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President U Thein Sein felicitates Laotian President, Prime Minister

NAY PYI TAW, 2 Dec—On the occasion of the 37th Anniversary of the founding of the Lao People's Democratic Republic, which falls on 2 December 2012, U Thein Sein, President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, has sent messages of felicitations to His Excellency

Mr. Choummaly Sayasone, President of the Lao People's Democratic Republic and His Excellency Mr. Thongsing Thammavong, Prime Minister of the Lao People's Democratic Republic.

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Reshuffle of Taninthayi Region ministers

Under Section 262 Sub-Section (f) of the Constitution, Section 20 Sub-Section (b) of the Union Government Law and Region/State Government Law Section 8 Sub-Section (g), ministers of Taninthayi Region were reshuffled to ministries shown against them.

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| (1) U Than Aung | Finance and Revenue Ministry |
| (2) U Thein Lwin | Planning and Economic Ministry |
| (3) U Tin Soe | Forestry and Mines Ministry |
| (4) Dr Win Aung | Social Affairs Ministry |
| (5) U Win Swe | Electric Power and Industrial Ministry |

Sd/ Thein Sein

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Formation of Investigation Commission

1. "Investigation Commission" is formed with the following persons to go through whether copper mining should be continued and to find out the true situation about the recent containing of protest in Letpadaungtaung Copper Mining Project in Salingyi Township, Monywa District, Sagaing Region.

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| (a) Daw Aung San Suu Kyi
Pyithu Hluttaw representative
Yangon Region, Kawhmu Township Constituency | Chairperson |
| (b) U Lun Thi
Pyithu Hluttaw representative
Yangon Region, Kungyangon Township Constituency | Member |
| (c) U Than Myint
Pyithu Hluttaw representative
Sagaing Region, Salingyi Township Constituency | Member |
| (d) Daw Khin San Hlaing
Pyithu Hluttaw representative
Sagaing Region, Pale Township Constituency | Member |
| (e) U Zaw Myint Pe
Amyotha Hluttaw representative
Mandalay Region, Constituency No. 5 | Member |
| (f) U Khin Maung Yi
Amyotha Hluttaw representative
Ayeyawady Region, Constituency No.6 | Member |
| (g) U Aung Kyi Nyunt
Amyotha Hluttaw representative
Magway Region Constituency No.4 | Member |
| (h) U Khin Maung Swe
Chairman, National Democratic Forces Party | Member |
| (i) U Myo Nyunt
General Secretary
Democracy and Peace Party | Member |
| (j) Dr Win Maung
Chairman, Myanmar Environmental Institute | Member |
| (k) U Kyaw Tint Swe
Ambassador (Retd)
Myanmar Human Rights Commission | Member |
| (l) U Maung Maung Aye
Senior Consultant on Social Assessment
Myanmar Environmental Institute | Member |

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Little apparent progress in US "fiscal cliff" talks

HATFIELD, 1 Dec—With barely a month left before the "fiscal cliff," Republicans and Democrats remained far apart on Friday in talks to avoid the across-the-board tax hikes and spending cuts that threaten to throw the country back into recession.

While President Barack Obama visited a Pennsylvania toy factory to muster public support for tax hikes on the rich, portraying Republicans as scrooges at Christmas time, his primary adversary in negotiations, Republican House Speaker John Boehner, continued to describe the situation as a stalemate.

The argument will resume on Sunday when Boehner, along with Obama's Treasury secretary, Timothy Geithner, and others, take to weekly political talk shows and pick up further steam next week with a possible confrontation in the House of Representatives between Democrats and Republicans over the timing of a vote on tax hikes.

Lawmakers are nervously eyeing the markets as the deadline approaches, with gyrations likely to intensify pressure to bring the drama to a close.

The markets, in turn watching the politicians, fell as Boehner spoke, but

recovered afterward. It was a repeat of the pattern earlier in the week when the speaker offered a similarly gloomy assessment.

The latest round of high-stakes gamesmanship focuses on whether to extend the temporary tax cuts that originated under former President George W. Bush beyond their December 31 expiration date for all taxpayers, as Republicans want, or just for those with incomes under \$250,000, as Obama and his fellow Democrats want.

After five days of increasingly confrontational exchanges, the work week drew to a close with an announcement by Democrats of a long-shot effort next

week to force an early tax-hike vote in the Republican-controlled U.S. House to break the deadlock.

House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi said she would undertake the rarely successful effort unless Boehner agreed by Tuesday to bring a bill to the floor allowing taxes on the wealthy to rise, something Boehner is highly unlikely to do until he is ready.

"The clock is ticking," Pelosi said at a news conference. "The year is ending. It's really important with tax legislation for it to happen now. We're calling upon the Republican leadership in the House to bring this legislation to the floor next week."

Reuters



Slight earthquake jolts

NAY PYI TAW, 1 Dec—A slight earthquake was recorded at (20) hrs (01) min (05) sec MST on 1 December 2012, announced Myanmar, about (12) miles north of Thabeikkyin, about (75) miles north of Mandalay

seismological observatory was recorded at (20) hrs (01) min (05) sec MST on 1 December 2012, announced Department of Meteorology and Hydrology .

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Significant night temperature (1-12-2012)

Haka	7°C
Putao	9°C
Pinlaung	9°C
Machanbaw	9°C

YPGG to organize golf tournament

YANGON, 1 Dec— To mark the seventh anniversary of Yuzana Plaza Golf Group, the 48th Golf Tournament, prize-giving ceremony and dinner will be held at Pun Hlaing Golf Course in Hlinethaya Township at 7 am on 13 December. For further information about the tournament, please contact U Chit (Ph: 095105435), U Kyaw Win (Ph: 095154408) and U Tun Tun Oo (Ph: 095016616). — *Kyemon*

Mandalay Mayor Mini Marathon to be held in January 2013

MANDALAY, 1 Dec— With the aim of cementing friendship among national races through sport activities and turning out new generation athletes for international marathon events, Mandalay Mayor's Cup Mini Marathon Contest will be held on 7 January 2013.

The contest includes men's and women's open and amateur events.

Application forms for the contest will be available at Mandalay City Development Committee, offices of Aungmyethazan, Chanayethazan, Mahaaungmye, Chanmyathazi, Pyigyidagun and Amarapura Township DACs and Mandalay Region Sports and Physical Education Department (Bahtoo Sports Ground) during the office hours from 3 to 23 December. Applicants are to submit their forms not later than 26 December.

Kyemon



New Air Bus for MAI lands at Yangon International Airport

YANGON, 1 Dec — As the eighth arrival of aircraft in the airline's fleet, a new Air Bus A 319 airplane bought by Myanmar Airways International (MAI), the only state-owned airline of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, landed at Yangon International Airport yesterday.

MAI airline operates direct flights to Bangkok,

Singapore, Kuala Lumpur, Garuda, Siam Reap, Phnom Penh and Guangzhou from Yangon and manages Bangkok-Singapore-Bangkok and Mandalay-Garuda-Mandalay flights. It is planned to operate direct flights to Bangkok, Singapore and Kunming.

At the end of this year, there will be a non-stop flight to Hong Kong. The

newly-arrived Air Bus A 319 with a seating capacity of 123 is suitable to operate a chartered plane.

Plans are underway to provide chartered plane services not only for international flights but also for domestic flights — Yangon-Nay Pyi Taw, Yangon-Bagan and Yangon-Heho.

Kyemon

MR strives to improve railroads for convenience of passengers

YANGON, 1 Dec— For convenience of passengers to take a train trip safe

and sound, upgrading the railroad between mile post Nos (282/0) and (292/0) on

Hsattwar-Taungdwingyi railroad section was carried out for increasing the speed of the train from 30 mph to 40 mph by railway workers of civil engineering department of Myanma Railways on 27 November.

A total of 6500 concrete sleepers were substituted along the railroad section. Timely completion of railroad works is being carried with the strength of 65 workers. — *Kyemon*



Wheelchair users arrive in Meiktila

YANGON, 1 Dec— Three-wheelchair users of seven-day six-night Mandalay-Nay Pyi Taw trip broke their journey in Meiktila where they were welcomed by departmental personnel, staff of Social Welfare Department, members of social organizations, students and wellwishers near Nagayon Maha Bawdi Pagoda on 29 November noon.

"We left Kyaukse at about 5 am. Our final destination is Thingaha Hotel in Nay Pyi Taw. Social Welfare Department and Shweminthar Foundation (Myanmar) jointly organized the event in commemoration of the International Day of Persons with Disabilities on 3 December. We felt happy as we were cordially and warmly welcomed by locals when we had a stopover in towns, thereby relieving our tiredness" a three-wheelchair

user said, The group of three-wheelchair users comprises 11 wheelchair users and a cyclist. They were presented awards and gifts by locals, personnel and members of social organizations led by the Deputy Commissioner. Thingaha Hotel is their final destination where they will reach on 3 December (International Day of Persons with Disabilities).

Kyemon



Myanmar, India to boost border trade in Tamu

TAMU, 1 Dec— A meeting No (8/2012) for boosting border trade between Myanmar and India was held at the director's office of the Ministry of Commerce in Tamu on 27 November.

Director of Tamu Border Trade U Win Tint explained works for boosting border trade, protection of customers and formation of mobile teams for eradication of illegal trade.

Next, those present from OSS, Customs Department, Immigration and National Registration Department,

Internal Revenue Department and Myanmar Police Force reported on their respective tasks.

Vice-Chairman of Tamu-Kalay-Kalewa border trade association U Win Tin gave accounts of current situations, import and export matters and issuance of individual trading cards for those who are dealing with trading on a managerial scale.

Before the meeting came to an end, the director coordinated the matters reported by those present.

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CCTVs for reduction in traffic accidents

MANDALAY, 1 Dec— With the aim of enforcing traffic rules to be able to reduce road accidents in

bring about a reduction in traffic accidents," a driver said.

Recently, road



Yangon Region, CCTVs are being installed at traffic lights on the roads with heavy traffic by Yangon Region Traffic Rules Enforcement Supervisory Committee.

"It is good for all of road users as CCTVs are installed at traffic lights. No one dare to go through the red or yellow lights as CCTVs operate 24 hours.

If a car goes through, it will be caught in CCTVs and recorded. CCTVs could

accidents are frequent as some drivers who have no patience to wait for their turn go through the red light. According to the committee, CCTVs have been installed at 22 traffic lights in the region.

A traffic police said that there has been a decline in road accidents thanks to installation of CCTVs for those who are breaching the law by going through the traffic lights.

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WORLD

New Jersey bridge collapse derails freight train; chemical leaks Accident

PAULSBORO, 1 Dec—A railroad bridge collapsed on Friday over a creek in southern New Jersey, causing a Conrail freight train to derail and spill hazardous chemicals into the air and water, authorities said.

Seven of the 82 cars derailed, and a tanker car that fell into Mantua Creek leaked vinyl chloride into the waterway, which feeds into the Delaware River near Philadelphia, said Deborah Hersman, chairwoman of the National Transportation

Safety Board.

More than 12,000 gallons (45,425 liters) of the highly toxic and flammable industrial chemical leaked from a gash in the car's side, local officials said.

Twenty-two people were examined at a nearby hospital as a precaution and were doing fine, said Larry Ragonese, a spokesman for the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection.

Ragonese said the health danger and environmental impact were minimal.

"Initially there was a

release of gas into the air that affected some nearby residents and people working right in that area," he said.

Air quality monitors in the area did not register any problem, said Lawrence Hajna, also with the DEP. "All the levels are coming in within our safety range."

Exposure to vinyl chloride can cause a burning sensation in the eyes or respiratory discomfort, the DEP said. The accident took place at about 7 am EST (1200 GMT) in Paulsboro. Area residents initially were



Derailed freight train cars sit semi-submerged in the waters of Mantua Creek after a train crash in Paulsboro, New Jersey on 30 Nov, 2012. A rail bridge collapsed on Friday over a creek in southern New Jersey, causing a Conrail freight train to derail and spill hazardous chemicals into the air and water, authorities said.

REUTERS

told to stay indoors, with windows shut, and local schools were closed.

The leak was contained and no longer posed a threat, and authorities were using booms to trap the chemical

in the water, Ragonese said.

At the scene, one of the freight cars was nearly vertical, nose-down and partly submerged in the creek. Other cars lay jumbled on the collapsed bridge and

the embankment.

"It's part of living in Paulsboro, with refineries and trains. We accept it," said resident John Diamond, 53, who was taking photographs.

Reuters

Margin of UN defeat disappoints Israel



Israel's Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu.

REUTERS

JERUSALEM, 1 Dec—The margin of Israel's defeat in a UN vote that granted de-facto statehood to Palestine has disappointed Israeli political leaders, whose attempts on Friday to play down the result could not disguise its significance.

The United Nations General Assembly voted on Thursday to upgrade the Palestinians' status in the world body, making them a "non-member state". The decision was backed by 138 nations, opposed by nine, while 41 members abstained.

On the ground nothing has changed. Israeli army checkpoints remain in place across the West Bank, Jewish settlers continue their daily lives, and the Israeli government warns that lasting peace is more remote than ever.

An Israeli official said on Friday that Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's conservative government had authorised thousands of new settlement homes on occupied land where the Palestinians, with wide foreign support, envisage

their future state.

But the fact only three major countries sided with Israel at the world forum on Thursday — the United States, Canada and the Czech Republic — underscored how isolated it has become on the international stage regarding peacemaking with the Palestinians.

"Even old friends like Germany refused to stand alongside us. There were external factors, but it is hard not to see this as a total failure for our diplomacy which will obviously have consequences," said a senior official who declined to be named.

Government spokesman Mark Regev said that although Israel was "disappointed" by the vote, it was not surprised.

"The General Assembly can resemble the theatre of the absurd, which once a year automatically approves ludicrous, anti-Israeli resolutions. Sometimes these are supported by Europe, sometimes they are not," he said.

