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President U Thein Sein arrives in Brunei

NAY PYI TAW, 3 Dec— President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein arrived in Brunei Darussalam today to pay a state visit.

The Myanmar delegation led by President U Thein Sein left here this morning by air and arrived at the Bandar Seri Begawan International Airport of Brunei at 2.15 pm local time.

They were welcomed at the airport by Minister for Foreign Affairs of Brunei Darussalam Prince Mohammad Bolkiah, the Minister for Industry and Primary Resources and high ranking officials, the ambassador of Brunei Darussalam to Myanmar, and staff of Myanmar embassy in Brunei.

Afterwards, the delegation proceeded to the Empire Hotel & Country Club.

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President U Thein Sein arrives at Bandar Seri Begawan International Airport of Brunei.

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Plan under way to publish three dailies in colour in Yangon as of 5 Dec

NAY PYI TAW, 3 Dec— The Myanmar Alinn, the Kyemon (the Mirror) and the New Light of Myanmar dailies are being printed in colour with new form and content as of 18 October. Although three newspapers are being published in colour in Nay Pyi Taw and Mandalay daily, the trial

publishing of Myanmar Alinn and the Mirror is being carried out in colour in Yangon every other week.

Moreover, people have been informed that all dailies will be in circulation in colour as of mid-December.

At present, one new press has been bought for extending printing works

in Yangon. Thanks to concerted efforts of workers and staff, printing of three newspapers in colour had been tested successfully in Yangon beginning 1 December.

The three dailies in colour will be published in Yangon starting from 5 December.

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Bay Bulletin

NAY PYI TAW, 3 Dec—According to the observation at 16.30 hrs MST today, the low pressure area over South Bay of Bengal has become unimportant, Meteorology and Hydrology Department announced today.

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Summary of observations at 09:30 hr M.S.T on 3-12-2012

NAY PYI TAW, 3 Dec— During the past (24) hours, rain or thundershower have been isolated in Mandalay and Bago Regions, Shan, Rakhine, Kayah and Mon States and weather has been partly cloudy in the remaining Regions and States. Night temperatures were (3°C) to (4°C) above December average tempera-

tures in Bago, Yangon and Ayeyawady Regions, Eastern Shan, Rakhine and Kayin States, (5°C) to (6°C) above December average temperatures in Magway Region, Southern Shan, Kayah and Mon States and about December average temperatures in the remaining Regions and States.

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Republic of the Union of Myanmar
President Office
Notification No. 95/2012

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3 December 2012

Reconstitution of Investigation Commission

1. Regarding the urgent proposal on Letpadaungtaung Copper Mining Project in Salingyi Township, Monywa District, Sagaing Region submitted in the Pyithu Hluttaw session on 23 November 2012, "Investigation Commission" is reconstituted with the following persons to go through whether copper mining should be continued.

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| (a) Daw Aung San Suu Kyi | Chairperson |
| Pyithu Hluttaw representative | |
| Yangon Region, Kawhmu Township Constituency | |
| (b) U Lun Thi | Member |
| Pyithu Hluttaw representative | |
| Yangon Region, Kungyangon Township Constituency | |
| (c) U Than Myint | Member |
| Pyithu Hluttaw representative | |
| Sagaing Region, Salingyi Township Constituency | |
| (d) Daw Khin San Hlaing | Member |
| Pyithu Hluttaw representative | |
| Sagaing Region, Pale Township Constituency | |
| (e) U Zaw Myint Pe | Member |
| Amyotha Hluttaw representative | |
| Mandalay Region, Constituency No. 5 | |
| (f) U Maung Maung Aye | Member |
| Senior Consultant on Social Assessment | |
| Myanmar Environmental Institute | |

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Speaker of Pyidaungsu, Amyotha Hluttaws receives Member of CPPCC

NAY PYI TAW, 3 Dec— Speaker of Pyidaungsu and Amyotha Hluttaws U Khin Aung Myint received a delegation led by Member of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference Mr Xu Zhenluan at the hall of the Speaker of Amyotha Hluttaw at Hluttaw Complex, here, at 2 pm today.

Also present at the call were Deputy Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and Amyotha Hluttaw U Mya Nyein, Chairmen of Amyotha Hluttaw Committees U Zaw Myint Pe, U Aung Nyein and Col Maung Maung Htoo, Amyotha Hluttaw Government's Guarantees, Pledges and Undertakings Vetting Committee Secretary

U Khin Maung Htay, Member of International Affairs Committee U Khin Maung and responsible persons from Hluttaw Office.

Both sides mainly focused on promoting mutual friendship between two peoples and uplifting bilateral cooperation between two Parliaments.

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Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and Amyotha Hluttaws Speaker U Khin Aung Myint holds talks with Ambassador to Asia Region Cooperation and former Vice-President of the Senate of France Mr Jacques VALADE.

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Pyidaungsu, Amyotha Hluttaws Speaker holds talks with former Vice-President of Senate of France

NAY PYI TAW, 3 Dec— Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker U Khin Aung Myint held a discussion with Ambassador to Asia Region Cooperation and former Vice-President of the Senate of France Mr Jacques VALADE at the hall of the Speaker of Amyotha Hluttaw at Hluttaw

Complex, here, at 2.30 pm today.

It was also attended by Deputy Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and Amyotha Hluttaw U Mya Nyein, Chairmen of the Committees U Zaw Myint Pe and U Aung Nyein and officials from Hluttaw Office. The visiting former

Vice-President of the Senate of France was accompanied by French Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Thierry, MATHOU.

They had a cordial discussion on bilateral cooperation of two parliaments and Myanmar's Hluttaw matters.

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Reconstitution of Investigation Commission

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| (g) U Win Htein | Member |
| Director-General | |
| Mining Department, Ministry of Mines | |
| (h) U Myint Swe | Member |
| Director-General, Settlement and Land Records | |
| Department, Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation | |
| (i) U Tin Myint | Member |
| Deputy Director-General, General Administration | |
| Department, Ministry of Home Affairs | |
| (j) U Hla Maung Thein | Member |
| Deputy Director-General, Environmental | |
| Conservation Department, Ministry of Environmental | |
| Conservation and Forestry | |
| (k) Dr Myint Thein | Member |
| Director, Occupational Health Department, | |
| Ministry of Health | |
| (l) Lt-Col Aung Than | Member |
| Ministry of Defence | |
| (m) U Bo Than | Member |
| Kankon Village, Kyaukmyat Village-tract | |
| Salingyi Township, Sagaing Region | |
| (n) U Aung Zaw Oo | Member |
| Wathmay village, Ywashae Village-tract, | |
| Salingyi Township, Sagaing Region | |
| (o) U Bo Htay | Member |
| Tonywama Village, Ton Village-tract | |
| Salingyi Township, Sagaing Region | |
| (p) U Kyaw Tint Swe | Secretary |

- Ambassador (Retired)
Myanmar National Human Rights Commission
- The investigation commission shall find out the true situation on the following cases and submit assessment for ensuring the rule of law along with comment.
 - whether the copper mine project adheres to international norms and employ appropriate technologies for environmental conservation;
 - impacts and profits of the copper mine project on social and natural environments;
 - whether the copper mine project will be profitable for the State, people and generation;
 - suggestions on development of the country and the rule of law;
 - regarding the project, facts that should be under investigation deemed by the commission
 - general reviews and suggestions of the commission;
 - 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. Local authoritative organizations are to cooperate with the investigation commission.
 - The investigation commission, if necessary, can assign duties to skilled persons and intellectuals and intelligentsia under the arrangement of the President Office.
 - 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 interim-report shall be submitted to the President by 31 January 2013, and works to be continued in accordance with the report.
 - This notification overrides Notification No. (92/2012) dated 1-12-2012 issued by the President Office.

Sd/Thein Sein
President
Republic of the Union of Myanmar

WORLD

Indian reforms face test with parliament vote India

NEW DELHI, 3 Dec—India's stuttering economic reform programme faces a key parliamentary test this week on whether to let foreign supermarket chains such as Wal-Mart Stores set up shop, in a vote that

ing days of deadlock in parliament and cheering investors who saw it as a sign of a renewed policy momentum to come.

News that the government agreed to a non-binding vote helped Indian

chief executive at India Foreign Advisors.

The government opened its doors to foreign retailers in September as part of a package of measures to stave off a looming credit rating downgrade, cut a swelling

back a policy that critics say would squeeze existing retailers and cost jobs.

Whether or not the policy survives the vote will be a measure of the minority government's agility in pushing its legislative agenda in the time it has left before a general election due in just over a year.

If Singh loses, it could also put at risk other reforms pending in parliament, including measures to inject foreign cash into the struggling pension and insurance industries. If he wins, it could hasten their passage and embolden the government to move ahead with plans including simplifying the tax system.

These are seen as key for reviving investment and slashing the fiscal deficit, one of the widest among major emerging economies. At 5.9 percent of GDP last year, India's deficit earned it a warning from global ratings agencies that it could lose an investment grade rating for its sovereign debt.

Reuters



US Secretary of State Hillary Clinton answers questions from the audience at the 2012 Saban Forum on US-Israel relations gala dinner in Washington, on 30 Nov, 2012.—REUTERS

Clinton in Prague to lobby for Westinghouse nuclear bid

PRAGUE, 3 Dec—US Secretary of State Hillary Clinton will seek to convince Czech leaders of the advantages of picking US firm Westinghouse over a Russian rival as the contractor for a \$10 billion nuclear reactor project in meetings in Prague on Monday.

US officials travelling with Clinton to Prague said the Temelin nuclear power project could bring as many as 9,000 jobs to the United States and would help diversify the Czech Republic's energy supply away from Russia. Majority state-owned Czech firm CEZ applied on Friday to build two new blocks at its 2,000 megawatt Temelin nuclear power plant, in what would be the European country's biggest energy deal.

Westinghouse, a unit of Japanese firm Toshiba Corp, is competing with Russia's Atomstroyexport, which is bidding in a consortium with a Russian-owned Czech group.

Reuters

More than 50 killed in Afghan violence in 2 days Afghan

KABUL, 3 Dec—More than 50 people with majority of them militants have been killed in Afghanistan since Saturday morning, authorities said on Sunday.

A total of 14 people were killed when Taliban carried out multiple suicide bombings and armed attack against an Afghan-NATO military base locating in a local airport in Jalalabad City, the provincial capital of eastern Nangarhar Province early Sunday morning.

"Nine anti-government militants, three Afghan security members and two civilians were killed in Sunday morning's attack against Jalalabad Airport," the provincial government said in a statement.

The attack begun at about 5:30 am local time when two Taliban suicide bombers blew their explosive-laden car into the entrance of the base, sparking

US officials said formal negotiations between the two bidders and the Czech government are expected to start in December, with a decision on the contractor expected in the spring. Clinton is due to meet Prime Minister Petr Necas and Foreign Minister Karel Schwarzenberg on Monday morning.

"There will be the opportunity for the Secretary to support ... Westinghouse," a senior State Department official told reporters. "It could be great in lots of ways — for American jobs, American companies, for energy security and diversity in the Czech Republic, for jobs in the Czech Republic and for a scientific and innovation partnership with the United States." Clinton would stress Westinghouse's safety record given concerns about nuclear reactors after the Fukushima disaster in Japan last year, he said.

Reuters



India's Prime Minister Manmohan Singh (C) arrives at the parliament on the opening day of the winter session in New Delhi on 22 Nov, 2012.—REUTERS

could pave the way for further measures to revive the economy.

Prime Minister Manmohan Singh's minority government bowed to opposition pressure last week in agreeing to a vote, end-

shares climb to their highest in nearly 19 months and bolstered the rupee. But defeat for the ruling Congress party could see the currency tumble to 56 to the dollar from about 54, said Abhishek Goenka,

fiscal deficit and revive the country's investment climate.

While it doesn't need parliament's approval, defeat would be embarrassing and the government would come under pressure to roll

NATO aims to repair Russia ties despite Patriot row

BRUSSELS, 3 Dec—NATO foreign ministers, meeting for the first time this week since Russia appointed a new ambassador to the military alliance, are hoping to improve ties with Moscow despite a fresh row over plans to send anti-aircraft missiles to Turkey.

