrique Pena Nieto, who takes office on 1 December, says his priority will be to reduce violence and focus first on tackling crimes like extortion and kidnapping.—*Reuters*

**LOCAL NEWS**

**Two rural health branches commissioned into service**

**MAWLAMYINEGYUN, 27 Nov**—A ceremony to open the rural health branch was held in Nyinaunggyi Village in Kyetsha Village-tract in Mawlamyinegyun Township on 20 November.

Head of Township Health Department Medical Superintendent of Township Hospital (100-bed) Dr Aye

Aung and officials formally opened the branch. A similar ceremony was held at the health branch in Paychaung Village on that noon.

Thanks to the rural health branches, health care services will be served to the local people more than that of the past.

*Myanma Alinn*

**MU to open first year honour classes**

**MANDALAY, 27 Nov**—Mandalay University will reopen first year honour classes on Myanmar, English, Geography, History, Philosophy, Psychology, Oriental Studies, International Relations, Anthropology, Archaeology, Chemistry, Physics, Mathematics, Zoology, Botany, Geology, Biology, Microbiology, Nuclear Physics and Biotechnology majors for the 2012-2013 academic year at the university as of 3 December 2012.

Those who have got the entrance to attend the first year honour classes from universities and degree colleges in Higher Education Department (Upper Myanmar) are to submit the applications with the endorsement for the honour classes and original copy of the mark list to get registration at the student affairs department of the university beginning 23 November.

Each class of major will admit 20 students only.

*Myanma Alinn*

**Vietnam-based communication station opened**



**YANGON, 27 Nov**—With a view to contributing to development of communication sector in Myanmar and creation of investment opportunities, the mobifone office of Vietnam-based communication station was opened at No 17B on

Thayawady Road in Saya San Ward of Bahan Township on 24 November morning.

Mobifone will contribute to ensuring cheap prices of phone and Internet bills for development of communication sector.

*Myanma Alinn*

**Health care services inspected in Mandalay, Sagaing Regions**

**YANGON, 27 Nov**—Deputy Minister for Health Dr Win Myint met basic health care staff at Letpanhla Village rural health centre in Singu Township on 20 November and stressed the need to uplift health standard of the rural people as they are close in touch with the local people.

After meeting with the doctors and nurses, the deputy minister inspected child ward and other patient wards. He also looked into the place for construction of the annex of the Shwebo District General Hospital.

On 22 November, the deputy minister comforted the patients who suffered from burning and are under treatment at Mandalay General Hospital.

On 21 November morning, the deputy minister comforted patients at Kanbalu Township Hospital

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**Weighing, quality of gold under new standardization**

**YANGON, 27 Nov**—Entrepreneurs are hoping for exporting gold to the world market officially, according to the gold entrepreneurs society.

“I have learnt that at a time when the mining law would have been promulgated, gold would be exported. Domestic companies are engaging in mining of gold. However, we have no permission to legally export gold. After enacting the law, gold would be included in the export product list,” said a member of Myanmar Gold Entrepreneurs Association of Yangon.

At present, local gold entrepreneurs export gold to neighbouring countries such as China, India and Thailand via Mandalay of Upper Myanmar.

“We need a law to legally export refined gold and gold ornaments. The mining law is being amended at the parliament. After that, we will have the opportunity to export gold legally,” said



Director-General U Win Htein of the Ministry of Mines.

Secretary of the association U Kyaw Win explained, “We see good opportunity to legally export gold soon. At present, our association arranges to set the standards for weighs of gold in the entire nation. We have submitted the proposal to the ministry and hope for permission. A meeting was

held with all entrepreneurs of the association and they adopted the decision. The Ministry of Mines will give permit for export as well as standards of weighing and quality. That is why buyers and exporters will have the best quality of gold.”

If the Ministry of Mines have given permission officially, one tical of gold must be equal to 6000 grams with 19.25 density.

“Only when the gold is standardized, will the export products be safety in quality. At present, there are a few differences among the regions in standards. Now, the merchant export gold through mutual understanding. If the permission would have been given, sales of gold would earn increased income for the nation,” said a gold entrepreneur from Mandalay.

*Myanma Alinn*

**Men’s and women’s Htoke-hsee-toe contest wraps up**

**YANGON, 27 Nov**—Myanmar Traditional Sports Federation of Ministry of Sports and No 3 Basic Education Department jointly held the men’s and women’s htoke-hsee-toe contest at Aung San Gymnasium.

On 21 November, the prize presentation ceremony for the contest took place at the same venue.

Vice-Presidents of the federation U Thant Zin and U Kyaw Shwe, Director of No 3 BED U Aye Min, the treasurer of the federation and the secretary awarded the winners.

Next, First prize went to Hlinethaya Township, second prize to Ahlon Township, third prize to Mayangon Township and fourth prize to Dagon Myothit (South) Township in the women’s team, first prize to Ahlon Township, second prize to Dagon Myothit (South) Township,

third to Hlinethaya Township and fourth to Thingangyun Township in the men’s event.

President of the Myanmar Traditional Sports Federation U Tun Lin Thaug presented championship trophy to Hlinethaya Township women’s team.

After that, Yangon Region Minister for Economic U Than Myint presented the championship trophy to Ahlon Township men’s team.

*Myanma Alinn*

**Winners awarded in Region Inter-School Sports Meet**

**MONYWA, 27 Nov**—The prize presentation for the Sagaing Region Inter-Basic Education School Sports Meet for 2012-2013 academic year was held at the region sports ground in Monywa on 21 November afternoon.

Officials presented the second prizes to players of Katha District women’s team and Hkamti District men’s team, the first prizes to those of Kalay District women’s team and Shwebo District men’s team.

Monywa College Principal U Khin Maung Aye awarded the best player award for men and best players for respective players to the winners. Region Auditor-General Daw Khin Myint Aye gave championship trophy to first prize winning Kalay District women’s team.

Sagaing Region Minister for Agriculture and Livestock Breeding U Sein Win presented championship trophy to Shwebo District men’s team.—*Myanma Alinn*

**Mohnyin Thambuddhe Pagoda Pujaniya in Monywa in Tazaungmon**

**MONYWA, 27 Nov**—The 54<sup>th</sup> Buddha Pujaniya of Mohnyin Thambuddhe Pagoda will be held on a grand scale on fullmoon day of Tazaungmon.

In the morning of the fullmoon day, rice and alms will be offered to 135

members of the Sangha.

“It is the greatest rice offering ceremony around Monywa region. On that day, around the pagoda and all stairways will be crowded with people.

Each member of the Sangha can get six baskets

of rice in addition other offertories,” said a local of Monywa who has experience in offering of rice to members of the Sangha.

Many festivities and will be performed at the Pujaniya from 11<sup>th</sup> Waxing of Tazaungmon to the fullmoon day. Various sorts of earthen pots, mats, baskets, bamboo-made fans and farming equipment, textiles and traditional toys are available at the festival. The visitors and pilgrims may purchase the domestic products.

*Myanma Alinn*



**CASH DONATED:**  
On behalf of Myanmar Women’s Affairs Federation, Sagaing Region Women’s Affairs Organization presented cash and utensils worth K 250,000 donated by MAAF to quake victim patients at Kyaukmyaung Sub-Township Hospital recently.  
**MYANMA ALINN**

**PERSPECTIVES**

Wednesday, 28 November, 2012

**Education protects girls against early marriage**

Child marriage most often occurs in poor, rural communities. In many regions, parents arrange their daughter's marriage unbeknownst to the girl. That can mean that one day, she may be at home playing with her siblings, and the next, and she's married off and sent to live in another village with her husband and his family – strangers, essentially.

Poverty plays a central role in causing and perpetuating early marriage. Poor countries and families often have few resources to support healthy alternatives for girls, such as schooling. In such families with limited resources, child marriage is often seen as a way to provide for their daughter's future. However, girls who marry young have an increased chance of being poor and remaining poor.

Once married, a girl is pulled out of school and also separated from her peers. Besides, she is more likely to be a victim of domestic violence and suffer health complications associated with early sexual activity and childbearing.

The collective burdens of housework, childcare and family pressure can often prevent or prematurely end the education of a child bride. While girls with low levels of education are more likely to be married early, those with secondary education are up to six times less likely to marry as children, and more likely to send their own children to school.