Reuters

Berlusconi drags his own party to destruction before Italy vote Italy

ROME, 1 Dec—Five years after he won one of Italy's biggest postwar election victories, Silvio Berlusconi is dragging his own party towards destruction by a mixture of indecision and refusal to withdraw gracefully.

The man who triumphantly dominated Italian politics for 17-years before he was humiliatingly driven from power a year ago, is in steep decline, beset on all sides by problems ranging from his business empire to his scandal-plagued personal life.

Anyone reading newspaper headlines about the flamboyant 76-year-old billionaire could be excused for feeling dizzy.

His flip flops from one position to another, sometimes in the space of a day, have torpedoed attempts by his hapless protege Angelino Alfano to revive their People of Freedom (PDL) party, and frustrated his supporters as they struggle to reduce the scale of almost certain defeat in an election next spring.

"He wants to go back, then forward, then back again," said exasperated PDL moderate Franco Frattini who was foreign minister under Berlusconi. "This indecision is a problem for the party".

"You would be better off talking to a psychologist than a political scientist," said Professor James Walston of the American University of Rome. "It is about what you do with a wealthy old man who refuses to step down. It's

a personal problem. This is like Dallas without the guns," he told Reuters.

Berlusconi's party seems close to splitting into two or three groups from a pro-European centre to radical right wing, undermining any chance the centre-right might have of clawing back credibility after their support dropped to less than half the 37 percent they won in a huge election victory in 2008.

Reuters



Italy's former Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi gestures as he speaks during a news conference at Villa Gernetto in Gerno near Milan on 27 October, 2012.—REUTERS

Chinese, US soldiers complete disaster relief drill amid Asia tensions

CHENGDU, 1 Dec—Chinese and American soldiers finished a week-long disaster rescue exercise on Friday, furthering military ties between the two countries even as military tensions rise between China and US military allies in the Pacific region. The exercise, which included 20 US soldiers visiting facilities in three Chinese cities, are meant to bring the two rivals closer together through non-combat military collaboration, and to allay fears of countries in the region worried over China's rising influence.

"Our senior leaders have been pretty clear:

they're seeking a positive, cooperative and comprehensive relationship between our two nations," said Maj Gen Stephen Lyons, commander of the US Army's 8th Theater Sustainment Command, based in Hawaii. "That spirit of cooperation and that level of transparency I think helps signals throughout the region, and it helps us understand each other," Lyons said at a People's Liberation Army barracks on the outskirts of Chengdu in southwest China, where a massive earthquake devastated nearby regions in 2008, killing more than 87,000 people.—Reuters

At least 20 killed in cargo plane crash in capital of Republic of Congo

BRAZZAVILLE, 1 Dec—At least 20 people were killed and 14 others injured in a cargo plane crash in Brazzaville, capital of the Republic of Congo, on Friday, a rescue official told Xinhua.

The aircraft crashed at around 5:30 local time (1630 GMT) during landing in a thunder-shower in Brazzaville. But it could not be immediately known the real reason of the crash.

The injured people have been sent to hospitals nearby, according to rescuers.

The casualties include residents on the ground as the aircraft crashed in a residential

area in the Mselou district of Brazzaville, according to rescuers. Debris of the plane were seen scattering in a large area while smoking was continuing as firefighters have controlled fire on the plane wreckage.

Policemen were deployed to maintain order in the area. The Illiouchine aircraft, registered with a local company, Aero-Service, was on a flight from Pointe-Noire, a port city about 500 km southwest of Brazzaville, to the capital city.

Aero-Service was established in 1967 and based in Pointe-Noire. Since November 2009, the EU has



Rescuers work at a plane crash site in Brazzaville, capital of the Republic of Congo, on 30 Nov, 2012. At least 20 people were killed and 14 others injured in a cargo plane crash in Brazzaville on Friday, a rescue official told Xinhua.—XINHUA

banned Aero-Service as well as other companies registered

in the country from entering its space.—Xinhua

Scientists measure sea rise from polar ice melt

LONDON, 1 Dec— The melting of the Antarctic and Greenland ice sheets has raised sea levels by 11.1 millimeters since 1992, a fifth of the total rise which threatens low-lying regions around the globe, a new study published on Thursday said.

The results of the study involving 47 researchers from 26 laboratories which was supported by the European Space Agency and the National Aeronautics and Space Administration give the most accurate measurements of ice loss to date, they said in the journal *Science*.

Two thirds of the ice loss was in Greenland which is losing five times as much ice as in the 1990s, and the remainder was in Antarctica.

Together, the two receding ice sheets are now adding 0.95mm to sea levels a year compared to 0.27mm per year in the 1990s, the study said.

There have been at least 29 studies on ice sheet mass



A free-swimming robot submarine, which is carried aboard the Australian Antarctic Division's icebreaker, Aurora Australis, is suspended from a crane in Eastern Antarctica in this 26 Sept, 2012 handout picture made available to Reuters on 11 Oct, 2012.

REUTERS

since 1998 which arrive at an average for the melt's contribution to sea level rises of around 1mm a year, the study's leader Andrew Shepherd told reporters.

The researchers used 10 different satellites to measure the shape, speed and weight of the ice sheets from space, as well as ground observations.

Past ice loss assessments typically used just one of those techniques, said Shepherd, a professor at the University of Leeds.

The results come as representatives from nearly 200 countries are in Qatar trying to reach a new global agreement on cutting greenhouse gas emissions, which are widely

held responsible for causing global warming.

"The study effectively ends 20 years of uncertainty over the perception of our community. It provides a single climate record for people to use rather than the 40 or 50 which existed before this paper," Shepherd said.

In 2007 scientists on the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) published their fourth report to assess scientific and technical information on climate change and its effects. The next IPCC report is due out next year.

The fourth report estimated a total global sea level rise of 2mm a year from the early 1990s to 2011, while research by the Potsdam Institute for Climate Impact Research this week estimated the rise has been as much as 3.2mm a year over the same period.

"We have pinpointed the areas of ice sheets where people should be concerned," Shepherd said. "There are

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parts of Antarctic where the ice is not behaving in a normal way. It is unstable and its sea level contribution is rising year-on-year, Greenland even more so," he said.

"That allows us to say to people who build models for future climate projections, 'these are the areas you should concentrate on'," he said, adding that continued monitoring of ice sheets is necessary.

The researchers did not make predictions about how much sea levels were likely to rise this century, saying it was not the aim of the project.

The IPCC has said seas could rise by between 18 and 59 cm this century, not counting the possible acceleration of the melt of the Greenland and Antarctic ice sheets that could add more still water to the oceans. The Potsdam study places that figure even higher at between 50cm and a metre this century.

Reuters

Data on new rocket may have been leaked from Japan's space agency

TOKYO, 1 Dec—Data on a new solid fuel rocket under development may have been leaked from the Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency via a virus-infected computer, JAXA said on Friday. The agency said it is not clear yet that it was a target of a cyberattack. Information on the specifications and operations of the Epsilon rocket may have been stolen from the personal computer at JAXA's Tsukuba Space Centre in Ibaraki Prefecture, northeast of Tokyo.

The virus was detected by antivirus software 21 November and JAXA has since found traces of the malicious programme collecting the data and communicating with the outside, the agency said.

Kyodo News

Apple's iPhone 5 gets final approval for China release

SHANGHAI, 1 Dec—Apple Inc's latest iPhone has received final clearance from Chinese regulators, paving the way for a December debut in a highly competitive market where the lack of a new model had severely eroded its share of product sales.

China is Apple's second-largest market and its Chinese fans are eagerly awaiting the latest model of its smartphone, the iPhone 5, which was released in the United States in September.

Apple has said that the iPhone 5 will be released in China in December, but the long wait caused Apple's smartphone market share to halve to 10 percent in the second quarter as users

switch brands or hold out for the latest model, data from industry research firm IDC showed in August.

The Telecom Regulatory Authority, under China's Ministry of Industry and Information Technology, showed two iPhone 5 models on its website that received approval on Thursday. The two are the A1429, a WCDMA model that runs on China Unicom's network, and the A1442, a CDMA model that runs on China Telecom Corp's network.

The chairman of China Unicom, the country's second-largest mobile carrier, said early this month that it expected to start selling the iPhone 5 this year as it aims



Customers walk out of a store selling and advertising Apple products, including both the iPhone 4 and iPhone 5, in central Beijing on 28 Sept, 2012.

REUTERS

for a major boost in 3G users to 100 million by the year-end, up from 67 million in the first nine months.

Many users on Sina Corp's Weibo, China's most

popular microblogging platform, cheered the imminent arrival of the latest iPhone. "I'm all ready! The iPhone 5 is coming!" said one.—Reuters

Tech

World's first high-speed railway for frigid regions starts operation

SHENYANG, 1 Dec — The world's first high-speed railway in areas with extremely low temperature, which runs through three provinces in northeastern China, started operation on Saturday as part of the country's efforts to revitalize the old industrial base.

Four trains with the initial "G" left the stations in Harbin, capital of Heilongjiang, Changchun, capital of Jilin, Shenyang, capital of Liaoning, and Dalian, port city in Liaoning, simultaneously at 9 am on Saturday to mark the operation of the 921-km line.

The high-speed rail-

way with designed speeds of up to 350 km per hour went into service after passing a two-month test during which the region had been hit by blizzards and harsh cold as low as 40 degrees Celsius below zero.

"The operation of Harbin-Dalian high-speed railway signals a great progress in the building of a 'four-vertical' and 'four-horizontal' high-speed rail network," said Lu Chunfang, vice minister of the Ministry of Railways. So far, China has 8,600 kilometres of operating high-speed railways, ranking it first globally. —Xinhua

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Sony's Playstation3 and its game controller are displayed at a showcase at an electronic shop in Tokyo on 1 May, 2011.

REUTERS

Sony's PlayStation3 beats Nintendo's Wii U over Black Friday

SAN FRANCISCO, 1 Dec— Sony Corp sold over 525,000 PlayStation3 consoles in the United States during the week of Black Friday that kicks off the holiday shopping season, surpassing sales of Nintendo's new Wii U.

Sony Computer Entertainment Inc said on Thursday that sales of its six-year-old PlayStation3 jumped 9 percent over the same period last year. The sales compared with

over 400,000 units sold of Nintendo's Wii U, the new console on which the Japanese company is staking much of its future.

Microsoft Corp sold over 750,000 units of its Xbox 360 console during the week of Black Friday, one of the heaviest US consumer-spending periods of the year.

The results could deal a blow to Nintendo, which is hoping that the Wii U, which comes with a touchscreen "GamePad" controller, will

revive growth and pull it out of the red in coming years. Since its November 18 US launch, the Wii U has been marred by technical glitches, including long software download times.

Analysts have said the initial sales numbers may have been curbed by insufficient supply, common during the launch of new products.

On Monday, Nintendo said Wii U consoles were "effectively sold out" in US

retail stores.

Sales of consoles and portable handheld game devices like the Nintendo 3DS are crumbling as gamers migrate to offerings on smartphones and tablets. According to research firm NPD Group, video game hardware sales slid 37 percent in October from a year ago.

The battle between the three game makers is expected to intensify when Sony and Microsoft launch their own next-generation PlayStation and Xbox consoles, expected in 2013.—Reuters

BUSINESS & HEALTH

Electoral debates reveal lack of long-term economic policy

TOKYO, 1 Dec—The pledges by political parties for the upcoming general election have highlighted the urgency to overhaul the Japanese economy, which has long been mired in deflation, but they have also revealed the dearth of long-term strategies.

The debate has mainly revolved around what the parties are determined to make the central bank do to turn around the economy if they win, leaving many questions unanswered about

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how to improve the nation's growth potential at a time when the population is aging and companies are shifting production abroad.

"It's just like a doctor who only tries to reduce the fever of his patient without looking into the specific cause of the disease," Masamichi Adachi, senior economist at JPMorgan Securities Japan Co, said. "They only discuss in fragments" the main problems such as



Leaders of Japan's major political parties join hands before a debate at the Japan National Press Club in Tokyo on 30 Nov, 2012, ahead of the 16 Dec, 2012, general election.
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the graying population, lower birthrates and eroding industrial competitiveness.
Kyodo News

Japan, Canada share "understanding" in 1st round of free trade talks

TOKYO, 1 Dec—Japan and Canada shared an "understanding" about a framework for negotiations during the first round of bilateral free trade talks on Friday, the Japanese Foreign Ministry said.

The two countries will hold the next round of talks in Ottawa around next April, the ministry said in a statement, adding that participants in the Tokyo meeting also discussed draft

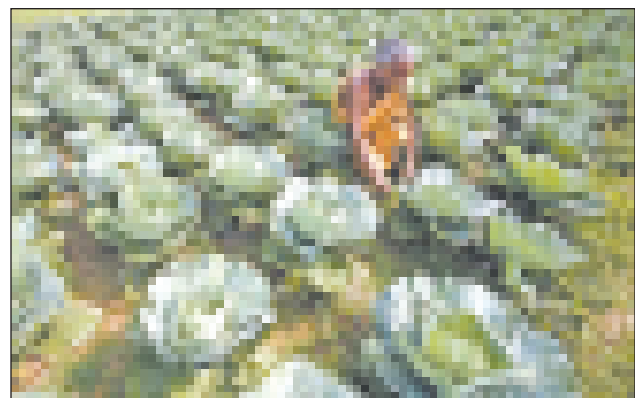
clauses for an envisioned pact.

The five-day meeting from Monday was attended by such officials as Jun Yokota, ambassador in charge of economic diplomacy at Japan's Foreign Ministry, and Ian Burney, assistant deputy minister for trade policy and negotiations at Canada's Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade.

