

President U Thein Sein receives Indian Defence Minister

NAY PYI TAW, 22 Jan— President U Thein Sein received Mr AK Antony, Defence Minister of India, at the Credentials Hall of the Presidential Palace, here, this afternoon.

Also present at the call were Union Minister for Home Affairs Lt-Gen Ko Ko, Union Minister for Defence Lt-Gen Wai Lwin,



Mr AK Antony.—MNA

Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Wunna Maung Lwin, Union Minister at the President Office U Tin Naing Thein, Vice-Chief of Armed Forces Training

Maj-Gen Hsan Myint and departmental heads and Indian Ambassador to Myanmar Dr VS Seshadri.

They frankly exchanged views on mutual friendship, multifaceted cooperation, inter-governmental and people-to-people cooperation, wider bilateral cooperation, joint efforts for border security, betterment of India-Myanmar road networks bridging South Asia and Southeast Asia.

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President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein.—MNA

Htoo Foundation presents K 100 million for track and field

NAY PYI TAW, 22 Jan— Cash contributions were made for track and field for its success at 27th SEA Games at Yangon United FC Ground yesterday evening, with an address by Vice-President U Min Thein of Myanmar Track and Field Federation.

Executive Director

Daw Yamin Lwin of Htoo Foundation presented K 100 million for track and field to be used in SEA Games.

Similarly, Asia Green Development Bank Limited also presented sports gear and cash assistance for coaches and athletes.

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Press release on the enactment of “the Bill amending the Auditor-General of the Union Law”

1. The Bill amending the Auditor-General of the Union Law was approved at the fifth regular session of the First Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and it was sent to the President on 25-10-2012 to sign it. In accord with the provision of Section 106 (a) of the Constitution, the bill was sent back to the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw on 1-11-2012 with the comments of the President in which the Bill includes provisions which are contrary to the Constitution and the democratic practices that ensure the three branches of sovereign power namely legislative power, executive power and judicial power are separated, to the extent possible, and to ensure reciprocal control, check and balance among themselves. (News reported on dailies issued on 26-11-2012)
2. The bill was under discussion again at the sixth regular session of the First Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and it was approved and sent to the President in accord with the provision of Section 106 (b) of the Constitution to sign it for enactment. Although the amendments of the provisions of the Bill were similar to the provisions originally approved by the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw before sending it, the President signed and sent it back to the Hluttaw in accord with the law, giving respect to the desires of the majority as Hluttaw representatives were in favour of the amendments. In order to make the message known to the public, the full text of the translation of the message signed and sent by the President is as follow:-
“Reference: (1) Message with the letter number 1/Pa Hta (meeting) 9/2012-65 dated 25-10-2012 sent by the Speaker of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw to the President.
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President U Thein Sein receives ROK National Assembly Speaker

NAY PYI TAW, 22 Jan— President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein received a delegation led by National Assembly Speaker Mr. KANG Chang-Hee of the Republic of Korea at the Credentials Hall of the Presidential Palace, here, this morning.

The meeting concentrated on further promotion of relations between the two peoples, the two parliaments and the two governments, increasing investments and extension of businesses being run in the country.

Also present at the call together with the President were Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Wunna Maung Lwin, Union Minister at the President Office U Soe Maung, Union Minister for Commerce U Win Myint, Union Minister for National Planning and Economic Development Dr Kan Zaw and departmental heads.

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President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein and delegation led by ROK National Assembly Speaker Mr. KANG Chang-Hee pose for documentary photo.—MNA



Arrival of Gas engines makes hope high for adequate electricity supply in summer

YANGON, 22 Jan — The Ministry of Electric Power is striving for fulfilling the demand of electricity in Yangon where electricity consumption will exceed the supply by 200 megawatts in summer. Arrangements have been made to generate more electricity to be able to meet the demand of electricity in summer of the year 2013 by installing new gas engines at Hlawga, Ywama, Ahlon and Thakayta power stations.

Of 26 gas engines which will be installed at Hlawga power station, eight gas engines with the generating capacity of 1 MW each arrived at the station on 17 January and installation works were in progress. One gas turbine and accessories arrived at Ahlon power station on 18 January works are being carried out to put it on the foundation. Four 3.3 MW gas turbines for Thakayta

power station were installed on 19 January.

For sooner installation of gas engines which will arrive during the last week of February, building of foundation and switch yard are being carried out by staff of the Ministry of Electric Power. Plans are underway to generate more electricity from the newly-installed gas engines not later than 31 March.

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Massive amount of stimulant tablets seized

HSIPAW, 22 Jan — Lashio anti-narcotic special squad in Shan

State (North) seized a large quantity of stimulant tablets while conducting

a search of a vehicle of Muse-Lashio Shan Cherry bus-line driven by Ko Aung Kyaw Oo on Lashio-Muse Union Highway near Bon Mon plantation in Lashio on 17 January.

Police members seized 50000 WY stimulant tablets worth K 100 million while searching the bag of Ma Rashida Bi Bi of Tamway Township of Yangon Region.

No (2) Police Station of Lashio filed a lawsuit against her. — *Kyemon*



Head-on collision claims two lives on motorbike

GYOBINGAUK, 22 Jan — A head-on collision between a Kenbo motorbike and a Faw truck occurred near Shwekyundaw between mile post Nos (124/3) and (124/4) on Yangon-Pyay road in Gyobingauk of Bago Region on 12 January. Father and son on the motorbike were pronounced dead in the tragic incident.

The motorbike driven by U Min Tun, 45, and his son Maung Kyankyung,

20, of Okpo Township from Zigon to Gyobingauk collided a head-on with the truck driven by Nay Lwin Kyaw (a) Duwun (a) Maung Kyauk Khe, 21, on the opposite direction. The fatal head-on collision claimed lives of father and son on the motorbike.

Gyobingauk Police Station opened a file and the investigation into the case is ongoing.

Kyemon

Highway crash leaves one dead

TOUNGOO, 22 Jan — A car crash between a motorbike and a ten-wheeled Fuso truck occurred near Kyandaw village in Toungoo of Bago Region on 9 January, causing a man seriously injured and later dead.

The motorbike driven

by Chit San Ko, 21, of Toungoo crashed into the back of the Fuso truck driven by U Htay Maung, 47, of Toungoo from Yangon to Nay Pyi Taw while the latter stopped by the roadside at a place between mile post

Nos (176/4) and (176/5) on

Yangon-Mandalay Union Highway at about 10.30 pm on that day. The motorcyclist got serious injuries on his head and other parts of his body in the incident and he died while receiving intensive care at Toungoo General Hospital. — *Kyemon*

Safety measures taken along Yangon-Nay Pyi Taw-Mandalay Expressway

YEDASHE, 22 Jan — So far traffic signposts, warning signposts and reflection road signs have been installed for the safety of running vehicles along Yangon-Nay Pyi Taw-Mandalay Expressway.

As road accidents are frequent at turns and bridges where cars skidded out of control and overturned, concrete blocks were being placed at the place between mile post Nos (128/3) and (128/4) in Ottwin Township of Bago

Region by Expressway Maintenance Group on 11 January.

An official said that the block helped road users notice them from a long distance as warning signs that turns and bridges are ahead. — *Kyemon*



Naga Self-Administered Zone organizes New Year celebration on 15 January

NAY PYI TAW, 22 Jan — Naga New Year celebration was organized at the festive ground in Lahe Township of Naga Self-Administered Zone on 15 January morning, attended by Union Minister at the President Office U Hla Tun, Sagaing Region Chief Minister U Tha Aye, Commander of North-West Command Maj-Gen

Soe Lwin, Pyithu Hluttaw representatives Thura U Aye Myint and U Thein Zaw, deputy ministers, chairperson and members of the leading body of Naga Self-Administered Zone and guests.

For development of Naga region, fire engines, power-tillers, pipes, farm equipment, sets of Sky Net DTH receiver, sets of TV, generators, fuel oil, plywood, foodstuff, bags of cement, sports gear, medicines, notebooks, sets of computer and cash assistance were handed over to responsible persons at the celebration.

In accord with the directives of the President Office, Deputy Minister for Border Affairs Maj-Gen Zaw Win presented K 52.825 million for development of Naga region.

Naga New Year celebration has been held annually at Leshi, Lehe and Nanyun of Naga Self-Administered Zone alternately since 2000.

Since 2005, annual celebrations have been funded by the government that so far spent K 210.496.

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Overtaken Hino leaves 33 injured



TATKON, 22 Jan — A passenger bus overturned near Nay Pyi Taw Ottarathiri feeder road, north of Tatkon Township in Nay Pyi Taw Council Area on 18 January, leaving 33 passengers wounded.

The road accident happened to Tatkon-Okshitpin Hino bus carrying loads and passengers driven

by Ko Aung Soe near Nay Pyi Taw Ottarathiri feeder road where the bus skidded out of control and turned over. A total of 33 passengers from Okshitpin and Thaphanchaung villages were injured in the accident and they were rushed to 100-bedded Tatkon Hospital.

Kyemon

WORLD

Confident Obama lays out battle plan as he launches second term

WASHINGTON, 22 Jan— A confident President Barack Obama kicked off his second term on Monday with an impassioned call for a more inclusive America that rejects partisan rancor and embraces immigration reform, gay rights and the fight against climate change.

Obama's ceremonial swearing-in at the US Capitol was filled with traditional pomp and pageantry, but it was a scaled-back inauguration compared with the historic start of his presidency in 2009 when he swept into office on a mantle of hope and change as America's first black president. Despite expectations tempered by lingering economic weakness and a politically divided Washington, Obama delivered a preview of the priorities he intends to pursue —

essentially a reaffirmation of core liberal Democratic causes — declaring Americans “are made for this moment” and must “seize it together.”

The Democrat arrived at his second inauguration on solid footing, with his poll numbers up, Republicans on the defensive and his first-term record boasting accomplishments such as a US healthcare overhaul, financial regulatory reforms, the end of the war in Iraq and the killing of Osama bin Laden.

Obama had a formal swearing-in on Sunday at the White House because of a constitutional requirement that the president take the oath on 20 January. Rather than stage the full inauguration on Sunday, the main public events were put off until Monday.

Four years ago, it was



US President Barack Obama (L) takes the oath from US Supreme Court Justice John Roberts as his wife Michelle Obama and daughters Malia Obama (2nd R) and Sasha Obama (R) watch during swearing-in ceremonies on the West front of the US Capitol in Washington, on 21 Jan, 2013.—REUTERS

the first black president,” said local resident Greg Pearson, 42. “It doesn't have the same energy. It's more subdued. It's not quite the party it was four

years ago. Our expectations are pretty low (this time): let's not default on the national debt, keep the government running.”—Reuters

“Laughing” Chavez gives orders from Cuba



A poster of Venezuela's President Hugo Chavez is seen during a Afro-Cuban Santeria ceremony to pray for his recovery, in Havana on 10 Jan, 2013.

REUTERS

CARACAS, 21 Jan — Hugo Chavez is joking and giving instructions again, an ally said on Monday, in the latest positive comment from

an official six weeks after the Venezuelan president's disappearance from public sight for cancer surgery in Cuba.

