

President U Thein Sein delivers address at Financial Commission Meeting

NAY PYI TAW, 7 Oct— Chairman of Financial Commission President U Thein Sein delivered an address at Financial Commission Meeting No. 2/2013 at the Meeting Hall of the Union Government in the Presidential Palace this morning.

It was attended by Vice-Chairmen of the Commission Vice-Presidents Dr Sai Mauk Kham and U Nyan Tun, Union ministers, the Union Attorney-General, the Union Auditor-General, the Union Civil Services Board Chairman, region/state chief ministers and officials.

The President said in his address that the meeting would confirm the additional expenditures, the revised budget and the Union Additional Expenditure Bill for 2013-2014 fiscal year.

The 2013 Union Expenditure Law enacted by the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw

on 29-3-2013 has been in action for six months. He said the undertakings in the first half of the fiscal year will be sent to the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw. He said the commission was to vet and approve the 2013-2014 revised budget drawn up by the Ministry of Finance, exercising the power vested by Section 230 of the Constitution. The revised budget includes some adjustments, he said.

A total of K 538.881 billion has been cut from the original budget of K 1932.997 billion. There was an increase of K 654.919 billion in income and K 560.891 billion in spending. The deposit of K 2926.745 billion has been reduced to K 2887.479 billion, the President said.

The government is in second half of the third fiscal year of its reign. He pointed out that the deposit could not still be reduced

dramatically. He said the government is taking great care of the deposit not surpassing 5% of GDP to keep macroeconomic stability and paying debts. He also said the government is hoping the budget would one day become a balance budget and surplus budget.

He said the incomes of the state-owned industries were on the decrease despite the rise in tax revenue, stressing the need to continue proper reforms. The successful state-owned industries would widen the government's income range. While initiating tax reforms, the state-owned industries are still the major source of the government's income, he said.

He said the foreign investments, loans and aids would be invited as the government has no adequate financial resources to invest. He said the government formed Foreign Aid Man-



Chairman of Financial Commission President U Thein Sein delivering address at Financial Commission Meeting No. 2/2013.—MNA

agement Central Committee and work committees.

He also stressed the importance to ensure balance budgets in each region and state. Most Union-level spending especially for education and

health go to wider areas of regions and states. He said the government is working for ensuring systematic budget distribution and spending in accord with the constitution. The deposits of each region or state budget would be remedied by the Union government aids and loans.

Enough budgets must be allocated to fulfill the fundamental requirements of people and the State so that the government and the financial commission can effectively undertake people-centered adminis-

tration reforms. For that to happen, special focus must be placed on increasing income year by year by identifying the every possible source of income. If and when it is not enough with the available sources of income, we must ask for foreign loans and grants with serious consideration. In taking loans, we must take into consideration whether or not we can pay back the loan given the national economic strength, whether or not it is profitable to us and possible debt burden in the long run.

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Priority being given to implementing national races affairs



A meeting between Union Peace-making Work Committee and Mongla Special Region (4) in progress.—MNA

MONGLA, 7 Oct— Vice-Chairman of the Union Peace-making Work Committee U Thein Zaw and party met Chairman of Mongla Special Region (4) U Sai Lin and party of Eastern Shan State at the meeting hall of the special region yesterday afternoon.

Vice-Chairman U

Thein Zaw in his meeting called for cooperating in Union level peace tasks and regional development tasks. He urged them to join hands with the State to forge national unity, national reconciliation and internal peace process. He invited them to join the tasks of building a democratic nation. As

priority is being given to implementing the national races affairs, the bill on protection of national races rights is being drawn at the Hluttaws, he said. So, he invited desires of the special region (4). He said that invitation will be extended to them to join the signing of whole nation ceasefire. He

stressed the need to cooperate in collection of data for taking census for the nation.

Chairman of Mongla Special Region (4) U Sai Lin explained regional development tasks.

After that, Union ministers Lt-Gen Thet Naing Win, U Win Tun, U Khin Yi, U Khin Maung Soe and U Win Myint and the Shan State Chief Minister made clarifications on respective sectors.

