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Vietnam to invest in Hoang Anh Gia Lai Myanmar Centre project

NAYPYI TAW, 19 Dec— The Ministry of Hotels and Tourism coordinates matters related to emergence of new buildings meeting international standards where seminars and exhibitions will be organized and sufficiency in hotel rooms which is key to development of tourism sector, inviting local and foreign investments.

Myanmar sees 782 hotels with 27968 rooms up to date, including 21 residences with 3770. Foreign investments

are being invited for development of tourism sector.

A signing ceremony of BOT contract and lease agreement between the Directorate of Hotels and Tourism under the ministry and Hoang Anh Gia Lai Myanmar Company Limited of Vietnam was held at Amara Hotel, here, yesterday.

Hoang Anh Construction & Development House Joint Stock Company of Vietnam will finance the construction project which

will be implemented on Kaba-Aye Pagoda Road in Bahan Township in Yangon with the cent per cent investment of US\$ 300.

Union Minister for Hotels and Tourism U Htay Aung and Vietnamese Ambassador to Myanmar Mr. Chu Cong Phung spoke on the occasion. Director-General U Aung Zaw Win of Directorate of Hotels and Tourism and Director Mr. Le Hung of Hoang Anh Gia Lai Myanmar Company Limited signed agreements and exchanged notes.

Hoang Anh Gia Lai Myanmar Centre will include hotel rooms, conference rooms and others, business centre with shopping malls and sale centres, restaurants and recreation centre, offices and apartments.

The phase one of the construction project is set to complete in 2015 and phase two in 2017. The project is aimed to contribute to development of tourism sector in Yangon, commercial hub of the country. — MNA

New Ngamoyeik (Parami) Bridge put into service

YANGON, 19 Dec— New Ngamoyeik (Parami) Bridge was inaugurated at the pavilion on Parami Road in Dagon Myothit (North) Township, here, this morning.

Yangon Region Chief Minister U Myint Swe spoke on the occasion.

Afterwards, Yangon Region Development Minister Mayor U Hla Myint reported to the Chief Minister on the construction work.

Yangon Mayor U Hla Myint, Region Minister for Forestry and Energy

U Kyaw Soe and Region Minister for Planning and Economy U Than Myint formally opened the bridge.

Soon after the chief minister had unveiled the stone inscription of the bridge, he strolled along the bridge.

The bored pile-type bridge is 2000 feet long including the length of its approach roads.

It can withstand 75 tons load, and its water clearance is 82 feet in width and, 10 feet and six inches in height.

MNA

Public service newspapers to prioritize “prestige and profit”

The state-owned newspapers are embracing the change with attempts to adjust themselves to reforms as public service media. Governing body of the government-run papers Myanma Alinn, Kyemon and The New Light of Myanmar Dailies has been formed. To explore which measures the governing body is taking, The New Light of Myanmar interviewed chairman U Ye Tint and members U Ye Myint Pe and U Kyaw Zaw Naing. Here is the excerpt:-

Q: What is your view on the comment an MP recently made at the parliament that the democratic government should no more print the state-owned newspapers?

A: The government-controlled newspaper is the umbrella term of the state-owned newspaper and the government-owned newspaper. Some democratic countries even have

government mouthpieces. The newspapers are being transformed into public service newspapers. As they would take the public-centered approach, they could not defy the desires of the people. We give more emphasis on the desires of the people in undertaking reforms with due transparency. The most important thing is to contribute to the welfare of the people. If any newspaper fails to meet demands of the people, they would fall.

Q: Official sources often answer to private papers on condition of anonymity. They are reluctant to speak to the government-run papers. What is your answer to this issue?

A (U Ye Tint): The information teams of each ministry have been formed. There would be no problem if the reporters have clear understanding of basics for

By: Moe Thuza Soe

finding the middle ground with each ministry.

Q: It has been two months since the governing body was established. What are your policies and work plans for improving “form and content” of the newspapers?

A: The government is spending its money on improving the form in the long run. The content is a generalized matter. We are providing journalism courses as they have authority over reporting. We would like to urge the newspapermen to try and value their job as we would support the expertise in reporting. Our courses cover both journalism basics and legal matters in which we see the journalists are weak. We have plans to



U Ye Tint.

open School of Journalism.

Q: Which changes will be made to transform newspapers into Public Service Media?

A: The Notification No. 72/2012 of the Union Government dated 18-10-2012 states that the newspapers would be transformed into Public Service Media (PSM). All the news stories must represent all the citizens. We have work plans. We will prioritize prestige and profit. We will grant editorial independence and there will later be financial independence. We will make sure CEs, DCEs and Editors who are included in the executive board make the most of that independence. Incremental transformation of Myanma Alinn and Kyemon into PSMs will complete by August 2013. The New Light of Myanmar will be run under a joint venture. The policy information will be provided in details. Articles of scholars will be used. Other news will be edited, depending on the



U Kyaw Zaw Naing.

value of the news. We will create the public perception of the government-run papers as genuine Fourth Estate. The newspapers will carry constructive criticisms against Three Estates.

The policies of the government will be made public in more attractive style of writing. The size of the newspapers will be changed to the international-standard size.

Q: We have heard that the government body will conduct trainings. Is there any plan to assign mentors to journalists to improve the “form and content”, rather than teaching theories?

A (U Kyaw Zaw Naing): Theory does matter. We need to learn theories to know what codes of ethics are and what codes of conduct of each newspaper are. We need to know ethics to avoid potential risks. Code of Ethics is concerned with everyone and Code of Conduct with each newspaper house. In the legal viewpoint, today's papers run many things that could be sued. There is no



U Ye Myint Pe.

journalist who has learnt laws that the journalists need to know. For example, the person who is not found guilty by a court cannot be mentioned as a “culprit”. The law does not favour the unknowing error. The journalists must learn the law. We would continue to assign mentors if that step is overcome.

Q: The government-run dailies have the advantage of running fresher reports than weeklies. What are your plans to let the journalists report hot topics?

A (U Ye Tint): Journalists of the private journals are freer to run stories. As for the state-owned newspapers, the quality of stories, and the printing of colour newspapers, depend on the desire and commitment of the journalists. The cooperation of all news media is needed. The public service newspaper is the first ever in the history of Myanmar media world. The governing body is the institution that assists the news media as it would stand on its own feet and negotiate with the (See page 9)



Interviewers Moe Thuza Soe, Ye Win Hsaung and Maung Maung Myint Swe.

Mobile book-borrowing system introduced to students in Mandalay



MANDALAY, 19 Dec — Mobile book-borrowing system was introduced to teachers and students of Basic Education High School

No. (29) in Pyigyidagun Township of Mandalay on 14 December.

With the aim of cultivating reading habit of

local people, book corners are being kept open at bus terminals, railway stations and airports in States and Regions and book shows are occasionally organized by Information and Public Relations Department. Mobile book-borrowing system is aimed at accelerating the habit of borrowing books from the library among the students, thereby contributing to broadening their horizons.

Moreover, poem and essay contests, and story-narration competitions are being organized in libraries of district IPRDs.

Kyemon

Roofing for Mandalay football stadium in preparation

MANDALAY, 19 Dec — So far, construction of stands has been completed for the football stadium being built by Max Myanmar Construction Company in Mandalay. Plans are underway to fix the roofs of the stadium where women football matches will be held in XXVII SEA Games.

The stadium is being constructed on the area of 89.09 acres on Thazin and Nguwah streets between 68th and 73rd streets in Chanmyathazi Township of Mandalay. The stadium with an area of 288,282 square feet is 80 feet high and it has a football ground with an area of 76,826 square feet and a

1408-foot long and 32-foot wide running track between the stands and the football ground.

Nearly 1500 local and foreign workers are striving for timely completion of construction works, meeting



Kyemon

Twelve houses reduced to ashes in Dagon Myothit (South) Tsp

YANGON, 19 Dec — A fire broke out at a house on Tharaphi street in Dagon

Myothit (South) Township of Yangon East District at 1.45 am on 16 December.



A fire started from the kitchen of the house. Thanks to collaborative efforts of firefighters and local people accompanied by 14 fire engines and administrative vehicles, the fire was under control at about 2 am.

Twelve houses were reduced to ashes in the that rendered fire 79 people of 14 households homeless.

A temporary relief camp is being kept open for the fire victims who are being provided with health care and relief supplies.

Kyemon

MCPA to hold AGM on 29 December

YANGON, 19 Dec — Myanmar Certified Public Accountants Association will organize its 8th annual general meeting at Yangon Training Centre at

No(1/19), Office of Auditor-General of the Union on Thakhin Mya Garden Street, here, at 9am on 29 December. As election of new executive members will be held at the

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Monuments for fallen Japanese soldiers in WW II

MEIKTILA, 19 Dec — Meiktila was ruled by Japanese army with more than 200,000 troops during the period from 1942 to 1945. Hundreds of Japanese soldier were killed while the town was under heavy bombardment of British and Allied Forces. In 1970, a Japanese bone collecting team visited villages in Meiktila. The team collected the bones of fallen Japanese soldiers with the help of a map and organized memorial services for them.

The team set up a monuments in commemoration of fallen soldiers in the compound of Shwekyauung monastery in Paukchaung ward in Meiktila in 1972. The stone inscription

set standard day in, day out under the supervision of engineers.

Kyemon

said “The place is the old battlefield where Japanese and English soldiers fought each other from March throughout August 1945. The survivors visited here and conducted memorial service 1972 February Japanese memorial service group”.

Another memorial stone plaque was set up in memory of fallen soldiers of No

102nd Corp in the compound of Htonbo monastery in Paukchaung ward in Meiktila in 1982. Besides, a Japan-Myanmar Friendship stone pillar, a prayer hall and a pagoda were also built there. Japanese bone collecting teams and Japanese visitors went to these two places to hold memorial services while they were in Meiktila.

Kyemon



Talks on solar system given in Dawei

DAWEI, 19 Dec — With the aim of increasing the public awareness of solar power, renewable energy that can contribute towards environmental conservation, London- and Berlin-based Relitec Co., Ltd conducted a talk on solar system at Padaetha Photo Lab in Dawei on 15 December.

Director Mr. Richard Schlicht and U Than Aye of the company explained how

to apply solar system for household and commercial use through visual aids.

Businessmen who are dealing with electrical appliances and electronics and local people packed into the lab to take part in the talks. The solar system has been installed at the Padaetha Photo Lab in Dawei and it cost US\$ 80000 (about K 68 million) for initial installation.

Kyemon

Makeshift bridges emerge along Sittoung river

YEDASHE, 19 Dec — When Sittoung river waters receded in the second week of December, makeshift bridges have emerged in some parts of the region along the river for the

convenience of local people who live on the east bank and west bank of the river in their health, education, social and economic matters.

“We face long delays in crossing the river by boat

and crossing the river in a boat is dangerous at night”, a local said. Makeshift bridges enable local people to transport their agriculture produce to other parts of the region. — Kyemon



WORLD

US, British leaders discuss hot-button issues

WASHINGTON, 19 Dec—US President Barack Obama and British Prime Minister David Cameron on Tuesday discussed a number of hot-button issues including Syria, Afghanistan and Iran.

In their video conference, the two leaders expressed “concern” about the continuing violence in Syria, where conflict between the government and opposition forces have entered its 21st month without signs of abating.

Obama warned once again the Syrian government against using chemical weapons in the conflict and urged the government to secure the deadly weapons, the White House said.

On Afghanistan, the two leaders focused on negotiations of a US-Afghanistan bilateral security

agreement, as American and NATO forces will withdraw most of their combat troops from the Asian nation by the end of 2014.

“They agreed on the need to find a way forward on Middle East peace that stops the cycle of counterproductive unilateral actions by the Israelis and Palestinians, and brings the parties back to the negotiating table,” the White House said in a statement.

The Palestinians won an upgraded status of non-member observer state through the UN General Assembly late last month despite vehement opposition from the US and Israel, while Israel has reacted by unveiling plans to build more houses in settlements in east Jerusalem and the West Bank, making the prospect of renewed direct

talks even more remote.

“On Iran, the two leaders agreed on the need to continue implementing sanctions, which are having an important effect, while pursuing diplomatic engagement to resolve the international community’s concerns about Iran’s nuclear programme,” the White House said.

The Obama administration set a March deadline late last month for Iran to begin “substantive cooperation” with the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) over its nuclear programme or face the UN Security Council.

Iran had one-day talks last week with IAEA experts in its capital of Teheran, the first since August, which the Islamic republic described as “constructive.”

Xinhua

UN condemns deadly attacks on health workers in Pakistan

UNITED NATIONS, 19 Dec—UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon and two UN agencies on Tuesday condemned the “senseless and inexcusable” killing of at least six people working on a polio vaccination campaign in Pakistan in the past 24 hours, a UN spokesman said here. “The secretary-general joins the World Health Organization (WHO) and UNICEF (the UN Children’s Fund) in condemning these senseless and inexcusable attacks on health workers,” Martin Nesirky said at a daily news briefing.

