

President U Thein Sein receives UN USG for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator



NAY PYI TAW, 6 Dec—President U Thein Sein of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar received a delegation led by UN Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator

Baroness Valerie Amos, at the Credentials Hall of Presidential Palace, here, this evening.

Also present at the call together with the President were Union Ministers Lt-Gen Thein Htay, U Tin Naing Thein and Dr Daw

Myat Myat Ohn Khin and Deputy Minister U Thant Kyaw. The delegation was accompanied by UN Coordinator in Myanmar Mr Ashok Nigam.

At the call, they had a cordial discussion on further cooperation with UN,

providing more humanitarian aids to conflict-affected areas, schools, hospitals and makeshift tents and water and sanitation system and transportation, and disaster mitigation, preparedness, response and education programme.—MNA

President U Thein Sein poses for documentary photo with delegation led by UN Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator Baroness Valerie Amos at Credentials Hall of Presidential Palace.—MNA

Union-level Peace-Making Committee holds talks with Panhsan Special Region-2 group

NAY PYI TAW, 5 Dec—Vice-Chairmen of Union-level Peace Making Committee Union Minister at President Office U Aung Min and Pyithu Hluttaw National Races Affairs and Internal Peace-making Committee Chairman U Thein Zaw, members Union Ministers Lt-Gen Thein Htay, U Khin Maung Soe and U Ohn Myint, Shan State Chief Minister U Sao Aung Myat, Pyithu Hluttaw representative U Maung Maung Swe, Commanders Brig-Gen Aung Soe and Maj-Gen Than Tun Oo and officials arrived in Panhsan by Tatmadaw helicopter

yesterday morning. They were welcomed by Panhsan Special Region-2 Vice Chairman and members and national races there.

After that, both sides held discussions on peace making process at the meeting hall of Special Region-2 Headquarters.

At the discussion, Vice-Chairman U Shauk Min Hlyan expressed thanks for the State's constant assistance for development of Panhsan region and welcomed such assistance. They would adhere and implement the facts included in the agreement

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Vice-Chairmen of Union-level Peace-Making Committee U Aung Min and U Thein Zaw, and Union Minister for Border Affairs Lt-Gen Thein Htay seen with leaders of Panhsan Special Region-2 group.—MNA

LOCAL NEWS

Oil workers, Moe & Moe Co yet to reach agreement

NAY PYI TAW, 6 Dec—Workers and owners of oil well and Cherry Yoma Co that has permit to produce crude oil have already reached the agreement in Kalay region but the agreement could not be settled between the workers and owners of oil well and Moe & Moe Co.

“Cherry Yoma Co and our well workers and owners met at the office of Township Administration on 27 October and adopted 10 principles through bilateral talks. Then, we signed these disciplines in the presence of the authorities. Workers of well in the area of Cherry Yoma Co are delighted at signing the 10 points disciplines. I think we all would be convenient in our tasks,” said a local well owner.

“Although Moe & Moe Co and well workers held a

Police officers, local authorities meet in discussions

MAWLAMYINE, 6 Dec—A meeting among the commanders of Mon State, Mawlamyine District and Thanbyuzayat Township Police Forces, ward/village administrators and local people was held at the office of Thanbyuzayat Township General Administration Department on 20 November.

Commander of Mon State Police Force Police Col Myo Swe Win, Commander of Mawlamyine District Police Force Police Lt-Col Zaw Min Oo, Commander of Thanbyuzayat Township Police Force Police Major Min Tun Win discussed duty and function of policemen, contributions to public welfare tasks and legal affairs.—Myanma Alinn

coordination meeting at the township administrator’s office on 28 November, the meeting did not meet progress. We all made requests which were same points for Cherry Yoma Co. The meeting did not reach agreement. We submitted application to perform peaceful demonstration to the authorities. I have learnt that the meeting was also attended by 88 Generation Students, Upper Chindwin Network Youth Group and some local media. The local people, well workers and well owners wished to complete the process peacefully. We wish both sides have meet win-win situation,” explained a local well worker.

Myanma Alinn

BEMS branch upgraded to BEMS

MEIKTILA, 6 Dec—A ceremony to upgrade Basic Education Middle School Branch to BEMS was held in Gway-aing Village of Meiktila District for 2012-2013 academic year on 21 November morning.

Meiktila District Education Officer U Thaug Oo and member of School

Board of Trustees U Chit Hmway formally cut the ribbon to upgrade the school. Then, they presented commemorative pennants to officials. Students presented dances in chorus. The upgrading ceremony of the school was attended by local people and students.

Myanma Alinn



As Mohnyin has become a district level town, Nyaungbin market was closed down on 1 December in line with the town characteristics. Then, the plots were allotted to vendors in the compound of No. 2 Aungthabye Market. Photo shows local people and shoppers in sales of goods.—MYANMA ALINN

Candle light breaks out fire in Lashio

LASHIO, 6 Nov—A fire broke out in Lashio at 8 pm on 30 November.

The fire started from candle light offered to the Buddha image at the house of Daw San Yi on Awaiya Street in Region 19 of Ward 12 in Lashio.

The fire was put out by members of Fire Services Department and Auxiliary Fire Brigade together with local people led by Assistant Director U Win Naing of Shan State Fire Services Department, the commanders of District and Township Police Forces, police members of No. 1 and No. 2 police stations, the township administrators

and officials with the use of four fire engines from FSD and five fire engines from Auxiliary Fire Brigade. Fire died down at 9.30 pm. In the incident, the fire blazed the whole house but there was no loss and damages.

Lashio Police Station No. 2 takes action against Daw San Yi, daughter U Shein Yin Yon for outbreak of fire.—Myanma Alinn

Shwesayan Pagoda in Thaton packed with pilgrims of Tazaungdine Festival



THATON, 6 Dec—The rice and robe offering ceremony was held on a grand scale

at Shwesayan Pagoda in Thaton of Mon State on 28 November (Fullmoon Day

of Tazaungmon). At 6 pm, well-wishers from far and near offered rice

and alms to 1686 members of the Sangha from 334 monasteries and 108 nuns from 53 nunneries.

Starting from 3.30 pm on that day, local people from wards and villages and 13 traditional cultural troupes offered robes to the pagoda in line with traditions.

The platform of the pagoda was packed with pilgrims and local people and national races to enjoy the rice and robe offering ceremony.

Various areas in Thaton Township held the funfairs, illuminations and pandal where the local people were served with refreshments as part of Tazaungdine Festival.

Myanma Alinn

2012 Science Film Festival held

YANGON, 6 Dec—The 2012 Science Film Festival, organized by Goethe Institute, was held at Maha Santisukha Buddha Missionary Monastery from 9 am to 4 pm on 1

December, attended by over 100 students.

The film festival will be held at Maha Santisukha Buddhist Missionary and Institute Francais on 8 and 9 December.

The festival is aimed at disseminating science knowledge and general science to the students, said a responsible person of Goethe Institute.

Myanma Alinn

Illegal trading blocked at borders

YANGON, 6 Dec—As the price would return to normalcy, I think,” said foodstuff and soft drink broker Daw Cho Cho Myint of Nyaungbinle Plaza.

Due to increasing number of illegal importing goods through border trade areas, the officials concerned from Border Trade Department under the Ministry of Commerce and other departments combined the mobile teams to expose the illegal trade cases at Myawady and 105th-Mile border trade camps. Thus, most of the merchants suspend importing the goods and sell remaining stocks.

“On 1 December, the private export and import entrepreneurs ID will be issued to merchants both Myawady and Muse. Any Myanmar citizens of above 18 years who have not established companied yet may apply to get the IDs. They have to pay K 50,000 as registration fee at respective offices of Border Trade Department. The ID is valid for one year. The ID holder will be allowed to import commodities worth K 1 million in trading daily”, said an official of the Border Trade Department.

“The price of commodities rose whole November. It was because merchants sold their goods without importing more goods. Snacks are sold at K 150, exceeding K 50 more than the actual price. Prices of soft drinks and snack boxes are on increase due to least amount of remaining stocks. The snack boxes were sold at K 4000 on average but now the price is added with K 600 in maximum. After importing the goods,

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Beware of Fire

WORLD

Obama, Boehner talk; Geithner prepared to go off "cliff" US

WASHINGTON, 6 Dec—Republicans in Congress and President Barack Obama consumed much of Wednesday talking up their positions on the "fiscal cliff" and though Obama and Republican House Speaker John Boehner spoke by phone, neither side offered any new compromises in public.

Nor was the phone call, a rarity, followed by any immediate announcement of a face-to-face meeting that has been widely anticipated all week and was explicitly requested early in the day by House of Representatives Republican leader Eric

Cantor.

Asked in an interview with CNBC if the administration was ready to go over the so-called fiscal cliff if Republicans don't come around on taxes, Obama's chief negotiator, Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner, responded: "Oh, absolutely."

Facing spending cuts and tax increases that start to take effect in January unless Congress acts, Republicans on Capitol Hill were privately acknowledging that they were taking a public relations thrashing at the hands of the White House, which has marshalled a campaign-style

offensive that involves some of the very "job-creators" Republicans say they are protecting.

Obama met with another such corporate group on Wednesday, The Business Roundtable, renewing his call to include tax hikes on the wealthiest 2 percent of Americans as part of the final resolution and for including an increase in the nation's borrowing limit.

US stocks rose on Wednesday after Obama also said a deal to avert the fiscal cliff was possible within a week, though he expressed it as a hope not a prediction.

The confrontation has

become an endless loop of familiar talking points and well-worn positions. Republican leaders have balked at raising any tax rates, and Democrats have resisted Republican calls for cuts in entitlements like the Medicare and Medicaid healthcare programmes.

Obama said there could be a quick deal if Republican leaders dropped their opposition to raising tax rates for those making more than \$250,000 (155,347 pounds) a year in exchange for spending cuts and entitlement reforms.

"If we can get the leadership on the Republican side to take that framework,



US President Barack Obama speaks at the Business Roundtable while Boeing Chief Executive Officer James McNerney (R) listens, in Washington on 5 Dec, 2012.

REUTERS

to acknowledge that reality, then the numbers actually aren't that far apart," Obama told The Business Roundtable.

"Another way of putting

this is we can probably solve this in about a week. It's not that tough, but we need that conceptual breakthrough," he said.—Reuters



John Dramani Mahama (R), Ghana's interim president and National Democratic Congress (NDC) presidential candidate, walks with his wife Lordina Mahama during his last electoral rally at a trade fair in Accra on 5 Dec, 2012.

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Ghana poll tests Africa's "model democracy"

Ghana

ACCRA, 6 Dec—Ghana's cliff-hanger presidential election on Friday will test the country's reputation as a bulwark for democracy and economic growth in Africa's so-called coup-belt. The stakes are high with rivals jousting for a chance to oversee a boom in oil revenues that has brought hopes of increased development in a country where the average person makes less than \$4 (2.5 pounds) a day.

"Ghana getting it right again will provide real mentorship and a signal for others," Emmanuel Gyimah-

Boadi, director of Accra-based consultancy Centre for Democratic Development, said. Ghana is expected to keep up growth of about 8 percent next year and is increasingly cited by investment bankers and fund managers as an example of Africa's rise in contrast to the woes of Europe and the United States.

President John Dramani Mahama, who replaced the late John Atta Mills after his death from an illness in July, will face top opposition candidate Nana Akufo-Addo of the New Patriotic Party (NPP), and six others.

Opinion polls point to

a tight race between the two main candidates, raising the prospect of a repeat of the near deadlock in 2008 elections, in which Mills defeated Akufo-Addo with a margin of fewer than 100,000 votes. US President Barack Obama called Ghana a "model of democracy in Africa" for stepping back from the brink during those polls, when others might have tipped into conflict.

A disputed election in neighbouring Ivory Coast in 2010 triggered a civil war. Other regional neighbours Mali and Guinea Bissau have been thrown into chaos by military coups.—Reuters

Serbian NATO envoy jumps to death at Brussels airport NATO

BRUSSELS, 6 Dec—Serbia's ambassador to NATO jumped to his death from a multi-storey carpark at Brussels airport, officials said on Wednesday, and Serbia said it was investigating the incident.

Branislav Milinkovic, 52, jumped to his death during a conference of NATO foreign ministers, but officials did not make any connection between the meeting and his suicide.

"We are shocked and

we are investigating all circumstances" surrounding the ambassador's death, said a Serbian Foreign Ministry official who asked not to be named. "We have no clues about what could prompt Milinkovic to do that. He was a good man," the official said.

NATO Secretary-General Anders Fogh Rasmussen was "deeply saddened by the tragic death of the Serbian ambassador," who was highly respected,

said an alliance spokeswoman.

Brussels prosecutor's office said: "We can be sure that it was a suicide, therefore we are not investigating any further." The Serbian Foreign Ministry praised Milinkovic as a distinguished diplomat and jurist who would be "remembered as a skilled diplomat, an intellectual and a noble man."