Vice-Chairman of Mongla Special Region (4) U San Pae and Secretary U Kham Maung discussed development of the region.

The Vice-Chairman of the Work Committee reviewed the discussion and exchanged gifts.

The meeting was also attended by Commander Maj-Gen Than Tun Oo and party, Vice-Chairmen U San Lu and U Htein Lin and party of Special Region (4).

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Liaison officers urged to contact responsible persons

NAY PYI TAW, 7 Oct— It is learnt that those who have been chosen as liaison officers in the 27th SEA Games and had completed training course Nos. (1), (2) and (3) are urged to contact U Thiha Aung (Ph: 09

49240281) in Nay Pyi Taw, Daw Mu Mu (Ph: 09 5189943) in Yangon and U Myint Khaing (Ph: 09 402634245) in Mandalay for their personal data and photos as soon as possible not later than 10 October.

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Condition of Southwest monsoon withdrawal

NAY PYI TAW, 7 Oct— During the past 24 hours, Southwest monsoon had withdrawn from the

Central Bay of Bengal and Deltaic areas, announced by Meteorology and Hydrology Department.—MNA

Graduation performance presented at National Theatre

MANDALAY, 7 Oct—National Culture and Fine Arts University (Mandalay) held the graduation performance of the final year students for 2012-2013 academic year at the National Theatre in Aungmyethazan Township on 28 September.

It was the ninth graduation performance of the university.

The students performed dances, marionette, music,

dual dances and songs to the guests. The graduate students won the applause of the audience.

The National Culture and Fine Arts University (Mandalay) was opened on 5 November 2001. It conducts painting, sculpture, music, drama, blacksmith and goldsmith for BA, BA (Hons.) and post-graduate fine arts diploma courses to the students.

Kyemon-Ba Oo (Mdy)



Loans to be spent on transport sector in Chin State

TIDDIM, 7 Oct—Chin State will spend the fund offered by Japan International Cooperation Agency on transport sector.

JICA will grant 1 billion yen (K 10 billion) for the project. After inviting the tenders, construction will commence and it will be completed in June 2016.

The fund will be spent on upgrading of 34 miles

long Kalay-Thaingngin-Tiddim road, 35 miles long Kalay-Falam-Haka road and 70 miles long Haka-Gangaw road for the first phase.

It is soft interest loan. In this regard, bank organizations of Japan will disburse loans to Myanmar agriculture and livestock breeding tasks through agricultural banks of Myanmar. In addition a plan

is underway to construct one building in each township of Chin State.

By upgrading the transport sector including roads and bridges will contribute much to development of Chin State and improvement of human resources and businesses of the local people.

Kyemon-Zo Hay Za (Chin Hill)

Anti-Narcotic Drives

Stimulant tablets seized in Tatkon

TATKON, 7 Oct—In line with the instruction of Tatkon Township Police Force Police Major Win Tin and under the supervision of the station head Police Captain Than Win, IP Phyu Tun Sein and party of Tatkon Myoma Police Station, together with witnesses searched the house of U Nyo Win in Khayansatkon Village according to the information that Daw Than Than Nwe arrived at the house to sell narcotic drugs.

After investigation, Daw Nyo Nyo Aye, wife of U Nyo Win, said that the narcotic drugs were hidden under the tamarind



tree beside the paddy field outside the village.

In the presence of the witnesses including three persons from the house, the police dug the ground under the tamarind tree and seized 111 pink stimulant tablets with WY brand and

two green stimulant tablets from the plastic bottle.

Tatkon Myoma Police Station opened a file of lawsuit against the pushers under Sections 15/19(a)/21 of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.—*Kyemon-092*

Thanks to renovation and maintenance of Parks and Playgrounds Department of Yangon City Development Committee, Maha Bandoola Park in the downtown Yangon which is the economic hub of the nation is now pleasant and tidy and crowded with those taking relaxation.

“In the past, those wishing to visit the park had to pay entrance fee. But, the park was not pleasant.