The secretary-general would meet on Tuesday with the Pakistani permanent representative to the UN, Masood Khan, who will take over the rotating presidency of the Secu-



Relatives of killed polio vaccination workers mourns at a hospital in southern Pakistani port city of Karachi on 18 Dec, 2012.—XINHUA

rity Council next month. During that meeting, Ban is expected to express his condolences and condemn those attacks, Nesirky said.

The six victims, reportedly five Pakistani women and one man, were shot dead in the City of Karachi in Sindh Province and in the City of Peshawar in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Province, respectively. Pakistan is one of three countries, along with Afghanistan and Nigeria, where polio is still endemic. The WHO and UNICEF said in a joint statement that those killed were among thousands

who work selflessly across Pakistan to help eradicate polio, the spokesman said. “They said that such attacks deprive Pakistan’s most vulnerable populations — especially children — of basic life-saving health interventions,” he added.

“We call on the leaders of the affected communities and everyone concerned to do their utmost to protect health workers and create a secure environment so that we can meet the health needs of the children of Pakistan,” the two agencies were quoted as saying in the statement.—Xinhua

Bomb alert prompts plane’s evacuation in Paris Airport

PARIS, 19 Dec—A Turkish Pegasus passenger plane was evacuated on Tuesday at Paris’ Orly airport due to a bomb alert, the daily *Le Parisien* reported.

The 146 persons were evacuated at 2:15 pm local time (1315 GMT) following an anonymous threatening phone call to the Embassy of France in Turkey.

“The aircraft was towed to a specific zone in the airport where it will be inspected by a team of dog handlers,” *Le Parisien* quoted a close source to the affair as saying.

France has been under high risk of terrorist attack as response to its military and political support to tackle Islamist insurgents in Afghanistan and the Sahel region.

Xinhua



A specialist group of Chinese Communist Party (CPC) (R) promote the spirit of the 18th CPC National Congress in Moscow, Russia, on 17 Dec, 2012. The specialist group of Chinese Communist Party held meetings with the United Russia Party and Russian Communist Party here on Monday, publicizing the spirit of the 18th CPC National Congress.—XINHUA



Wang Chen (C), director of China’s State Council Information Office, shakes hands with a guest during the New Year reception held by the China’s State Council Information Office in Beijing, capital of China, on 18 Dec, 2012. XINHUA

Kurdish troops fire on Iraqi army helicopter in dispute

BAGHDAD, 19 Dec—Troops from Iraq’s autonomous Kurdistan opened fire on an Iraqi army helicopter on Tuesday, underscoring tensions between Baghdad’s Arab-led central government and the Kurdish officials said.

Iraq’s government and self-ruled Kurdistan last month both sent troops from their respective armies to reinforce positions around towns in disputed areas where they both claim

control as part of a broader feud over oil and territory.

Kurdistan Peshmerga officials said on Tuesday they fired on an Iraqi military helicopter near Sikan-yan town just north of the ethnically mixed city of Kirkuk, to keep the aircraft from taking surveillance pictures of their military positions.

“We opened fire at an Iraqi military helicopter flying over our forces,” said Anwar Othman, deputy minister for Kurdish military affairs. “This is a clear message that next time our response will be tougher.”

A local mayor in the area confirmed the incident. But there was no immediate response from the Iraqi central government. The growing rift between Baghdad and Kurdistan is the most challenging test to Iraq’s federal unity since the last American troops left a year ago, removing a buffer of US military presence from an area long seen as a flash-point for conflict.

News of the clash came

just hours after authorities announced Iraq’s President Jalal Talabani, a Kurd, had been hospitalized following a stroke that had left him in critical but stable condition.

A veteran Kurdish politician, Talabani has been a key mediator between Prime Minister Nuri al-Maliki’s central government and the Kurdistan Regional Government who are growing further apart over how to control oil wealth and the disputed territories between their two regions.

Iraqi armed forces and Kurdish Peshmerga have faced off before only to back off before any major confrontation and US officials have been in talks with both regions to try to ease tensions between them.

The ethnically mixed, disputed areas are a swathe of land separating Iraq from the territory administered by ethnic Kurds in the north, and they include the sensitive city of Kirkuk, which sits atop some of the world’s largest oil reserves.

Reuters

Honduras congress passes law to purge police corruption

TEGUCIGALPA, 19 Dec—Honduras’ congress passed a law on Tuesday to purge the police of corruption, a victory for the ruling party and President Porfirio Lobo after a recent conflict with the Central American country’s highest court.

The law will require officers to undertake lie detector tests, drug screening and a probe of their personal wealth to determine if they can remain in the police force. According to the United Nations, Honduras has the highest per capita homicide rate in the world, with 86 murders for every 100,000 inhabitants.

This initiative was declared unconstitutional

by four Supreme Court judges last month, prompting lawmakers to dismiss the justices and name their replacements on 12 December. Alfredo Saavedra, the head of the opposition Liberal Party, said the dismissal of the judges was “a blow to democracy” and that it undermined the independence of the court.

Lobo had accused the judges of attacking institutions amid his growing belief there is a conspiracy to remove him from office in a coup similar to the ouster of former President Manuel Zelaya in June 2009, which plunged the country into a political crisis for months.

Reuters



Soldiers stand on Yi Yang, one of the three visiting Chinese navy ships, upon their arrival in Sydney, Australia, on 18 Dec, 2012. Three Chinese navy ships returning home from counter-piracy operations in the Gulf of Aden have arrived in Sydney as part of a four day port visit, local media reported on Tuesday. XINHUA

FTC to delay Google anti-trust probe decision

Tech



A neon Google logo is seen at the new Google office in Toronto, on 13 Nov, 2012.—REUTERS

WASHINGTON, 19 Dec—The Federal Trade Commission (FTC), which had been expected to wrap up an anti-trust probe into Google within days, will now delay its decision for weeks, a source said on Tuesday.

Google has been accused of giving competi-

tors in lucrative areas like travel a lower ranking in search results, thus making it harder for their customers to find them. Google has repeatedly denied any wrongdoing. FTC Chairman Jon Leibowitz had hoped to wrap up the long-running investigation this month.

US reaches e-books settlement with Penguin

WASHINGTON, 19 Dec—The Justice Department said on Tuesday it has reached a settlement with Pearson Plc's Penguin Group in the government's investigation of alleged price-setting in the e-book market.

The Justice Department had accused Apple and five publishers in April of illegally colluding on prices as part of an effort to fight Internet retailer Amazon.com Inc's dominance of e-books. Apple is accused of convincing the five publishers to use the "agency model," that allows publishers to set the price of e-books, and in turn Apple would take a

30 percent cut. Hachette, HarperCollins and Simon & Schuster opted to settle with the Justice Department in April but Apple, Penguin and MacMillan said they would fight the allegations.

News Corp owns HarperCollins Publishers Inc, CBS Corp owns Simon & Schuster Inc and Lagardere SCA owns Hachette Book Group. Macmillan is a unit of Verlagsgruppe Georg von Holtzbrinck GmbH. Many people in the book publishing and selling industry accuse Amazon of deeply discounting books to sell them below cost in order to drive other e-book sellers out of business, and then raise prices.

Talk of a potential settlement in recent days had suggested Google would emerge from the more than two-year probe with little more than a slap on the wrist from the commission.

The delay, first reported by *The Wall Street Journal*, came after the European Union took a hard line with the search engine giant on Tuesday in a parallel investigation. The EU's antitrust chief, Joaquin Almunia, gave Google a month to come up with detailed proposals to resolve a two-year investigation into complaints that it used its power to block rivals, including Microsoft.

The European Commission has been examining informal settlement proposals from Google since July

but has not sought feedback from the complainants, suggesting it is not convinced by what Google has put on the table so far.

Google's critics have accused it of a long list of wrongdoing—everything from putting its own products high up in search results to "scraping" reviews of hotels and restaurants from other sites for its own products. Google had reportedly been prepared to make some changes to its business practices to secure an end to the FTC investigation but had balked at allowing regulators to interfere with its search algorithm. The company was also apparently prepared to make concessions on certain patent infringement lawsuits.

Reuters



Penguin books are seen in a used bookshop in central London on 29 Oct, 2012.—REUTERS

Under the terms of the settlement announced on Tuesday, Penguin will drop any agreements with Apple and other ebook sellers that prevents price discounting. It will not be allowed to reinstate the deals for two years.

The settlement terms were similar to ones that the

Justice Department reached with the other three publishers in April. The impetus for the settlement could well be a joint venture of Penguin and Random House announced in October by Penguin owner Pearson's and Random House owner Bertelsmann.

Reuters

Tech

Instagram tests new limits in user privacy

SAN FRANCISCO, 19 Dec—Instagram, which spurred suspicions this week that it would sell user photos after revising its terms of service, has sparked renewed debate about how much control over personal data users must give up to live and participate in a world steeped in social media.

In forcefully establishing a new set of usage terms, Instagram, the massively popular photo-sharing service owned by Facebook Inc, has claimed some rights that have been practically unheard of among its prominent social media peers, legal experts and consumer advocates say.

Users who decline to accept Instagram's new privacy policy have one

month to delete their accounts, or they will be bound by the new terms. Another clause appears to waive the rights of minors on the service.

And in the wake of a class-action settlement involving Facebook and privacy issues, Instagram has added terms to shield itself from similar litigation. All told, the revised terms reflect a new, draconian grip over user rights, experts say. "This is all uncharted territory," said Jay Edelson, a partner at the Chicago law firm Edelson McGuire.

"If Instagram is to encourage as many lawsuits as possible and as much backlash as possible then they succeeded." Instagram's new policies, which go into effect Janu-

ary 16, lay the groundwork for the company to begin generating advertising revenue by giving marketers the right to display profile pictures and other personal information such as who users follow in advertisements.

The new terms, which allow an advertiser to pay Instagram "to display your username, likeness, photos (along with any associated metadata)" without compensation, triggered an outburst of complaints on the Web on Tuesday from users upset that Instagram would make money from their uploaded content.

The uproar prompted a lengthy blog post from the company to "clarify" the changes, with CEO Kevin Systrom saying the company had no current

plans to incorporate photos taken by users into ads. Instagram declined comment beyond its blog post, which failed to appease critics including National Geographic, which suspended new posts to Instagram. "We are very concerned with the direction of the proposed new terms of service and if they remain as presented we may close our account," said National Geographic, an early Instagram adopter.

Consumer advocates said Facebook was using Instagram's aggressive new terms to push the boundaries of how social media sites can make money while its own hands were tied by recent agreements with regulators and class action plaintiffs.

Reuters

UNSG's message on International Human Solidarity Day

20 December 2012

This year's observance of International Human Solidarity Day comes during a period of dramatic transition. People across the world are demanding greater political freedom, accountability and equality. Global interdependence is deepening along economic, social, and environmental dimensions. In light of these realities, how can we best shape solutions for a more secure, sustainable and prosperous future?

Solidarity is crucial to solving problems in our interconnected world. We witnessed an important act of solidarity at this year's United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development (Rio+20). Governments, civil society and private sector leaders came together and agreed to promote an economically, socially and environmentally sustainable future.

We can reach our shared goals if people are able to participate in the formulation and implementation of plans, policies and programmes to shape our common future. Commitments without empowerment are words without meaning.

Despite progress in achieving the Millennium Development Goals, we must intensify our efforts before the target date of 2015. We are also laying the groundwork for the post-2015 agenda. The process aims to be participatory, seeking the views of development experts and ordinary citizens around the world.

On International Human Solidarity Day I call on all citizens of the world to help us advance solidarity as a global family—and reach our shared goals.

UNIC/Yangon

ITC judge sides with Apple against Google on phone patent

Tech

SAN FRANCISCO, 19 Dec—Google's Motorola Mobility unit cannot assert a patent against Apple Inc which covers a sensor that stops phone users from dialing wrong numbers on touchscreen devices, a US trade judge ruled.

In an entry on the US International Trade Commission docket on Tuesday, Administrative Law Judge Thomas Pender ruled the Motorola patent invalid.

A Google trademark is reflected in Apple logo in this photo illustration taken in Berlin, on 31 August, 2012.

REUTERS

"We're disappointed with this outcome and are evaluating our options," Motorola spokeswoman Jennifer Weyrauch-Erickson said. An Apple spokeswoman declined to comment. Apple has been litigating around the world against various manufacturers of phones that operate on Google's Android operating system.

Google acquired Motorola Mobility for \$12.5

billion this year, partly for its library of telecommunications patents.

The ITC, a US trade panel that investigates patent infringement involving imported goods, is a popular venue for patent lawsuits because it

can bar the importation of infringing products and because it issues decisions relatively quickly.