But child marriage is not a serious problem in Myanmar, as we people do not let our children, both boys and girls, marry in their early age. Only after having education and wealth to a certain degree young men and women start thinking about marriage. That's one of our fine traditions.

Anyhow education is one of the best strategies to protect girls against early marriage and provide them with the opportunity to build a better life for themselves, their families and their communities.



Shwe Min Thar

**Myanmar to formulate rice policy for better life of farmers, development of agriculture sector**

NAY PYI TAW, 27 Nov — Union Minister for Commerce U Win Myint held talks on trade policies with a delegation led by Senior Economist Mr. Paavo Eliste of World Bank at his office, here, this morning.

In his discussion, the Union Minister said the ministry was formulating a rice policy for better living standard of farmers and development of agriculture sector in cooperation with the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation and other associations. He invited technical assistance and

suggestions through holding workshops on rice policy in Myanmar.

The WB and FAO delegation vowed to cooperate in boosting agrobusiness and trade sector in Myanmar. Coordination would be made for formulating a rice policy and organizing workshop, they added.

Next, Deputy Minister Dr Pwint Hsan and departmental officials answered the queries raised by members of the delegation.

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**Chairman of Chiefs of Staff Committee Chief of India takes salute of guard of honour**

NAY PYI TAW, 27 Nov — The Indian delegation led by Chairman of Chiefs of Staff Committee of India

this morning.

They were welcomed by Chief of Staff (Air) Maj-Gen Khin Aung Myint and



Chairman of Chiefs of Staff Committee of India Chief of Air Staff Air Chief Marshal NAK Browne, PVSM, AVSM, VM, ADC and Chief of Staff (Air) Maj-Gen Khin Aung Myint inspect the Guard of Honour.—MNA

Chief of Air Staff Air Chief Marshal NAK Browne, PVSM, AVSM, VM, ADC and wife, arrived here by Myanmar Tatmataw aircraft

officials concerned at Nay Pyi Taw Airport.

At Zeyathiri Beikman, the Chairman of Chiefs of Staff Committee and the

Chief of Staff (Air) took salute of the Guard of Honour, and inspected the Guard of Honour.

Afterwards, they had a cordial meeting at Zeyathiri Beikman.

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**Public announcement for remonstrations**

1. As the name of National Democratic Party for Human Rights headquartered at No (54/B) on Kaba-Aye Pagoda Road in Ward-8 of Mayangon Township of Yangon Region was remonstrated, the association submitted an application to the Union Election Commission on 22-11-2012 that it will change and use its name as Democracy and Human Rights Party.

2. It is hereby announced in accord with Political Parties Registration Rules 14 (d) that if there is anyone who want to remonstrate about the new name of the party, they may remonstrate with the Union Election Commission with firm evidence within seven days from the date of the announcement.

Union Election Commission

**FULLMOON NIGHT OF TAZAUNGMON**

- \* Tazaungmon is the eighth month of Myanmar calendar. It coincides with the month of November. Rains and sleets have entirely passed out. Clear blue sky bears no dark clouds.
- \* Asterism Kyattika appears in conjunction with the moon. Fragrant flowers of Kha-we are in bloom. All heavenly bodies are visible at night. Blue firmament seems to be bright.
- \* Pleasant weather favours festivals in variety. Tazaungmon accompanies all the festivities. Myanmar people hold the festival of constellations. Lights are illuminated at pagodas and habitations.
- \* Music and dance create a festive atmosphere. Communal Ka-thina ceremonies are held here and there. Competitions of weaving Ma-tho-Thingan are held on the fullmoon night as well.
- \* Dedicated to the Culamuni Pagoda in Tavatimsa, Hot air balloons are sent up for euphoria. All this shows the piety of Myanmar. What we call a peace-loving nature.
- \* To possess a fit and healthy life, Mezali feast is catered on the fullmoon night. To do a fun-making before crows awake, Kyee-ma-noe pwe is held to date.
- \* Noble traditions are maintained in own way. They have been valued up to this day. As they constitute the Myanmar identity, Let's preserve the traditions in perpetuity. May peace prevail in our community!

By Maung Swe Ngae

**Fight against pneumonia and diarrhea discussed**

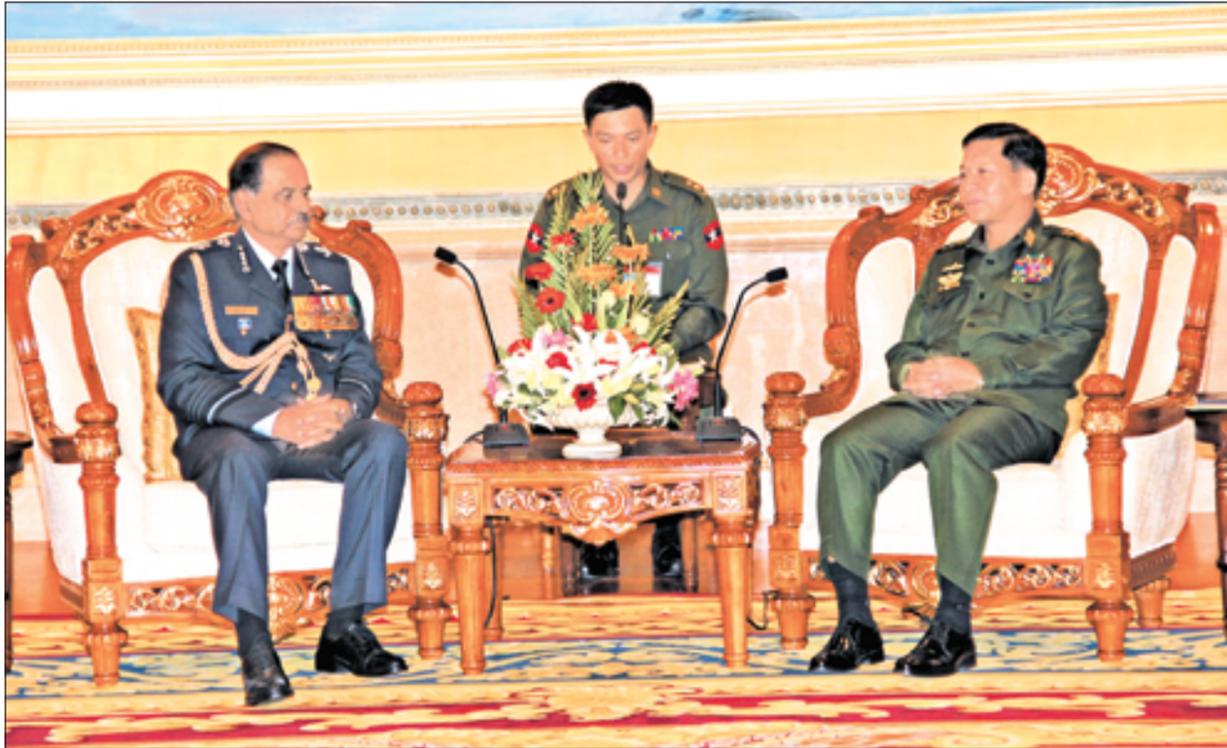
NAY PYI TAW, 27 Nov — Jointly organized by Health Department under the Ministry of Health and World Health Organization, Global Implementation Conference for fight against pneumonia and diarrhea which usually occurred under five year children took place at Myat Tawwin Hotel this morning. Dr Samira Aboubaker from WHO and Dr Rajesh Mehta from South East Asia Department participated in

discussions. At the meeting, Deputy Director-General (Public Health) Dr Nilar Tin of the Health Department said that she was pleased to see the plan for drawing to fight pneumonia and diarrhea diseases for children in far-flung areas. As scholars from the discussion would exchange their experiences, all should do their best, she added.

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# Security, political and economic stability needed for development



Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Vice-Senior General Min Aung Hlaing receives Indian Chairman of Chiefs of Staff Committee and Chief of Air Staff Air Chief Marshal NAK Browne, PVSM, AVSM, VM, ADC at Zeyathiri Beikman.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 27 Nov— Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Vice-Senior General Min Aung Hlaing

thanked India for helping Myanmar's Tatmadaw and sharing experiences in development of the country

and modernizing Myanmar's Tatmadaw in meeting with Chairman of Chiefs of Staff Committee of Indian and

Chief of Air Staff Air Chief Marshall NAK Browne, PVSM, AVSM, VM, ADC at Zeyathiri Beikman here this

morning.