A NATO spokeswoman said the meeting aimed to "re-energise" relations with Russia — whose cooperation is needed both on ending the conflict in Syria and smoothing the withdrawal of most foreign combat troops from Afghanistan by the end of 2014. The twice-yearly meeting on Tuesday and Wednesday will also discuss funding for Afghanistan forces after 2014, and will be preceded by a visit to NATO headquarters in Brussels by Pakistan Foreign Minister Hina Rabbani Khar.

Russia appointed a new ambassador to NATO in October after a 10-month gap, raising hopes for an improvement in ties, strained by US and NATO plans to construct a missile shield around Europe as well as last year's NATO bombing campaign in Libya.—Reuters

Bersani wins big in Italian centre-left primary Italy

ROME, 3 Dec—Pier Luigi Bersani won a run-off primary election by a huge margin on Sunday to become the Italian centre-left candidate for prime minister in national elections early next year.

In his victory speech, Bersani promised to tackle Italy's economic crisis and high unemployment if elected and said his Democratic Party would have to win by telling Italians "the truth, not fairy tales" about the grave situation.

Bersani has said repeatedly that in power he would stick to tough budget commitments made by technocrat Prime Minister Mario Monti, but seek to soften the impact on workers and the poor and put more emphasis on economic growth.

Markets have expressed some wariness over an alliance between Bersani, who is head of the centre-left Democratic Party and a former communist, and a party called Left, Ecology and Freedom.

With more than 80 percent of the 9,200 polling places reporting, Bersani had 60.9 percent of votes to 39.1 percent for Renzi. The results were in line with two exit polls.

"I was always confident and tranquil but I did

not expect to win by this much," Bersani told a victory rally after his rival, Florence mayor and fellow Democratic Party member Matteo Renzi, conceded defeat. Bersani, 61, will now stand in national elections, likely in March, against a still-to-be-chosen centre-right candidate to take over from Monti.

"It won't be simple but we can't ignore the fact that we are facing the greatest crisis of the post-war period and the greatest problem of all is jobs," he said of Italy's economic situation.

Italy's unemployment stood at 11.1 percent in October and its public debt is equivalent to 126 percent of national output.

During the campaign, the contrast was marked between the bald, slow speaking professorial Bersani and

Renzi, who bounced around platforms at rallies in open shirts and jeans.

Renzi had painted himself as a Kennedy-esque reformer, saying Italy's largest centre-left party needed a big shake-up. He had accused the older generation of the Democratic Party of failing to present a credible alternative, allowing former Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi's centre right to govern for so long.

Despite the big victory, commentators said Bersani would now have to woo back some 40 percent of the party, many of them young, who voted for Renzi.

Monti, favourite of the business community, has said he will not be a candidate next year but might come back if the election does not provide a clear winner.—Reuters



Democratic Party (PD) leader Pier Luigi Bersani celebrates his victory in downtown Rome on 2 Dec, 2012.—REUTERS

Xinhua

Science

KOUROU, 3 Dec—A Russian-made Soyuz rocket blasted off from French Guiana on Saturday and placed into orbit an Earth observation satellite for France, space officials said.

It is the fourth time that Soyuz, which first flew in 1966 and traces its roots back even further to the earliest Cold War intercontinental ballistic missiles, has been launched from outside its former Soviet bases.

The rocket lifted off at 11:02 p.m. (0202 GMT on Sunday) from a launch pad at Europe's space

Soyuz rocket blasts off from French Guiana

base near Kourou, French Guiana, on the northeast coast of South America.

A first launch attempt on Friday was scrubbed due to a technical problem.

After a 55-minute flight, the Pleiades 1B, a one-ton observation satellite ordered by the French Space Agency (CNES) that will be used extensively by the French defence ministry, separated from the rocket.

It will also be used by Spain's defence ministry as well as by civilian and commercial customers.

Billed by CNES as "a significant improvement in technology over previous

generation satellites," Pleiades 1B is designed to relay to Earth high-resolution images as small as 70 centimeters (27 inches) from a 20-km (12-mile) wide Earth scan.

"It (Pleiades) is an innovative concept in that we share resources but we are able to separate the content for confidentiality," Lionel Peret, head of the Pleiades program for CNES, told Reuters.

It is the second of two satellites in the Pleiades series. The first was launched in December 2011.

European aerospace giant EADS Astrium was

the prime contractor for the satellite.

Reuters

A Soyuz rocket blasts off from Europe's space base near Kourou, French Guiana on 12 Oct, 2012.—REUTERS



New Dallas museum offers hands-on exploration of nature, science

Science

DALLAS, 3 Dec—At a new, \$185 million science and natural history museum that opens in Dallas on Saturday, visitors will have the chance to touch a funnel cloud, program a robot and examine their own cells under a microscope.

The 180,000-square-foot Perot Museum of Nature and Science - filled with the latest in high-tech gadgetry - is named in honor of Dallas billionaire businessman and two-time US presidential candidate Ross Perot and his wife, Margot.

"Our goal here is to tell stories differently," said Steve Hinkley, the museum's vice president of programs. "Everything is very visual and very hands-on. It's intended to capture people's imagination and build an appreciation of nature and science." From the clear elevator shafts that expose the operating mechanism to the musical staircase, there is something around every corner meant to dazzle visitors. They can feel the rumble of an earthquake, marvel at the vastness and ferocity of a dinosaur and run a virtual race against an NFL running back.

"There is something for everybody, children and adults," said Jane Seibolt of the Dallas suburb of Richardson, who enjoyed a preview tour for museum members this week.—Reuters

Photo News

Loggerhead turtles in Japan



A supplied photo shows a loggerhead turtle off Amamioshima Island, Kagoshima Prefecture, in June 2012. The frequencies of egg production and landings of endangered loggerhead turtles on Japanese seashores reached record highs in 2012, the Sea Turtle Association of Japan said on Dec. 1, 2012.—KYODO NEWS

Tech



Employees of Indian software company Infosys walk past Infosys logos at their campus in the Electronic City area in Bangalore on 4 Sept, 2012.—REUTERS

Infosys to shift US listing to NYSE Euronext

BANGALORE, 3 Dec—IT services firm Infosys Ltd, the first Indian company to list on Nasdaq, will shift its American Depositary Shares to the NYSE Euronext in a move it said is intended to increase access to the stock for European investors.

Infosys, India's second-largest software services provider, is also seeking listing of its ADS on the Paris and London boards of NYSE Euronext. The moves will not affect its float or capital structure, the company said on Friday.

The company, which has been listed on the Nasdaq OMX Group Inc board since 1999, is the third most widely held Indian stock.

It will trade under

the "INFY" symbol on NYSE Euronext starting 12 December.

Infosys Chief Executive S.D. Shibulal said the shift to the NYSE Euronext and its London and Paris bourse will also "broaden the trading window available" for foreign investors.

Infosys and larger rival Tata Consultancy Services Ltd want to boost their business in Europe, as more European companies look to outsource IT services to cut costs.

Europe accounted for nearly 22 percent of Infosys sales in the quarter ended in September, while North America brought in 64 percent of its revenue.

Reuters

Facebook, Zynga revamp partnership

Tech

SAN FRANCISCO, 3 Dec—Facebook Inc and Zynga Inc severed the cozy ties that once bound the Internet industry's closest couple, revising a years-old partnership between the two companies.

The two companies reported in regulatory filings on Thursday that they had reached an agreement to amend a deal struck in 2010 that was widely seen as giving Zynga privileged status on the world's No.1 social network.

Zynga stock fell 12 percent to \$2.30 in after-

PJ McNealy, CEO of Digital World Research.

The new agreement gives Zynga a freer hand to operate a standalone gaming website, but eliminates the San Francisco game publisher's ability to promote its site on Facebook and to draw users from Facebook's thriving social network of roughly 1 billion users.

Visitors to Zynga's gaming website will no longer be able to tap into their network of Facebook friends or post messages about their gaming progress to Facebook.

promotions directing users to Zynga's standalone website.

The move underscores the widening gap between the two social networking pioneers, which went public within seven months of each other and have been intimately tied.

In recent quarters, fees from Zynga contributed 15 percent of Facebook's total revenues, while Zynga relies on Facebook for roughly 80 percent of its revenue.

The 2010 agreement provided a variety of ways for Zynga to meet its monthly user growth targets, including guaranteed promotions of certain Zynga games on Facebook.

"Effective on March 31, 2013, certain provisions related to Web and mobile growth targets and schedules will no longer be applicable," said a regulatory filing submitted by Zynga on Thursday. The changes could benefit Zynga's rivals who have long groused about Zynga receiving preferential treatment.

"There was plenty of speculation Zynga was getting referrals within the Facebook community that other gaming companies weren't getting which helped drive web traffic to Zynga games," said Digital World Research's McNealy.

Reuters



Traffic flies by the entrance sign to Facebook headquarters in Menlo Park, California before the company's IPO launch, on 18 May, 2012.—REUTERS

hours trading. Facebook shares were off 5 cents at \$27.27. "Zynga's favored nation's status is gone but it seems like it's been slipping away for a while now," said

Zynga games, like "FarmVille" and "Mafia Wars," will still be available on Facebook's social network, but those games will no longer feature cross-

A wave of apps like Wavii and Summly serve news on the go

Tech

SAN FRANCISCO, 3 Dec—Silicon Valley may believe that mobile devices represent the future of information technology, but they've yet to come up with a slick and comprehensive way to read and process news. A growing group of technology entrepreneurs hopes to change that. This week, Wavii, a start-up founded by a former Microsoft Corp employee, Adrian

Aoun, unveiled a free iPhone app that filters news stories from around the world, crunches them through a natural language processing algorithm and presents them in five- or six-word summaries. Over the past two years in Seattle, Aoun's team of two dozen machine-learning experts secretly developed code that boils down a news story into a basic subject-verb-object format, and

draws connections between disparate news stories. "Our edge has always been the technology," Aoun said. Wavii has been online for several months, and Aoun has noticed that readers spend nine times longer browsing news headlines in his rudimentary prototype smartphone app than on his desktop website.

Wavii's app lets a user slice and dice a search into something as

specific as "employment change in the technology sector," Aoun said.

Aoun's app pits his company against the likes of Summly, a mobile news reader headed by Nick D'Aloisio, a 17-year-old who is being backed by Li Ka-Shing, the Hong Kong billionaire; Yoko Ono, the widow of Beatle John Lennon; and a host of more traditional Silicon Valley investors.—Reuters

BUSINESS & HEALTH

Grand jury probing meningitis-linked pharmacy

Health

BOSTON, 3 Dec— A grand jury is investigating the compounding pharmacy at the heart of a deadly meningitis outbreak, the *Boston Globe* reported on Saturday.

The grand jury has begun issuing subpoenas to people who worked for the New England Compounding Centre, which closed after investigators determined it had produced the tainted injectible steroid that has killed 36 people, the newspaper reported, citing unnamed people who formerly worked for the

company.

Grand jury investigations, which are conducted in secrecy, are a step prosecutors take before determining whether to press criminal charges.

Officials at the US Attorney's office and NECC could not be reached for immediate comment on Saturday. The *Globe* reported that US officials declined to comment.

After federal officials in October raided the Framingham, Massachusetts-based pharmacy, US Attorney Carmen Ortiz confirmed her



A Framingham Motorcycle Unit officer stands by while federal agents search New England Compounding Centre in Framingham, Massachusetts on 16 Oct, 2012.

REUTERS

office was investigating the company.

US District Court Judge Dennis Saylor, who is hearing the dozen civil lawsuits filed against NECC

in federal court in Boston, said during a Wednesday hearing there may be a grand jury investigation into the company.

Reuters

Spain's Rajoy says it may be difficult to meet deficit target

Business

MADRID, 3 Dec— Spain's Prime Minister Mariano Rajoy said meeting the country's 6.3 percent deficit target for 2012 would be difficult and he did not rule out seeking a bailout, in an interview published in *La Razon* newspaper on Sunday.