In August, the commission found that Apple had not violated three other Motorola

patents, and ordered Pender to further examine the touchscreen sensor patent. The full ITC will now review Pender's latest ruling.

The case in the ITC is In the Matter of Certain Wireless Communication Devices, Portable Music and Data Processing Devices, Computers and Components Thereof, 337-745.

Reuters



BUSINESS & HEALTH

Asian shares, euro rise on hopes of US "cliff" deal, BOJ easing

SINGAPORE, 19 Dec— Asian shares rose and the euro hit multi-month highs on Wednesday as signs of progress in resolving the US "fiscal cliff" budget crisis and expectations of more aggressive monetary stimulus from the Bank of Japan lifted riskier assets.

The gains in Asia came after Wall Street's S&P 500 rose more than 1 percent, completing its best two-day run in a month, on growing confidence a deal can be reached in Washington to avoid a raft of painful spending cuts and tax rises due to take effect from January if there is no budget agreement.

"What is important, and what is driving the market higher, is that the two parties

are now in constructive discussions over specific tax levels and spending programmes, and working towards a common middle ground," said Cameron Peacock, a strategist at IG Markets in Melbourne.

Industrial commodities such as oil and copper consolidated earlier gains, while gold recovered some lost ground but remained not far above its lowest in nearly four months as progress in the US budget talks limited its safe-haven appeal.

Tokyo's Nikkei share average rose 1.3 percent, topping 10,000 points for the first time since April, as the Bank of Japan (BOJ) was starting a two-day policy meeting.

The BOJ will ease

monetary policy and consider adopting a 2 percent inflation target in January, double its current price goal, sources say, after pressure from the incoming prime minister, Shinzo Abe, for stronger efforts to beat deflation.

"The market is already in overbought territory, but investors are increasingly being alarmed that there is a risk of not having Japanese stocks in their portfolios," said Hiroichi Nishi, general manager at SMBC Nikko Securities. Australian shares rose to a 17-month high, led by miners and banks. MSCI's broadest index of Asia Pacific shares outside Japan gained 0.3 percent, while S&P 500 futures were flat.

The euro rose as far as \$1.3250 on electronic trading

platform EBS, its highest since the beginning of May, and against the yen it fetched 111.58, having risen as far as 111.69, its highest since late August 2011.

"Unless US fiscal cliff talks take an unexpected turn for the worse, we believe that EUR/USD will meet our 1.3300 year-end target," analysts at BNP Paribas wrote in a note.

Oil held steady, with Brent crude rising a few cents to around \$108.88 a barrel and US crude barely changed just below \$88.

"There is more upside potential for Brent because of a revival in the overall economic outlook," said Yusuke Seta, a commodities sales manager at Newedge Japan.—Reuters

Nissan to build new Infiniti model in Britain from 2015

TOKYO, 19 Dec— Japanese carmaker Nissan (7201.T) will invest around 250 million pounds to build a new version of its Infiniti luxury brand in Sunderland, northeast England, from 2015, creating 1,000 jobs.

Sunderland, which will be able to build 60,000 of the new "Etherea" model per year, is Britain's largest car plant and one of the most productive in Europe.

Infiniti brand cars are currently made almost exclusively in Japan, Nissan said on Wednesday.

Britain's largely

foreign-owned car industry has been resilient compared with the rest of Europe where the car market has slumped to 20-year lows in the face of the euro zone crisis.

It has also been a relative bright spot in domestic manufacturing, attracting investment from abroad while other areas have seen a decline.

Nissan had said on Tuesday it expected the global premium car market to grow 8 percent next year as strong US demand offsets flat western European sales.

Reuters

US slaps duties on China wind towers, high-level talks begin

WASHINGTON, 19 Dec— The United States on Tuesday pressed forward with plans to slap steep punitive duties on wind turbine towers imported from China at prices deemed unfairly low, even as officials welcomed a high-level Chinese delegation for trade and economic talks.

The US Commerce Department set final anti-dumping duties ranging from 44.99 to 70.63 percent on utility-scale towers manufactured in China and additional countervailing duties of 21.86 to 34.81 percent to combat Chinese government subsidies.

The department also slapped final anti-dumping duties of 51.40 to 58.49



An employee works next to the shells of a wind turbine tower outside the assembly workshop of The Shanghai Electric Windpower Equipment Co, Ltd in Shanghai on 20 April, 2012.—REUTERS

percent on wind towers from Vietnam.

A US trade panel has final approval over the duties

and is expected to vote on the case in late January.

The action was the latest clash between the two

countries over US imports of green technology from China.

It came as a Chinese delegation led by Vice Premier Wang Qishan was in Washington for the US-China Joint Commission on Commerce and Trade meeting, a high-level bilateral forum to address barriers to trade and investment.

Wang will attend a dinner on Tuesday evening hosted by US Trade Representative Ron Kirk and Acting Commerce Secretary Rebecca Blank and is expected to meet with US Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner on Thursday morning.

Reuters



A logo of Infiniti, carmaker Nissan's luxury division, is displayed on an Infiniti car during the opening of the Nissan global head office in Hong Kong on 22 May, 2012.—REUTERS

Dollar trades at lower 84 yen level in early Tokyo deals

TOKYO, 19 Dec— The US dollar traded in the lower 84 yen range early on Wednesday morning in Tokyo.

At 9 am, the dollar was quoted at 84.31-39 yen compared with 84.15-25 yen in New York and 83.95-96 yen in Tokyo at 5 pm on Tuesday.

Business

The euro fetched 1.3228-3232 dollars and 111.54-62 yen against 1.3223-3233 dollars and 111.34-44 yen in New York and 1.3165-3166 dollars and 110.52-56 yen in Tokyo late Tuesday afternoon.

Reuters

Toyota to target production of 9.9 million units in 2013

TOKYO, 19 Dec— Toyota Motor Corp (7203.T) will keep its global output target for 2013 nearly unchanged from this year at 9.9 million vehicles despite a production cut at home, the Nikkei reported.

The leading Japanese automaker aims to produce

5.6 million Toyota and Lexus brands outside Japan next year, up more than 6 percent from its 2012 target, the business daily said.

In Japan, it will manufacture 3.1 million vehicles, down 10 percent from this year's target, the daily said.

The remainder of the company's production will come from its subsidiaries Daihatsu Motor Co (7262.T) and Hino Motors Ltd (7205.T).

Toyota also cut its Japanese sales target to 1.36 million units for next year, down about 20 percent from its projection for this year, the Japanese daily reported.

The Japanese new-car market is expected to shrink in 2013 because subsidies for environmentally friendly vehicles have expired, the paper added. The company's global group sales will likely reach a record 9.7 million units for 2012, beating the 9.37 million units sold in 2007, the daily said, and make Toyota the world's No 1 automaker. It was No 3 in 2011.—Reuters

Business

States scramble to cover Medicaid costs, some face overruns

WASHINGTON, 19 Dec— Rising healthcare costs are pushing up the amounts states must spend on the Medicaid insurance programme for the poor, sending some scrambling to find funds, according to a report released on Tuesday by the National Conference of State Legislatures.

The report found that spending on Medicaid and other public healthcare programmes is currently over budget in 10 states, compared to six states at the same point last year. In contrast, only five states report that education, which has traditionally taken up most spending, is over budget.

Medicaid is operated by the 50 states with partial reimbursements from the federal government and it can take up to a third of a

state's budget. In fiscal 2012, it consumed 24 percent of total state spending.

When the 2007-09 recession struck, the newly jobless and homeless turned to the programme for healthcare, with annual enrollment growth peaking at 7.8 percent. The demand has slowed but not abated —the National Governors Association and National Association of State Budget Officers recently reported enrollment likely grew 3.2 percent in fiscal 2012, which ended in June for most states, from the year before.

In Texas alone the programme is underfunded by \$4.3 billion for the 2012-2013 biennium, according to the NCSL. West Virginia, meanwhile, must find \$180 million more for it in fiscal 2013. Iowa faces an estimated

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\$61 million Medicaid shortfall it will address in its upcoming legislative session and Georgia has a deficit, as well.

The Conference, which represents members of statehouses from across the country, found that Maine's Medicaid spending continues to increase despite declining caseloads. The shortfall caught Maine by surprise: the state had projected spending on the program to drop, but costs have shot up.

Nevada says a larger number of caseloads than expected accompanied by rising costs drove up its Medicaid expenditures, creating a shortfall. In nearby California, the Medicaid overspending includes its Children's Health Insurance Programme.

Reuters



The Toyota logo is pictured on a Toyota car in Tokyo on 9 May, 2012.—REUTERS

WORLD

UN-AL envoy to Syria meets senior officials in Cairo

CAIRO, 19 Dec— UN-Arab League (AL) special envoy to Syria Lakhdar Brahimi held talks on Tuesday with AL Secretary-General Nabil al-Arabi and Egyptian Foreign Minister Mohamed Kamel Amr on the latest developments in Syria.

Brahimi started his talks at the AL headquarters in Cairo where he briefed Arabi on the results of his

recent contacts with the parties of the Syrian crisis, his recent talks with Russian and American officials in Geneva, as well as his meetings with a number of European prime ministers.

Afterwards, the special envoy to Syria held a meeting with Amr when the two discussed the necessary efforts to enhance humanitarian aid for the

Syrian people and to put an end to the ongoing bloodshed in Syria, according to a statement issued by Egypt's Foreign Ministry after the meeting.

The situation in Syria continued to deteriorate these days, as blasts and incessant military showdown across the country have plagued people's daily life.

Xinhua

New security chief stresses social justice, security

BEIJING, 19 Dec — Meng Jianzhu, a senior official of the Communist Party of China (CPC), has called on law enforcement and judicial authorities to actively respond to the public's expectations of greater social justice and security.

Meng replaced Zhou Yongkang as secretary of

the Commission for Political and Legal Affairs of the CPC Central Committee in mid-November. In a speech delivered to the commission's first plenary meeting on Monday, Meng urged more efforts in promoting social justice, social security and a fine work style of officials to meet the public's expectations, according to

a press release issued on Tuesday. Authorities must enhance supervision over, and the transparency of, their work, and they must boost their capabilities in social communications in the new media era, said Meng, also a state councilor and a member of the Political Bureau of the CPC Central Committee.

Xinhua



Photo taken on 17 Dec, 2012 shows the JW Marriott Marquis Hotel in Dubai, the United Arab Emirates (UAE). The Guinness World Records association acknowledged on Monday the recently opened 354.7-metre JW Marriott Marquis in Dubai as the world's tallest hotel.—XINHUA

Sources of persistent sheen in Gulf of Mexico remain unknown: U.S. officials

HOUSTON, 19 Dec— The US Coast Guard said on Tuesday that underwater inspections at the site of BP's 2010 rig explosion have failed to identify the sources of a persistent sheen on the surface of the Gulf of Mexico.

Meanwhile, it said that recent inspections confirmed BP's Macondo well is secure and not leaking any oil, according to a report on the website of *The Houston Chronicle*.

The Coast Guard said that remote-operated vehicles investigating the sheen concluded operation on Saturday, and that no sources of leaking oil were identified.

However, investigators collected samples of a white, cloudy substance that appeared to be coming from several areas near the rig wreckage. The substance is not believed to be oil, said the report.

A prior sheen was reported on 16 Sept in waters near the site of the 2010 spill. It was later determined to have originated from a steel containment dome that was used in the early stages of the response in the 2010 spill to trap oil and methane hydrates from a leaking drill pipe in an attempt to funnel it to the surface.

A cap and plug were successfully put in place and no further oil emissions from the containment dome have been observed, the Coast Guard said later.

Xinhua

Crime crackdown created more drug cartels: top Mexican official

MEXICO CITY, 19 Dec— The fracturing of Mexico's criminal establishment in the government-led crackdown on drug traffickers created between 60 and 80 new cartels, the nation's attorney general said on Tuesday, far more than were active six years ago.

Speaking on Mexican radio, Attorney General Jesus Murillo said former President Felipe Calderon's efforts to stamp out drug trafficking and go after the kingpins had splintered the gangs, spawning many smaller criminal syndicates.

"I would calculate there are between 60 and 80 (new cartels), both medium-sized

and small," Murillo said.

The Sinaloa Cartel of Joaquin "Shorty" Guzman and the Zetas gang are arguably the two biggest organized crime groups in Mexico, though a number of lesser ones are strong in some areas and certain cities like Acapulco are home to many small gangs. When Calderon, whose six-year term ended on 30 November, took office, about 10 cartels were operating in Mexico; four large, and six smaller ones, according to consultancy Risk Evaluation.

Murillo estimated about 70,000 people died in drug-related violence under Calderon, with roughly 9,000

bodies unidentified.

"(Calderon) tried to confront the situation with emergency responses ... but this caused things to break down brutally and they got really out of control," the attorney general said.

Calderon's forces arrested or killed dozens of drug lords in his struggle against the gangs, but that military-led offensive led to more violence, kidnappings and a spiraling death toll.