After renovation, no one needs to pay entrance fee at the park. The park is now pleasant and neat. The Independent Monument, Sule Pagoda and City Hall are the most magnificent ones in the downtown,” said a person from Dala who took relaxation at the park.

Maha Bandoola Park is located near Sule Pagoda and the great junction of the motorway of Yangon. Thus, those who are there

feel relaxed and pleased.

At present, the park is facilitated with flowery plants, beautiful shapes of trees, water fountains and the Independent Monument with magnificent Sule Pagoda and grander City Hall in the background views. Thus, the panoramic view of the park and environs can occupy the hearts of the visitors.

Kyemon-Min Ye Mann (Nay Pyi Taw)

National Sports

Universities Champion League 2013 commences

YANGON, 7 Oct—The Universities Champion League 2013 kicked off at United Sports Complex (Turf Pitch) in Hline Township of Yangon on 5 October.

It was attended by Chief Minister of Yangon Region U Myint Swe, Deputy Minister for Sports U Thaug Htaik, Deputy Minister for Science and Technology Dr Aung Kyaw Myat, Yangon Region ministers, Chairman of Universities Champion Leagues U Nay Shwe Thway Aung, rectors,

departmental officials, faculty members, students and spectators.

The Deputy Minister for Sports made a speech. Next, 2013 Miss Universe Myanmar Moe Set Waing conveyed the Champion League Cup to the League Chairman.

Next, the Chief Minister, the Deputy Minister for Science and Technology, the Yangon Minister for Social Welfare and the League Cup formally opened the competition.

In the debut, University of Medicine-1 (A) played

against Yangon West Technological University Star.

A total of 16 football teams—nine from Ministry of Science and Technology, six from Ministry of Health and Myanmar Maritime University from Ministry of Transport—are taking part in the league in four groups at Yangon United FC Stadium, Thaton Stadium of Yangon University and Padonma Stadium. The third place match and final will be held on 27 October.

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2013 Open Season Tennis Tournament 26 Oct-2 Nov

YANGON, 7 Oct—Myanmar Tennis Federation will organize the 2013 Open Season Tennis Tournament at Theinbyu Tennis Court in Mingala Taungnyunt Township from 26 October to 2 November.

The tournament will be categorized as inter-club event, women's and women's singles open

events, women's and men's open doubles events and mixed doubles events.

In addition, the tournament will comprise U-12, U-14 and U-16 men's and women's events for emergence of selected tennis players of the nation.

The inter-club event will be held through best of three sets.

The open and age-

wise events are to be held through knockout system.

TFM will arrange accommodation and meal for the players from regions and states.

Those wishing to take part in the tournament are to enlist at the federation (Theinbyu Tennis Court), not later than 10 am on 25 October.

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Maha Bandoola Park crowded with picnickers, marry-makers

Maha Bandoola Park with City Hall and Sule Pagoda in the background.



WORLD

Iran says four arrested for trying to sabotage nuclear site

DUBAI, 7 Oct—At least four people have been arrested in Iran for trying to sabotage a nuclear site, an Iranian official was quoted by Iranian media as saying on Sunday. The head of Iran's Atomic Energy Organization, Ali Akbar Salehi, said officials had monitored and then arrested a "number of saboteurs" before they could carry out their plan.

"Four of these individuals were caught red-

handed and their interrogations are ongoing," he said, according to the *Mehr* news agency on Sunday. He did not identify which nuclear site they were planning to damage or when those detained were arrested.

Israel, widely believed to be the region's only nuclear-armed state, sees Iran's atomic work as a military threat and has said it will attack Iran's nuclear sites if it does not end its programme. Iran says



Iran's Foreign Minister Ali Akbar Salehi speaks during his joint news conference with his Jordanian counterpart Nasser Judeh in Amman on 7 May, 2013.

REUTERS

its nuclear work is purely peaceful.

Iran accuses Israel and the West of being behind the assassination of

Iranian nuclear scientists and of trying to damage its programme in other ways, such as by cyber attacks.