Milinkovic was appointed ambassador to NATO in 2009 but had already been based in Brussels since 2004 as an envoy from the now defunct state union of Serbia and Montenegro. Serbian tabloid newspaper Kurir reported that Milinkovic jumped around 10 metres (30 feet) in the presence of Serbia's assistant foreign minister for security policy, Zoran Vujic.

The report, which could not immediately be confirmed, quoted an unnamed foreign ministry source as saying: "It's possible the man was depressed and that nobody had noticed."

Reuters



Branislav Milinkovic, Serbia's ambassador to NATO, sits at the Alliance headquarters in Brussels on 14 Dec, 2006 in this handout photo released to Reuters on 5 Dec, 2012.—REUTERS

Sanctions, government blamed for Iran's drugs shortage Iran

DUBAI/ZURICH, 6 Dec—Doctors in Iran are trying to fend off a creeping health care crisis caused by medicine shortages, due in part to Western economic sanctions but exacerbated by government mismanagement and abuse of the system.

Government hospitals and pharmacies report a widespread lack of drugs to treat cancer, multiple sclerosis, blood disorders and other serious conditions. Iranian media highlighted the shortages earlier this month through the case of a teenager who died of haemophilia after his family failed to find his medicine. Both the United States and the European Union

say their embargoes do not target trade in humanitarian goods. But cutting off Iran's banking system from the outside world has touched

every sector of the economy, resulting in spiralling food prices, a plunging Iranian rial, deepening unemployment and now, hitting health care,



A currency exchange dealer counts US dollar banknotes at his shop in a shopping centre in northern Teheran in this 24 Oct, 2011 file photo.—REUTERS

analysts and traders say.

Western officials appear increasingly sensitive to allegations the measures put the lives of Iranians in danger.

"There's a serious shortage of cancer medicine. The lives of so many patients are at risk," one cancer specialist said by phone from Teheran. A wide range of drugs was no longer available, he said, and finding alternatives was a complex challenge.

Last month Iranian media published a list of dozens of drugs in short supply, and others — including chemotherapy treatment drugs Doxorubicin, Fluorouracil and Cytarabine — which could no longer be found.—Reuters

Four killed in US drone strike in NW Pakistan Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, 6 Dec—At least four people were killed in a US drone strike launched in Pakistan's northwest tribal area of North Waziristan on early Thursday morning, reported local media Ary.

According to the local media reports, the strike took place at pre-dawn time when US unmanned aircraft fired two missiles at a house suspected of being a militant hideout in the Mir Ali area of North Waziristan, a militancy-hit area bordering Afghanistan.

The identities of the killed are not immediately available.

On 1 December, the US drones launched a strike in South Waziristan, the neighbouring tribal area of North Waiziristan, killing at least four people including an al-Qaeda leader named Abdul Rehman Azman, a Yemeni national believed to be one of the close aides of the former al-Qaeda chief Osama bin Laden.

Thursday's US drone strike is the 37th of its kind (counted on daily basis) in Pakistan in 2012. According to Xinhua's tally, at least 265 people have been killed in such strikes since this year. Xinhua

Verizon CEO says no to Dish spectrum buy, big deals

NEW YORK, 6 Dec—Verizon Communications, majority owner of the biggest US mobile service, is not interested in buying spectrum from Dish Network and does not plan to make any big acquisitions, its top executive said on Tuesday.

While investors have been speculating that Dish Chairman Charlie Ergen could make a lot of money if he sells Dish's wireless spectrum holdings to big US mobile operators, Verizon Chief Executive Lowell McAdam told *Reuters* at an investor conference that his company would not be a buyer. McAdam also told the audience at the UBS Annual Global Media and Communications Conference that his company was not planning any acquisitions as big as its recent purchases of Terremark and Hughes Telematics.

Verizon bought enterprise service provider Terremark last year for \$1.4 billion and completed its purchase of Hughes for \$612 million in July.

It may do more deals in the software space but these would be smaller transac-



A Verizon logo is seen during the International CTIA WIRELESS Conference & Exposition in New Orleans, Louisiana on 9 May, 2012.—REUTERS

tions, McAdam told the conference.

"It's in the tens of millions (of dollars) kind of range versus the hundreds of millions kind of range. Right now, I don't see the value add of a huge acquisition," McAdam said.

He said Verizon Wireless, the company's venture with Vodafone Group Plc, is seeing strong phone sales so far in the holiday shopping season. The venture's strong customer growth in the third quarter, when it won market share from rivals, is continuing in the fourth quarter, he said.

The executive pointed to retailer estimates of sales volume increases of up to

40 percent on the days after Thanksgiving and said, "We saw that kind of improvement." He declined to say how many of those phone sales were upgrades by existing customers or sales to new customers.

Given the comments, Verizon may be in a position to beat UBS analyst John Hodulik's expectations for 1.8 million net subscriber additions in the fourth quarter, the analyst said in a research note.

McAdam said he would provide an estimate in January for the financial impact of damage to Verizon's network from Hurricane Sandy, which slammed into the US Northeast on 29 Oc-

tober.

Verizon expects to replace damaged copper phone lines with fiber in places such as lower Manhattan, which would allow it to provide more advanced services such as high-speed Internet and television to customers there.

"Our plan is to take advantage of this disruption," McAdam said.

The executive said the company is currently running trials of its planned Internet video service from a partnership with Coinstar Inc unit Redbox and plans to launch the service commercially around the end of the first quarter.

This marks a delay for the service, which Verizon previously expected to launch in the second half of 2012. McAdam also told investors that the company would consider starting a share buyback programme in 12 to 18 months, depending on how much cash it spends to upgrade its fiber network or on acquisitions.

Verizon shares were down 10 cents at \$44.00 in late-morning trade on the New York Stock Exchange.—*Reuters*

Tech

Nokia's Lumia deal with China Mobile raises hopes

HELSINKI, 6 Dec—Nokia is to partner with China Mobile, the world's biggest operator, to launch a version of its flagship Lumia smartphone tailored for the world's largest market.

China Mobile, which has more than 700 million subscribers but no contract to sell iPhones, will start selling the Lumia 920T, the first phone to be based on Microsoft's new Windows Phone 8 platform.

Nokia's Lumia 920 and 820 models are seen crucial for the Finnish company as it tries to regain market share from Apple and Samsung.

"People around the world are responding positively to the new Lumia devices, and we are confident that the enthusiasm will extend to China," president and chief executive Stephen Elop said. China Mobile's take-up of the 920T, which will use the carrier's home-grown TD-SCDMA network standard, reassured investors about sales of the new phone series.

Also on Wednesday, Nokia unveiled the Lumia 620, its cheapest Windows 8 smartphone. It will be priced at \$249 and begin selling in

January, first in Asia. Nokia shares were up 7.1 percent at 1110 GMT. The stock, which has edged higher in recent weeks on hopes of promising Lumia sales, is still down 28 percent this year.

"It is not a surprise, but it still means a giant opportunity for Nokia, maybe one of the best opportunities for its smartphones right now. This market has a lot of piled-up demand for high-end smartphones," Nordea Markets analyst Sami Sarkamies said.

A Nokia Lumia 920 featuring Windows Phone 8 is displayed during an event in San Francisco, California on 29 Oct, 2012.

REUTERS



He said Lumia sales might be helped by the fact China Mobile is the only carrier in China without a contract to sell iPhones. The Lumia phone will be available for order in China by the end of the year, a bit later than expected, Sarkamies said.

Nokia's share of the global smartphone market has plunged to less than 10 percent from 50 percent during its heyday, before the iPhone arrived in 2007. Today, Nokia is reliant on Windows after dumping its own software platforms last year.

Reuters

Yahoo acquires video chat startup company

SAN FRANCISCO, 6 Dec—Yahoo Inc said it acquired a five-person video chat company on Tuesday, the second deal by new Chief Executive Marissa Mayer to bolster Yahoo's mobile capabilities.

Yahoo did not disclose the financial terms of its acquisition of OnTheAir, but said the team would be joining Yahoo's mobile group.

A Yahoo spokeswoman said that Yahoo had not plans to offer OnTheAir's existing product, which lets Web users host live video conversations and was launched in March.

The deal marks the sec-

ond small, mobile-oriented deal since Mayer became CEO earlier this year. In October, Yahoo acquired Stamped, a New York-based mobile startup that allows consumers to share information about favourite restaurants and music on their smartphones.

Mayer, a former Google Inc executive, has said that her top priority is to create a coherent mobile strategy for Yahoo and that she intends for at least half of the company's technical workforce to be working on mobile products. Shares of Yahoo were up 1.5 percent at \$18.82 in trading on Tuesday.—*Reuters*

The headquarters of Yahoo Inc is shown in Sunnyvale, California.

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Science

Earliest known dinosaur discovered



Artist rendering shows *Nyasasaurus parringtoni*, either the earliest dinosaur or the closest dinosaur relative yet discovered in this image released to Reuters on 4 Decr, 2012. *Nyasasaurus parringtoni* was up to 10 feet long, weighed perhaps 135 pounds and is depicted near plant-eating reptiles of the genus *Stenaulorhynchus*.—REUTERS

LONDON, 6 Dec—Researchers have found what could be the earliest known dinosaur to walk the Earth lurking in the corridors of London's Natural History Museum.

A mysterious fossil specimen that has been in the museum's collection for decades has now been identified as most likely coming from a dinosaur that lived about 245 million years ago — 10 to 15 million years earlier than any previously discovered examples.

The creature was about the size of a Labrador dog and has been named *Nyasa-*

saurus parringtoni after southern Africa's Lake Nyasa, today called Lake Malawi, and Cambridge University's Rex Parrington, who collected the specimen at a site near the lake in the 1930s.

"It was a case of looking at the material with a fresh pair of eyes," Paul Barrett from the Natural History Museum, who worked on the study, told *Reuters*. "This closes a gap in the fossil record and pushes back the existence of dinosaurs."

The London fossil was studied by researchers in the 1950s but no conclusion

was reached and nothing was published, said Barrett. "It was a mystery what it was ... It just became this mythical animal."

Two features of the London fossil, together with a similar sample subsequently spotted at the Iziko South African Museum in Cape Town, are strong evidence that the animal belongs with the dinosaurs, the researchers said.

The bone tissues in the upper arm show marks of rapid growth, common in dinosaurs, and they also have a feature known as an elongated deltopectoral crest that anchored the upper arm muscles, a feature unique to dinosaurs.

"Although we only know *Nyasasaurus* from fossil fragments, the anatomy of its upper arm bone and hips have features that are unique to dinosaurs, making us confident that we're dealing with an animal very close to dinosaur origin," said Barrett.

The researchers believe *Nyasasaurus* probably stood upright, was a metre tall at the hip, 2-3 metres long from head to tail, and weighed 20-60 kg.

When it was alive, the world's continents were

joined in a vast landmass called Pangaea, and the area of Tanzania where the fossils were found would have been part of the southern Pangaea that included Africa, South America, Antarctica and Australia.

Theorists have long argued there should have been dinosaurs walking the Earth in the Middle Triassic period, which ended about 237 million years ago, but until now the evidence has been ambiguous, said Sterling Nesbitt at the University of Washington in Seattle who led the study, published in the journal *Biology Letters*.

"If the newly named *Nyasasaurus parringtoni* is not the earliest dinosaur, then it is the closest relative found so far," said Nesbitt.

"What's really neat about this specimen is that it has a lot of history. Found in the '30s, first described in the 1950s ... Now 80 years later, we're putting it all together."

The researchers plan further field work in Tanzania to find more fossils and build a better picture of the animal's anatomy.

Reuters

BUSINESS & HEALTH

China Southern seals \$1.9 billion deal to buy 10 Airbus planes

Business

HONG KONG, 6 Dec—China Southern Airlines Co Ltd (1055.HK) (600029.SS) (ZNH.N), the country's largest carrier by fleet size, has agreed

the European Union agreed on 12 November to "stop the clock" on plans to force non-EU airlines to adopt its Emissions Trading Scheme (ETS). China

Chinese travel. China Southern said in a statement that the new aircraft would be funded through internal resources and loans from commercial banks and that the catalogue price of one Airbus A 3 3 0 -

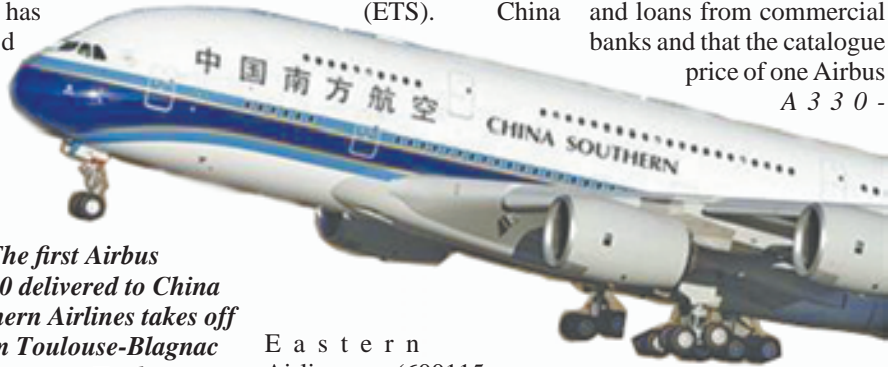
The first Airbus A380 delivered to China Southern Airlines takes off from Toulouse-Blagnac Airport, near Toulouse, on 14 October, 2011.