Mexico's new president, Enrique Pena Nieto, won election pledging to restore stability to the country, and on Monday he laid out his plans for reducing the violence.—Reuters



President of European Commission Jose Manuel Barroso addresses the opening ceremony of European Children of Peace initiative and the EU Nobel Peace Prize Exhibition at EU headquarters in Brussels, capital of Belgium, on 18 Dec, 2012. The European Commission has formally accepted the 2012 Nobel Peace Prize money on behalf of the European Union and decided to top up the approximate 930,000 to 2 million Euro as a fund for "EU Children of Peace" initiative, which supports projects for children exposed to the ravages of war and conflicts worldwide.—XINHUA

Florida man plotted New York terrorist attack, prosecutors say

NEW YORK, 19 Dec—A Pakistani-born man plotted to detonate a bomb in New York City to avenge the deaths of people killed by drone attacks in Afghanistan but failed to raise enough money to carry out the scheme, a federal prosecutor said on Tuesday.

Raes Alam Qazi, 20, was arrested along with his brother, Sheheryar Alam Qazi, 30, in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, on 29 November. The brothers, both naturalized US citizens, are charged with providing support to terrorists and conspiring to use a weapon of mass destruction.



Broward Sheriff's Office booking photograph shows Sheheryar Alam Qazi taken on 29 Nov, 2012 and released to Reuters on 18 Dec, 2012.

REUTERS

Both have pleaded not guilty.

On Tuesday, prosecutors offered the first details about the alleged plot during a bail hearing in federal court.

Raes Alam Qazi traveled to New York from his home in Florida on 23 November with the hope of finding a job to make enough money to build an explosive, according to testimony from FBI Special Agent Kristine Holden.

The younger Qazi told investigators after his arrest that he rode around New York on a bike looking for targets but never chose one and returned home four days

later after running out of money, prosecutor Karen Gilbert said.

Qazi, who spent his time in New York sleeping in a restaurant, a mosque and on public transportation, was arrested two days after he traveled home on a Greyhound bus.

His brother, a taxi cab driver, was described by prosecutors and investigators as aware of the possible attack, but they said Raes Alam Qazi intended to carry it out. "The brother was supporting him, paying bills, providing a computer and a cellphone," Gilbert said.

Reuters



Performers from Saint Petersburg Ballet Theatre of Russia perform dance drama "Swan Lake" in Yinchuan City, capital of northwest China's Ningxia Hui Autonomous Region, on 18 Dec, 2012.

XINHUA

LOCAL NEWS

New harvest ceremony held in Kyaukme of Shan State



KYAUKME, 19 Dec—Shan new year and new harvest ceremony was held at Sakhantha, Ponpoe, Mongtin, Nawngpein, Kywegon, Chaungchawk, Nakhaw and other village-tracts in Kyaukme Township of Shan State (North) on 14 December.

In commemoration of New Year to 2107 Shan Era, meals of new harvested paddy were offered to members of the Sangha and respects paid to older persons.

Next, Shan traditional festivals of Ozi, Toenaya, Keinnayi and Keinnaya dances were presented on a grand scale to the local people.

Myanma Alinn

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From 22 to 31 December 2012

Nay Pyi Taw

Loikaw Township has formed cooperative societies in 10 villages

LOIKAW, 19 Dec—Kaymoedu Agriculture and General Cooperative Society was constituted with seven executives and 75 members in Nankuk village of Chike

Village-tract of Loikaw Township in Kayah State on 12 December.

Likewise, Nankuk Livestock Breeding and General Cooperative Ltd was formed with five executives and 50 members in Nankuk Village.

Thanks to strenuous efforts of Staff Officer U Soe Hlaing of Loikaw Township Cooperative Department,

Heads of Department U Myint Naing and U Hsi Thang and staff, a total of 10 cooperative societies have been formed in villages of the township from October to December 2012.

The cooperative societies were aimed at increasing income of the people, alleviating poverty and developing cooperative tasks.—*Myanma Alinn*

BGG golf tourney on 30 Dec

YANGON, 19 Dec—BGG will hold the 6th cold season Bayintnaung family golf tourney at Punhlaing Golf Course in Hlinethaya Township on 30 December morning.

Those wishing to take part in the tourney are to enlist at Chairman U Khin Han, Tel: 09-6114700, Vice-Chairman U Soe Min, Tel: 09-5021372, Secretary U Khin Maung Zin, Tel: 09-73224614 and Joint Secretary U Nay Lin, Tel: 09-73017466, with entrance fee, not later than 23 December.

The golf tournament will be held with the funfairs for the families of the Bayintnaung Brokerage.

Myanma Alinn

News on 3G phone cold sales of mobile phone market

YANGON, 19 Dec—Due to news that low-cost 3G mobile phones will soon be sold, sales of K 200,000-GSM mobile phones is cold at some mobile phone sales centres.

Although the price of new mobile phones to be sold by Myanma Posts and Telecommunications is still unknown, some mobile phone shops reduce the SIM cards worth K 200,000 to K 155,000.

“Our shop sells SIM cards worth K 155,000 in wholesales and K 160,000 in retail sales,” said a person from the mobile phone shop near Hledan Bus-stop on Yangon-Insein Road.

Mobile telephones are being sold at discount as of 10 December.



The shop sells about five SIMs a day, said a staff of the shop. Most of the mobile phone shops face market suspension of mobile phone worth K 200,000 due to the

news of 3G mobile phones to be sold.

Myanma Alinn

Drought in Katha may reduce paddy production

KATHA, 19 Dec—Harvesting of paddy commenced in villages of Katha Township in Sagaing Region as of early December.

A farmer from Katha Township said, “I don’t know where this year will be bad for farmers because we all faced climate change in the region. Some of farmlands were damaged due to lack of water so

paddy plants became dry. In consequence, paddy production may decline.”

This year, the upper Sagaing Region suffered drought. In this case, paddy plantations of Katha, Indaw,

Kawlin townships and Mawlu region missed the change of water supply in time. Thus, these townships will not meet target of paddy production.

Myanma Alinn

Free English proficiency course concludes

YANGON, 19 Dec—Under the leadership of Myanmar Theravada Buddhist Federation and Border and Hilly Region Sasana Nuggaha Association and under the supervision of Yangon Region Sasana Nuggaha Association, the free English proficiency course, conducted by Yangon West District Sasana Nuggaha Association, concluded at Kalewa Tawya monastery in Mayangon Township on 15 December morning, with a speech by Chairman of the association Agga Maha Sririsudhamma Manijotadhara Wunna Kyawhtin Dr Khin Shwe.

Course instructor Daw Sandi Cho spoke words of thanks and explained the future tasks of the course.

Vice-Chairman of the federation and association U Kyaw Khin Myint, responsible persons and course instructors presented prizes to outstanding trainees.

Local people satisfy transport services in Yesagy

YESAGYO, 19 Dec—Nyein Zarni and Chindwin Ayeya passenger transport bus lines give transport services along Yesagy-Pakokku route in Magway Region with the use of Hino and Dyna daily.

U Tin Zaw Latt-Daw Sandi Cho and family and wellwishers donated cash to the fund through officials who returned a certificate of honour.

The English proficiency course was conducted from 14 September to 14 December.

Myanma Alinn

Likewise, Myo Myitta bus line recently launched the transport services with the use of light trucks.

Now, Nyein Zarni bus line uses light trucks for passenger transport.

Transport charge for

the route is K 500 per passenger.

The local people welcome their competitive transport services because the bus lines run their services on time at cheap bus fare.—*Myanma Alinn*



PERSPECTIVES

Thursday, 20 December, 2012

Our creative future

A newspaper ad of a private school reads, "We know what the parents want." It portrays the country's old-fashioned idea on how to raise a child. The typical Myanmar family rarely counts the opinion of children even in making the most important decisions for their life. Most children are taught to obey what the elders say. The creativity of the children is subject to the excessive guardianship since the tender age.

There are many Myanmar graduates who specialized in what their parents demanded and many professionals whose career choice was dictated by their parents. There are many success stories of this style of bringing up the kids, but there are many different stories as well. Some even let their parents decide their marriage and every other. The same commercial also carries another motto, "The desire of parents, the life of children."

The call for human resource development has become louder as the country in transition begins to realize the need of skilled workforce. Its inefficient education system has wasted many generations for decades. Despite the government's scrupulous attention, the education sector does not still show significant progress.

We need the education that stimulates the creativity of the students, rather than parrot-fashion learning method. The child-centered approach is the term that has been popular in schools nationwide over a decade. Still not all teachers know what does that really means. It is, for them, no more than a change of tables of students.

There are many factors that bring down the education standard of the country. Basically, we urgently need to change our attitude: the attitude of parents, teachers, students and others else to fix our broken education system. We need the new generation who are less guided and more creative to help our country step back from the edge of abyss of poverty.

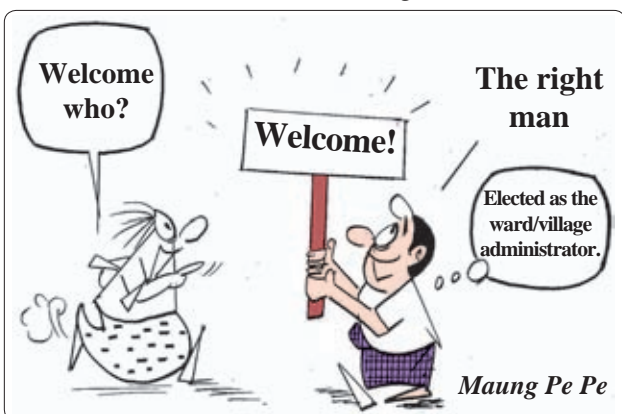
Vietnamese delegation concludes visit

YANGON, 19 Dec— The visiting delegation led by Vice-President of Ethnic Council of the National Assembly of Viet Nam, together with Amyotha Hluttaw National Races Affairs Committee Member U Saw Mya Aung and officials concerned from the Hluttaw Office, paid homage and made a donation to Thiri

Mingalar Gaba Aye Pagoda in Mayangon Township, here, this morning.

They proceeded to Myanmar Gems Museum of Myanmar Gems Enterprise under the Ministry of Mines, situated on Gaba Aye Pagoda Road.

The delegation left here for home by air in the evening.—MNA



Maung Pe Pe

ARTICLE

New independent democratic state and Independence Day's resolution

Under the name of "Independence", essence of self-determination in accord with own traditions and culture within the national boundaries is flourishing. Sovereignty includes three powers— jurisdiction, legislation and the executive. Independence is like a heart of a certain country. It has the characteristics of being freedom from reliance on other countries and self-governed with own sovereignty.

Throughout the history, Myanmar stands tall among world nations with its own sovereign power, own law, own culture, literature and language since yore.

As fertile farmlands, agricultural inputs and natural resources are in abundance on the land of Myanmar which is characterized by sound demographical features and favorable climate patterns, she stood head and shoulders above the rest in the world.

As soon as she had fallen under the yoke of colonialism, with the result that political, economic, social and education conditions were getting low and national culture and characteristics seemed to be fading away. These untold miseries occurred under the yoke of colonialism cannot be forgotten.

Myanmar patriots showed their great courage and strived to regain the independence, sacrificing their lives in order not to retrieve every a single inch of their own territory from the hands of colonialists. Thanks to nationalistic fervor, great diligence and courage of its own people, Myanmar regained her independence at 4.20 am on 4 January, 1948.

Myanmar became a 58th member of the United Nations in April, 1948. Myanmar supported the Universal Human Rights Declaration adopted by

the United Nations General Assembly in Paris on 10 December 1948. Myanmar joined ASEAN in July 1997. Myanmar stands tall among global nations as a sovereign nation, exercising an active and dynamic foreign policy.

At present, it can be witnessed that Myanmar is moving forwards in accord with the essence of independence in shaping the nation into modern and developed democratic nation.

"The most important task of the new administration is to work together to create good governance and clean government. It is necessary to respect the people's desires in implementing the work programmes. If the people and administrative bodies alike could practice properly freedom and sense of duty and freedom and discipline, Myanmar will surely be

human rights and socio-economic development, which helps Myanmar contribute to make integrate with the world's political and economic arena. Taking a look at the political arena, there are different among political parties. But their common goal is democracy. Flourishing of democracy in a country calls for peace and stability. It is the same wish of all citizens. For building up a true democratic country, efforts are being made for ending armed conflicts and ensuring eternal peace. The government is striving to terminate the plights that people in the border regions had faced, in line with the motto of "From War to Peace".

The government has made necessary reforms such as successful holding of the 1 April by-elections

2001-2002 academic year. The government also is striving for human resource development and more job opportunities in line with the new economic system.

