

## Myanmar, India to promote sector-wise development, bilateral relations

NAY PYI TAW, 14 Dec— President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein received Minister of External Affairs of the Republic of India Mr Salman Khurshid at the Credentials Hall of the Presidential Palace, here, at 4 pm today.

Also present at the call together with the President were Union Ministers U Wunna Maung Lwin, U Tin Naing Thein, U Than Htay and Dr Ko Ko Oo, and departmental heads.

The Indian External Affairs Minister was accompanied by Indian Ambassador to Myanmar Dr Villur Sundararajan

Seshadri.

At the call, they had a cordial discussion on ongoing undertakings for bilateral cooperation in energy, construction, electric, border region development, education and health sectors in Myanmar, further cooperation in soonest completion of building the India-Myanmar-Thai Tripartite Highway, promotion of friendly relations between the two countries, cordial relations between the peoples of two countries and raising investment matters.

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*President U Thein Sein together with Indian delegation poses for a documentary photo.*

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## Myanmar-Thai Joint Coordination Committee holds 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting on Dawei SEZ More investors invited to work in Dawei Special Economic Zone



*2<sup>nd</sup> Myanmar-Thai joint Coordination Committee meeting for Comprehensive Development in Dawei Special Economic Zone and its Related Project Areas in progress.—MNA*

NAY PYI TAW, 14 Dec — The 2<sup>nd</sup> Myanmar-Thai joint Coordination Committee meeting for the Comprehensive Development in the Dawei Special Economic Zone and its Related Project Areas was held at the Myanmar International Convention Centre here today.

Chairman of the special work committee for establishment of Dawei Special Economic Zone Union Minister for Industry U Aye Myint delivered an address at the meeting.

In his address, Union Minister U Aye Myint stressed the need for investors to complete the projects and reaffirmed the agreement between Myanmar and Thailand to cooperate in implementing the special economic zone at the 21<sup>st</sup> ASEAN Summit.

He also invited foreign investors to work in the Dawei Special Economic Zone, he said.

The Union Minister also expressed his belief that ways for successful

implementation of the zone would be found at the 2<sup>nd</sup> work coordination meeting of Myanmar-Thai joint committee.

Mr Niwattumrong Boonsongpaisan, Minister at the Thai Prime Minister's Office, also reaffirmed that Thailand would continue its cooperation in implementing the zone.

As part of the first phase of the zone, Dawei deep sea port and Dawei-Thai Highway is scheduled to complete in 2015.

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### Formation of Extractive Industry Transparency Initiative Leading Authority

1. The Government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, under the economic and social reforms framework, has formed the Extractive Industry Transparency Initiative Leading Authority with the following persons. The leading authority is meant to ensure better management for extractive industries of natural resources, develop good investment environment, create opportunity for a frank and transparent discussion between private investors and the people and join hands with the public-based societies of the private sector so as to be able to affectively deal with the tasks of extractive industry transparency initiative on behalf of the State.

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| (a) U Soe Thein<br>Union Minister<br>President Office Ministry (3)                     | Chairman  |
| (b) U Win Tun<br>Union Minister<br>Ministry of Environmental Conservation and Forestry | Member    |
| (c) U Than Htay<br>Union Minister<br>Ministry of Energy                                | Member    |
| (d) Dr Myint Aung<br>Union Minister<br>Ministry of Mines                               | Member    |
| (e) U Win Shein<br>Union Minister<br>Ministry of Finance and Revenue                   | Secretary |

2. Following are the tasks of the committee:

- To form a working committee committed to EITI tasks between a private sector and public-based societies which will join hands with the State in EITI tasks.
- To formulate the draft for tasks to implement the extractive industry transparency initiative.
- To take necessary measures for applying for a member of the international Extractive Industry Transparency Initiative and for reaching the status of a Candidate Member.
- To assign the Centre for Economic and Social Development of the Myanmar Development Resource Institute as Coordinator
- To lay down and take the reform processes of the extractive industry so that it can bring about the sustainable development of the country and economic development and give guarantee the sustainable development for the future generation.

3. The above tasks are to be carried out by 31, December, 2013.

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President  
The Republic of the Union of Myanmar



## Mandalay to reduce traffic congestion with digital help



MANDALAY, 14 Dec — With economic growth and increase in vehicle use, main roads in Mandalay see more traffic congestion than ever before. A plan is underway to reduce traffic jams by setting up a pair of digital traffic lights which is 200 feet tall at the intersection between Yangon-Mandalay

Highway and Sagaing road at the corner of 66<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> streets near Sedona Hotel.

The traffic lights are different in size and type with already-installed ones in Mandalay and are suitable for roads comprising motor lanes and bike lanes. Tender price for the pair was K 63 million and they were

imported from China. There are 468,636 motorbikes and 124,319 vehicles.

According to the Mandalay City Development Committee, 27 traffic lights have been installed in Mandalay, and arrangements have been made to put up more traffic lights on busy roads.— *Kyemon*

## Two men arrested with herd of cows

MEIKTILA, 14 Dec — According to a tip-off that a herd of cattle was being illegally transported from Thazi to Aungban of Shan State, Inspector Tin Ko Ko and police members from Yinmabin Police Station

of Thazi Township in Meiktila District together with Nyaungbin village administrator U Nyo and members seized 38 cows and a dead cow while conducting a search of six-wheeled Nissan truck driven by Kyaw

Min of Thedaw ward-3 and conductor Tun Tun Aung who carried a herd of cows without having official permission at Pyinyaung village on Meiktila-Taunggyi road on 3 December.

Yinmabin Police Station filed a lawsuit against the driver and the conductor.— *Kyemon*

## Winter fire engulfs three houses in Taunggyi



TAUNGGYI, 14 Dec — A fire broke out at a house on Myatlay lane in Region-15 of Nyaungpyu Sakham ward of Taunggyi, southern Shan State, at about 11.30 am on 10 December.

The fire swept through towards another two houses.

Firefighter in cooperation with locals managed to bring the fire under control at about 12 noon. Daw Than of the house the fire started was under investigation.

During the houses were on fire, firefighters struggled to control the fire amongst a flood of people and motorcyclists who thronged

to the fireplace.

*Kyemon*

## A car destroyed in blaze

YANGON, 14 Dec — A vehicle driving from north to south along Theinbyu road was caught in a fire

started by an electric shock near a traffic light at the corner of Theinbyu and Maha Bandoola Streets in



## Mandalay Mayor's mini-marathon contest on 7 January

MANDALAY, 14 Dec — With the aim of enjoying healthy lifestyle among the people, cementing friendship among national races and nurturing sports generation for the success to be achieved in international marathon

contests, Mandalay Mayor's mini-marathon contest will be organized on 7 January 2013.

The contest includes men's and women's open and amateur events. Handsome prizes will be presented to outstanding athletes in the

13-mile marathon contest. Application forms are available at Bahtoo Stadium

office of Mandalay City Development Committee and offices of township administrator since 3 December.— *Kyemon*

## Turtles and tortoises rescue centre handed over to Bantbway Nursery

LASHIO, 14 Dec — A ceremony to hand over turtles and tortoises rescue centre from Turtle Survival Alliance (TSA) of WCS to Bantbway Nursery at Bantbway village-tract in Nawngkhio Township of Kyaukse District in Shan State was held at the nursery on 6 December.

Deputy Director U Myint Soe of Ministry of Environmental Conservation and Forestry spoke on the occasion. TSA Director Mr. Rick Hudson explained purpose of handing over the centre to the nursery. WSC Country Coordinator U Than Myint clarified matters related to environmental and wildlife conservation jointly implemented by WSC and the ministry.

Next, Mr. Rick Hudson handed over documents related to the centre to Nawngkhio Township Administrator U Te Toe Aung.

The turtles and tortoises rescue centre was built with the aim of looking after the rescued turtles and tortoises there before sending back them to their habitats. The building cost K 25 million. TSA is a US-based non-governmental organization that is carrying out rescue operation for endangered turtle and tortoise

species. They had already built safe havens for turtles and tortoises at Yadanabon Zoological Gardens, Minsontaung wildlife sanctuary and Lawkananda wildlife sanctuary. TSA is contributing rescue efforts for wildlife in cooperation with WSC and the Ministry of Environmental Conservation and Forestry.— *Kyemon*



## A failed suicide bid occurs in Mandalay

MANDALAY, 14 Dec — Fire fighters rescued a 35-year-old man of Taryedan ward in Mahaaungmyay Township, Mandalay from an attempt of suicide on 11 December.

It took about one hour to save the man who had attempted suicide to jump down from an open-air balcony on the fifth floor of Diamond Plaza at the corner of 78<sup>th</sup> and 33<sup>rd</sup> Streets in Kissanamahi Ward in Chanayethazan Township of Mandalay. The man gave up his suicide attempt at about 12 noon after one-hour consultation with some

members of fire services department.

It is learnt that divorce initiated by his wife led to his suicide bid to jump to death from 92-ft high fifth floor of the Plaza.

"We rushed there together with one ambulance, two administrative vehicles, 12 firemen and 39 members of auxiliary fire brigade at about 11 am. Some members prepared jumping sheet while others were conducting a consultation with the man. After one-hour consultation, the attempted suicide failed", an official said.

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## WORLD

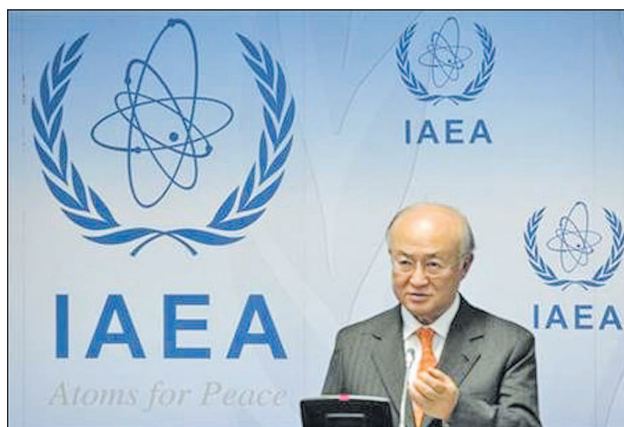
## Iran, UN nuclear agency end talks; no word on site visit

DUBAI, 14 Dec—Iran said progress was made in Thursday's talks in Teheran with senior UN nuclear inspectors but gave no details other than they would meet again in mid-January.

There was no immediate comment from the UN International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) about the one-day meeting over Iran's disputed nuclear programme, and no sign its inspectors would gain access to the Parchin military complex as requested.

The agency believes Iran has conducted explosives tests with possible nuclear applications at Parchin, a sprawling facility southeast of Teheran, and has repeatedly asked for access.

The talks were the first between the UN agency and Iran since August and the outcome could give some indication whether Iran — which denies it wants to develop atom bombs — is



**International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) Director General Yukiya Amano reacts as he attends a news conference during a board of governors meeting at the UN headquarters in Vienna on 29 Nov, 2012.**

REUTERS

any more willing to address international concerns over its nuclear work after US President Barack Obama's re-election last month.

In the latest sign of how Washington is ratcheting up the pressure on Iran, the United States imposed sanctions on Thursday on seven companies and five individuals that it said

provided support to the Islamic state's nuclear programme.

The US Treasury Department said the action would bar those companies and individuals from doing business with US firms or citizens, and freeze any assets they have in the United States.

Reuters

## Russia satisfied with NATO assurance of non-involvement in Syria

MOSCOW, 14 Dec—NATO has assured Moscow the Western alliance was not planning military intervention in Syria, a senior Russian military official said on Thursday. "This assurance of the head of the NATO Military Committee has satisfied Russian side. It means, if NATO would further lean to this position, the bloc will not start military operations against Syria regardless of the developments there and the Libyan scenario will not be repeated in Syria," head of the

Russian Defence Ministry's Department for International Military Cooperation Sergei Koshelev told reporters.

Chairman of the NATO Military Committee Knud Bartles met the Commander of the Russian General Staff Valery Gerasimov here Thursday.

According to Bartles, NATO shares Moscow's concerns over the situation in Syria and plans to stay in close contact with Russia over developments there.

Koshelev said Bartles'

words were "in sharp contrast to remarks of the US Secretary of State Hillary Clinton and other NATO officials."

During the talks, Gerasimov raised the issue of the deployment of Patriot surface-to-air missiles in Turkey near its border with Syria.

We firmly believe the settlement of the conflict in Syria is possible only by the two confronting sides, not with third party involvement or with military force application," Gerasimov said.—Xinhua

## Tropical cyclone Evan kills two in Samoa, churns towards Tonga, Fiji

SUVA, 14 Dec—Two people are confirmed dead after Tropical Cyclone Evan hit Samoa on Thursday and caused widespread destruction around the capital of the island country, local media reported on Friday.

While the cyclone has moved offshore from Samoa, it has caused major and

devastating damages in the capital of Apia, with buildings destroyed and flooding across the city.

A state of disaster has been declared in Samoa, according to the Australian Broadcasting Corporation.

Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment's Taulealea Usunai said Evan

may change its course back towards Samoa. "At the moment we are coping. But in calling for international assistance during the cyclone, it will be difficult to get help into the country because airports are closed and so are the ports," Usunai was quoted as saying.

Xinhua

## Obama rules out UN ambassador to be next secretary of state



**In this file photo released by the White House, US President Barack Obama (1st R) talks with Susan Rice (C), US Permanent Representative to the United Nations, and Samantha Power, Senior Director for Multilateral Affairs, before they attended a wreath laying ceremony at the memorial for United Nations staff killed in Iraq at the UN Headquarters in New York, United States, on 23 Sept, 2009.—XINHUA**

WASHINGTON, 14 Dec—US President Barack Obama said on Thursday that he

won't nominate Susan Rice, the current American ambassador to the United

Nations, as his next secretary of state.

"Today, I spoke to Ambassador Susan Rice, and accepted her decision to remove her name from consideration for secretary of state," the president said in a statement, bowing to opposition from some Republican senators over possible nomination of Rice to the post.

Rice, long considered a top candidate to be the country's top diplomat when Obama starts his second term in January, has come under scathing attacks by the Republicans over her description of the 11 Sept attack on the US consulate in Benghazi, Libya, as one arising from a spontaneous protest over an American-

made film that denigrated the Prophet Mohammed.

Critics say her remarks downplayed evidence of an obvious terrorist attack just weeks before the 6 Nov presidential election.

The Obama administration later acknowledged the attack as a terrorist act carried out by militants linked to al-Qaeda, in which four Americans were killed including Ambassador Christopher Stevens.

Both Obama and Secretary of State Hillary Clinton have come to the defence of Rice, saying her remarks on major US TV networks five days after the attack were based on information given to every senior administration official at the time. The row has not faded away after Obama won re-election early last month.

Xinhua

## Tourists find London unfriendly, dirty and expensive

LONDON, 14 Dec—London may have put on a cheerful face during the Olympics but tourists have still rated the city poorly in terms of friendliness, cleanliness and value for money, a survey showed on Thursday.

Of 40 cities worldwide, London this year ranked second to last for the friendliness of its locals, according to a poll by travel website TripAdvisor.

Only Moscow fared worse, while Mexico's Cancun ranked first.

Britain's capital barely performed better in the nine other categories of the poll, ranking 28th for safety, 26th for cleanliness and 35th for best value for money.

On the upside, London was rated fourth best city for shopping — behind New York City, Bangkok and Dubai — and fifth for



**A man walks with his bike covered in bags of belongings in central London on 12 Dec, 2012.**

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the quality of taxi services.

The study was based on responses from 75,000 TripAdvisor users surveyed last month.

"While London hasn't ranked particularly highly by those that have reviewed the city this year, it's impor-

tant to remember that many of the respondents may have experienced London before major changes were made or post the events of the summer," said Emma Shaw, a spokeswoman for TripAdvisor.

Reuters

## Bomber kills American near Afghan base after Panetta visit

KANDAHAR, 14 Dec—A suicide bomber killed one American service member and wounded three other US troops outside a base in southern Afghanistan on Thursday shortly after a visit there by US Defence Secretary Leon Panetta, officials said.

Panetta dismissed the attack as a desperate and futile attempt by insurgents to sow chaos in Afghanistan.

He announced that Afghan President Hamid Karzai would head to the United States in the week of 7 January, for talks with President Barack Obama on the future the US presence in Afghanistan after the NATO-led mission ends in 2014.

But the attack, which

was reported to have wounded more than a dozen Afghans, was a reminder of how insurgent violence is still adding to the death toll in the 11-year war — even as the United States and its allies prepare to hand over security to the Afghans.

"That was the type of attack that we've seen throughout the country," Panetta said. "This is what they resort to in order to try to continue to try to stimulate chaos in this country. They will not be successful at doing that." Panetta travelled to Afghanistan in part to firm up options to present to Obama about how many troops to keep in the country once the NATO combat mission ends.—Reuters



## SCIENCE &amp; TECHNOLOGY

## As China handset makers upgrade chips, pressure remains on profit margins

HONG KONG, 14 Dec—Chinese mobile phone makers chasing market share with lower prices in the world's biggest smartphone market will see their margins continue to be pressured as they upgrade to quad-core chips to satisfy demand from users for

“The Chinese handset vendors have now extended their reach and low-price strategy to the quad-core phone segment,” Lisa Soh, an analyst with Macquarie, said in a report. “This hurts the hope that the Chinese handset makers can improve margins through

ers such as Qualcomm and Mediatek introduce processors customized with Chinese applications that will make it easier, quicker and cheaper for handset makers to launch new products.

US-based Qualcomm Inc and Taipei's Mediatek Inc have unveiled the high-end chips with designs that will help Chinese mobile phone makers launch smartphones in a shorter time at lower costs.

On Wednesday, Mediatek, Taipei's biggest chip designer that sells more than 80 percent of its mobile phone processors to Chinese vendors, launched its quad-core chip and expects its partners to unveil handsets early next year, executives said.

Smartphone sales are booming in China, which has more than 1 billion subscribers. Sales will grow to 165-170 million units this year from 78 million a year earlier, research firm Gartner said, helped by the proliferation of Internet use.

Currently, Samsung is the top smartphone brand in China, but Chinese vendors are fast gaining traction. China's Lenovo, Coolpad and Huawei are now ranked No 2, 3 and 5 respectively in the Chinese smartphone market, IDC said.—Reuters



Huawei mobile phones are displayed in one of its offices in the southern Chinese city of Shenzhen on 24 Sept, 2012.—REUTERS

faster speeds and flashier graphics.

Most smartphones now are equipped with single and dual-core chips, but Chinese handset makers are planning quad-core powered devices as consumers get more picky with the speed of screen swipes, how fast they can download movies, send a photo via WeChat messaging or seal a purchase on Taobao online mall.

moving up product segments.” Already, Huawei Technologies Co Ltd, ZTE Corp, Lenovo Group Ltd and Xiaomi Technology, have unveiled quad-core smartphones running on Google Inc's Android operating system. They are using chips mainly from Samsung, Qualcomm and Nvidia.

Industry executives expect more quad-core models next year as chipmak-

## US federal agency to test RIM's BlackBerry 10

TORONTO, 14 Dec—Research In Motion said a US federal agency, which recently outlined plans to move away from BlackBerry in favour of Apple Inc's iPhone, is now set to begin testing RIM's new BlackBerry 10 platform and devices.

The US Immigration and Customs Enforcement agency (ICE), will early next year begin a pilot program on RIM's new line of BlackBerry 10 smartphones and BlackBerry Enterprise Service 10 (BES 10), which allows corporations and government users to run the new devices on their networks, a RIM spokeswoman said late on Wednesday.

The news, which comes just as shares of the embattled company rallied to their highest close in seven months, signals that RIM's BlackBerry 10 platform is gaining some traction ahead of its official launch next month.

RIM, a one-time pioneer in the smartphone

industry, has lost market share in recent years to the iPhone and devices powered by Google Inc's market-leading Android operating system, even among the business audience who once used BlackBerry devices exclusively.

Waterloo, Ontario-based RIM is now seeking to persuade both corporations and government users to stick with its smartphones, which have long been valued for their strong security features. It promises that its new line of devices, which will be powered by the BlackBerry 10 operating system, will be both smoother and faster than previous BlackBerry phones.

RIM is betting that these new devices—to be launched on 30 January—will revive its fortunes. But that may well depend to a large extent on the response from enterprise customers, many of whom have recently begun to flee to rival platforms.



A logo of the BlackBerry maker's Research In Motion is seen on a building at the RIM Technology Park in Waterloo on 18 April, 2012.—REUTERS

ICE is one such example. The agency, in October, announced plans to end a long relationship with RIM, stating that its now aging line-up of BlackBerry devices could “no longer meet the mobile technology needs of the agency.”

At the time, ICE outlined intentions to buy iPhones for more than 17,600 employees. It is not immediately clear whether the agency plans to revisit this plan or whether it intends to use RIM's new BES 10 platform to manage both iPhones and BlackBerry devices. A spokeswoman for the agency was not im-

SAN FRANCISCO, 14 Dec—Facebook Inc began rolling out a variety of new privacy controls on Wednesday, the company's latest effort to address user concerns about who can see their personal information on the world's largest social network.

New tools introduced on Wednesday will make it easier for Facebook's members to quickly determine who can view the photos, comments and other information about them that appears on different parts of the website, and to request that any objectionable photos they're featured in be removed.

A new privacy “shortcut” in the top-right hand corner of the website provides quick access to key controls such as allowing users to manage who can contact them and to block specific people.

The new controls are the latest changes to Facebook's privacy settings, which have been criticized in the past for being too confusing.

Facebook Director of Product Sam Lessin said the changes were designed to increase users' comfort level on the social network, which has roughly one billion users.

“When users don't un-

## Facebook unveils new privacy controls



In this photo illustration, a Facebook logo on a computer screen is seen through a magnifying glass held by a woman in Bern on 19 May, 2012.—REUTERS

derstand the concepts and controls and hit surprises, they don't build the confidence they need,” said Lessin.

Facebook, Google Inc and other online companies have faced increasing scrutiny and enforcement from privacy regulators as consumers entrust ever-increasing amounts of information about their personal lives to Web services.

In April, Facebook settled privacy charges with the US Federal Trade Commission that it had deceived consumers and forced them to share more personal information than they intended. Under the settlement, Facebook is required to get user consent for certain changes to its privacy settings and is subject to 20 years of independent audits.

Facebook's Lessin said some users don't under-

stand that the information they post on their Timeline profile page is not the only personal information about them that may be viewable by others. Improvements to Facebook's so-called Activity Log will make it easier for users to see at a glance all the information that involves them across the social network.

Facebook also said it is changing the way that third-party apps, such as games and music players, get permission to access user data. An app must now provide separate requests to create a personalized service based on a user's personal information and to post automated messages to the Facebook newsfeed on behalf of a user — previously users agreed to both conditions by approving a single request.

Reuters

## Big asteroid flying by, no threat to Earth

CAPE CANAVERAL, 14 Dec—A large asteroid that flies in nearly the same orbit as Earth will make a close pass by the planet, but there's no chance of an impact—at least for hundreds of years, astronomers said on Wednesday. The asteroid, named Toutatis, flies by Earth every four years. During its closest approach on Wednesday, the celestial rock will pass about 4.3 million miles (7 million km) from Earth, which is about 18 times farther away than the moon.

“There is no danger of a collision with Earth,” NASA astronomer Lance Benner said in a statement.

The 0.6-mile (4.3-km) long asteroid circles the sun in an orbit that is very closely aligned with Earth's, making

it a potentially hazardous object for the future.

The asteroid was first spotted in 1934 and its orbit was confirmed in 1989. In 2004, Toutatis passed by Earth just four times farther away than the moon, much closer than this week's encounter. Astronomers are using radar and optical telescopes to get a better fix on the asteroid's location, its unusual spin and the flight path in hopes of refining estimates on where it will travel in the future.

“We already know that Toutatis will not hit Earth for hundreds of years,” Benner said. “These new observations will allow us to predict the asteroid's trajectory even farther into the future.”

Reuters



The asteroid Toutatis is captured by NASA's Goldstone radar as it passes by Earth on 11 Dec, 2012. REUTERS



## BUSINESS &amp; HEALTH

## Asian shares rise, yen slips after Fed's stimulus steps



People are reflected on an electronic board displaying a graph showing the movement of Nikkei share average outside a brokerage in Tokyo on 7 Nov, 2012.—REUTERS

TOKYO, 14 Dec—Asian shares extended gains for a seventh day on Thursday, after the US Federal Reserve took new stimulus steps to bolster the economy, pressuring the yen with expectations the Japanese central bank will follow suit with more easing next week.

While stocks gained, oil and gold fell from post-Fed rallies, as investors took profits ahead of the year-end, and concerns over the US

budget impasse also weighed on sentiment.

The upside for equities was also contained despite the Fed's fresh dose of liquidity-pumping measures, as investors were worried the United States would miss a year-end deadline to avert the "fiscal cliff," some \$600 billion of tax hikes and spending cuts scheduled to start in January. US House of Representatives Speaker John Boehner said on Wednesday

"serious differences" remain with President Barack Obama on the budget talks.

Failure to reach a compromise by the end of the year risks pushing the US economy into recession and has stoked fears that a fragile recovery trend emerging in China and some other countries would be stifled.

Against this backdrop, European shares were expected to start narrowly mixed, with financial spread betters predicting London's FTSE 100 .FTSE, Paris's CAC-40 .FCHI and Frankfurt's DAX .GDAXI will open flat to 0.2 percent higher. A 0.1 percent gain in US stock futures hinted at a firm Wall Street open. L.EU.N

MSCI's broadest index of Asia-Pacific shares outside Japan. MIAPJ0000PUS added 0.3 percent to a 16-month peak, having hit successive 16-month highs since 5 December. South Korean shares .KS11 advanced 0.8 percent to a two-month high.