"It is very complicated to reduce the deficit by 2.6 percentage points in the context of a recession, with so many revenue problems and with such high financing costs," Rajoy said.

The ruling People's

suffering its second recession in three years.

"Our objective is to do things well and see what happens at the end of the year," Rajoy said in the interview.

Speculation has grown over the last months that Spain could seek a rescue after it received up to 100 billion euros (\$130 billion) in European aid for its crippled financial sector in June, something Rajoy did not rule out.

"I understand that when



Spanish Prime Minister Mariano Rajoy (C) talks next to Spanish Deputy Prime Minister Soraya Saenz de Santamaria during a parliamentary session at Spanish parliament in Madrid on 28 Nov, 2012.—REUTERS

Party, which went back on an electoral pledge to link pensions to inflation last week, is on track to meet the European Union-agreed deficit target of 6.3 percent of Gross Domestic Product.

But analysts say that local finances and social security costs could derail the government's efforts. One in four of the work force is jobless in Spain, which is

we talk about a rescue, we are referring to the possibility that Spain could ask the European Central Bank to buy bonds on the secondary market," he said.

"Up to this point I have not considered it necessary but if in the future I think it is in our interests, I will not have any doubts about turning to the ECB."

Reuters

Britain's Osborne says sticking with austerity plan

Business

LONDON, 3 Dec— British finance minister George Osborne said on Sunday that he would stick with his deficit-reduction programme when he presents a half-yearly fiscal statement on Wednesday.

The Chancellor of the Exchequer declined to comment more specifically on whether he would be able to meet debt targets, but stressed he did not believe Britain should borrow more or increase spending.

At his "Autumn statement" on Wednesday, Osborne is expected to defend his stringent economic policies as the only credible way of solving the government's biggest political problem — its failure to deliver a strong



Britain's Chancellor of the Exchequer George Osborne leaves Downing Street in London on 26 Nov, 2012.

REUTERS

recovery.

"It's clearly taking longer to deal with Britain's debts, it's clearly taking

longer to recover from the financial crisis than anyone would have hoped, but ... to turn back now ... would be

a complete disaster for our country," he said in a BBC television interview.

British media reported on Sunday that Osborne plans to cap the amount of tax relief high earners receive on their pension contributions alongside reining in the welfare budget.

Osborne declined to comment on the reports, but did not reject the proposals directly when questioned in the interview.

He also declined to say if the country's independent fiscal watchdog would show him still on track to eliminate Britain's underlying budget deficit within the next five years, or to have debt as a share of national income on a downward path by the 2015/16 tax year.—Reuters

Australia's tobacco marketing laws give retailers a headache

Health



Photo illustration of a new mandatory package for cigarettes sold in Australia on 29 Nov, 2012. Australia's new stringent anti-tobacco laws, the most Draconian in the world, strips packs of all branding, bright colours and logos, leaving only the name printed in identical small font.—REUTERS

SYDNEY, 3 Dec— James Yu, who runs the King of the Pack tobacconist in central Sydney, is indignant about Australia's stringent anti-tobacco laws making manufacturers package cigarettes in drab olive green packs with pictures of ill babies and diseased body parts.

The packages, mandatory from Saturday when the laws take effect, make it hard to tell brands apart, complicating deliveries and adding to costs in his cramped, dark booth.

The legislation, the most Draconian in the world, strips packs of all branding, bright colours and logos, leaving only the name printed in identical small font.

"It used to take me an hour to unload a delivery, now it takes me four hours," Yu said, demonstrating how difficult it is to find the brand names. "The government should have just banned them altogether and then we'd go ok, fine, we're done, we'll shut up shop," he said, throwing his hands up in the

air. Australia's plain packaging laws are a potential watershed for the global industry, which serves 1 billion regular smokers, according to World Health Organization statistics.

While Australia has one of the world's lowest smoking rates and the changes will have little impact on multinationals' profits, other countries are considering similar steps.

The government says the aim is to deter young people from smoking by stripping the habit of glamour. It is relying on studies showing that if people have not started smoking by age 26, there is a 99 percent chance they will never take it up.

"Even from a very early age, you can see that kids understand the message that the tobacco company is trying to sell through their branding," Federal Health Minister Tanya Plibersek told *Reuters*, citing studies that showed children made linkages such as crown logos and princesses. The potential

hitch, experts say, is the popularity of social media with the very demographic the plan is targeting. After a series of Australian laws banning TV advertising and sports sponsorship and requiring most sellers to hide cigarettes from view, online is the final frontier for tobacco marketing.

Australia has banned online advertising by local companies and sites, but the door cannot be slammed at the border.

"If you are a tobacco marketer and you've only got this small window left to promote your products, online is the compelling place for you to be in," said Becky Freeman, a public health researcher at Sydney University. Freeman noted an increase in "average Joe" reviews of brands on social media sites such as Youtube, Twitter and Facebook. "We have to ask, is that just a private citizen who really loves Marlboro cigarettes and they've gone to the trouble of making a video, or is there a marketing company involved?"—Reuters



Afghan soldiers are seen at the site of an attack in Nangarhar Province, Afghanistan, on 2 Dec, 2012. At least 11 people were killed when several Taliban militants armed with suicide vests and weapons stormed an Afghan-NATO base in Jalalabad, the capital city of Afghanistan's eastern Province of Nangarhar on Sunday morning.—XINHUA

Fire interrupts flights at Ankara Airport

ANKARA, 3 Dec—A small fire erupted at Ankara's Esenboga Airport and interrupted flights on Sunday morning, Turkish media re-

ported. The fire caused a cut in the radar system, preventing flight take-offs and landings for over an hour.

According to the report,

the fire was brought under control and the airport returned to normal functioning within a couple of hours.

Xinhua

Iran pushes out Afghans as regional power-play heats up

HERAT, 3 Dec—Ghaus worked in Iran for five years but has nothing to show for it. All he has are memories of being jailed, beaten and sent home to Afghanistan.

Afghanistan's oil-rich western neighbour has for years been a destination for Afghans seeking work or fleeing war. Afghanistan and Iran share a language, and cultural and historical links.

But hostility to the US role in Afghanistan, regional ambitions and an economy choked by Western sanctions have persuaded Iran to cast out Afghan migrants, to the dismay of those forced home and their government.

In May, Iran threatened to expel Afghan refugees and migrant workers, in all about 2.4 million people, if Afghanistan signed a strategic security pact with the United States. The deal was struck.

"Afghan refugees and migrants are becoming the victims of big political games played between the Iranian and US powers," said Abdul Samad Hami, Afghanistan's deputy minister for refugees.

Few of the migrants, who pay smugglers about \$700 to get across the 1,000 km (620 miles) border into Iran, know they have been caught up in a geopolitical power play.

Barefoot and wearing a sun-bleached silver turban, Ghaus was huddled with about 20 other expelled migrants at a UN centre in the western Afghan city of Herat after being dumped out of a bus on the border.

"Suddenly, my life came to an end," the soft-spoken bricklayer told Reuters. Ghaus is one of 191,121 unregistered Afghan migrants forced out of Iran from January to 30 September this year, according to the UN refugee agency, up 29 percent from last year.

About 1.4 million migrant workers remain in Iran but hundreds of them are being expelled every

Pentagon to send hundreds of additional spies overseas

WASHINGTON, 3 Dec—The Pentagon will send hundreds of additional spies overseas as part of an ambitious plan to assemble an espionage network that rivals the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) in size, a newspaper report said on Sunday.

The five-year project is aimed at transforming the Defence Intelligence Agency (DIA), which has been dominated in the past decade by the demands of the two wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, into a spy service focused on emerging threats and more closely aligned with the CIA and elite military commando units, *The Washington Post* said in its report.

Once the DIA expan-

sion is complete, it will have 1,600 "collectors" deployed around the world—something unprecedented for the agency, said the report. In addition to military attaches and others who do not work undercover, more clandestine operatives will be deployed overseas. They will be trained by the CIA and often work with the US Joint Special Operations Command, but they will get their spying assignments from the Department of Defence.

"This is a major adjustment for national security," DIA Director Michael Flynn said at a recent conference while outlining the changes.

The sharp increase in DIA undercover operatives

is part of a far-reaching trend: a convergence of the military and intelligence agencies that has blurred their once-distinct missions, capabilities and even their leadership ranks, according to the report.

The DIA overhaul, combined with the CIA expansion since the 11 Sept, 2001 terrorist attacks, will create a US spy network of unprecedented size. It reflects the Obama administration's affinity for espionage and covert action over conventional force, said the report. Pentagon officials added that sending more DIA operatives overseas will shore up intelligence on subjects that the CIA is not able or willing to pursue.—Xinhua

Snow traps drivers for days in giant Russia traffic jam

MOSCOW, 3 Dec—Thousands of trucks and cars have been stuck on a major highway, some for more than two days, in a traffic jam dozens of kilometres (miles) long caused by heavy snow northwest of Moscow, Russian media reported on Sunday.

Police in the Tver region said field kitchens were operating on the road, but many drivers complained supplies never reached them and they were running out of gasoline to keep their engines running and heating on in subzero temperatures.

"Drivers help one another and that's it, the

problems are on the side of the authorities, there are no gasoline tankers, no water, nothing, we are just stuck here," a truck driver who identified himself as Sergei told Rossiya 24 TV channel.

Prime Minister Dmitry Medvedev dispatched Transport Minister Maxim Sokolov to Tver on Sunday for a meeting on the situation, and Deputy Prime Minister Dmitry Rogozin was ordered to report to Medvedev on Monday on measures to end the jam and help stranded motorists, Medvedev's spokeswoman said.

Reuters

Investigation under way into New Jersey train derailment, chemical leak

PHILADELPHIA, 3 Dec—Federal transportation investigators have begun interviewing the crew of a train that was carrying hazardous materials when it derailed on a railroad bridge in New Jersey, officials said on Saturday.

National Transportation Safety Board Chairwoman Deborah Hersman said the agency would spend the next two weeks preparing a preliminary report on Friday's accident in the industrial town of Paulsboro.

A bridge collapse derailed seven of the 82 Conrail freight train cars, and a tanker car that fell into Mantua Creek leaked vinyl chloride into the waterway, which feeds into the Delaware River near Philadel-



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.—REUTERS

phia. More than 12,000 gallons (45,425 liters) of the highly toxic and flammable industrial chemical vinyl chloride leaked from a gash in the tanker car's side following the derailment on Friday morning.

Twenty-two people

were examined at a nearby hospital, but air monitors in the area did not register any problem, officials have said. Exposure to vinyl chloride can cause a burning sensation in the eyes or respiratory discomfort.

Reuters

Syrian forces pound Damascus suburbs, flights to resume

BEIRUT, 3 Dec—Syrian forces pounded rebel-held suburbs around Damascus with fighter jets and rockets on Sunday, opposition activists said, killing and wounding dozens in an offensive to push rebels away from the airport and stop them closing in on the capital.

The army struck hard after a week of rebel advances, including the capture of two military bases near the capital. Rebels had been planning to push into central Damascus from their strongholds on the outskirts and fighting in the past week has been fierce.

Activists said heavy rocket fire struck towns close to the Damascus airport road, where rebels and the army had been locked in

three days of clashes. Some described constant shelling, similar to carpet bombing, in towns like Beit Saham.

"It was frightening because it was the first time we heard continuous shelling. Really powerful explosions, one after the other, were shaking the area. I could see fire coming up from the town," said Samir al-Shami, from the opposition's Syrian Youth Union,

speaking by Skype.

"This was the worst day in those people's lives."

In a sign the government had regained some control over the airport, EgyptAir said it was resuming flights to Damascus and the northern City of Aleppo on Monday after a three-day halt in which Damascus airport was effectively closed due to unrest.

Reuters



View of buildings damaged by what activists said were missiles fired by a Syrian Air Force fighter jet loyal to President Bashar al-Assad in the Akraba suburb of Damascus on 1 Dec, 2012.