REUTERS to buy 10 Airbus (EAD.PA) A330-300 aircraft for about \$1.9 billion, to be delivered in stages from 2014 to 2016.

The deal is the second involving Europe's Airbus and a Chinese airliner since

Eastern Airlines (600115.SS) (0670.HK), one of the country's top three carriers, said in late November it had agreed to buy 60 Airbus A320 aircraft for about \$5.4 billion. Chinese airlines have been buying aircraft from Airbus and rival Boeing (BA.N) over the past few years as more

300 aircraft was \$188 million, though airlines usually pay a lower price tag after negotiations. Shares of China Southern closed up 2.3 percent in Hong Kong, in line with a 2.2 percent gain for the benchmark Hang Seng Index .HSI.—Reuters



Philips, LG Electronics, four others fined \$1.92 billion for EU cartel

BRUSSELS, 6 Dec—Philips, LG Electronics, Samsung SDI and three other firms were fined a record 1.47 billion euros (\$1.92 billion) by EU antitrust regulators on Wednesday for fixing prices of TV cathode-ray tubes for more than two decades.

The biggest penalty, of 313.4 million euros, was imposed on Dutch-based Philips, followed by LG Electronics with 295.6 million euros.

The European Commission fined Panasonic Corp 157.5 million euros, Samsung SDI 150.8 million euros, Toshiba Corp 28 million euros, and French company Technicolor 38.6 million euros.

Two Panasonic joint ventures were also fined. Taiwanese firm Chunghwa Picture Tubes blew the

whistle on the cartel and was escaped a fine. "These cartels for cathode ray tubes are 'textbook cartels': they feature all the worst kinds of

Joaquin Almunia said in a statement. He will hold a news conference on the case at 1130 GMT on Wednesday.



The logo of Philips is seen at the company's entrance in Brussels on 11 September, 2012.

REUTERS

anticompetitive behaviour that are strictly forbidden to companies doing business in Europe," EU Competition Commissioner

The Commission raided the companies in late 2007. (\$1 = 0.7642 euros) Reuters

Basic hygiene at risk in debt-stricken Greek hospitals

Health

LONDON, 6 Dec—Greek hospitals are in such dire straits that staff are failing to keep up basic disease controls such as using gloves and gowns, threatening a rise in multidrug-resistant infections, according to Europe's top health official.

Greece already has one of the worst problems in Europe with hospital-acquired infections, and disease experts fear this is being made worse by an economic crisis that has cut health care staffing levels and hurt standards of care.

With fewer doctors and nurses to look after more patients, and hospitals running low on cash for supplies, risks are being taken even with basic hygiene, said Marc

Sprenger, director of the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC).

"I have seen places... where the financial situation did not allow even for basic requirements like gloves, gowns and alcohol wipes," Sprenger said after a two-day trip to Athens, where he visited hospitals and other healthcare facilities.

"We already knew Greece is in a very bad situation regarding antibiotic resistant infections, and after visiting hospitals there I'm now really convinced we have reached one minute to midnight in this battle," he told Reuters in an interview.

Sprenger said the situation means patients with highly infectious



Doctors examine patients at a medical centre of the Greek delegation of the Doctors of the World in Athens on 31 May, 2012.—REUTERS

diseases such as tuberculosis (TB) may not get the treatment they need, raising the risk that dangerous drug-resistant forms will tighten their grip on Europe. Greece spends 11 billion euros (\$14.4 billion) a year on its healthcare system — accounting for just over 5 percent of its total economic output. The government says the system

is around 2 billion euros in debt and spending must be cut drastically.

Many health workers have lost their jobs and others say they have not been properly paid for months. A banner hung up by doctors outside Athens Evangelismos hospital in October said simply: "The health system is bleeding".—Reuters

ArcelorMittal unblocks job-saving investment at Liege

Business

BRUSSELS, 6 Dec—ArcelorMittal (ISPA.AS), the world's largest steelmaker, will invest 138 million euros (\$180.59 million) and preserve jobs at a Belgian site after reaching an agreement with unions and the regional government.

Europe's steel industry is struggling with long-term excess production capacity, while the economic downturn has hit demand.

The decision comes days after ArcelorMittal bowed to pressure from the French government to

invest in a site in north-eastern France to avoid forced layoffs.

The Belgian investment, which should help save 2,000 jobs at

ArcelorMittal's plant in Liege, eastern Belgium, had been suspended after the steelmaker failed to come to an agreement with unions over details of job losses.



A logo of ArcelorMittal steel group is seen at the Les Chantiers de l'Atlantique shipyards in Saint Nazaire, western France.—REUTERS

Euro zone retail sales fall sharply in October

Business

BRUSSELS, 6 Dec—Shoppers in the euro zone cut back on spending by the biggest margin in six months in October, economizing on everything from clothes to medical goods and offering little hope of a consumer-led recovery from recession.

The volume of retail trade in the 17 countries using the euro fell 1.2 percent in October from September, the biggest drop since April, the EU's statistics office Eurostat said on Wednesday. That was worse than the 0.1 percent fall forecast by

worst in terms of growth," said Evelyn Herrmann, an economist at BNP Paribas.

"With periphery countries contracting and even the core going through a cyclical downswing at the end of this year, euro zone gross domestic product is likely to fall by some 0.4 percent (in the last three months of 2012)," she said in a note on Wednesday.

Households in the euro zone have been struggling since the global financial crisis of 2008/2009, constrained by disposable incomes that grew only during the brief recovery



Customers shop at a Tesco shop in Bishop's Stortford, southern England on 26 Nov, 2012. REUTERS

economists in a Reuters poll. In a further sign of the difficult times for euro zone households, September's reading was revised down to -0.6 percent from an earlier -0.2 percent estimate.

The euro zone's economy, which generates about a fifth of global output, slipped into recession in the third quarter of this year and is expected to contract for all of this year, its second shrinkage since 2009, and a recovery is still far off.

"We think that the fourth quarter will be the

of 2010. That weakness has fed back into the downturn, and the bloc's overall output is expected to shrink at least 0.4 percent this year.

Business surveys show an easing in the rate of contraction in euro zone services activity in November, with the shrinkage in manufacturing moderating to a seven-month low, helped by the European Central Bank's plan to buy the bonds of governments that has quietened concerns about a euro zone break up.—Reuters



Photo shows completion of renovation tasks for Ngahtetgyi Pagoda in Daweizay ward where the earthquake caused damage to some parts of glass mosaic of the pagoda.— KYEMON



Photo shows completion of renovation tasks for Bawdi Pagoda in Htonebo ward where the diamond orb of the pagoda fell down to the ground in the earthquake.— KYEMON

Chin traditional dance at India-ASEAN Car Rally

KALAY, 6 Dec — Arrangements are being made to perform Chin national race traditional dances at the town hall of Kalay for participants of India-ASEAN Rally who will stay overnight at Kalay on 14 December.

“We would like to introduce our Myanmar traditional culture in the world through ASEAN countries. Renowned dances of tribes in Haka, Falam and Tiddim will be performed at the ceremony”, one of the members of Chin traditional

culture committee said. “Necessary arrangements such as reception and accommodation have been made for the members of India-ASEAN Rally by the respective subcommittees,” an official explained.

Kyemon

CRC Day observed in Mandalay

AMARAPURA, 6 Dec — The ceremony to observe the CRC Day (United Nations Convention on the Rights of Child) was held in the compound of Kyauktawgyi Pagoda in Amarapura Township of Mandalay Region on 25 November morning,

attended by children and social organizations. The ceremony was collectively observed by Satu Meikta Thingaha associations in four townships— Chanmyathazi, Pyigyidagun, Aungmye-thazan and Amarapura— with the aim of raising public awareness

of children rights, placing more emphasis on survival of the lives of children, fully ensuring their rights and taking care of mental and physical behaviours of children.

At the ceremony, edutainment programmes on child rights were performed with the participation of children. Globetrotters who were in Kyauktawgyi Pagoda enjoyed Myanmar traditional dance performed at the ceremony.— Kyemon

Gangaw sees public service book corner



GANGAW, 6 Dec — Under the programme initiated by Gangaw District Information and Public Relations Department for widening the horizons of local people, a book centre is being kept open near Gangaw-Mandalay and Gangaw-Pakokku bus terminal in northern ward in Gangaw beginning 3

December. Daily newspapers, monthly magazines, weekly journals and other publications are available at the book corner. Cash and kind for sustainable development of the public service book centre is invited, and it is being kept open for the readers from 7 am to 5 pm daily.— Kyemon

Law Library put into service

YANGON, 6 Dec — An opening of Law Library was held at Room No-01/03 of Asia Plaza Shopping Centre at the corner of Strand Road

and Bogyoke Street, here, on 1 December.

It is aimed at ensuring rule of law, providing legal knowledge for public

Installation of seven-digit landlines carried out free of charge in Taunggyi

TAUNGGYI, 6 Dec — Technicians of Myanmar Posts and Telecommunications substituted Daewoo auto exchange with mechanical fault with new one on 17 November.

Aimed at extended installation of landlines and ensuring public convenience, already-installed five-digit landline phones have been replaced with

seven-digit ones, adding two new digits before the previous five digits. Installation of seven-digit landlines has been carried out free of charge as of 1 December. Anyone can make a complaint if he was charged for seven-digit landlines installation to the manager of Shan State MPT (Ph: 081 200444).

Kyemon

Industry Ministry honours victorious Women Volleyball Taekwondo athletes

NAY PYI TAW, 6 Dec — A ceremony to honour outstanding athletes of the Ministry of Industry was held at the meeting hall of the ministry, here, on 30 November.

Union Minister for Industry U Aye Myint spoke words of praise to outstanding athletes of the ministry who secured the championship trophy and five best players awards at the 6th Nay Pyi Taw Inter-ministry Women Volleyball Tournament and bagged four gold, two silver and seven bronze medals, standing fourth at the medal tally, at the ROK Ambassador’s Cup Taekwondo Contest to mark the 37th Anniversary of Myanmar-ROK Diplomatic Ties held at Thuwunna Stadium on 12-

13 November. Next, the manager and coach of the women volleyball team of the ministry handed over the Championship Trophy to the Union minister.

Then, the Union minister presented awards

to managers of women volleyball team and Taekwondo team of the ministry.

Deputy Minister U Thein Aung presented certificates of honour and awards the best players of the competitions.— MNA



awareness and giving necessary assistance in legal matters of factories and industries. Various kinds of law related books totaling 13960 are available at the library which is being kept open during office hours

including Saturday. Books available at the library were donate by Daw Myint Kyi (retired law officer), wife of retired Law Professor Judge of Supreme Court Wunna Kyaw Htin U Sein Hlaing.

Kyemon

55th blood donation

YANGON, 6 Dec — U Thein Ngwe (Excellent Performance in Social Field-Third Class award winner) of Computer Section of the New Light of Myanmar Daily donated blood for 55th time at National Blood Centre of Yangon People’s Hospital on 30 November 2012.— NLM



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The 65th Sacred Tipitakadhara Tipitakakovida Selection Examination in the year of 2013

It is known that the Republic of the Union of Myanmar has been a predominantly Theravada Buddhist nation in the world for nearly one thousand years, and over (90) percent of nation's population has taken faith in Theravada Buddhism since then. Furthermore, the Republic of the Union of Myanmar has been recognized as a permanent higher learning centre of genuine Theravada Buddhism not only in the Buddhist world but also throughout the world. According to historical records of Buddhism, the Fifth and Sixth Great Buddhist Councils (Synods) were successfully convened in the Republic of the Union of Myanmar with a view to purification, perpetuation and propagation of the Buddha Sasana (the Buddha's teachings) all over the world. The Sixth Great Buddhist Council, which was attended and participated by Maha Theras from Five Theravada Buddhist Nations, Laos, Thailand, Cambodia, Sri Lanka and Myanmar, was successfully held in the Republic of the Union of Myanmar in 1954.

In order to carefully preserve genuine Theravada Buddhism, a great number of Buddhist Monastic Institutions and learning Centers of Buddhist Scriptures have been established in the

Republic of the Union of Myanmar for years. For the time being, the two Pariyatti Sasana Universities, one in Yangon and another in Mandalay have been so far established to promote and propagate the Theravada Buddhism throughout the world. At present, Buddhist monk students are attending these two universities, and if they have got through the prescribed examinations held by these Universities, they will be conferred Takkasila Dhammacariya Degree (Bachelor of Arts) in Buddhism and Tekkasila Maha Dhammacariya Degree (Master of Arts) in Buddhism respectively. And now, the International Theravada Buddhist Missionary University, the very first one in the Buddhist world has been also already established in the Republic of the Union of the Myanmar in order to propagate, promote and flourish genuine Theravada Buddhism throughout the world, and to share the knowledge of Buddhism with the peoples of the world to promote their happiness and moral well-being.