Reuters

## AMR creditors prefer all-stock merger with US Airways: sources

## Business

NEW YORK, 14 Dec—American Airlines creditors want a potential merger with US Airways Group Inc (LCC.N) to be an all-stock deal rather than one that pays some claims in cash, three people familiar with the matter said, in a move that underscores confidence in a merged airline.

The creditors of American Airlines parent AMR Corp (AAMRQ.PK) want to capture the full upside from a combination if the airline chooses to emerge from bankruptcy in a merger

with its smaller rival, the people said this week.

Creditors in bankruptcy often want at least part of their claims paid in cash, rather than in the stock of a reorganized company with an uncertain trading value.

AMR creditors' preference for an all-stock deal could be seen as a vote of confidence in the proposed merger and the potential revenue and cost benefits from a deal that would create one of the world's largest airlines.

US Airways, in hot

pursuit of its bigger rival all year, sounded out AMR creditors about how they wanted to be paid off before proposing a formal all-stock merger proposal at a meeting with the creditors committee in November, the people said.

The merger discussions among US Airways, AMR and its creditors are at an advanced stage, with a decision on whether to pursue a combination or emerge as an independent company expected as soon as January, they said.

The people asked not to be named because the matter is not public. Representatives for the creditors committee did not immediately respond to requests for comment.

AMR management prefers to exit bankruptcy as an independent airline, but events since US Airways made a formal merger offer last month indicate a deal looks more likely than before.

Reuters



A US Airways plane passes American Airlines planes at Ronald Reagan National Airport in Washington on 23 April, 2012.—REUTERS

## Europe deepens union with ECB as chief bank watchdog

## Business

BRUSSELS, 14 Dec—Europe clinched a deal on Thursday to give the European Central Bank new powers to supervise euro zone banks from 2014, embarking on the first step in a new phase of closer integration to help underpin the euro. After more than 14 hours of talks and following months of tortuous negotiations, finance ministers from the European Union's 27 countries agreed to hand the ECB the authority to directly police at least 150 of the euro zone's biggest banks and intervene in smaller banks at the first sign of trouble.

"This is a big first step for banking union," EU Commissioner Michel Barnier told a news

conference. "The ECB will play the pivotal role, there's no ambiguity about that."

The euro rose to a session high in Tokyo of 1.3080 against the US dollar on news of the deal. After three years of piecemeal crisis-fighting measures, agreeing on a banking union lays a cornerstone of wider economic union and marks the first concerted attempt to integrate the bloc's response to problem banks.

The new system of supervision should be up and running by 1 March, 2014, following talks with the European Parliament, although ministers agreed that could be delayed if the ECB needed longer to prepare itself.

Reuters



The Euro currency sign is seen in front of the European Central Bank (ECB) headquarters in Frankfurt on 6 Dec, 2012.—REUTERS

## C-section babies more likely to become overweight

## Health

NEW YORK, 14 Dec—Children born via cesarean section are slightly more likely than babies delivered vaginally to become heavy or obese, according to a new review of studies. The results don't prove that c-sections cause kids to put on weight, but Dr Jianmeng Liu, one of the authors of the study and a professor at Peking University Health Science Centre in China, said the link between the delivery and obesity is important to keep in mind.

"The potential health burden of obesity and other diseases associated with

c-section births should not be neglected, even if its impact is modest, particularly given" how often births happen that way, Liu told Reuters Health in an email.

Previous research has tied c-sections to a variety of untoward health outcomes in children, including asthma, allergies and diabetes (see Reuters Health reports of February 5, 2009 here: reut.rs/js7tcW and September 18, 2008 here: reut.rs/m5Kpji).

Liu said that the relationship between the type of delivery and obesity among kids hasn't been as clear (see Reuters Health

reports of 30 January, 2012 here: reut.rs/xxjBgo and 12 May, 2011 here: reut.rs/mv2kS5).

The research team collected the results from nine studies that included more than 200,000 people.

People were 33 percent more likely to be overweight or obese if they were born by c-section, researchers report in the *International Journal of Obesity*.

Nearly 70 percent of adults in the US are overweight or obese. A 33 percent increase from that number would mean that 93 percent would be heavy.

The risk for childhood obesity in particular was somewhat higher—about a 40 percent increase over kids born vaginally. Nearly one in five kids aged six to 11 is obese in the US, according to the Centres for Disease Control and Prevention.

Liu said the increase in risk was modest, but that it persists into adulthood. When the researchers looked just at the studies on adults, they found that those who were born surgically were 50 percent more likely to be obese than those who were born vaginally.—Reuters

## Cashed-up Chinese aircraft lessors spread their wings

## Business

HONG KONG, 14 Dec—The sale of one of the world's top aircraft leasing companies to a Chinese consortium is the boldest signal yet that China's aviation industry will increasingly look to the cash-rich home market for specialist finance to support its expanding fleet.

International Lease Finance Corp (ILFC), the aviation arm of US insurer AIG (AIG.N) which confirmed the \$4.8 billion sale on Monday, joins a growing number of homegrown Chinese leasing firms looking to exploit the world's fastest growing air market.

For China, the rise of a powerful air finance industry is a third pillar in its aviation development, alongside parts manufacturing and assembly for foreign planemakers like Airbus and Beijing's own Comac C919 commercial jetliner project.

"It's a huge investment and (ILFC) are the second biggest leasing company in the world," said Paul Sheridan, chief Asia consultant for specialist aviation think-tank Ascend.

China is seen as one of the most promising markets for aircraft leasing, in which airlines rent aircraft to keep the cost of ownership off their balance sheets.

The world's second-



An ARJ21, made by Commercial Aircraft Corp of China (Comac), takes off for a test flight during the 9th China International Aviation & Aerospace Exhibition at an airport in Zhuhai, Guangdong Province, in this 16 Nov, 2010 file photo.—REUTERS

largest economy will need 5,260 new aircraft worth \$670 billion through 2031, according to Boeing Co. About half of these new planes would be owned by

leasing firms, adding about \$100 billion to the market size which is expected to rise to \$268 billion in the next two decades.

Reuters



## WORLD

## Italy's Monti faces pressure to run in election

Italy

ROME, 14 Dec—Italian Prime Minister Mario Monti faced increasing pressure on Thursday to stand as a candidate in next year's election after Silvio Berlusconi's surprise offer to drop his bid for a fifth term as premier.

At a meeting of the European People's Party in Brussels, an umbrella group of centre-right parties, Berlusconi repeated the offer to stand aside if Monti agreed to run against the centre-left, who are tipped to win the election.

Monti's attendance at the meeting alongside Berlusconi and German Chancellor Angela Merkel came as a surprise to many as he was not on the guest list or agenda.

Monti was brought in a year ago to head a technocrat government to save Italy from financial crisis, but opinion

polls suggest he would have little chance of winning an election if he were to run as a candidate. He would also face many hurdles within the centre-right, which is highly fragmented and includes his most entrenched critic, the Northern League.

"There were a lot of expressions of support for a Monti candidacy," a member of the European parliament told *Reuters*. "But Monti didn't resolve the dilemma."

Berlusconi centre-right People of Freedom (PD) party withdrew support from Monti's government in parliament last week, prompting him to resign. On Saturday, Berlusconi declared he would lead the PD into an election expected early next year. With memories fresh of the financial crisis which prompted the end of



European Commission President Jose Manuel Barroso poses with Italy's Prime Minister Mario Monti (L) ahead of a European Union leaders summit in Brussels on 13 Dec, 2012.—REUTERS

Berlusconi government last year, his mooted return to frontline politics alarmed Italy's European partners and rattled financial markets.

The media magnate's call for Monti to stand has aroused scepticism in Italy because it came only two days after he had blamed Italy's deep recession on austerity policies he said had been dictated to Monti by Germany and the European Central Bank.

Opinion polls suggest Berlusconi has no real chance of winning the election, and markets have calmed. In an auction of three-year bonds on Thursday the Treasury paid the lowest borrowing costs since late 2010. Monti is widely credited with restoring Italy's international credibility after the scandal-plagued Berlusconi era and he has given no clear indication of his intentions.—*Reuters*

## Austerity-hit Greeks swap cars for sluggish trains

Greece

THESSALONIKI, 14 Dec—Once an unpopular travel option, Greece's slow and creaky trains are winning new fans for the first time in decades as Greeks struggling with soaring fuel prices and high road taxes leave their beloved cars at home.

The rail network remains patchy in a country of thousands of islands, skipping many towns altogether and beset by strikes. But it remains a cheaper alternative to car travel for Greeks facing the country's worst economic

crisis since World War II.

Rail traffic between Greece's two biggest cities — Athens and Thessaloniki — surged by 33 percent in the first 11 months of 2012, even if the night train plying that route is jokingly called "Karvouniaris" (coal-fired) to suggest it is slow and noisy from a bygone era.

"Life as we knew it has changed. There's no money for luxuries like a car when you don't even know if you'll be able to pay your rent for the

month," said Vanesa Varveri, a 55-year-old accountant from Athens who began using the train to visit her parents near the port city of Patras when she lost her job.

Tax hikes as part of austerity measures to keep Greece afloat have pushed up fuel prices to about 1.7 euros per litre in December, making them one of the highest in Europe.

"We just can't afford it (a car)," Vassilis Davoras, a teacher in the northern city of Veria, said as he sipped coffee in the pastel-blue carriage of the fast train from Thessaloniki to Athens — a six-hour train ride over 500 km that takes about 4.5 hours by car.

Davoras, who travels 30 km to the nearest station, makes the trip to Athens a dozen times a year and used to spend about 200 euros on filling up his car tank and paying tolls each time. A train ride in comparison costs him only 60 euros on average.

As Greece slumped deeper into crisis this year, traffic on the Athens-Thessaloniki route surged after falling over the 2009-10 and 2010-11 periods, according to Trainose, the heavily indebted state monopoly which runs the network.

Owned by Railway Organization of Greece (OSE), Trainose operates 500 routes on 2,500 km of railways slowed down by narrow tunnels and hundreds of kilometres of one-way tracks. It is due for privatisation next year.—*Reuters*



Passengers make their way to board a train bound for Athens at Lianokladi railway station in central Greece on 29 Nov, 2012.—REUTERS

## Plane crash kills two in Texas

HOUSTON, 14 Dec—Two people were killed when a plane crashed on Thursday near the border of Kaufman and Ellis County in northern Texas, CBS 11 News reported.

Federal investigators were on the way but officials at the scene had not determined what type of aircraft crashed, Federal Aviation Administration

(FAA) spokesman Lynn Lunsford said.

Video showed the limited burned out remains of the aircraft. "It appears... that the aircraft is destroyed and that there is a fire after the crash," Lunsford said.

Investigators were yet to find out who owned the plane and from which airport it took off.

*Xinhua*

## Separate attacks in Iraq kill 11

Iraq

BAGHDAD, 14 Dec—As many as 11 people were killed, most of whom security force personnel, in a series of attacks on Thursday in several Iraqi cities, said the police.

A police official told *Xinhua* on condition of anonymity that gunmen clashed with security forces at a village in Baaj town of the northern Nineveh province, killing Colonel Khalid Naddawi, the commander of a regiment and wounding two of his guards.

Meanwhile, an unidentified armed group with light and medium weapons, attacked a military convoy in Aljughai District in the city centre of Fallujah, killing three soldiers and injuring two others, said the police

official.

In another incident, armed militants travelling in a civilian car attacked a police checkpoint in Nuaimiya area near the city of Fallujah, killing two policemen.

Also in the city of Fallujah, gunmen planted a bomb under a watchtower in al-Askari District and blew it up, killing two soldiers, said the police source.

Elsewhere in the capital city of Baghdad, gunmen attacked a police checkpoint at al-Rabea Street, leaving two policemen killed and four others wounded.

Two road-side bombs exploded at the Jordan interception near Baghdad, killing one civilian and wounding five others.

*Xinhua*

## Truce brings extra gleam to Gaza marketplace

Gaza

GAZA, 14 Dec—The horizon of the claustrophobic Gaza Strip stretches further out to sea after a bloody eight-day battle last month and its main market gleams with extra supplies of locally-caught fish.

In a low-key move it has yet to acknowledge, Israel moved a naval blockade it imposed in 2009 back to six miles (10 km) from the Palestinian enclave's coast from three on 23 Nov, two days after signing an Egypt-brokered truce with Gaza's Hamas rulers.

Grouper, bream, bass, snapper and sardines teem deeper out to sea, and Gaza's fishermen regularly tested the three mile limit, complaining the army would open fire, arrest them and confiscate their boats even when they were within it.

That day, those who tried their luck at dawn returned unscathed with bumper catches before word came via Egypt that the blockade had been pulled back, the



Palestinians shop at a fish market in Gaza City on 13 Dec, 2012.—REUTERS

most unequivocal move to ease Israel's stranglehold on Gaza to follow from the truce.

Ayman Abu Haseera, selling newly-caught fish from plastic cartons in Gaza's main market, said supplies had increased dramatically. "The situation is very much better," he said, as other fishmongers held up prize catches to eager customers.

Farmers have been able to till land near a buffer zone put off-limits by Israel for the first time for at least three years

but say they are regularly fired on nevertheless and an easing of the trade blockade on Gaza has yet to take effect.