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MoU on Japan-Myanmar win-win cooperation in transport sectors signed

NAY PYI TAW, 3 Dec—Union Minister for Transport U Nyan Tun Aung on 18 November heard reports presented by Senior Vice President Mr. Masaki Saida and Vice-President Mr. Hiroshi Matsuzawa of Narita International Airport Corporation on services of Narita Airport, allocations of duties between the Government and private companies, as well as work process of the control room, as he visited Japan from 17 to 24 November.

He also enjoyed the dinner hosted by Myanmar-Japan Association Chairman Mr. Hideo Watanabe, during which the Union Minister and the Chairman extended greetings.

On 19 November, the Union Minister was present at the report presentation ceremony of Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) held at Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism Ministry of Japan, which focused on survey of Thilawa Port.

The Union Minister then held a meeting with officials concerned from Toyota Tsusho Corporation, Centralair, All Nippon Airways (ANA), Mitsubishi Corporation, Jalux Lnc, and discussed matters related to PPP constructions at Thilawa Port and development



of Yangon International Airport and Mandalay International Airport. And the Union Minister and Transport and Tourism Minister signed MoU on win-win cooperation between the two countries in promoting both transport sectors, exchanging views on that.

On 20 November, the Union Minister paid a visit to Tokyo (HENEDA) International Airport and Tokyo Seaport.

On his arrival of ISP Shipyard on 21 November, the Union Minister heard reports presented by Director of Shipbuilding and Ship Machinery Division Dr. Shinichiro OTSUBO on

progress of vessels that are going to ply from Yangon and Dala for public service as ODA project, plans for replacing 36 vessels with new ones in need of the Inland Water Transport, and gave the officials necessary instructions.

Besides, the Union Minister looked around progress of container terminal construction at Tokyo Wan, doing research on Tsunami forecasting and simulation of water waves at the Port and Airport Research Institute (PARI), surveillance of radars for safety of vessels at Tokyo Wan Vessel Traffic Service Center and NEC Corporation.

On 22 November, the Union Minister went to

JICA (headquarters) to ask for sending a JICA expert who would serve in the Ministry of Transport as a joint staff as from early 2013, and to urge JICA to start implementation its projects under the JICA as soon as possible. The Union Minister held a meeting with the JBIC Deputy Director-General and discussed matters related to achieving loans, rules and regulations of ODA loan. He went on to KAMIGUMI Co, JGC Corporation where he made a discussion about terminal & logistics business matters, facts on tenders in Myanmar including projects under implementation of companies at home and from abroad.

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Myanmar movie stars to take part in Second ASEAN-India Car Rally

YANGON, 3 Dec—The second ASEAN-India car rally friendly started on 26 November and it will last up to 11 December.

A press conference on the car rally was held at Traders Hotel in Yangon on 30 November noon.

A total of 124 contestants from 11 countries are taking part in the car rally with the use of 31 cars.

The starting point was located in Jakarta of Indonesia on 25 November. These 31 cars arrived in Singapore on 27 November. After that, they arrived in



Malaysia on 28 November and in Thailand on 29 November.

They will pass Cambodia on 3 December and re-enter Thailand from

4 to 6 December to proceed to Vietnam. On 6 December, they will pass through Vietnam and then re-enter Cambodia on 7 December for passing Laos.

On 7 December, they will arrive in Laos and then re-enter Thailand on 10 December. On 11 December, they enter Myanmar via Myawady and then spent the

Research works of boosting sugarcane inspected

NAY PYI TAW, 3 Dec—Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing together with Mandalay Region Minister for Agriculture and Livestock Breeding U Myint Than inspected tasks of tissue culture farm of Great Wall Co in Hsinbyukan field in Mandalay on 1 December.

They viewed works of tissue culture of Myanmar and foreign agriculturalists at the laboratory.

After clarifying advantages of growing sugarcane, the Union

minister presented a piece each of quality sugarcane to farmers.

At the meeting hall of the ministry, the Union minister held a discussion with Director Dr Rone Coffman and Dr Khin Mar Cho of Cornell University of New York of the US and South Asian representative Mr Kannan Vijayaraghavan of Hyderabad-based Cornell University of India on technological works for development of agricultural tasks and cooperation in conducting research.

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Union Industry Minister receives Russian delegation

NAY PYI TAW, 3 Dec—Union Minister for Industry U Aye Myint met Deputy Minister of Industry and Trade of the Russian Federation Mr Georgy

Kalamyanov and party at the ministry here this evening.

The meeting focused on bilateral cooperation in industrial sector.

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Plan under way to equip trawlers with GMSs

YANGON, 3 Dec—Arrangements are being made to equip trawlers with GMS for enabling fishing entrepreneurs to control their trawlers from distance and to keep surveillance for dangers in 40 miles radius area, said a responsible person of Myanmar Fisheries Federation.

He continued to say that if the trawlers are equipped with GMS, the controller can see

the trawlers directly; the controller can make preventive measures for fishermen against the dangers; moreover, there is no need to worry about illegal fishing works; and in addition to searching fish flocks under water, the GMS can detect routes and feedstuffs of fish, he said.

Thanks to GMS, the trawler can search flock of fish in time by saving fuel.

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night in Hpa-an.

The cars will arrive in Nay Pyi Taw via Hpa-an on 12 December and then stop over for the night in Nay Pyi Taw. They will leave Nay Pyi Taw for Mandalay and spent the night in Mandalay.

On 14 December, they will leave Mandalay for Kalay and spent the night in Kalay. On 15 December, they will pass Tamu and arrive at Guwahati of India as finishing line.

Six men and two women from Myanmar

will participate in the car rally. Myanmar drivers are film star Wai Lu Kyaw, Aung Zaw Win, Aung Myo Htet, Wai Phyo Thein and Saw Nyan Lin Kyaw led by U Aung Min Naing and film star Hsu Pan Htwa and Thuza Htwe. The car rally is held on 22-day route with the aim of cementing friendly relations among the countries.

The first ASEAN car rally was held in 2004 with 60 cars—four cars on average per country.

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Hepatitis B vaccine donated to blood donors

MOGAUNG, 3 Dec—A ceremony to donate Hepatitis B vaccine to Ziwitadana blood donors association of Mogaung in Kachin State was held at the hall

of Basic Education High School No 2 in Mogaung on 25 November afternoon.

Commander of Township Police Force Police Major Aung Moe

Naing and Assistant Surgeon Dr Win Cho Cho Aung of the Township People's Hospital made speeches.

Wellwisher U Myo

Myint-Daw Wah Wah Win and family of East Ward in Mogaung donated Hepatitis B vaccine worth K 1,230,000 to Chairman of the association U Myint Aung.

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PERSPECTIVES

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The better and the best

Every institute or society has its own principles or rules and regulations for its own existence. There may be also moral conducts for an institution or a society concerned that teach its people how to behave, live and work.

Likewise, our media world also has its own ethics and codes of conducts for shaping and promoting the profession. We now have the interim Press Council and it has adopted press codes of ethics and press codes of conducts that will steer, protect and promote the press by its own people. Actually, the Press Council was formed by members who are totally independent to make decisions.

But these press codes of ethics and press codes of conducts are not only for the state-run dailies which will become public service media in the near future, but also for the private dailies, weeklies and monthlies. Now, we are in the process of promulgating the print media law that will be the backbone, guardian and promoter of the journalism profession.

In the future, not the Ministry of Information or any government organization, but the independent Press Council will address all the problems, disputes and conflicts of the journalism world, with press ethics and press codes of conducts and the print media law as the base.

But if a problem goes beyond the capacity of the Press Council, it will go to the court for judgment. So, the cost will be high, even if the compensation or fees are not added up.

So, the better way is to solve the problems within the power and rights of the Press Council with family spirit rather awaiting the court verdict.

But the best way is the strict observance of the press ethics and press codes of conducts and the law by every press member.

Amyotha Hluttaw FRC Chairman meets with Chairman of Chinese Foreign Affairs Committee of CPPCC

NAY PYI TAW, 3 Dec— Relations Committee and a Col Maung Maung Htoo, Chinese delegation led by Mr Chairman of Amyotha Xu Zhenhua, Member of the Hluttaw International Foreign Affairs Committee

of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference (CPPCC), held talks at Amyotha Hluttaw

President U Thein Sein leaves for Brunei Darussalam



President U Thein Sein and party being seen off at Nay Pyi Taw Airport by officials.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 3 Dec — At the invitation of King of Brunei Darussalam Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah, President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein left here for Brunei Darussalam by special flight of MAI this morning.

The Myanmar delegation led by President U Thein Sein was seen off at the Nay Pyi Taw Airport by Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk

Kham, Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Vice-Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) General Soe Win, Union Ministers Lt-Gen Ko Ko, U Thein Nyunt, U Thein Tun, U Nyan Tun Aung, U Win Tun and U

Kyaw Lwin, Commander Maj-Gen Maung Maung Aye, departmental heads, Charge d' Affaires ai of Brunei Darussalam Embassy in Myanmar Syamin Nabilah Daud.

President U Thein Sein was accompanied by Union Ministers U Wunna Maung Lwin, U Soe Maung and U

Tin Naing Thein, Pyithu Hluttaw Representative U Htay Oo, Amyotha Hluttaw Representative U Khat Htain Nan, Lt-Gen Thet Naing Win of the Office of Commander-in-Chief (Army), Deputy Ministers U Htin Aung, Dr Ba Shwe, Dr Win Myint, U Hset Aung and officials.—MNA

Shan State Government, UNODC discuss elimination of narcotic drugs

NAY PYI TAW, 3 Dec— Shan State Chief Minister Hall in the Hluttaw complex here this afternoon.

They openly discussed the matters related to the bilateral friendship and cooperation between the Hluttaws of the two countries. Also present at the meeting were U Htay Maung, Secretary of Amyotha Hluttaw IRC and members U Khin Maung Htay, U Khin Maung and U Win Tint.

U Sao Aung Myat held talks with a delegation led by Mr Yury Fedotov, Under-Secretary-General of the United Nations of UNODC in Vienna of Australia at the state government office yesterday morning.

They discussed cooperation in elimination of narcotic drugs in Shan State and assistance in plantation of poppy-substituted crops in terms of searching the modern methods.

After the discussion, the Under-Secretary-General

of the UN met RCSS U Sai Baung Khey and party at the same venue.

They had a discussion with local residents at Panhlyan Monastery of Hopong Township of Pa-O Self-Administered Zone about elimination of poppy plantation, growing substituted crops and rural development. They looked into progress of the agriculture and breeding chicken, which are being carried out under the UNODC programme.

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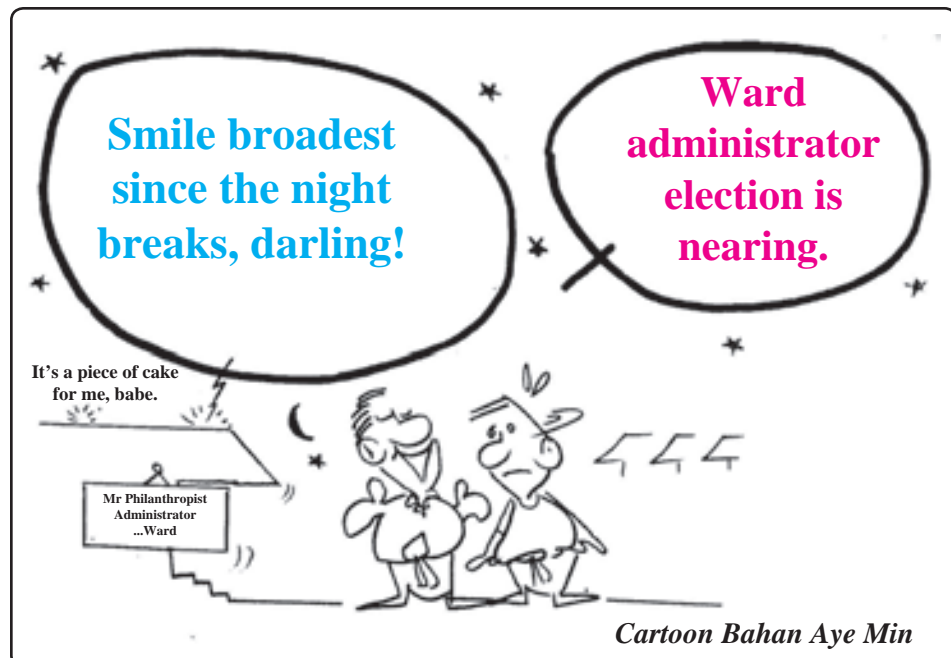
Dy F&R Minister participates in ASEAN+3 Financial and Central Bank Deputies' Meeting

NAY PYI TAW, 3 Dec—A Myanmar delegation led by Deputy Minister for Finance and Revenue Dr Maung Maung Thein attended ASEAN+3 Financial and Central Bank Deputies' Meeting held in Seoul of

Republic of Korea from 28-30 November.