According to the Pariyatti (learning canonical texts) Education System of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, there are seven kinds of religious examinations including the Sacred Tipitakadhara Tipitakakovida Selection

Examination yearly held by the Ministry of Religious Affairs of the Government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar. The Seven kinds of religious examinations are as follows:-

- (1) Tipitakadhara Tipi-takakovida Selection Examination
- (2) Dhammacariya Examination
- (3) Pathamagyī Examination
- (4) Pathamalat Examination
- (5) Pathamange Examination
- (6) Abhidhamma/ Visudhimagga Examination (only for Laymen

Ba Sein (Religious Affairs)

- and Nuns)
- (7) Five Nikaya Examination

Out of these seven kinds of religious examinations, the Sacred Tipitakadhara Tipitakakovida Selection Examination has been separately held by the Ministry of Religious Affairs of the Government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar since sixty four years ago. Buddhist monk candidates who wish to appear for this Sacred Tipitakadhara Tipitakakovida Selection Examination must have passed at least the Pathamagyī

Examination. In fact, the Sacred Tipitakadhara Tipitakakovida Selection Examination is quite different from other religious examination because the candidates have to take (33) days to sit for this examination. They have to take both oral examination consists of Pali Texts, 8026 pages of Tipitaka canons and the written examination consists of Pali Texts Athakatha (Commentaries) and Tika (Sub-Commentaries) of 9934 pages of Tipitaka canons respectively. Only the candidates who have got through both oral and written examinations will be presented the Title of Tipitakadhara Tipitakakovida (the Title of Religious

Heroes.) Up to now, only thirteen outstanding members of Sangha (Bhikkhus) (Religious Heroes.) were presented the Title of Tipitakadhara Tipitakakovida within over 64 year's duration of the Sacred Tipitakadhara Tipitakakovida Selection Examination.

It is learnt that many members of Sangha throughout the country appeared for the Sacred Tipitakadhara Tipitakakovida Selection Examination from year to year. However, most of them were not successful. In fact, the Sacred Tipitakadhara

Tipitakakovida Selection Examination is the most difficult of the religious examinations which are yearly held in the Republic of the Union of Myanmar. Such Sacred Tipitakadhara Tipitakakovida Selection Examination can be held only in the Republic of the Union of Myanmar which has carefully preserved the genuine Theravada Buddhism for nearly one thousand years. It is learnt that such examination cannot be held in other Theravada Buddhist nations.

Members of Sangha, multifarious Buddhist people and Government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, hand in hand, are striving to propagate, promote and flourish the genuine Theravada Buddhism not only in homeland but also at abroad. We all Buddhists know that the Sasana is of the three kinds, viz (1) Pariyatti Sasana (Learning the Buddha's teaching), (2) Patipatti Sasana (Practical application of the Buddha's teaching) and (3) Pativedha Sasana (Realization of the Buddha's teaching). Out of them, the Pariyatti Sasana is the most important one which mainly leads to the purification, perpetuation and propagation of the Buddha Sasana (the noble teaching of the Buddha). The aims and objectives of holding the Sacred Tipitakadhara Tipitakakovida Selection Examination are to preserve, promote and flourish

the genuine Theravada Buddhism all over the world.

The 65th Sacred Tipitakadhara Tipitakakovida Selection Examination in the year of 2013

We all Buddhists throughout the country are very pleased and honoured to learn that the 65th Sacred Tipitakadhara Tipitakakovida Selection Examination will be held at Mahapasana Cave (Great Cave) in the precinct of the Siri Mangala Kaba Aye Pagoda, Yangon, Myanmar, and it will take (33) days starting from 9th December 2012. It is learnt that the entitled candidates of members of Sangha who have been enrolled throughout the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, will sit for the 65th Sacred Tipitakadhara Tipitakakovida Selection Examination of the year 2013. Lading and messing (four kinds of requisites) for candidates will be provided by the Ministry of Religious Affairs, other donors and well-wishers throughout (33) days. It is further learnt that devotees well whichers and other people are cordially invited to visit the Mahapasana Cave (examination centre) for paying profound respect to the members of Sangha who are sitting for the 65th Sacred Tipitakadhara Tipitakakovida Selection Examination of the year 2013.

LOCAL NEWS

Station hospital in dire need of doctors, equipment



THAYET, 6 Dec—Talapa Station Hospital in Thayet Township of Magway Region was upgraded to the 25-bed hospital on 2 March 1984. The hospital provides health care services to the

local people that could save cost and money.

The hospital has been maintained by local people from 19 villages of six village-tracts for 28 years. In so doing, an operation

theatre was built so as to upgrade the hospital in providing health care services to the local people in 2010 with over K 12 million contributions of the local people.

Basic paddy cultivation work demonstrated

INDAW, 6 Dec—Myitta Development Foundation conducted the basic paddy cultivation course at Nantha Village monastery in Nantha Village-tract in Indaw Township on 28 November.

The Foundation is a

A local said that the hospital needs a doctor and surgical equipment for the operation theatre.

As part of efforts to realize the rural development and poverty alleviation, it is necessary to fulfil the doctor and equipment of operation theatre to Talapa Station Hospital (25-bed).

Myanma Alinn

social organization focusing on uplift of health, agriculture, forestry, education, vocations, emergency rescue and relief and rehabilitation measures in the regions that have lagged behind in development. It was set up on 28 October 1998.

In the course, a total of 24 trainees cultivated paddy on 25 acres of farmlands as practical works. The training course is aimed at ensuring better livelihoods for the farmer families, raising cooperative habits in rural development tasks and enabling them to have access to modern agricultural technology.

Myanma Alinn

Cash for construction of Home for the Aged

TAUNG DWINGYI, 6 Dec—A ceremony to donate cash to the fund for construction of Home for the Aged was held at Hngetpyittaung Monastery in Taungdwingyi of Magway Region on 25 November afternoon.

Abbot of the monastery Bhaddanta Mani administered the Desana.

Altogether 35 wellwishers donated K 35,850,000 and 500 bags of cement to Deputy Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Khin Zaw who returned the certificates of honour.

Myanma Alinn

PERSPECTIVES

Friday, 7 December, 2012

Reform in basic education

Recently, loudly-voicing criticisms of Myanmar education system are being heard. During visits to ASEAN countries and US, President U Thein Sein has called for extending their hands to Myanmar's human resource and educational developments. In reality, Myanmar education system is in urgent need of systematic reforms from primary education level, especially course syllabus, teaching and learning system, infrastructures and balanced ratio of teachers and students. But, high personality of teachers and change of their mindsets are at the core of Myanmar education reform.

Now, the country sees a flood of reforms in all sectors since the new government has taken office. Workshops on transformation of teacher-centred approach to student-centred one are being held. Teachers and students still stick to the parrot teaching and parrot learning methods. Due to it, the students are lacking in critical thinking and creative thinking. It can be seen that students always stick to the habit of passing exam alone.

So it is very difficult to carry out capacity building without making reforms in basic education sector expect for middle school levels and higher education. It needs to take account of increased losses of human resources due to school drop rate. In an effort to make reforms in basic education sector, course syllabus, assessing system, basic infrastructure, teaching aids, balanced ratio of teachers and students and student-centred approach teaching and learning methods are to be put into consideration. Teachers on their parts are to change their mindset and personality.

Rural fund spent on milch cows

NAY PYI TAW, 6 Dec— Chief Minister of Kachin State U La John Ngan Hsai met local people in Nangway Village of Myitkyina Township yesterday morning and stressed the need to breed milch cows with the

assistance of technicians. He handed over AIGun equipment, nitrogen liquid to officials of Bhamo and Mohnyin Districts.

Later, the Chief Minister viewed layers at the farm.

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Civil society is one of the three players which are essential to good governance. The government, private sector and civil society can enhance the image of good governance and bring public trust for the government. Civil societies play an active role in the reform process, making policy review, analyzing and monitoring government's performance. Among them, monitoring and conducting an analysis of action and behavior of service personnel are also included. Civil societies not only can establish organizations which deal with social works but also can spotlight reasoning power of the people, public values and social standards.

They can encourage vulnerable, marginalized persons and minorities in the separate constituencies to take part in the politics and public service sectors. Moreover, they can also provide the poor and victims in the urban and far-flung areas with shelter and basic social services. So public trust can be accumulated through close relationship and cooperation with civil societies. But aim and type of the civil societies are also important. Community standards can build up social capital such as trust, cooperation and

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Trust in reform

Min Ba Htoo

interdependency. It can be said that social capital contributes to ensuring democracy and economic growth. If an organization has a lack of trust on the political system of the country, participation in the unofficial political campaigns will occur. Only then the government makes a positive response to the pressure of civil societies, can public trust on the government be improved.

Responsibility and transparency can bring about public trust on the government

The public knows the policies under the administration with responsibility and transparency. They can enjoy more rights to participate in the implementation of these policies. They can utilize resources of the government and private sector appropriately. Corruption and malpractices can be minimized. Stability and consensus can be developed. These facts can facilitate confidence-building between the government and the people.

Corruption and lack of responsibility spoil the political process and its outcomes. It limits appropriate planning and implementation. It also weakens political institutions such as judicial sector, parliament and election management body. On the whole, it is loss of trust of the people in the government. The confidence in the government would decline

if the corruption is rampant and responsibility and transparency mechanism of the government is not effective. Corrupted civil servants who do not respond appropriately to the opinions of the people would grow mistrust and pessimism. Judicial corruption could lead to the lack of confidence in the rule of law and justice.

When the corruption grows incredibly and the rule of law is neglected, the misunderstanding between individuals also grows and then escalates into dissemination of scathing reports of each other. Then, the mistrust covers the whole society. So, the public servants need to show fair and good behaviours. The actions of law enforcement personalities including police and prosecutors have much impact on the social trust.

Conflict management and rehabilitation through participation and discussion

We should see any political, social or economic conflict as a result of long-term gradual decline of trust. The loss of community trust could damage mutually beneficial objectives. And it also ruins the physical and mental well-beings of the entire people.

During crisis and post-crisis period, the trust in the operation of the administrative mechanism and the government of each country varies. It depends on many factors. The first factor is that the country

in crisis has its own history, culture, political tradition and capacity to recover from dangers. The recovery must be handled by individual countries. Trust must be established in bargaining process.

The second factor is that the building of trust in administrative mechanism calls for human capacity. The security and safety of the country, the strong government in accord with the constitution, the reformation of the upper structure, functioning of service industry, economic stability and development, the strong judicial sector and rehabilitation among various organizations are required.

The third is that the government, hand in hand with the private sector, must employ financial, management, technological and intellectual resources of the private sector to improve public services. NGOs and civil societies could provide government services to the poor, remote areas and areas under tensions.

The fourth is trust-building. The mechanism that would help community-based supporting groups to reach out to different societies separated by conflicts is required. Encouraging discussion and participation among communities and improving fundamental social services are a must.

(To be continued every Friday)

Trs: YM+HKA

We don't want an immoral person as our townselder!



Yes, it is pretty sure that only the righteous one will be elected as our ward administrator.



Shwe Ko Oo 2012

Border Affairs Ministry, UNDP hold workshop on ICDP, CDRT, new programme of UNDP

NAY PYI TAW, 6 Dec— Deputy Minister for Border Affairs Maj-Gen Zaw Win stressed the need for working together between ministry concerned, regional governments and United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) to achieve success in implementing the UNDP's new programme which is planned from 2013 to 2015.

At the workshop on Integrated Community Development Project (ICDP), Community Development for Remote

Townships Project (CDRT) and new programme of UNDP held at the Myat Taw Win Hotel here yesterday, the deputy minister said to implement the development tasks in border and rural areas, the Ministry of Border Affairs has been cooperating with UN agencies and INGOs.

Mr Toily Kurbanov, Country Director of UNDP, said the UNDP would cooperate with regional governments concerned under the directives of the Union Government.

Deputy Director-General of the Foreign Economic Relations Department Daw Wah Wah Maung stressed the need for providing technical assistance from UNDP and cooperation in reforming processes in the country.

In-charges of the respective projects discussed objectives, approaches, strategies, results, expenditure of the projects and matters related to the new programme and plans for ICDP and CDRT.

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Union-level Peace-Making...

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between the Union Government, the State Government and the Special Region (2). The Special Region (2) would never secede from the Union. And the Government was urged to continue providing necessary assistances to the region.