Reuters

German embassy employee shot dead outside store in Yemen



Policemen and ambulance personnel gather outside a supermarket after a shooting in Sanaa on 6 Oct, 2013.—REUTERS

SANAA, 7 Oct—Gunmen shot dead a German security guard employed by the German embassy in Yemen's capital on Sunday as he was leaving a supermarket, Yemeni security officials said, in an attack they said bore the hallmarks of al-Qaeda.

The man was gunned

down in Sanaa's Hadda district, where the embassy is located. It was the latest in a series of attacks on foreign and local officials in the US-allied state, which is battling one of the most active branches of al-Qaeda.

"We believe that al-Qaeda was behind the killing," a Yemeni police

source said. Another source said that the guard was killed as he was leaving the store to go to his car.

Pan-Arab news channel al-Arabiya reported that the guard had been shot dead as the assailants tried to kidnap the German ambassador Carola Mueller-Holtkemper, who escaped.

Two Yemeni officials said they were unable to confirm the report of the attempted kidnap. Embassy employees in Sanaa and the German Foreign Ministry in Berlin declined to comment. Mueller-Holtkemper had only recently arrived in Yemen and presented her credentials to Yemeni authorities less than a week ago, a statement on the embassy's website showed.

In a separate attack on Sunday, kidnappers seized an African employee of the United Nations children's

agency UNICEF as he was travelling from the Sanaa to the Red Sea coastal town of Hudaidah, a UNICEF official in Sanaa said. Yemen-based al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula (AQAP) has attacked several Western targets, including airliners, and is believed to have been behind a series of killings of foreign and local officials in the country since 2011.

Reuters

APEC leaders to hold summit amid TPP talks, in absence of Obama

NUSA DUA, (Indonesia), 7 Oct—Leaders of the 21-member Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation forum will meet on Monday on the Indonesian island of Bali to discuss further integrating the region's economies.

But much of the attention has been taken away from the two-day summit and a preceding ministerial meeting by the ongoing Trans-Pacific Partnership free trade pact negotiations and US President Barack Obama's decision not to join the leaders due to a partial government shutdown over a budget impasse.

Twelve of the APEC economies, including the United States and Japan, are involved in a series of TPP meetings on the sidelines of APEC as they aim to conclude over three years of talks by the year-end.

The leaders met with the APEC Business Advisory Council to receive proposals on trade and investment liberalization from business leaders before starting summit talks in the afternoon. The discussions will be based on the outcome of APEC ministerial talks held on Friday and Saturday.

The ministers reaffirmed

in a joint statement their commitment to achieving a free trade area of the Asia-Pacific and attaining the "Bogor Goals" for liberalizing trade and investment in the Asia-Pacific region by 2020.

They also recommended APEC leaders extend by one year through 2016 a "standstill commitment" not to take new protectionist measures and reiterated their resolve to achieve successful outcomes at the ninth World Trade Organization ministerial meeting in Bali in December.

Kyodo News

Kerry says US, Russia to urge UN to set November date for Syria peace talks

NUSA DUA, (Indonesia), 7 Oct—The United States and Russia have agreed to press the United Nations to set a date for a Syria peace conference sometime in the second week of November, US Secretary of State John Kerry said on Monday after talks with his Russian counterpart.

"We will urge a date to be set as soon as possible," Kerry told reporters at a joint news conference with Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov. Kerry also

said that the start of the destruction of chemical weapons in Syria was a "good beginning" and, in unusual praise for Damascus, said Syria's government should be given credit for complying with a recent UN resolution to destroy its chemical weapons arsenal.

"I am not going to vouch today for what happens months down the road but it is a good beginning, and we should welcome a good beginning," he added.

Reuters



US Secretary of State John Kerry (R) and Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov (back to camera) negotiate ongoing problems in Syria, while seated with their senior aides by the swimming pool at a hotel in Geneva on 14 Sept, 2013.—REUTERS

Clashes across Egypt kill 53, more protests called

CAIRO, 7 Oct—At least 53 people were killed in clashes in Egyptian cities on Sunday, security sources said, after opponents and supporters of deposed president Mohamad Mursi took to the streets in one of the bloodiest days since the army seized power.