The leader of Myanmar delegation had a discussion with those attendants about financial reform process of Myanmar, and they then took part in the discussion

of implementing of ASEAN Macro Economic Research Group, local Financial Security Network, signing MoU between ASEAN and Japan, ROK and PRC, and Macro Economics of those countries.—MNA



Cartoon Bahan Aye Min

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Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham visits a booth at a ceremony to mark the International Day of Persons with Disabilities.—MNA

International Day of Persons with Disabilities...

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the “rights of the persons with disabilities” with the

aim of protecting the rights of the disabled persons, taking care of them, ensuring

the fundamental rights as every citizen enjoys and encouraging them to take part in the tasks for development of the nation, thereby contributing towards better living standards.

On behalf of the State, the Vice-President expressed thanks for contributions of UN agencies, INGOs, community-based organizations, donors at home and abroad and all teachers in the activities for ensuring the development and genuine rights of the person with disabilities across the country.

The Vice-President concluded his speech, calling for fresh attitude towards the persons with disabilities after warding off the unacceptable beliefs and old attitudes. He stressed the need to recognize the issues of the persons with

disabilities as a matter of the human society. He called for collaborative efforts to be able to get rid of barriers that hinder the development of the persons with disabilities, allowing them to be a part of the society on an equal basis and encouraging them to participate in nation-building tasks.

Union Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Dr Daw Myat Myat Ohn Khin explained follow-up tasks of the ministry. UN Coordinator Mr. Ashok Nigam read out the message sent by the UN Secretary-General.

Next, Union Minister Dr Daw Myat Myat Ohn Khin, Union Minister for Information U Aung Kyi, Deputy Minister Daw Su Su Hlaing and the UN Coordinator presented

awards to outstanding schools and persons who were awarded in various activities to mark the International Day of Persons with Disabilities.

Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham and party posed for a documentary photo together with the persons with disabilities and viewed round the commemorative booths.

It was also attended by Union ministers, Maj-Gen Nay Lin of the office of Commander-in-Chief (Army), deputy ministers, departmental heads, officials of foreign embassies in Myanmar, resident representatives of UN agencies, representatives of NGOs and INGOs and responsible persons of organizations for persons with disabilities and prize-winning persons.—MNA

Building of a genuine democracy...

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day when a degree college was upgraded into university for producing cooperative economists for the future of the State and the university.

Since taking office, the government has been making efforts for the political stability and economic development, the two basic needs for flourishing democracy, and meanwhile it has been striving for building an education environment which can be a good ground for development of human resources because the human resource is the main drive for the reform processes, he said.

As part of the plan for development of human

resources who would take a leading role in the future, the universities have been opened across the country and the Cooperative University (Thanlyin) and the Cooperative University (Sagaing) were upgraded on 12 February, 2012 and were opened today, he said.

In Myanmar, the cooperative system started in Myinmu in 1905 and the system which has essence of the self-reliance, taking responsibility, management in favour of the will of majority, equal rights, justice, unity etc and still, the system is in conformity with and can satisfy the needs of the people.

It was found that the United States of America, China and Japan included in the list of nations which achieved success in their cooperative economy, he said.

As the cooperative economy played an important role in implementing tasks for improvement of the socio-economy of the people in rural areas, the government also laid down the task for development of cooperative economy in the 8-point rural area development and poverty reduction plan, he said, encouraging the small and medium scale industries via the cooperative system as part of the development of the economy of the country, he said.



Vice-President U Nyan Tun visits computer lab at Cooperative University (Thanlyin).—MNA

To produce the cooperative economists who can participate in the cooperative economic sector, the government had upgraded and opened the Cooperative University (Thanlyin) in lower Myanmar and the Cooperative University (Sagaing) in upper Myanmar.

They, being university students, are to pursue higher education in combination with researches, and only then, will they be able to achieve success in carrying out the works. Moreover, concrete steps will have to be taken to enhance the education standard to international level while striving for equipping cooperative university and cooperative college with teaching and learning aids and capacity building for faculty members, he noted.

He continued that the building of a genuine

democracy nation blessed with cardinal virtues by the government calls for a large number of highly qualified human resources. He pinned his hopes that the cooperative university and cooperative college will be able to produce human resources which are a prerequisite for a future nation.

In conclusion, the Vice-President called upon cooperative college (Thanlyin) to produce cooperative economists fully equipped with nationalistic and social spirits, urged faculty members to make constant efforts to be highly efficient in order to turn out qualified human resources and outstanding cooperative economists, called on students to try their utmost to become efficient cooperative intellectuals and technocrats and to become outstanding ones capable of promoting

the image of the cooperative university and to become the ones on whom the State can rely.

Afterwards, the Vice-President cordially greeted those present including faculty members of Cooperative University (Thanlyin) and students, looked into manuals for 2012 academic year being used at top international universities donated by Human Resources Management Training School to be lectured at Cooperative University (Thanlyin).

After the ceremony, the Vice-President inspected progress of land reclamation for growing 26 acres of summer paddy in the compound of Cooperative University (Thanlyin) and gave necessary instructions to officials.

Workshop on important factors in drawing of regional economic development projects held

NAY PYI TAW, 3 Dec—The workshop will contribute a lot to national all-round development project being drawn by the Ministry of National Planning and Economic Development. The government has already laid down four economic

policies to be included in the planning. And those present on the occasion are to hold extensive discussions to be able to seek ways for planning which can be practically applied in their regions based on the findings from the workshop. In ensuring progress and

equality, urban and rural development, financial support and job creation, ways and prioritized plans need to be laid down, said Dr Kan Zaw, Union Minister for National Planning and Economic Development, at the workshop on important factors in drawing of regional economic development projects held at the ministry here at 8 am today.

The workshop is meant to build the capacity of regional planning in order to ensure achievement of reforms being initiated in the country with the assistance of FES of Germany.—MNA

Yangon Region Hluttaw completes emergency session

YANGON, 3 Dec— The emergency session of Yangon Region Hluttaw took place at that place, here, this morning. It was attended by Chief Minister of Yangon Region U Myint Swe, Speaker of Yangon Region Hluttaw U

Sein Tin Win and 116 Hluttaw representatives.

At the meeting, 11 questions were answered, and a budget bill for additional expenditure of the 2012-2013 FY was discussed and approved.—MNA



Shin Uppagupta chamber set adrift in Dokhtawady River

HSIPAW, 3 Dec — A ceremony to set Shin Uppagupta chamber adrift in the river was held on the bank of Dokhtawady River in Teinchay Teinsan village of Hsipaw Township at 2 pm on 28 November (Fullmoon Day of Tazaungmon).

Buddhist people from

the village and nearby villages turned up to take part in the ceremony which is annually held in accord with Myanmar traditions and customs.

First, the congregation led by Hsipaw Township Administrator U Myo Tint Zaw and responsible

persons received Nine Precepts from the Presiding Nayaka Sayadaw of Mahadaewishwekyang monastery at the makeshift pandal, and shared the merits gained. Then the Shin Uppagupta chamber was set adrift in Dokhtawady River.

Kyemon

Zeyar Shwemyay grabs MNL Youth Knockout Cup



YANGON, 3 Dec — The final match of Myanmar National League Youth Knockout Cup 2012,

organized by Myanmar Football Federation, was held at Thuwunna Stadium yesterday evening.

The final match between Zeyar Shwemyay FC and Hanthawaddy FC ended at 1-0. Soe Pine Thway of Zeyar Shwemyay FC scored the winning goal in the injury time at the end of the first-half.

Being a hard fought game, both teams used their top players to secure the success in the final match in which Zeyar Shwemyay FC won the Cup. Next, the prize-giving ceremony followed. Myanmar Football Federation President U Zaw Zaw, MFF General Secretary U Tin Aung and responsible persons of the football clubs presented awards. Although it has been announced that the champion will not be presented cash award, Zeyar Shwemyay FC was awarded K 500,000.

Kyemon

Deputy Education Minister visits Ngapudaw, Pathein, Kyaunggon Tsps

NAY PYI TAW, 3 Dec — Deputy Minister for Education U Aye Kyu met with townsenders, members of parent-teacher association, school heads and teachers at Kyonku village Basic Education High School in Ngapudaw Township of Ayeyawady Region on 29

November.

The deputy minister inspected written examinations for selecting township-level outstanding students being conducted at BEHS No (6) in Pathein Township and BEHS No (1) in Kyaunggon Township on 1 December.— MNA

World AIDS Day observed in Myitkyina

NAY PYI TAW, 3 Dec — A ceremony to observe World AIDS Day took place at the town hall in Myitkyina of Kachin State on 1 December, with an address by Kachin State Minister for Finance and Revenue U Nyunt Aung.

Next, officials concerned presented awards to outstanding students who were awarded in contests to mark World AIDS Day.

A similar ceremony was held at the town hall in Monywa on 1 December. Sagaing Region Minister for Social Affairs Dr Myint Thein spoke on the occasion.

Then officials concerned awarded outstanding students of competitions in commemoration of World AIDS Day, and viewed round the commemorative booths.

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Mawlamyinegyun Township holds boat race in Tonehleaung river

MAWLAMYINEGYUN, 3 Dec — The first Myanmar traditional boat race of Mawlamyinegyun Township was held in the Tonehleaung river of the township on 27 November, with the participation of 12 teams in the township.

At the final match of the competition organized in the Tonehleaung

river the following day, Byantgyi (B) team stood first, Laputtalote team second and Daungyaykyaw third in the competition. Mawlamyinegyun Township Administrator U Htay Maung and officials presented K 300,000 to first prize-winning team, K 200,000 to second-prize winning team and

K 100,000 to third-prize winning team.

On that day, local people in the township thronged both sides of the Tonehleaung river to enjoy the boat race to mark the 14th Buddha Pujaniya Festival of Pyidawaye Myo U pagoda.

Kyemon

Korea-made decorative glass bottles available in Mandalay market

MANDALAY, 3 Dec — Many types of decorative glass bottles which are made in Republic of Korea are available in the market in Mandalay. They can be used to store herbs in it. These different types of decorative bottles had been molded in glass through manpower. They are not products of the factory. The lids of the glass bottles are made of harmless silicon.

The decorative glass bottles that can hold both cold and hot drinks are



widely used in the US, Hong Kong, Vietnam and China. Now decorative glass bottles distributed

by Yongcheno Nature Glass Co are available in the market in Mandalay.

Kyemon

Hsipaw hit-and-run car accident leaves one dead, five injured

HSIPAW, 3 Dec — A car crash involved two vehicles and two motorbikes occurred in Hsipaw at 12.45 pm on 29 November, leaving one dead and five injured.

A Super Custom with vehicle plate No. 8I/... driven at breakneck speed along Maing Pun street by Kyaw Win of Hsaungkyal village hit Ko Tin Maung Win of Hsipaw urban ward

who was walking at the corner of Maing Pun and Sakhmtha streets in front of the police station. The pedestrian was left with cuts and bruises on his right thigh and arm in the hit-and-run car accident.

Driver Kyaw Win drove away and collided head-on with a motorbike driving along the opposite direction. Sai Kyaw Myo Oo, tenth

grade student of BEHS No (2) in Hsipaw, died on the spot and Maung Htay Lwin, eight grade student, got serious injuries after their motorbike was knocked off by the Super Custom.