Rumors earlier this month that Chavez was on life support have given way in the last few days to speculation that he may soon return to Venezuela.

The more positive talk has been fueled by comments from officials that Chavez has been gradually improving from a grave post-operation situation.

“Comrades, I'm coming out of the meeting with our commander-president, Hugo Chavez,” recently appointed Foreign Minister Elias Jaua tweeted from Havana after a visit with Chavez.

“We shared jokes and laughed.” Chavez took decisions over Venezuela's

participation in a forthcoming Latin American summit in Chile, added Jaua, the latest of a parade of officials to visit the president, who is presumed to be convalescing in Havana's Cimeq hospital.

Though Venezuelan officials appear more upbeat, the usually garrulous and attention-seeking Chavez, 58, remains unseen and not been heard from in public since the 11 December operation, his fourth for a cancer first detected in mid-2011 in the pelvic area.

Opponents remain skeptical, asking why Chavez cannot speak to the nation if it is true that he can chat with ministers.

Reuters

Algeria vows to fight Qaeda after 38 workers killed

ALGIERS, 21 Jan— Algeria's Prime Minister accused a Canadian of coordinating last week's raid on a desert gas plant and, praising the storming of the complex where 38 mostly foreign hostages were killed, he pledged to resist the rise of Islamists in the Sahara.

Algeria will never succumb to terrorism or allow al-Qaeda to establish “Sahelistan”, an Afghan-style power base in arid northwest Africa, Abdelmalek Sellal told a news conference in Algiers where he also said at least 37 foreign hostages died. “There is clear political will,” the prime minister said.

Claimed by an Algerian

al Qaeda leader as a riposte to France's attack on his allies in neighbouring Mali the previous week, the four-day siege drew global attention to Islamists in the Sahara and Sahel regions and brought promises of support to African governments from Western powers whose toppling of Libya's Muammar Gaddafi helped flood the region with weapons.

The attack on a valuable part of its vital energy industry raised questions about the security capacity of an establishment that took power from French colonists 50 years ago, held off a bloody Islamist insurgency in the 1990s and has avoided

the democratic upheavals the Arab Spring brought to North Africa. Chafik Mesbah, a former Algerian presidential security adviser, said: “The West did not criticize Algeria because it knows an assault was inevitable in the circumstances. The victims were a minimum price to pay to solve the crisis.”

Sellal said a Canadian citizen whom he named only as Chedad, a surname found among Arabs in the region, was among 29 gunmen killed and added that he had “coordinated” the attack. Another three militants were taken alive and were in custody.

Reuters

Israel set to re-elect Netanyahu, shift further right

JERUSALEM, 22 Jan— Israelis look set to elect Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu to a third term on Tuesday, pushing the Jewish State even further to the right, away from peace with Palestinians and towards a showdown with Iran.

Netanyahu has vowed to pursue the Jewish settlement of lands seized during the

Netanyahu, who says that dealing with Iran's nuclear ambitions is his top priority, will have to bring various allies onboard to control the 120-seat Knesset.

The former commando has traditionally looked to religious, conservative parties for backing and is widely expected to reach out to the surprise star of the campaign, self-made



Israel's Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu (C) stands with Jerusalem Mayor Nir Barkat (R) and Communications Minister Moshe Kahlon outside the Menachem Begin Heritage Centre in Jerusalem on 21 Jan, 2013. Netanyahu made an election eve appeal to wavering supporters to “come home”, showing concern over a forecast far-right surge that would keep him in power but weaken him politically.

REUTERS

1967 Middle East war if he stays in power, a policy that would put him at odds with Washington and deepened Israel's international isolation. Polls predict Netanyahu's Likud party, which has forged an electoral pact with the ultra-nationalist Yisrael Beitenu group, will take the most seats in the parliamentary election.

But no Israeli party has ever secured an absolute majority, meaning that

millionaire Naftali Bennett who heads the far-right Jewish Home party. Bennett's youthful dynamism has struck a chord among voters, most of whom no longer believe in the possibility of a Middle East peace deal, and has eroded Netanyahu's right-wing support base. Surveys suggest he may take as many as 14 seats, many at the expense of Likud-Beitenu, projected to win 32.—Reuters

Syrian opposition leaders fail to form government



A fighter from the Free Syrian Army's Tahrir al Sham brigade looks at a building destroyed during yesterday's Syrian Air force air strike in Mleha suburb of Damascus on 21 Jan, 2013.—REUTERS

ISTANBUL, 22 Jan— Syrian opposition leaders said on Monday they had failed to put together a transitional government

to run rebel-held areas of the country, a blow to the exiled group trying to present an alternative to President Bashar al-Assad's rule.

Political efforts to resolve the conflict have largely faltered because of the rebels' failure to form a unified front and because world powers are backing opposing sides. Talks held by representatives of the opposition Syrian National Coalition (SNC), a 70-member umbrella group dominated by Islamists and their allies, in Istanbul at the weekend only highlighted divisions in the coalition.

“This is a big blow for the revolution against Bashar al-Assad,” said one opposition leader who attended the meeting but did not want to be named because he operates in secret in Syria.

Reuters

RIM mulls licensing out software: CEO in paper

FRANKFURT, 22 Jan—Research in Motion will look into strategic alliances with other technology companies once it has launched its new BlackBerry 10

models, its chief executive told a German newspaper. German-born CEO Thorsten Heins told *daily Die Welt* in an interview published on Monday that

the group's strategic review could lead to the sale of RIM's hardware production or the sale of licenses to its software, among other options.

"The main thing for now is to successfully introduce BlackBerry 10. Then we'll see," Heins was quoted as saying.

RIM hopes its re-engineered line of BlackBerry 10 touch-screen and keyboard devices will win back market share lost to rivals such as Apple's iPhone and devices powered by Google's market-leading Android operating system.

Reuters



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

Sony to sell new Xperia tablet in Japan

TOKYO, 22 Jan—Japan this spring, the Nikkei reported, citing *Kyodo News*.

The Xperia Tablet Z, whose price has not been announced, has a 10.1-inch display, is 6.9 mm thin and weighs 495 grams, according to the company's website.

Rival Google Inc's Nexus 10 tablet is 8.9 mm thick, while Apple Inc's iPad mini measures 7.9 mm.

Sony halted sales of Xperia in October, a month after launch, after discovering gaps between the screen and the case that made some of the machines susceptible to water damage.

The Nikkei reported on Sunday that Japanese smartphone makers seem to be regaining some market share they lost to companies like Apple and Samsung Electronics Co.

Reuters



A man stands behind Sony Corp's logo at an electronics store in Tokyo on 31 Oct, 2012.—REUTERS

Azerbaijan to launch first telecommunications satellite in February

BAKU, 22 Jan—Azerbaijan will launch its first telecommunications satellite named *Azerspace-1* in early February, the country's ICT Minister Ali Abbasov told media in Baku on Monday.

According to the minister, the satellite has already been delivered to the launch site at Kourou, the space centre of French Guiana, where it will be sent into orbit by an *Ariane 5 ECA* rocket.

The satellite is leased from Malaysia's Measat Satellite Systems, a

company owned by the government of Malaysia. Eastern Europe, the Caucasus, Central Asia and North Africa will be included in the Azerspace service area.

Produced by the American Orbital Sciences Corporation, the Azerbaijani Azerspace telecommunications satellite is designed to provide digital broadcasting, Internet access, data transmission, the creation of VSAT multiservice networks and governmental communications.

Xinhua

Former Microsoft executive says CEO Ballmer culls internal rivals to retain power

SEATTLE, 22 Jan—Microsoft Corp Chief Executive Steve Ballmer is not the right leader for the world's largest software company but holds his grip on it by systematically forcing out any rising manager who challenges his authority, claims a former senior executive who has written a book about his time at the company.

"For Microsoft to really get back in the game seriously, you need a big change in management," said Joachim Kempin, who worked at Microsoft between 1983 and 2002, overseeing the sales of Windows software to computer makers for part of that time. "As much as I respect Steve Ballmer, he may be part of that in the end."

As a senior vice president in charge of a crucial part of the company's business with direct access to co-founder Bill Gates,



Science and technology leaders and guests pose for photos during the opening ceremony of the Global Young Scientists Summit in Singapore, on 20 Jan, 2013.

XINHUA



Microsoft CEO Steve Ballmer displays Phone 8 devices at the Qualcomm pre-show keynote at the Consumer Electronics Show (CES) in Las Vegas on 7 Jan, 2013.

REUTERS

Kempin is the most senior former Microsoft executive to write a book critical of the company, which is famous for the loyalty of its ex-employees.

His criticism echoes that of investor David Einhorn of Greenlight Capital, who called for Ballmer to step down in 2011.

Kempin left Microsoft under a cloud in 2002 as some of the aggressive contracts he crafted with PC

makers were seen as fodder for the US government's antitrust prosecution of the company, which started in 1998 and was largely resolved by 2002.

His book, titled 'Resolve and Fortitude: Microsoft's "secret power broker" breaks his silence', is scheduled to be published on Tuesday. He talked with Reuters by phone on Monday.

Reuters

NTT DoCoMo to release low-cost tablet in Japan

TOKYO, 22 Jan—Mobile phone service provider NTT DoCoMo Inc will soon release a low-cost tablet computer in Japan priced between 10,000 yen (\$110) and 15,000 yen, the Nikkei reported. The tablet will be made by China's Huawei Technologies Co and feature a 10-inch screen, the Japanese business daily said.

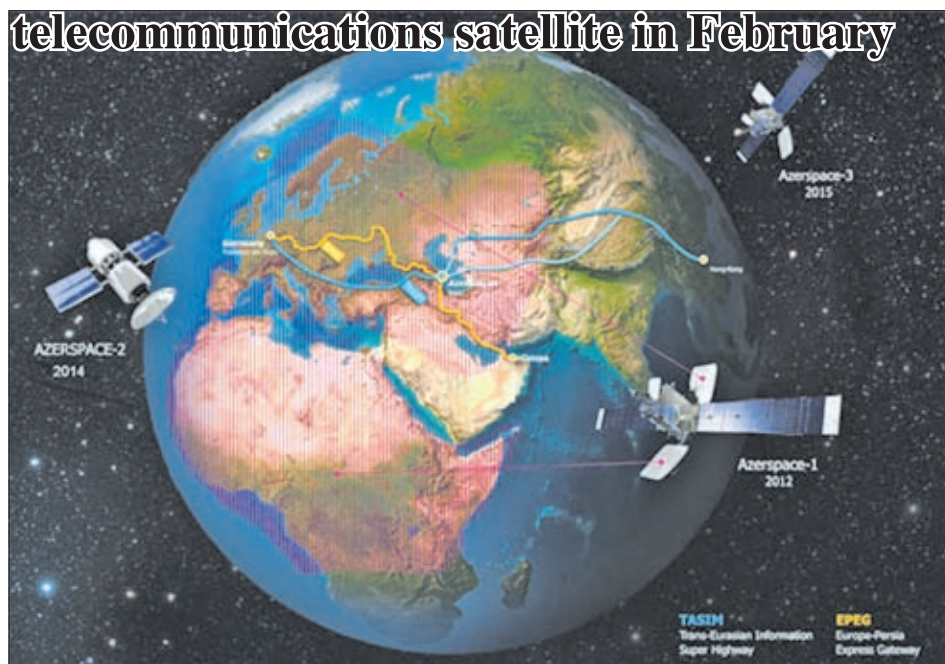
The new tablet will be able to connect to the Internet via wireless LAN, but will not be compatible with 3G or LTE (Long Term Evolution) high-speed wireless services, the newspaper reported.