Vice-Chairman U Aung Min said that the region's requirements would be fulfilled after being reported to the President. Vice-Chairman U Thein Zaw said that the purpose of their tour to the region was to coordinate the

region's needs. He would like to express thanks for their efforts for maintaining the facts included in the agreement. The Region had already achieved sound foundations for development as well as peace and stability. Such peace and stability should be a good example to other national races. Officials from the region were invited to Nay Pyi Taw so as to study Hluttaw sessions. He continued to say that in the future, they were urged to make collaborative efforts for stability and regional development by constantly

joining hand in hand with the Government.

Afterwards, Union Minister Lt-Gen Thein Htay explained the State's helps for the regional development and follow-up programme; Union Minister U Khin Maung Soe, technology assistance and staff strength for power supply; and Commander Brig-Gen Aung Soe and Chief Minister U Sao Aung Myat, development programme.

Next, Union Minister Lt-Gen Thein Htay presented cash assistance of over K 290 million for regional development and Union Minister U Ohn Myint, layers and broilers through Vice-Chairman U Shauk Min Hlyan. The Vice-Chairmen and party, accompanied by head of Finance Department of Special Region-2 U Pauk Yu Hlyan, visited Mongmaw region and Mongmawkonmyintaung tea plantation.

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UNICEF's new representative, FM discuss future cooperation process

NAY PYI TAW, 6 Dec—Mr Bertrand Bainvel, the new UNICEF Representative in Myanmar paid a courtesy call on U Wunna Maung Lwin, Union Minister for Foreign Affairs at 11.30 am today at the Ministry of Foreign

Affairs.

During the meeting, they discussed developments in the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and the future cooperation process between Myanmar and UNICEF.—MNA

Specialists giving prompt treatment to inpatients

NAY PYI TAW, 6 Dec—Medical superintendents, specialists, medics and nurses of Mandalay and Monywa people's hospitals are giving necessary medical treatment to monks and persons wounded in the incident in Letpadaung-taung Copper Mining Project, Salingyi Township.

In the incident on 29 November, 36 patients including 32 monks were hospitalized to Monywa People's Hospital as inpatients and three monks were transferred to Mandalay General Hospital.

Of the remaining 33, six came out of the hospital after recovery, 14 asked to leave and were discharged and 13 left the hospital on their own volition without being

discharged. On 2 December evening, Monywa People's Hospital gave medical treatment to 43 outpatients in total and there didn't remain burnt patients there.

Till 6 December, 109 patients including 100 monks were admitted to Mandalay General Hospital. Of them, 72 directly went to there and the remaining 37 are 21 outpatients and 13 who left the Monywa People's Hospital on their own volition. Currently, 26 monks and five persons are receiving treatment at Mandalay General Hospital with 37 monks being hospitalized at Kandaw Nadi Hospital in Mandalay.

Of the monks admitted to Mandalay General Hospital, U Tikkañana (68

years) was under intensive care of special medical team comprised of the medical superintendent as his skin was burnt badly though he was not in critical condition.

U Çandobhasa suffered visual impairment due to facial burns, but his eyes are not damaged, according to oculists.

Deputy ministers from Health Ministry and Religious Affairs Ministry went to Monywa People's Hospital and Mandalay People's Hospital on 2 December to encourage provision of treatment to monks. Specialists are giving prompt treatment to the remaining patients at the hospitals as Health Ministry is providing necessary medicines.—MNA

Pyithu Hluttaw Deputy Speaker meets UN Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator

NAY PYI TAW, 6 Dec—Deputy Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw U Nanda Kyaw Swa held talks with United Nations Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian

Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator Baroness Valerie Amos and party at the I-1 Hall of Pyithu Hluttaw Building, here this afternoon. They had a cordial

discussion on provision of more humanitarian aids to be provided for Myanmar and closer cooperation between Hluttaw and United Nations.

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Psychological support given to victims in Myebon, Pauktaw, Maungtaw and Sittway in Rakhine State



Union Minister Lt-Gen Thein Htay, UN Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator Baroness Valerie Amos and party meet local people in Myebon Township.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 6 Dec—Union Minister for Border Affairs Lt-Gen Thein Htay together with Rakhine State Chief Minister U Hla Maung Tin, UN Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator Baroness Valerie Amos and party went on an inspection tour of Myebon, Pauktaw and Maungtaw Townships via Sittway to be able to know the real situations regarding the recent incidents and observe rehabilitation tasks yesterday morning.

On their arrival at national race relief camp

in Kantha Htwatwa ward in Myebon, the Union minister and the UN Under-Secretary-General and party viewed round the situation in the relief camp and spoke words of encouragement.

Then they proceeded to a relief camp in Taungpaw ward in Myebon where they asked about providing health care services to the victims and raised queries to be able to attend to the needs.

At Kyeinnipyin ward relief camp in Pauktaw Township, the UN Under-Secretary-General and party conducted an interview with the displaced victims and

the Union minister gave instructions on requirements to be fulfilled for restoring their livelihoods and health and education matters.

On their arrival at Mawyawady village in Maungtaw Township, they viewed progress of construction of housing and met with families who have been living in the new houses. Then they inspected progress in construction of housing. Afterwards, they proceeded to Shweyinaye village where they asked about the situation of local national race at the new houses built by the Ministry of Border Affairs, and viewed round the village in a motorcade. The Union Minister, the UN Under-Secretary-General and party arrived back in Sittway in the afternoon and visited Ohndawgyi relief camp in Sittway. They asked about the situation of the displaced victims and progress in providing humanitarian assistance. In meeting with victims in Mangan ward, the Union minister and party asked about the facts related to the incident and gave psychological support to them. Then they looked into the place where the fire broke out in Setyonsu ward in Sittway.—MNA

The Government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Ministry of Foreign Affairs Press Release

1. It is learnt that Qatar based Al Jazeera Television will be airing a documentary relating to so-called "Rohingyas" from December 8 to 12 in Arabic and from December 9 to 13 in English languages. It is also mentioned that the documentary will include accusation of genocide against the so-called "Rohingyas".
2. The Government of Myanmar has been handling this matter with full transparency when the violence between Bangalis and the ethnic Rakhine people broke out in May and June, and also in October 2012.
3. The Government has given permission to organization such as UN Agencies, INGOs, Diplomatic Corps and Muslim Aid to visit the affected areas to observe the situation by themselves. Moreover, foreign minister and high level delegations from Turkey, Indonesia, Malaysia and other countries as well as from the Organization of the Islamic Cooperation (OIC) are also allowed to visit Rakhine State.
4. Providing shelter, relocation and rehabilitation of the homeless

victims of the conflict, supplying food, medicine and other humanitarian assistance have also been carried out in a non-discriminatory manner for both affected communities.

5. The Government has taken actions to ceasing violence and maintaining rule of law in accordance with the law. An independent Investigation Commission has also been formed to carry out detail investigation of the incidents.

6. The Ministry reaffirmed that the government security forces and local authorities have never involved in the communal violence or racial and religious discrimination in Rakhine State as accused by some media and organizations. The Head of State and other responsible officials have also declared this to the world at the UN General Assembly, ASEAN Summit and the Non-Aligned Summit.

7. Therefore, the Government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar strongly opposes and rejects the attempt made by Al Jazeera to broadcast the documentary by exaggerating and fabricating the incidents in Rakhine State.

Ministry of Foreign Affairs
Nay Pyi Taw
Dated: 6th December, 2012

Software guru McAfee arrested in Guatemala for illegal entry



John McAfee, anti-virus software guru, speaks during an interview with Reuters in Guatemala City, on 5 Dec, 2012.—REUTERS

GUATEMALA CITY, 6 Dec—US software guru John McAfee, on the run from authorities in Belize seeking to question him in a murder probe, was arrested by Guatemalan police on Wednesday for illegally entering the country, that

nation's interior minister said.

McAfee, who had been in hiding for three weeks, crossed into Guatemala with his girlfriend, Samantha, to evade authorities in Belize who wanted to question him as "a person of interest" about the killing of fellow American Gregory Faull.

"The (Guatemalan) police issued an arrest warrant for John McAfee and captured him for entering the country illegally," Interior Minister Mauricio Lopez Bonilla said. McAfee was taken to a residence belonging to the immigration department guarded by a

policeman.

On Tuesday, McAfee said he would seek political asylum in Guatemala, which has been embroiled in a long-running territorial dispute with Belize. There is no extradition treaty between the two countries, and there is no international arrest warrant out for McAfee.

McAfee says he fears Belizean authorities would kill him if he returned to Belize for questioning. Belize's prime minister has denied the claim, calling the 67-year-old paranoid and "bonkers."

McAfee has been living in the tiny Central American nation for about four years.

He was one of Silicon Valley's first entrepreneurs to build an Internet fortune. The former Lockheed systems consultant started McAfee Associates in the late 1980s. McAfee currently has no relationship with the company, which has been sold to Intel Corp.—Reuters

Hospital divulges Kate's condition in radio hoax

LONDON, 6 Dec—The London hospital treating Prince William's pregnant wife Kate for severe morning sickness admitted on Wednesday it had fallen for a prank call from an Australian radio station, relaying personal details about her condition.

Kate, the Duchess of Cambridge, was admitted to the King Edward VII Hospital in central London on Monday suffering from Hyperemesis Gravidarum, very acute morning sickness which causes severe nausea and vomiting.

News of her pregnancy and her hospitalisation has generated a worldwide media frenzy with journalists

of the royal duo, they were put through to the ward where Kate is being treated and given intimate details about how she was faring.

"She is sleeping at the moment and she has had an uneventful night," a flustered-sounding nurse told the presenters, who called in the early hours of Tuesday morning.

"Sleep is good for her. She's been given some fluids to rehydrate her because she was quite dehydrated when she came in. But she's stable at the moment." The nurse tells the duo that they would be welcome to come and visit after 9 am when Kate has been "freshened up".

"She hasn't had any



Carole Middleton leaves the King Edward VII hospital where her daughter Catherine, Duchess of Cambridge is being treated in London, on 5 Dec, 2012.—REUTERS

excitedly reporting any update on her condition along with the facial expressions of William when he arrives and departs.

However, two presenters from the Australian 2Day radio station managed to go one step further after calling the hospital pretending to be William's grandmother Queen Elizabeth and his father, the heir-to-the throne Prince Charles.

Despite putting on unconvincing impressions

retching with me since I've been on duty and she has been sleeping on and off. I think it's difficult sleeping in a strange bed as well."

The hospital confirmed the hoax call had been made and it deeply regretted the incident. It added that there was no way such a call would have been put through to a patient. "This was a foolish prank call that we all deplore," John Lofthouse, the hospital's chief executive said in a statement.—Reuters

Photo taken on 2 Sept shows the scenery of both sides of Victoria Harbour in Hong Kong, south China. Hong Kong ranks first in the ranking list of China city competitiveness released by China Institute of City Competitiveness (CICC) on Wednesday.

XINHUA



Indonesia to set up monitoring system for business permit

JAKARTA, 6 Dec—Indonesian President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono on Wednesday gave an instruction to authorities to forge a monitoring system that can monitor the process of business license issuance, a move that aims to boost investment climate in the Southeast Asia's largest economy.

The instruction was made as a number of investment plans have faced obstacles on licensing.

"I issue an instruction

to immediately set up a monitoring system for the smooth process of business permit issuance," President Yudhoyono said.

The problems could be found at ministries and the regional government, which have made the country suffer great loss, he said.

"The problems on licensing could lead the country suffering loss of trillions of rupiah," said Yudhoyono.

Growing investment,

followed by huge consumption, has helped the country counter the decline of exports amid the global economic slowdown.

Global credit rating agencies Moody's and Fitch have lifted Indonesia's sovereign credit rating to investment grade due to its economic growth, low government debt and prudent policy over the past few years, which helped the country to lure foreign investors.

Xinhua

Slumping Northeast construction sector gets boost post-Sandy

NEW YORK, 6 Dec—Construction workers in the US Northeast should see hiring pick up after years of job losses, as the region gears up to rebuild after the devastation brought by Superstorm Sandy.

There could be roughly 25,000 new jobs for electricians, labourers, carpenters and others in New York City over the next two years, according to an early estimate from the office of city Comptroller John Liu.

It remained unclear whether post-Sandy rebuilding projects, coupled with a recent uptick in residential building, could create enough construction jobs to make up for the tens of thousands lost during the recession.



Construction workers repair roads destroyed by Hurricane Sandy, one month after the storm made landfall, in Mantoloking, New Jersey, on 29 Nov, 2012. REUTERS

The estimated 25,000 construction jobs created in the Big Apple from Sandy repair and reconstruction efforts would essentially match the 22,700 construction jobs the city has hemorrhaged since its pre-

recession peak of 137,500 in August 2008, according data from the city Department of Labour. In New York, New Jersey and Connecticut, the three states hit hardest by the storm, experts said hopes for long-term job growth

for ironworkers, roofers and others in the building trades depends on whether state and local governments can find financing for major infrastructure upgrades.

The three states combined are seeking at least \$82 billion from the federal government to make emergency repairs. A sizeable chunk would be used to beef up tunnels, transportation, power facilities, water systems and other infrastructure to better withstand future storms.