The country sees more peace and stability, unity and development since the new government takes office. The new government has established the basic foundations essential for a developed country after laying down the development plans for political, economic, education and social sectors. Upholding the interests of all citizens, the government is marching towards the national goal "a disciplined, genuine democratic country". It can be said that the new government's goal, undertakings and system are now synonymous with people's aspirations.

Our citizens could made right choices for the country and our future in accord with the essence of independence. In an attempt to ensure the emergence a democratic society in the future, it needs to have mature political views and strong national strength. Not only independence struggle but also safeguarding independence and sovereignty of the country is a difficult matter.

Myanmar people, national heroes, always value and safeguard independence. And they can sacrifice their lives for their mother land. All have duties to hand down nationalist fervor from generation to generation. It is the national duty of all Myanmar citizens to value independence and sovereignty.

Myanma Alinn:

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(Institute of Economics)

a society with flourishing democratic practices," President U Thein Sein said in his address at the ceremony to take heed of presidential address and make affirmation.

Myanmar is home to over 100 national races. They have along been living in the country since many years. According to the Constitution of the Republic of the Union, they have the equal rights to Fundamental Rights and have to share same duties.

We all agreed that peace-making process is a basic foundation for the development of a country. With this in mind, the government has reached agreements with 10 of 11 armed groups. And the government is making efforts for making peace with the remaining one, flourishing of democratic practices among the people and socio-economic development of all citizens. These reforms have become the driving forces for democratization,

and grants of amnesty to prisoners. Necessary preparations are being made in a systematic way for hosting alternate ASEAN Chairmanship in 2014. In so doing, ICT is a main sector. In addition, the new government is speeding up ICT coverage in rural areas. Special emphasis is being placed on technology development for the establishment of e-Government system. The government has assumed that production, export volumes and export quality is at the core of the development of the country. So, efforts are being made for establishment of industries that produce value-added products and SMEs with the participation of the foreign investors.

With respect to the education sector, the government has been implanting a 30-year National Education Promotion Plan since

Pyithu Hluttaw International Relations Committee receives Israeli, Turkish ambassadors separately

NAY PYI TAW, 19 Dec— Chairman of the Pyithu Hluttaw International Relations Committee U Hla Myint Oo received Israeli Ambassador to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar

Mr Hagay Moshe Behar at Pyithu Hluttaw Committee Hall No 1, here, at 4 pm yesterday. They cordially discussed matters related to friendly relations and cooperation between two

parliaments of Myanmar and Israel.

Likewise, Turkish Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Mural Yavuz Ates called on the Chairman of the Pyithu Hluttaw International

Relations Committee at 10 am today. At the call, they had a cordially discussion on relations between parliaments of Myanmar and Turkey.

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MYANMAR GAZETTE

NAY PYI TAW, 19 Dec—The President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar has transferred Rector Professor Dr U Thein Kyu of University of Dental Medicine (Mandalay) of Medical Science Department under the Ministry of Health to University of Dental Medicine (Yangon) under the same department as Rector from the date he assumes charge of his duties.

The President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar has appointed the following persons as heads of service organizations shown against each on probation from the date they assume charge of their duties.

Name	Department
(a) Dr Myo Thein Gyi Deputy Director-General No.1 Basic Education Department Ministry of Education	Director-General Department of Myanmar Education Research Bureau Ministry of Education
(b) U Ko Ko Tin Deputy Director-General Education Planning and Training Department Ministry of Education	Director-General Education Planning and Training Department Ministry of Education
(c) Prof Dr Daw Nwe Nwe Oo Prof/Dean Prevention and Social Medicine Department University of Medicine (Magway) Medical Science Department Ministry of Health	Rector University of Nursing (Yangon) Medical Science Department Ministry of Health

National Objectives of 65th Anniversary Independence Day for 2013

1. All the national people to live together in the Union through thick and thin
2. All the national people to constantly safeguard non-disintegration of the Union, non-disintegration of national solidarity and perpetuation of sovereignty
3. All the national people to participate in the tasks for bringing about genuine, eternal peace putting an end to the armed conflicts
4. To make relentless efforts, in building a modern, developed and democratic nation, in order to better serve public interest, to ensure poverty reduction and bring about righteous legislative, administrative and judicial pillars



Union A&I Minister meets Korean guests

NAY PYI TAW, 19 Dec— Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing received a delegation led by Trade Policy Coordination Director Mr. Boo-sung Kang of Ministry of Strategy and Finance (MOSF) of ROK, at his office, here, yesterday morning.

During the meeting, they discussed matters related to promoting of Myanma agricultural sector through the transition experiences of Korean modernized

farming, seeking potentials to import Myanma agricultural products into the foreign markets by putting investments of ROK into Myanmar agricultural sector.

After making the discussion, they had a look at the agricultural products displayed inside the building.

They then looked around progress of the reclamation 3000-acres mechanized farming implementation site in

Kyuntatpae Village in Dhakhinathiri Township, 35-acre plantations of sunflower and maize grain, Shwethanlwin Company's booth displaying farm equipments and seeds, progress of boosting Korean chili plantation, Hainan peanut testing farm (10 acres) at farmer educative farm (40 acres), five-acre research plantation of Korean peanut and farm equipments, dryer, ware house, and value-added products industry.—MNA

much does the governing body represent the people?

A (U Kyaw Zaw Naing): The governing body is an organization helping the newspapers smoothly transform into public service newspaper. We are not the organization that represents the people, but the people-oriented organization.

Q: In reforming the newspapers, the quality of the news stories, rather than the outlook, is more important. There are many things to do to improve the quality of the newspapers. The significant development may not be seen without adequate financial and human resources. Xinhua of China is now financially independent. But we should not forget that it was largely funded by the Chinese government for years. Does the governing body have

reports of human reports.

A (U Ye Myint Pe): Despite various changes, there are weaknesses in the newspapers. Watchdogs will criticize these errors and weaknesses. The journalists should report more boldly as they enjoy more independence. The most important thing is faith. The governing body is to support the skilled and dedicated journalists. Currently, we are satisfied by 70 percent.

Q: To transform newspapers into PSM, we need to redefine responsibility and accountability of the newspapers almost from A to Z. As the newspapers are to be accountable to the people and serve the people, how

Public service newspapers to prioritize...

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executive board which will again coordinate the work of journalists. The cooperation of all media men is very important. It depends on their active participation.

A (U Kyaw Zaw Naing): We also need to know the definition of PSM. The newspapers mainly informed the public of the government policy. It cannot be changed overnight. The governing body is to work as a catalyst for the change. It is aimed at informing the public of the government policy and informing the government of the issues of the people through people-centered approach.

Q: Is there any plan to allow newspapers write

Imported publications scrutiny ceased, registration required

NAY PYI TAW, 19 Dec—Staff officers of Press Scrutiny and Registration Division scrutinized imported publications at Yangon Airport and Yangon Post Office. The division will no more require the imported publications to be scrutinized at the airport and the post office by groups of the division, but it will rather require registration at the division.—MNA

specific policies for the significant progress?

A (U Kyaw Zaw Naing): Human resources development is first priority. We attach more importance to the quality of the working journalists. Despite being the biggest media outlet in China, Xinhua cannot still claim themselves as public service media. The PSM must be people-centered. We are helping the newspapers move on smoothly. If there are adequate financial and human resources, it would not be such difficult to implement the policy.

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CHERISH OUR INDEPENDENCE

- * Since the ancient times in history Myanmar people have lived in unity Stood as a sovereign nation for centuries With its own kings and dynasties.
- * After having stood as an independent Power Imperialists subjugated and dominated Myanmar To regain independence from colonial yoke Many lives had to be sacrificed for hope.
- * Once lost the independence of the kingdom Myanmar was plunged into serfdom Mentally and physically tortured under colonialists Went from bad to worse under fascists.
- * With intense patriotism and nationalism Resisted the colonialist aggression and occupation National brethren were united to fight back With whatever weapons they could get.
- * With unremitting zeal and perseverance Myanmar regained her lost cherished independence Through the united strength of all national people We liberated from serfdom of the hell.
- * Spirit of cherishing and safeguarding independence Has always been strong and prominent Has been kept alive and dynamic We are to cherish and safeguard it.
- * Firmer and better results have been reached In political, economic and social fields indeed Through the well-organized people's might All-round development is surely in sight.
- * National peoples, residing through prosperity or adversity Keeping the spirit of kinship and amity Bound to have the everlasting responsibility To relay the noble spirit to posterity May Myanmar stand tall in the world community

Maung Swe Ngae

UN slams deadly attacks in Iraq

UNITED NATIONS, 19 Dec —A senior UN official in Iraq on Monday voiced his strong condemnation of a series of attacks that occurred in Iraq's northern City of Kirkuk on Sunday night, killing at least 47 people and wounding over 110 others, UN spokesman Martin Nesirky told reporters here.

"Martin Kobler, the UN Secretary-General's special representative for Iraq, strongly condemned the attacks that have claimed dozens of lives across Iraq since yesterday," Nesirky said at a daily news briefing. "Many of those attacks targeted civilians."

"Mr Kobler said that the attacks in the disputed internal areas further aggravate the tensions there," the spokesman said. "He called on all parties to engage in inclusive dialogue and to urgently work on defusing the situation to prevent an escalation. The United Nations stands ready to help if requested to do so."

The attacks, which hit more than a dozen different Iraqi cities and towns, came on the eve of the first anniversary of the US military pullout from the Middle East country.

Xinhua



Visitors look at a sculpture created by Chinese artist Yang Xiaohua during a sculpture symposium in south China's Hong Kong, on 17 Dec, 2012.

XINHUA

AQIM's senior leader arrested in Algeria

ALGIERS, 19 Dec—Algeria's counterterrorism forces on Monday arrested the Number Two leader of al-Qaeda in the Islamic Maghreb (AQIM), Salah Gasmri, alias Mohamed Abu Salah, local media reported.

After being informed of the AQIM senior official's whereabouts in Cheurfa in Bouira Province, 130 km southeast of the capital Algiers, security forces arrested him near a restaurant at around 2 pm (1300 GMT) on Monday, TSA news website reported citing security sources.

Abu Salah is being

interrogated by security services, the sources said.

Hailing from Biskra Province, 420 km southeast of Algiers, Abu Salah is in charge of internal communication and coordination in the Kabylie region for AQIM, and is recognized as the Number Two leader in this al-Qaeda linked organization. Algerian counterterrorism forces have dealt heavy blows to AQIM recently. In mid-November, three AQIM militants were killed, including Makhfi Rabah, senior official in charge of military and close to AQIM's chief Abdelmalek



A band composing of students from Huishi Middle School rehearses for a performance in Lanzhou City, capital of northwest China's Gansu Province, on 17 Dec, 2012. The student band received an invitation letter from the art director of the Vienna Children's Choir, inviting them taking part in the Chinese Festival held in Austria in January, 2013.—XINHUA

Russia, Palestine eye deeper political dialogue

MOSCOW, 19 Dec—Russia and Palestine are interested in deepening political dialogue, Russian Foreign Ministry said on Monday.

Russian Deputy Foreign Minister Mikhail Bogdanov met with Palestinian Ambassador to Moscow Faed Mustafa here on Monday, the ministry said in a statement.

Bogdanov and Mustafa agreed both sides have been interested in further enhancing political dialogue, while Moscow has been

aimed at active support of Palestinian statehood, the ministry said.

The two diplomats also discussed the situation in the Middle East, focusing on the Palestinian-Israeli relations following the upgrading of Palestine's status in the UN, according to the ministry.

Late last month, the United Nations General Assembly voted and granted an upgrade of Palestine's status from observer "entity" to "non-member state," which is an implicit and symbolic recognition of

Palestine's statehood at the UN. The 193 UN member states voted 138 to 9, with 41 abstentions, to support a draft resolution co-sponsored by about 70 countries, including China, Brazil, Jordan, Kenya, Nigeria, Pakistan, Peru, South Africa. The resolution "reaffirms the right of the Palestinian people to self-determination and to independence in their State of Palestine on the Palestinian territory occupied since 1967."

Russia voted in favour of the resolution.—Xinhua

Ministry of Information Myanmar Radio and Television

Invitation for Open Tender

1. The Myanmar Radio and Television under the Ministry of Information prefers to purchase the following equipment:-

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| (a) 3 Cameras DSNG Van | - 1 Set |
| (b) Fibre Interface Unit
(For Multi Channel Playout System Head-end) | - 1 Lot |
| (c) ProLine StagePro Presidential Style Teleprompter | |
| -Pair of Displays-19" Reversing Monitors | - 2 Sets |
| -Pair of Displays-19" High Brightness Monitors | - 2 Sets |

2. The application forms for the open tender are available at the Ministry of Information, Office No. 7, Nay Pyi Taw in office hours (9.30-16.30) daily from 20-12-2012 to 30-12-2012.

3. The forms are to be submitted to the tender board at the Ministry of Information, Office No. 7, Nay Pyi Taw between 9.30 and 16.30 on 31-12-2012. The overdue tenders will not be accepted.