Telecom equipment maker Huawei has diversified into the mobile devices area selling dongles, mobile phones and tablet PCs, aiming to tap the fast-growing sector. The new product will be launched by this spring, for sale at DoCoMo Shops and electronics mass merchandisers throughout Japan, the daily said.

Apple Inc, maker of the iPad, already faces stiffening competition in tablets from a growing crowd of rival products from makers, including Samsung Electronics Co Ltd with its Galaxy and Microsoft Corp's Surface.

Reuters



BUSINESS & HEALTH

Toyota's Camry wins S Korea's car of year



SEOUL, 22 Jan—South Korean journalists have chosen Toyota Motor's Camry as best car of the year. This is the first time a foreign car has won the award, in a country where domestic makers dominate the market. Representatives from the Japanese automaker received the award for the US-built sedan on Monday at a ceremony in Seoul.

The journalists chose the car for its price competitiveness among 45 models introduced last year. It beat models by South Korea's Hyundai and Germany's BMW. Toyota bosses re-

cently began shipping cars from the US to South Korea thanks to lower tariffs caused by a free-trade agreement between the two countries.

President of Toyota South Korea Hisao Nakabayashi said the award comes from good work by teams in Japan.

South Korean consumers are increasingly attracted to Japanese cars for their environmentally friendly technology. Other Japanese automakers such as Honda are also increasing shipments of US-made cars to South Korea.—NHK

In China, signs that one-child policy may be coming to an end

JIUQUAN, 22 Jan—China could be considering relaxing its harsh one-child policy because of women like Hu Yanqin, who lives in a village at the edge of the Gobi desert. Hu lives in the Jiuquan region in Gansu Province, one of the rare places in China where those living in rural areas have been free to have two children since 1985. But even when she got married seven years ago, she knew she was going to have only one child, because it was too expensive to have more.

"Those people with two children are those who are better off," said Hu, 32, dropping her six-year-old son off at kindergarten. "The majority of people in my village only have one child." Advocates of reforming China's one-child policy use Hu and millions like her as evidence that relaxing the law will not lead to a surge of births in the world's most populous nation. Jiuquan has a birth rate of 8 to 9 per 1,000 people, lower than the national average of about 12 births per 1,000 people.

The policy, implemented since 1980 alongside

reforms that have led to rapid economic expansion, is increasingly being seen as an impediment to growth and the harbinger of social problems. The country's labour force, at about 930 million, will start declining in 2025 at a rate of about 10 million a year, projections show. Meanwhile, China's elderly population will hit 360 million by 2030, from about 200 million in 2013. "If this goes on, there will be no taxpayers, no workers and no caregivers for the elderly," said Gu Baochang, a demography professor at Renmin University.

China's top statistician, Ma Jiantang, said last on Friday that the country should look into "an

Dutchman to head Eurogroup, wants to move on from crisis-fighting

BRUSSELS, 22 Jan—Dutch Finance Minister Jeroen Dijsselbloem was appointed the new chairman of euro zone finance ministers on Monday and told his colleagues he wanted to move on from simply fighting crises to focus on longer-term policies to cement fledgling confidence. Dijsselbloem was confirmed in the post at a meeting of the Eurogroup of 17 euro zone ministers, but did not receive unanimous support, with Spain refusing to give its backing.

Addressing concerns that his appointment could deepen divisions between northern European

countries which enjoy higher credit ratings and the south, where countries have to pay more to borrow, Dijsselbloem said fiscal discipline and financial help between euro zone countries were not mutually exclusive. "We will have to promote a balanced approach, recognizing that both discipline and solidarity are needed," he said.

The Dutch minister, who took his national post three months ago, said the euro zone should continue with reforms and fiscal consolidation that have pleased investors. "We now need to keep the momentum going, to ensure we retain the



Netherlands' Finance Minister Jeroen Dijsselbloem holds his first news conference after being appointed new Eurogroup Chairman during a euro zone finance ministers' meeting in Brussels on 21 Jan, 2013.

REUTERS

confidence we managed to regain in a lasting manner," he told his euro zone colleagues in a letter outlining his priorities. "Our focus

needs to shift from crisis management to delivering and implementing sound medium-term policies."

Reuters

Snowboarding linked to injury rate rise on slopes

NEW YORK, 22 Jan—Allowing snowboarders to hit the slopes at one US ski resort led to a small rise in the number of overall injuries, a trend in line with findings at ski areas elsewhere, according to a US report. Injuries rose by 13 percent in the two years after snowboarders were permitted at the Taos Ski Valley in New Mexico,



compared to the two years before, according to the report in *The American Journal of Sports Medicine*.

"We recognize that a small but statistically significant increase in injury rate was observed after the addition of snowboarding to this mountain but that factors other than type of sport may play a role in the differences that were

identified," said study leader David Rust from the University of New Mexico in Albuquerque. Rust and his team looked at records from the Mogul Medical Clinic at Taos Ski Valley and compared the injuries that happened before and after snowboarding was first allowed in March 2008.

Overall, the rate of

injuries increased from about 207 per 100,000 visits to the mountain in the 2006 to 2007 winter season, to about 234 injured per 100,000 in the 2009 to 2010 season. "If you did that (study) at 10 different mountains, the trend would be the same," said Robert Johnson, from the University of Vermont College of Medicine in Burlington.

The rise was due mostly to an increase in the kind of upper body injuries that are most common among snowboarders, such as wrist sprains and fractures. Broken wrists jumped from the then most common injury before snowboarders were allowed to the second most common at the end of the study.

Reuters

Breathing programme may help save newborns' lives

NEW YORK, 22 Jan—Training midwives and other birth attendants to help babies start breathing immediately after birth may prevent stillbirths and newborn deaths in the developing world, two new studies suggest.

So-called birth asphyxia — when babies are born not breathing — is one of the major causes of newborn death in regions with limited resources, researchers said. The Helping Babies Breathe programme, launched by the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP), trains birth attendants to immediately dry and warm babies — and to start breathing for babies with a bag and mask if they don't breathe

on their own within one minute.

Reducing infant mortality in the developing world is one of the United Nations Millennium Development Goals — but progress has been slow, according to Dr Jeffrey Perlman from Weill Cornell Medical College in New York, who helped implement Helping Babies Breathe in Tanzania.

"The majority of deliveries in resource-limited areas are done by the midwife, and the midwife wasn't really taught how to deal with a baby once they were born," Perlman told *Reuters Health*.

Instead, he said, midwives tend to focus on the mother immediately after

the birth.

"If you can just teach them, when the baby's born, to immediately dry the baby off... that drying and a little bit of stimulating will probably get 90 to 93 percent of babies breathing that weren't breathing before," said Perlman, one of the authors of a study published on Monday in *Pediatrics*.

"That's the most exciting part, that something very simple can save many, many lives." Perlman and his colleagues compared about 8,000 babies born at eight hospitals before birth assistants were trained in the breathing programme to almost ten times as many babies born afterward.

Reuters



People watch an infant go through swimming exercise at a maternal and child health care hospital in Taiyuan, Shanxi Province, on 3 Dec, 2012.—REUTERS

WORLD

Deadly blasts rattle Syria, UN official warns of “shocking” situation

DAMASCUS, 22 Jan—A suicide car bomber has killed at least 25 people in central Syria on Monday, as a UN humanitarian official said situation in Syria’s hotspots is “shocking” and “appalling.”

At least 25 people were killed and more than 50 injured Monday when a suicide car bomber detonated his explosive-packed car in Syria’s central province of Hama, the state-run media said.

The blast rocked al-Salamieh area in Hama, the report said, adding that the blast has also left property damage to the city’s National Hospital and nearby

buildings.

Syria’s state-TV branded the blast as “brutal massacre” while other Syrian TVs urged people to donate blood for those injured in the deadly blast.

Meanwhile, the Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights, activists’ network, said dozens of people were killed in the blast, adding the car bomb went off before a makeshift headquarters of the pro-government local committee in Salamieh. Quoting medical sources, the Observatory said that among the dead are 30 members of the committee, while several

civilians were also killed and the number of dead is likely to reach 50.

In the capital Damascus, meanwhile, an explosive device went off in the upscale district of Mushru Dummar, causing property losses only, local media said.

Activists reported shelling and clashes between the rebels and the government troops, placing the death toll of Monday’s violence at 92. As the violence keeps grinding on, a visiting UN humanitarian official stressed on Monday that the humanitarian situation in Syria’s hotspots is “shocking.”—Xinhua



John Ging, the UN Operations Director of the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA), speaks at a Press conference in Damascus, Syria, on 21 Jan, 2013. XINHUA

Brazil hails success of border control against organized crime

RIO DE JANEIRO, 22 Jan—Brazil’s President Monday highlighted the success of her plan in thwarting organized crime along the border.

Dilma Rousseff said in her weekly radio show, “Breakfast with the President,” that authorities have seized more than 3,650 tons of drugs and 2,200 firearms in a year and a half since the Strategic Border Plan was launched.

“Even though public security is a responsibility of the states, in accordance with the Constitution, the federal government must take part in the improvement of public security through special programmes,” she said. Brazil’s vast size and 16,000 kilometres of borders, much of it in sparsely populated and heavily forested areas, make patrolling the borders a particular challenge that requires firm government action and constant vigilance, she said.

Rousseff stressed the importance of joining forces with neighbours, adding that Brazil has border agreements with several countries, such as Colombia, Bolivia and Peru. “With actions such as the Strategic Border Plan, we can build, along with neighbouring countries, a solid network of border protection, fighting drugs and weapons trafficking, and organized crime,” she said.

Xinhua



Egyptian President Mohamed Morsi attends the 3rd Arab Economic and Social Development Summit held in the Saudi capital of Riyadh on 21 Jan, 2013. XINHUA

Ecuador leader blasts US LatAm policy

QUITO, 22 Jan—Ecuadorian President Rafael Correa said on Monday that Washington still pursues “double standards” in its foreign policy toward Latin America.

Correa made the comment in the wake of US President Barack Obama’s inauguration for a second term.

“The double standards persist,” Correa told a local radio station. “Here, you are a good guy if you are a friend of the United States; you are a bad guy if you ... refuse to submit to its whims.”

US boy accused of killing parents plans to kill more

HOUSTON, 22 Jan—A teenager accused of fatally shooting his parents and three siblings in the US state of New Mexico had allegedly intended to go to a populated area to murder more people, US media reported on Monday.

Nehemiah Griego, 15, said that after the killings Saturday at his home in a rural area southwest of Albuquerque, New Mexico, he reloaded the weapons so that he could drive to a populated area to murder more people, according to FOX News.

“Nehemiah stated he wanted to shoot people at random and eventually be killed while exchanging gunfire with law enforcement,” according to the report. Griego told police he had been plagued by “suicidal and homicidal thoughts,” Fox News reported, quoting a sworn affidavit provided to prosecutors by the arresting officer.