Kyodo News

GDP growth at 5.3 percent, headed for decade low

Business



A farmer works in a cabbage field on the outskirts of Agartala, on 25 Nov, 2012. —REUTERS

NEW DELHI, 1 Dec—India's economy extended its long slump in the last quarter, with lower-than-expected growth keeping it on track for its worst year in a decade and underscoring the urgency of politically difficult reforms to spur a revival.

Gross domestic product (GDP) grew 5.3 percent from a year earlier in the July-September period, provisional government data showed on Friday, below the 5.5 percent posted for the three months

ending in June.

Reacting to the number, Prime Minister Manmohan Singh's chief economic advisor forecast full year growth of between 5.5 and 6 percent, which would be the slowest since 2002/3.

"It will be between the two, because in order to get 6 percent we really need very strong growth in the second half," advisor C Rangarajan told TV network CNBC.

The number was lower than a Reuters poll had forecast

and matched the January-March quarter, which was the weakest growth rate in three years.

However, economists say ongoing inflation worries mean the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) is not likely to cut interest rates at its next policy meeting on 18 December.

Facing the prospect of the downturn stretching into a general election due in 2014, Prime Minister Singh launched some of the most daring initiatives of his tenure in September, including raising subsidised diesel prices and opening sectors like supermarkets to foreign players, triggering a market rally.

But the government and economists warn more needs to be done to attract capital investment and kickstart plans to modernize India's decrepit infrastructure. Opposition parties say the reforms hurt the common man and weaken regional governments.

"Even with the uptick in

business sentiment over the restarted reform initiative, the real economy will take some time to improve. Investment will continue to lag," said Jyoti Narasimhan, Senior Principal Economist, at IHS Global Insight.

India is battling weak consumer demand in overseas and domestic markets. The rupee currency remains weak and the trade deficit the widest ever after merchandise exports, which make up about 10 percent of GDP, fell for six straight months. Industrial output has contracted in four out of last six months.

Market reaction to the data was muted, partly because of sustained positive sentiment after parliament broke a deadlock on Thursday that had held up debate on reforms to attract foreign investment in the insurance and pension industries. Mumbai's main stock index .BSESEN hit a 19-month high.

Reuters

China says HIV/AIDS cases up, premier-in-waiting promises help

Health

BEIJING, 1 Dec — The number of new HIV/AIDS cases in China jumped in the first 10 months of the year, as premier-in-waiting Li Keqiang promised to let non-governmental groups play a bigger role in fighting an epidemic spreading fast in vulnerable groups.

The number of new AIDS cases rose almost 13 percent in the January to October period, compared with the same period the previous year, while the number of people infected with HIV aged 50 and above leapt more than 20 percent, the official *Xinhua*

want ... the government will continue to offer support and pay even greater attention to and listen more closely to the voices of civil society groups and you will be given greater space to play your role," state television cited him as saying.

It also showed pictures of Li shaking hands with sufferers, in a country where discrimination against people with HIV/AIDS is rampant, even in the health-care community.

China's government was initially slow to acknowledge the problem of HIV/AIDS in the 1990s and had sought to



Students form a red ribbon during an HIV/AIDS awareness rally ahead of World AIDS Day in Hanshan county, Anhui Province, on 29 Nov, 2010. —REUTERS

news agency said.

A total of 492,191 people were living with HIV/AIDS as of the end of October, including 68,802 new cases this year, the news agency said, citing the Health Ministry.

Of new HIV cases within the 10 month period, 84.9 percent contracted the virus through sexual intercourse, with transmission rates amongst men-who-have-sex-with-men rising sharply, it added. Li, at a meeting with non-governmental groups working on HIV/AIDS, said the government would let them play a more active role in battling the disease.

"You have a greater understanding of what sufferers

cover it up when hundreds of thousands of impoverished farmers in rural Henan Province became infected through botched blood-selling schemes. Li, who takes over from Wen Jiabao as premier at the annual meeting of parliament in March, worked in Henan from 1998 to 2004, and was criticized by activists for helping to cover up the extent of the crisis there.

Beijing has since stepped up the fight, spending more on prevention programmes, launching schemes to give universal access to anti-retroviral drugs to contain the disease, and introducing policies to curb discrimination.

Reuters

Extra fruit may not ward off daily hunger

NEW YORK, 1 Dec—The idea that filling up on fruits and vegetables will cut one's appetite for higher-calorie fare did not pan out in a new study; in fact, adding fruit juice before meals boosted hunger and weight gain for some participants.

Eating apples and grapes before lunch helped people feel fuller and eat slightly less than when they drank an equivalent amount of fruit juice as an appetizer in the experiment. However, putting volunteers on a fruit- and vegetable-heavy diet for months made no long-term difference in their assessments of their own hunger and fullness, researchers found. Some doctors have hoped that encouraging people to eat greater volumes of fruits

and veggies, which are less "energy-dense" than burgers and pizza, might help them feel full for longer and prevent overeating and weight gain.

But the new study suggests loading up on more carrots, broccoli and oranges every day won't ward off hunger over the long run. And having fruit in beverage form simply added calories to the day's tally without displacing any. The findings follow results from the same trial showing 34 participants — some overweight or obese, some a healthy weight — gained between 3.5 and 5 pounds when they were given eight weeks of fruit juice to incorporate into their diet. Heavier participants, in particular, also gained weight when they received extra fresh fruit and vegetables.

"If you tell people to add anything to their diet, you're going to potentially have no weight loss, or weight gain, even with fruits and vegetables," said Barbara Rolls, chair of nutritional sciences at The Pennsylvania State University in University Park. "You need to be careful to make sure that you emphasize substitution, not just, 'Eat more of this or that,'" Rolls, who was not involved in the new research, told *Reuters Health*.

That's especially true for beverages, she said, since the body regulates hunger and thirst differently — and people often don't think to eat less to make up for juice or other calorie-filled beverages. Richard Mattes from Purdue University in West Lafayette, Indiana, and

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his colleagues found that when they fed volunteers a regular lunch of all-you-can-eat macaroni and cheese, they ate an average of 785 or 821 calories of it, depending on the day.

When the same participants started a meal with fresh and dried fruit, then went on to the main course, they ended up eating 678 calories of lunch, the fruit course included. When they started with fruit juice instead, the volunteers took in a total of 891 calories. People ate about 400 more calories, on average, during the test day when they started lunch with juice, compared to when they started with solid fruit, according to the findings published in the *International Journal of Obesity*.—*Reuters*

After election, pressure grows on Obama in US Asia-Pacific trade talks

WASHINGTON, 1 Dec—US-led talks on a free-trade pact in the Asia-Pacific region are entering a potential make-or-break stage, putting pressure on President Barack Obama and other leaders to sacrifice sensitive domestic interests for a big deal to boost growth.

The 11 countries involved in the Trans-Pacific Partnership, or TPP, talks meet next week in Auckland, New Zealand, for the 15th

round since negotiations were launched in March 2010.

With Obama now re-elected, US negotiators have more freedom to deal with demands for the United States to open its sugar, dairy, clothing, footwear and other markets to more imports without worrying about hurting the president at the polls.

“I think the feeling (among TPP countries) was

that the United States was negotiating in good faith ... but everyone knew that it wasn't getting done before the election,” said Ernest Bower, director of Southeast Asia studies at the Centre for Strategic and International Studies in Washington.

While the TPP talks are set to mark their third anniversary in March, there is no formal deadline for a deal.

Reuters



US President Barack Obama delivers remarks at the White House in Washington on 28 Nov, 2012.

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About 128,000 people displaced by fresh fighting in DR Congo

KINSHASA, 1 Dec—Close to 128,000 people have been displaced due to recent fresh fighting that broke out between the DR Congo Armed Forces (FARDC) and the M23 rebels in the east of the Democratic Republic of Congo (DR Congo), the UN Office for Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) said in a statement released on Wednesday in Kinshasa.

According to OCHA, over 81,000 people in North-Kivu Province have been receiving daily food rations from the World Food Programme (WFP) for the last three days.

On 26 November, over 13,000 households in the same province received household items from the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), under the auspices of a programme dubbed Rapid Response to Population Movement (RRMP).

Elsewhere in the neighbouring South-Kivu Province, humanitarian response was disrupted when some humanitarian actors had to be evacuated from Minova region due to security fears. The FARDC officers occupied five primary schools and are using desks as firewood, hence compromising learning for about 5,000 pupils.—Xinhua

Wave of bomb attacks in Iraq kills 42 Iraq

BAGHDAD, 1 Dec—A new wave of bomb attacks targeted Shiite pilgrims and security forces across Iraq killed 42 people and wounded 133 on Thursday, apparently in an attempt by insurgent groups to stir up sectarian strife among Iraqis.

The deadliest attack occurred in the day was in the City of Hilla, some 100 km south of the capital Baghdad, when a car bomb went off near a restaurant serving food for Shiite pilgrims.

A few minutes later, another car bomb detonated while civilians and Iraqi security forces gathered at the scene.

The two blasts killed a total of 26 people and wounded 80 others at a restaurant, according to the police and medical sources.

Meanwhile, another attack took place in the holy Shiite City of Karbala, some 110 km south of

Baghdad, when a booby-trapped car detonated near Shiite pilgrims at the eastern entrance of the city, killing eight people and wounding 22 others.

Iraqi security forces blocked the roads leading to central Karbala where the shrine of Imam Hussein, one of the Shiite's 12 most revered Imams.

Insurgent groups frequently carried out attacks against Shiite pilgrims who perform communal rituals, killing and wounding hundreds of them in attempts to provoke sectarian strife in the country.

In Iraq's western Province of Anbar, a suicide bomber wearing an explosive vest blew himself up among the soldiers and their vehicles who gathered to collect salaries for their unites at the branch of the government-owned al-Rasheed Bank in central the city of Fallujah, some 50 km west of Baghdad.—Xinhua



Residents inspect the site of a bomb attack in Hilla, 100 km (60 miles) south of Baghdad, on 29 Nov, 2012.—REUTERS

Arrival of Iranian warships at Port-Sudan Sudan harbour delayed

KHARTOUM, 1 Dec—The Sudanese army announced on Thursday that the arrival of Iranian warships at Port-Sudan harbour in eastern Sudan, initially scheduled for 30 November, has been delayed to 7 December, official SUNA news agency reported.

“For reasons relating to the Iranian side, the arrival of the Iranian warships to Port-Sudan harbour, scheduled for current 30 Nov, has been delayed to 7 Dec,” the agency quoted Al-Sawarmy Khalid Saad, a Sudanese army spokesman, as saying.

A Xinhua correspondent

earlier said a Pakistani warship docked at Port-Sudan harbour on Thursday. A ceremony and military parade have been organized by the Sudanese navy in reception of the Pakistani warship.

The Sudanese army spokesman has earlier announced that the Sudanese navy would receive a Pakistani warship on 29 November, noting that the ship would stay at Port-Sudan harbour for two days.

He said the Sudanese navy would also receive on 30 November two Iranian warships, which would stay

at Port-Sudan harbour for three days.

Saad explained that the arrival of the Pakistani and Iranian warships is under the framework of the maritime and military cooperation with the navy troops in all countries of the world.

Few weeks ago, two Iranian warships docked at Port-Sudan shortly after an aerial attack against Al-Yarmouk arms factory complex in the Sudanese capital Khartoum, which Israel claimed was producing arms to back the Palestinian Hamas movement with Iranian support.—Xinhua

Four military officers killed in road accident in Ukraine

KIEV, 1 Dec—All four military officers travelling in a car were killed early Thursday when their vehicle collided head-on with a truck in Ukraine's southern Nikolayev region, the country's Ministry of Emergency Situations said.

The accident occurred at

about 1:20 am (2320 GMT Wednesday) when the truck slid to an opposite lane and crashed into the incoming car carrying the officers.

The four servicemen all died on the spot, while the truck driver only had minor injuries. Preliminary reports blamed the accident on the

truck driver, who is said to have tried to overtake before his truck swerved. Further probe is still under way.

Ukraine's roads are rated among the deadliest in Europe and some 5,000 people were killed in road accidents in the country in 2011.—Xinhua

Yemen offers reward to catch killers of Saudi diplomat Yemen

SANAA, 1 Dec—Yemen offered a \$25,000 (£15,608) reward on Thursday to catch the killers of a Saudi Arabian diplomat, a day after he was gunned down in an attack that security authorities have blamed on al-Qaeda. The killing on Wednesday of Khaled al-Enizi, a military officer at the Saudi embassy, and his Yemeni bodyguard underscored the challenges facing the US-allied state since an uprising last year that ousted President Ali Abdullah Saleh.

A Yemeni security committee offered a reward of five million rials (\$25,000) for any information leading to the killers, state news agency Saba said.

Dressed as security officers, the attackers

blocked a car carrying Enizi, an aide to the Saudi military attache, and opened fire, the security committee said in a statement. The diplomat and his guard died instantly.

No one has claimed responsibility for the attack which took place near the diplomat's house in the capital but a Yemeni security

official said on Wednesday authorities were “assuming that al-Qaeda was behind it”.

Yemen-based al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula (AQAP), regarded as al-Qaeda's strongest regional wing, has mounted operations in Saudi Arabia and tried to launch attacks against the United States.—Reuters



People inspect the site of a shooting attack on a Saudi diplomat in Sanaa on 28 Nov, 2012.—REUTERS

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Formation of Investigation Commission

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2. The investigation commission will investigate the following cases and submit assessment for ensuring the rule of law and national interest along with recommendations.
 - (a) whether the copper mine project adheres to international norms and employ appropriate technologies for environmental conservation;
 - (b) impacts and profits of the copper mine project on social and natural environments;
 - (c) whether the copper mine project will be profitable for the State;
 - (d) causes of protests that demanded the shutdown of the copper mine project;
 - (e) review on control of protests and injuries of members of Sangha;
 - (f) whether the copper mine project should continue or the foreign investment should be suspended;
 - (g) suggestions on development of the country and the rule of law;
 - (h) miscellaneous reviews and suggestions of the commission;
3. Union Minister at the President Office U Hla Tun is responsible for administrative matters of the investigation commission while assuming duties. The President Office and the Sagaing Region Government under the guidance of the Union Minister shall fulfill the security and administrative requirements of the investigation commission in action.
4. The investigation commission shall conduct investigation in accord with code of criminal procedure and evidence act, summoning witnesses, asking for documents and visiting necessary sites. The investigation report shall be submitted to the President by 31 December, 2012.