Whether states and towns get money for those projects depends in part on whether Congress can reach an agreement on deficit reduction and avoid tumbling over the so-called fiscal cliff in January.—Reuters

Brazilian architect Oscar Niemeyer dies, aged 104

RIO DE JANEIRO, 6 Dec—Oscar Niemeyer, a towering patriarch of modern architecture who shaped the look of contemporary Brazil and whose inventive, curved designs left their mark on cities worldwide, died late on Wednesday. He was 104.

Niemeyer had been battling kidney and stomach ailments in a Rio de Janeiro hospital since early November. His death was the result of a lung infection developed this week, the hospital said, little more than a week before he would have turned 105.

President Dilma Rousseff, whose office sits among the landmark buildings Niemeyer designed for the modernist capital city of Brasilia, paid tribute by calling him "a revolutionary, the mentor of a new architecture, beautiful, logical, and, as he himself defined it, inventive."

His body will lie in state at the presidential palace.

Starting in the 1930s, Niemeyer's career spanned nine decades. His distinctive glass and white-concrete buildings include such landmarks as



Brazilian architect Oscar Niemeyer looks at the Copacabana beach from his office after his interview with Reuters in Rio de Janeiro. REUTERS

the UN Secretariat in New York, the Communist Party headquarters in Paris and the Roman Catholic Cathedral in Brasilia.

He won the 1988 Pritzker Architecture Prize, considered the "Nobel Prize

of Architecture" for the Brasilia cathedral. Its "Crown of Thorns" cupola fills the church with light and a sense of soaring grandeur even though most of the building is underground.

Reuters

REGIONAL

China to continue to make ties with Russia a priority: Wen

China

MOSCOW, 6 Dec—Premier Wen Jiabao said on Wednesday on his arrival in Moscow that China will continue to make relations with Russia one of its priorities. Wen made the remarks in a written speech delivered at the airport Wednesday evening after a visit to Kyrgyzstan, where the Chinese premier attended the prime ministers' meeting of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO).

With international and regional situations becoming more and more complicated, Wen said, China and Russia

should continue to deepen their comprehensive strategic coordination partnership and push their cooperation to a higher level.

China is willing to double its efforts to implement the consensus reached by the heads of state of the two countries in June and strive to realize the 10-year plan for China-Russia relations, he stressed.

Wen said that further development of bilateral relations will contribute to world peace, stability and prosperity.

Wen was expected to

hold talks with Russian leaders and exchange views with them during his one-day visit on issues relating to bilateral ties, international and regional issues and other matters of common concern.

"The consensus to be reached will inject more dynamics into the continued, sound and stable development of the comprehensive strategic partnership of coordination between China and Russia," he said, adding that the annual meeting mechanism between the two prime ministers has played a special role in strengthening



Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao (2nd L, front) is welcomed on his arrival in Moscow, Russia, on 5 Dec, 2012. Wen will attend the 17th regular meeting between the two countries' prime ministers and pay an official visit to Russia.—XINHUA

and deepening pragmatic cooperation between the two neighbours.

The meeting mechanism,

launched in the 1990s, is one of the key links between the leaders of the two countries.

Xinhua

Philippines hopes for survivors as strongest typhoon kills 325

Philippines



Residents clean their sofa outside their destroyed house after Typhoon Bopha hit Compostela Valley, southern Philippines on 5 December, 2012.—REUTERS

NEW BATAAN, 6 Dec—Dozens of soldiers and rescue workers pulled out bodies from mud-drenched debris after the strongest typhoon this year killed at least 325 people in the southern Philippines, with hundreds still missing.

Hundreds of residents left homeless in Compostela Valley, the worst hit province decimated by flash flooding and destructive winds, were being evacuated by trucks to crowded shelters in town centres on

Thursday.

Typhoon Bopha, with central winds of 115 kph (75 mph) and gusts of up to 145 kph (93 mph), was moving west-northwest of the central Philippines and was expected to be over the South China Sea on Friday.

Based on tallies from the national disaster agency, 325 people were killed and 379 were missing after Bopha triggered landslides and floods along the coast and in farming and mining towns inland in the south-

ern Mindanao region.

The death toll could rise further, with local government officials reporting higher numbers of missing and dead. About 20 typhoons hit the Philippines every year, often causing death and destruction. Almost exactly a year ago, Typhoon Washi killed 1,500 people in Mindanao. Arturo "Arthur" Uy, governor of Compostela Valley, said latest estimates show 200 died and almost 600 remained missing in his province. Official tally by the disaster agency show 184 died and 356 missing in Compostela Valley.

Uy said search and rescue operations were continuing, particularly in far-flung areas in New Bataan town, where a three-year old child was plucked from under a crumpled house on Wednesday, more than 24 hours after the typhoon hit land. The child's mother and a sibling are missing.

Reuters

Vietnam, Japan hold 3rd strategic partnership dialogue in Hanoi

Vietnam

HANOI, 6 Dec—The Third Vietnam-Japan strategic partnership dialogue was held in Vietnam's capital Hanoi on Wednesday to enhance bilateral ties.

The Vietnamese side led by Deputy Foreign Minister Ho Xuan Son, and Japanese side by Deputy Foreign Minister Akitaka Saiki, exchanged viewpoints on the Vietnam-Japan strategic partnership, the policies of foreign affairs, security and national defence of each side, and issues of mutual concerns.

Both sides agreed to further strengthen bilateral cooperation and coordination

at regional and international forums in the context of global fast changing situation, and to hold the next dialogue in Tokyo in 2013.

On the same day, Vietnamese Foreign Minister Pham Binh Minh met with Japanese Deputy Foreign Minister Akitaka Saiki.

During the talks, Minh highly evaluated outcomes of the third Vietnam-Japan strategic partnership dialogue, saying they contributed to further boosting the bilateral ties and deepening mutual understanding between the two countries and peoples, for peace, stability, cooperation

and development in the region and the world as a whole. Minh also spoke highly of the development in bilateral relations, particularly in economy and trade, and thanked the Japanese government to grant Vietnam with 1.2 billion US dollars as official development assistance (ODA) for Phase 1 of the fiscal year 2012.

He also urged both sides to closely co-ordinate in preparing for the "Vietnam-Japan Friendship Year 2013" on the occasion of the 40th anniversary of the Vietnam-Japan diplomatic ties in 2013.—Xinhua

Indonesia approves landmark forest protection project

SINGAPORE, 6 Dec—Indonesia on Wednesday approved a rainforest conservation project that sets aside an area roughly the size of Singapore and rewards investors with tradable carbon credits in the first of its kind to win formal backing in the country.

Four years in the making, the Rimba Raya Biodiversity Reserve will protect nearly 80,000 hectares (200,000 acres), much of it carbon-rich peat swamp forest at risk of being felled for palm oil plantations.

Russian energy giant Gazprom and German insurance firm Allianz are backers of the project, the world's first on deep peat.

A senior Indonesian official announced the

approval on the sidelines of UN climate talks in Doha, Qatar. Forestry Minister Zulkifli Hasan signed a letter last week saying the project had passed all the key steps.

"We hope projects like Rimba Raya will lead the way in proving that conservation can address the rural development needs of the communities and also preserve our forests for generations to come," Hasan said in a statement.

Indonesia has the world's third-largest expanse of tropical forests but these are disappearing quickly in the rush to grow more food and exploit timber and mineral wealth. Forest clearance is a major source of greenhouse gases.

Reuters

Violent storm leaves three dead in New Zealand

WELLINGTON, 6 Dec—At least three people were reported killed and an unknown number were injured when a tornado ripped through New Zealand's largest city of Auckland during a violent storm on Thursday.

The Fire Service reported that two of those killed were in a truck carrying a concrete slab at a construction site in the west Auckland suburb of Hobsonville.

The tornado, which struck at about 12:15 pm local time, ripped roofs off houses, uprooted trees and scattered debris over a 1-km wide path through west Auckland.

MetService, the national meteorological agency, warned that more tornadoes were possible as the storm moved southwards towards the Waikato region.

Winds were gusting at faster than 110 km per hour at around 1 pm, MetService forecaster Dan Corbett told Radio New Zealand.

The storm also closed roads and police urged motorists to beware of flash floods. Auckland Mayor Len Brown issued a statement telling people to stay inside if possible and to take great care if they were driving.

The last serious tornado in Auckland left one man dead in the north of the city in May last year.—Xinhua



Workers clean the snow at Gwanghwamun Square in Seoul, capital of South Korea, on 5 Dec, 2012. The weather forecast agency issued a heavy snow alert in Seoul on Wednesday.—XINHUA

Two shallow quake hit Indonesia

Indonesia

JAKARTA, 6 Dec—Two earthquakes measuring 5.4 and 5.0 jolted Sumatra and Malulu islands of Indonesia on Thursday, the Meteorology and Geophysics Agency reported here.

The 5.4 magnitude quake

struck at 9:24 am Jakarta Time with epicenter at 637 km southwest Simeuleu of Aceh province and with the depth at 18 km, the agency said.

The other quake jolted at 8:15 am Jakarta Time with

epicenter at 61 km northeast Maluku Tengah and with the depth at 10 km, the agency said.

Indonesia sits on a vulnerable quake-hit zone so called "the Pacific Ring of Fire".—Xinhua

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1. Open tenders are invited to build two storey RC building for Myanma Motion Picture Enterprise (branch office, Dawei) under the Ministry of Information.

2. Application forms of open tenders may be taken out from Office No.7, Ministry of Information, Nay Pyi Taw from 09:30 hour to 16:30 hour from (7-12-2012) to (20-12-2012) during weekdays.

3. The open tenders are submitted to Office No. 7 Ministry of Information, Nay Pyi Taw, in the presence of the members of the tender committee from 09:30 hr to 16:30 hr on (21-12-2012).

The tenders, later than the designated date, will not be considered.

4. Forms of open tender, Architecture Type and detailed information may be inquired by following address.

Procurement Committee
Ministry of Information
Office No. 7, Nay Pyi Taw
Tel:412327, 534574

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Arab Spring to take years to improve women's rights

LONDON, 6 Dec—The Arab Spring has failed to deliver greater political power to women in the region or to offer them better protection from sexual harassment, but may yet yield female-friendly reform, a conference on women's rights heard on Tuesday.

Human rights campaigners had hoped that women's involvement in protests that toppled governments in Tunisia, Egypt and Yemen and overthrew Muammar Gaddafi in Libya would lead to more power for women in Arab states.

The uprisings unseated a string of autocrats and triggered some change, including relatively free elections. But two years after the first uprising erupted, activists said women had seen precious few gains and that the rise of Islamist governments in the region

was fuelling concern about growing conservatism.

Dina Wahba, an activist and coordinator of the Women's Committee in the newly established Egyptian Democratic Social Party, described recent changes in Egypt as "alarming", saying a proposed constitution drafted by only men would endanger women's rights and social justice. The draft constitution will be put to a vote on 15 December.

"It feels like two years have gone by and with all these sacrifices for nothing," she told the conference, organized by the Thomson Reuters Foundation and the *International Herald Tribune*.

In Egypt, a quota for female representation in parliament has been abolished, while in Tunisia, quotas mean that 30 percent of assembly members are female. However, local

rights groups complain that women ended up with only a handful of posts in a transitional cabinet of over 40 ministers.

Recent episodes

of sexual harassment in Tunisia and Egypt, and the handling of these incidents were also of deep concern, women's rights activists said.—Reuters



A woman waits as security personnel close off a street leading to Al-Azhar mosque when Egypt's President Mohamed Mursi is in it performing the Al-Gomaa prayer in Cairo on 17 Aug, 2012. —REUTERS



Xi Jinping (3rd L, front), Wu Bangguo (3rd R, front), Li Keqiang (2nd L, front), Zhang Dejiang (2nd R, front), Yu Zhengsheng (1st L, front) and Liu Yunshan (1st R, front) attend a congress marking the 30th anniversary of the Constitution's implementation in Beijing, capital of China, 4 Dec, 2012.—XINHUA

US military court appoints new judge in Fort Hood massacre case

SAN ANTONIO, 6 Dec—The US Army appointed on Tuesday a military judge who has presided over several closely watched cases to be the new judge in the court martial of alleged Fort Hood gunman Major Nidal Hasan, according to an Army statement.

The appointment of Colonel Tara Osborn comes one day after the Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces removed Colonel Gregory Gross from the case, questioning his impartiality.

Osborn is currently chief judge for the Army's Second Judicial Circuit. In that role, Osborn has presided over criminal trials and oversees judicial operations at military operations in seven southeastern states, according to the Army.

Osborn is also a former military prosecutor and a former special counsel to the Assistant Attorney General in the US Department of

Justice. She was the first Judge Advocate General officer in Iraq, where she was awarded the Bronze Star.

Among the cases Osborn has handled is the court martial of a Fort Stewart soldier who was charged with murdering his squad leader and another sergeant at a forward patrol base in Iraq in 2008.