He vowed to strengthen cooperation in various sectors. He said security, political and economic stability are sine qua non for development of a country. He called for coordination between the two countries to ensure the best possible outcomes. He expressed his wish to cooperate with UN peace-keeping forces.

The Indian Chief of Air Staff said he wished to further strengthen the bilateral cooperation. He said Myanmar is an important neighbor for India and also an important nation in ASEAN. He expressed his wish to improve border management. He promised the capacity

building between the two armed forces and proposed the exchange of visits to increase assistances.

Also present at the call were Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) General Soe Win, Chief of the General Staff (Army, Navy and Air) General Hla Htay Win, Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Rear-Admiral Thura Thet Swe, Commander-in-Chief (Air) General Myat Hein, Lt-Gen Kyaw Swe of the Office of Commander-in-Chief (Army), senior military officers from Indian Armed Forces and Indian Military Attaché to Myanmar Col Rajesh Kumar.

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## Conveyance of Buddha images in DaikU 29 Nov

DAIKU, 27 Nov—The 90<sup>th</sup> 28-Buddha-image conveyance and Yadanatta ceremony will be held in DaikU at 3.30 pm yesterday. The Dhammabhin ceremony will take place at Myole Sasana Beikman from 1 to 11 December. The ceremony will start at 7 pm

daily. After the 28-Buddha-image conveyance ceremony, the Mahadok alms offering ceremony will follow on 13 December. Wellwishers may enlist at the Buddha image conveyance pandal as of 1 December.

Myanma Alinn

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### Republic of the Union of Myanmar Information Team

Press Release No (9/2012)

27 November 2012

(14<sup>th</sup> Waxing of Tazaungmon 1374 ME)

### Sending of remark by the President to the Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw regarding the Bill to amend the Constitutional Tribunal of the Union Law

1. The Speaker of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw sent the "Bill to amend the Constitutional Tribunal of the Union Law" approved by Pyidaungsu Hluttaw to the President on 18-11-2012 in accordance with Section 105 of the Constitution to be signed by the President so that the bill can be enacted as a law.

2. The translation of the full text of "the bill to amend the Constitutional Tribunal of the Union Law as follows:-

"1. The Law shall be known as the Law to amend the Constitutional Tribunal of the Union Law.

2. In the Constitutional Tribunal of the Union Law,

(a) Section 6 shall be substituted as follow:-

"6. The President shall submit candidature of the list of total nine persons, three members chosen by him, three members chosen by the Speaker of the Pyithu Hluttaw and three members chosen by the Speaker of the Amyotha Hluttaw, one member from among nine members to be assigned as the Chairperson of the Constitutional Tribunal of the Union, to the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw for its approval.

(b).Sub-section (i) shall be added after Section 12 Sub-section (h) as follow:

"(i) Submitting their respective reports on duties and functions to the President, the Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw or the Speaker of Amyotha Hluttaw who chose them separately."

3. In the Constitutional Tribunal of the Union Law, the switch from Section 23 to Section 24 and section 24 to section 23 shall be made.

"24. The resolution of the Constitutional Tribunal in accord with Section 23 shall be final and conclusive.

4. Section 25 of Constitutional Tribunal of the Union Law shall be abolished."

3. Regarding the bill, the remark of the President was sent back to the Speaker of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw on 23-11-2012 in accord with the Section 106 Sub-section (a). The translation of the full text of the remark is as follow:-

"1. The bill to amend the Constitutional Tribunal of the Union Law sent to be signed by the President was received.

2. Regarding the bill, my remark is as follow:-

(a) Regarding Section 2 Sub-section (a) of the bill, Section 321 of the Constitution states that "The President shall submit the candidature of list of total nine persons, three members chosen by him, three members chosen by the Speaker of the Pyithu Hluttaw and three members chosen by the Speaker of the Amyotha Hluttaw, and one member from among nine members to be assigned as the Chairperson of the Constitutional Tribunal of the Union, to the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw for its approval." As Section 446 states that provisions of the 22 laws enacted in accord with the Section 443 of the Constitution shall remain in operation in so far as they are not contrary to the Constitution, the amendment of the Hluttaw is contrary to the Constitution. If it had been enacted, it would have been annulled.

(b) As regards Section 2 Sub-section (b) of the bill, Section 12 of the Constitutional Tribunal of the Union Law is duties of the tribunal prescribed in Sections 322 and 323 of the constitution. The added Sub-section (i) is not included in the constitution and could harm the power and

the status of the tribunal being the supreme of all courts. It is otherwise the interference into the judiciary. It goes against the principle of judicial independence prescribed in Section 19 and Sub-section (a) of the constitution and against the Section 11 and Sub-section (a) of the constitution. The Sub-section should not be added as these provisions need to be put into practice for flourishing of democracy.

(c) As regards Section 3 of the bill, if the Sections 23 and 24 of the Constitutional Tribunal of the Union Law are amended or replaced, the resolution of the tribunal will be final only for the cases applied by any court in accord with Section 12 Sub-section (g) of the law. It will not effect on other cases, meaning they are the resolutions that may be appealed. As the amendment goes against Section 324 of the constitution "The resolution of the Constitutional Tribunal of the Union is final", it would be regarded to have already dissolved.

(d) As regards Section 4 of the bill, the Section 25 of the Constitutional Tribunal of the Union Law is prescribed to make its power effect on all government bodies or personnel and respective areas. The essence of the Section 25 is to stop argument as regards the effect of the resolution of the tribunal. If not, there will be arguments and requirements of further definitions. The Section 25 should not be omitted.

3. The Bill amending the Constitutional Tribunal of the Union Law sent by the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw is returned with comments in accord with Section 106 Sub-section (a) of the constitution.

4. The message of the President stated that the provision of any existing law is valid as long as it complies or does not go against with the constitution in accord with Section 446 of the constitution. Lack of ease in enforcing a law could result in unnecessary incidents. The Section 12 of the constitution prescribes requirements in doing so.

5. The remarks of the President sent to the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw are aimed at making the law comply with the constitution and flourishing of democratic practices.

## Pro-settler Israeli hardliners sweep Netanyahu party vote

JERUSALEM, 27 Nov— Pro-settler hardliners swept a vote on Monday held by Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's Likud party, effectively tossing four of his closest allies and backers of Middle East diplomacy off a list of candidates running with him in a 22 January election.

Party members ranked candidates on a list for the national poll to determine which of dozens already nominated could actually be elected to parliament.

The top 15 chosen, or those most likely to become or be re-elected as lawmakers, overwhelmingly included ultra-right champions of

Jewish settlement on land Palestinians want for a state.

Netanyahu is predicted to win re-election in the national election in two months' time. But being surrounded by more hardline lawmakers than previously could toughen his policies on such issues as Iran's nuclear programme which Israel has vowed to stop, and diplomacy with the Palestinians, already frozen since 2010.

The main losers in Monday's vote or those who garnered too few votes from some 100,000 party faithful to guarantee re-election, were Dan Meridor, Benjamin Begin, son of late Prime

Minister Menachem Begin, and Avraham Dichter, in addition to Michael Eitan, a rare civil libertarian in Likud.

Among the winners were ex-general Moshe Yaalon, currently a minister for strategic affairs, seen as a possible successor to the more moderate Ehud Barak as defence minister.

"With such extremists Netanyahu could have problems," Roni Milo, a former Likud cabinet minister, quipped in a video interview with *Ynet's* news Web site.

Netanyahu, though, had no immediate comment.

Likud's balloting had been fraught with tension,



Israel's Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu gestures during his visit to the police headquarters in Jerusalem on 22 Nov, 2012.—REUTERS

also for technical reasons when computer malfunctions forced the vote to stretch into a second day.

Left-wing and centrist parties in Israel assailed Likud's candidate rankings. The centrist Kadima party

headed by former general Shaul Mofaz charged in a statement the right-wing party he also once belonged to "has now lost its way and been swayed to the extreme margins of the political map".