4. For scrutiny of the quality of equipment, bidding companies are to inform the Ministry of Information, Office No. 7, Nay Pyi Taw, by 9 am on 3-1-2013.

5. Further details are available at the following address:-

Procurement Committee
Ministry of Information
Office No. 7, Nay Pyi Taw
Ph: 067-412327 and 067-79474

Droukdel. In October, army forces killed Bekai Boualem, alias Khaled El Mig, who was in charge of coordination between AQIM and al-Qaeda.

AQIM emerged in early 2007 from the Salafist Group for Preaching and Combat (GSPC), an Algerian armed Islamist movement. It currently operates in northwest Africa, including Algeria, Mali, Mauritania and Niger. A number of attacks were attributed to the group, including the triple suicide bomb attacks on 11 April, 2007, in Algiers, which claimed the lives of 20 people and injured 222 others, according to official figures.—Xinhua



A lady experiences the "Rain Room" art installation by "Random International" in the Curve at the Barbican Centre in London, on 17 Dec, 2012. The "Rain Room" is a 100-square-metre field of falling water which visitors are invited to walk into, with sensors detecting and stops raining on the area where the visitors stand.—XINHUA

UN makes it easier for blacklisted Taleban to travel for peace talks

UNITED NATION, 19 Dec—The UN Security Council renewed its Taliban sanctions regime on Monday, but made it easier for blacklisted people to get an exemption to travel outside of Afghanistan for peace and reconciliation talks.

US-backed Afghan forces toppled the Taliban government in late 2001 when it refused to hand over al-Qaeda militants, including Osama bin Laden, after the Islamist network's hijacked airliner attacks on the United States on 11 September.

There are 132 individuals and four entities on the UN Security Council's sanctions list. Some diplomats hope the flexibility to grant travel exemptions will help induce moves toward peace and reconciliation in

Afghanistan.

The resolution "invites the government of Afghanistan, in close coordination with the High Peace Council, to submit for the committee's consideration the names of listed individuals for whom it confirms travel to such specified location or locations is necessary to participate in meetings in support of peace and reconciliation."

The Security Council's sanctions committee will require the passport or travel document number of the person travelling, the specific location to which they are expected to travel and the period of time — which cannot exceed nine months — during which they are expected to travel.

Britain's UN Ambassador Mark Lyall Grant said the travel ban

exemption is "more effective and more flexible so it can serve the purposes of the peace and reconciliation process that is going to be so important over the next two years in Afghanistan."

"It does that while sustaining proper oversight for the committee and it also sets the framework for closer cooperation between the Afghan Government and sanctions committee," Lyall Grant said in a statement.

France said on Sunday that officials from the Afghan government, the Taliban movement and other factions would meet this week near Paris to discuss the country's future. Foreign troops have started handing over security control to Afghan soldiers and police, a process due to be completed by the end of 2014.—Reuters

REGIONAL



Villagers plant vegetables in a greenhouse in Jingadao Village of Changzhi County, north China's Shanxi Province, on 11 Dec, 2012. Jingadao Village of Changzhi County has formed a recycling economy. Villagers here use marsh gas as fuel after fermenting pig excrement, adopt clean sewage disposal system, produce natural fertilizer with animal excrement and plant green vegetables.—XINHUA

Indonesian plane maker plans to mass produce N219 plane by 2017

JAKARTA, 19 Dec—A senior official of Indonesian aviation firm PT Dirgantara Indonesia (PTDI) released on Tuesday a plan of the company to begin mass production of mid-sized propeller plane N219 by 2017 as it started to receive orders for the plane.

“The project was envisaged in 2004 but due to financial crisis that hampered the firm, designing and material test was halted. But now, the production of the plane can be conducted as we have received orders from customers,” company spokesperson Sonny Saleh

said in a plant in Bandung, West Java.

The N219 plane is designed to serve remote areas with hilly terrain that made it fit for the eastern part of the country that has many areas with such a characteristic.

He said that a national airlines has signed a letter of intent to procure 20 N219 planes for its fleet that flies many destinations in eastern Indonesia.

“We would focus on the domestic market. Development of the plane would be conducted from 2013 to 2017. After the

plane is certified we will commence mass production,” Sonny said, quoted by the Antara news service.

He said that the company has allocated 16 million US dollars to finance the development of the plane.

PTDI has secured 8.2 trillion rupiah (about 851 million US dollars) of production contracts as of now, and the figure is expected to reach 9.5 trillion rupiah by the end of this year.

PTDI has international license to produce Bell, BO 105 and Super Puma helicopters and military transport planes.—Xinhua

Australia's Qantas flight diverted to offload drunk passenger

SYDNEY, 19 Dec—An Australian Qantas flight en route from Sydney to Japan was diverted to Cairns on Monday night due to a drunk passenger, the Australian Federal Police (AFP) said on Tuesday.

The 34-year-old man, who allegedly tried to smoke a cigarette on the plane before punching and spitting at crew members, was forcibly removed from the flight.

The AFP said the flight captain made the decision to divert the flight to Cairns Airport because of the man's violent behaviour. The man was arrested by AFP officers at the airport. AFP Assistant Commissioner Shane Connelly has urged traveling passengers to behave appropriately on an aircraft.

“Violent and disorderly behavior occurring both on-board aircraft and at air-

ports will not be tolerated,” Connelly said in a statement. “Enough is enough. An aircraft captain and co-pilot can ill-afford to be distracted from their duties of safely flying an aircraft by having to deal with drunk, violent or disorderly passengers.” The AFP responded to more than 1,000 alcohol-related incidents at the 10 major airports during the 2011-12 financial year.

Xinhua

Australia pours in assistance as Fiji recovers from tropical cyclone Evan

SUVA, 19 Dec—The Australian government on Wednesday announced a 1.05 million-US dollar aid package to assist Fiji's response to tropical cyclone Evan as it became one of the first countries to help Fiji.

The Australian High Commission in the Fijian capital of Suva was working with Fiji's National Disaster Management Office on details of the assistance. A statement from the Australia High Commission said the assistance would include a shipment of relief supplies, including water containers, blankets, tarpaulins, family hygiene kits and shelter kits.

The Australian funding

Thousands of ducks in Indonesia's Kediri die from H5N1 virus

JAKARTA, 19 Dec—A senior official overseeing animal husbandry in Indonesia's East Java Province confirmed on Tuesday that the cause of the recent deaths of 11,000 ducks in the Kediri regency was avian influenza.

The confirmation came up after the regency administration received results of examinations on bio molecular samples of the ducks taken last month. “We knew the results after received results of examinations con-

ducted by a laboratory in Malang, East Java. Results from the other examination conducted by a laboratory in Yogyakarta had not been released,” said Sri Suparmi, head of Kediri regency animal husbandry supervisory body. She said that the type avian flu attacked the ducks in the regency was different from the other ones that attacked chickens and birds. She added that the virus attacking the ducks has gone through genetics changing.—Xinhua

is earmarked for restocking humanitarian relief supplies that were being mobilized for key organizations assisting in the response. Most parts of Fiji were without electricity and water in the hours before and after Evan trekked through the country as destructive wind caused damage to essential infrastructure.

As of Wednesday, more than 8,400 people were still seeking shelter at some 147 evacuation centres around the country. In response to the chaos, the government has declared a state of natural disaster in the western and northern divisions as they were badly affected by Evan.—Xinhua



Tim Baker (4th L), founder of Shepherd's Field, sends gifts to children with other staff workers at the children's village in north China's Tianjin Municipality, on 17 Dec, 2012. Tim Baker and his staff members organized a New Year Party for children in the village. The year of 2012 means a lot to Shepherd's Field. In total 31 children were adopted by Chinese and foreign families, among whom three were adopted by Chinese families, making 2012 the year the most children were adopted by Chinese families. Currently, 58 children live here and more will come.—XINHUA

Polls open in tight South Korean presidential election

SEOUL, 19 Dec—Polls opened on Wednesday in South Korea's closely contested presidential election, which pits the daughter of a military strongman against a former human rights lawyer once jailed for protesting his rule. Voting began at 6:00 am local time at 13,542 polling stations nationwide, with more than 40.4 million eligible voters poised to cast their ballots. Polls will close at 6:00 pm and the result is expected by midnight.

Final opinion surveys released last week showed Park Geun-hye of the conservative ruling Saenuri Party held a slight lead over her liberal rival Moon Jae-

in of the center-left main opposition Democratic United Party.

Still, the gap in most polls was within the margin of error, and analysts say the contest is too close to call and its outcome will ultimately depend on voter turnout. As of 11 am, voter turnout was estimated at 26.4 percent, slightly higher than what was reported at the same time during the 2007 presidential poll, according to the National Election Committee.

Park, the 60-year-old daughter of South Korean dictator Park Chung-hee, is looking to become the first female leader of the country and extend the conservative

Pradesh, were gutted in a major fire which broke out at the state capital Hyderabad's old airport late Monday night, a senior police official said on Tuesday.

“There were at least two explosions as the massive fire engulfed parts of the airport at Begumpet. The two planes and the helicopter were damaged beyond repair. Some 10 fire

tenders were pressed into service and it took them hours to bring the blaze under control. So far, there are no reports of any casualty,” the official said, on condition of anonymity.

However, police have ruled out any sabotage, he added. State Chief Minister N Kiran Kumar Reddy has ordered a probe into the incident.

Xinhua

Nine dead, over 3,000 displaced in flood, landslide in Sri Lanka

COLOMBO, 19 Dec—Nine people have been killed and over 3,000 displaced following floods and landslides in Sri Lanka over the past two days, officials said on Tuesday.

A Disaster Management Centre (DMC) spokesman said eight people were killed in landslides and floods in the central Matale district while one person was killed in flash floods in Kandy.

A total of 4,917 people were affected by the bad weather while 3,411 were displaced. The displaced people were transferred to temples, schools and temporary shelters in the respective areas. On Sunday night, over 200 soldiers of Sri Lanka Army were involved in an operation to rescue 455 university students who went missing in the central hills.

Xinhua

Polls open in tight South Korean presidential election

rule for another five years.

“I will humbly wait for people's choice,” Park, who has vowed to restore national unity and overcome the polarized political landscape, said after voting in Seoul. Park, who acted

as the de facto first lady to her father after her mother was assassinated, remains popular among older voters nostalgic for the rapid economic growth under the 18-year authoritarian rule.

Xinhua



An elderly woman is assisted in casting her ballot in the presidential election at a polling station in Nonsan, about 190 km (118 miles) south of Seoul, on 19 December, 2012.—REUTERS

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More new emigrants find success

BEIJING, 19 Dec—New Chinese emigrants are moving up the social ladder as more of them have a better education and sophisticated jobs, especially in the United States. According to the 2012 Blue Book of Overseas Chinese, released on Monday, about 1 million Chinese emigrated to the US during the past decade.

The number of new US residents of Chinese origin exceeded 4 million in 2010, a jump of 65.5 percent over a decade ago.

"New Chinese emigrants to the United States are more concentrated in the higher education and technology sectors," said Huang Ping, a scholar of US studies at the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences.

Chinese-Americans are the fifth-largest demographic group in the US, after Caucasians, African-Americans, Mexican-Americans and Puerto Rican Americans.

The demographic percentage and influence of Chinese-Americans in the US will continue to rise in the coming years, Qiu Jin, chief

editor of the blue book, said at a news conference in Beijing. The percentage of Chinese-Americans holding a master's or a bachelor's degree is twice the figure of the US average, according to the book. More Chinese-Americans work in trade, finance, healthcare, education and social sciences, while 10 years ago their counterparts were usually found in manufacturing, sales and services jobs.

Chinese-Americans have tended to live in metropolises such as New York, San Francisco and Chicago. Their communities have expanded to suburban areas, where they find nicer living conditions, better schools and safer neighbourhoods.

Experts warn that the trend of increasing emigration of talented Chinese people to other countries may leave China with a brain drain.

But favourable policies and numerous projects have been introduced to attract returnees, who bring back management knowledge, innovative ideas and strong cultural ties to China, said Qiu.

Xinhua

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INVITATION TO OPEN TENDER

TENDER NO. 5(T)A.M.D-FR (2012-2013)

1. Open Tender are invited by Agricultural Mechanization Department, the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation, for the supply of the following stores which will be purchased in Myanmar Kyats.

Lot: No	Description	Quantity
1.	75 H.P (4-WD) Tractor (SONAUKA, INDIA)	1 Item

2. Tender Closing date: (26-12-2012)(Wednesday) (16:00HR)
3. Tender documents are available at the Factory & Research Section of Agricultural Mechanization Department Building No.(50), Nay Pyi Taw, during the office hours.
4. For further details please call 067-431243

**Director General
Agricultural Mechanization Department**

UN mission increases patrols in DRC's Goma

UNITED NATIONS, 19 Dec—A UN spokesperson said on Monday that in response to reports of movements by rebels around Goma, the Democratic Republic of Congo, UN Organization Stabilization Mission in the DR Congo (MONUSCO) has stepped up its patrols of the area.