Like the Hasan case, that court martial involved the possibility of the death penalty.

Hasan, 42, is charged with killing 13 soldiers and support personnel when he opened fire inside a billeting room at Fort Hood in November of 2009. It is the worst shooting incident ever at a US Army post.

Philip Anthony, a prominent California-based trial consultant who is not involved in the Hasan case, said the replacement of the judge after several months of delays may jump-start the case.—Reuters

Doha climate conference begins high-level talks



Qatari Emir Sheikh Hamad Bin Khalifa Al-Thani speaks during the opening session of the high-level segment of the United Nations Climate Change Conference in Doha, Qatar, on 4 Dec, 2012.—XINHUA

DOHA, 6 Dec—The ongoing UN climate conference began its high-level talks here on Tuesday, after the first week of meetings made little progress.

Heads of states or governments or ministerial delegates from over 190 countries are participating in the second phase of talks

which runs until Friday.

UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon, speaking at the opening ceremony, urged participants to "sustain the momentum for change so painstakingly built in Bali, Poznan, Copenhagen, Cancun and Durban."

Pointing to water stress, land degradation, melting

icecaps, Ban said "we are in a race against time to stay below the agreed threshold of 2 degrees Celsius above pre-industrial levels that will avoid the worst impacts of climate change."

Qatari Emir Sheikh Hamad bin Khalifa Al-Thani attended the opening ceremony and highlighted the importance his country attaches to averting climate change and protecting the environment.

The emir also pledged Qatar's contribution to green technologies which can help strike an optimum equilibrium between the need for energy and emission reduction.

Christiana Figueres, executive secretary of the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change, reminded the delegates that "the eyes of the world" and "the urgency of the science" are upon them,

encouraging them to improve long-term global adaptation and mitigation responses and chart the course of future efforts.

In the high-level segment, the delegates will continue to discuss the two thorny issues left unsolved at the lower level of talks—the extension of the Kyoto Protocol (KP) and the implementation of developed countries' pledged finance support.

Talks on the KP track last week divided on the details of the accord's second commitment period, including its length and strength as well as the carry-over unused carbon permits to the extension.

The negotiators also disagreed on whether to allow countries that plan to retreat from KP to continue using its market mechanism to meet their national emission cut targets.—Xinhua

ENTERTAINMENT

Kate Hudson keeping wedding details top secret

NEW DELHI, 6 Dec—The 33-year-old actress—who models for makeup brand Almay—also opened up about her beauty regime and admitted she is a beauty product junkie.

Something Borrowed actress Kate Hudson—who announced her engagement to Muse singer Matthew Bellamy in April, 2011—said she wants to keep details of their special day firmly under wraps until after it happens but confirmed they already have a few details organised. The mother-of-two who shares son Ryder, seven, with her ex-husband Chris Robinson and son Bing, one, with fiancé Matt, told USA Today newspaper: “I think until the day we get married, the answer is going to be, ‘We have no

intention right now of getting married.’ And then you’ll find out we got married.

“We have an idea. It’s starting to formulate but it’s a timing thing. But honestly, right now, Matt is touring. Ryder is in school. I’m working.”

She said: “I have quite a bit. I don’t use all of it. You buy makeup because it’s fun but you have your staples and for me, it’s the most natural-looking makeup. Sometimes you end up buying some sort of crazy yellow eye shadow, but I end up using the same stuff. I’m so loyal to specific products.

“I’m trying not to stay in the sun anymore. It bums me out. The sun makes me really happy. I’m really trying to stick on the SPF.”—PTI



Amanda Seyfried dressed as Kermit the Frog for Les Miserables cast

LOS ANGELES, 6 Dec—Amanda Seyfried entertained her Les Miserables castmates by rapping Eminem’s Lose Yourself while dressed as Kermit the Frog.

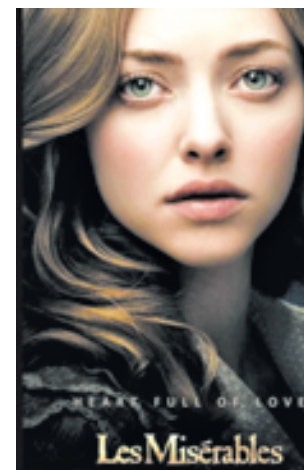
The entire cast got together at a karaoke night arranged by Russell Crowe before shooting the adaptation of the famous musical and Anne Hathaway revealed Amanda impressed everyone with her skills. She told E! News: “You have not lived until you see something as adorable as Amanda wearing a green Kermit suit rapping to Eminem’s Lose Yourself.

“Russell arranged Friday night dinner for us all to bond and then he had a keyboard in his place and he had somebody play piano. We were all very nervous and self-conscious, but he got us all singing.” The bonding session helped the cast—which also includes Hugh Jackman—to relax and

made filming the emotional musical easier.

Anne added: “And then all of a sudden when we went to work on Monday, we were all way more relaxed with each other and we didn’t feel we had to say sorry for warming up, or like, we had to explain ourselves singing. It just kind of cut straight through all the b.s. and got us working together as a cast.”

Reuters



Amanda Seyfried in Les Miserables

Olivier won’t pursue criminal charges against Gabriel Aubry

LONDON, 6 Dec—Olivier Martinez is “no longer interested” in pursuing criminal charges against Gabriel Aubry.

The two men were involved in a brawl last month when the model returned his four-year-old



Olivier wouldn’t take the matter any further

interested in pursuing criminal charges against Aubry.

“The LAPD had turned the case over to the Attorney’s Office to determine if any charges should be filed. However, since the complaining witness has subsequently indicated he doesn’t want to proceed, it is likely the case is dead on arrival.

“Aubry and Berry worked out a confidential settlement last week that included specific language about how none of the parties—Halle, Gabe or Olivier—would pursue criminal charges against the another.

All sides managed to agree to satisfactory terms with the focus being on ending the mayhem for the

sake of Halle and Gabriel’s daughter Nahla.” In addition, Gabriel—who despite being identified as the one who started the fight in police reports suffered extensive injuries—has agreed to drop his bid for a permanent restraining order against Olivier.

The source continued: Gabriel suffered horrific injuries from the fight, but as part of the settlement he reached with Halle on Thursday (29.12.12) he agreed to drop the bid for the permanent restraining order against Martinez.

“Gabriel feels there are enough layers of protection in the settlement agreement that will protect him and Nahla.”

PTI

Leonardo DiCaprio injured on Django Unchained set



Leonardo DiCaprio

LOS ANGELES, 6 Dec—Leonardo DiCaprio was so in character on the sets of his upcoming film Django Unchained that he slammed his hand hard on a table and injured himself.

The actor needed stitches after smashing the glass and slicing open his hand while filming a dramatic scene as ruthless plantation owner Calvin Candie in Quentin Tarantino’s upcoming film,

“Leo had slammed his hand on the table countless times and he moved his hand further and he crushed a crystal cordial glass,” producer Stacey Sher said.

“Blood was dripping down his hand. He never broke character. He kept going. He was in such a zone. It was very intense. He required stitches.” Sher is convinced audiences will love DiCaprio’s performance, adding, “Quentin has this great tradition of villains in his films and Calvin Candie is one of the most vibrant he’s ever created.”

“Leonardo didn’t shy away from playing all of the different facets of a truly horrible human being. Their collaboration raised the stakes and made for an exciting atmosphere on set.”

PTI

Eddie Murphy named most over-paid actor in Hollywood

LOS ANGELES, 6 Dec—Eddie Murphy has been named the most over-paid actor in Hollywood.

The 51-year-old actor—whose recent films Imagine That, A Thousand Words and Meet Dave were all labelled flops—is reportedly no longer popular at the box office despite being paid a huge amount of money to star in huge number of movies.

According to Forbes magazine, for every \$1 Eddie was paid for his last three movies, they returned an estimated average of \$2.30. His movie Tower Heist which was released last year also failed to wow audiences and earned just over double its budget of \$75 million.



Earlier this year, Eddie revealed he is in talks to make a Beverly Hills Cop TV show. One of the comedian and actor’s best loved roles was as wise cracking detective Axel Foley in the three action/

comedy films of the late 80s and he’s working on bringing him back.

He said: “What I’m trying to do with ‘Beverly Hills Cop’ now is produce a TV show starring Axel Foley’s son, and Axel is

PTI

Mickelson to start 2013 PGA Tour season at

Tennis

LOS ANGELES, 6 Dec — Four-times major champion Phil Mickelson will launch his 2013 PGA Tour campaign at next month's Humana Challenge in La



Phil Mickelson of the US tees off on the 12th hole during the first round of the Barclays Singapore Open golf tournament in Sentosa on 8 Nov, 2012.—REUTERS

Quinta, California, tournament organizers said on Wednesday.

La Quinta

The American left-hander is the leading all-time money winner at the 72-hole pro-am celebrity event, previously known as the Bob Hope Classic, and won the title in 2002 and 2004. "We're excited about it," Humana Challenge executive director Bob Marra said during a news conference at La Quinta. "He's

a two-time winner here ... and he's Phil Mickelson.

"The legacy Phil has left on our event is undeniable, his popularity among our fans is remarkable. We could not be more pleased to have him start his season with us again."

Murra said that American world number nine Brandt Snedeker, the 2012 FedExCup champion, had also confirmed he would play in the 17-20 January event in the California desert. American Mark Wilson will be back to defend his Humana Challenge title, having triumphed by two shots at La Quinta in January. —Reuters

Real Madrid to open football school in Nicaragua



MANAGUA, 6 Dec — Spanish La Liga club Real Madrid plans to open a football school next year in Nicaragua, diplomatic sources said on Wednesday. A delegation from the team will visit the Central American nation next week as part of the club's plans to open the facility in the northern city of Esteli, Nicaragua's Ambassador to Spain Augusto Zamora and the President of Real Madrid Florentino Perez said in a joint statement.

An agreement to open

the soccer school for both girls and boys was signed last June, according to the statement posted on Nicaragua's state-run news portal El 19 Digital, which added the project has been in the works since 2009.

"Ambassador Zamora acted as the representative of Esteli's mayor's office," the parties said, adding "the Nicaraguan government helped to bring about the successful agreement signed with Real Madrid."

Local team Real Esteli Club also helped to turn the Real Madrid school into a reality, the statement said.

The soccer school will be headquartered at Esteli's Independence Stadium, 148 kilometres northeast of the Nicaraguan capital Managua, and is expected to be officially inaugurated in the first two months of 2013.

Xinhua

Riquelme flags comeback in Brazil

Former Argentina international midfielder Juan Roman Riquelme



RIO DE JANEIRO, 6 Dec — Former Argentina international midfielder Juan Roman Riquelme has revealed the possibility of playing in Brazil next year.

The 34-year-old former Barcelona and Villarreal star said he is willing to consider offers, adding Santos has already expressed an interest in signing him.

"The club (Santos) called me

recently but there was nothing more to it," Riquelme said during an event in Sao Paulo. "We will have to see if any other Brazilian club shows interest."

Riquelme has not played since quitting Argentina's Boca Juniors in July after a 3-1 aggregate loss to Brazil's Corinthians in the Copa Libertadores final.

He praised the standard of Brazil's domestic competition and reserved special praise for Santos and Brazil striker Neymar.

"Neymar is one of the great players right now alongside (Lionel) Messi, (Andres) Iniesta and Cristiano Ronaldo. It gives me great pleasure to watch players of his class," Riquelme added.—Xinhua

Bryant becomes youngest scorer of 30,000

points

LOS ANGELES, 6 Dec — Los Angeles Lakers shooting guard Kobe Bryant became the youngest player to score 30,000 NBA career points during the first half of Wednesday's game against the New Orleans Hornets.

Needing 13 more points to hit that mark before the start of the game, Bryant scored his 13th and 14th points on a short jumper with just over a minute remaining before half-time.

At the age of 34, the 14-time All-Star became only the fifth player to reach



Los Angeles Lakers shooting guard Kobe Bryant (24) warms up prior to their NBA basketball game against the New Orleans Hornets in New Orleans, Louisiana on 5 Dec, 2012. — Reuters

Basketball

the milestone, emulating Hall of Famers Kareem Abdul-Jabbar (38,387), Karl Malone (36,928), Michael Jordan (32,292) and Wilt Chamberlain (31,419).

"It's a huge honor, to say the least," Bryant told reporters earlier this week about the prospect of breaking the 30,000-point barrier. "Whenever you hear those kinds of names, you think about the amount of players that have played this game, and then to be in that kind of company, it's always extremely, extremely special." — Reuters

Messi injured as Barca draw with Benfica



the talented Sergi Roberto gave signs of his quality in midfield, a motivated Benfica had the best of the first half and Barca keeper Jose Pinto was Barca's best player in a first half where Benfica were in control. He did well to deny former

Barca B-team, Thiago Alcantara share a first team place alongside others such as David Villa and Christian Tello, but the big surprise was Messi's absence from the starting 11 when everyone had expected to start. Although

Leo Messi

hit the woodwork, before a highly motivated Nolito saw a header drift just wide. The second half saw a different attitude from Barca, who dominated the opening 12 minutes with Tello on lightning form, before Messi got onto the pitch with 32 minutes remaining.