Reuters

## New York City mayor to ask Congress for \$9.8 billion for Sandy costs



A man carries debris from a home in Long Beach, New York on 26 Nov, 2012.—REUTERS

NEW YORK, 27 Nov— New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg said on Monday he will ask Congress for \$9.8 billion (6.1 billion pounds) to pay for superstorm Sandy costs not covered by insurance or other federal funds.

In a letter to New York's congressional delegation, Bloomberg said that total public, private and indirect losses to the city from the devastating late-October storm totalled an estimated \$19 billion (11 billion pounds).

Of that, private insurance is expected to cover \$3.8

billion, with Federal Emergency Management Agency reimbursements to cover at least an additional \$5.4 billion, Bloomberg said in a statement.

The city will still need the additional \$9.8 billion to help pay for costs that FEMA does not cover, like hazard mitigation, long-term housing and shoreline restoration and protection efforts, he said.

Bloomberg is scheduled to travel to Washington, DC, on Wednesday to speak with congressional leaders.

Reuters

## Man arrested in Britain over killing of Northern Irish policeman

LONDON, 27 Nov — A man from Northern Ireland was arrested in Britain on Monday in connection with the death of Northern Ireland policeman Ronan Kerr, who was killed in April last year when a bomb exploded under his car, the Police Service of Northern Ireland said.

The 22-year-old man, from Omagh in County

Tyrone, was detained in Milton Keynes, England, as police widened their investigation to northwest England. Police said they were conducting searches in Northern Ireland and northwest England.

Kerr, 25, was the first policeman killed in the British-controlled province for two years.—Reuters

## India fails to break parliament deadlock over supermarket reform

NEW DELHI, 27 Nov— India's government failed on Monday to defuse a row with the opposition over opening up the supermarket sector to foreign chains, a decision that has thrown parliament into chaos and endangered fresh economic reforms.

Opposition lawmakers have paralysed parliament in the world's largest democracy, demanding the government roll back its flagship reform, announced in September, to allow foreign supermarkets like Wal-Mart to set up shop in India.

Critics say that allowing foreign players into the \$450 billion retail sector will destroy the livelihoods

of millions of small store owners. The government says the move will increase revenue and help eliminate chronic food wastage by setting up proper cold chain and transport infrastructure.

Parliamentary Affairs Minister Kamal Nath called an all-party meeting on Monday to try to break the deadlock but opposition parties stuck to their demand for a parliamentary vote on the executive order on supermarket reform.

"There can be no compromise on Rule 184," Sushma Swaraj, leader of the main opposition Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) in parliament, said after the talks, referring to the parliamentary

regulation that would allow the vote. The government has so far refused to accede to the demand, even though the result of a vote would not be binding on it as the reforms can be implemented without parliamentary approval.

If it agreed to and then lost such a vote it would be an embarrassing setback and give its opponents valuable ammunition ahead of state and national elections due by 2014. Prime Minister Manmohan Singh's shaky coalition lost its majority in parliament in September after its biggest ally, the Trinamool Congress party (TMC), withdrew its support to oppose the reform.

Reuters

## Syrian jets bomb rebel bases near Turkey border

BUKULMEZ, (Turkey), 27 Nov— Syrian warplanes bombed two rebel bases near the Turkish border on Monday sending hundreds of people fleeing across the frontier.

The attacks on the Free Syrian Army positions (FSA) in Atima and nearby Bab al-Hawa came a day before NATO and Ankara were due to start assessing where to station surface-to-air missiles on the Turkish side of the 900-km (560-mile) boundary.

Turkey, a big supporter of rebels fighting to oust Syria's President Bashar al-Assad, has repeatedly scrambled jets along the border.

It has also responded in kind when shells from the conflict have landed inside Turkey, underlining fears Syria's 20-month-old revolt could spread to destabilize

the region.

Ankara has rejected Syrian complaints that the NATO Patriots were "provocative" and stressed they would be used only to defend Turkish territory, not to create a no-fly zone inside Syria that rebels have long demanded as a way to neutralize Assad's massive air power.

Syrian planes dropped around six bombs on a rebel base near the Bab al-Hawa border crossing, said activists.

"There were lots of people injured...I saw many wounded people on the border before I was brought here," FSA member Mahmoud Ahmad told Reuters after arriving in Turkey for treatment.

The attack also flattened tents being set up nearby for displaced people inside Syria by a Turkish charity, but no one was inside them at the time, Turkey's state-run



A view of a damaged mosque is seen after Syrian Air Force fighter jets loyal to Syria's President Bashar al-Assad fired missiles at the town of Ras al-Ain, near the Province of Hasaka, 600 km (375 miles) from Damascus, on 26 Nov, 2012.—REUTERS

Anadolu agency reported. Reuters television footage showed tattered shelters and a bomb crater near a line of tanks.

Two Syrian jets fired five rockets at an FSA base in Atima, around 2km (1 mile) from the border, said opposition activist Ahmed, who lives nearby. "Three have hit farm areas and

another two hit buildings near the base."

Rebels fired anti-aircraft guns at the jets but they were flying too high to be hit, activists said. "I think the reason for the raid may have something to do with increased weapons movements (from Turkey)," Ahmed said.

Reuters

## Western envoys seeking cease-fire in DRC

WASHINGTON, 27 Nov— Senior envoys from the United States, Britain and France were shuttling between regional capitals to seek a cease-fire in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), the US State Department said on Monday.

Department spokeswoman Victoria Nuland said US Assistant Secretary of State for African Affairs Johnnie Carson and his British and French counterparts were meeting with presidents and senior officials of Rwanda, Uganda and DRC in an effort to promote "a peaceful, sustainable resolution to the conflict." "The goal remains the goal that we outlined last Tuesday or Wednesday: We want to see a cease-fire," Nuland said at a regular news briefing, adding "We want to see a pullback to July lines."

The rebel M23 militant group took Goma, the capital of North Kivu Province, last Tuesday, despite the presence there of a 1,500-strong UN mission known as MONUSCO.

Questions have been raised about whether the mission should have done more to prevent the rebels' invasion as it has another 6,700 "blue helmets" in the Province. Nuland cast her doubt as well, as Washington is a major supporter of MONUSCO.—Xinhua

**REGIONAL**

**Int'l cooperation helping to break NZ methamphetamine habit: PM**

WELLINGTON, 27 Nov— New Zealand Prime Minister John Key on Tuesday urged law enforcement authorities to maintain cooperation with counterparts in Asian nations to stop the trade in the illegal drug, methamphetamine.

Cross-border cooperation and other measures had helped to more than halve the proportion of New Zealanders using methamphetamine or "P" as it is known on the nation's streets from 2.2 percent of the population in 2007/2008 to just 0.9 percent in 2011/2012.

"There are still areas of concern for law enforcement agencies, and the need for vigilance is paramount," Key said in a statement on the release of the latest progress report on the government's Tackling Methamphetamine Action Plan.

"We also know New Zealand is being increasingly targeted by offshore criminal groups involved in P. New Zealand Police and Customs are working with their counterparts in China and other Asian

countries to combat the methamphetamine trade," said Key.

"It's vital Police, Customs and other agencies continue to use intelligence gathering and law enforcement methods to tackle the lucrative P market, where participants go to great lengths to hide their activities."

The government launched the action plan in 2009 when New Zealand had one of the highest proportions of P users in the world, and progress reports were released every six

months.

Last month Customs Minister Maurice Williamson praised joint efforts with China's Customs authorities for helping stem the supply of methamphetamine precursor drugs into New Zealand.

New Zealand Customs had captured more than 1.2 tonnes of ephedrine and pseudoephedrine in 921 seizures in 2009, which was a record high, and in the first nine months of this year just over 300 kg was intercepted in 264 seizures.

Xinhua



*A railway attendant helps a colleague dress up in Shenyang, capital of northeast China's Liaoning Province, on 26 Nov, 2012. The Shenyang Railway Bureau has launched training programmes for bullet train attendants who will be working on the Harbin-Dalian High-Speed Railway, scheduled to open on 1 Dec, 2012. The 921-km Harbin-Dalian High-Speed Railway is the first rail line in China's freezing high-latitude regions.—XINHUA*



*Traffic jam is seen on the Jingtai Highway in Jinan, east China's Shandong Province, on 26 Nov, 2012. Several traffic accidents happened on the highway and caused a traffic jam on Monday. XINHUA*

**Heavy fog causes expressway crashes in E China, killing seven**

JINAN, 27 Nov— Seven people died and 35 others were injured in at least 22 accidents on several sections of an expressway in east China's Shandong Province amid heavy fog on Monday, local government officials said.