Griego, who was arrested following the shootings, remained in custody on Monday on charges of

“As a Latin American, as a former president of Unasur (Union of South American Countries), I have to admit there have been very few changes in US foreign policy, especially toward Latin America,” he said.

Traditionally, Washington preferred stability to social reform in Latin America, Correa noted. It has invariably supported conservative hardliners like former Colombian President Alvaro Uribe and battled left-leaning leaders such as Venezuela’s Hugo Chavez, a close ally of Correa.—Xinhua

murder and child abuse resulting in death.

The victims were identified as Greg Griego, 51, who had been a pastor; his wife, Sarah Griego, 40, who home-schooled their children; Zephania Griego, 9; Jael Griego, 5; and Angelina Griego, 2.

Authorities said each victim suffered more than one gunshot wound, and several guns were found at the scene, one of which was a semiautomatic, military-style rifle. The teen allegedly shot his mother early on Saturday while she was sleeping after they had had a minor disagreement on Friday. He then allegedly shot his 9-year-old brother, who was sleeping in the same bed, and his two siblings in another room. He waited several hours for his father to return at 6 am, allegedly killing him with multiple shots. Griego initially told police he came home early Saturday after being at a friend’s house for several days and found his family dead in the locked home.—Xinhua

French troops take central Mali towns, rebels slip away



Charred pickup trucks destroyed by French airstrikes are seen in Diabaly, Mali, on 21 Jan, 2013.—REUTERS

DIABALY, 22 Jan—French and Malian armored columns rolled into the towns of Diabaly and Douentza in central Mali on Monday after the al Qaeda-linked rebels who had

seized them fled into the bush to avoid air strikes.

France said the advance was a significant step in its campaign to break Islamist fighters’ grip over Mali’s vast desert north, a

presence raising fears of the region becoming a an African launchpad for international militant attacks

The stakes in Mali rose dramatically last week when Islamist gunmen cited France’s intervention as the reason for attacking a gas plant in neighboring Algeria, seizing hundreds of hostages and sowing fears the conflict would spill across borders.

“This advance by Mali’s army into towns held by their enemies is a clear military success for the government in Bamako and for French forces supporting the operation,” French Defense Minister Jean-Yves Le Drian said.—Reuters

Tourists warned about rise in activity at New Zealand volcano

WELLINGTON, 22 Jan—New Zealand scientists said on Tuesday they are concerned about growing “volcanic unrest” at an active volcano off the country’s North Island.

Volcanologist Brad Scott, of the government’s Institute of Geological and Nuclear Sciences (GNS Science), visited White Island on Monday and found that hydrothermal activity in a small “hot lake” had increased.

The most common activity was “doming-up” of the lake surface by steam and gas, bringing large amounts of sediment to the surface, often with vivid white steam and gas “flashing” from around the base, with stronger events every so often.

This activity had been increasing since late last year and was now semi-continuous, Scott said in a statement from GNS Science.

“The hydrothermal activity is some of the most vigorous I have seen at White Island for many

years. This type of activity usually leads to stronger volcanic activity and is a significant concern,” said Scott. The lava dome that was first observed in late November had not changed since the last observations on 1 Jan.

Xinhua



People take part in the Martin Luther King Parade in Houston, the United States, on 21 Jan, 2013.—XINHUA

LOCAL NEWS

Union Defence Minister meets Indian Defence Minister and party

NAY PYI TAW, 22 Jan— Union Minister for Defence Lt-Gen Wai Lwin met Mr. A. K Antony, Defence Minister of the Republic of India and

party at the ministry here yesterday afternoon.

They discussed matters on cooperation between the two countries. Present at the

call were Deputy Minister for Defence Commodore Aung Thaw, Deputy Minister for Border Affairs Maj-Gen Zaw Win and officials.—MNA

Union Home Affairs Minister holds talks with Head of OHCHR SEA Region



NAY PYI TAW, 22 Jan— Union Minister for Home Affairs Lt-Gen Ko Ko received Ms. Matilda Bonger, Head of Office of High Commissioner for Human

Rights for South-East Asia and party at the ministry here yesterday afternoon.

They discussed matters related to cooperation.

Als o present at the

call were Deputy Minister Chief of Myanmar Police Force Brig-Gen Kyaw Kyaw Tun, directors-general and responsible persons.

MNA

Union Border Affairs Minister receives Head of OHCHR SEA Region

NAY PYI TAW, 22 Jan— Union Minister for Border Affairs Lt-Gen Thein Htay received Ms. Matilda Bonger, Head of Office of High Commissioner for Human Rights for South-East Asia and Ms. Heike Alefsen, Deputy Head of OHCHR Regional Office

for South-East Asia at the ministry here on 20 January evening.

They held matters related to Rakhine incident, implementation of rehabilitation tasks in cooperation with UN agencies, international governmental organizations and non-

governmental organizations. They also exchanged views on present cooperation in human rights issues and prospects of cooperation in human rights issues.

The meeting was also attended by directors-general and officials of the ministry.—MNA

Myanmar to cooperate more with WTO



NAY PYI TAW, 22 Jan— Union Minister for Commerce U Win Myint yesterday morning held a discussion with Consul Mr. Masahiro Hayafuji from World Trade Organization based in Geneva of Switzerland at his ministry, focusing on further

cooperation with WTO for successful implementation of trade policy analysis programmes for the first time, promotion of cooperation with WTO in the future, Myanmar's adoption of trade policies in possibly greatest compliance with conventions of WTO

and coordination with line ministries according to trade policy analysis procedures in advance.

Also present on the occasion were the deputy commerce minister, departmental heads and others.—MNA

Myanmar, Switzerland eye continued cooperation in legal sector

NAY PYI TAW, 22 Jan—Swiss Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Christoph Burgener paid a call on Attorney-General of the Union Dr Tun Shin at the latter's office here yesterday morning.

The Swiss Ambassador showed Switzerland's willingness to support the

rule of law and human rights in Myanmar, adding that he was pleased with reforms of the State, and international discussions and functions of the Union Attorney-General Office.

He invited to hold joint-workshops on such matters as the rule of law and citizens rights.

The Attorney-General of the Union elaborated on the role of his office, its participation in international legal matters, and economic, social and legal reforms in the country, revealing his wish to continue cooperation with Swiss government in legal sector.

MNA

Private school opens football tournament

MANDALAY, 22 Jan— The opening ceremony of the men's football tournament was held at ELC Private High School on 31st street between 83rd and 84th streets in Chanayethazan Township of Mandalay on 12 January morning.

The tournament took place at Mandalay Education College's sports ground.

It was attended by

Principle of the college Daw Khin Mya Thet, Founder of the private school U Kyaw Zaw and guests and 243 students.

At first, the founder of the school made a speech.

Altogether 16 football teams of the school participated in the tournament in respective age-wise groups.

Myanma Alinn

Sports trials for chess in progress

NAY PYI TAW, 22 Jan—A sports trial for Myanmar traditional chess event was held at the hall of Myanmar Chess Federation at Aung San Stadium in Yangon on 17 January.

President of Myanmar Chess Federation U Maung Maung Lwin explained the

rules of the sports trials.

Altogether 18 athletes participated in the 25 minutes blitz contest.

The 10 minutes blitz chess and Myanmar traditional chess events among many events will be held up to 26 January.

Myanma Alinn

Power line installed for transformer in Bago Township

BAGO, 22 Jan—Under the instructions of Bago Region Chief Minister U Nyan Win, skilled workers and electricians from Bago Township installed power lines in Tatgale Village of the township under the supervision of Bago Region Electrical Engineer U Sein Aung.

The electricians made concerted efforts for installation of a 315 KV transformer to supply electricity to the village round the clock.

Upon completion, a total of 250 households of the village will enjoy supply of electricity.

Myanma Alinn



Performing of artistes from SEAGF at opening and closing of SEA Games coordinated

NAY PYI TAW, 22 Jan— The coordination meeting for performing by artistes from SEAGF countries at opening

and closing of SEA Games was held at the conference hall of Archaeology, National Museum and Library Department (Yangon Branch) on 20 January, with an address by Chairman of Preparation Committee for 27th SEA Games Union Minister for Culture U Aye Myint Kyu. Arrangements are being made to perform representing dances of SEAGF countries in order to create the amity of regional

countries, said the Union Minister. A total of 35 managers and artistes from each country of SEAGF are invited to present their performances at opening and closing of 27th SEA Games, he added.

The meeting was attended by ambassadors, cultural officials from Brunei, Cambodia, Laos, Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Vietnam and China.—MNA

Dedaye Township gets rural library

DEDAYE, 22 Jan—Khaing Mye Thar Library was put into service in Tawkyaik Village of Dedaye Township in Ayeyawady Region on 8 January morning.

The library was opened by Township Administrator U Tin Shwe, Staff Officer U Zaw Min of Pyapon District Information and Public Relations Department and Executive Officer U Aung Zaw Lin of Township Development Affairs

Committee.

The Township Administrator and the Staff Officer of District IPRD made speeches.

Next, departmental personnel donated books and one 21-inch TV worth K 150,000.

The library was built at a cost of K 1.25 million contributed by Ayeyawady Region Government and K 1,067,657 by the local people.—Myanma Alinn

PERSPECTIVES

Wednesday, 23 January, 2013

Making the difference

To achieve sustainable development through green economy in Myanmar is of paramount importance as a number of businesses and industries are now planning, some are already investing, to our country. Unless a sustainable pathway to economy through green growth is in existence, then our resources would be exhausted soon, and the future generation will put the blame on us.

Seeking social and economic development should not be through a way detrimental to natural resources, it should at least maintain the resources as it is, and the resources be promoted at most. Efficient use of natural resources is one of the areas of green economy which will enhance our ability to manage natural resources sustainably and increase resource efficiency and reduce waste.

The rise in population has significant impact to the use of natural resources. As 41 per cent of world's population is living in areas characterized by water stress and 20 per cent of global population lacks access to safe drinking water, once efficient use of fresh water is neglected, the stress will be more severe leading to conflicts among some nations in the final stage.

As resource intensive-growth pathway should not be an option in future, green growth is one option for future development. Towards this end, fundamental changes in recourse consumption, commodities production and waste disposal by the people across the world are to be carried out, changing old practices and attitudes.

Green economy not only maintains the healthy functions of the Earth's economy but contributes to poverty reduction, enhancing social inclusion and sustained economic growth and improving human welfare. With environmentally sound technology, research and development, technological transfer and technological innovation, Myanmar will surely make a big difference to its ongoing reform process.

KIA mine blast claims one life, leaves two injured

NAY PYI TAW, 22 Jan—A mine planted by KIA exploded in Mansi Township in Kachin State as a motorbike crossed over at 10.30 am on 20 January. The incident killed one and left two injured seriously.

The mine blast occurred when a motorbike ridden by middle-school students Maung Myo Hlaing, Maung Gamphan and Maung Hsan Maing of Manwainggyi Village, Mansi Township, Bhamo District, Kachin State, about 100 yards from Lagapdot Village hit the mine.