"The situation on the ground in North Kivu and South Kivu remains tense and fragile, with reports of movements of M23 rebels around Goma, in the east of the Democratic Republic of the

Congo (DRC)," said Martin Nesirky, spokesperson to UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon. "Over the weekend MONUSCO stepped up ground patrols and air reconnaissance flights in response to these reports."

Last month, the armed rebel group violently seized Goma, the capital city of North Kivu Province, with widespread attacks on its civilians. More than 475,000 people in DRC have so far been displaced internally because of their movements.

Xinhua



Yu Zhengsheng, a Standing Committee member of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China, makes remarks on the opening ceremony of the 9th national congress of Taipei compatriots in Beijing, capital of China, on 17 Dec, 2012.—XINHUA

Florida man sentenced to 10 years in "hackerazzi" case

LOS ANGELES, 19 Dec—A Florida man who pleaded guilty to hacking into the email accounts of celebrities to gain access to nude photos and private information was sentenced to 10 years in prison by a federal judge in Los Angeles on Monday.

Former office clerk Christopher Chaney, 36, said before the trial that he hacked into the accounts of film star Scarlett Johansson and other celebrities because he was addicted to spying on their personal lives.

Prosecutors said Chaney illegally gained access to email accounts

of more than 50 people in the entertainment industry, including Johansson, actress Mila Kunis, and singers Christina Aguilera and Renee Olstead from November 2010 to October 2011.

Chaney, who was initially charged with 28 counts related to hacking, struck a plea deal with prosecutors in March to nine felony counts, including wiretapping and unauthorized access to protected computers.

"I don't know what else to say except I'm sorry," Chaney said during his sentencing. "This will never

happen again."

Chaney was ordered to pay \$66,179 in restitution to victims. Prosecutors

recomm-ended a 71-month prison for Chaney, who faced a maximum sentence of 60 years.—Reuters



Christopher Chaney (L) arrives for a post-indictment arraignment at Edward R Roybal Federal Building in Los Angeles in this 1 Nov, 2011, file photo.—REUTERS

ENTERTAINMENT

Naomi Watts pulls off "The Impossible" to critical acclaim



Cast members Ewan McGregor (L), Naomi Watts (C) and Tom Holland pose at the gala presentation for the film "The Impossible" at the 37th Toronto International Film Festival in this 9 Sept, 2012, file photo.—REUTERS

experience in Thailand. The tsunami and earthquake killed more than 5,000 people, and resulted in 2,800 missing in that country alone. Yet when the actress was first

disaster movie?" Watts, 44, told Reuters. "That would be so wrong."

However once Watts read the script, she said she was moved by the story based on the real-life Spanish family of Maria Belon, her husband Enrique Alvarez—played by Ewan McGregor in the movie—and their three sons.

Belon's family were spending their Christmas holiday in Thailand when the tsunami hit. The film follows their struggle to survive, injured and separated, in the aftermath and their perseverance in finding each other amidst the chaos.

"I felt a huge amount of pressure because of the responsibility to Maria's story," said Watts. "And on her back, she carries the stories of everybody else because hers is connected to the lives of hundreds of thousands of people. I felt a sense of responsibility."

The British-born, Australian actress delivered, despite her fears. So far, her



Actress Naomi Watts arrives at the premiere of the movie "The Impossible" at Arclight Cinema in Hollywood, California in this 10 December, 2012, file photo.—REUTERS

LOS ANGELES, 19 Dec—Days after the devastating 2004 Indian Ocean tsunami, actress Naomi Watts took part in a fundraising telethon spearheaded by George Clooney to help the region's hundreds of thousands of

people in 14 nations whose lives were shattered.

Little did Watts know that eight years later she would be starring in "The Impossible," out in the US movie theatres on Friday, about a real family's

approached to star in the film, directed by Spanish filmmaker Juan Antonio Bayona, she hesitated.

"I thought, how do you make a movie about a tsunami without it becoming some sort of spectacular

performance has earned Watts the Screen Actors Guild and best actress nominations from the Golden Globes, the Broadcast Film Critics Association.—Reuters

California minor arrested in Bieber, Kutcher "swatting" hoaxes

LOS ANGELES, 19 Dec—A minor was arrested on suspicion of placing hoax calls claiming gunshots were fired at the home of Justin Bieber and that people had been shot at actor Ashton Kutcher's house, police in Los Angeles said on Tuesday.

Police said the unnamed minor is suspected to be behind the hoaxes that resulted in dozens of emergency responders being dispatched to the homes of Kutcher and Bieber in October. Neither the actor nor the singer were at home during the pranks.

The false emergency

calls are known as "swatting" because SWAT (Special Weapons and Tactics) officers are often sent to such purported crime scenes.

The Los Angeles Police Department would not release the name or gender of the minor, but said the suspect was arrested on 10 December and lived in the Southern California region. The Los Angeles County District Attorney's office is reviewing whether to file charges.

In the Kutcher incident, dozens of emergency personnel were sent to the Hollywood home of the "Two and a Half Men" star



Justin Bieber performs at the Jingle Ball 2012 in Atlanta, Georgia on 12 Dec, 2012.—REUTERS

after a call claiming that people were in his home with guns and explosives, and that several people had been shot.

First responders were also dispatched to Bieber's Los Angeles-area home after a false emergency call said gun shots had been fired on

the property.

Singer and actress Miley Cyrus has also been targeted by a swatting prank, but police said the Cyrus case has not been linked to the Kutcher and Bieber incidents.

Reuters

Director and producer of the movie Kathryn Bigelow waves at the premiere of "Zero Dark Thirty" at the Dolby theatre in Hollywood, California on 10 Dec, 2012.

REUTERS



Bin Laden movie "Zero Dark Thirty" arrives, mired in controversy

killing of Osama bin Laden. Instead, she and screenwriter Mark Boal turned "Zero Dark Thirty" into a

man behind the 11 September attacks.

When the film opens in limited US release on Wednesday, Bigelow and Boal want audiences to disregard a year of controversies, including claims, which they have denied, that the film makers were leaked classified information.

"It's about a look inside the intelligence community. The strength and power and courage and dedication and tenacity and vulnerability of

these women and men," Bigelow, 61, told Reuters in a joint interview with Boal.

Bigelow won an Academy Award in 2010 for "The Hurt Locker," about US army bomb disposal experts in Iraq. She says her latest movie puts the audience at the centre of the quest to find bin Laden, and gives a perspective of the US intelligence community and how its methods changed in the years following the 11 September attacks.

Reuters

NEW YORK, 19 Dec—Oscar-winning director Kathryn Bigelow could have made a testosterone-fuelled shoot-'em-up Hollywood version of the capture and

more complex look at the decade-long hunt for the al-Qaeda leader, including a frank presentation of US torture and previously undisclosed details of the mission to hunt down the

Gabby Douglas, Adele among brightest young stars—Forbes magazine

NEW YORK, 19 Dec—Fashion designer Carly Cushnie, actress Kate McKinnon and videogame creator Kim Swift may not be household names yet, but they are destined to do great things and will be tomorrow's young stars, Forbes magazine said on Monday.

Along with Olympic Gold medallist gymnast Gabby Douglas, rapper Wiz Khalifa and researcher Josh Sommer, they have been chosen by the magazine for its "30 Under 30" list of top achievers under 30 years old in their fields.

They are considered the top 30 achievers in 15 categories ranging from education, energy, music, science and healthcare to sports, technology games and apps and marketing.

"This is a celebration of youthful ambition

and success. These are really amazing people and they are doing amazing things. It makes you very hopeful about the world," Michael Noer, the executive editor of Forbes, said in an interview.

Many on the list, including singers Bruno Mars and Justin Bieber, as well as actresses Ashley and May Kate Olsen and fashion designer Alexander Wang, the newly appointed creative director at the French fashion house Balenciaga, are already well known.

Some are returnees to the list that was launched last year—like British singer and new mother Adele, the 24-year-old multiple Grammy Award winner, and American entrepreneur Kevin Systrom. Noer said there has been a 60 percent

turnover since 2011, so there are plenty of new faces on the list drawn up by Forbes staff and industry experts. "I think there are a lot of interesting names on the list," he said.

Reuters



Adele speaks as she holds her award for best British female solo artist during the BRIT Music Awards at the O2 Arena in London on 21 Feb, 2012.—REUTERS

Hirscher finishes year with slalom win

MADONNA DI CAMPIGLIO, 19 Dec—Austria's Marcel Hirscher finished 2012 in style with his second victory of the winter in a floodlit slalom in Madonna di Campiglio, his last race of the year.

The reigning overall World Cup champion won both runs and destroyed the field in the night's second leg to win in a combined time of one minute 42.50 seconds.

The race was marred by the death of a 70-year-old steward, who suffered a heart attack during the first run.

Hirscher, who finished on the podium in all seven technical races held this winter, left second-placed German Felix Neureuther 1.67 seconds adrift.

His consistency and his second win of the season, after success in the giant slalom at Val d'Isere 10 days ago, lifted the Austrian to second in the overall World



Marcel Hirscher of Austria (R), who won the race, celebrates with Naoki Yuasa of Japan, who placed third, after the men's World Cup slalom race in Madonna di Campiglio, northern Italy, on 18 Dec, 2012.—REUTERS

Cup standings, 54 points behind Norway's Aksel Lund Svindal.

"I gave it more than 100 percent. All in all, it was an awesome second run," said Hirscher.

"Now I'm looking forward to Christmas... I can devote some time to my girl-

friend," he added.

While the speed specialists will resume skiing with a downhill in Bormio on 29 December, Hirscher will not race before New Year's Day at a city event in Munich.

"The World Cup remains my goal. I won it last year almost to everybody's

Formula One

ers took part in his first grand prix practice session in Abu Dhabi last month and replaces Frenchman Charles Pic, who has moved to Caterham.

While Chilton's talents behind the wheel have been praised by the team, his ability to bring much-needed funding with him was also critical to landing the drive.

Grahame Chilton, chairman of global reinsurance broker Aon Benfield and vice-chairman of Aon Group, has invested heavily in his son's rise through the junior series. Chilton senior's Capsicum Motorsport purchased Carlin Motorsport in 2009, competing in the GP2 support series as Marussia Carlin Motorsport with Max Chilton as one of their drivers this year. The Briton achieved two pole positions and two race wins in GP2 last season.—Reuters

Chilton to race for Marussia F1 team



Marussia Formula One test driver Max Chilton of Britain drives during the first practice session of the Abu Dhabi F1 Grand Prix at the Yas Marina circuit on Yas Island on 2 Nov, 2012.—REUTERS

LONDON, 19 Dec—Max Chilton will be Britain's fourth man on the Formula One starting grid next season after back-markers Marussia said on Tuesday the 21-year-old would make his race debut with them in Australia in March. Chilton, the reserve driver this year, will partner Germany's Timo Glock at the Russian-licensed former Virgin Racing team who have yet to score a point in the three seasons since they entered the sport.

"It's hard to put into words how I'm feeling today, with the announcement that I will be racing for the Marussia F1 Team in 2013," said Chilton in a statement.

"I am very fortunate to have spent the last six races with the Marussia F1 Team as reserve driver, which means that instead of a standing start I am already up to speed and at ease with the people, the culture, the systems and of course, the 2012 package."

Chilton will find himself lining up against compatriots Lewis Hamilton (Mercedes) and Jenson Button (McLaren), the 2008 and 2009 champions respectively, as well as Force India's Paul Di Resta.

The latest in a long list of British Formula One driv-

LTA told to cash in on Murray effect or face funding cuts

LONDON, 19 Dec—If they hoped Andy Murray would have a Pied Piper effect after emerging as a grand slam champion, those who run British tennis have been sorely disappointed after figures revealed the country's crumbling public courts are standing empty.

While world number three Murray's magnificent year and the rise of two young women into the top 50 has put a healthy gloss on 2012, the Lawn Tennis Association (LTA), so often hounded for a perceived failure to grow the sport, is under fire again.

Sport England, the

government body which distributes money to grassroots sport, announced this week that the LTA was in danger of having its funding drastically reduced un-



Alpine skiing

surprise and I'm determined to confirm this season," said Hirscher.

Japan's Naoki Yuasa achieved his first career podium after climbing from 26th to third with a blistering second run.

"It's a night I'll never forget," said the Japanese, who was all the more surprised by his feat as he finished the race lying on the snow after injuring a disc on the way down.

Hirscher's victory meant he added his name to the Madonna roll of honour with the greatest slalom specialists in the sport's history, from Ingemar Stenmark to Alberto Tomba, by having also won World Cup races in the Italian resort.