He drove away and his car collided head-on with a motorbike driven by Ma Aye Khine who drove along the opposite direction, leaving her with injuries.

Then the car hit again a pedestrian, Maung Kwe Lu who is in Grade VI at BEHS No (2), leaving him wounded.

While driver Kyaw Win continued driving at high speed, the car skidded out of control and plunged into the valley on the left side of the road, leaving the driver injured and unconscious.

All the injured in the hit-and-run car accident were sent to the hospital in Hsipaw.

Hsipaw Police Station filed a lawsuit against driver Kyaw Win for his reckless driving that left one dead and five wounded.

Kyemon

Rare peacock turtles, pangolins, soft-shell turtles rescued, released in Kayin State



KAWKAREIK, 3 Dec — Two suspects were arrested together with 26 rare peacock turtles, two pangolins and two soft-shell

turtles which were going to be trafficked to Mae Sot in Thailand at Ward-7 of Kawkareik in Kayin State on 23 November.

According to a tip-off of a duty-conscious person, Assistant Director U Saw Tin Tun of the Ministry of Environmental Conservation and Forestry and officials concerned conducted a search of the house of Ma Sann Htwe, daughter of U San Sa Lut in Ward-7 of Kawkareik on 23 November and seized endangered rare peacock turtles, pangolins and soft-shell turtles. These endangered rare peacock turtles can only be seen in Kayin State. They were released into their habitats by officials concerned.

Kyemon

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Seventh joint Mekong patrol launched

KUNMING, 3 Dec—China, Laos, Myanmar and Thailand on Sunday began a new joint patrol on the Mekong River in the Golden Triangle Region as trade and transportation returns to normal after an attack last year in which 13 Chinese sailors were killed on the river.

The fleet of four patrol ships set sail at 7:30 am from Guanlei Port, which is located in Xishuangbanna

Dai Autonomous Prefecture in southwest China's Yunnan Province.

The five-day police patrol, the seventh since last December, will include a two-day inspection of the Laos-managed sections of the river, said Wang Bing, an officer in the Yunnan Provincial Border Control Corps. The two-day patrol will send police to check ships, passengers and goods for drugs, weapons and

stowaways travelling on the river, according to Wang.

"The joint patrols have been hailed by countries in the region for ensuring transportation safety and deterring criminals on the Mekong River," the official said, adding, "Thanks to the patrols, navigation on the river has returned to the level before last year's deadly attack."

The four-country joint patrol started in October 2011

to tackle safety concerns raised after a gang hijacked two cargo ships and killed 13 Chinese sailors on board in the waters of Thailand on 5 Oct, 2011.

Statistics showed only 10 Chinese ships were navigating the river when the first such patrol was launched. That number had increased to 59 when the fifth patrol was conducted in August.

Xinhua



A yacht is pictured at its booth during Hong Kong International Boat Show 2012 in south China's Hong Kong, on 2 Dec, 2012. The boat show closed on Sunday. XINHUA



A snow sweeper works amid snowstorm in Shenyang, capital of northeast China's Liaoning Province, on 3 Dec, 2012. Liaoning Province issued a red alert for snowstorm on Monday morning, while closing an airport and expressways in the provincial capital of Shenyang.—XINHUA

Indonesia departs first batch of peacekeeping troops to Lebanon

JAKARTA, 3 Dec — Indonesia military (TNI) departed the first batch of Garuda Contingent (Konga) to Lebanon, assigned to join the United Nations Interim Forces in Lebanon (UNIFIL) mission in that country, a statement released by Konga task force said here on Monday.

Some 241 Indonesian peacekeeping troops joined in the first batch departure were transported to Rafiq Hariri airport in Lebanon on Sunday

morning, using particular plane chartered by UN from Halim Perdanakusumah airport in the capital city.

They consisted of mechanical, medical battalions and military police personnel among others. They will be assigned for one-year service period in Lebanon, the statement said.

Indonesia will depart a total of 1,169 peacekeeping troops to join UNIFIL in Lebanon.

Xinhua

S Korea to monitor foreign capital flow by securities

SEOUL, 3 Dec — South Korea's foreign exchange authorities planned to monitor foreign capital flow by securities such as stocks and bonds in a bid to secure more concrete information on such capital flow in and out of the country, the central bank and the finance ministry said on Monday.

Foreigners will be required starting 1 April, 2013 to report their money depositing into

and withdrawal from the combined investment accounts by financial products such as stocks, bonds and derivatives, according to a joint statement by Bank of Korea (BoK) and the Ministry of Strategy and Finance.

Under the current regulation, foreign investment into local financial products is reported and managed at the combined investment account, making

it difficult for the authorities to secure information on foreign capital flow by financial products. After selling local shares and bonds, for example, foreigners can re-invest the money secured through the sales into the local financial market, or repatriate the money into their homeland. The total capital flow by foreigners can be monitored under the combined investment account structure, but the respective

fund flow by securities cannot be monitored.

By getting information on foreign capital flow by respective financial products, the authorities will be able to more closely monitor the possible impact of the foreign capital into the local financial market and take preemptive action against the potential adverse effects, the central bank and the finance ministry said.

Xinhua

Philippines braces for Typhoon Bopha

MANILA, 3 Dec—The Philippine government has set aside 42 million pesos (1.02 million US dollars) as standby fund for areas that may be hit by typhoon Bopha (local name Pablo), a senior government official said Monday.

Deputy presidential spokesman Abigail Valte said the amount will be used for relief goods which will be distributed to affect-

ed residents.

Valte also said President Benigno Aquino III has called for a meeting in the presidential palace to discuss further preparations for the typhoon.

"The president has given instructions for agencies to submit an inventory of danger areas to be affected by the typhoon," she said.

Classes in public schools have already been

suspended in several provinces in central and southern Philippines as authorities prepare for massive evacuation.

As of 12:00 noon Monday, typhoon Pablo was located at 490 southeast of the town of Hinatuan in the southern Philippine Province of Surigao del Sur.

The state weather bureau said the typhoon packs maximum sustained winds

of 175 kilometre per hour (kph) near the centre and gustiness of up to 210 kph.

The government said 33 provinces in central and southern Philippines will be affected by the storm.

Typhoon Bopha, the 16th storm to enter the Philippines this year, would make a landfall in the southern Philippine province of Surigao del Sur.

MNA/Xinhua

Vietnam welcomes over 6 mln foreign visitors in first 11 months of 2012

HANOI, 3 Dec — Vietnam welcomed over six million foreign visitors in the first 11 months of this year, an increase of 11.4 percent year on year, reported the Vietnam Administration of Tourism (VAT) on Monday.

Of the figure, 3.6 million arrived for holidays (up 9.4 percent), 1.06 million for business (up 17.1 percent), and 1.05 million for family visits (up 15.5 percent).

The number of visitors from countries and regions

increased during the period, mostly from China (with 1.28 million, up 0.8 percent), South Korea (635,000, up 31.5 percent), Japan (524,000, up 20.8 percent) and China's Taiwan (380,000, up 17 percent).

VAT set a target to welcome 6.5 million foreign visitors and 32 million domestic tourists in 2012, earning about 150 trillion Vietnamese dong (roughly 7.19 billion US dollars).

Xinhua

Australian farmers feel pessimistic: survey

CANBERRA, 3 Dec—Australian farmers are more pessimistic on 2013 with bad weather and poor commodity prices biting, according to a latest survey on Monday.

The Rabobank Rural

Confidence Survey, which questions 1,200 farmers across Australia every quarter, shows that the dry weather of this spring particularly in the key grain producing states of Western Australia and South

Australia, hurting yields in the critical lead-up to harvest and hampering pasture growth for graziers.

It means a greater number of farmers expect conditions to worsen rather

than improve over the coming 12 months, up to 35 percent from 31 percent, compared to just 16 percent who were positive about the year (down from 19 percent).

Xinhua



Rescuers work in the flooded mine in Qitaihe City, northeast China's Heilongjiang Province, on 2 Dec, 2012. Rescuers on Sunday pulled two miners out alive while 14 others remain trapped after the Furuixiang Coal Mine in Qitaihe City was flooded on Saturday, according to local government sources.—XINHUA

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Philippines, IRRI to undertake 7 projects on rice sufficiency

MANILA, 3 Dec— The Philippine government on Monday announced that it has partnered with the International Rice Research Institute (IRRI) to implement seven projects aimed at boosting rice production.

Under the agreement between the Department of Agriculture (DA) and the Philippine-based IRRI, a budget of 903.3 million pesos (22.09 million US dollars) will be set aside to

implement the projects in the next three years.

The DA and IRRI will establish a Philippine Rice Information System and accelerate the development and adoption of high-yield and climate-change resilient rice varieties.

The Philippine government has declared 2013 as the National Year of Rice in a bid to fast-track the achievement of its rice self-sufficiency goal.—Xinhua

Singapore expects economic growth to slow down to 2-3 pct in future

SINGAPORE, 3 Dec— Singapore Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong has said that the government is no longer aiming for "ridiculously high" economic growth like those seen in the past years, but rather a more sustainable rate of about 2 to 3 percent per year, local media reported on Monday. Lee said at a conference of the ruling People's Action Party that Singapore's growth rate used to be 7 to 8 percent per year, and 5 percent on average

over the last decade.

"Now, if you can do 3 to 4 percent, I think that's good. As our workforce grows more slowly in future, even 2 to 3 percent will be considered good growth," Lee said.

Singapore is now one of the world's richest countries in terms of per capita gross domestic product, compared to its status of a third-world city state only half a century ago.

Nevertheless, Lee, who is also the secretary-general

of the ruling party, said that growth remains important and that those who feel that the government over-emphasises growth do not appreciate how a lack of growth would inevitably impact the country. A sustained period of low or zero growth would invariably affect Singapore's vibrancy, its business sector and its own confidence and the low-wage workers would be likely to be the hardest hit.

"Do we need growth? Yes we do, because we

want to generate resources, we want to improve lives and build a liveable city," Lee said. Lee reiterated that Singapore need to keep the important values that have made the country successful, including meritocracy.

"If we do not recognize merit, how do people from poor backgrounds rise, improve their lives, and contribute fully to Singapore? Nobody will ever discover them," he said.

Xinhua



Photo taken on 2 Dec, 2012 shows a box of Chinese chess pieces made of chocolate in Suzhou, east China's Jiangsu Province. As western Christmas is coming, many new gifts have been created to attract customers.

XINHUA



Runners dressed in Santa Claus outfits compete in the Santa Dash in Liverpool, northern England, on 2 Dec, 2012.—XINHUA

Israel to use drones in Azerbaijan for possible Iran strike

JERUSALEM, 3 Dec— Israel plans to use unmanned drones it deployed in Azerbaijan to preemptively strike Iranian missile sites in the event of a war, the London-based Sunday Times reported.

The report comes amid mounting speculations that Israel may launch a military strike on Iran's nuclear facilities next year, in which case the latter would retaliate by firing Shahab-3 and other long-range missiles at the Jewish state, while Lebanese militia Hezbollah and Gaza militants would follow suit.

Ahead of a possible strike, Heron drones armed with Hellfire missiles would take out the missiles before they leave the ground, the paper said.

According to the report, the Nevatim airbase in Israel's Negev desert houses a US-made X-band radar capable of detecting Iranian missiles loaded on launching pads 1,000 miles to the northeast, giving the Israelis 13 minutes' early warning.

"We'll try to 'kill' them at the booster stage, the moment their engines are ignited," the newspaper

quoted "a well-informed" Israeli military source as saying.

"If that happens, and it isn't as easy as it sounds, then the remaining missiles will be finished off by our Air Defence Command," the source said. Israel denies having armed UAVs, known in the US military as Predator or hunter-killer drones, but independent experts say it has used such hardware on numerous occasions, including to strike targets far beyond its borders, such as arms convoys bound for the Gaza Strip.—Xinhua

ENTERTAINMENT

Producer Katzenberg picks up honorary Oscar for charity work

LOS ANGELES, 3 Dec— Hollywood producer Jeffrey Katzenberg received an honorary Oscar for his charitable work on Saturday at a star-studded gala that kicked off the movie awards season and bestowed film industry gold on three other industry veterans.

The Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences annually hands out its Governors Awards to people who have made an impact on Hollywood.

This year, the honorary Oscars went to Katzenberg, stuntman Hal Needham, documentary filmmaker D.A. Pennebaker and arts advocate George Stevens Jr. They were recognized at a black-tie affair that brought out stars such as Annette Bening, Kirk Douglas and Steven Spielberg.

Katzenberg, a former chairman of Walt Disney Co's movie division and the founder and chief executive of Dreamworks Animation, was given a Jean Hersholt Humanitarian Award for his fundraising efforts for a range of charitable causes.

"Jeffrey has no problem asking you for like, way too much money," ac-

tor Will Smith joked in a speech during the ceremony.

Katzenberg, who has helped raise funds for the Motion Picture & Television Fund and the University of Southern California's Shoah Foundation Insti-



Movie producer Jeffrey Katzenberg

tute for Visual History and Education, said he owed his award to the generosity of those in Hollywood who gave alongside him.

"You might say that all of us who work in the film industry live in two worlds," Katzenberg said as he accepted the award. "There is the imaginary world that we project on the

screen and then there is the real world that we live in every day. This award is a recognition of the extraordinary generosity of our industry towards improving the real world that we all share."

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"Smokey and the Bandit" and "The Cannonball Run".

"I have ripped off many shots from you," director Quentin Tarantino said in a speech honouring Needham.

DA Pennebaker claimed an award for his work as a pioneer of cinema verite. Pennebaker primarily shot his films, including the landmark "Don't Look Back" about Bob Dylan's 1965 tour of the United Kingdom, with a hand-held camera without narration or interviews.

Pennebaker, who is 87, called his award "amazing", then looked around the ballroom and remarked that "everybody here probably has one of these already".

The fourth honorary Oscar went to George Stevens Jr, a director, producer and writer who is best known as the founder of the non-profit American Film Institute, which was created to support filmmaking in the United States.

The Oscars, or Academy Awards, for the films of 2012 will be given out in a ceremony in Los Angeles on 24 February. Nominations will be announced on 10 January.—Reuters

Jessica Biel has revealed married life "feels incredible"

NEW DELHI, 3 Dec— 30-year-old Hitchcock actress Jessica Biel - who married Cry Me A River singer Justin Timberlake in front of more than 100 close friends and family at the plush Borgo Egnazia resort in Puglia, Southern Italy, on October 19 - said they are living in domestic bliss together and she loves calling him her husband.

She told an upcoming episode of The Ellen DeGeneres Show, which airs on Monday "It just feels incredible.

"It feels like you have this partner who's going to be with you and also change light bulbs. And you know, do dishes with you.

"The weirdest and kind of most wonderful thing is



The actress said that although she loves being married to the 31-year-old singer-turned-actor, they aren't sure how it has changed their relationship.

She said: "It's weird because it feels like almost nothing has changed.

But yet something that you really can't describe — or something that isn't really tangible — has changed."

Jessica previously revealed she was legally changing

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that word. That's my 'husband.' And every time I say it, I go really Southern with it - That's my husband."

her last name to Timberlake but will continue to use her own name professionally.

PTI

Jennifer Lawrence's Oscar ambition

NEW DELHI, 3 Dec— Jennifer Lawrence wants an Oscar nomination for Silver Linings Playbook.

The 22-year-old actress became the second youngest actress to ever be nominated for the Best Actress Oscar for her role in 2010 film 'Winter's Bone' and she hopes her new romantic comedy, helmed by David O'Russell, will earn her a second nod at the ceremony next year.

She admitted: "Whenever the first review comes out, it's like, 'Yay! S**t!' It's always laced with a hint of dread.

Winter's Bone was a very stressful time, but it was also an incredible time. I would love that to happen for this movie, so I don't want David to read, 'Jennifer doesn't want to get nominated, don't vote for her!'

The Hunger Games star was ex-

cited to team up with Heart Huckabees director David for his his new comedy - in which she plays neurotic Tiffany opposite Bradley Cooper's character Pat - and she was left flabbergasted by the end result as she had been expecting something much darker.

In an interview with the new issue of Empire magazine, Jennifer said: "I'm a huge fan of David's ... His brain fires off in a million different directions. Normally after filming you know what to expect, but with this I was so surprised. When I read it, it was sarcastic and kind of a dark dramatic comedy.

Then when I saw it, it had this heart-warming, almost holiday movie element."

PTI

Jennifer Lawrence



Kristen Stewart is still trying to rebuild her relationship with Robert Pattinson

NEW DELHI, 3 Dec— Things between the Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn Part 2 star Kristen Stewart - who recently reconciled with Robert Pattinson, her co-star boyfriend of four years following her brief fling with her Snow White and the Huntsman director Rupert Sanders in August - are reportedly still rocky as Robert struggles to completely forgive her "momentary indiscretion".

A source close to the 26-year-old British heart-throb told US Weekly magazine: "Rob is at a point where he sometimes ignores her.

He'll go out and won't respond to her calls or texts right away. Things will be strained for a while." However, a c-

ording to insiders the 22-year-old beauty is making a huge effort to win back his trust and they now "hang out with his friends more".

The source said: "She knows she has to go along with it. She is working hard at the relationship."

Friends believe their relationship will be truly tested when they are forced to spend long periods apart on different film sets in the near future.

Kristen is rumoured to have signed on to star alongside Ben Affleck in a new movie. The friend said: "If they are able to work out being apart while Kristen is filming with Ben or whomever, then they have a shot."

PTI



Robert Pattinson, Kristen Stewart



Lindsay Lohan

Lindsay Lohan's assault victim hires celeb lawyer

NEW DELHI, 3 Dec— Lindsay Lohan's alleged assault victim has hired celebrity civil rights lawyer Gloria Allred.

Fortune teller Tiffany Mitchell — who has already pressed criminal charges against the Liz & Dick actress and claims she hit her in the face and spat on her — has hired the well-known legal expert, who has previously represented one of Tiger Woods' mistresses and has also taken on alleged sexual harassment cases against Arnold Schwarzenegger, John Travolta and Rob Lowe.

Gloria told gossip website RadarOnline.com: "I can confirm that I am representing Tiffany Mitchell

and I have no further comment at this time."

The 26-year-old actress is accused of assaulting psychic Tiffany in New York's Avenue nightclub in the early hours of Thursday morning and is allegedly relieving her stress about her worrying financial situation and her impending probation violation with daily binges to numb the pain.

Meanwhile, Lindsay will be formally charged with lying to police about being behind the wheel of a car during a crash in June on 15 December, a direct violation of her 2011 probation in connection with her conviction for stealing a necklace.

PTI

Real Madrid make it perfect 10 in ACB basketball league

MADRID, 3 Dec — Real Madrid made it a perfect 10 out of 10 as they defeated CAI Zaragoza 94-79 to continue their perfect start to the season in the Endesa ACB Basketball League. Jaycee Carroll netted 18 points in a solid all round performance to maintain Real Madrid's dominance and keep them two wins ahead of their nearest rivals.

Valencia remain second in the league after a convincing 79-65 win away to Herbalife Gran Canaria who had begun the weekend in third place.

Gran Canaria never overcame a poor first quarter in which they found themselves trailing 25-16 and were unable to contain Justin Dollman, whose 23 points for Valencia were decisive in the final result. Bilbao Basket moved into third place thanks to a comfortable 83-63 win over struggling Assignia Manresa.

Axel Hervelle was unstoppable under the hoop for Bilbao, who continue their impressive season.

Regal Barcelona were too strong for bottom of the table Cajasol and moved

into sixth place with a 78-64 win that was perhaps harder than the final result indicates, given that Xavi Pascual's side only reacted after the second quarter after trailing by three points at the break.

Carl English produced the performance of the weekend as Asefa Estudiantes returned to winning ways with a 89-66 win over Blusens Monbus. English scored an incredible

39 points in his sides win.

Mad Croc Fuenlabrada's James Feldeine also scored over 30 points, netting 31 as his side turned recent improved performances into a positive result.

Mad Croc defeated Blancos Rueda Valladolid 104-102 in an exciting high scoring game to climb away from the relegation zone. Caja Laboral won their third successive match under

new coach Zan Tabak.

Andres Nocioni was the star of the show with 21 points and 14 rebounds to give his side a narrow 71-69 win in the Basque derby away to Lagun Aro, who continue with just one win all season and are now in the relegation zone.

Finally FIATC Joventut defeated CB Canarias 92-81 to close in on the play-off places.

Xinhua



Japanese players compete in the presentation of thematic teams during the 7th FINA Synchronised Swimming World Trophy 2012 in Mexico City, capital of Mexico, on 1 Dec, 2012.—XINHUA

Golf

Sherwood win adds gloss to McDowell's happy state

THOUSAND OAKS, (California), 3 Dec — After two years of golfing frustration and an absence from the winner's circle despite several close calls, life has got much better for Graeme McDowell in recent weeks, both on and off the course. The ever-popular Northern Irishman announced his engagement to Kristin Stape last month in Dubai and on Sunday he triumphed by three shots in the World Challenge hosted by Tiger Woods.



Graeme McDowell of Northern Ireland poses with his trophy after winning the World Challenge golf tournament in Thousand Oaks, California, on 2 Dec, 2012.

REUTERS

For the next 10 weeks, he will enjoy a well-earned break with his wife-to-be in their new home in Orlando while he completes the finishing touches to his own tavern outside the gates of Lake Nona, which he plans to open by late January. "It's been a very fun week," McDowell told reporters after holding off playing partner Keegan Bradley with a closing four-under-par 68 at a rain-soaked Sherwood Country Club.

Reuters

Romo rallies Cowboys past sinking Eagles

LOS ANGELES, 3 Dec — Tony Romo the final minute, but came out all guns their onside kicking during a second half shootout as the Dallas Cowboys beat the crumbling Philadelphia Eagles 38-33 on Sunday to keep their playoff hopes intact. Romo tossed all



Dallas Cowboys quarterback Tony Romo scrambles as Philadelphia Eagles defensive tackle Cullen Jenkins is unable to make the tackle in the first half of their NFL football game in Arlington, Texas on 2 Dec, 2012.—REUTERS

three of his touchdown passes in the final two quarters, where both teams traded scores, finding Dez Bryant on a six-yard score with 5:35 remaining to give the Cowboys a 31-27 lead and their first advantage of the game. The result was all but sealed when Philadelphia running back Bryce Brown then fumbled and Dallas' Morris Claiborne returned it 50 yards to make it 38-27. The Eagles closed the gap with Damaris Johnson's

Despite an early 14-3 lead and strong games from rookie QB Nick Foles and Brown, the visiting Eagles (3-9) dropped their eighth straight game, their longest losing streak since an 11-game slide in 1968.

The roller coaster season for Dallas (6-6) continued as they climbed out of their deficit and caught fire in the second half behind Romo, who finished with 303 yards passing.

Reuters

Steelers stun Ravens on Suisham's kick as time expires

BALTIMORE, 3 Dec -0- The Pittsburgh Steelers overcame the absence of Ben Roethlisberger to stun the Baltimore Ravens 23-20 on Sunday and keep alive their once-unthinkable hopes of an AFC North Division title. Shaun Suisham kicked a 42-yard field goal

"Big necessary win for us tonight in a hostile environment," Pittsburgh coach Mike Tomlin told reporters. "It was a tough physical and mental battle and we persevered." Baltimore (9-3) took a 20-13 lead on a 34-yard, reverse-field touchdown by Ray



Baltimore Ravens quarterback Joe Flacco (L) throws despite pass pressure by the Pittsburgh Steelers Cameron Heyward (R) during the first half of their NFL football game in Baltimore on 2 Dec, 2012.—REUTERS

as time expired, enabling the Steelers to snap a two-game losing streak and halt Baltimore's 15-game regular season winning streak at home. The Steelers (7-5), behind veteran back-up quarterback Charlie Batch, drove 61 yards over the final 6:14 to set up Suisham's field goal, his third of the game.