While the fishermen's lives have improved, they hope for a return to a 12-mile limit agreed in the Oslo peace accords in 1993 to secure their livelihoods and price out Egyptian imports.

But indirect talks between Hamas and Israel in Cairo have stalled and political turmoil in Egypt hampers their resumption.—*Reuters*

## US serviceman sentenced 4 years in jail for molesting Japanese woman

TOKYO, 14 Dec—The Naha District Court in Japan's Okinawa on Thursday sentenced an US serviceman to four years in jail for molesting and assaulting a Japanese woman in the prefecture in August.

Presiding judge said the accused, 21-year-old US marine, ignored human rights of the victim and committed a despicable and violent crime.

The victim, who is in her 40s, said she has been harassed and her life was threatened.

In the first trial, the misbehaved US serviceman said he wants to apologize to the woman who was assaulted from behind and was dragged to the ground in a residential area in Naha, capital city of Okinawa, around 4:30 am local time on 18 Aug.

The accused was under the influence of alcohol and plotted to molest the woman who was walking along the street, according to prosecutors. As increasing crimes and offenses have been committed by drunken US soldiers in Japan, the US Forces Japan has imposed curfew and issued other orders to prevent its servicemen from nighttime drinking.—*Xinhua*



LOCAL NEWS

**YMBA organizes respect-paying, prize awarding**



YANGON, 14 Dec—Honouring the 92<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary National Day, the Young Men's Buddhist Association-YMBA held the 25<sup>th</sup> ceremony to pay respects to older persons and honour the students who scored the highest marks in Myanmar language in the 2012 matriculation examination from the branches of the association at its building on 11 December.

At first, Chairman of YMBA U Kyaw Thein (Maha Mingala Dhamma Jotikadhaja) made a speech and explained the emergence of National Day.

Vice-Chairman U Sein Than also explained why YMBA was founded. After that, those present paid respects to older persons of above 75 years and gave cash assistance and medicines.

Responsible persons presented K 50,000 each and certificates of honour to 21 outstanding students in Myanmar language in the 2012 matriculation examination through the Broker U Maung Gyi (Myanmarsar) Development Fund.

At the ceremony, wellwishers donated cash and medicines.

Myanma Alinn

**Displaced households in landslides resettled**

MAWLAMYINE, 14 Dec—A meeting on resettlement for households that lost their plots in landslides of Sittoung River was held at the hall of Theinzayat Village Administrator in Kyaikto Township of Mon State on 26 November.

At the meeting, Township Administrator U Kyi Thet Maung gave a

speech on resettlement of households that suffered landslides at Sittoung River on 17 November on the suitable plots in Ywama Ward of Theinzayat Village-tract and along the road to Tahson monastery. Next, Village Administrator U Ba Min and party joined hands with U Win Naing of Township Settlement and

Land Records Department reclaimed 70 plots with 20 feet in width and 60 feet in length. Some houses are under the plan to dissolve in Seikkantha Ward as the landslide continues. Officials allotted 40 plots of land to the displaced households along the route to Tahson Monastery in Ywama Ward.

Myanma Alinn

**Cultivation of quality onion explained**

SEIKPYU, 14 Dec—The HIV/AIDS Combating Group comprising Merchants Association (Brokerage), Thingaha Social Development Association and Myanmar Business Entrepreneurs Association and MBCA Group of Seikpyu Township held a talk on cultivation

of quality strain of onion and boosting production at Nawarat Hall of Basic Education High School in Seikpyu on 3 December morning.

On the occasion, Staff Officer U Win Aung of Township Survey Department made a speech.

After that, Mr Howard Martin of WINROCK International Farmer to Farmer Programme of the US explained methods on cultivation of quality onion.

Myanma Alinn

**Myanmar, Thai entrepreneurs to meet in business meeting**

YANGON, 14 Dec—A 25-member delegation from Board of Trade of Thailand and Thai Chamber of Commerce led by Chairman of Board of Trade of Thailand Mr Phongsak Assakul will hold a Business Meeting and Matching with Myanmar entrepreneurs led by the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry at the hall on the first floor of the Office Tower of the federation at 9 am on 17 December.

The entrepreneurs wishing to attend the Business Meeting and Matching may enter www.umfcci.net of the UMFCCI Website.

If not, the enthusiasts may dial 214344 and 214349 (Ext: 117 and 150) of UMFCCI for detailed information and take registration to attend the meeting.—Myanma Alinn

**State Chief Minister's shield football tournaments in Rakhine State**

SITTWAY, 14 Dec—The Rakhine State Chief Minister's Shield Inter-District Men's and Women's Football Tournaments are being held at Waithali Sports Ground and Danyawady Sports Ground in Sittway from 9 to 18 December.

The opening matches were held on 9 December and the final matches will be held on 18

December. In the men's event, Sittway District (A), Sittway District (B), Kyaukpyu, Maungtaw and Thandwe district teams will participate in the tournament whereas Sittway, Kyaukpyu, Maungtaw and Thandwe district teams will take part in the women's event. Handsome prizes will be awarded to the respective winning teams.

Myanma Alinn

**Cash donated to displaced families, quake victims**

YANGON, 14 Dec—A ceremony to donate cash to Manaw Ahla Band was held at the meeting hall in Kyaikkasan Grounds in Tamway Township on 10 December.

On the occasion, wellwisher film star Academy Tun Eindra Bo explained that purposed to donate K 90 million which was profits from her charity live show to philanthropic



works, war victims from Kachin and Shan states.

The film star donated K 10 million through the Manaw Ahla Band.

On behalf of the band, Daw L Khun Yi and Daw K Ja Nu accepted the donations.

After the donations,

Myanma Alinn

Manaw Ahla Band shared donations—K 2 million for displaced families of Chipwe Township and K 2 million for earthquake victims of Mandalay and Sagaing regions through Relief and Resettlement Department.

**Plan to build incinerator in Nawngkhio**

NAWNGKHIO, 14 Dec—Under the leadership of Cetanamon Social Association in Nawngkhio Township of Shan State (North), the local people has donated over K 5.6 million for construction of the incinerator at the cemetery for convenience

of funeral services in the township.

The wellwishers may make cash donations for the incinerator and contact Cetanamon Association.

Myanma Alinn

**Talks on rural development**

TATKON, 14 Dec—Writers Maung Kyi Mu (Pyinmana), Maung Tha Cho, Saya Kyi Min and Saya U Phone (Chemistry-Mandalay) gave talks on literary affairs at the monastery in Shadaw Village of Tatkon Township of Nay Pyi Taw Council Area on 6 December evening.

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**FIRE DRILLS EXERCISED:** Members of Township Fire Services Department and workers of Myothit Township Development Affairs Committee of Magway Region jointly took fire preventive measures. On 6 December, they jointly perform joint fire drills at Development Affairs Market in Myothit Township.

MYANMA ALINN

**Offertories donated to nunnery in shwepyitha Township**

YANGON, 14 Dec—Yangon Region Women's Affairs Federation and Yangon Region Maternal and Child Welfare Supervisory Committee organized the cash and kind donation to Myaing nunnery in Ward 5 of Shwepyitha Township, Yangon North District, on 10 December morning.

At the Beikman of the nunnery, wife of the Yangon Region Chief Minister Patron of Region WAO and MCWSC Daw Khin Thet Htay and party, chairpersons of Region/District/Township



Associations and party donated cash and kind worth K 1.1 million to Presiding Nun of the nunnery Daw Sunanda.

After that, they shared merits gained.

The wellwishers viewed

round learning of students from KG to seventh standard.

Later, they urged the nuns and students to seek counselling and suggestions from the associations formed by the State for safety life of women.—Myanma Alinn

**Literary talks win hearts of local people in three towns of three districts**

GANGAW, 14 Dec—Literary talks were held in three districts and three townships.

The talks was held at the ground, north of Tooth Relic Pagoda in Gangaw from 7 pm to midnight on 2 December, attended by over

3000 local people.

Another literary talks took place at Laser Parahita Monastery in Kalay from 7 pm to midnight on 3 December, attended by over 4000 local people.

At Tamu Basic Education High School from

1 pm to 5 pm on 4 December, the literary talks could attract about 5000 local people. On the occasions, National Literary Award winners Nay Win Myint, Khin Khin Htoo and Dr Thet Lwin gave literary talks to the local peoples.—Myanma Alinn



## PERSPECTIVES

Saturday, 15 December, 2012

## Professionalism

Looking back the history, we could see a number of achievements that but now have become a thing of the past, for example, Yangon as the most beautiful city in South East Asia, Yangon University as highly prestigious seat of education in the region and so forth. With gradual openness, the finger of blame has been pointed enough at this and that, but the result is still out of sight.

We are supposed to entering a “catching-up process” with projected influx of foreign investment as well as potential benefits from international donors and institutions, but on the ground, changes are not tangible as much expected, shedding light on the loopholes and operational weakness.

The overall situation suggests the prolonged focus on quantity must be stopped and shifted to quality. What we should take pride in is not the number of books we have read, but how much we have learnt and applied for own betterment. Graduates and the educated seem to be the same in meaning, but nothing more needs to be said here where the educated is like a drop in the ocean of graduates.

Opening or concluding of courses almost always has its place in newspapers. Work-related and in-house trainings are often conducted at ministries but never with a review or assessment being followed. Sometimes, trainings are provided on a regular basis just to maintain what we call “fine tradition” and the trainers or course organizers are lacking in direction.

Some quarters of upper and lower echelons of the government appear to fail to recognize the real definition of “professionalism” which has nearly never been mentioned as an imperative for efficiency. Unless and until professionalism is interpreted correctly, competitiveness would be still out of reach and sense of responsibility never be nurtured.

In sports events or other contests, amateurs are not qualified to compete with professionals and there is just slim chance of their winning over professionals even if competition really occurs. Shall we work towards our goal with these amateur men?



Thein Tun

## ARTICLE

## Let's pledge make supreme sacrifices for Independence

Padaung Than Kywe

Myanmar stands as an independent and sovereign nation since she regained her independence from the yoke of colonialism on 4 January 1948.

The 4<sup>th</sup> Day of January 2013 will be observed as the 65<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Independence Day.

In Myanmar, Vithano, Hanlin, Suwunnabhumi, Tagaung, Vesali and Srikestra stood as feudal states with their own rules since about three BC.

King Anawrahta of Bagan unified the country into a whole for the first time, followed by King Bayintnaung of Toungoo and King Alaungmintaya U Aung Zeya of Shwebo.

Throughout the course of history, all national races such as Kachin, Kayah, Kayin, Chin, Bamar, Mon, Rakhine and Shan have been living together through thick and thin, mutual understandings and lifelong friendship on the Union spirit basis. With sound traditions and a spirit of goodwill, they safeguard and protect the Independence with the sense of non-disintegration of the Union and perpetuation of sovereignty, making supreme sacrifices for the country. Myanmar stands tall as an independent and sovereign state among world nations throughout the course of history.

From the geopolitical point of view, Myanmar plays as a strategically important location. It lies on the mainland Asia, forming an interrupted coastline along the sea and sharing borders with the inland regions of Asia to the north and northwest. It is sandwiched between the populous countries like India and China and bordered by Southeast Asia, South Asia and East Asia countries.

Myanmar possesses a vast area of fertile soil and favourable climate patterns for agricultural output growth. Forests cover about the 50 per cent of the total area of the country. It is a resource-rich country with the abundance of jade and gems, teak, oil and natural gas. Its wealth of natural resources and strategic location prove why the colonialists began to cast covetous eyes on it.

During the 19<sup>th</sup> century, India fell under British

rule and then Myanmar was colonized by British colonialist following three wars. Myanmar lost her independence due to British annexation. British colonialists had attempted to cause disunity among national races in Myanmar by using the following three tactics:-

(a) Sowing discord geographically among national races through divide-and-rule policy.

(b) Sowing discord racially among national races through various administrative systems and unequal rights and privileges.

(c) Sowing discord among all walks of life with the help of sycophants to be able to facilitate administrative mechanism.

As all national races equipped with patriotism and national spirit who adore their own tradition and customs, culture, literature and own land fought back the colonialists, making final sacrifices, Myanmar regained her independence and sovereignty.

Sovereignty is the lifeblood of a certain country. If its three powers— legislation, execution and jurisdiction — are under the control of an alien influence or a certain foreign country directly or indirectly, it is assumed that such kind of country is being indirectly colonized through neocolonialism.

Some countries under the rule of uninvited forces lack security and nation-building tasks. Thousands of their own people are killed by indiscriminate gunfire and aerial bombardment. Unpleasant events of the today's world where might is power are teaching us good lessons.

In the age of power politics, only own strength could safeguard and protect our independence. Only patriotic spirit, nationalistic fervor and unity could build up the own strength. Only unity-driven efforts could lead the nation to be able to keep abreast in development with world nations.

Utilization of lessons taken from the past in the real world is the key to success. So the new government formed in accord with the Constitution pay attention on three main national causes— non-

disintegration of Union, non-disintegration of national solidarity and perpetuation of sovereignty— for ensuring a harmonious society and perpetual existence of sovereignty and independence.