"It's a great honour to be on this list," he said.

The race also saw the return to the World Cup of slalom world champion Jean-Baptiste Grange, who had been sidelined since a knee operation in March.

The Frenchman skied two solid runs and finished 21st.—Reuters

Neymar wins leading scorer in 2012

Soccer

SAO PAULO, 19 Dec—Brazilian superstar Neymar won the prestigious Golden Boot for the second time in his short career with 43 goals in 2012.

Across the last twelve months, Neymar has scored 20 goals in the Sao Paulo state championship, eight in the Copa Libertadores, 14 in the Brazilian league and one in the Supercup.

Having already won the award for best striker in the Brazilian championship, the 20-year-old international picked up a second award in weeks. It is also the second time Neymar has won the prize of the country's most lethal attacker; he picked up the gong in 2010 after netting on 42 occasions. Neymar is also one of the 10 nominees released by FIFA to contend for the 2012 Puskas awards. The Puskas seeks to reward the most beautiful goals of the year.

Xinhua



Japan's Uehara eager to repay Red Sox by staying healthy

Major League Baseball



Texas Rangers relief pitcher Koji Uehara of Japan.—REUTERS

TOKYO, 19 Dec—Koji Uehara hopes his injury woes are a thing of the past so he can reward Major League Baseball's (MLB) Boston Red Sox for the faith they showed in him, the Japanese

right-handed reliever said on Tuesday.

Uehara, who helped the Texas Rangers reach the 2011 World Series, missed over a month of last season with a right lat strain but still posted a stingy 1.75 earned-run average while striking out 43 batters in 36 innings.

"First, I am really grateful for the Boston Red Sox expressing the strong desire to acquire me and giving this new opportunity," Uehara, who signed a one-year contract with Boston worth a reported \$4.25 million, said on the Red Sox website.

"Now it's my responsibility to meet their expectation and to give my best performance without getting injured."

Twice a winner of the Sawamura Award as the best starting pitcher in Japan with the Yomiuri Giants, Uehara has spent most of his MLB coming out of the bullpen as a closer and reliever.

The 37-year-old pitcher broke into the majors with the Baltimore Orioles in 2009 and was traded to the Rangers midway through the 2011 season.

Reuters

Tennis

US Open and Olympic triumphs by enticing the country's youth to pick up a tennis racket during 2013.

Sport England figures said that the total number of people playing tennis for 30 minutes each week had dropped 10 percent since 2008 despite the millions at the disposal of the LTA through Wimbledon profits and government funding.

While acknowledging the LTA's successes over the past year, Sport England said it had to prove it was doing enough to continue growing the numbers swinging a racket.

Reuters

GENERAL

Photo shows mass walks Participants taking Physical exercises at the foot of Aung Zaya suspension bridge in Insein Township of Yangon North District at about 5 am on 15 December.



KYEMON

Liverpool's Suso fined for Twitter comment



LONDON, 19 Dec—Liverpool forward Suso has been fined 10,000 pounds (\$16,200) for a comment he posted on Twitter, the FA said on Tuesday.

Suso was responding to his team mate Jose En-

Liverpool's Suso runs with the ball during their English Premier League soccer match against Stoke City at Anfield in Liverpool, northern England on 7 Oct, 2012.

REUTERS

rique posting a photograph of himself getting his teeth whitened.

"What the f*** is he doing? This guy is gay...he does everything except play football," tweeted Suso, who accepted the charge that he had brought the game into disrepute.

The 19-year-old Spaniard, who has made 13 first-team appearances for Liverpool this season, was also warned as to his future conduct by the FA.

Reuters

Messi renews contract with the FC Barcelona until 2018

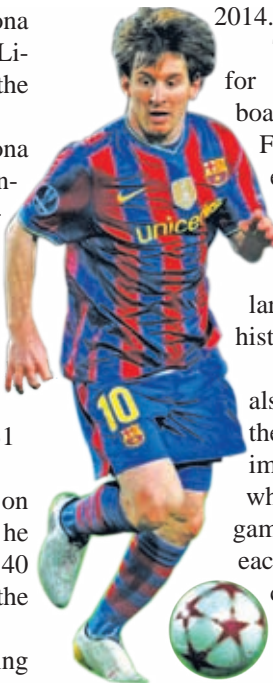
MADRID, 19 Dec—The FC Barcelona announced on Tuesday that the forward Lionel Messi renewed his contract with the football team until 2018.

Apart from Messi, the FC Barcelona also announced the captains Xavi Hernandez and Carles Puyol renewed their contracts with the team until 2016.

The Messi's renewal is the most surprising one as his contract was in force until 2016, but the FC Barcelona wanted to assure his continuity in the team as after the renewal Messi will develop his athletic career with the Barca being 31 years old in 2016.

Defender Puyol's contract ended on June 2013. He had already confirmed he would like to play with the Barca until 40 and after his renewal he will play with the team until he is 38 years old.

The midfielder Xavi will be playing



with de FC Barcelona until he is 36 and his contract is renewed for two more years as his contract ended in 2014.

The spokesperson for the FC Barcelona board of directors, Toni Freixa, said "this is extraordinary news" and pointed out "they are renewing three essential pillars of the best Barca in history".

With these renewals the Barca assures the continuity of three important players which are crucial for its game. The club reported each player will sign his contract in the following weeks.

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MYANMAR INTERNATIONAL

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Corinthians could sign Pato

MILAN, 19 Dec—World champions Corinthians could sign Milan and Brazil striker Alexandre Pato, according to Brazilian sports daily *Lance*.

The 23-year-old has fallen down the pecking order at the Italian club after a recurring knee problem and is reportedly considering a move to the Paulista giants, who won the Copa Libertadores and the World Club Cup in 2012.

Pato burst onto the world football scene in 2007 with Brazilian club Internacional.

After initial success in Italy his injury problems have made him an increasingly peripheral figure in the Milan squad and the time may be right to seek pastures new.

Milan's initial asking price is around 15 million euros (about 19.8 mil-

lion US dollars).

The Italians are looking to free up space in their squad in an attempt to sign Ivorian powerhouse Didier Drogba in the January transfer window.

Xinhua



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Russian race-walker Morozov gets life ban for doping

Moscow, 19 Dec—Former world youth race-walking champion Sergey Morozov has been given a life ban for breaking anti-doping regulations, the Russian athletics federation (VFLA) said on Tuesday.

Morozov, 24, who won the 2005 world youth title in the 10,000 meters race walk, has shown an "abnormal hemoglobin profile in his biological passport", the VFLA said on its website (rusathletics.com).

It was his second doping offence.

The Russian was considered a medal contender for the 2008 Beijing Olympics after setting a 20-km world record time of one hour, 16:43 minutes at the national championships earlier that year.

But his time was never ratified by the world's governing body IAAF because of a lack of doping control at the event.

Morozov, who also



won the 2007 European junior title, could not compete in Beijing because he was handed a two-year ban after testing positive for EPO in 2008.

He returned to competition in 2010 and competed for Russia at the 2011 world championships, finishing 12th in the 20-km.

It was the latest in a series of doping offences by Russian athletes in less than two weeks.

On Friday, the VFLA

banned European junior race-walking champion Tatyana Mineyeva for two years after she failed a drugs test, while the IAAF placed Olympic 2004 hammer champion Olga Kuzenkova under investigation after she also tested positive.

Last week, 2012 Olympic discus silver medalist Darya Pishchalnikova and Russian hammer champion Kirill Ikonnikov, who finished fifth at the London Games, were temporarily suspended by the IAAF for failing drugs tests.

The International Olympic Committee (IOC) on 5 Dec stripped shot putter Svetlana Krivelyova of her bronze medal from the 2004 Athens Games.

Krivelyova, 43 and long retired from the sport, tested positive for anabolic steroids after her samples from eight years ago were re-tested.—Reuters

No Pain, No Gain

Coordination meeting on Relief and Rehabilitation in Rakhine State held



NAY PYI TAW, 19 Dec—A coordination meeting on Relief and Rehabilitation in Rakhine State took place at the assembly hall of Ministry of Border Affairs here yesterday. It was attended by Union Minister for Border Affairs Lt-Gen Thein Htay and deputy ministers, departmental heads, UN coordinator UNDP resident representative Mr

Ashok Nigam, resident representatives from UN agencies in Myanmar, IGOs and resident representatives from INGOs, representatives from Rakhine Literature and Culture Group, Rakhine national races organizations and from Myanmar-Muslim National Federation and Islamic Council Head-quarters, totaling 78.

The Union Minister delivered an opening speech on the occasion. After that, UNDP resident representative Mr Ashok Nigam said that they are organizations that are providing humanitarian aids to the society that are in need of helps. Coordination for aids programme would be made only when they knew the needs. He continued to say that he

would like to give advice on laying down the future long-term plans pertaining to education, health and water and sanitation and the livelihoods. At the same time, it needed to make arrangements for aids, rehabilitation, the end of conflicts and the regular running of livelihoods businesses. Those present presented the reports on the ongoing humanitarian



Union Minister Lt-Gen Thein Htay speaking at coordination meeting on Relief and Rehabilitation in Rakhine State.—MNA

aids programme, follow-up programme, views on the emergence of a harmonious society and solving of difficulties and challenges they face.

In his concluding speech, the Union minister said that all needed to understand the real situation of the Rakhine incident. It was found that feelings and discontents between two societies remained existed. But it needed to change the wrong thoughts and assumptions of both societies. Providing humanitarian aids as well as ensuring the basic infrastructures for sustainable development was

a must. A plan was under way to form four townships—Kyawtaung, MraukU, Minbya and Myebon townships—as MraukU district. The Union government would scrutinize the citizenship in line with Myanmar Citizenship Law (1982). International organizations should review the criteria for humanitarian aids programme, based on the real situation. He also urged UN agencies, IGOs, INGOs and social organizations to join hands with the Union government in such future tasks as relief and rehabilitation, the rule of law and sustainable development.—MNA

Coordination meeting on Ayeyawady River conservation and multi-purpose development tasks held

NAY PYI TAW, 19 Dec—“Embankments of Ayeyawady River are to be built for effective utilizations of Ayeyawady River water,” said Union Minister for Transport U Nyan Tun Aung at coordination meeting on Ayeyawady River conservation and multi-purpose development tasks, held

at the Ministry here this morning.

Director-General U Tun Lwin Oo of Directorate of Water Resources and Improvement of River Systems presented the report on Ayeyawady River conservation and multi-purpose development tasks and Mr Keon Thomas of

SBE Consulting Engineers group of Belgium, on Ayeyawady River: Towards an Integrated Management System.

Afterwards, the deputy ministers, Region ministers, departmental official and scholars gave suggestions.

MNA



Three-month extension period for Myanmar migrant workers in Thailand

NAY PYI TAW, 19 Dec — Issuance of temporary passports for Myanmar migrant workers in Myanmar is being carried out at five centres in Thailand. As the process is due to expire on 14 December this year Thailand has proposed to stop the process of issuing documents to Myanmar migrant workers in Thailand and to carry out the process at the new centres on the side of Myanmar.

Out of nearly 2.5 million Myanmar migrant

workers in Thailand, it is estimated that only about 1.5 million had been registered and the remaining one million are unregistered and undocumented. The closure of current five centres could result in loss of jobs, travelling expenses and unwanted difficulties for workers.

President U Thein Sein held coordination on Myanmar migrant workers in Thailand and to carry out the process at the new centres on the side of Myanmar.

without stopping the ongoing process. The Thai PM approved to extend the deadline for another three months and, if necessary, deadline will more be extended.

For ensuing the process of issuing temporary passports to workers as quick as possible during the extension period, tasks of opening more centres and appointing more staff and other necessary measures will be made with added momentum.

MNA

Public Notice

The failure of electronic control system of Yadana natural gas drill at 5 am on 17-12-2012 led to the suspension of natural gas supply for domestic use.

Myanma Oil and Gas Enterprise is fixing the issues that stopped operation of power stations in Yangon Region and Shwedaung and Myan-aung power stations and cut the electricity generation by about 310 Megawatts.

Thanks to MOGE's

efforts, the natural gas of 60 million cubic ft could be supplied at 10 am on the same day; 90 million cubic ft at 11 am; 110 million cubic ft at 1 pm; 124 million cubic ft at 4 am on 18-12-2012 and 148 million cubic ft at 5 am on 19-12-2012.

As the offshore natural gas supply could not resume at full capacity, the electricity generation of Shwedaung and Myanaung power stations is reduced by 28 Megawatts and power stations in Yangon by 30 Megawatts, totaling 58

Megawatts.

The electricity supply to some regions and states would be reduced periodically in time of the decline in the natural gas supply.

The Ministry of Electric Power is trying to fill the gap with the increased supply from hydropower stations and is planning to cope with the reduction in electricity supply and voltage. The repair would be completed by 19-12-2012 evening.

Ministry of Electric Power