Barca coach Tito Vilanova lived up to his pre-match declarations and played a side filled with players needing match fitness and others from the

Barca B-team. That saw Rafinha and Thiago Alcantara share a first team place alongside others such as David Villa and Christian Tello, but the big surprise was Messi's absence from the starting 11 when everyone had expected to start. Although

Messi saw a free kick saved by the keeper with 11 minutes remaining, but his best chance came after 82 minutes, when he was set through on Benfica keeper Artur, the keeper blocked his run and although Messi was able to get a shot on target, the keeper made the save and the striker had to be stretchered off the pitch.

The moment left the Camp Nou stunned, although the contact didn't look too bad, now there will be a nervous wait until the full extent of his injury is known.

Meanwhile it was also a bad night for Benfica after Glasgow Celtic's win at home to Spartak Moscow relegated them to third place in the group and sees them miss out on a place in the next round of the competition.

Xinhua

Aussie rowing champion Ginn finally calls

it quits

Rowing

SYDNEY, 6 Dec — Three-times Olympic champion Drew Ginn has finally bowed to his battered body and called time on his rowing career but will continue to be involved in Australia's quest for gold as a coach, Rowing Australia said on Thursday.

Ginn failed in his bid to become the first Australian man to win gold in four different Olympics when his boat finished second to Britain in the blue riband coxless fours race in London earlier this year. The 37-year-old, who won gold in Atlanta, Athens and Beijing but missed out on the Sydney Olympics through injury, had not ruled out go-

ing to a fifth Games in Brazil in 2016.

A member of Australia's original "Oarsome Foursome", Ginn will be in charge of "Integration" as one of two head coaches for the Australia team. "I am lucky to have been part of one of the world's most successful rowing teams over the last two decades as an athlete and I am very excited to continue my involvement - this time from the

head coach position," he said in a news release.

"We were very successful in London with five medals, but we have bigger goals and I am passionate about our sport and its ongoing success. It is a great honor to be offered this role and a fantastic opportunity to have an impact and be part of implementing a program that will consistently produce gold medals."

Reuters

Three-time Olympic gold medal winner Drew Ginn prepares to race as part of Australia's Olympic coxless fours during a training session at the Sydney International Regatta Centre on 10 May, 2012. — REUTERS



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Marquez' motivation all about vindication in the ring



Filipino boxer Manny Pacquiao (L) and Juan Manuel Marquez of Mexico pose during a news conference at the MGM Grand in Las Vegas, Nevada on 5 Dec, 2012. Pacquiao and Marquez will fight for a fourth time in a welterweight bout at the MGM Grand Garden Arena on 8 December.—REUTERS

LAS VEGAS, 6 Dec — Juan Manuel Marquez's sole motivation for Saturday's non-title welterweight clash with arch-rival Manny Pacquiao is the prospect of finally being able to celebrate victory over the Filipino in the ring, the Mexican said on Wednesday. "I want them (his corner) to raise my hand (in triumph)," Marquez told reporters at the MGM Grand after the two fighters appeared for their final pre-bout news conference.

Marquez has fought Pacquiao three times, most recently 13 months ago in the same MGM Grand ring where they will meet on Saturday, but on none of those occasions has he been declared the winner.

Officially, the tally

stands at two Pacquiao wins and one draw, though many fans and boxing writers believe Marquez could legitimately have won all three encounters. "People tell me, 'You really beat him', in the last three fights," said Marquez (54-6-1, 39 KOs), a three-division world champion. "A lot of people feel I beat him. "But I want to have my hand raised. I want the judges to really look at what they're doing and get it right this time." When the fighters last met, Pacquiao narrowly retained his WBO welterweight title with a controversial majority decision and boos from disgruntled Marquez fans echoed around the arena after the shock decision was announced.

For his part, Pacquiao

appears to be growing increasingly frustrated by the Mexican's insistence that he was the deserved winner of their previous three contests, particularly because of the counter-punching style favored by Marquez. "He always claims he won the fights," said Pacquiao (54-4, 38 KOs) who has won world titles in eight weight divisions. "So he needs to prove something. "You cannot say, 'Yes I won the fight' when you are always backing off. It's contradictory. If you're claiming you won the fight, then you have to press the action."

The four-fight rivalry between the two boxers almost failed to last one round. Pacquiao knocked down Marquez three times

in the opening round of their first encounter in 2004, but the Mexican rallied to outbox his opponent and eke out a draw. In their second meeting four years later, Pacquiao knocked down Marquez in the third round, which proved the difference after he won a close split decision.

Their third bout was adjudged a majority decision victory for the Filipino southpaw, despite Pacquiao's surprisingly unimpressive display. "I thought Manny won that fight," Pacquiao's trainer Freddie Roach said on Wednesday. "But the booing was very loud and very vocal. "Someone said, 'Why aren't you smiling? You won the fight'. And I said, 'It's very hard to smile when you're being booed that bad'." Pacquiao acknowledged that his series of fights with Marquez had been the defining rivalry of his career.

"When you say 'Muhammad Ali', you think 'Joe Frazier'," the Filipino said. "And I think when you say 'Manny Pacquiao', you think 'Juan Manuel Marquez'."

And when you say 'Marquez', you think 'Manny Pacquiao.'" But neither man is expecting a fifth fight, whatever happens in the ring on Saturday. The fourth bout, they insist, will be the last. "This is the last fight with Manny," said Marquez. "I don't know what will happen in the ring, but this is the last time."

Reuters

42nd Maha Kathina robe offering ceremony held



YANGON, 6 Dec— The 42nd Maha Kathina ceremony was held at Kyaikhtihsaung Pagoda on 28 November.

Kyaikhtihsaung Sayadaw Abhidhaja Agga Maha Saddhammajotika Bhaddanta Pañnadipa administered Ovadakatha. Mon State Chief Minister U Ohn Myint, wellwisher Wunna Kyawhtin Dr Khin Shwe and officials donated

Kathina robes and alms to members of the Sangha. Dr Khin Shwe and family offered K 100 million for golden umbrella, golden pennant-shaped vane and jewellery diamond orb to be hoisted atop Kyaikhtihsaung Pagoda to Sayadaw Bhaddanta Pañnadipa and U Zaw Thiha-Daw Nanda Hlaing and family 20 ticals of gold.

Myanma Alinn

Culprits in London ticket affair get off lightly

LAUSANNE, 6 Dec—A number of national Olympic committees (NOCs) and authorised Games ticket resellers got off with a slap on the wrist by the International Olympic Committee on Wednesday ahead of this year's London Olympics.

A report by Britain's Sunday Times newspaper in June said that NOCs and Authorised Ticket Resellers (ATRs) representing some 54 nations had broken rules over the sale of London tickets. The newspaper reported that numerous NOCs and ATRs were offering to buy or sell tickets outside their territories, to sell tickets at inflated prices or sell tickets to unauthorised resellers, triggering an IOC investigation.

IOC President Jacques Rogge said the Olympic charter did not allow for sanctions to be issued to individuals within NOCs who will get off with a warning.

"You can suspend it (NOC), fine it, but for reasons pertaining to legal issues we have no authority on the people themselves," Rogge told reporters after the IOC's ethics commission proposed the NOCs reprimand or warn their own people.

"We are studying if this could be changed in the ethics code," Rogge said.

The London Olympics started a little over a month later on 27 July with most sports sold out early in the ticketing process and more than a million people unsuccessful in an initial ballot last year.—Reuters



Security at Stratford station stop non ticket holders from entering Westfield by the Olympic Park for the 2012 Olympic Games opening ceremony in London on 27 July, 2012.—REUTERS

Speaker of Pyidaungsu, Amyotha Hluttaws holds talks with UN Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator

NAY PYI TAW, 6 Dec—Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker and Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker U Khin Aung Myint received a delegation led by Baroness Valerie Amos, UN Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator, at Amyotha Hluttaw Hall of the Hluttaw Complex, here, at 3:20 pm today.

Also present at the call were Pyidaungsu Hluttaw

and Amyotha Hluttaw Deputy Speaker U Mya Nyein, Chairman of Public Complaints and Appeal Committee U Aung Nyein, Chairman of International Relations Committee Col Maung Maung Htoo and officials from the Hluttaw office.

The meeting focused on natural disaster preparedness and rehabilitation tasks, peace and development in Rakhine and Kachin States.—MNA



Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker U Khin Aung Myint receives Baroness Valerie Amos, United Nations Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator.—MNA

Yangon Living & Car Show, Chinese Industrial Products Expo Myanmar opened

YANGON, 6 Dec — The opening of Yangon Living & Car Show took place at Mydar ground on U Wisaya Road in Dagon Township, here, this morning. Yangon Region Minister for Planning and Economy U Than Myint, Minister for Transport U Aung Khin, Chairman of organizing committee U Aung Phone Myint and responsible persons of the companies that sponsored the show

formally opened the Show.

Yangon Region Chief Minister U Myint Swe and party viewed round the Show. A total of 200 booths of 70 companies are being displayed at the show that will be held up to 9 December.

Next, the chief minister attended the Milestone Worth Celebrating (CB Bank) ceremony held at Chatrium Hotel.

Southeast Asia President

Mr. Matthew Driver of Master Card Worldwide extended greetings at the ceremony. Then Director-General U Maung Maung of the Central Bank of Myanmar made an address and CB Bank President U Khin Maung Aye gave an account of Master Card in CB Bank.

The opening of Chinese Industrial Products Expo Myanmar 2012 held at the Tatmadaw Convention Hall.

Deputy Director-General Mr. Zhu Zhongxing of the Trade Development Bureau of the Ministry of Commerce of the People's Republic of China and Economic and Commercial Councillor Mr. Jin Honggen explained purpose of holding the Expo.

Deputy Minister for Commerce Dr Pwint Hsan and UMFCCI Vice-President U Aung Lwin spoke on the occasion.

Next, the Chief Minister,

the deputy minister, UMFCCI vice-president, the Chinese deputy director-general and councillor formally opened the Expo, and viewed round the booths.

Farm equipment, construction materials, electrical and electronics, household utensils are being displayed at 60 booths of 50 companies at the Expo which will be held up to 8 December.

MNA

Slight earthquake jolts near Thabeikkyin

NAY PYI TAW, 6 Dec— A slight earthquake of magnitude 4.0 Richter Scale with its epicenter inside Myanmar (about 7 miles south of Thabeikkyin) about 55 miles north-northwest of Mandalay seismological observatory was recorded at 14 hrs 57 min MST today.

MNA

Summary of observations at 09:30 hr M.S.T. on 6-12-2012

NAY PYI TAW, 6 Dec— During the past (24) hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Upper Sagaing and Taninthayi Regions, Rakhine and Mon States and generally fair in the remaining Regions and States. Night temperatures were (4°C) above December average temperature in Mon State and about December average temperatures in the remaining Regions and States.

Bay Inference

Weather is partly cloudy in the South Bay and generally fair in the Andaman Sea and elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

State of the Sea

Seas will be moderate in Myanmar waters.

Outlook for subsequent two days

Except southern Myanmar areas, likelihood of slight decrease of night temperatures in the remaining Regions and States.

NLM



Yangon Region Chief Minister U Myint Swe views round booths at Yangon Living & Car Show.—MNA

5 killed in clash outside Egyptian presidential palace

CAIRO, 6 Dec— Five people have been killed in the overnight clash between opponents and



Tanks that were just deployed outside the Egyptian presidential palace in Cairo December 6, 2012.—REUTERS

supporters of Egyptian President Mohamed Morsi outside the presidential palace, official news agency MENA reported Thursday.

Tanks have been deployed outside the palace by the Egyptian military forces, as Morsi's supporters formed their so-called "committees" to bar opponents from nearing the vicinity of the presidential palace.

The two sides threw Molotov cocktails and rocks at each other, while hundreds of security troops were deployed to separate between them, MENA said.

The latest victim,

22-year-old Mohamed Mohamed al-Sanousi, died of a bullet in the chest, MENA added.

According to the Health Ministry, as of Thursday morning, as many as 446 people were injured during the clash.

Tens of thousands of Egyptians on Tuesday marched to the al-Ethadeys presidential palace in Cairo's Abbassey district, to protest against the constitutional declaration issued by Morsi and the draft constitution mainly written by Islamists.

On Nov. 22, Morsi issued a new constitutional

declaration which rules that all laws, decrees and constitutional declarations issued by the president since he came into office on June 30 are final and unchallengeable by anybody, which triggered a nationwide wave of protests and demonstrations.

Protesters did not calm down even though Morsi later promised that the declaration was only temporary and would be withdrawn as soon as the draft constitution was approved by Egyptians in the upcoming referendum, which was later slated for Dec. 15.—Xinhua