In accord with the concept that the strength of the State lies within the State accepted by successive governments, plans are underway to ensure national consolidation among Union brethren. As a gesture of respecting the people's desires, construction of Ayeyawady Myitson dam project was suspended and ways and means are being sought to tackle the issue of Lapadaungtaung Copper Mining Project in a peaceful way.

Leaders of State themselves are making field trips to solve the Rakhine incident and help assist in relief and resettlement tasks in earthquake-hit Sagaing and Mandalay Regions. Discussions on peace-making processes with armed groups are being made to reach agreements. Efforts are being made to become an only defence power of the country composed of all national races.

At the mean time, it has witnessed that we see a flood of successes in the government's all-out efforts for national reconsolidation and eternal peace, taking soft options: “choose the same, setting aside the differences”. A modern, democratic nation can be established only when citizens of the country are blessed with socio-economic development. So, plans are under way for ensuring poverty alleviations, good governance and clean government.

The government has raised salaries of pensioners who suffer the consequences of the imbalance of income and commodity prices and provided staff with additional assistances.

For ensuring all-inclusion of national races in the national building endeavors and the appearance of humanitarian aids, amnesty has been granted to prisoners for several times. Relaxations on media have been granted for the development of media role, the fourth estate.

Like wise, the government is making

strenuous efforts for smooth trade, local and foreign investments, systematic transformation from traditional to mechanized farming system, emergence of modern industries, rapid development of telecommunication, smooth transport, development of international-standard land, water and air transports, development of private enterprises, effective utilization of electric power, better health care standard and youth's better international-standard education system, in cooperation with local and foreign organizations, international organizations and private organizations.

For the development of tourism industry called “smokeless factory”, measures are being taken to extend Myanmar tourism industry. It has a promising future as seeing an increasing influx of tourists.

Thanks to Myanmar's foreign policy that follows five peaceful co-existence principles and transparent democratization processes, Myanmar could establish amicable relations with the world's countries, make mutual-beneficially cooperation, receive a flood of foreign investments, become friends with a number of economic partnerships and bring about the glory.

To sum up, Myanmar is on the true path to a modern, developed democratic nation and has now possessed a fairly-good basic infrastructure. Here, reaching local eternal peaces and serving national duties with like-mindedness are of prime need. There is no time like the present for the development of country.

It is impossible to build up a modern, developed nation if the country sees lack of unity, unrest, violence and conflict. It can be built only with Union spirits, unity, patriotic spirits, sacrifice, abstinences, savings, diligence, discipline and law enforcements. So, all are urged to make cooperation for perpetual existence of independence and sovereignty and building up of a democratic country with Union spirit and national spirit.

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NATIONAL

## Myanmar wants to establish better relations between two countries and two Armies

NAY PYI TAW, 14 Dec— “To date since Myanmar regained its independence, Tatmadaw has been making constant efforts for ensuring stability of the State and development. He said that he takes pride for the latter’s all-out efforts for better Myanmar-Japan relations as a chairman. Myanmar wants to establish better relations between two countries and two Tatmadaws. Japan’s aids to Myanmar are cooperation between Asian countries. Our new generation army leaders have wishes to make cordial cooperation with partner countries. Myanmar Tatmadaw is formed based on

discipline and high morale. It comes from military arts of thirty comrades,” said Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Vice-Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, at a meeting with Chairman of Myanmar-Japan Friendship Association and former MP of House of Councillor Mr Hideo Watanabe, at the hall of Zeyathiri Beikman, here, this morning.

Mr Hideo Watanabe said that it can be seen that Myanmar Tatmadaw could do regional stability and peace in the country. He believed that Tatmadaw must play an important

role in Myanmar affairs. Efforts were to be made to continue to nurture new generations for Myanmar-Japan relations.

After that, they discussed the prospects for cooperation between two countries.

Also present at the call together with the Vice-Senior General were Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Rear-Admiral Thura Thet Swe, Commander-in-Chief (Air) General Myat Hein, Lt-Gen Kyaw Swe and Maj-Gen Mya Tun Oo from the Office of Commander-in-Chief (Army). Mr. Hideo Watanabe was accompanied by Charge



d’ Affaires ai Mr Ichiro Maruyama from Japanese Embassy and Mr Yasuo Miyazawa.

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Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Vice-Senior General Min Aung Hlaing meets former MP of House of Councillor Mr Hideo Watanabe.—MNA

## DSTA holds graduation for Intake No. 15



Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) General Soe Win addresses the graduation parade of 15<sup>th</sup> Intake of DSTA.—MNA



NAY PYI TAW, 14 Dec— Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) General Soe Win, on behalf of the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services, attended the graduation

parade of Intake No.15 of the Defence Services Technological Academy at the parade ground of the academy in PyinOoLwin today.

It was also attended by Chief of the General

Staff (Army, Navy and Air) General Hla Htay Win, Chief Minister of Mandalay Region U Ye Myint, Lt-Gen Myint Soe, Lt-Gen Aung Than Htut and senior military officers of the Commander-in-Chief (Army) Office, the commander of the Central Command, PyinOoLwin Station Commander, Commandant of the DSTA, guests and parents and relatives of the cadets.

In his address, Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) General Soe Win stressed the need for building the Tatmadaw in accordance with the current advanced technology to be able to safeguard the country in full capacity.

The General left the Parade Ground after taking the salute of the cadet companies.

After the ceremony, General Soe Win met with three outstanding cadets and their parents at the hall of the DSTA.

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## General Soe Win attends graduation dinner of 15<sup>th</sup> Intake of DSTA

NAY PYI TAW, 14 Dec— The graduation dinner of the 15<sup>th</sup> Intake of Defence Services Technological Academy was held at the parade ground of DSTA this evening, attended by Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) General Soe Win, on behalf of the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services.

Also present at the

dinner were Chief of the General Staff (Army, Navy and Air) General Hla Htay Win, Lt-Gen Myint Soe and Lt-Gen Aung Than Htut of the office of the Commander-in-Chief (Army), the commander of Central Command, the PyinOoLwin Station Commander, the commandant of DSTA, senior military officers, guests and parents and relatives of the graduate

officers.

At first, General Soe Win cordially greeted the graduate officers individually.

Next, General Soe Win and party had dinner together with the graduate officers and their parents and relatives.

After the dinner, they enjoyed entertainment of No. 2 Myawady TV Broadcasting Unit and Myawady Anyeint troupe.—MNA



General Soe Win awards an outstanding cadet.

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## Union Education Minister holds talks with Senior Executive Managing Director of Daiwa Institute of Research Ltd of Japan

NAY PYI TAW, 14 Dec— Union Minister for Education Dr Mya Aye received a delegation led by Senior Executive Managing Director Mr Sumiyuki Kazama of Daiwa Institute of Research Ltd at his office this afternoon.

Mr Sumiyuki had

a cordial discussion on sending System Engineer through JICA, giving educative talks on stock exchange to university students and teachers in cooperation with Central Bank and providing technical assistance for IT user. The Union Minister

agreed with him, and arrangements to give lecture on information technology to students and teachers of Yangon University are planned, if Japan side will fill in the blanks of IT field with providing experts as well as other universities.—MNA



## Myanmar-Thai Joint Coordination...

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Meanwhile, industrial zones, housing complex, hospitals, schools, markets and gymnasium would be established in the zone which plays an important role for development of Dawei region due to its strategic location.

Afterwards, Chairman of Dawei Special Economic Zone Management Committee Deputy Minister for Rail Transportation Thura U Thaug Lwin, Deputy Minister for Finance and Revenue Dr Maung Maung Thein reported on construction works, financing and agreements with developers.

Coordination meeting of Subcommittee for basic infrastructure—upgrade of deep sea port, highway, Dawei road networks and Dawei airport, dam and supply of water, drainage water treatment system and canals, information and establishment of communication networks and construction Sector, between a delegation led by Deputy Minister for Transport U Han Sein and a delegation led by Transport Minister of Thailand Mr Chadchart Sittipunt was followed.

A delegation led by Deputy Minister for Industry U Myo Aung and a delegation led by Mr Piyawat Niyomrerk of Transport Ministry of Thailand and a team led by Deputy Minister for Electric Power U Aung Than Oo and a team led by Permanent Secretary Mr Norkun Sitthiphong from Ministry of Energy of Thailand held discussions at a meeting of subcommittee for establishment of heavy industries

## Ayeyawady Region Chief Minister enjoys talent show of students

NAY PYI TAW, 14 Dec—The talent show of student's sport band troupe from Ayeyawady Region took place at Koethein Ground in Patheingyi yesterday evening. Ayeyawady Region Chief Minister U Thein Aung enjoyed the demonstration of the students.

The chief minister also attended victorious flag presentation ceremony held at Yadana Dasaung Hall of No 1 Basic Education High

including preliminary implementation of small and medium industries and establishment of factories, workshops and enterprises for implementation of steel and petrochemical industries.

A team led by Deputy Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement U Phone Swe and a team led by Vice Minister Jullapong Nonsrichai from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Thailand held discussions at a meeting of subcommittee for rural regions human society development that will implement socio-economic development tasks.

A delegation led by Deputy Minister for Finance and Revenue Dr Maung Maung Thein and a delegation led by Permanent Secretary Mr Areepong Boocha-oom of Ministry of Finance of Thailand held discussions at the meetings of subcommittee for drafting laws and procedures and subcommittee for finance and fund-raising sector.

After that, members of Myanmar-Thai Joint Subcommittee submitted the discussions' results, and those present gave suggestions on follow-up programme. And they decided to designate the next discussion date.

After the discussions, Minister at Prime Minister Office Mr Niwattumrong Boonsongpaisan of Thailand gave concluding remarks on the results. Union Minister U Aye Myint said that Dawei Special Economic Zone and its related projects would be implemented in real time through cooperation between two countries.—MNA

School and the chief minister gave admonitions to the students sport team.

Then, the chief minister presented victorious flag and provided K 1 million as cash assistance to students sport team leader Deputy Director U Kyi Aung.

The students team representing Ayeyawady Region will participate altogether 363 athletes in 19 sport events.

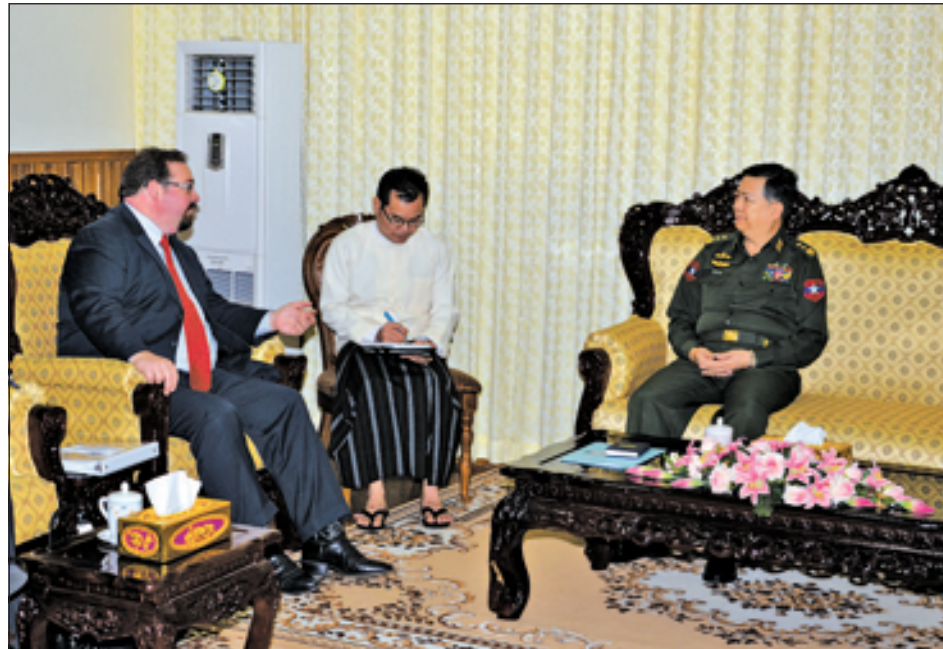
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## ICRC to visit prisons in Myanmar

NAY PYI TAW, 14 Dec—Union Minister for Home Affairs Lt-Gen Ko Ko received Acting US Special Representative and Policy Coordinator for Myanmar Mr. Patrick Murphy and US Ambassador to Myanmar Mr. Derek Mitchell at his office, here, at 9 am today.

The meeting focused on matters related to granting the International Committee of the Red Cross to visit the prisons of Myanmar, providing relief aids to the relief camps in Rakhine and Kachin States, getting supplies for narcotic drugs fighting measures and for rules of law, as well as taking trainings.

Likewise, the Union Minister held a meeting with Ambassador Mr. Luis CdeBaca, State Depart-



ment's Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons of the United States of America, at his office, here, at 10 am today.