Sd/Thein Sein
President
Republic of the Union of Myanmar

Entrepreneurs from Mon State observe businesses in Thailand

YANGON, 1 Dec—A 29-member team led by Chairman of Mon State Chambers of Commerce and Industry U Hla Shein arrived back here by air on 25 November after visiting businesses and industries in Bangkok of Thailand.

They visited 2-Shrimp edible oil mills, poultry farms, feedstuff production, rice, beans and pulses, onion and garlic warehouses and Ajinomotosodium glutamate

factory in Bangkok of Thailand from 21 to 24 November.

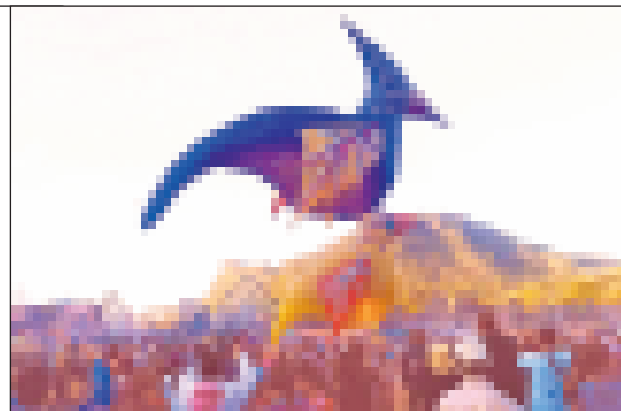
Nowadays, Myanmar entrepreneurs are giving priority to uplifting of import products though they emphasized on importing goods in the past.

Under the arrangements of the Ministry of Commerce, those entrepreneurs paid a visit to Thailand.

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A hot-air balloon being released at Taunggyi Tazaungdine Festival in Taunggyi on 27 November noon.
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House fire in Kyaukme Township

KYAUKME, 1 Dec — A house fire broke out at a staff quarter in the compound of Kyaukme District People's Hospital in Shan State

(North) at about 7.20 pm on 28 November.

The fire started at the room of U Ohn Maung and Daw Mu Mu Thin at the staff quarter. Thanks to efforts of fire fighters and members of auxiliary fire brigade led by Head of Kyaukme Township Fire Service Department U Ko Ko Gyi in cooperation with Police Captain Tin Htay of Kyaukme Township Police Force and members and local people, the fire had died at about 7.45 pm without burning other houses in the hospital and Pyeinhnin ward.

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Kathina robes offered

YANGON, 1 Dec—The 26th Kathina robe offering ceremony of Law Offices Buddha Sasana Nuggaha Association was held at Maha Razikayon Monastery in Sangyoung Township on 25 November.

Offertories and alms were donated to 10 members of the Sangha. Advocate-General of Yangon Region U Kyaw Moe Naing, Region Law Officer U Khin Maung Maung, retired law officers, officials and staff offered Kathina robes to members of the Sangha.

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Car turns over on expressway, leaving one injured, four dead

BAGO, 1 Dec—A car turned over near mile post 78/1 on Yangon-Nay Pyi Taw Expressway in the area of Myochaung expressway police station in Kyaukdaga Township at 8 am on 27 November.

A Mark II car driven by Zaw Oo, 28 from Yangon caused out of control due to fracture of left wheel and plunged from NyaungsauntU Bridge.

In the incident, Ye Htaik Aung, 20 from the car was injured, but Daw Win Yi, 66, Daw Kyi Win, 62 of Meiktila, Daw Than Khin, 91 of Oktwin Village in Meiktila Township and driver Zaw Oo, 28 of the same village died on the spot.

Myochaung Expressway Police Station filed of a lawsuit for the traffic accident.

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Sunday, 2 December, 2012

Let's fight against dehumanizing practices

Today is the International Day for the Abolition of Slavery which is annually observed on 2 December. The focus of this day is to remind governments, civil societies and private sector that we still live in a world impaired by slavery and slavery-like practices which have acquired new manifestations in the 21st century.

By 1995, the second day of December was known as International Day for the Abolition of Slavery to commemorate the date of the adoption of the UN Convention for the Suppression of the Traffic in Persons and of the Exploitation of the Prostitution of Others (Resolution 317 (IV) of 2 December, 1949) by the General Assembly.

Slavery has manifested itself in different forms throughout the history. Although other forms have been transformed into new ones, some traditional forms of slavery still persist in their earlier ones. Forced labour, bonded labour, the worst forms of child labour and trafficking people are considered as modern forms of slavery. Old forms of slavery are the result of traditional beliefs and customs that propel discrimination against the most vulnerable groups in societies who are regarded as being of low caste, tribal minorities and indigenous peoples.

All are crimes and violations of human rights. All regions of the world see various forms of slavery such as trafficking in persons for the purpose of economic exploitation, organ removal and sexual exploitation, forced marriage, forced recruitment of children for use in armed conflicts. These types of modern-day slavery are global problems going against article four of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights in which "no one shall be held in slavery or servitude; slavery and the slave trade shall be prohibited in all their forms" is stated.

Throughout the globe, millions of human beings are facing with contemporary forms of slavery that is almost unfathomable in its degradation and inhumanity despite considerable efforts of governments, civil society and international community. Eradication of modern-day slavery calls for corporate strategy in which governments and private sector are to bear corporate responsibility, thereby ensuring a just and equitable world for millions of victims who are deprived of their human rights and dignity in all regions of the world. Together, let us demonstrate our commitment to fighting against dehumanizing practices.

Liaison Officer Course opens

NAY PYI TAW, 1 Dec— Township of Mandalay on The Liaison Officer Course No. 2/2012 for volunteer youth officers was opened at Sports and Physical Education Institute (Mandalay) in Chanmyathazi

Director-General U Myo Hlaing of Sports and Physical Education Department spoke on the occasion.—MNA

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Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham felicitates Laotian counterpart

NAY PYI TAW, 2 Dec— On the occasion of the 37th Anniversary of the founding of the Lao People's Democratic Republic, which falls on 2 December 2012, Dr Sai Mauk Kham, Vice-President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr. Bounnhang Vorachit, Vice-President of the Lao People's Democratic Republic.—MNA

Vice-President U Nyan Tun felicitates Laotian counterpart

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Myanmar film industry needs to conserve strengths in cultural and national identity



Union Minister for Information U Aung Kyi attends workshop on "Towards a Strong Future for Myanmar Movies" organized by Forever Group.—MNA

YANGON, 1 Dec— Myanmar Motion Picture Enterprise and Myanmar Motion Picture Organization held a workshop on "Towards a Strong Future for Myanmar Movies" with the sponsorship of Forever group at Kandawgyi Palace Hotel here this morning, with an address by Union Minister for Information U Aung Kyi.

The opening ceremony of workshop was also attended by Deputy Information Minister U Paik Htwe, departmental heads, Chairman of MMPO U Zin Waing and CEC members, international cinematographers and guests.

Union Border Affairs Minister meets UN Under-Secretary-General and party

NAY PYI TAW, 1 Dec — Union Minister for Border Affairs Lt-Gen Thein Htay met United Nations Under-Secretary-General Mr. Yury Fedotov of UNODC Headquarters in Vienna of Austria and party at his office, here, yesterday.

The held comprehensive discussions on providing former poppy growers with alternative crops and agricultural methods, cooperation in better transportation for agricultural

Union Minister U Aung Kyi said in his address that the film industry is moving into a different world, which, he said, is the world where the raw materials are not coal nor steel but information, where the most valuable products are ideas and meaning, produced not by machine, but by the imagination and performance of men and women. The new era of creativity is called the cultural industry, in which "Film" is the one.

He said the purposes of holding the workshop are to upgrade capacity of Myanmar film society and to extend market of film industry. In doing so, the

industry need to conserve strengths in cultural and national identity by laying down principles which reflect the social norms and values of our multi-racial society, he said.

He pointed out effective management, management, finance, capacity building, infrastructure and technologies as the key areas to upgrade. He also warned of the challenge of piracy and pinned his hope on the workshop for coming up with solutions to unravel those potential challenges of the film industry and serving as a wake-up call for scholars and professionals to study the film industry from various aspects.

He said film products are not only important for the preservation of culture but also for nation branding

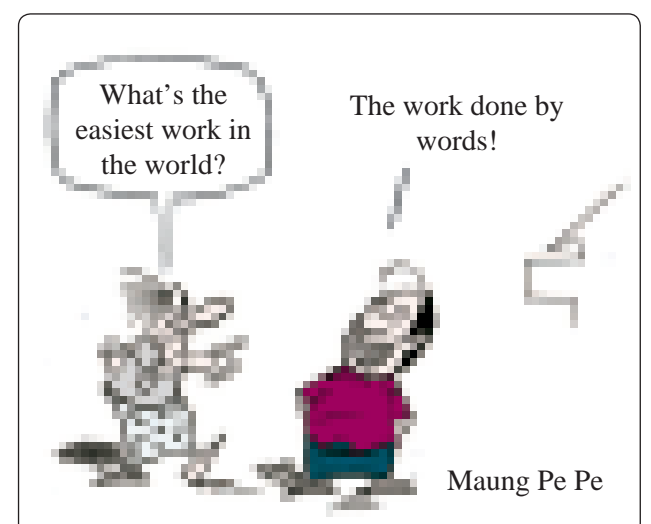
and films are now recognized as commodities universally in the era of globalization. Similar to policies directed towards attracting FDI in manufacturing, we should formulate policies to benefit from knowledge transfer and other externalities and advantages associated with foreign operations in the host country, he said.

Chairman U Zin Waing extended greetings and CEO of Forever Group U Win Maw spoke words of thanks.

The workshop focused on analysis of the current condition of the Myanmar movie world, management, marketing, production, broadcasting, regulations at home and abroad.

Forever Group hosted dinner to the participants of the workshop.

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Ceremony to receive Ovada from senior monks in Monywa held

NAY PYI TAW, 1 Dec — A ceremony to receive Ovada from the senior monks in Monywa was held at Tin Win Tun Dhamma Beikman in the compound of Shwezigon Pagoda at 2.30 pm today. It was attended by senior monks from the monasteries led by Presiding Nayaka Sayadaw of Okkan Tawya Sarthintaik Agga Maha Gannavasaka Pandita Bhaddanta Nandawbhasa, the commander of Sagaing Region Police Force, senior police officers and members of police force.

The ceremony was opened with the recitation of *Namo Tasa* three times.

Next, Commander of Sagaing Region Police Force Police Col San Yu supplicated the matters regarding the ongoing situations stemming from Latpadaungtaung copper mine project in Salingyi Township of Monywa District and religious matters. Please accept my apology. We are very disheartened by injuries of monks in the crackdown of boycott camps in Latpadaungtaung project in Salingyi Township.

The Latpadaungtaung project is a project under an official contract with a foreign country. We have learnt that authorities reconstructed houses, buildings and monasteries as the local people suffered losses. The monks later joined the boycott camps and forced the shutdown of the project with the political flavor.

The monks joined the boycott camps due to necessities of local farmers and their will to conserve the religious heritages. Later, the protesters even breached the laws under the cover of the monks.

The State also

NAY PYI TAW, 1 Dec — With the aims of reducing AIDS incidence in 2015 that includes in No. 6 of United Nations Millennium Development Goals and Universal Access to HIV Prevention, Treatment, Care and Support for everyone, the Ministry of Health is cooperating with 11 local social organizations such as Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association, Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation, 7 organizations

experienced losses as the legal business activities have been disrupted by the boycott camps on 18 November, 2012.

The Hluttaw had already decided to form an investigation commission after holding discussions on the situation regarding the Latpadaungtaung

unlawful acts are seemed to hinder the inflow of foreign investments, the country faced considerable amount of loss. According to the situations, a statement urging the boycott camps to move from there by 12 noon on 27 November 2012 was aired through MRTV. Our security forces informed

hose and tear bombs to disperse them.

We encountered difficulties in dispersing the mob under the law as monks were among the protesters. Protesters taking cover of the Buddha and Sangha fled the scene first and the tear bombs unexpectedly wounded monks. We all were



Commander of Sagaing Region Police Force Police Col San Yu supplicates on matters related to Letpadaungtaung issue.—MNA



project. Likewise, even Union Minister U Aung Min met protesters at the boycott camps and made clarifications on the loss of the State. In the matters related to human rights, local administrative body officially imposed orders for the sake of the security of the State project in accord with the law. But protesters violated the restrictions imposed by local administrative body in accord with the law.

We had already told villagers of three villages which left to move that they can stay there if they don't want to move at the moment and lump of earth from the project will be piled at the vacant lands. Coordination is being made for the other requirements of local people when they reported to the various levels of authorized concerned. As such kind of

them of the request to move from there till 3 am on 29 November, more twenty-seven hours beyond the previous deadline.

As they did not move from there, we, security forces, repeatedly requested the protesters to disperse that is twenty-seven hour late than the previous deadline once every half an hour. We announced three times once every fifteen-minute that the security forces had to take actions in the area of the project in accord with the duty transfer of local administrative body.

We had to disperse the mob as the last step but with least number of forces using the legal rights for the sake of rule of law, community peace and tranquility and effect of executive power.

We repeatedly requested the mob and only used fire

deeply touched by that.