Maung Myo Hlaing aged 17, son of U Tan Gon, died on the spot in the mine blast. Maung Gampha aged

15, son of U Phaw John Gun Shoung, with minor injury was admitted to the clinic in Man-wainggyi Village, and seriously injured Maung Hsan Maing aged 14, son of U Gon Maing, was rushed to the People's Hospital in Namhkam Township.

KIA groups had previously committed three similar attacks near Zarnan Bridge in Sumprahum Township and near Tiyansop Village in Myitkyina Township on 14 January, and in Ahmikepone Village in Phakant Township on 15 January. The casualties in mine blast till yesterday have mounted to 10— five dead and five injured.

MNA

Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker meets South Korean National Assembly Speaker

NAY PYI TAW, 22 Jan— Speaker of the Pyidaungsu and Amyotha Hluttaws U Khin Aung Myint met a delegation led by Speaker of South Korean National Assembly Mr KANG Chang-Hee at the Amyotha Hluttaw Hall in Hluttaw Complex here this afternoon.

Also present at the meeting were Amyotha Hluttaw Committee chairs and officials of the Hluttaw office.

The Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker elaborated on implementation of political and economic reforms in Myanmar and Hluttaw sessions. The meeting focused on inter-parliamentary cooperation, sharing of economic and parliamentary experiences, investment and human resource development, and mutual friendship.

MNA

Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker U Khin Aung Myint shakes hands with Speaker of National Assembly of ROK Mr KANG Chang-Hee.—MNA



KIA troops attack Tatmadaw military column in Lweje Tsp

NAY PYI TAW, 22 Jan— About 200 KIA troops attacked Tatmadaw military column near Ja Mai Village in Lweje Township in Kachin State from noon to 4.30 pm yesterday for forth time after the government's announcement of truce and resumption of political dialogue, forcing the military column on to defensive.

Two officers and four soldiers sacrificed their lives while others sustained injuries. One M 22 rifle of KIA was seized, according to the Ministry of Defence.

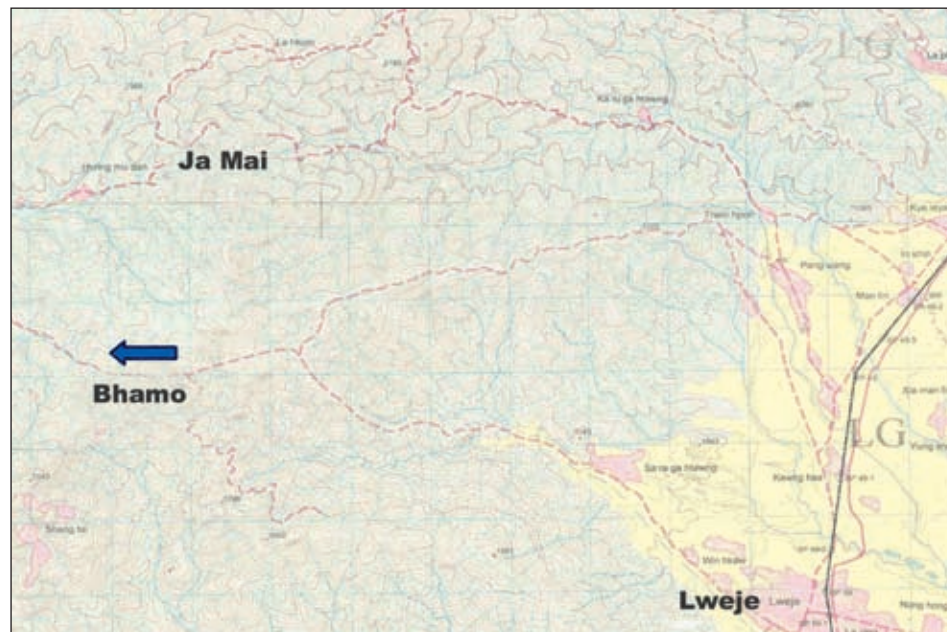
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Thai Vice Foreign Minister presents humanitarian assistance for Rakhine locals

NAY PYI TAW, 22 Jan— In support of the Myanmar government's relief and rehabilitation efforts for all of the affected communities

in Rakhine State, Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs of Thailand Mr Jullapong Nonsrichai made humanitarian contribution of USD 100,000 through Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Thant Kyaw on 19 January.

MNA



KIA sets fire to gems companies' buildings, ambushes convoy



Building of Kyaing Gems Company is on fire set by KIA group.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 22 Jan— Buildings of Max Myanmar and Kyaing gems companies which are in joint venture with the government in Phakant Township were attacked by KIA on 20 January. Fifty KIA members ambushed the convoy loaded with food and consumer goods for departmental personnel and local people yesterday afternoon, injuring some members of security forces and destroying one vehicle.

Since 28 December 2012, KIA has made 16 attacks. It has attacked civilian targets for eight times after announcement of Press Release (3/2013), said the Defence Ministry.

MNA

NATIONAL

Thura U Shwe Mann attends workshop, meets Korean lawmaker

NAY PYI TAW, 22 Jan— Organized by Amyotha Hluttaw Finance and Legal Affairs Commission, a workshop on budgeting system for State-owned enterprises was held at Hluttaw Building, here, this afternoon.

It was attended by Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann, Deputy Speaker U Nanda Kyaw Swa, Union Minister for National Planning and Economic Development Dr Kan Zaw, deputy ministers, committee members

of Pyithu Hluttaw and Amyotha Hluttaw, Hluttaw representatives, departmental heads and guests. First, Chairman of Amyotha Hluttaw Finance and Legal Affairs Commission U Aung Tun explained the purpose of holding the workshop.

Next, commission members U Kyi Shein and Daw Khin Thwe Thwe Myint, and Khin Maung Nyo (Economics) gave talks on budgeting system.

The Pyithu Hluttaw

Speaker received Speaker of South Korean National Assembly Mr KANG Chang-hee at Zabuthiri Hall in the evening. The Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker described the Hluttaw as a legislature constituted with representatives from 17 political parties who are serving the interests of the nation and citizens without partisanship, dogmatism, regionalism, racism and sectarianism, saying that close cooperation between governments, parliaments and peoples of the two countries

would bring benefits to both countries. The South Korean National Assembly Speaker noted the rich natural resources and the size of the population of Myanmar and economic development of Korea as winning combination for a soaring success of two countries. He called for promotion of friendship and cooperation between the two parliaments. Present on the occasion were Deputy Speaker U Nanda Kyaw Swa, committee chairpersons U



Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann shakes hands with Korean National Assembly Speaker

Mr. KANG Chang-Hee.—MNA

Maung Maung Thein, U Hla Myint Oo and U T Khun Myat, committee secretaries and South Korean Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Kim Hae-yong.—MNA

Press release on the enactment of “the Bill amending...

(from page 1)

(2) Message with the letter number 107(1)/8/President Office dated 1-11-2012 sent by the President to the Speaker of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw.

(3) Message with the letter number 1/Pa Hta (meeting) 9/2013-3 dated 15-1-2013 sent by the Speaker of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw to the President.

1. I received the Bill sent back in accord with the Section 106 Sub-Section (b) along with the message shown in reference (3) regarding the “Bill amending the Auditor-General of the Union Law” with the comments of the President along with the message shown in reference (2).

2. Regarding the Bill, it was sent back to the Hluttaw with the comments that it is contrary to the provision that “existing law shall remain in operation so far as they are not contrary to this Constitution until and unless they are repealed or amended by the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw “ stated in Section 446 of Constitution and the provision that the three branches of sovereign power namely legislative power, executive power and judicial power are separated, to the extent possible, and to ensure reciprocal control, check and balance among themselves” stated in Section 11 (a) of the Constitution .

3. But the Bill was under discussion at the sixth regular session of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw approved the Bill with original provisions of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw as the majority was in favour of the Bill while seeking the approval of the Hluttaw.

4. Whether it is in compliance with the Constitution or is not subject to the decision of the waiting-to-form Constitutional Tribunal of the Union. I signed the Bill amending the Auditor-General of the Union Law” approved by the majority of the Hluttaw representatives, giving respect to the desires of the majority and sent the Bill back in accord with the provision of Section 106 (b) of the Constitution.

5. It is hereunder stated that provision in Section 198 Sub-section (a) should be paid special attention regarding the effect of laws in Chapter “Legislation” in the Constitution.-

“198. The effects of Hluttaws at different levels and leading bodies of self-administered division/zones are as follows:-

(a) If any particular provision in a law enacted by Pyidaungsu Hluttaw, Region Hluttaw, State Hluttaw, leading body of self-administered division or leading bodies of self-administered zones or any particular law goes against a certain provision in the Constitution, then what is prescribed in the Constitution takes effect.

6. Therefore it here is asked to proceed with “Law amending the Auditor-General of the Union Law” signed by the President.

3. The original provisions in the bill passed by the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw, remarks of the President and the final draft of the bill sent by Pyidaungsu Hluttaw to the President for his approval are shown against each other below.

Original provisions of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw	Remarks of the President	Final draft
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2. The clause “occasionally reporting the special conditions in auditing the State’s budget at either at Pyidaungsu Hluttaw session or Pyithu Hluttaw session or Amyotha Hluttaw session” embodied in Section 11 Sub-section (a) of Attorney-General of the Union Law is to be replaced with the clause “reporting at least a year the findings in auditing State’s budget and special conditions occasionally	Section 242 Sub-section (d) of the Constitution states “The Attorney-General of the Union is accountable to the President.” Section 8 Sub-section (a) of the Attorney-General of the Union Law prescribes the same. To replace the clause “occasionally reporting the special conditions in inspection of the State’s budget” with the phrase “reporting at least a year the findings in auditing State’s budget and special conditions	The original provision of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw is approved.

Original provisions of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw	Remarks of the President	Final draft
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either at Pyidaungsu Hluttaw session or Pyithu Hluttaw session or Amyotha Hluttaw session.	occasionally” is impossible unless the Attorney-General of the Union asks to do so at Pyidaungsu Hluttaw session and thus it is of no need to amend.	The Pyidaungsu Hluttaw approved the original provision.
3. The clause “his/her undertakings shall be reported to the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw through the President” in Section 11 (j) of the Union Auditor-General Law must be replaced with the clause “his or her undertakings and findings shall be reported to the President and simultaneously to the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw”.	The replacement of the clause of “his/her undertakings shall be reported to the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw through the President” in Section 11 (j) of the Union Auditor-General Law with “his or her undertakings and findings shall be reported to the President and simultaneously to the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw” is found to be contrary to provision in Section 242 Sub-Section (d) of the constitution. Section 446 of the constitution clearly states, “Existing laws shall remain in operation in so far as they are not contrary to this Constitution until and unless they are repealed or amended by the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw.” The proposed amendment is contrary to the constitution. It is the addition of Sub-Section “(m) reporting to the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw when the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw tasks to audit undertakings of Union-level organizations, Union ministries, government departments, government organizations and Nay Pyi Taw Council” in Section 11. Section 446 of the constitution clearly states, “Existing laws shall remain in operation in so far as they are not contrary to this Constitution until and unless they are repealed or amended by the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw.” As the proposed amendment is contrary to provision in Section 242 Sub-Section (d) of the constitution.	The Pyidaungsu Hluttaw approved the original provision.
4. Sub-Section (m) after Sub-Section (l) of Section 11 of the Union Auditor-General Law shall be added.”(m) reporting to the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw when the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw tasks to audit undertakings of Union-level organizations, Union ministries, government departments, government organizations and Nay Pyi Taw Council.”		