Rice with five minutes left in the third quarter, igniting the crowd of 71,442 at M&T Bank Stadium. But the Steelers refused to fold, tying the score at 20-20 on a seven-yard touchdown pass from Batch to tight end Heath Miller with just under eight minutes remaining in regulation.

Reuters



David Beckham (C) of Los Angeles Galaxy celebrates with his sons after the Major League Soccer (MLS) Cup final against Houston Dynamo in Carson, the United States, on 1 Dec, 2012. Galaxy won 3-1 to win the MLS Cup Championship. Beckham will leave the team after the match.

XINHUA

Magic stun Lakers to get better of Howard

LOS ANGELES, 3 Dec — The Orlando Magic caught fire in the fourth quarter to stun the Los Angeles Lakers 113-103 and get the better of former player Dwight Howard on Sunday.

In their first meeting since trading Howard to Los Angeles in the off-season, the struggling Magic surprised the Lakers by scoring 40 fourth-quarter points to snatch the road victory. Aron Afflalo led the way with 30 points while Glen Davis

added 23 and 12 rebounds to help Orlando (6-10) snap a three-game losing streak.

Kobe Bryant tallied a game-high 34 points and Howard finished with 21 and 15 rebounds against his old team, but it was not enough to help the Lakers (8-9) under new coach Mike D'Antoni.

Los Angeles blew out Denver in one of their best performances of the season on Friday, but are just 3-4 since D'Antoni took over.

Reuters

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- 8:00 am 5. Health Programme
- 8:05 am 6. Dance Of National Races
- 8:15 am 7. Songs Of Yester Years
- 8:25 am 8. Myanmar Traditional Performing Arts Competitions
- 8:40 am 9. International News
- 8:50 am 10. Musical Programme
- 4:00 pm 11. Martial Song

- 4:30 pm 12. Teleplay (Traffic)
- 4:45 pm 13. University of Distance Education (TV Lectures) -First Year (Botany)
- 5:05 pm 14. Songs For Upholding National Spirit
- 5:10 pm 15. The Mirror Images of The Musical Oldies
- 5:30 pm 16. Sweet Melody
- 6:20 pm 17. Kyae Pwint Myaye Yin Khone Than
- 6:50 pm 18. Sing A Song
- 8:00 pm 19. News
- 20. Bakery World
- 21. TV Drama Series
- 22. India Drama Series

Hot-air balloon contest held in Monghsat

MONGHSAT, 3 Dec—A presentation ceremony followed. Officials presented K 400,000 to the first prize winning team, K 300,000 to the second, K 200,000 to the third and K 50,000 each to five consolation prize winners.—Myanma Alinn

Eight groups participated in the contest. On 28 November, the prize



A ceremony to mark World AIDS Day was held at the Grand Mee Ya Htar Executive Residence in Pabedan Township on 1 December.—MYANMA ALINN

Inter not to force Sneijder, says Moratti



Wesley Sneijder

MILAN, 3 Dec — Inter president Massimo Moratti has insisted that he in no way "want to force" Wesley Sneijder into signing a new contract, so the Dutch midfielder could be possibly be released on a free transfer.

The Nerazzurri have made it abundantly clear they do not intend to keep paying the Dutchman's six million euro per season as the wage. The club announced Sneijder would not play until he had agreed

to an extension that would reduce his pay, but the player seems to have no intention of signing."Our rapport is not frosty as far as I am concerned," assured Moratti.

"There isn't a clear contrast in positions, as we are trying to find a solution that suits both

parties. "We do not want to force anything on anyone. It is a situation that will be broken down only by common sense." Reports are intensifying that rather than attempt a sale in January, Inter will offer to terminate the contract by mutual consent.

Reuters



Inter president Massimo Moratti

Napoli rout Pescara to pressure Juventus

ROME, 3 Dec — Napoli thrashed Pescara 5-1 on Sunday to keep up their pursuit of Juventus at the top of Serie A. Gokhan Inler and Edinson Cavani both scored twice with Marek Hamsik also on target as Walter Mazzarri's side tore Pescara to shreds. Birkir Bjarnason had given the visitors hope when he reduced the arrears in the first half, but a red card to Antonio Bocchetti capped a day to forget for Cristiano Bergodi's men in Naples.

Napoli head coach Walter Mazzarri still could not be satisfied with Napoli's victory and admitted he "got very angry at half-time." The Partenopei surged into a 2-0 lead, then felt the pressure as the Delfini pulled one back. "I got very angry

at half-time," confessed Mazzarri. "We scored two goals and then seemed to rest on our laurels. "We ran a big risk and I cannot see these dips in concentration. At least the experience will help us to grow.

Gian Piero Gasperini was denied any joy on his return to Inter Milan as Santiago Garcia's own goal gifted the Nerazzurri an undeserved 1-0 victory over Palermo. Gasperini was unceremoniously sacked as Inter boss having overseen just five games last season, but his revenge mission came undone when Rosanero full-back Garcia contrived to put through his own net in the 74th minute. Gasperini was left resigned to the fact San Siro and Inter represent only "disappointment and

regret" in his career.

"We gave Inter a big present today. It's a shame, as we played a decent game," he said. "This defeat represents disappointment and regret, joining what I felt at being with Inter for such a short space of time and not being given the chance to work here," he added. Mattia Destro bagged a brace on his return to Stadio Artemio Franchi as Roma rallied from a goal down to defeat Siena 3-1. Miroslav Klose's 10th goal of the Serie A season lifted Lazio into fourth place at the expense of Parma with a 2-1 victory.

Two goals from Stevan Savic were not enough to earn Fiorentina all three points as they were held to a 2-2 draw by Sampdoria.

Reuters

AU chairman seeks UN support for sending int'l force in northern Mali

COTONOU, 2 Dec — The African Union (AU) chairman and Benin President Thomas Boni Yayi has appealed to the United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon to ensure that Ban will express the need of sending an international force to northern Mali in his report to the Security Council, a diplomatic source in Cotonou said on Friday.

The source said that Yayi has asked Ban to give an ultimatum to the armed groups operating in northern Mali to ensure that they conclude any negotiations by the end of December.

"Any climb-down on the need to urgently send an international force to fight against terrorism in northern Mali will be interpreted as

an expression of weakness and a victory for terrorists. Such expression of weakness will not serve to improve the world's collective security and risks to bring about a lack of confidence in the international governance that the UN represents through the Security Council," the AU chairman said in a letter addressed to Ban. In his letter, Yayi reminded Ban of how the African continent was impatiently awaiting a strong message from the international community regarding the efforts to resolve the crisis in the North of Mali.

"Mr Secretary General, what we should avoid today, is to give an impression that we lack the firmness to deal with terrorists who

do not believe in any faith nor obey any law," he said while insisting on the need to put a lot of pressure on the terrorists.

"It's only pressure that will pay off. It's pressure that will force the armed groups to engage in genuine dialogue," the president said in his letter.

He recalled that the strategy for military intervention in Mali was jointly drafted by experts from the UN, the European Union, the African Union and those from the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS), and then submitted to ECOWAS presidents for approval, before being sent to AU's Peace and Security Council and finally to the UN Secretary-General.

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The USS Enterprise prior to the Inactivation Ceremony at Naval Station Norfolk, Virginia, on 1 Dec, 2012. The Enterprise, which was christened in 1960, is the first nuclear-powered aircraft carrier to be decommissioned.—REUTERS

International Day of Persons with Disabilities marked in Nay Pyi Taw

NAY PYI TAW, 3 Dec—Myanmar has been stalwartly striving for further burgeoning of the eternal principles namely, justice, liberty, and equality based on the four cardinal virtues. Article 38 (a) of the Constitution states: “The State shall care for the disabled”. Moreover, Myanmar

of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Dr Sai Mauk Kham at the ceremony to mark the International Day of Persons with Disabilities 2012 at Thingaha Hotel, here, this morning. “With this year’s motto “Removing barriers to create an inclusive and accessible society for all” all must march in harmony

population, about 15 percent are disabled persons. Of them, 80 percent of disabled persons are residing in developing countries. Moreover, only about 30 percent of families are taking care of the disabled persons. Thus, the disabled persons face barriers in the society. The UN adopted

could not be created for the disabled in practical field. Thus, the 61st UN General Assembly prescribed the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities on 13 December 2006. A total of 154 countries of 193 have signed the convention and 126 countries approved it. About 650 million of



Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham addresses the ceremony to mark International Day of Persons with Disabilities.—MNA



became a signatory of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities-UNCRPD on 7 December 2011, said Vice-President

and unison towards the Millennium Goals”, said Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham. Out of over 7000 million of world

the global process for disabilities in 1982 and 1993. However, opportunities

population are residing in Asia and Pacific region, and most of the disabilities are facing poverty. Under the leadership of UN-ESCAP,

the decade goals (1993-2002) for the disabled were adopted. The aims comprise a sector to enact the laws on disabled persons in the second decade (2002-2012) in all countries.

All regional countries performed the fully-inclusive developmental activities for the persons with disabilities based on the rights over the two decades. Myanmar will cooperate with the regional countries to meet the objectives of

the developmental activities.

The world recognized the community of 1050 million disabled persons as the largest minority group. As a drive for ensuring the success of millennium goals, fruitful results should be within reach of all mankind.

Being a signatory to the Convention on the Rights of Persons With Disabilities, the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement played a leading role to draw (See page 9)

YANGON, 3 Dec — The opening of the Cooperative University (Thanlyin) of the Ministry of Cooperatives was held at Ottara Hall of the university, here, this morning. Vice-President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Nyan Tun unveiled the stone inscription of the Cooperative University (Thanlyin) and delivered an address at the ceremony.

signboard and stone inscription of the university. The Vice-President, the Union ministers and the chief minister sprinkled scented water on the stone inscription.

Building of a genuine democratic nation blessed with cardinal virtues by the government calls for a large number of highly qualified human resources

Afterwards, the Vice-President observed classrooms, library, e-library and Internet room and documentary photos on upgrading of Yangon Cooperative Regional College into the Cooperative University (Thanlyin).

At the opening ceremony, Union Minister U Kyaw Hsan elaborated two objectives and five work programmes being implemented by the ministry, background history of the Cooperative University (Thanlyin), objectives of the cooperative universities, a wide range of degree courses at the university, ongoing tasks and works to be done.

Next, Vice-President U Nyan Tun said that today’s ceremony was the opening of the University of Cooperative (Thanlyin) as well as the ceremony to start the 2012-2012 academic year of the university. He continued to say that he was very pleased to welcome freshers who are eligible



Vice-President U Nyan Tun cordially converses with students of Cooperative University (Thanlyin).—MNA

Also present at the ceremony were Union Minister for Cooperatives U Kyaw Hsan, Union Minister for Sports U Tint Hsan, Union Minister for Education Dr Mya Aye, Union Minister for Hotels and Tourism U Htay Aung, Yangon Region Chief Minister U Myint Swe, deputy ministers, departmental heads, departmental officials of the Ministry of Cooperatives, the acting ractor of the University of Cooperative (Thanlyin) and pro-ractors, lecturers, faculty members, students and guests.

Next, Union Ministers U Kyaw Hsan and Dr Mya Aye and Chief Minister U Myint Swe formally opened the ceremony in front of the Hall.

Then the Vice-President unveiled the

to attend the university members. He said that today was an auspicious (See page 9)

Significant night temperature (3-12-2012)	
Haka	0°C
Loilem	6°C
Putao	7°C
Katha	8°C

Moderate earthquake hits 20 miles north of Thabeikkyin

NAY PYI TAW, 3 Dec—A moderate earthquake of magnitude 5.1 Richter Scale with its epicenter inside Myanmar, (about 20 miles north of Thabeikkyin), about 83 miles north of Mandalay seismological observatory was recorded at 18 hrs 24 min 37 sec MST today, announced Meteorology and Hydrology Department.—MNA