In a sign of more possible violence to come, an alliance including Mursi's Muslim Brotherhood urged Egyptians to protest from Tuesday and gather on Cairo's Tahrir Square on

Friday, declaring: "No one will stop us from (Tahrir) no matter what the sacrifices". Egypt has been gripped by turmoil since the army ousted Mursi on 3 July after mass protests against his rule, prompting his Muslim Brotherhood to demonstrate in the streets.

On 14 August, the military-backed authorities smashed two pro-Mursi sit-ins in Cairo, with hundreds of deaths, and then declared a state of emergency and imposed a curfew. Many of

the Brotherhood's leaders have been arrested since.

At Ibn Sina hospital in the Mohandiseen district of Cairo, a *Reuters* reporter saw eight bodies shrouded in blue and white sheets among pools of blood.

"The Interior Ministry and the army killed my son," screamed Sabah el-Sayed, mother of Rami Imam, 29, stroking his leg. Imam's father said his son had been heading home from work when he got caught up in the clashes.

Abdelrahman al-Tantawi, a medic who brought Imam to the hospital, said he had seen police and army firing from a bridge at pro-Brotherhood demonstrators. He said Imam had a bullet wound in his back. *Reuters* could not independently verify that account.

Authorities had warned on Saturday that anyone who protested against the army during ceremonies marking the anniversary of an attack on Israeli forces during the 1973 war would be regarded as an agent of foreign powers, not an activist.—*Reuters*



The Muslim Brotherhood and supporters of ousted Egyptian President Mohamed Mursi fire flares and stones at anti-Mursi protesters and riot police during clashes along a road at The Ramsis square which leads to Tahrir Square during a celebration commemorating Egypt's 1973 war with Israel in Cairo on 6 Oct, 2013.

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SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

Eight banks join chat network from Markit and Thomson Reuters

LONDON, 7 Oct — Goldman Sachs Group Inc, JPMorgan Chase & Co and six other banks have agreed to join a new instant messaging network from Markit and Thomson Reuters Corp to connect disparate messaging systems. The network, called Markit Collaboration Services, will be launched on Monday and allows members to chat with one another regardless of the proprietary messaging technology that each firm uses.

This open platform contrasts with Bloomberg LP's messaging system, which is a closed network only for users of Bloomberg terminals. Bloomberg messaging is the most popular

form of chat on Wall Street, and often cited as one of the reasons banks are willing to pay around \$20,000 a year for a subscription to a Bloomberg terminal. Markit and Thomson Reuters said they hoped their open messaging network will attract banks that want to chat with their clients or other financial institutions but cannot currently do so because they are on different messaging systems.

The other banks that have joined the new network are Deutsche Bank, Bank of America Merrill Lynch, Barclays, Citigroup, Credit Suisse and Morgan Stanley, according to a statement from Markit. The banks collectively employ



The new Thomson Reuters logo is seen as employees sit at their desks in the Dubai office on 17 April, 2008.

REUTERS

more than 1 million people worldwide, though it was not immediately clear how many individuals will use the new Markit service. David Craig, president of Thomson Reuters' Financial & Risk division, said one of the challenges facing banks is that their messaging systems do not always talk to one another. "That creates costs and complexity," he said.

Markit and Thomson

Reuters said the messages on the new network are encrypted, and the system does not store them. Representatives from Bank of America, Deutsche Bank, Goldman Sachs and Morgan Stanley were not immediately available to comment on the new messaging system. Representatives from Barclays, Citi, Credit Suisse and JPMorgan also declined to comment.

Reuters

Memories of Facebook cloud Twitter's IPO

SAN FRANCISCO, 7 Oct — When Facebook Inc was preparing to go public last year, the telephones at Granite Investment Advisors rang off the hook as clients called about the social media's company's highly anticipated debut. In stark contrast, the investment company has not fielded any calls about Twitter as of Friday morning. "Not a single call yet," said Tim Lesko, the principal at Granite Investment Advisors, who added that he himself will hold back

which typically translates to outsized retail investor interest. That was one of the reasons Facebook was able to raise its IPO price to \$38 a share, giving the company a valuation of \$100 billion, or about 99 times its 2011 earnings.