4. The “Bill amending the Union Auditor-General Law” is hereby publicized.

NATIONAL

Vice-Senior General Min Aung Hlaing receives foreign guests

NAY PYI TAW, 22 Jan—Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Vice-Senior General Min Aung Hlaing received Indian Defence Minister Mr AK Antony at Zeyathiri Beikman here this morning.

The Commander-in-Chief said the minister's visit bore fruitful outcomes for Myanmar Tatmadaw.

The minister called the Commander-in-Chief's India visit in the previous year a 'milestone' in the military relations between Myanmar and India and vowed to help Myanmar Tatmadaw develop its infrastructures.

The Commander-in-Chief called for joint efforts to bring about peace in border areas.

They exchanged gifts and posed for documentary



Vice-Senior General Min Aung Hlaing and party pose for documentary photo together with Indian Defence Minister Mr AK Antony and party.—MNA



photo.

Vice-Senior General Min Aung Hlaing hosted a luncheon to the Indian delegation.

The C-in-C also received Japanese Member of House of Representatives and former Minister of Disaster Management Mr

Vice-Senior General Min Aung Hlaing receives Japanese Member of House of Representatives and former Minister of Disaster Management Mr Masaharu Nakagawa.—MNA

Masaharu Nakagawa at the same venue in the afternoon.

Also present at the call were Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) General Soe Win, Chief of General Staff (Army, Navy, Air) General Hla Htay Win, Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Rear Admiral Thura Thet Swe, Commander-in-Chief (Air) Lt-Gen Myat Hein, senior military officers and Member of House of Councilors of Japan Mr Michihiro Ishibashi.

The meeting focused on internal peace and affected population.—MNA

WORLD

False bomb calls at Piraeus soccer stadium following Athens shopping mall attack

ATHENS, 22 Jan—Unidentified people made two false calls warning of an impending explosion at a soccer stadium at the port city of Piraeus on Sunday evening, a few hours after a bomb attack at an Athens shopping mall caused two injuries.

The unidentified persons warned that a bomb would explode during a match for the Greek Cup.

Similar warning calls had been made before the blast at the shopping mall on Sunday noon which had been evacuated in time. It was the first time ever such an attack hit a popular shopping centre in Greece.

Police experts on Sun-

day evening investigated the crowded stadium and evaluated that there was no real threat, therefore it was not evacuated.

In the meantime, counter-terrorism squads continue the investigation to track down the perpetrators of the attack inside the northern Athens suburb mall.

According to a police statement, the small power makeshift explosive device was made with gunpowder in a pressure cooker which was placed near a bank branch on the building's first floor.

No group or individual has claimed yet responsibility for the blast, which comes after a series

of gunfire and petrol bomb attacks at the ruling conservative party headquarters on Monday, journalists' homes and the Greek government brother's house over the past two weeks.

Counter-terrorism experts speaking anonymously to media note that the methodology reminds of previous attacks by the "Conspiracy of the Nuclei of Fire."

The local guerilla group since 2008 has been linked with firebombings at police, political and business targets and the parcel bomb thriller targeting European leaders and foreign embassies in November 2011.—Xinhua



Hu Jintao (1st R) shakes hands with a relative of Yang Baibing, at the Babaoshan Revolutionary Cemetery in Beijing, capital of China, on 21 Jan, 2013. The body of Yang Baibing, former director of the General Political Department of the Chinese People's Liberation Army (PLA), was cremated in Beijing on Monday. Yang, also former secretary-general of the Central Military Commission, passed away due to illness on 15 January. He was 93.—XINHUA

REGIONAL

Vietnam, Argentina vow to deepen bilateral ties



Vietnamese President Truong Tan Sang (R) and visiting Argentine President Cristina Fernandez de Kirchner attend a Press conference at the Presidential Palace in Hanoi, capital of Vietnam, on 21 Jan, 2013. —XINHUA

HANOI, 22 Jan— Vietnam wants to deepen the all-sided relations and cooperation at strategic partnership level with Argentina, Vietnamese President Truong Tan Sang said here on Monday during talks with his Argentine counterpart Cristina

Fernandez de Kirchner.

Sang spoke highly of the visit to Vietnam by the Argentine President, saying it will be a strong impetus to further boost the bilateral cooperation with efficient and practical results, particularly in the context that the two countries will celebrate the 40th anniversary of their diplomatic ties this year.

The Vietnamese people highly appreciate the wholehearted support and solidarity rendered by the Argentine people to Vietnam in their fight for national independence in the past and national construction at present, said the Vietnamese leader.

For her part, Cristina confirmed that Argentina paid importance to consolidating

and strengthening friendship and cooperation with Vietnam, which goes in line with its Asia-Pacific oriented master policy, especially in the areas of trade and investment, energy, biotechnology, pharmaceutical and medical industries.

The two leaders exchanged views and agreed on concrete measures aimed at promoting bilateral ties and cooperation, including organizing the 40th anniversary of their diplomatic ties (October 1973—October 2013), expanding operations of the joint governmental cooperation committees and the political consultancy dialogues between the two foreign ministries.—Xinhua

Seven Japanese killed in Algeria, three still missing

TOKYO, 22 Jan — The Japanese government on late Monday confirmed seven Japanese were killed in a hostage crisis in Algeria, local media reported.

Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe made the announcement at a meeting of a task force on the issue, adding three Japanese nationals are still unaccounted for. Abe said that it was “extremely regrettable” that the deaths had been confirmed and strongly condemned the terrorism attack is “despicable” and “unforgivable,” *Kyodo News Agency* reported.

Abe asked officials to take every possible measure to gather information so as to

confirm the whereabouts of the three missing Japanese.

He also said Japan will continue to seek cooperation with the international community to combat terrorism. The victims were among 10 Japanese employees of the Japan Gasoline Company (JGC) who went missing after Islamic militants seized a natural facility in southeast Algeria last Wednesday.

A total of 17 Japanese were at the gas plant when the abduction took place and the JGC earlier has confirmed seven Japanese nationals out of the 17 are in safe condition.

Meanwhile, the death toll of foreigners in the crisis rises to 37, according to report.—Xinhua

Bangkok election kicks off

BANGKOK, 22 Jan— Bangkok’s City Hall was overwhelmed with hustle and bustle on Monday morning as almost 20 candidates for the Bangkok governor election registered their candidacies for the 3 March poll, *Thai News Agency* reported.

Two strongest rivals, Pongsapat Pongcharoen of the ruling Pheu Thai Party and Sukhumbhand Paribatra of the Democrat Party, were given No 9 and No 16 respectively as their “election ID”.

Most candidates arrived at Bangkok Metropolitan Administration (BMA) headquarters before sunrise, hours before the official registration which started at 8:30 am. All 16 candidates were subject to a lot-drawing

procedure to get their respective numbers for the ballot and election campaign.

Sukhumbhand, Bangkok governor for the last four years, said ex-city governor Apirak Kosayodhin, also from Democrat Party, will be in charge of campaign strategy in which the social network is included while the traditional door-knocking campaign is compulsory. Charupong Ruangsuwan, leader of the Pheu Thai Party, under which Pol Gen Pongsapat is contesting, said his party was asking for change for a new and better Bangkok after the rival Democrat Party has led the BMA for eight years.

Currently, Pongsapat was trailing behind Sukhumbhand in most surveys.—Xinhua

6.0-magnitude quake kills one, wounds seven in Indonesia

JAKARTA, 22 Jan — An earthquake with magnitude of 6.0 in Indonesia’s Aceh on earlier Tuesday killed one person, injured seven others and damaged scores of houses, an official said here.

The victims were hit by the debris of houses at Geumpang sub-district of Pidie District, Sutopo Purwo Nugroho, spokesman of the national disaster management and mitigation agency told *Xinhua* by phone. Those injured were immediately rushed to a nearby hospital, he said.

The Indonesian Meteorology and Geophysics Agency said that the quake struck at 5:22 am Jakarta time (22:22 GMT) with epicentre at 15 km southwest Banda Aceh, the provincial

capital of Aceh and with the depth at 84 km under the sea bed. The USGS reported that the quake was at 5.9 magnitude.

The intensity of the quake was felt at 5 MMI (Modified Mercally Intensity) at Banda Aceh city and 4 to 5 MMI in Sigli town of Aceh, the official said. “The shakes were felt strong for 2 to 5 seconds by the people in Lhoknga, Peikenbada, Ulele and Banda Aceh, they were panich and quickly went out of their houses,” said Sutopo.

Twenty minutes later an aftershock measuring 5.1 Richter scale struck Aceh at 16 km southwest of the city and the depth at 12 km under sea bed, the official said.

Xinhua

Operation against Taliban in Kabul ends

KABUL, 22 Jan— Operations against Taliban gunmen who seized a traffic police facility in western Kabul ended on Monday afternoon, with all the militants having been killed, the Kabul police chief said.

“The operation is ended. All militants, who seized the four-storey Kabul Traffic Police Headquarters building on early Monday morning, had been killed in the counter-attack operation,” Police Chief Mohammad Ayub Salangi told reporters near the site.

He did not disclose the number of the killed militants, saying the police have launched an investigation and more details will be released later to the media.

“At least three traffic police officers were killed and 22 other people including 18 civilians were wounded in the gunfight and explosions in today’s Taliban attack as we know,” a police official told *Xinhua*, adding “The number of the victims is still be counted.”

The attack started at about 5:50 am and was ended at about 2:15 pm local time on Monday.

Early reports by local media *Tolo News* suggested that the militants have held hostages an undermined number of traffic police employees causing the operations to last for long hours, however, no official has confirmed the hostage taking incident in the attack.



Afghan security force take position near the Kabul traffic police headquarters during militants attack, in Kabul, Afghanistan, on 21 Jan, 2013. Operations against Taliban gunmen who seized a traffic police facility in western Kabul ended Monday afternoon, with all the militants having been killed, the Kabul police chief said.—XINHUA

Meantime, Taliban insurgents claimed responsibility for the attack. *Xinhua*

S Korea raises concerns over side effects from stronger won

SEOUL, 22 Jan— South Korea’s Finance Ministry raised its worrying voice over the potential side effects from stronger won such as worsening profitability of exporters and weaker price competitiveness of export items.

South Korean won’s appreciation against the US dollar will cause worsening profitability of export companies in the short term, while weakening export competitiveness amid higher export prices in the long run, the Ministry of Strategy and Finance said on Tuesday in a statement unveiled after the regular crisis-management meeting.

The won rallied 7.58 percent against the dollar

over the past year due to quantitative easing by central banks in major economies and the relatively solid fundamental of the country.

The local currency surged about 20 percent versus the Japanese yen as expectations for expansionary monetary policy spread under the new government in Japan.

Small- and mid-sized enterprises (SMEs) in Seoul have been hit harder in profits by stronger won than large firms as smaller companies have less non-price competitiveness such as brand power and product quality along with passive response to currency risks, the ministry said.