Seven crashes occurred at the Tai'an section of the

Beijing-Taipei Expressway early Monday morning, leaving one dead and eleven injured, while 15 crashes occurred on the expressway's Ningyang section, killing six and injuring another 24, the traffic police reported.

Heavy fog shrouded southeastern parts of Shandong early Monday,

reducing visibility in some areas to less than 50 metres, according to local meteorological authorities. Parts of the province's expressways were temporarily closed.

By Monday afternoon, police said the expressways had reopened.

Xinhua

**Some of no-show bus drivers still not back to work in Singapore**

SINGAPORE, 27 Nov— About 60 of the Chinese bus drivers working with Singapore public transport operator SMRT did not return to work on Tuesday, the company said.

A total of 102 Chinese bus drivers working with the company did not show up for work on Monday. Local media said they were unhappy mainly because the Malaysian drivers recently received a pay rise of 275 Singapore dollars (225 US dollars) and one month bonus pay, while the Chinese drivers received only an increase of 75 Singapore dollars without any bonus.

SMRT had said on Monday evening it had agreed to consider the drivers' demand for an equal pay with other foreign drivers and the drivers had agreed to return to work. The company

had said it will give an answer to the demand of the drivers in about one week's time.

The company also insisted that it has had sound communication channels.

"We regret that they chose to express their unhappiness about their salaries in this manner, especially when our lines of communication with them are always open," it said on Monday.

A human resources executive of SMRT, which operates about 25 percent of the bus services in Singapore, was called in to resolve the dispute on Monday. The police was called in when the talks came to a standstill, but they did not interfere as there was order.

News of the no-show incident became a topic of hot discussion on social media. Singapore has had few no-show or strikes over

the past decades.

The Ministry of Manpower said in a statement that it took the workers' actions very seriously and that it was looking into the matter. Labour relations officers from the ministry were at the site during negotiations.

The Chinese Embassy in Singapore said it has been in close contact with Singapore authorities over the incident.

The National Transport Workers' Union said the union could not represent the affected workers as they were not union members. It urged the workers involved to return to work immediately and added that the union was prepared to help in negotiations between SMRT management and the workers if both parties welcomed its involvement.

Xinhua

**Snowstorm hits Hokkaido resulting in large scale of power-off**

TOKYO, 27 Nov— A heavy snowstorm hit southern area of Hokkaido in the northern Japan, leading more than 30,000 households suffer from power-off, local media reported on Tuesday.

Affected by an enlarged

low pressure system, power transmission cables to Muroran, Noboribetsu, Date and Shiraoi in Japan's Pacific coastal areas have been seriously influenced, Japan's Kyodo quoted Hokkaido Electricity Power Company

as saying.

The power-off and the extreme weather also affected railway transportation. Local railway company has suspended about 70 trains on lines including Hakodate and Muroran lines.—Xinhua



*Pakistani men who fell sick after drinking a toxic cough syrup rest at a hospital in eastern Pakistan's Lahore on 26 Nov, 2012. At least 17 people died and several others were in critical condition after drinking toxic cough syrup in Pakistan's eastern city of Lahore over the last two days, local media said on Sunday. XINHUA*

**Indonesia, Norway aim to seek opportunity on new business cooperation**

JAKARTA, 27 Nov— Indonesian President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono met with Prince of Norway Haakon Magnus at the State Palace, pledging to step up business cooperation of the two countries.

The prince and his wife Mette-Marit come to Indonesia along with over 60 businessmen from Norway and sought the possibility to build cooperation with their Indonesian fellow, spokesman of Indonesia Presidential Office Teuku Faizasyah told reporters after

the meeting.

Norway plans to open a representatives office of trade in Jakarta in the near future, according to Faizasyah, but he did not elaborate further.

The spokesman said that Norway was convinced that there would be more new opportunity for cooperation between the two countries as both countries economic growth accelerated.

Indonesia's economic growth averages at over 6 percent recently and Norway about 2.6 percent, according to Faizasyah.

The Indonesian government is seeking foreign investment to help finance its mega infrastructure projects under the long-term development programme (expected to be completed by 2025) so called "the MP3EI," in which the government could only fulfill over 60 percent of the financing, according to Faizasyah.

Indonesia's credit rating upgrade by Moody's and Fitch's recently is expected to help luring foreign funds.

Xinhua

**Nepal's population rises to 26.4 million**

KATHMANDU, 27 Nov— The population of Nepal has climbed to 26.4 million, according to national census report published on Monday.

Nepali population

increased by 1.35 percent in the last decade, the data read. Like earlier census data, this time women have outnumbered men.

Nepali female

population accounts for 52.5 percent while male 47.5 percent, and 60 percent of women are married under the age of 19, the data read.

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*An artist plays gu qin, a traditional Chinese instrument with seven strings, at the National Centre for the Performing Arts in Beijing, capital of China, on 25 Nov, 2012.—XINHUA*

**Israel says successfully tested  
new missile defence system**

JERUSALEM, 27 Nov— Israel has successfully tested a new missile defence system, which can intercept targets with a longer range than those downed by Iron Dome in the recent Israel-Gaza conflict, the Defence Ministry said on Sunday. A Stunner missile launched by the David's Sling system "intercepts (the) target in (its) inaugural flight," the ministry said in a statement.

By conducting the successful interception test, "the Israel Missile Defence Organization and the US Missile Defence Agency completed the first phase of the development of the David's Sling Weapon

System (DSWS)," it added. "This test included for the first time a successful interception by the Stunner Missile of the DSWS. The test was conducted by Rafael Advanced Defence Systems at a test range in the southern part of Israel," the statement said. Defence Minister Ehud Barak congratulated those involved in the test, adding that David's Sling would form a significant layer in Israel's multi-layered missile defence programme. David's Sling is a missile defence system currently under development by Rafael in Israel and Raytheon in the US and is designed to fill the gap between Iron Dome's short-range protection and the Arrow 2 long-range ballistic missile defence programme.

It is also capable of acting as a back-up to the Arrow 2, by intercepting incoming threats that manage to slip through the Arrow's defences, according to Israeli media reports.

Xinhua

**Australia to host White Ribbon global conference next year**

CANBERRA, 27 Nov— Australia is to host the inaugural global conference of the White Ribbon Movement — a campaign led by men to stop violence against women, Prime Minister Julia Gillard said in a speech in Canberra on Monday.

According to her speech, Australian

government would host the conference on the May 2013 in Sydney, which would bring together experts from academia, government and service providers. "I hope that the lessons from this conference will be shared widely and help inform future White Ribbon initiatives," she said.

This campaign began

in Toronto, Canada, after the massacre of 14 female university students two decades ago. It came to Australia in 2003 and more than 58,000 Australian men have since sworn an oath to reject violence in their own lives and speak up when they encounter it in the lives of others.

Xinhua



ENTERTAINMENT

**Beyonce to direct documentary about herself for HBO**



Singer Beyonce

LOS ANGELES, 27 Nov — Pop superstar Beyonce is stepping behind the camera to direct a behind-the-scenes documentary about her personal and professional life, US cable channel HBO said on Monday.

The currently untitled film will debut on 16 February and show the Grammy-winning singer's life in the recording studio, readying for live performances and running her own TV and music production company. "Everybody knows Beyonce's music, but few know Beyonce the person," HBO Programming President Michael Lombardo said in a statement. "Along with electrifying footage of Beyonce on stage, this unique special looks beyond the glamour to reveal a vibrant, vulnerable, unforgettable woman." The documentary will also feature moments in the "Crazy in Love" singer's family life and first-person footage Beyonce captured on her laptop. Beyonce, 31, who is married to hip hop artist and mogul Jay-Z, will headline the Super Bowl halftime show in New Orleans on 3 February.— Reuters



Larry Birkhead, ex-boyfriend of the late Anna Nicole Smith, holds his daughter Dannielynn as he is being interviewed at the opening of The Simpsons Ride at Universal Studios Hollywood in Universal City, California on 17 May, 2008. REUTERS

**Daughter of Anna Nicole Smith, 6, models for Guess**

LOS ANGELES, 27 Nov — The six-year-old daughter of dead Playboy model and reality television star Anna Nicole Smith has stepped in front of the camera like her mother to model

for US clothing brand Guess, the company said on Monday.