We members of Police Force are particularly obliged to safeguard the rule of law and community peace and tranquility. So we had to because it is our responsibility.

We didn't intend to harm your junior monks in the incident. We have learnt that you also had discouraged them taking part in non-religious matters. It hurt our hearts to see your junior monks who safeguard the Sasana wounded. As we are Buddhists, we all hope that monks led by you suffer from not even a single cut or bruise. We humbly beg your pardon for our actions because we had responsibility.

The work of the Sasana is huge, and it cannot be carried out by a particular person but by only a number of great and noble persons. The

Union Foreign Affairs Minister felicitates Laotian Dy Prime Minister and Foreign Affairs Minister

NAY PYI TAW, 2 Dec — On the occasion of the 37th Anniversary of the founding of the Lao People's Democratic Republic, which falls on 2 December 2012, U Wunna Maung Lwin, Union Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Dr. Thongloun Sisoulith, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Lao People's Democratic Republic.—MNA

Sasana had been blessed with works and activities even in the time of the Buddha. After the noble demise of the Buddha, the great and noble monks in the field of the Sasana including Ashin Maha Kasapa held the Buddhist Synod six times and were engaged in the Sasana activities. Nowadays also, the great and noble monks in the field of the Sasana are in the process of carrying out the works of the Sasana.

The Buddha, although He attained the Enlightenment in India, had made strenuous efforts for the flourishing of the Sasana in Myanmar, one of the five Theravada Buddhist countries, since the Bagan period. Therefore, the Sasana has been maintained in Myanmar by great and prominent monks including

13 Tipitaka Sayadaws, Dwipitaka Sayadaws and Abhivamsa Sayadaws.

There can be right or wrong in carrying out works. Only when monks, laity and authorities concerned exercise patience towards each other in works, will they meet with success. They need to be reasonable and visionary in doing works, and they are all to strive together for the perpetuation of the Sasana.

Next, the commander of Sagaing Region Police Force and members presented offertories to the senior monks and for members of the Sangha who are receiving medical treatment at People's Hospital in Monywa.

The ceremony came to an end with three-time recitation of *Buddha Sasanam Ciram Titthatu*.

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Myanmar cooperating with social organizations from local and abroad to fight against HIV/AIDS



Union Health Minister Dr Pe Thet Khin speaking at 2012 World AIDS Day Ceremony.—MNA

under UN and 21 international social organizations, said Union Minister for Health Dr. Pe Thet Khin at the World AIDS Day Ceremony for 2012 at the ministry this morning.

As an ASEAN member country, Myanmar is cooperating with ASEAN Task Force on Aids, AIDS prevention plan in Mekong basin countries, neighbouring

countries and UN agencies.

UN Resident & Humanitarian Coordinator Mr. Ashok Nigan read out the messages sent by UN secretary-general and UNAIDS, Country Coordinator Dr. Eamonn Murphy the message of UNAIDS Programme.

Union Minister Dr. Pe Thet Khin gave awards to prize winners at 2012 World AIDS Day Commemorative Higher Level (easy) Competition. Then, Mr.

Ashok Nigan and Dr. Eamonn Murphy presented awards to prize winning students at Middle Level (Painting) and Primary Level (Cartoon) Competitions. The Union minister and party viewed round the booths displayed at the ceremony. The motto regarded for 5 years from 2011 to 2015 is "Getting to Zero, Zero New HIV Infections. Zero Discrimination and Zero AIDS related Deaths".

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UK Gushing UK papers laud Cameron's stance on Press law

LONDON, 1 Dec—Prime Minister David Cameron woke on Friday to find usually hostile newspapers gushing about his statesman-like qualities after he signalled his opposition to a new law governing the press.

After his party suffered a night of humiliation in three parliamentary by-elections, instead of facing questions over his leadership, he was cheered for rejecting the main plank of proposals from a public inquiry he set up in the wake of outrage at the excesses of tabloid newspapers.

Under a headline over two pages lauding "Cameron's Stand for Freedom", the right-wing *Daily Mail* said a "Defiant PM" had refused to accept the call for laws to control the Press.

"To his enormous credit, however, David Cameron sees this report for what it is—a mortal threat to the



A man takes a copy of an evening newspaper, which features an article about Lord Justice Brian Leveson's report on media practices on its front page, from a distributor in central London on 29 Nov, 2012. British Prime Minister David Cameron said on Thursday that he had serious concerns about legislation to regulate the media, risking a split in his coalition after a damning inquiry triggered by a phone-hacking scandal proposed a press watchdog backed in law.—REUTERS

British people's historic right to know," it said in its editorial.

"If he prevails in protecting that right, with the help of like-minded freedom lovers in the Commons and Lords, he

will earn a place of honour in our history."

The Daily Telegraph, another right-leaning newspaper that has been far from fulsome in its support for Cameron, said the unexpected decision

had revealed his leadership and acceptance that press freedom was "a constitutional necessity".

"He has answered the hopes of a Conservative Party that sometimes wonders what he stands for," the paper said in a commentary piece on its front page.

Cameron's clear sign he would reject the main recommendation of the report from Lord Justice Brian Leveson followed a year-long inquiry that heard in unflinching detail from celebrities, victims of crime and others who said the notoriously aggressive Press had ruined their lives.

It also followed weeks of frantic lobbying by the newspapers who argued any involvement of the law in Press regulation would amount to state control and an attack on free speech, putting Britain on a par with Zimbabwe.

Reuters

Three contractors killed at Penoles mine in Mexico

MEXICO CITY, 1 Dec—Three contractors were killed on Friday while working on the construction of a ventilation duct at a zinc mine owned by Industrias Penoles, the company said in a release.

Miner and metals processor Penoles, which runs the world's largest primary silver producer, Fresnillo, operates the Tizapa mine in the central State of Mexico in the tiny municipality of Zacazonapan.

Three other contractors also employed by Minería Castellana were injured and are being treated at a local hospital, Penoles added. The miner could not say if the incident was an explosion, as local media reported previously, but added that an investigation was underway.

Penoles said the Tizapa mine produces mostly zinc,

although smaller quantities of lead, copper, silver and gold can also be found in the area.

Some 900 people, including contractors, work at the mine, situated about two hours from the state capital of Toluca, Christian Gomez, a spokesman at the mine, told *Reuters* earlier on Friday. It was not immediately clear how many of those workers were miners.

In August, the Mexican government suspended work at 32 small coal mines in the northern state of Coahuila due to safety concerns after 13 miners died in the space of three weeks.

A 2006 methane explosion at another mine in Coahuila owned by Grupo Mexico, killed 65 miners.

Penoles shares fell 2.91 percent to close at 646.13 pesos on Friday.

Reuters

BP completes hefty asset sale in Gulf of Mexico

HOUSTON, 1 Dec—British oil giant BP said on Friday it had completed sale of 5.55 billion US dollars worth of its assets in the Gulf of Mexico to Plains Exploration and Production Company (PXP), an American oil firm based in Houston, Texas.

The deal, which included BP's interests in three BP-operated assets and in two non-operated ones, "was among the biggest transactions in the US Gulf of Mexico," BP said in a statement. BP announced in September that it agreed to sell the fields to PXP for 5.55 billion dollars in cash subject to customary

post-closing adjustments. The BP-operated assets in the deal include the Marlin hub, Horn Mountain and Holstein. The two non-operated assets are Ram Powell and Diana Hoover.

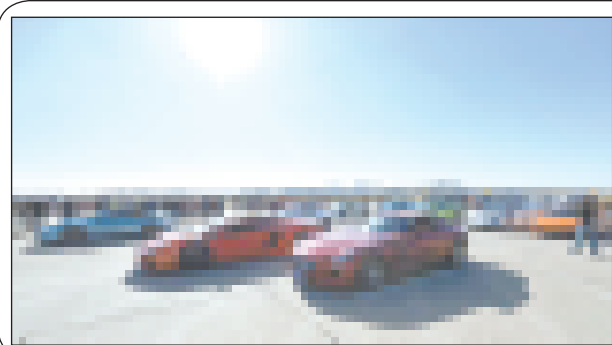
"This further demonstrates the significant value BP has been able to realize through the sale of non-strategic assets," said Bob Dudley, BP Group Chief Executive.

"In line with our strategy, we have concentrated our Gulf of Mexico business around our major operated and non-operated production hubs, each of which has significant future growth potential, together with our

leading exploration position.

This repositioning and simplification has allowed us to focus our capability and personnel on delivering long-term growth from our core assets in the Gulf," Dudley said. BP says it will concentrate future activity and investment in the deepwater Gulf of Mexico on growth opportunities around its four major operated production hubs — Thunder Horse, Atlantis, Mad Dog and Na Kika — and three non-operated production hubs — Mars, Ursa and Great White — as well as on significant exploration and appraisal opportunities.

Xinhua



Luxury cars are displayed at the 2012 Wujiaaba International Automobile Carnival in Kunming City, capital of southwest China's Yunnan Province, on 30 Nov, 2012. The five-day carnival opened here on Friday, displaying more than 600 cars of 50 brands.—XINHUA

US servicemen banned to leave base alone in Japan

TOKYO, 1 Dec—A senior officer of US forces in Japan ordered on Friday that military personnel in the country not leave base alone due to a series of crimes committed by US soldiers, according to local report.

Salvatore Angelella, commander of US Forces Japan (USFJ), issued the

order of Buddy Programme, which took effect Friday, requiring that his servicemen should be accompanied by others if they have to leave their bases at a non-curfew time, Japan's *Kyodo News Agency* reported.

The USFJ has imposed a curfew after two US servicemen raped a Japanese

woman in Okinawa in October and US Navy also banned their personnel in Japan from drinking liquor at nighttime due to continued offense. Angelella said on Thursday that the curfew would be lifted when he satisfied that servicemen understand the impacts of their behaviours.—Xinhua

Congo rebel pullout from Goma runs into hitches

Congo

GOMA, 1 Dec—A planned battlefield withdrawal by rebels in eastern Congo under a deal brokered by regional governments ran into hitches on Friday, including a dispute over abandoned army supplies the insurgents want to take with them. Leaders of the Tutsi-led M23 rebel movement had agreed to pull out by Saturday from Democratic Republic of Congo's eastern border city of Goma, which they seized on 20 November when they routed government troops backed by United Nations peacekeepers. Rebel leaders have said that they intend to fight to topple President Joseph Kabila, but they agreed to a call from presidents of the Great Lakes region last weekend for a withdrawal from positions in and around Goma.

As the withdrawal



M23 rebel fighters sit on a truck as they withdraw near the town of Sake, 42 km (26 miles) west of Goma in eastern Congo on 30 Nov, 2012.—REUTERS

operation showed signs of getting under way, M23 representatives said some of the group's fighters were loath to yield the captured city, and they accused the UN peacekeepers of impeding the pullback.

There was disagreement over a store of munitions

and equipment that had been abandoned by the government army FARDC at Goma airport. The rebels wanted to take the airport arsenal with them, but the UN peacekeeping mission MONUSCO, which had the store under its charge, refused to let them do this.

Reuters

Panama's police kill FARC guerrilla, capture seven on Colombia border

Panama

PANAMA City, 1 Dec—Panama's national border police on Friday killed one FARC guerrilla and captured seven others while patrolling the remote jungle border province of Darien, a police spokeswoman said.

Authorities said they seized weapons and about 20 bags of cocaine along with the guerrillas, members of the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia, or FARC.

Police encountered the guerrillas in the district of Chepigana, near the Central American country's border

with Colombia, after receiving complaints over the past few days of armed men in the area, which prompted increased patrols. The incident comes a day after the FARC wrapped up their first round of peace talks with the Colombian government in Havana. The talks aim to end a decades-long conflict and are set to reconvene on Wednesday.

Previous attempts at brokering peace have failed, but this time Colombia's government believes the FARC is weaker.

The FARC, initially

formed in the 1960s as an armed communist agrarian movement, later turned to the illegal drug trade, kidnappings and extortion to sustain itself.

Its members have long operated in the semi-no-man's-land of Darien, stocking up on supplies, escaping Colombian security forces and using the dense jungle to move north-bound drugs.

Over the past two years, however, Panama's police say the FARC's numbers in the area have dwindled as the police presence has increased.

Reuters

REGIONAL

Seven killed in northwest Indonesia's car accident

JAKARTA, 1 Dec—Seven people were killed and nine others were injured when a minibus plunged into a valley in northwest Indonesia's Aceh Province, local search and rescue officer said on Friday.

"The accident took place at about 5:30 Thursday afternoon in the mountains of West Aceh Regency, Aceh Province when a minibus carrying 16 people fell off a cliff," said Ahmad Dadek, head of West Aceh Regency's Search and Rescue Agency, as quoted by Indonesia's Antara news agency.

Seven people were killed including the driver when the rescue team reached the 20 metres deep valley on Thursday night, Ahmad said, adding all victims have been rushed to the nearest hospital and the dead and injured were identified so far. Preliminary investigations suggest the accident was due to the malfunction of the bus brake during a sudden turn, according to Antara.

Road accidents are common in Indonesia especially in mountainous regions which are often caused by poor road condition, bad weather and overloading.

Xinhua



Indian Defence Minister AK Antony (R, Front) shakes hands with his South Korean counterpart Kim Kwang-jin at Indian Defence Ministry in New Delhi, capital of India, on 30 Nov, 2012. Kim is on a two-day official visit to India. —XINHUA

Fijian PM elected as International Sugar Council chairman

SUVA, 1 Dec—Fijian Prime Minister Commodore Josaia Voreqe Bainimarama has been elected chairman of the International Sugar Council, the government announced Saturday. The International Sugar Council is the peak body of more than 80 countries representing around 97 percent of the world's sugar production.

At the 42nd session of the International Sugar Council in London, Bainimarama was proposed as chairman by Brazil and India, Fiji's Ministry of Information said in a statement.