Facebook shares plummeted on their first day of trading and continued to decline in the following months. They did not regain its IPO valuation until more than a year later, in August this year.

Twitter, which is



The shadows of people holding mobile phones are cast onto a backdrop projected with the Twitter logo in this illustration picture taken in Warsaw on 27 Sept, 2013.

REUTERS

until he sees a few more quarters of financial results. "We want to start seeing numbers," he said. "They need to mature a little bit before we would think that we were getting good numbers and consistent numbers."

As Twitter Inc races toward the year's most highly anticipated tech offering, memories of Facebook Inc's disappointing 2012 debut are dampening enthusiasm for shares of the eight-year-old online messaging service. Like Facebook, Twitter enjoys strong brand recognition,

expected to go public some time before Thanksgiving, has yet to determine pricing, but investors say it might come under pressure from its financial backers to go high.

Analysts expect the company, which posted a \$69 million loss last year, to seek a valuation of at least \$10 billion. "Right now, we think it could be a repeat of Facebook, where it comes in heavily hyped and is too expensive," said Tim Ghriskey, chief investment officer at Solaris Group in New York.

Reuters

Nexus 5 to launch on 30 October, alongside new Nexus 10 tablet

NEW YORK, 7 Oct — In line with our reports from earlier this week, the latest rumour about the yet-to-be-announced Nexus 5 says the much-anticipated smartphone is expected to be launched on 30 October. The new information comes by way of Android SaS, revealing the exact launch date. Previous rumours had already revealed

the shipping details of the Nexus 5. Additionally, the infamous phone tipster @evleaks has leaked an image revealing the Asus Nexus 10 tablet's product page, with not many details about the device. However, the tipster's tweet reads, "Getting closer".

With the Nexus 5 now rumoured to launch at the end of the month, the "Get-

ting closer" tweet could indicate the Asus-manufactured Nexus 10 tablet will launch alongside the next Nexus smartphone. Not too long ago, the first unverified details of the expected Nexus 10 tablet refresh had hit the Internet. The leak revealed an inventory listing on PC World's that included a product dubbed 'Asus Google Nexus 10,' and also suggested the retail price to be 349.99 UK Pounds. Unfortunately, there is no word on the hardware or software specifications of the alleged tablet, yet.

The Nexus 10 tablet rumours comes amidst a volley of next-generation Nexus smartphone rumours which now has become one of the most antici-

pated devices of the year. The rumoured Nexus 5 is expected to come with a 5-inch display (precisely 4.97-inch) with full-HD resolution, boasting of a 442ppi pixel density. It is likely to be powered by a quad-core Snapdragon 800 processor along with 2GB of RAM and 16GB of in-built storage.

As for the optics, the device is said to sport an 8-megapixel rear camera and a 1.2-megapixel front-facing camera. It is rumoured that the next Nexus smartphone would run Android 4.4 KitKat, and that the smartphone would be the platform lead device for the new platform, with both due to be launched at the same event.—Reuters



Prithvi-II missile test fired

BALASORE, (Odisha), 7 Oct — India today test-fired its indigenously developed nuclear-capable Prithvi-II missile with a strike range of 350 km from a test range at Chandipur, about 15 km from here.

The surface-to-surface missile was test fired from a mobile launcher in salvo mode from launch complex-3 of the Integrated Test Range at about 9.14 am, defence sources said.

PTI

IT experts question architecture of Obamacare website

NEW YORK, 7 Oct — Days after the launch of the federal government's Obamacare website, millions of Americans looking for information on new health insurance plans were still locked out of the system even though its designers scrambled to add capacity. Government officials blame the persistent glitches on an overwhelming crush of users — 8.6 million unique visitors by Friday — trying to visit the HealthCare.gov website this week.