Xinhua



Photo taken on 22 Jan, 2013 shows the frost on the trees in north China’s Tianjin Municipality. Dense fog hit Tianjin on Tuesday.

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Jennifer Hudson wants another baby



LOS ANGELES, 22 Jan—Singer Jennifer Hudson says her son David Jr wants to have a sister, and she wants to add to their family with a second child.

The 31-year-old said that she wants to grant him his wish, and would like a daughter herself, reported E! online.

"I definitely want another baby. I want a little girl so bad and every day David Jr reminds me, 'Mommy I want a baby sister. I want a baby sister'. And I said OK, maybe when he gets 4-years-old, but he is 3. He is almost 4 now so maybe when he gets 6 or 7 because...3 and 4 comes too fast," Jennifer Hudson said.

The Think Like A Man hit-maker has been engaged to World Wrestling Entertainment (WWE) superstar David Otunga since 2008.

He is all set to branch into acting with a role in The Call and Jennifer Hudson said that she has a new nickname for the wrestling star.

"We call him 'Curtains,' because when he got the role he was like, 'Curtains for everybody. He's so excited. I can't wait to see the film ... He's super excited about the project coming out and he got to play an officer ... I just got to see the preview for it... Look out, curtains for everybody," she added.—PTI

Singer Randy Travis reaches plea deal in assault case: TV

DALLAS, 22 Jan — Country music singer Randy Travis has reached a plea agreement in a misdemeanor assault case arising from an altercation last summer in a Texas church parking lot, KTVT-TV reported on Saturday.

The Grammy winner will serve 90 days of deferred adjudication under a plea he entered on Friday in a municipal court in Plano,

a Dallas suburb, the CBS-affiliated station in Dallas/Forth Worth reported.

Deferred adjudication lets a defendant plead "guilty" or "no contest" in exchange for meeting requirements such as probation during the period. The defendant may avoid a formal conviction or have his case dismissed once the requirements are met.

PTI



Country music singer Randy Travis.—PTI

Justin Bieber movie will happen next year: Mark Wahlberg



LOS ANGELES, 22 Jan—The Departed star Mark Wahlberg plans to start work on his new film with Justin Bieber next year.

The 41-year-old actor says that the popstar's people are excited about teaming up with him for a new basketball-focused motion picture, reported Ace Showbiz.

"We were at Paramount pitching a different movie and we had the meeting and I said, 'Hey, by the way what do you think about me and Justin Bieber in a like Colour of Money-type of basketball, street hustler movie?' They bought it in the room in five seconds. So we developed the script, the studio loves it, his camp loves it," he said.

However, both Mark

Wahlberg and Justin Bieber won't be able to begin production on the film until 2014, as they both have outstanding commitments.

"He's touring and I'm doing Transformers, Ted 2 and another movie so we will probably do it next year. If I don't do it, we will do it with him and someone else and I'll produce it," the actor said.

The star added, "I'm the hustler and he's the kid I have to reluctantly mentor because he's a very good basketball player. We got the idea when we saw him playing basketball in a celebrity thing, and I play a lot of basketball, so we thought it would make for an interesting movie. I think if he's in the right project, I think he could be very good," he added.—PTI

Holy cow! Original Batmobile from TV series sells for \$4.2 million

PHOENIX, 22 Jan—An Arizona man with a special fondness for caped crusader Batman and his sidekick Robin bought the original Batmobile driven in the iconic television series with a bid of \$4.2 million at an auction on Saturday.

Rick Champagne, a Phoenix-area logistics company owner, came away with the black, futuristic two-seater featured in the "Batman" series starring Adam West and Burt Ward from 1966 to 1968, following a flurry of spirited bidding at the Scottsdale, Arizona, auction.

"I really liked Batman growing up and I came here with the intention of buying the car," Champagne, 56, told Reuters in a brief interview moments after he bought the car. "Sure enough, I was able to buy it. That was a dream come true."

The Barrett-Jackson auction was the first time the car was put up for public sale. In addition to the \$4.2

million bid price, the buyer will have to pay an additional roughly \$420,000 in premiums.

The Batmobile is based on a 1955 Lincoln Futura, a concept car built in Italy by the Ford Motor Co.

In 1965, the concept car was bought for a nominal \$1 by noted customizer George Barris, who had a mere 15 days and \$15,000 to transform the vehicle for the show. He has owned it ever since.

Reuters



The original Batmobile is displayed during the Barrett-Jackson collectors car auction in Scottsdale, Arizona on 19 Jan, 2013. The vehicle was sold for \$4,200,000 according to the auction company.—REUTERS

Who are Kristen Stewart's secret Hollywood crushes?



LONDON, 22 Jan—Kristen Stewart has revealed her celebrity crushes, including Harrison Ford and Amy Adams.

The 22-year-old actress is on a 'trial separation' from Robert Pattinson, who

she had been dating since 2008, but she admits Amy is on her list of crushes.

In a new video which surfaced online, Kristen said: "I used to have a huge thing for Harrison Ford. "But Amy Adams

man, she's my favourite actress right now. I have a total crush on her too because I got to work with her."

The star's comments come in the wake of her split with her Twilight costar, and the future isn't looking great for the former couple, who already broke up once after Kristen cheated on her then-boyfriend with her Snow White and the Huntsman Director, Rupert Sanders.

A source told HollywoodLife.com: "Rob and Kristen are on a trial separation right now. For Kristen, it's all or nothing.

"She's ready for marriage, but Rob is over the relationship. Rob's been shaky ever since the cheating scandal."

Their break comes as Robert is set to start filming for two months in Australia for Guy Ritchie's The Rover.

PTI

SPORTS

Li beats Radwanska to make Melbourne last four

MELBOURNE, 22 Jan — Li Na wore down Agnieszka Radwanska with a barrage of power-hitting to beat the fourth seed 7-5, 6-3 and advance to her third semi-final at the Australian Open on Tuesday.

The Chinese sixth seed overcame her customary slow start to edge the Pole in a tight first set and after trailing 2-0 in the second, reeled off five straight games to march to the brink of victory in bright sunshine at Rod Laver Arena.

Li survived a late wobble conceding two break points when serving for



Li Na of China hits a return to Agnieszka Radwanska of Poland during their women's singles quarter-final match at the Australian Open tennis tournament in Melbourne on 22 Jan, 2013.—REUTERS

the match, but reeled off five straight points to seal it after 102 minutes when

Radwanska pushed a forehand long.

Reuters

Hot-serving Serena bludgeons past Kirilenko

Serena Williams of the US and Maria Kirilenko of Russia (R) shake hands with the chair umpire after their women's singles match at the Australian Open tennis tournament in Melbourne on 21 Jan, 2013.—REUTERS



MELBOURNE, 22 Jan — Serena Williams was at her enigmatic best on Monday after she bludgeoned her way into the Australian Open quarter-finals with a 6-2 6-0 win over Maria Kirilenko. The 31-year-old American

wasted little effort in demolishing the 14th seed in 57 minutes to set up a showdown with young compatriot Sloane Stephens, yet as far as Williams was concerned she struggled against the Russian.

"I was surprised. I felt like Maria played really well," Williams told reporters. "I was just trying to play well, just to keep up." Kirilenko tried to execute a high-risk game plan against Williams, but the third seed simply swatted her aside with contemptuous ease. She served six aces to Kirilenko's one and her top speed for serve was 201kph. Kirilenko's was 170kph, three kph below Williams's average.

Williams's first serve completion was 87 percent and her second serve was

just as potent with Kirilenko adding she thought she had made only one successful return. Williams also gave up just three break-point opportunities, none of which the Russian converted. Williams converted five from seven. The American also hammered 22 winners and forced Kirilenko into 15 errors. That dominance has continued a trend Williams began after twisting her ankle in her first-round clash against Romania's Edina Gallovits-Hall.

Reuters

Clinical Federer downs Raonic to reach last eight

MELBOURNE, 22 Jan— Roger Federer said he was energized by facing younger players after handing Milos Raonic a masterclass in clinical tennis at the Australian Open on Monday to reach a 35th straight grand slam quarter-final. Federer defused the 22-year-old Canadian's serve and held his own comfortably before shifting up the gears when necessary to race to a 6-4, 7-6, 6-2 victory.

Raonic was not at his best, having had a pain-killing injection for inflamed joints in his foot prior to the match, but was left demoralized as Federer cracked

Roger Federer of Switzerland hits a return to Milos Raonic of Canada during their men's singles match at the Australian Open tennis tournament in Melbourne on 21 Jan, 2013.

REUTERS



34 winners and pounced upon anything short. After world number one Novak Djokovic was taken to the brink of defeat in a five-hour thriller against Federer's fellow Swiss Stan Wawrinka on Sunday, there was much anticipation that

the second seed could face a similar challenge.

Big-serving Raonic had taken a set off Federer in all three of their previous meetings but even that never looked likely in their fourth round clash on a cool Rod Laver Arena.

Federer wrapped up the first set when Raonic netted a volley, the second with a brilliant forehand down the line to take the tiebreak 7-4, and the third with another big forehand winner.

Reuters

Murray reaches quarterfinals of Australian Open

MELBOURNE, 22 Jan— Third-seeded Andy Murray advanced to the quarterfinals of the Australian Open here on Monday with a 6-3, 6-1, 6-3 win over Frenchman Gilles Simon. The 14th-seeded Simon took a marathon third round victory over Gael Monfils on Saturday and he managed to break his world No 3 opponent twice today.

However, Murray still made into the last eight with his eighth break after a 95-minute encounter.—Xinhua



Third-seeded Andy Murray

Cavaliers' Varejao to miss rest of season with blood clot

TORONTO, 22 Jan — Cleveland Cavaliers forward Anderson Varejao will miss the rest of the National Basketball Association (NBA) season undergoing treatment for a blood clot in his right lung, the team said on Monday.

The 30-year-old Brazilian, who was the NBA's top rebounder until a knee injury requiring surgery sidelined him in December, was admitted to the Cleveland Clinic last Thursday where he is being treated with blood thinners. He will need to remain on blood thinning medication for approximately three months

but is expected to make a full recovery, according to the Cavaliers.

"Clearly our players' health is our top concern and we are disappointed for Anderson, and his family," Cavaliers General Manager Chris Grant said in a statement. "We know what a competitor he is and how much he wants to be on

the court helping his teammates. In the meantime, he has our full support and we look forward to welcoming him back as he recovers."

Taken in the second round of the 2004 NBA Draft, Varejao was traded to the Cavaliers that same year and has spent his entire career in Cleveland.

Reuters



Cleveland Cavaliers Anderson Varejao talks with a TV reporter during the second quarter of the team's NBA basketball game against the Detroit Pistons in Cleveland on 9 Feb, 2011.—REUTERS

Ravens' Lewis happy for team ahead of Super end to career

NEW YORK, 22 Jan — Baltimore Ravens linebacker Ray Lewis could not have dreamed of a sweeter end to his 17-year career than returning to the Super Bowl, but the 13-time Pro Bowl linebacker said he was happiest for his teammates. The 37-year-old Lewis, who got to raise the Lombardi Trophy in 2001, is the only remaining member of that Baltimore title team as the Ravens return to the Super Bowl for the first time in 12 years.