Both sides concentrated on combating human trafficking, widely cooperation in carrying out rehabilitation tasks for the trafficked

victims including matters related to making public about human trafficking combating in a transparency manner.—MNA

## Union Minister for Defence receives Chairman of Myanmar-Japan Friendship Association

NAY PYI TAW, 14 Dec—Union Minister for Defence Lt-Gen Wai Lwin met Chairman of Myanmar-Japan Friendship Association Mr Watanabe

at the hall of his office, here, this afternoon.

They had a cordial discussion on bilateral cooperation.

MNA

## Myanmar, US to make cooperation in combating human trafficking

NAY PYI TAW, 14 Dec—Ambassador Luis CdeBaca, State Department's Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons of



Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Wunna Maung Lwin.

Trafficking in Persons of the United States of America and Myanmar.

The Union Minister also received an Indian delegation led by External Affairs Minister Mr Salman Khurshid this afternoon.

During the meeting the two sides discussed promotion of the existing friendly relations and cooperation between two countries.

MNA



Ambassador Luis CdeBaca.

the United States of America paid a courtesy call on U Wunna Maung Lwin, Union Minister for Foreign Affairs at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs at 11.30 am today.

Open and frank discussions were held on matters relating to the close cooperation between Office to Monitor and Combat



## National Consultation on Overarching Communications Strategy on Child Survival and Development, Myanmar opens

NAY PYI TAW, 14 Dec—Opening ceremony of National Consultation on Overarching Communication Strategy on Child Survival and Development, Myanmar 2013-2015, jointly organized by Health Department of the Ministry of Health and UNICEF, took place at Nay Pyi Taw

Thingaha Hotel yesterday morning. Director-General Dr Min Than Nyunt of Health Department made an opening speech on the occasion. After that, UNICEF Communication for Development Specialist Mr Suleman Malik delivered an address.

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REGIONAL

**Sri Lanka hits out against US sanctions on Iran**

COLOMBO, 14 Dec— A Sri Lankan minister has hit out against American sanctions on Iran that are preventing the government from accepting development financing from Teheran. The Obama administration reissued waivers last week that exempt nine countries, including China, India, Sri Lanka and Turkey, from fully complying with US sanctions targeting Iran's oil exports.

However these loopholes do little to allow the Sri Lankan government to obtain funding from Iran for poverty alleviation and power distribution programmes financed by Iran. A statement issued by the

Power and Energy Ministry quoted Minister Champika Ranawaka as strongly criticizing American sanctions as they "infringe on the rights of the poor in Sri Lanka."

During discussions with Iranian and Russian ambassadors to Sri Lanka, Ranawaka pointed out that as many as 1,000 rural electrification projects have been put on hold due to inaccessibility of financing from Teheran. "US sanctions against Iran are infringing on the basic rights of our people. Iran has a right to proceed with its nuclear programme with peaceful intentions to meet its domestic needs. This

is something that 45 other countries are also doing and is a right of Iran," he had told Iranian ambassador Dr Mohammad Nabi Hassani Pour.

He also made similar comments to the Russian ambassador.

Before American sanctions, Sri Lanka imported as much as 90 percent of its oil from Iran and refined it in a plant funded by Iran.

However, even though America has given limited relief, the Sri Lankan government is struggling to utilize it since banks are reluctant to open letters of credit and provide insurance for fear of being blacklisted by the United States.—Xinhua

**Indian state vote may be first step to Modi vs Gandhi face-off** India



Gujarat's Chief Minister Narendra Modi addresses his supporters during an election campaign rally ahead of the state assembly elections at Dokar village in the western Indian state of Gujarat in this on 11 Oct, 2012 file photo.—REUTERS

NEW DELHI, 14 Dec— India's Gujarat state will hold a potentially game-changing vote on Thursday that could help decide whether Chief Minister Narendra Modi or Rahul Gandhi, scion of the Nehru-Gandhi dynasty, becomes India's next prime minister. If, as many polls predict, Modi wins a fourth term as chief minister of the state, he is expected to project himself as the presumptive prime ministerial candidate for his right-wing Hindu nationalist Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) in a general election due in 2014.

Gandhi's ruling Congress party has declared that he will be the face of its election campaign but has stopped short of saying he would become prime minister if the party was re-elected for a third term. Nevertheless, he is widely viewed as the party's top candidate for premier.

While analysts warn there is no certainty that either man will become their party's nominee for the top post, many in India are already talking about a potential Modi vs Gandhi clash in 2014 that would pit the charismatic but controversial chief minister against the heir to the country's first family.

Whoever becomes prime minister will take the helm of Asia's third-largest economy at a critical juncture in India's history as it tries to lift millions out of deep poverty and make the leap to become a global economic power.

Gujaratis are voting in a staggered election, with the second vote on 17 December. The results will be published on 20 December. The margin of Modi's victory will help determine whether he wins his party's backing to lead the election-year charge.

Analysts agree that Modi, 62, would be a formidable foe for the Congress party if he can triumph over both BJP infighting and fears within the party and its allies that he is too divisive a figure to take on the dynasty that has ruled India for most of the post-independence era.—Reuters



South Korean soldiers cast absentee ballots for the upcoming presidential election at a polling station in Seoul, South Korea, on 13 Dec, 2012. The election will take place on 19 December. XINHUA

**Singapore is top infrastructural investment destination** Singapore

SINGAPORE, 14 Dec— Singapore is the top infrastructural investment destination out of 40 markets worldwide, a latest survey has found. The survey by international consultancy EC Harris showed that Singapore scored high in all the key criteria used to rank the 40 markets, especially the maturity of its business

environment and the transparency of its political and legal systems.

"Singapore will always be an attractive market to investors however much of the existing infrastructure is already world-class," said Richard Marriott, the company's head of lenders and investors in Asia. He said the developed existing infra-

structure means that the biggest opportunities are likely to come in adopting a more innovative approach to how existing assets are managed.

China finished in the 18th place globally, ahead of its BRIC peers such as India at the 22th, and Brazil and Russia in the 31st and 35th places, respectively.

Xinhua

**ADB to provide 35 m USD to Cambodia for drought, flood mitigation** Cambodia

PHNOM PENH, 14 Dec— The Asian Development Bank (ADB) will help vulnerable communities in Cambodia raise their ability to respond to and cope with natural disasters by providing a 35 million US dollar loan to manage risks stemming from extreme floods and droughts, a bank's media statement said on Thursday.

"Disaster responses are often reactive and uncoordinated, so the goal of this project is to develop a stronger system of managing risks from the national level down to the vulnerable communities themselves,

which will contribute to regional defences through the Greater Mekong Subregion," said Su Chin Teoh, natural resources specialist in ADB's Southeast Asia department.

The Cambodia project includes upgrade to irrigation systems and other infrastructure, a strengthened national flood forecasting centre, and training and support to farmers for community-based disaster risk management.

The loan complements similar projects recently approved in Lao People's Democratic Republic and Vietnam, it said.

Xinhua

**Human errors blamed for deadly ferry crash in Hong Kong**

HONG KONG, 14 Dec— Hong Kong's Commission of Inquiry into causes behind the deadly ferry collision on 1 Oct continued its hearing on Thursday, with a British maritime expert saying the accident resulted from human errors.

British Captain Nigel Robert Pryke told the inquiry that the Hong Kong and Kowloon Ferry — "Sea Smooth" — was "primarily responsible" for the collision, local media reported.

Pryke said that "Sea Smooth" captain had taken a port tack around one minute before the collision, which was in clear contravention of international maritime regulations. Related regulations

stipulate that two vessels, which might collide, should take a starboard tack to avoid collision.—Xinhua



An "injured" person is rescued by a helicopter during the 2012 highway traffic emergency drill in Yingshan County, central China's Hubei Province, on 13 Dec, 2012. The drill held on Thursday involved over 800 personnel from armed police, fire control, medical rescue and other departments.—XINHUA

**UN, Cambodia jointly hold workshop on Sustainable Energy for All**

PHNOM PENH, 14 Dec— The United Nations Development Programme and Cambodian Ministry of Industry, Mines and Energy on Thursday jointly held a workshop on Sustainable Energy for All (SE4All) in order to discuss the future of sustainable energy in Cambodia.

The workshop, opened

by Suy Sem, Minister of Industry, Mines and Energy, and UN Resident Coordinator Douglas Broderick, was attended by 80 people from various ministries, development partners, non-governmental organizations and civil society. Speaking at the event, Suy Sem said that energy sector was very vital to contribute to social and economic development.

He added that the government has set a specific goal to provide all villages with electricity of any type by the year 2020 and at least 70 percent of households will be able to access to grid quality electricity by 2030. "To achieve this target, we need to increase investment in energy sector and promote the efficiency of energy," he said. He said that currently, Cambodia has consumed the electricity of about 635 megawatts including 400 megawatts in Phnom Penh.—Xinhua



## ADVERTISEMENT &amp; GENERAL

## CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

## MV AN SHUN JIANG VOY NO (193)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV AN SHUN JIANG VOY NO (193) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 15.12.2012 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of S.P.W (6) where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11:20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm to Claims Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the Vessel.

No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

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Consignees of cargo carried on MV MERKUR BRIDGE VOY NO (024) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 15.12.2012 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of M.I.P where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11:20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm to Claims Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the Vessel.

No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

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## CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

## MV MATTYS VOY NO (1250)

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## United Nations Development Programme

Vacancy Announcement  
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The United Nations Development Programme is seeking applications from dynamic and highly motivated Myanmar nationals for the following vacancy with UNDP, Yangon, Myanmar.

Functional Title : Human Resources Analyst  
Grade : NO-B  
Type of Contract : Fixed Term  
Duty Station : Yangon

Under the guidance and direct supervision of the Deputy Resident Representative (Operations), the Human Resources Analyst is responsible for transparent implementation of HR strategies in COs, effective delivery of HR services and management of the CO HR Unit. He/She interprets and applies HR policies, rules and regulations, establishes internal procedures and provides solutions to a wide spectrum of complex HR issues. The HR Analyst supervises and leads the staff of the HR Unit and works in close collaboration with the operations, programme and project teams in the CO and UNDP HQ staff ensuring successful CO performance in HR management.

**Competencies Required:** Demonstrating/Safeguarding ethics and integrity, Demonstrates corporate knowledge and sound judgement, self-development, initiative taking; acting as a team player and facilitating team work; facilitating and encouraging open communication in the team communicating effectively; creating synergies through self-control; managing conflict; learning and sharing knowledge and encouraging the learning of others; informed and transparent decision making.

**Qualifications:** Masters degree or equivalent in HR, Business Administration, Public Administration or related field. Minimum 2 years of relevant work experience at the national level in providing HR advisory services and managing staff and operational systems. Computer literate with experience in the usage of computers and office software packages (MS Word, Excel, etc) and experience in handling of web based management systems. Fluency in both spoken and written English is a must. Female candidates are encouraged to apply.

Candidates should clearly indicate the post title in their application, and should submit them together with complete P-11 Form. Applications should be addressed to **Deputy Resident Representative (Operations) Attention: Human Resources Unit, No. 6, Natmauk Road UNDP, Yangon** or apply on-line through [application.mrm@undp.org](mailto:application.mrm@undp.org).

Only those candidates in whose qualifications and experience the Organization has further interest will be contacted for subsequent interview(s).

UNDP is an equal opportunity employer. UNDP regrets its inability to reply individually or attend to telephone queries on the advertised posts.

**Closing date: 24 December 2012**

MINISTRY OF RAIL TRANSPORTATION  
MYANMA RAILWAYS  
INVITATION TO OPEN TENDER

1. Open Tender is invited for supply of the following items in Euro:

| Sr No. | Tender No                   | Description            | Quantity  |
|--------|-----------------------------|------------------------|-----------|
| 1.     | 12(T)23/MR(ML/ISN)<br>12-13 | DC Flexible Cable Wire | 7 - Items |

Closing Date & Time - 25.1.2013(Friday)(12:00)Hour.

2. Tender documents are available at our office starting from 17.12.2012 during office hours and for further detail please contact: Deputy General Manager Supply Department, Myanma Railways, Corner of Theinbyu Street and Merchant Street, Botahtaung, Yangon. Phone:95-1-291985, 291994,

## Ministry of Information

## Information and Public Relations Department

Invitation for open tender of  
Information and Public Relations  
Department to buy Equipment

1. Information and Public Relations Department under the Ministry of Information will buy the following working equipment.

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| 1. Nikon 18to200mm lens EDDX VR II       | 2 items  |
| 2. Nikon SB700 Speed Light Flash Gun     | 2 items  |
| 3. Nikon Super Wide Lens 10 to 24mm      | 1 item   |
| 4. Nikon Battery Packs ENEL 3e           | 8 items  |
| 5. CF Memory Card( small card) 4 GB      | 10 items |
| 6. SD Memory Card(small card) 4 GB       | 10 items |
| 7. Aluminium Ladder (three steps)        | 2 items  |
| 8. Aluminium Ladder (two steps)          | 2 items  |
| 9. Sony External Flash HVL-F20 AM        | 1 item   |
| 10. Card Reader All in one               | 4 items  |
| 11. Sony Lens DT 18 to 250 mm            | 30 items |
| 12. Nikon Digital Camera D7000 Only Body | 2 items  |

2. The open tender applications are to be taken out from the Office No 7 of the Ministry of Information in Nay Pyi Taw from 09:30 hr to 16:30 hr during the period from 12-12-2012 to 20-12-2012 during the office days.