In his acceptance speech, Bainimarama thanked delegates and underlined Fiji's commitment to advancing the work of the global sugar body.

"This is a great honor for our country. I pledge that Fiji will do everything possible to advance the cause of this global industry and the millions of ordinary people the world over who depend on sugar for their livelihoods."

Bainimarama, who is

also Fiji's Minister for Sugar, told the delegates that a healthy sugar industry in Fiji was vital to the well-being of all Fijians.

"The Industry directly or indirectly supports around 200,000 Fijians in a country of less than 900,000 people.

And it remains the single largest source of employment outside the public sector, employing 25 percent of the Fijian workforce," he said.—Xinhua

Indonesia eager to become production base for ASEAN

JAKARTA, 1 Dec—Indonesia poised to become a base for producers to meet the needs of markets in other ASEAN countries as it has everything to facilitate manufacturers, Indonesian Coordinating Economy Minister Hatta Radjasa said here on Friday. The eagerness might come in place with the implementation of the ASEAN Economic Community (AEC) regime in 2015, the minister said.

"What we want is not only fulfilling market in the AEC by 2015, but also markets beyond ASEAN," Hatta told reporters in his office here.

The minister said that Indonesia has enormous competitive resources that can

be offered to investors, which makes the largest economy in the region fit to become a base for those producers. Among the competitive offers are the enormous natural resources, productive human resources and the rapid growth of new middle class consumers in the country.

Briefly explaining the country's demography, Hatta said that in 2030 Indonesia's population is estimated to reach 280 million, including 135 million new middle class people, if the growth remains steadily above 6 percent.

"If the growth is steadily

above 6 percent, there will be 90 million more in middle class society by 2030, or 135 million from 45 million at present. Besides that, we have enormous people in productive age and abundant natural resources that other countries are hardly compared with," he said.

To reach the expectation, Hatta said that construction for more infrastructure and connectivity is an essential task and should be conducted swiftly. He said that Indonesia has been making enormous efforts to develop infrastructure across the country in the last

Indonesia

three years.

"The government is expecting to complete 500 trillion rupiah (about 52 billion US dollars) worth of infrastructure projects carried out under MP3EI this year," Hatta told Xinhua on the sidelines of the session.

MP3EI refers to the government's grand master plan programme that started last year with an aimed to accelerate the development of massive infrastructure projects to facilitate investors.

Xinhua



Herdsmen drive sheep on a snow-covered path in Altay, northwest China's Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region, on 30 Nov, 2012. Herdsmen in Altay began transferring their herds to winter pastures recently despite of heavy snow. —XINHUA



A boy walks past a banner for World AIDS Day with the theme of "Save the women and Children from HIV-AIDS" falling on 1 Dec in Jakarta, capital of Indonesia, on 30 Nov, 2012. According to the latest UNAIDS report, 67% of new cases of HIV and AIDS in developing countries is on the younger age (15-24 years old), among which 64% is women and girls (15-24 years old).—XINHUA

Three soldiers killed, several others missing as avalanche hits N Pakistan

Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, 1 Dec—At least three soldiers were killed and several others including both troops and civilians went missing as an avalanche hit Pakistan's northern area along the Pak-Indo Line of Control, local media reported on Friday.

A source of Xinhua in northern Pakistan said that the avalanche occurred at about 3:00 am local time Friday near Tehjiann Sector in Pakistan-held Azad Kashmir area along the Line of Control between Pakistan and India.

The bodies of the three soldiers killed in the avalanche have already been recovered and airlifted to their hometown, said the army source. The missing people are still unaccounted for, it added.

Xinhua



Phototaken on 30 Nov, 2012 shows the snow scenery in Pyongyang, capital of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK). A snowfall hit Pyongyang on Friday.—XINHUA

Laos to seek universal access to family planning

Laos

VIENTIANE, 1 Dec—Laos commits to universal access to family planning during the launching of a report from the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) in Laos' capital of Vientiane on Friday, according to a senior official.

Laos' Deputy Minister of Planning and Investment Somchit Inthamith said in a Press release that Laos was committed to universal family planning and improving maternal health, "this will directly impact on achieving the other MDG targets in Laos, as we ascend to graduating from the Least Developed Country status in 2020."

The UNFPA report, the State of World Population

(SWOP) Report 2012, found that voluntary family planning would reduce maternal deaths and foster development by reducing costs for maternal and newborn healthcare by 11.3 billion US dollars annually worldwide. The report is based on a global study prepared to assess the different countries achievements and setbacks in reaching the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs).

Laos, one of South East Asia's least developed nations, has committed to reaching all the MDGs, which include improving maternal health, reducing infant mortality and promoting gender equality.

Presently in Laos at least two women die every day because of complications during pregnancy and childbirth.

The SWOP report also found that increased contraceptive use has proven to reduce maternal deaths by 40 percent by reducing unintended pregnancies. "Ensuring universal access to voluntary family planning is a matter of protecting human rights. Failure to enable women to make free and informed decisions about their own reproduction is a serious brake on economic development," said UNFPA Representative to Laos Esther Muia in a Press release.

Xinhua

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Managers delighted their stores sold winning lottery tickets

DEARBORN, (Arizona) 1 Dec—Managers of a Missouri gas station and an Arizona food store said on Thursday they were delighted that they may have handed tickets to the two prospective multi-millionaire winners of a record \$587.5 million Powerball lottery jackpot.

The two winning tickets were sold at the gas station and sandwich shop in the tiny farming town of Dearborn, Missouri, about 30 miles north of Kansas City, and the food store in Fountain Hills, Arizona, on the outskirts of Phoenix.

Although the identities of the ticket-holders were not immediately announced, they picked the winning numbers announced at the drawing on Wednesday night: 5, 16,

22, 23, 29, and the Powerball number 6.

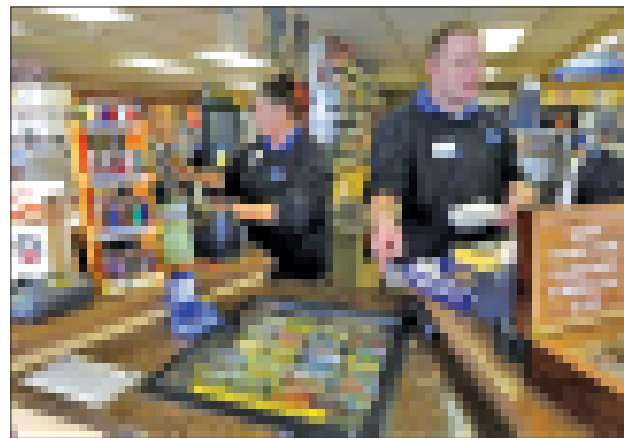
They will share an estimated \$385 million before taxes if they opt to take the prize as a lump sum, or the \$587.5 million can be paid out to them as annuities over three decades, the Multi-State Lottery Association said.

Kristi Williams, a clerk at the Trex Mart convenience store in Dearborn, said she and another employee high-fived each other when they learned the morning after the drawing that one of the two winning tickets had been purchased there. Store manager Chris Nauerz, who was working on Wednesday when the lucky ticket was purchased, called the news "shocking." He said the station gets a mix of customers, both locals from

Dearborn, population 500, and truck drivers passing through on nearby Interstate 29.

"It's pretty crazy to think somebody locally could

possibly be a millionaire and not know it yet," Nauerz said. "And the fact that I may have even handed over the ticket is even wilder."—Reuters



Trex Mart truck stop manager Chris Nauerz points to lottery tickets as he talks to a customer at the location, where one of two winning tickets in a \$587.5 million Powerball lottery was sold at, in Dearborn, Missouri on 29 Nov, 2012.—REUTERS

Dhaka's slum lightened by solar-powered plastic bottles

DHAKA, 1 Dec—A simple idea can make a big difference in the life of people in depressed communities in the Bangladesh capital of Dhaka.

Nazma Akhter once had to work under a kerosene lamp even at daytime in her shanty made of corrugated sheets and discarded materials.

As a hand embroidery worker with only a small income, Akhter cannot afford electricity. Many slum dwellers like Nazma in Dhaka's downtown area of Mirpur, where 15,000 to 20,000 families live, have to suffer 24 hours of darkness since sunlight cannot penetrate the area.

But all these have changed, thanks to a local youth organization called CHANGE, after it installed solar-powered 'bulbs' made from plastic bottles that now light up the houses of slum dwellers.

CHANGE installed plastic bottles filled with a solution of bleached water into holes bored in the roof

Bangladesh

of shanties to refract sunlight.

The entire installation takes less than five minutes and costs only about 1 US dollar.

"It's a good source of light. Before it was installed, I couldn't work inside my house. Now, I have sufficient light for my daytime household works," said Akhter.

Sajid Iqbal, president of CHANGE, said they introduced the green-tech in Bangladesh this year to create awareness about renewable energy, particularly among slum dwellers.

He said CHANGE works for the environment-friendly development by involving many enthusiastic youths in the country, where 31.5 percent of 153 million population live on less than 2 US dollars a day. Many people who are unable to afford rising cost of electricity resort to illegal electrical connection.

Reuters

OECD encourages Spain to raise sales tax

MADRID, 1 Dec—The Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) encouraged the Spanish government on Thursday to rise sales tax more in order to increase state revenue.

The organization

stated it is better increasing state revenue than cutting public expenditure and in the biennial report on the Spanish economy, the OECD recommends applying the standard Value Added Tax (VAT), 21 percent, to more products.

The OECD also pointed out the Spanish government should implement an environmental tax on fuel, reduce deductions for contributions to pension plans and keep property taxes so that the country can increase its revenue.

Regarding the labour market, the OECD recommends reducing the current severance payments for unfair dismissal, 33 days per year worked, and establishing severance payments progressively according to years worked.—Xinhua

Ukraine introduces biometric passports

Ukraine

KIEV, 1 Dec—Under a new law signed into effect by President Viktor Yanukovich on Thursday, Ukraine in the near future will introduce biometric passports in conformity with the International Civil Aviation Organization's (ICAO) standards, presidential Press-service reported.

According to the new law, each Ukrainian citizen, regardless of his or her age, is obliged to obtain a passport, which contains a

chip with electronic data. An ID number, digital images and digital signature will be the key elements of the new passport. It is expected that the new passport will make it easier for Ukrainians to receive visas from European Union member states.

The previous version of the Ukrainian passports will remain valid until their official expiry dates.

Ukrainian parliament passed the law on 20 November.

Xinhua

US soldier in WikiLeaks case says he was held in a "cage"

FORT MEADE, 1 Dec—A US Army private facing court-martial on suspicion of leaking secret documents to the WikiLeaks website testified on Thursday he was confined to a "cage" in the early days after his arrest in 2010, and thought he would die there. Bradley Manning, in his first public comments since his arrest in Iraq, said his isolation led to a rapid decline in his awareness of his surroundings.

He said that he was initially given little or no information about the charges against him. "My nights were my days and my days were my nights," Manning said. "It all

blended together after a couple of days." Manning said he was confined to a structure he called a "cage" just eight feet (2.43 metres) square located inside a tent. He suffered a breakdown about a month after his May 2010 arrest, and guards later found a noose in the cage. Manning had made the noose but failed to recall he had done so because he was so disoriented, he said.

"I remember thinking I'm going to die stuck here in this cage," Manning said. "I thought I was going to die in that cage. That's what I saw — an animal cage."

The private's testimony, which could continue into



Army Private First Class Bradley Manning (C) is escorted in handcuffs as he leaves the courthouse in Fort Meade, Maryland on 6 June, 2012.—REUTERS

Friday, came on the third day of a hearing at Fort Meade, Maryland to determine whether his case should proceed to a full court-martial.

Manning has offered to plead guilty to less serious offenses than those with which he has been charged, according to his lawyer.—Reuters

ENTERTAINMENT

Berry, Aubry, Martinez call truce after holiday custody brawl

LOS ANGELES, 1 Dec— Halle Berry, her ex-boyfriend Gabriel Aubry and her current lover Olivier Martinez have called a truce after their angry Thanksgiving Day brawl outside the Oscar-winning actress's Los Angeles home.

Attorneys for the trio said after a closed-door court hearing on Thursday that the trio "have reached an amicable agreement" but gave no details.

"There will be no further statements regarding this matter," the attorneys said in a brief statement.

Aubry, French actor Martinez, and the "Monster's Ball" star have been embroiled for months in a custody fight over Berry's

4-year-old daughter, Nahla.

Berry wants to take the daughter she had with Aubry to live with her and fiance Martinez in France, but a Los Angeles judge denied that request earlier in November.

The two men came to blows over the issue on 22 November, with both accusing the other of starting the fight in Berry's driveway, and then obtaining restraining orders against each other.

It was unclear on Thursday whether either man would be charged in the incident, or how the custody issue had been resolved.

Reuters



Cast member Halle Berry poses on the red carpet for the premiere of "Cloud Atlas" in Berlin on 5 November, 2012. The movie opens in German cinemas on 15 November.—REUTERS

Lindsay Lohan arrested again, this time for starting fight

NEW DELHI, 1 Dec— Lindsay Lohan has been arrested for allegedly starting a fight.

The 26-year-old actress was reportedly involved in an altercation at Club Avenue in New York City leading to her being taken into custody by police at 4am on morning 29 November 2012.

The incident reportedly took place between the Liz & Dick star and another female who was at the venue, after they had argued verbally.

Officers told gossip website TMZ words were exchanged between Lindsay and a woman in another booth at the club. The former Disney starlet reportedly said something to the effect

of, "give me my space". Some time passed before Lindsay then allegedly hit the girl. Lindsay is believed to still be in custody.

Lindsay's legal history is lengthy, with a 2007 arrest for driving under the influence (DUI) in California starting a chain of events leading to rehab, jail and further charges including theft of a necklace.