The US Department of Health and Human Servic-

es, which oversaw development of the site, declined to make any of its IT experts available for interviews. CGI Group Inc, the Canadian contractor that built HealthCare.gov, is "declining to comment at this time," said spokeswoman Linda Odorisio. Five outside technology experts interviewed by Reuters, however, say they believe flaws in system architecture, not traffic alone, contributed to the problems. For instance, when a user tries to create an account on HealthCare.gov, which serves

insurance exchanges in 36 states, it prompts the computer to load an unusually large amount of files and software, overwhelming the browser, experts said. If they are right, then just bringing more servers online, as officials say they are doing, will not fix the site.

"Adding capacity sounds great until you realize that if you didn't design it right that won't help," said Bill Curtis, chief scientist at CAST, a software quality analysis firm, and director of the Consortium for IT Software Quality. "The ar-



A man looks over the Affordable Care Act (commonly known as Obamacare) signup page on the HealthCare.gov website in New York in this 2 Oct, 2013 photo illustration.—REUTERS

chitecture of the software may limit how much you can add on to it. I suspect they'll have to reconfigure a lot of it." The online exchanges were launched on

1 October under the 2010 Affordable Care Act, commonly called Obamacare, to offer healthcare insurance plans to millions of uninsured Americans.—Reuters

BUSINESS & HEALTH

UK financial firm optimism highest for 17 years

LONDON, 7 Oct— Britain's banks and other financial firms are at their most optimistic for almost 17 years, according to an industry survey.

Some 59 percent of UK financial services firms said they felt more optimistic about their business situation, compared to 6 percent who were less optimistic, according to the latest quarterly CBI/PwC financial services survey, released on Monday. The positive balance of 53 is the highest since December 1996. The survey, covering the three months to early

September, also showed a net 24 percent of financial firms increased staff in the period, the biggest rise for six years.

A net 14 percent of firms expect to increase staffing again in the current quarter. The CBI/PwC survey is based on the balance of firms reporting an increase and those reporting a decrease. The survey findings indicate about 10,000 jobs were added in the third quarter and another 2,000 will be created this quarter, taking UK financial services jobs to 1.14 million, CBI/

PwC estimated. Business volumes fell in the latest quarter, however, mainly in banking. The CBI said 22 percent of financial firms reported a rise in business volumes, but 32 percent said they were down. A big majority of firms expect volumes to increase this quarter, it said.

"Banks' optimism is increasingly buoyant despite seeing a slight seasonal blip in commercial and industrial volumes. Activity and profitability are expected to grow as the economy recovers, and investment in new



The Canary Wharf financial district is seen from the top of the ArcelorMittal Orbit in the London 2012 Olympic Park in east London on 11 May, 2012.— REUTERS

products and infrastructure is increasing," said Kevin Burrowes, PwC's UK financial services leader. Profitability rose for the

fourth consecutive quarter, as companies managed to offset the fall in business volumes by increasing their margins, the survey showed.

With costs expected to fall, profitability should increase further in the current quarter, firms said.

Reuters

Airbus to announce landmark jet order with Japan Airlines



The new Airbus A350 flies over Toulouse-Blagnac airport during its maiden flight in southwestern France, on 14 June, 2013.— REUTERS

BARCELONA, (Spain Tokyo), 7 Oct—Airbus will announce its first jet order from Japan Airlines Co Ltd (9201.T) on Monday, three sources familiar with the matter said, breaking

open the last major aviation market dominated by rival Boeing Co (BA.N). Japan's flagship carrier will buy Airbus A350 wide-body aircraft following an intense battle between the

planemakers as Japan's two top carriers seek dozens of new long-haul jets over the next decade, the sources said. JAL and Airbus will hold a joint news conference at 0600 GMT (7 am BST) in Tokyo. Neither company said what would be discussed.

The sources gave no details on the number of planes to be sold, but industry analysts previously told Reuters they expected JAL to order around 25 aircraft in a contest that pitted the A350 against Boeing's yet-to-be-launched 777X. "It looks as though JAL has decided to go with Airbus," one of the sources said, declining to be identified

because of the sensitivity of the matter. For decades, US planemaker Boeing has seen off attempts by Airbus to secure an order with JAL, benefiting from links with Japanese suppliers and deep political ties between Tokyo and Washington to maintain a market share of more than 80 percent.