3. The open tender applications are to be submitted in front of the members of the tender committee at the Office No 7 of the Ministry of Information in Nay Pyi Taw from 09:30 hr to 16:30 hr on 21-12-2012. The tenders submitted after the designated date will not be considered.

4. The form of open tender and detailed information may be enquired at the following address.

Procurement Committee  
Ministry of Information  
Office No. 7, Nay Pyi Taw  
Tel: 412327, 412323

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MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY  
AGENT FOR: EASTERN CAR LINER S'PORE  
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## India

India  
successfully  
testfires  
nuke-capable  
Agni I  
missile

NEW DELHI, 14 Dec — India on Wednesday successfully testfired its home-made, nuclear-capable surface-to-surface *Agni-I* intermediate-range ballistic missile in the eastern state of Odisha, sources said.

“The missile, a single-stage missile powered by solid propellants, was testfired from a military facility on the Wheeler Island. The testfiring of the missile was successful,” the sources said.

Senior defence scientists and top military officials witnessed the testfiring of the ballistic missile which can carry payloads up to 1,000 kg, they added.

The *Agni* missile, used by the Indian Army, is a family of short to intermediate range ballistic missiles developed by India under the Integrated Guided Missile Development Programme.

India's state-owned Defence Research and Development Organization has developed *Agni* missile series, including *Agni-I* with a strike range of 700 km, *Agni-II* with a strike range of 2,000 km, *Agni-III* with strike range of 3,000 km, *Agni-IV* with a strike range beyond 3,500 km and *Agni-V* with a strike range of more than 5,000 km.

Xinhua



Staff members of Tianjin pavilion make traditional “huoshao” pastries during the 2012 China Time-Honoured Brand Expo in Beijing, capital of China, on 12 Dec, 2012. The five-day expo, opening Wednesday at the Beijing Exhibition Centre, attracted some 160 Chinese time-honoured brand exhibitors.

XINHUA

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ENTERTAINMENT

Taylor Swift reclaims top spot on Billboard 200

LOS ANGELES, 14 Dec—Country-pop star Taylor Swift reclaimed the top spot on the Billboard 200 album chart on Wednesday with her hit album “Red,” keeping three new entries from the No 1 position.



“Red” landed back at No 1 for the fourth time after selling 167,000 copies last week according to Nielsen SoundScan, ousting Alicia Keys’ “Girl on Fire,” which fell to No 7 this week.

New entries this week include rapper Wiz Khalifa’s sophomore record “O N I F C ,” which debuted at No 2 after selling 141,000 copies. Pop star Ke\$ha’s new album “Warrior” landed at No 6 with sales of 85,000 while country band Florida Georgia Line’s de-

Singer Taylor Swift

but album “Here’s To the Good Times” came in at No 10.

Ahead of the holidays, festive albums featured heavily in the top 10, with Rod Stewart’s “Merry Christmas, Baby” at No 3, Michael Buble’s “Christmas” at No 5 and Blake Shelton’s “Cheers, It’s Christmas” at No 8.

Bruno Mars’ latest single “Locked Out of Heaven” topped the Billboard Digital Songs chart for the first time with 197,000 copies sold, coming in ahead of Rihanna’s “Diamonds” at No 2 and will.i.am and Britney Spears’ “Scream & Shout” at No 3.

Reuters

Priyanka Chopra’s mother chooses her red carpet jewellery



One of the jewellery designers, who Dr. Chopra keeps in touch with, is Farah Khan.

MUMBAI, 14 Dec—They say Mom knows best! And staying true to these words is Priyanka Chopra, who relies on her mum Dr Madhu Chopra to take care of what precious jewels she will wear at all the red carpet events and parties she attends. A source says, “PC’s mother wants her to look effortlessly stylish on all occasions.”

One of the jewellery designers, who Dr Chopra keeps in touch with, is Fa-

rah Khan.

The celebrity designer says, “I have designed a lot of pieces for Priyanka for her events. And it’s her mother who communicates the designs and preferences with us.”

So from the stunning diamonds dripping from her ears or the Turkish evil-eye bracelet she has been flaunting lately, now we know who chooses Priyanka’s baubles.

PTI

Oscars will be both traditional and new, says host Seth MacFarlane



Seth MacFarlane arrives at the 4th Annual Governors Awards at Hollywood and Highland Centre’s Ray Dolby Ballroom.—PTI

LOS ANGELES, 14 Dec—Actor-director Seth MacFarlane says his stint as the host of the Academy Awards will see a mixture of both traditional and new.

The Ted director said that he wants to acknowledge the traditional, yet still allow the ceremony to have some never seen before elements, reported Rolling Stone magazine.

“All the ceremonies have had redeeming qualities. It is about finding that balance between doing what I do, but acknowledging that this is the Academy Awards, not the roast of Donald Trump,” Seth MacFarlane said.

“It’s walking that line between old-fashioned showmanship and allowing it to be contemporary with a little bit of bite. Johnny Carson and Billy Crystal are two hosts who walked that line. There’s a moment on Family Guy that’s just Gene Kelly dancing with Stewie—that’s what we have to achieve, a dance between the traditional and the new,” he added.

Seth MacFarlane also said that he feels that imposing his own successes onto the ceremony would not be a good move.

PTI

Chris Hemsworth is a “rock star”: Zachary Levi

NEW DELHI, 14 Dec—Zachary Levi, Chris Hemsworth’s co-star in Thor 2, thinks that the actor is a rock star.

The Australian actor will reprise his role of the god of thunder Thor in the Marvel sequel Thor 2 and his co-star Zachary Levi thinks Chris is equally as impressive as the superhero.

He told E! News: “He’s an awesome guy. Brand new baby. He’s a new dad, [has] a lovely wife, the whole nine. He’s a rock star.”

Chris and wife Elsa Pataky welcomed their first child, daughter India, seven months ago but Chris insists his family is not impressed by his fame. The actor believes he is the least listened to person in his household and can’t see the situation ever changing.

Speaking after being

named Man of the Year by Empire magazine recently, he said: “It’s very nice, what does that mean? Man of the Year? I’d love to be man of the house but with my wife and now my daughter I don’t think I’ll ever hold that title! They certainly run the show.



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PTI

“At the moment, I love to hang out with my little baby. It’s fascinating watching her; every day there’s something different.

“Now she’s becoming more and more aware of the world and that’s incredible.”

PTI

Lindsay Lohan refused to film the final scenes for a home improvement series



Lindsay Lohan

NEW DELHI, 14 Dec—Lindsay Lohan allegedly refused to film the final scenes for a home improvement series despite receiving \$200,000 worth of renovations for

free. The Liz & Dick actress—who is currently trying to pay back a huge tax bill despite reports she was given \$100,000 from her good pal Charlie Sheen to cover almost half of the debt—reportedly refused to film a big reveal moment after her

home was given an expensive revamp as part of the Bravo series Million Dollar Decorators.

Sources told gossip website TMZ.com that the 26-year-old troubled starlet agreed to take part in the series earlier this year in exchange for her rental home—which costs her \$8,000 a month—getting a free makeover worth an estimated \$200,000.

The actress was said to have initially cooperated with producers and filmed a furniture-shopping segment in March, along with other

footage at the house. But once the renovations were completed, Lindsay allegedly stopped communicating with the show’s team.

Insiders say that the actress is still living in the house but it is now too messy to be filmed and producers are said to be planning to use other clips to cobble together a big reveal moment since Lindsay won’t take part.

The episode is scheduled to hit screens early next year.

PTI



## Xavi to extend contract with Barcelona

MADRID, 14 Dec—FC Barcelona captain Xavi Hernandez on Thursday confirmed he was on the point of extending his contract with the club until June 2016.

The midfielder, who will be 33 years old at the start of 2013, said he is close to agreeing a deal to keep him at the Camp Nou until the end of his career.

“I am very happy, it is almost done and I hope to announce it in the next few days,” said the Spain international.

“All that needs to be done is to draw up the contract, but I am very happy to be able to stay here until 2016,” he added.

Xavi made his first team debut as an 18 year-

old and can be considered to be one of the architects of Barca’s passing game,



**Barcelona’s Xavi Hernandez (R) is challenged by Cordoba’s Gaspar Galvez during their Spanish King’s Cup soccer match at Nuevo Arcangel stadium in Cordoba on 12 Dec, 2012.**

REUTERS

which has become famous all over the world and which has also been adopted by the Spanish national squad, which has won the last two European Championships and the 2010 World Cup.

Meanwhile Barcelona also announced that 21-year-old winger Christian Tello will sign a new contract with the club next Monday. Tello has agreed

a deal until June 2016, the same as Xavi.

The Spain Under-21 winger broke into the first team last season

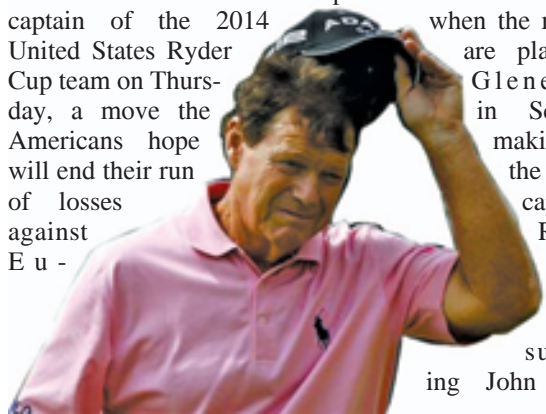
and so far has made 8 appearances in the Primera Liga as well as playing in the Champions League and the Copa del Rey.

One surprise is that he and the club have agreed to maintain his buyout clause of 10 million Euros, which means his price is still very accessible to any major European club interested in buying him.—Xinhua



## Watson named US Ryder Cup captain for 2014

NEW YORK, 14 Dec—Tom Watson was named captain of the 2014 United States Ryder Cup team on Thursday, a move the Americans hope will end their run of losses against Europe.



**Tom Watson of the US tips his cap as he walks off the 18th green during the third round of the British Open golf championship at Royal Lytham & St Annes, northern England on 21 July, 2012.—REUTERS**

rope in the biennial competition. Watson will be 65 when the matches are played at Gleneagles in Scotland, making him the oldest captain in Ryder Cup history, surpassing John Henry

Taylor, who was 62 when he captained Great Britain to victory in 1933.

“I was waiting 20 years to get the call again. I loved it the first time,” said Watson, who led the US to victory in 1993 in his previous stint as captain.

“I’ve been a great fan of the Ryder Cup, always been watching, I get the same gut feeling just watching it at home on TV. It’s a great honour to do it again.”

A winner of eight majors, including five British Opens, Watson became just the seventh man to be named US captain on more

than one occasion.

The last was Jack Nicklaus in 1987. “Tom Watson is one of the most respected players and ambassadors in the game of golf, and the PGA of America is excited that he has accepted the task of once again guiding a United States Ryder Cup Team,” PGA of America President Ted Bishop said.

“The 40th Ryder Cup at Gleneagles will mark 21 years since the US has won a Ryder Cup on foreign soil. Tom was the last American captain to accomplish this feat and we hope that he can do it again.”—Reuters

## F1 team principals vote for Alonso over Vettel

LONDON, 14 Dec—Formula One team principals have voted Ferrari’s Fernando Alonso their driver of the year, despite Red Bull’s Sebastian Vettel becoming the sport’s youngest triple world champion at 25.

A poll of all the team heads carried out by Britain’s *Autosport* magazine, with each asked to list their top 10 and award points according to grand prix scoring, placed Alonso first with 269 and Vettel second on 198.

Alonso lost out to Vettel by three points on the track after the season’s fi-

nale in Brazil last month. The team principals’ scores were kept secret but the magazine said eight of the 12 chose Alonso, who had the biggest winning margin in the five years since the top 10 was started, as the best driver.

The Spaniard, who won his two titles with Renault in 2005 and 2006, was also voted best driver in 2010 when Vettel took his first championship. Lewis Hamilton, who is moving to Mercedes from McLaren, finished third in the poll (177 points) with Kimi Raikkonen fourth for Lotus (176) and McLaren’s Jenson Button fifth (104).



**Second placed Ferrari Formula One driver Fernando Alonso of Spain celebrates on the podium after the Brazilian F1 Grand Prix at Interlagos circuit in Sao Paulo on 25 Nov, 2012.—REUTERS**

## Soccer

## Chelsea power into Club World Cup final

YOKOHAMA, 14 Dec—Fernando Torres continued his recent resurgence as Chelsea confidently brushed aside Mexico’s Monterrey 3-1 to reach the final of the Club World Cup in Japan on Thursday.

The English side and their interim manager Rafael Benitez will be under pressure to beat Brazil’s Corinthians in Sunday’s final after becoming the first holders to exit the Champions League at the group stage last week.

“We can’t afford to lose the final,” Benitez, who won the tournament with Inter Milan in 2010 but lost in the 2005 final with Liverpool, told reporters.