Photos of Dannielynn Birkhead, who was five-months-old when her mother died in 2007, were released as part of a campaign for the brand's kids line. Smith — best known for marrying oil tycoon J Howard Marshall when he was 89 and she was 26 — famously modeled for Guess in 1992-93 shortly after appearing on the cover of Playboy magazine.

Dannielynn's father, photographer Larry Birkhead, told television show

"Entertainment Tonight" that his daughter enjoyed herself on the shoot.

"The first thing she asked is 'When will I be on the shopping bags like Mommy?'" Birkhead said. "I know that Anna's looking at this and seeing how great this will be." Anna Nicole Smith died in Florida at the age of 39 from a prescription drug overdose. Dannielynn was the subject of at least six paternity claims following her birth in September 2006. Birkhead was later confirmed as the father following a DNA test.—Reuters

**Rolling Stones give satisfaction despite high prices**

LONDON, 27 Nov — The Rolling Stones pranced, swaggered and laughed through the first of five concerts, celebrating their golden jubilee with a performance that critics said helped justify high ticket costs.

Virtually every reviewer at the first of two shows in London's O2 Arena on Sunday night mentioned the controversy over high prices, but almost all of them said it was worth it.

The two-and-a-half hour set by one of the biggest acts in rock and roll history took a crowd of 20,000 on a trip down memory lane, opening with the 1963 "I Wanna Be Your Man" hit penned by Beatles John Lennon and Paul McCartney right up to "Doom and Gloom" which is only a few weeks old.

The rest of the 23-song

setlist was classic Stones from "Gimme Shelter", "Wild Horses", "Honky Tonk Women" to "Start Me Up" and "You Can't Always Get What You Want" rocking the crowd. The one surprising omission was "I Can't Get No) Satisfaction". And, while

the lines on their faces traced their advancing years and long careers of rock and roll hedonism, lead singer Mick Jagger, Charlie Watts on drums and Keith Richards and Ronnie Wood on guitar still delivered the goods.

"As Jagger left the

stage, still jogging and shaking his maracas after two and a half hours and 23 songs, it was clear that even at these ticket prices, the Stones' 50th anniversary shows deliver value for money," wrote Mark Sutherland in a review for the Rolling Stone music magazine.

Jagger, whose lithe frame still allows for some of the trademark swagger at 69, sought to laugh off criticism of prices ranging from 95-950 pounds (\$1,500) for a VIP seat. "Everybody all right there in the cheap seats?" he asked as he looked up high to his left. "They're not really cheap though are they? That's the trouble." The flamboyant veterans have defended the costs, saying the shows were expensive to put on.—Reuters



Mick Jagger (C), Keith Richards (L) and Charlie Watts (R) perform with the Rolling Stones at the O2 Arena in London on 25 Nov, 2012.—REUTERS

**Daniel Radcliffe delighted to be called by real name instead of Harry Potter**

The humble star also revealed he hates being invited to showbiz events.

PTI



LONDON, 27 Nov — Daniel Radcliffe is delighted when people know his real name.

The 23-year-old actor is finally moving past his lead role in the Harry Potter franchise and is relieved fans are starting to recognize he is a person in his own right, and not the troubled teen wizard created by JK Rowling.

He explained: "I'd be lying if I said I didn't get Harry Potter at all. Of course I do. But you know what? I'd say the split is now rather encouragingly in favour of Daniel Radcliffe, which is rather lovely.

"I walked past two girls on a bench the other day, and I heard them both go, 'Oh my god, it's Daniel Radcliffe', and every time that happens

I think, 'Yesss!' Not because they recognise me, because they use my name."

The humble star also revealed he hates being invited to showbiz events because he finds them incredibly awkward and, despite having bared all performing naked on stage in Equus in 2007, he still gets nervous when he has to make small talk in a room full of people.

Daniel confessed to Seven magazine: "You can still be self-conscious in my position. And shy. Shyness displays it differently in me. I think it's more an awkwardness. Like when I go to those events, like the Baftas, or like I was invited to this thing called the Met Ball, and I ended up having a good night because I took a friend, but normally I feel very awkward at event like that.

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**Diana Penty turns down Rs 40 lakh offer**

MUMBAI, 27 Nov — Diana Penty, who made her B-Town debut in Cocktail opposite Saif Ali Khan, was recently approached by an event agency for her first stage performance.



The model-turned-actress

time frame, there was no way she could have accepted it. Diana wouldn't have had any time to rehearse for it. She had to decline the offer as she wanted her first appearance on stage to be perfect and needed time to rehearse which she would have been unable to during the same duration." Adds the source, "Diana was extremely keen on making her debut in a stage show.

She has always enjoyed dancing and is a trained Kathak dancer." Diana who has yet to sign her second

was requested to perform to her film's tracks — Tumhi Ho Bandhu and Daaru Desi — at an upcoming awards gala.

She was apparently offered Rs 40 lakh for the show that the organizers claimed was the highest amount offered to any debutante for a stage act. However, according to the sources Diana turned down the offer! Says a source, "As she was contractually obligated to attend a brand event during the same

Organizers claim it was the highest amount offered to any debutante for a stage act.

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B-Town outing meanwhile keeps busy with her endorsement deals. With awards events getting underway in January, she is among the contenders for the Best Debut award.—PTI



Barcelona defender Dani Alves

## Barca's Alves out for three weeks with leg injury **Soccer**

MADRID, 27 Nov—Barcelona defender Dani Alves will have to rest for up to three weeks after injuring his right thigh muscle, the club said on Monday.

The club said on its website that the Brazilian stretched his right femo-

ral biceps in the team's 4-0 away win over Levante on Sunday. Alves is likely to miss a 16 December clash with Atletico Madrid, who are lying second in La Liga just three points behind leaders Barcelona.

Xinhua

## Donald prepares for surgery **Golf** on sinuses



Luke Donald of England hits onto the 18th green during the fourth and final round of the DP World Tour Championship at Jumeirah Golf Estates in Dubai on 25 Nov, 2012. — REUTERS

DUBAI, 27 Nov — World number two Luke Donald is planning to have an operation in the off-season in an attempt to cure a lingering problem with his sinuses.

"My sinuses are all completely clogged up and every time I get a little bit run down they turn into infections," the 34-year-old Briton told reporters after finishing in a tie for third place at the DP World Tour Championship on Sunday. "Hopefully the surgery will fix it. It's a pretty quick and easy operation." Donald said he was affected by the problem over the last two rounds in Dubai, the final event of the European Tour season.

The former world number one wanted to make it clear, however, that his disappointing one-under-par final round of 71

should not be blamed on his physical ailments. "I don't like to make excuses but the last couple of days I've had the sinus issue again," added Donald. "I felt a little bit flat and unfortunately I couldn't get things going on Sunday." The Chicago-based Englishman went into the last 18 holes sharing the lead with Ryder Cup team mate Rory McIlroy.

Donald went a remarkable 102 holes without carding a bogey in the Dubai tournament, this year and in 2011, but a dropped stroke at the third on Sunday ended that sequence and put him on the back foot for the rest of the round. He finished five strokes adrift of world number one and tournament winner McIlroy, who birdied each of the closing five holes to shoot a six-under 66.

Reuters

## FIFA close to decision on goal-line technology

RIO DE JANEIRO, 27 Nov—FIFA has revealed a decision on the use of goal-line technology will be made after next month's Club World Cup in Japan.

Football's world governing body said the two systems to be tested during the tournament — Hawk Eye and GoalRef — had been chosen from a list of

11 prototypes.