Lindsay finally completed probation in March this year, but has since run into further problems and could face charges of lying to police after a June car accident near on the Pacific Coast Highway near Los Angeles. She told



Lindsay Lohan

officers she was a passenger in the car involved, when she is believed to have been driving.—PTI

Daniel Craig sends Adele's son Skyfall goodies



Daniel Craig

LONDON, 1 Dec—James Bond star Daniel Craig has reportedly sent singer Adele a huge bag of Skyfall gifts for

her and her new baby boy.

The 44-year-old actor, who has praised Adele's smashing hit theme for the movie, gave her masses of limited edition memorabilia as a gratitude for the song, reported Daily Star.

"Adele received some beautiful Skyfall gifts from Daniel. They included an Aston Martin car in miniature - an exact replica of the one Daniel drove, and some Tom Ford designer

babygro for her son. Tom designed the entire wardrobe for Daniel in the new film.

"There were also exclusive framed photographs, a set of Martini glasses and an Omega watch. Daniel has the utmost respect for Adele and her work.

He loved it that she came in very early to the set before filming had begun. He sent her a handwritten letter with the gifts," a source said.

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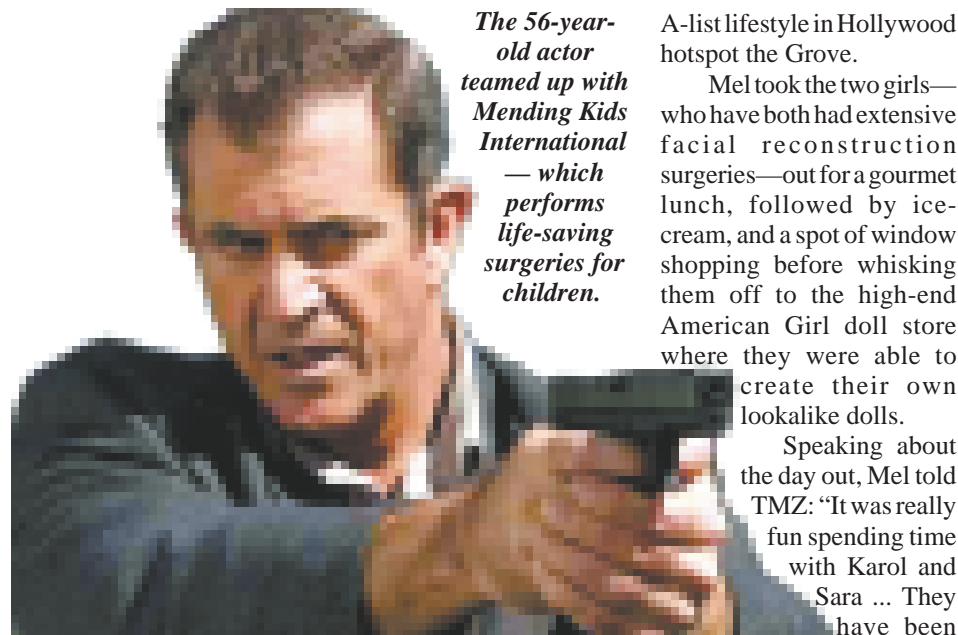


Adele

hitmaker gave birth to her first son five weeks ago.

PTI

Mel Gibson takes two girls on charity trip



The 56-year-old actor teamed up with Mending Kids International - which performs life-saving surgeries for children.

NEW DELHI, 1 Dec—Mel Gibson took two little girls out on a charity day trip.

The 56-year-old actor teamed up with Mending

Kids International—which performs life-saving surgeries for children—and treated a 10 and an 11-year-old girl from Honduras to the

A-list lifestyle in Hollywood hotspot the Grove.

Mel took the two girls—who have both had extensive facial reconstruction surgeries—out for a gourmet lunch, followed by ice-cream, and a spot of window shopping before whisking them off to the high-end American Girl doll store where they were able to create their own lookalike dolls.

Speaking about the day out, Mel told TMZ: "It was really fun spending time with Karol and Sara ... They have been through

so much and are just so inspirational to everyone who meets them.

"At home, these girls couldn't leave their homes

for fear of being tormented. Now, they are walking through one of the most popular tourist areas of Los Angeles."

The charitable star is further pledging his commitment to the organization by participating in the Mending Kids celebrity poker tournament this weekend in West Hollywood.

Mel is seemingly trying to improve his image after his reputation was tarnished by assault claims made by his ex-girlfriend Oksana Grigorieva.

The Braveheart star was sentenced in March 2011 to three years' probation - including a 12-month domestic violence counselling programme—over the attack on Oksana, who is the mother of his daughter Lucia.—PTI

I was nervous on the India Resort Fashion Week ramp: Isha Sharvani

PANAJI, 1 Dec— Bollywood actress Isha Sharvani says she was nervous and excited when she walked the ramp at the India Resort Fashion Week (IRFW), which kicked off at Candolim beach here today.

"I was nervous. I could hear models telling me to keep hands straight. Finally I did it," Isha told PTI at the sidelines of the four-day event.

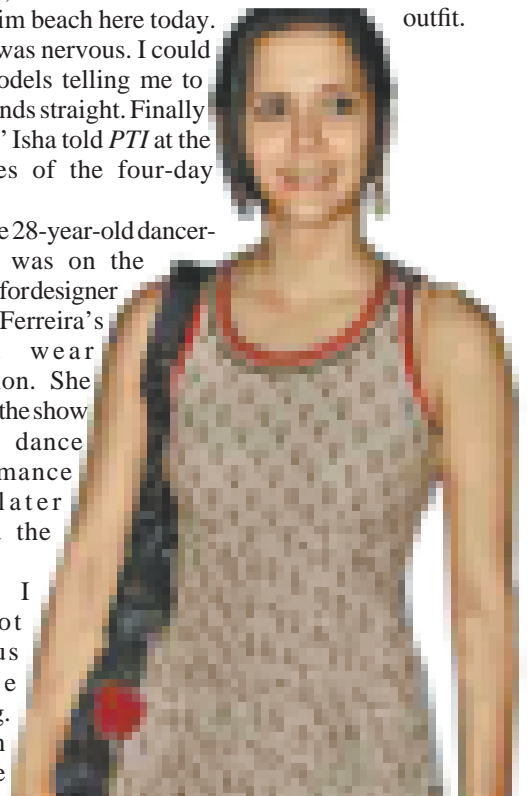
The 28-year-old dancer-actress was on the runway for designer James Ferreira's resort wear collection. She opened the show with a dance performance and later walked the ramp.

"I am not nervous while dancing. I can dance even waking up in the night. But modelling is different," she said.

The actress, who was seen in Subhash Ghai's Kisna said she had no time to rehearse for the fashion show. "We rehearsed for 15 minutes. Fashion is all about confidence and attitude. You watch models doing it and

you do it giving your full," she said.

Isha will be performing at the National Centre for Performing Arts (NCPA) in Mumbai early next year where she will don a Ferreira outfit.



Bollywood actress Isha Sharvani

The actress, who became a household name with the dance show Jhalak Dikhlaa this year, is also awaiting her next Tamil movie David directed by Bejoy Nambiar scheduled to be released in February.—PTI



Former Brazil international midfielder Juninho Pernambucano

Juninho considers New York offer

RIO DE JANEIRO, 1 Dec — The New York Red Bulls have reportedly made an offer to sign former Brazil international midfielder Juninho Pernambucano.

The 38-year-old is in the final month of his contract with Vasco da Gama and has been told he is free to negotiate with the

Major League soccer outfit, Brazilian daily *Estado de Sao Paulo* reported on Friday.

“Juninho is a fantastic player. But if he leaves we are going to have to carry on,” Vasco president Roberto Dinamite said.

“It’s going to be sad to see him go, but we’ll have to get over it. He is very important to this club — an idol.”

It is understood Juninho is unhappy at continued late wage payments as the Rio club’s financial plight worsens. The former Lyon star and his teammates will confront champions Fluminense in the last game of the Brazilian top-flight season on Sunday having not been paid since September. — *Xinhua*

AC Milan rally to beat Catania

ROME, 1 Dec — Stephan El Shaarawy scored a brace as AC Milan came from one goal down to beat Catania 3-1 in the Italian Serie A on Friday.

Nicola Legrottaglie opened the scoring after 11 minutes with a powerful header, but the hosts suffered a melt down when their midfielder Pablo

Barrientos got the marching order three minutes after the break, and the Rossoneri swiftly capitalised on their extra man with goals from El Shaarawy and Kevin-Prince Boateng.

Boateng’s dismissal at the death evened up the personnel, but the visitors nevertheless grabbed the game’s only remaining goal

as El Shaarawy struck again to seal the points.

The result lifted Massimiliano Allegri’s side up to seventh in the standings — two points above their opponents. Allegri conceded that El Shaarawy’s first goal was offside. “The first goal from El Shaarawy was offside,” Allegri said.

Xinhua

Flintoff survives knock down to win debut fight

LONDON, 1 Dec — Former England cricketer Andrew Flintoff beat American Richard Dawson on points after surviving a knockdown in his first professional fight at the MEN Arena in Manchester on Friday.

The 34-year-old got a rousing reception from the 5,000 fans and won the first of four two-minute rounds before being caught by a left hook early in the second that sent him to the canvas. However, Flintoff got up to receive a standing eight count and battled back with a more composed performance



England cricketer Andrew Flintoff watches the first cricket test match between England and Bangladesh at Lord’s cricket ground in London on 27 May, 2010.

REUTERS

against a flagging opponent for a 39-38 win on the referee’s scorecard.

“You talk about the Ashes and things but as a personal achievement, this is the best,” Flintoff, part of England’s Ashes-winning teams in 2005 and 2009, told BoxNation. Despite his successful start the former all-rounder was cautious about his future in the sport, saying “we’ll see how we go. It’s not natural to me, I’ve had to work so hard. “The feeling of being in there and winning at the end, I can’t believe it but I’m not pretending to be something I’m not,” he

added.

Flintoff, coached by former world champion Barry McGuigan, had weighed in at 216lbs (97.98kg), 25lbs (11.34kg) lighter than Dawson, 23, who had won his previous two professional fights.

Flintoff, who played 79 tests before retiring from cricket in September 2010 through injury, became a national treasure by leading England to their famous Ashes victory in 2005 - their first test series win over Australia in almost two decades.

Reuters

Alpine skiing-Vonn cruises to 12th Lake Louise victory

Skiing

LAKE LOUISE, (Alberta), 1 Dec — Lindsey Vonn resumed her winning ways in her Lake Louise backyard by clinching her 12th race in the Canadian resort on Friday after a false start to the season.

Her 10th downhill victory on the Men’s Olympic piste was clocked in one minute and 52.61 seconds and the American’s first World Cup win of the winter was her 54th overall.

With her usual ease

insisted it had been a hard race given her season start was hampered by a hand injury and stomach problems which forced her to spend time in hospital.

“It was extremely hard and I was very nervous this morning. Yesterday I didn’t feel well enough to train and I knew everybody was watching and I couldn’t miss out,” she said. “It forced me to have a good run even though the piste wasn’t great and I’m far from my



US skier Lindsey Vonn speeds past a gate in the fog during the first Women’s World Cup downhill skiing race of the season in Lake Louise, Alberta, on 30 Nov, 2012. — REUTERS

on a course she knows to perfection, Vonn left her nearest rival, compatriot Stacey Cook, a huge 1.73 seconds adrift, while Germany’s Maria Hoefl-Riesch and Liechtenstein’s Tina Weirather shared the third spot, 0.01 seconds further back. But despite her considerable lead, Vonn

best shape. It’s a pleasant surprise.”

The race was held in poor conditions of visibility and halted three times because of the fog — Swiss Lara Gut was even allowed to start again after being showed the yellow flag halfway down her run.

Reuters

McDowell takes charge at beloved Sherwood

Golf

THOUSAND OAKS, (California), 1 Dec — Former US Open champion Graeme McDowell continued his love affair with Sherwood Country Club as he charged into a commanding three-shot lead after Friday’s second round of the World Challenge. Winner here in 2010 and runner-up in 2009, McDowell fired a superb six-under-par 66 in rain-softened conditions to take control of the elite 18-player event hosted by Tiger Woods.

The 33-year-old Northern Irishman made a fast start with three consecutive birdies on a receptive layout and finished with four more in the last nine holes to post a nine-under total of 135. “A good day’s work,” said McDowell, who has not won anywhere since

his 2010 World Challenge victory. “The golf course is obviously very receptive ... so it’s an opportunity to be very aggressive coming into these pins.

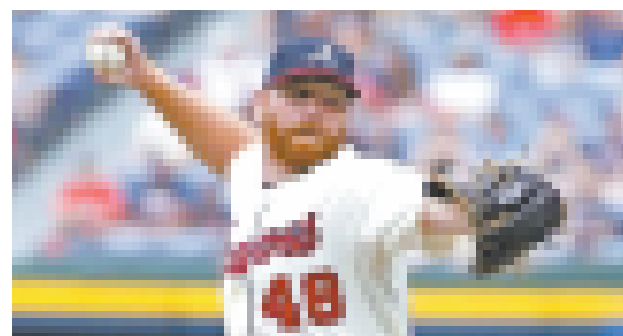
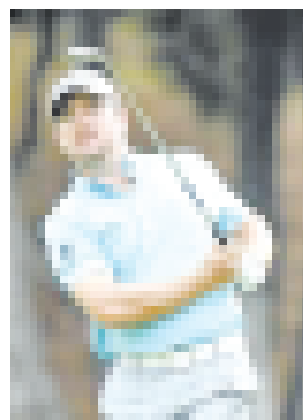
“And it’s nice to come back to a golf course which has got some good memories for me. It’s just been a golf course that’s always fit my eye.” Jim Furyk, World Challenge winner in 2009, carded a 69 to sit three strokes off the pace with fellow Americans Bo Van Pelt (68) and Keegan Bradley (69). Woods, the defending

Graeme McDowell of Northern Ireland watches his approach shot on the eighteenth fairway during the second round of the World Challenge golf tournament in Thousand Oaks, California, on 30 Nov, 2012. — REUTERS

champion who has won the tournament a record five times, was a further shot back at five under after carding a five-birdie 69.