“We will see if Corinthians can play at our level. They have Brazilian quality so we know it will be a difficult match.”

Juan Mata finished off a classy move in the 17th minute to give Chelsea the lead, smashing in a left-foot shot after a low ball from Ashley Cole, sent clear by a back-heel from Oscar.

Spain team mate Torres added Chelsea’s second

with a deflected drive 20 seconds after the break, his fifth goal in three games.

Mata’s cross was turned into his own net by Darwin Chavez moments later to effectively kill off the game, although Aldo de Nigris grabbed a consolation for Monterrey in stoppage time.

“It’s nice to be scoring goals again,” said a smiling Torres, still hugely popular with Japanese fans despite only recently emerging from an alarming goal drought.

“To hear the fans chanting my name meant a lot to me. Hopefully I can take that form into the final,” added the Spaniard, one of the world’s deadliest strikers under Benitez at Liverpool.

“This is a massively important tournament for us. We came a long way and it’s a trophy we have to win.” Benitez said Torres, on the score sheet for the third successive game for the first time in a Chelsea shirt, was close to his best.

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**Players of Britain’s Chelsea celebrate after a goal scored by teammate Fernando Torres during their Club World Cup semi-final soccer match against Mexico’s Monterrey in Yokohama, south of Tokyo on 13 Dec, 2012.—REUTERS**

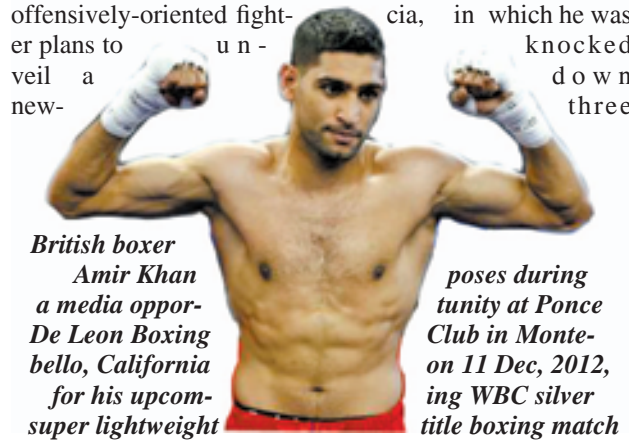
## Khan focusing on “boring” defence for Molina bout

LOS ANGELES, 14 Dec—Britain’s Amir Khan says undefeated Carlos Molina will be in for a surprise when they meet this week in a bout where the normally offensively-oriented fighter plans to unveil a new-

It is a change that Khan, (26-3, 18 KOs), says was necessary in the wake of July’s shock lightweight title loss to American Danny Garcia, in which he was knocked down three

**British boxer Amir Khan poses during a media opportunity at Ponce De Leon Boxing bello, California for his upcoming super lightweight**

**against Mexican American boxer Carlos Molina, scheduled for 15th December in Los Angeles.—REUTERS**



look defence. Khan, who lost his last two fights after some defensive lapses, will get a chance to display his back-to-basics approach when he meets the 27-year-old Mexican American on Saturday at the Los Angeles Sports Arena.

“He’s seen the old Amir Khan,” the Bolton boxer told *Reuters* in a recent interview. “He doesn’t know what the new one looks like or fights like. He might think he knows what to do, but on Saturday night he’s going to see a completely new Amir Khan.”

times en route to a fourth-round stoppage.

Khan said the first step to retooling his approach was leaving the famed Wild Card Gym in Hollywood, where he had been working with Manny Pacquiao trainer Freddie Roach, and switching to the gym of Virgil Hunter in quieter Hayward, California. “I got to know too many people in LA. It’s an amazing place, there’s so much to do, but there are a lot of distractions at the same time,” said Khan.

Reuters

## Formula One

“I was pleased to be chosen by the team principals as the best driver of 2012,” Alonso told the Ferrari website (www.ferrari.com). “I think it will be very difficult to repeat what was almost a perfect season this year, but we will try...Of course, next year I would prefer to win the title, happy to leave this prestigious yet idealistic award to one of my peers.”—Reuters

**Second placed Ferrari Formula One driver Fernando Alonso of Spain celebrates on the podium after the Brazilian F1 Grand Prix at Interlagos circuit in Sao Paulo on 25 Nov, 2012.—REUTERS**



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Lunge Ahman Shield Football Tournament wraps up

YE, 14 Dec—The prize awarding of the Lunge Ahman Shield Football Tournament was held at the sports ground of Basic Education High School No 1 in Ye on 12 December.

In the U-25 event, Ahyutaung Village emerged champion with a 1-0 win over Kyaung Village.

Township level departmental officials presented prizes to the winning teams and players in respective places. Acting



Township Administrator U Soe Lin awarded championship shield to champion Ahyutaung Village. *Myanma Alinn*

Stoke striker Owen nears return to action

LONDON, 14 Dec—Stoke City's Michael Owen played 70 minutes in a closed-door friendly against Preston North End on Tuesday, but is unlikely to be risked in Saturday's Premier League clash against Everton.

The 32-year-old former England striker has made just four

appearances for the club since joining on a pay-as-you-play contract in September having been hampered by groin and hamstring injuries. "We have maybe pushed Michael a little bit too hard at times, so we want to give him another week, and maybe fit another game in for him in that time too," manager Tony Pulis told the club's website (www.stokecityfc.com) on Thursday.

to the starting line-up, having missed the goalless draw with Aston Villa at the weekend through suspension. Unbeaten in six matches, Stoke play three of the next four games at the

Barclays Premier League stadium.



Stoke City's Michael Owen (2nd R) makes his debut as he comes on for Charlie Adam (L) during their English Premier league soccer match against Chelsea at Stamford Bridge in London on 22 Sept, 2012.—REUTERS

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Lampard says this could be his last season at Chelsea

YOKOHAMA, 14 Dec—Chelsea's veteran midfielder Frank Lampard wants to play on for two or three more years but says this campaign could be his last at Stamford Bridge.

The 34-year-old England international's contract comes to an end this season and talks have yet to take place on a new deal. "Nothing has been said," the Chelsea vice-captain told reporters after Thursday's 3-1 victory over Mexican side Monterrey in

the Club World Cup semi-finals.

"Talks about a one-year extension, a two-year extension, don't exist. The ball is in Chelsea's court," said Lampard. "Whatever happens I've had a great time with Chelsea — maybe things don't last forever.

Although I want it to last forever, you have to be big enough to know what the situation is."

Lampard, who has won everything there is to

win in English football and also landed the European Champions League trophy in Munich in May, is desperate to prolong his 11-year stay at Chelsea. "I'm not the kind of player to just see out my time and sit on the bench. I want to be involved," added Lampard who has just returned to the Chelsea side after a six-week injury layoff.

"That's my character. I will keep trying to do that whatever the circumstances."—Reuters



Frank Lampard of Britain's Chelsea wears a captain armband at the Club World Cup semi-final soccer match against Mexico's Monterrey in Yokohama, south of Tokyo on 13 Dec, 2012. REUTERS

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their prime but said he would not make drastic changes to the transfer policy.

"I think we'll stop that happening (players walking away) because we have a good young generation of English players coming through and we'll try to build the team around them," he said.

"I'm confident they will stay and commit to the club. My regret is that we already had great teams in place that could compete at the top. You could feel that the potential was there, but now it feels like we're starting again and it's frustrating.

"My vision is to continue to

Arsenal's coach Arsene Wenger reacts during their English League Cup soccer match against Bradford City in Bradford, northern England on 11 Dec, 2012. REUTERS

produce a large majority of the players from within the club. I want to buy players who can bring top-class pedigree from outside, but I think our target is to produce players who integrate into our style of play."

Despite Arsenal's current struggles and seven years without a trophy, Wenger said he felt no more pressure than usual.

"I always feel under pressure to deliver, always. You can only be successful

you've been here for 16 years, you're part of the history and the guy who is responsible for the values that the club wants to show in all aspects of daily life," he said.

"For example, if a manager changes every two years and the players stay for 10 years, the player will always have a greater influence. If a manager stays at a club for 15 years, he is a 'memory' of the club.

Wenger said he felt something like a guardian figure at the north London club. "I feel responsible for the evolution of the club. When

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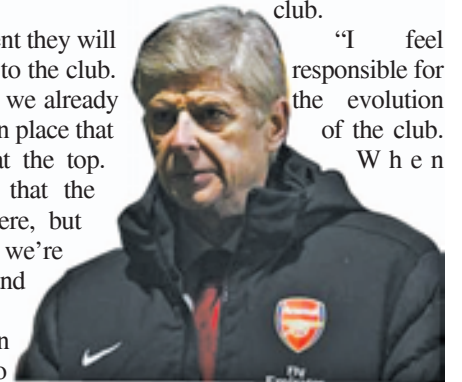
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Wenger promises to stick to Arsenal transfer policy

LONDON, 14 Dec—Arsenal manager Arsene Wenger has pledged to stick to his policy of developing players within the Premier League club rather than splashing out large sums of money on transfer fees.

Wenger, whose team were dumped out of the League Cup on Tuesday by fourth tier Bradford City, faces the possibility of losing England winger Theo Walcott after Cesc Fabregas, Robin van Persie and Samir Nasri left to earn more money elsewhere.

In an interview with FourFourTwo magazine, the Frenchman agreed it was difficult when top players walked away, especially when they were reaching





Abolishment of censorship expands press freedom, drive for active participation of men of letters to reach nation's goal of democracy

Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham honours writers

NAY PYI TAW, 14 Dec—A ceremony to present National Literary Life-time Achievement Award, National Literary Award and Sarpay Beikman Manuscript Award to the winners was held at Myanmar International Convention Centre, here, this morning, with an address by Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham.

Speaking on the occasion, Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham said: After scrutinizing 2405 books published in 2011, the Literary Award Scrutiny Committee chose awards for 13 genres. Likewise, a total of 31 manuscripts of 185 were chosen for the Sarpay Beikman Manuscript Award.

The good literature can give correct idea, concept and knowledge to the reader people, preserving significant characteristics and cultural traditions of the nation and fostering nationalistic spirit and patriotism. Literature can

plays a key role to march towards the new era and system, the literati would contribute to promotion of democratic culture.

He urged literati to create works for flourishing the deterrent principles to the world such as justice, liberty and equality and prevailing peace and prosperity of the entire people and ensuring eternal co-existence of national races in equal term of rights, Union Spirit and perpetual unity. Print media such as books and publications is still playing an important role today though various types of media are developing day by day.

He continued to say that as writers and publishers have easy access to apply the printing and publishing permits through free on-line service, growing number of publications will serve the interests of the nation and people.

He noted that only when those of literary arena abide by ethics of



Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham views prize winning works at literary award presentation ceremony.—MNA

of human resources, to strive for development of democratic culture and prosperity of entire nation, and to apply literature in building a new nation.

The Vice-President presented 2011 National Literary Life-time Achievement Award to writer U Win Maung

Union Minister for Information U Aung Kyi awarded National Literary Award winners in the belle- letter genre, Myanmar culture and fine arts genre and child literature genre.

Chairman of Pyithu Hluttaw Sports, Culture and Public Relations Development Committee

Union Minister for Education Dr Mya Aye presented National Literary Awards to winners in general knowledge (applied science), drama, political literature and English literature (knowledge) genres respectively.

Union Minister for Culture U Aye Myint Kyu, Union Minister for SWRR Dr Daw Myat Myat Ohn Khin, Union Minister for Hotels and Tourism U Htay Aung, member of Pyithu Hluttaw Sports, Culture

and Public Relations Development Committee U Khaing Maung Yi, Deputy Minister for Information U Paik Htwe and Deputy Minister for Culture Daw Sanda Khin gave Sarpay Beikman manuscript awards to winners in the respective genres. On behalf of the winners, writer U Win Maung (Min Yu Wai) spoke words of thanks. Later, the Vice-President posed for documentary photo with literary award winners.

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Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham presents Life-time Achievement Award to U Win Maung (Min Yu Wai). —MNA

bring about development of human resources.

Abolishment of censorship system expands arena of press freedom, and it would be a drive for active participation of those in the literary world to realize the democratization process, he said.

He expressed his opinion that as the collaborative efforts of the entire people in harmony

press freedom, will they maintain their prestige in the long run. And, they would have respect of new generations in dissemination of knowledge, he said.

In conclusion, the Vice-President urged them to create works for reflecting development of the State and successful realization of democratization process, to broaden horizon of the people for development



Union Minister U Aung Kyi presents prize to Nat Mauk Tun Shein (U Tun Shein).—MNA

(Min Yu Wai) and National Literary Awards to Ye Myat Tin (U Ye Win) in the collected short stories genre and Pyinmana Maung Ni Thin (U Tin Win) in the collected poems genre.

Thura U Aye Myint gave National Literary Awards to winners in translation (general knowledge) genre, translation (aesthetics) genre, general knowledge (arts) and (ordinary science) genres respectively.



Thura U Aye Myint presents prize to U Kyi Myint (Latha).—MNA