"To do it for (Joe Flacco), to do it for Sizzle (Terrell Suggs), to do it for Ray Rice, to do it for Ed Reed ... I really wanted them to feel what that confetti felt like, just hearing your name being announced going to the Super Bowl," Lewis said after Sunday's 28-13 win over



Baltimore Ravens linebacker Ray Lewis

New England in the AFC title game. That road victory lifted the Ravens into the National Football League title game on February 3 in New Orleans against the San Francisco 49ers, who beat Atlanta for the NFC crown. Lewis has already announced this postseason would be his "last ride," and the two-time defensive player of the year has spent a lot of time reflecting on his life in football.—Reuters

Sneijder finally joins Galatasaray

ANKARA, 22 Jan — Dutch midfielder Wesley Sneijder has agreed to join Turkey's Galatasaray sport club from Italian giants Inter Milan, *Turkish Daily News* reported on Monday, confirming that he would arrive at Istanbul for a medical examination on late Monday.

Earlier this month, Galatasaray announced to reach an agreement with Inter on



Dutch midfielder Wesley Sneijder

the transfer of the midfielder, said the report, adding that

the club and fans had been waiting for the answer for weeks. The contract is reported to be three and a half years and worth 5 million euro (6.66 million US dollars) per season. Sneijder had helped Inter to win the Italian League and Cup and the Champions League in 2010 before falling out favor since the departure of coach Jose Mourinho.—Xinhua

GENERAL



Myanmar Electric Power Enterprise distributed electricity with 300 KVA transformer at Kyon Doe in Kawkareik District on 6 January.—KYEMON

Atletici Madrid to miss Falcao for three weeks



Radamel Falcao

MADRID, 22 Jan — Atletico Madrid coach Diego Simeone has confirmed that the club will be without striker Radamel Falcao for around three weeks. Falcao was forced out of his side's 2-0 win at home to Levante on Sunday night with a muscle injury and Sime-

one confirmed that he has a problem with his left thigh. The coach confirmed that the injury will keep the Colombian, who has scored 18 goals in the BBVA Primera Liga this season, sidelined for between 20 to 25 days. That means he will start by missing this

week's Copa del Rey return leg away to Betis and next weekend's league match away to Athletic Club Bilbao, as well as a league game at home to Betis and a possible Copa del Rey semifinal. Falcao's injury comes at a bad time for Atletico, who have a busy fixture schedule due to still having options in the Copa del Rey and the Europa League. Meanwhile on Sunday's win has taken Simeone's side to within eight points of league leaders FC Barcelona, who surprisingly lost to Real Sociedad on Saturday. The good news for Atletico is that Simeone has able replacements in Adrian Lopez, who scored Atletico's first goal on Sunday and Diego Costa, who replaced Falcao after his injury.—Xinhua

Two weeks and counting for the HarBowl hype



Baltimore Ravens head coach John Harbaugh directs his team against the New England Patriots in the NFL AFC Championship football game in Foxborough, Massachusetts, on 20 Jan, 2013.

REUTERS

BALTIMORE, 22 Jan — With two weeks of hype left before the Super Bowl, Baltimore Ravens head coach John Harbaugh is already trying to play down the drama of facing his little brother for the National Football League championship. John used to share a room with his brother Jim and, like many siblings, they would place tape down the middle of the room to claim their turf. Their story has already been told. "Every story has been told," he told reporters on Monday. "We're not that interesting. There's nothing more to learn. The tape across the middle of the room story, OK, you got it? It's OK. "It was just like

any other family, really." Baltimore shocked the New England Patriots 28-13 on Sunday to win the AFC and reach the Super Bowl, while the San Francisco 49ers, coached by Jim Harbaugh, edged the Atlanta Falcons 28-24 in the NFC to set up a HarBowl on February 3 in New Orleans. The brothers have already squared off in the regular season, US Thanksgiving 2011, when the Ravens defeated the 49ers 16-6 at M&T Bank Stadium in Baltimore. John Harbaugh, 50 years old and 15 months older than Jim, is hoping the spotlight of the Super Bowl would not be on the coaches. "I really hope the focus is not so much on

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Irina Embrich (L) of Estonia competes during the women's epee team final between Estonia and China at the Fencing Grand Prix and World Cup in Doha, on 21 Jan, 2013.—XINHUA

Xi Jinping vows unswerving fight against corruption

BEIJING, 22 Jan—Xi Jinping, General Secretary of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China (CPC), vowed to unswervingly fight against corruption during a CPC disciplinary watchdog meeting on Tuesday. Xi said anti-corruption efforts must be consistent and will never slacken. "We must have the resolution to fight every corrupt phenomenon, punish every corrupt official and constantly eradicate the soil which breeds corruption, so as to earn people's trust with actual results," he said. Xi made the vow dur-

ing a speech at a plenary meeting of the CPC's Central Commission for Discipline Inspection (CCDI). Li Keqiang, Zhang Dejiang, Yu Zhengsheng, Liu Yunshan and Zhang Gaoli, members of the Standing Committee of the Political Bureau of the CPC Central Committee, were present at the meeting. Wang Qishan, secretary of the CCDI and also a member of the Standing Committee of the Political Bureau of the CPC Central Committee, presided over Tuesday's meeting. The CCDI's plenary session opened on Monday. Xinhua

Reuters

Bill amending the Penal Code submitted to Pyithu Hluttaw

NAY PYI TAW, 22 Jan — The First Pyithu Hluttaw sixth regular session continued for fifth day this morning with 13 agendas.

Deputy Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Khin Zaw answered the question raised by U Aye Mauk of Mahlaing Constituency on how much of time will be taken to publish farmland ownership book and when will the farmers receive it that arrangements are being made by committees concerned for timely completion of farmland ownership registration and issuance of farmland ownership certificates.

U Pe Than of Myebon Township held discussion on the report of Pyithu Hluttaw Government's Guarantees, Pledges and Undertakings Vetting

Committee submitted at the third-day session. Secretary of the committee U Than Myint made a proposal and Hluttaw approved it.

Supreme Court Judge U Aung Zaw Thein submitted a proposal to discuss the Bill amending the Penal Code and member of the Bill Committee U Ngun MOUNG read out the report of the

committee.

The Penal code was enacted on 1 May 1861 and 23 chapters and 511 sections are included in it. The bill amending the Penal Code includes 51 sections.

U Phyo Min Thein of Hlegu Constituency said that he welcomed the bill to amend the Penal Code which was enacted and has

been used since the time of colonial period as some provisions of the law were inappropriate to the present time.

A total of 10 questions were answered, one report was discussed and one bill was submitted at the today's Pyithu Hluttaw session which will continue tomorrow.—MNA



U Kyaw Nyunt of Kyunhla Constituency.
MNA



U Khun Maung Thaung of Pinlaung Constituency.—MNA



Union Minister U Win Tun.
MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 22 Jan—Four questions were answered at fifth day sixth regular session of First Amyotha Hluttaw.

In response to the question about the future programme for opening of new embassy/consulate abroad for the sake of international relations and to safeguard the interests of citizens and the number of embassy/consulate of ASEAN fellow countries worldwide, Deputy Foreign Minister U Zin Yaw said Myanmar opens 33 embassies, three permanent representative offices and four consul-general offices, totaling 40. Of those missions, Myanmar has nine embassies and one permanent representative office in ASEAN fellow countries. Myanmar has so far established diplomatic ties with 109 countries.

New embassies will be opened accordingly depending

on the extent of political and economic ties and cooperation with particular countries.

The numbers of embassy/consulate of ASEAN fellow countries are Cambodia 35, Brunei 42, Indonesia 131, Malaysia 104, Laos 33, Philippines 162, Singapore 46, Thailand 95 and Vietnam 83.

As regards the question about whether there is plan for recording the number of the persons with disabilities when the nationwide census is taken in 2014, Deputy Minister for Immigration and Population U Win Myint replied that there is such plan and the census questionnaire will have a separate column with question about the disability specifications.

Four parliamentarians discussed the proposal of U Paul Htan Htaing of Chin State Constituency urging the Union government to ease more regulations in education and health sectors of remote

Myanmar maintains cordial relationship with global countries, establishes diplomatic ties with 109 countries



Fifth day sixth regular session of First Amyotha Hluttaw in progress.—MNA

regions with social barriers than relatively developed regions.

Deputy Minister for Border Affairs Maj-Gen Zaw Win replied that the standard requirements of the teachers are less restricted in

those regions and priority is given to local national people for teaching positions. The Health Ministry is also taking actions depending on the requirement of the regions regardless of its populace.

The proposal is approved

as the majority voted in favour. U Saw Tun Mya Aung of Kayin State Constituency No (5) submitted a proposal urging the Union government to improve rural-centered

monastic education system based on Myanmar traditional culture. The Hluttaw decided to put the proposal on record. The session continues tomorrow.—MNA



Laotian National Assembly President and party arrive in Yangon

NAY PYI TAW, 22 Jan— At the invitation of Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and Amyotha Hluttaw U Khin Aung Myint, a delegation led by President of National Assembly of the Lao People's Democratic

President of National Assembly of Lao PDR Madam Pany Yathotou being welcomed at the airport by officials.—MNA

Republic Madam Pany Yathotou arrived in Yangon by air this evening.

They were welcomed at Yangon International Airport by Chairperson of Amyotha Hluttaw Economic and Commerce Committee Daw Nan Ni Ni Aye, Speaker of Yangon Region Hluttaw U Sein Tin Win, Deputy Speaker U Tin Aung, Laotian Ambassador to Myanmar Mr. Nilahath Sayarath and embassy staff.—MNA

Appointment of Ambassador agreed on

NAY PYI TAW, 22 Jan—The Government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar has agreed to the appointment of Mr Jorge Juan Castaneda Mendez as Concurrent Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Peru to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar.

Mr Jorge Juan Castaneda Mendez was born in Lima on 3 April 1949. He obtained a Bachelor Degree in International Relations from Peru's Diplomatic Academy in 1978 and also earned a Master Degree in International Relations from Carleton University, Canada in 1993. He joined the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Peru in 1971 and served in various capacities

at the Embassies in Poland, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United States of America, Uruguay, Equador, Bolivia and Argentina. He also served as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Peru to Poland in 1999 and to Canada in 2008. Currently, he is serving as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Peru to the Kingdom of Thailand and accredited as Concurrent Ambassador to Vietnam, Philippines and Lao PDR.

Ambassador Mr Jorge Juan Castaneda Mendez is married and has two children. He will reside in Bangkok and will be concurrently accredited to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar.

MNA

One more KIA member returns to legal fold

NAY PYI TAW, 22 Jan— Private Naing Win (No. A 50134) of Brigade (5) of KIA returned to the legal fold with no arm to a military column at Talawgyi village in Myitkyina Township at about 3.30 pm yesterday.

He was recruited by KIA by force in December 2011 after having been abducted by the group while in the farmland together

with his parents, dealing with farming at Talawgyi village. Up to 1 January 2013, the number of KIA who returned to the legal fold has reached 63. They were given special care by military columns and local people in accord with Geneva Conventions of August 12th, 1949, Conflicts not of an International Charter (I) and (II).—MNA