"We are going to use both technologies during the FIFA Club World Cup and then we will make a choice on which one to use for future tournaments," the head of FIFA's General Secretary Office, Christoph Schmidt, said during the Soccerex event in Rio on Monday.—Reuters

## Argonauts routStampeders in CFL's 100th Grey Cup championship

**CFL**

TORONTO, 27 Nov — The Toronto Argonauts tamed the Calgary Stampeders 35-22 to claim the 100th Grey Cup on Sunday, allowing Canada's biggest city to shed its Loserville reputation and celebrate a Canadian Football League (CFL) championship. The week-long Grey Cup party reached a roaring climax inside Toronto's domed stadium as 53,208 CFL fans, most of them wearing the Argos double-blue colours, basked in victory 100 years after the University of Toronto Rugby Football became the first to hoist the trophy.

The Grey Cup may be Canada's second most treasured piece of silverware after the National Hockey League's Stanley Cup, but on Sunday the old battered mug was the toast of a hockey-mad city for the first time since 2004.

Ranked as North America's worst sports city by ESPN magazine, Toronto sports fans have had precious little to cheer for watching their teams stumble through season after season. The Maple Leafs have not paraded the Stanley Cup through the city since 1967 and Major League Baseball's Blue Jays have not been in the postseason since winning

the 1993 World Series. A National Basketball Association title remains a far off dream for the Raptors while the city's Major League Soccer team has yet to reach the postseason.

"I'm a Toronto boy raised in Canada, we dream about the Grey Cup, not the Super Bowl, and we're living our dreams today," Argonauts defensive end Ricky

Foley, who was named the Grey Cup's outstanding Canadian, told reporters. "It wasn't that long ago that Toronto was the city of champions." (Toronto Blue Jays pitcher) Ricky Romero tweeted to Chad Owens saying, 'congratulations, go get it' and with the recent transactions they have done in that organization, if they get the fan support we got today, Toronto is going to have a lot more championship teams."

Argonauts quarterback Ricky Ray, brought to Toronto during the offseason in a trade that shook the league, opened the game with an interception but ended with 231 passing yards, including touchdowns passes to Andre Durie and Chad Owens, who was named the CFL's most outstanding player earlier in the week.

Reuters



Toronto Argonauts Jeff Keeping celebrates with the Grey Cup after the Argonauts defeated the Calgary Stampeders in the 100th CFL Grey Cup championship football game in Toronto, on 25 Nov, 2012. — REUTERS

## Nets win first battle of New York over Knicks in OT **NBA**

NEW YORK, 27 Nov — The New Jersey Nets beat the New York Knicks 96-89 in an overtime thriller on Monday in the first battle for New York bragging rights between the city rivals played out in the new Barclays Centre in Brooklyn.

The victory lifted the

Nets (9-4) into a tie with the Knicks (9-4) for first place in the Atlantic Division. Tied 84-84 after regulation, the Knicks scored the first points of the extra period, but the Nets countered with eight points in a row, the last three from hustling plays by Gerald Wallace to surge to a 92-86 lead and

were never threatened.

Centre Brook Lopez led the Nets with 22 points, with Deron Williams and Wallace scoring 16 points each. Carmelo Anthony, the Knicks' scoring leader who was born in Brooklyn, led New York with 35 points, while center Tyson Chandler had 28 points on 12-of-13 shooting with his hoops coming from tip-ins, follow-ups and slam dunks.

The game had been originally set to kick off the

*New York Knicks forward Kurt Thomas (R) shoots over Brooklyn Nets forward Kris Humphries (2nd R) in the second quarter of their NBA basketball game in New York, on 26 Nov, 2012. — REUTERS*



Reuters

## Olympic opening ceremony wins UK theater award

LONDON, 27 Nov — Film director Danny Boyle won an Evening Standard Theatre Award late on Sunday for the opening ceremony of the London 2012 Olympics, which was warmly praised in Britain but befuddled many overseas viewers. The ceremony, a kaleidoscopic romp through Britain's recent history packed with references to literature and music, was honoured with the Beyond Theatre award by the free London newspaper.

Evening Standard editor Sarah Sands, who was also a judge at the annual awards, said the ceremony

became a "metaphor for national hope." "If we could achieve this, we could achieve anything," she said. "Boyle managed to find a way of showing us who we are, as if he were poet laureate. He did all this on an austerity budget. He went beyond theatre but stayed within the limits of the Treasury."

Best play was "Constellations", which premiered at the Royal Court Theatre in January to rave reviews, while best director went to National Theatre director Nicholas Hytner's modern-day adaptation of the Shakespeare play "Timon of Ath-



The Olympic flag is carried as fireworks explode during the opening ceremony of the London 2012 Olympic Games at the Olympic Stadium on 27 July, 2012. — REUTERS

ens". Simon Russell Beale picked up the best actor award for his portrayal of Soviet dictator Josef Stalin in "Collaborators", while

the best actress prize was awarded to Hattie Morahan for her role in the Young Vic revival of Ibsen's "A Doll's House".—Reuters

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MoC win Championship Shield



YANGON, 27 Nov— disabled sport federation The prize awarding Maj-Gen Nay Lin ceremony of golf presented Championship Shield to the Ministry of Commerce team. Deputy chairman Col Myo Myint (Retd) also presented prizes to the winners. Chairman of the Kyemon



The Capitol Christmas Tree is being installed on the west side of the Capitol Hill in Washington DC, the United States, on 26 Nov, 2012. The tree is an Engelmann Spruce from Meeker, Colorado, and will be decorated in the coming days for the holidays. It is part of an annual tradition since 1964.—XINHUA

Facebook not so fun with a click from boss or mum

LONDON, 27 Nov— Posting pictures of yourself plastered at a party and talking trash online with your Facebook friends may be more stress than it's worth now that your boss and mum want to see it all. A survey from Edinburgh Business School released on Monday showed Facebook users are anxious that all those self-published sins may be coming home

to roost with more than half of employers claiming to have used Facebook to weed out job candidates. "Facebook used to be like a great party for all your friends where you can dance, drink and flirt," said Ben Marder, author of the report and fellow in marketing at the Business School. "But now with your Mum, Dad and boss there, the party becomes

an anxious event full of potential social landmines." On average, people are Facebook friends with seven different social circles, the report found, with real friends known to the user offline the most common. More than four-fifths of users add extended family on Facebook, a similar number add siblings. Xinhua

Russia targets reform for ailing space industry

MOSCOW, 27 Nov— Russia needs to reshape its space industry to make it more efficient and target-oriented, Prime Minister Dmitry Medvedev said Monday. "We need to discuss the final proposals on reorganization of the entire system of how the industry is managed," Medvedev told a government meeting on space industry development. The Russian government must decide the direction of the development of the national space programs and how to restore the quality control

mechanism and military structures in the industry, he said, adding the space industry had enormous potential. Meanwhile, state financing of the space industry had risen two-fold since 2008, amounting to more than 80 billion rubles (2.6 billion US dollars) in 2011, he said, but the industry still faced many problems. "There are accidents, emergency situations. So we must continue to work coherently not to let such failures happen in the future," he said. Deputy Prime Minister

Dmitry Rogozin told the meeting the government would increase wages in the space industry by 50 percent. He also said Russia planned to launch more than 100 military and dual-purpose satellites by 2020, which would form part of an early warning system for military reconnaissance, communications and navigation. Russia also planned to launch a large number of commercial satellites, bringing the total number to more than 200, Rogozin said. Xinhua