“Certainly I hit the ball a lot better than I did yesterday and made a couple more putts,” said Woods, who moved into a four-way tie for the lead on the back nine before slipping back with a bogey at the 15th.

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Baseball

Atlanta Braves starting pitcher Tommy Hanson throws in the first inning during their MLB National League baseball game against the Washington Nationals at Turner Field in Atlanta, Georgia on 15 Sept, 2012

REUTERS

Braves swap starter Hanson for Angels reliever Walden

NEW YORK, 1 Dec — The Atlanta Braves borrowed from their starting rotation to boost their bullpen by trading Tommy Hanson to the Los Angeles Angels for hard-throwing reliever Jordan Walden, the Major League Baseball teams said on Friday.

Both young pitchers have shown glimmers of greatness but slipped back last season. Hanson, 26,

who broke into the majors midway through the 2009 season and went 11-4 with a 2.89 ERA, was 13-10 with a 4.48 ERA last season and has struggled to regain his velocity after enduring shoulder and back discomfort during the 2011 season.

Walden, 25, who saved 32 games for the Angels in 2011 along with a 5-5 record and 2.98 ERA, lost

his closer’s job last season and posted a 3-2 mark with a 3.46 earned run average out of the bullpen.

“As we looked at our young pitching, we felt like we would be able to cover our starting needs,” Braves General Manager Frank Wren said. “The area we wanted to reinforce was to put another power arm in our bullpen.”

Reuters

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Focus Myanmar TV Programme

MYANMAR INTERNATIONAL

(2-12-12 09:30 am ~ 3-12-12 09:30 am) MST

- * News
- * The difference between Samatha meditation and Vipassana meditation (Part-2)
- * News
- * Marvelous Solo Cane Ball Playing
- * News
- * Exclusive Highlight of 21st ASEAN Summit (Phnom Penh, Cambodia) Opening Ceremony & Related Summit
- * News
- * The Melody Flower
- * News

- * MI People's Celebrities "Chit Thu Wai"
- * Small is Beauty
- * News
- * Shan Traditional "Yaing" Dance
- * Royal School of Myanmar
- * News
- * Marketable Goods (Straw Painting)
- * News
- * A Glimpse of Traditional Music & Performance
- * Myanmar Movie "My Eternal Lighthouse"

MYANMAR TV

(2-12-2012, Sunday)

7:00 am

- 1. Paritta By Venerable Mingun Sayadaw
- Uppatasanti Paritta

7:25 am

- 2. To be healthy exercise

7:40 am

- 3. Dhama Puja Song

8:00 am

- 4. Health Programme

8:10 am

- 5. (38) Phyar Mingalars

8:45 am

- 6. Musical Programme

11:00 am

- 7. Martial Song

11:25 am

- 8. Round up of the week's International News

12:30 pm

- 9. How It's Works

1:00 pm

- 10. Myanmar Movies

2:45 pm

- 11. Documentary

4:30 pm

- 12. Song of National Race

4:40 pm

- 13. University of Distance Education (TV Lectures) -Second Year (Home Economics)

4:55 pm

- 14. Songs For Upholding National Spirit

5:15 pm

- 15. Sing & Enjoy

6:20 pm

- 16. Cartoon Series

6:40 pm

- 17. Tamyethnar Takwetsar

7:00 pm

- 18. TV Drama Series

8:00 pm

- 19. News

- 20. TV Drama Series

- 21. New Melody

Essay and cartoon contest on taxation held in Monywa



MONYWA, 1 Dec— at Basic Education Middle Schools in Monywa. First prize winner will secure K 30,000, the second K 20,000 and the third K 10,000 in the essay contest as well as the first prize winner, K 10,000, the second K 5000 and the third K 3000 in the cartoon contest.—*Myanma Alinn*

Portugal's unemployment hits record 16.3 percent in October

LISBON, 1 Dec— Friday that unemployment in Portugal requires "structural reforms that can boost the economy." "The increase in the unemployment rate in Portugal is very worrying and requires structural reforms that can actually stimulate the economy," said Mota Soares while speaking at a rally held by the Portuguese Workers' Union. The minister also announced the government's intention to move forward this year with the creation of an unemployment allowance for small and medium businesses, a proposal which will be subject to discussion in Parliament.—*Xinhua*

High winds, heavy rain to batter California through the weekend

SACRAMENTO, 1 Dec — us the storm system is 'rapidly evolving' and that it will be extremely wet the next several days," Mark Ghilarducci, Secretary of the California Emergency Management Agency, said in a statement. Parts of California could receive up to 14 inches of rain, officials said, adding that the extreme weather was likely to cause mud and debris flows in some areas of Butte, Plumas, and Shasta counties. Emergency officials also warned of possible power outages.—*Reuters*

Dusseldorf stun Frankfurt 4-0 in German Bundesliga

BERLIN, 1 Dec — ensured the first highlight of the match when he was sent off for his second bookable offense. Thus ten men Frankfurt defended deep in their half consequently they were punished for their passiveness at the 38th minute when Stefan Reisinger overcame the visitors bulwark with a right footed effort from 15 metres. Three minutes before the break, Oliver Fink doubled the lead for Dusseldorf when he curled home from 20 metres. After the restart Stefan Aigner had the chance to reduce Dusseldorf's lead to 2-1 but his header went just wide. Dusseldorf continued their courageous performance and they were rewarded at the 58th minute when Nando Rafael tapped in from goal area to make it three on the scoreboards. *Reuters*

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Word! Learning English

Here are interesting verbatim words that range from health and gender discrimination to the future of a footballer among rumours.

"It is important that the Prime Minister gave mental health a seat at the top table."

Allan Fels

Chair of the National Mental Health Commission of Australia

While releasing the annual report of the commission Tuesday, the chair called on the Prime Minister for giving higher priority over mental health. About 20 percent of Australian adults are suffering mental health problems, according to the report. He also urged the Premier to put "mental health in her portfolio."

"A core component of full citizenship."

The American Civil Liberties Union

The union sued US Defence Department Tuesday to spell an end to a ban on women in combat. The lawsuit filed in federal court in Northern California states that the right to fight in the battle is "a core component of full citizenship". The ACLU has started to fire. It is interesting whether the US Defence Department will survive the legal battle.

"Whatever is going to happen will happen."

Anderson Luiz de Carvalho

Paris Saint-Germain winger

The Brazilian footballer is one of the most sought-after players by European giants said he wants to stay at the French Ligue I outfit. The freekick specialist known as Nene said he could not predict the future and the club would decide whether he stays on or not.

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Yankees sign relief ace Rivera for another season



New York Yankees relief pitcher Mariano Rivera speaks to the media at a news conference before their MLB American League baseball game with the Tampa Bay Rays at Yankee Stadium in New York, on 9 May, 2012.—*REUTERS*

NEW YORK, 1 Dec — time saves leader Mariano Major League Baseball's all Rivera has signed a one-year

contract to return for his 18th season with the New York Yankees, the team said on Friday. The Panama native tore ligaments in his left knee in May while catching fly balls in the outfield before a game and pitched in only nine games in 2012.

"I didn't want to go out like that," the 43-year-old Rivera said. "I didn't want that to be the last image." No details were announced, but local media reports said Rivera had signed for \$10 million plus incentives. "It wasn't an easy decision because there's more than just baseball with me. I have to consider my family and

the church, too," said Rivera.

"But I feel like we have a great group of guys and a team that can compete for a championship. I'm not just coming back to play. I'm coming back to win." The right-hander, who has long baffled hitters with the deceptive, late movement on his cut fastball that bears in on left-handed batters, has 608 career saves and won five World Series titles with the Yankees dating back to the 1996 season.

A 12-time American League All-Star, Rivera's 42 postseason saves is the major league record.—*Reuters*

Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham meets UN Under-Secretary- General and party

NAY PYI TAW, 1 Dec — Vice-President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Dr Sai Mauk Kham received United Nations Under-Secretary-General Mr. Yury Fedotov of UNODC in Vienna of Austria and party at Credentials Hall of the Presidential Palace, here, this morning.

They frankly exchanged views on eradication of narcotic drugs in cooperation with regional and neighbouring countries, boosting cooperation between UNODC and Myanmar, further improvement in the treatment of HIV/AIDS

patients and rehabilitation activities for them, cultivation of alternative crops on a wider scale, provision of Myanmar Police Force with more technical assistance and granting assistance to Myanmar Peace Centre which is being opened to facilitate peace process with national races armed groups.

Also present at the call were Deputy Minister for Home Affairs Police Maj-Gen Kyaw Kyaw Tun, Deputy Minister for Border Affairs Maj-Gen Zaw Win, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Zin Yaw, Advisor to the President U Sit Aye,



departmental officials and Country Manager Mr. Jason Eligh of UNODC Myanmar. MNA

Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham together with UN Under-Secretary-General Mr. Yury Fedotov of UNODC in Vienna of Austria and party pose for documentary photo.—MNA

Vietnamese President and wife conclude visit

YANGON, 1 Dec — At the invitation of President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein and wife Daw Khin Khin Win, Vietnamese delegation led by President of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam Mr. Truong Tan Sang and wife Madame Mai Thi Hanh who

were now on goodwill visit in Myanmar met embassy staff, their family members and Vietnamese entrepreneurs at the Embassy of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam in Bahan Township this morning.

They then went to PVEP overseas branch office at

No. 135/D2 on Thanlwin street in Kamayut where they were briefed on works being carried and future programmes for exploration of oil during the second term at M2 block of Mottama Offshore by Chief Executive Officer Mr. Do Van Khanh of Petrovietnam Exploration

Production and Managing Director Mr. Cu Minh Hoang from PVEP Overseas.

Next, Vietnamese President Mr. Truong Tan Sang and wife left here by air at 10:50 am.

They were seen off by Union Minister U Aye Myint Kyu and wife, Region Chief Minister U Myint Swe and wife, Vietnamese

Ambassador to Myanmar Ministry of Foreign Affairs Mr. Chu Cong Phung and wife and officials from Airport. Vietnamese embassy and the MNA

“Safe and secure” destinations instrumental in pursuing tourism boom: Union Minister

By HKA

NAY PYI TAW, 1 Dec — Union Minister for Hotels and Tourism U Htay Aung underscored security in Myanmar’s tourism boom in his address to Inception Workshop for Myanmar Tourism Master Plan here today.

“All the tourist destinations must be safe and secure so that Myanmar will be well-known as one of the best tourist destinations to visit in the world,” he said.

The strategic plan has completed its first phase with conclusion of survey trips to a number of tourism hotbeds including Yangon, Inlay and Kyaik-hti-yoe.

He said the master plan needs specific guidelines to “minimize the negative impacts and maximize the benefits.”

Long-term tourism strategy and short-term action will be included in the master plan which will “harmonize with” similar plans of ASEAN and GMS counterparts, he said.

“First, I shall say do



Workshop for Myanmar Tourism Master Plan in progress.—MNA

you need to promote it at the moment because you have 40 percent growth in the number of arrivals coming,” Dr Paul Rogers, leader of the team which is drafting the master plan, said.

“You need any more people coming in the low season to create more balance.”

The team gives considerable attention to social and environmental impact management which includes conservation of natural and cultural heritages

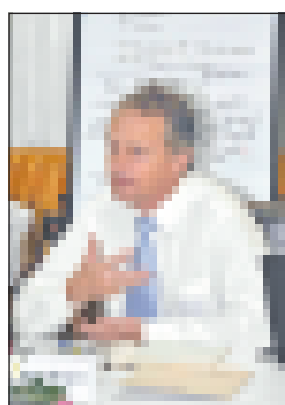
as well.

“If the tourism destroys the heritage, there will not be tourism business anyway because the tourism industry is very much rely on the heritage resources,” Ms Pawinee, a member of the team, said.

The team will visit Inlay, Mandalay, Bagan and other major tourist destinations in Myanmar in the second phase of the master plan.

The master plan (final draft) is scheduled to be completed by the end of

March, 2013.—NLM



Dr Paul Rogers taking part in discussion.

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News in Brief

Monsoon paddy harvested in Myitkyina

Monsoon paddy model Chief Minister U La John plot was harvested on Ngan Hsai. 1.10 acres of farmland in The model plot northern Rampu field in Myitkyina on 27 November, produced 102.89 baskets of paddy per acre. attended by Kachin State

Preparations at Sagaing University of Cooperative inspected

Chief Minister of pools at Sagaing University Sagaing Region U Tha Aye of Cooperative on 26 November and met faculty looked into preparations of lecture halls and computer members.

Suspension bridge to link Seikkyi-Khanaungto, Hlinethaya

Union Minister for Khanaungto suspension Construction U Kyaw bridge on Hlinethaya and Lwin oversaw progress of Khanaungto banks on 28 November.

Educative talks mark World AIDS Day

Yangon Region AIDS Day, organized by Minister for Social Myanmar Anti-Narcotics Affairs Dr Myint Thein Association, at Insein extended greetings at BEHSL No. 1 on 29 November.

Collection of census on test explained

Chairman of Central collection of census on Census Commission Union test to local people at Minister for Immigration Kontha Village BEMS in and Population U Khin Loikaw Township on 25 Yi explained facts about November.

Noteworthy amounts of rainfall (1-12 - 2012)

Kungyangon	2.80 inches
Nay Pyi Taw (Yezin)	1.61 inches
Nay Pyi Taw (Lewe)	1.46 inches
Kawthoung	1.38 inches