Three from California family drown in ocean trying to save dog

SAN FRANCISCO, 27 Nov—A California mother and father and their 16-year-old son were swept out to sea over the weekend after a deadly chain of events set off when the teenager jumped into frigid waters to save the family dog from turbulent Pacific Ocean waves. The dog escaped on his own from the water off the Northern California coast. But Howard Kuljian, 50, and Mary Scott, 54, of Eureka died while their 16-year-old son, Gregory Kuljian, remained lost at sea, said Deputy Ariel Gruenthal of the Humboldt County Coroner's office. "The dog was able to get out somehow," said Dana Jones, a state parks and recreation district superintendent. "It's very sad, and we just always have to be aware when we're around the ocean that

nature is sometimes out of control." The tragedy began on Saturday afternoon while the family, including an 18-year-old daughter who was unharmed, was walking with Gregory's girlfriend along a steep beach at Big Lagoon, about 270 miles north of San Francisco, Jones said. Howard Kuljian threw the dog a stick, she said, and a wave, possibly as high as 10 feet, pulled the animal into the water. The son went in first to try to rescue his dog, Jones said. "Then the father went in to save the son. The mother was swept in at that point," she said. "The waves are big and powerful, and that's a very steep beach. The waves pound the beach. When the waves are pounding like that, you don't have a chance to breathe." A bystander

summoned help while Olivia Kuljian, 18, and Gregory's girlfriend, Lily Loncar, 16, watched in horror, Gruenthal said. Rescuers found the bodies of Howard Kuljian and Scott close to the shore, Jones said. The US Coast Guard searched by air and sea for Gregory, but fog, darkness and the impossibility of survival prompted them to quit on Saturday evening, said Lieutenant Bernie Carrigan of the Coast Guard. He estimated the water temperature at between 55 and 57 degrees, so cold that hypothermia would rapidly set in, though a dog's coat would protect against it. "It's kind of a reminder to never turn your back on the ocean," Carrigan said. "It's neat to see that kind of power. It's also dangerous." Reuters

Credit Suisse to axe 100 UK jobs—FT



The logo of Swiss bank Credit Suisse is seen at the company's headquarters in Zurich on 9 Feb, 2012. REUTERS

LONDON, 27 Nov— Credit Suisse will cut about 100 investment banking jobs in Britain as part of its

restructuring plans designed to find 4 billion Swiss francs (2.7 billion pounds) of savings by 2015, the

Financial Times reported on Tuesday. The newspaper, citing a person familiar with the situation, said the job losses will occur over the next 90 days, mainly affecting the investment bank's equities, fixed income and advisory businesses. In January, Switzerland's second-largest bank by assets was targeting savings of 2 billion Swiss francs by the end of 2013, but it has since added another 2 billion Swiss francs and extended its time frame by two years. Credit Suisse could not be reached for immediate comment.—Reuters

## Boxing challenge attracts spectators



YANGON, 27 NOV—The Myanmar Traditional Boxing Challenge and Women's Boxing for Muay Contest took place at Theinbyu Gymnasium, here, at 3 pm on 25 November.

Spectators expected the big showdown of Pho Kay (Mandalay) vs Soe Lin Oo (Myo Zarni). In the match, the two boxers did not vigorously fight against each other but they wasted time by setting the target with their fists. The both did not use effective and strong blows. Till the beating of final round gong, the match was cold without clear results, so referees stopped the match as draw. The spectators lose the opportunity to enjoy the big match.

Film star Nay Aung, one of the spectators, remarked, "The spectators satisfied the

match between Tun Tun Min (Mudon Thar) and Thabyay Nyo (Cement Plant). But, they did not satisfy the bout of Pho Kay (Mandalay) vs Soe Lin Oo (Myo Zarni)."

In the three-round challenge match, Aung Ye Lin (Tiger/Hpa-an) and Saw See Htoo (Cement Plant) showed off their vigorous efforts in fights. Left and right blows of boxers won the hearts of the spectators in three rounds. But they ended at a draw.

In the four-round challenge bouts, Maik Tee (Naga Mann) fought against G Three (Shwe Phu). Maik Tee fell in the ring for severally under blows of G Three. In the third round, double blows of G Three knocked out Maik Tee and won over the rival. In another match, Tun Lon

Shein (Peace Club/Hpa-an) knocked out Ye Yint Tun (Mudon Thar) with violent straight blow in the first round. However, Ye Yint Tun rebuilt himself strong and made counter fights against Tun Lon Shein. The match ended at a draw.

In one more match, Win Mauk (Shwe Phu) and Min Mahar (Cement Plant) were red with blood at their faces but they did not bow their heads. The both shared points in a draw. In another match, Ye Yint (Naga Mann) took privilege of height in fighting against Kyar Pauk (Cement Plant). But stronger Kyar Pauk did not hoist the white flag. Terrible fighting of both boxers ended at a draw.

After beating the final round gong, Pho Thar Gyi (Mandalay) and Lay Hnyot

Shin were consoled their fights as draw. The match between Tun Tun Min (Mudon Thar) and Thabyay Nyo (Cement Plant) won the applauses of the spectators. Strong blows of Tun Tun Min could not knock out the rival, hugging the draw.

In the women's matches, Mway Hauk Ma (Mway Hauk Min-Taninthayi) vs Aye Aye Khaing (Swan KK) tied as a draw. In second round of another match, Gyi Gyi Lay (Mway Hauk Min-Taninthayi) lost to Shwe Htet Yan (a) Naw Che Phaw (Hpa-an. La Yaung (Everest-Mandalay) secured the victory in the first round over Woh Ta War ((Mway Hauk Min-Taninthayi).

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## Talent show of students from National Culture and Fine Arts University (Yangon)

NAY PYI TAW, 27 NOV— The talent show of students from National Culture and Fine Arts University (Yangon) of Fine Arts Department under the Ministry of Culture will be organized at National Theatre (Yangon) at 7 pm on 2 December.

The admission fees are K 5,000, K 3,000, K 2,000 and K 1,000 for the students. Those wishing to buy the tickets may dial Ph 01-590252, 01-590263, 09-43027509 and 09-5121451. Proceeds from the show will be used as human resources development fund of the

Ministry of Culture.

Students of Dance, Drama and Music departments will jointly perform yein dance, songs, anyient and drama with the help of paintings and sculpture departments at the show.

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## Obama to meet executives, go to Pennsylvania for fiscal push



WASHINGTON, 27 NOV— President Barack Obama will launch a multipronged push this week to garner support for his proposals to solve US fiscal problems, meeting with business executives at the White House and visiting a small business in Pennsylvania to press his case. Obama has sought to go on the offensive since his re-election on 6 November in the fight with Republicans over the "fiscal cliff" - a combination of tax increases and spending cuts that would go into effect next year if the two sides do not reach a deal to stop it.

As part of that effort, the White House released a report on Monday showing the impact that middle class tax increases would have on consumers and the retail industry. On Tuesday, a White House official said, the president will meet with a group of small-business owners. On Wednesday he will host an event with

"middle class Americans who would be impacted if Congress fails to act to extend the middle class tax cuts," the official said. He will also hold a meeting with business leaders, something he has done previously.

On Friday, he will visit a manufacturing facility of The Rodon Group, a small business that is a manufacturer for K'NEX Brands, a toy company with products including Tinkertoy and Angry Bird Building Sets.

"The president will travel to Montgomery County, Pennsylvania, to continue making the public case for action by visiting a business that depends on middle class consumers during the holiday season, and could be impacted if taxes go up on 98 percent of Americans at the end of the year," the official said.

Reuters

## Moderate earthquake hits outside Myanmar

NAY PYI TAW, 27 NOV— A moderate earthquake of magnitude 5.0 Richter scale with its epicenter at Andaman Sea about 260

miles Southwest of Kaba-Aye Seismological observatory was recorded at 5 hrs 44 min 30 sec MST on 27<sup>th</sup> November 2012.—MNA

## Myanmar Comprehensive Development

### Vision workshop kicks off

NAY PYI TAW, 27 NOV—The first workshop on drawing up the Myanmar comprehensive Development Vision Plan, jointly organized by the Ministry of National Planning and Economic Development and Economic Research Institute of EAST ASIA, was held at Amara Hotel, here, this morning, with the extended greetings of Union Minister

for National Planning and Economic Development Dr Kan Zaw and Chairman of ERIA (Bangkok Centre) and Myanmar Comprehensive Development Vision Project Director Professor Yasuhiro Yamada.

The meeting focused on poverty alleviation, energy and rural development and sectors of agriculture, industry and economic

infrastructure.

Mr Toshihiro Kudo of JETRO and Work Committee for Development of Agriculture Sector U San Thein explained objectives, future plans, strategies and work plan for drawing up the Myanmar Comprehensive Development Vision Plan.

The Economic Research Institute of EAST ASIA, one of the world top research groups, draw up this plan with the provisions of Japan-ASEAN Integration Fund (JAIF) by joining hands together with the scholars at home and abroad.

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### Noteworthy amounts of rainfall (27-11 2012)

Yangon (Hmawby)	1.30	inches
Cocogyun	0.90	inch
Yangon (Mingaladon)	0.63	inch