Delays to its 787 Dreamliner and its subsequent grounding after its batteries overheated have, however, tarnished its image and cast doubt on Boeing's ability to deliver aircraft on time, industry experts said. Both JAL and its domestic rival ANA Holdings Inc (9202.T) are major Dreamliner buyers.

Reuters

Australian doctors develop new treatment for type 1 diabetes sufferers

SYDNEY, 7 Oct— Australian doctors have developed a new pump for type 1 diabetes patients to avoid life-threatening seizures and comas, local media reported on Friday. Dr Tim Jones, head of the Department of Endocrinology at Princess Margaret Hospital for Children in Perth, Western Australia, said that they had developed an artificial "pancreas-like" pump that delivers and suspends insulin in diabetes patients.

The new device can identify a potentially fatal coma in patients and suspend the supply of insulin when their blood-sugar

levels get dangerously low. "Some patients will notice symptoms like a pounding heart and shakiness as their blood glucose drops," Jones said.

"Other people don't experience any warning signs at all, meaning the reliance on this technology is even great." Jones said the new pump can help patients avoid episodes of hypoglycaemia. Mike Wilson, chief executive of the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation said the development has brought Australia a step closer to the creation of a fully automated artificial pancreas.—Xinhua

Mauritius researchers say green tea and pawpaw can prevent diabetes

PORT LOUIS, 7 Oct— Green tea and fermented pawpaw are preventive means for diabetes, researchers at the Centre of Excellence for Biomedical and Biomaterials Research at the Mauritius University have concluded. "The Mauritius green tea prevents an increase of sugar levels in blood while the fermented pawpaw helps to positively reduce the level of the reactive protein C and the uric acid," said Prof Theeshan Bahorun while presenting the research findings on Wednesday.

Bahorun said the results are very significant because they show a reduction of risk factors for diabetes

and cardiovascular diseases without medical intervention. The researchers asked 77 participants who had reached a pre-diabetic stage to drink three cups of green tea before meals for 14 weeks. Seventy-eight others took three cups of hot water everyday for the same period of time, followed by a two-week weaning period. They were all then tested for the following bio-markers: the rate of glycemia and lipid, the immune system, the functioning of the liver and kidneys, inflammation and the ferrous toxicity. "We discovered that green tea reinforced the antioxidant defenses of those who had reached the pre-

diabetic stage. And most importantly, the tea did not have any negative impact," Bahorun said. Another group of 127 people participated in the study on the impact of fermented pawpaw on diabetes.

About 50 consumed two sachets of fermented pawpaw per day for a period of 14 weeks and 78 others took two glasses of hot water each day for the same period, followed by a two-week weaning period. They were then tested for glycemia, cholesterol, urea, creatinine and uric acid. "Those who consumed two sachets of fermented pawpaw showed several positive changes vis-a-vis the diabetes risk factors," Bahorun said.—Xinhua

Insects, a healthy alternative: report

BEIJING, 7 Oct— People throughout the world have been regularly eating insects as a part of their diets for centuries, according to a report entitled Edible Insects: Future Prospects for Food and Feed Security by the United Nations Food and Agricultural Organization in May.

The earliest citing of entomophagy, or the consumption of insects

as food, can be found in biblical literature but eating insects was, and still is, taboo in many Western societies, the report states.

The unconventional nature of entomophagy has meant that farming insects for food and feed has largely been absent from the great agricultural innovations in livestock farming that emerged in past centuries — with a few exceptions, such as bees, silkworms

and scale insects. Insects have also gone unnoticed by agricultural research and development agencies worldwide, including the UNFAO.

But insect consumption is not a new concept in many parts of the world, the report says.

From ants to beetle larvae — eaten by native tribes in Africa and Australia as part of their diets — to the popular, crispy-fried locusts and beetles enjoyed in Thailand, it is estimated that eating insects is practiced regularly by at least 2 billion people worldwide.

More than 1,900 insect species have been documented in literature as edible, most of them in tropical countries.

Xinhua



LOCAL NEWS

MPF launches emergency, complaint-handling phone lines

NAY PYI TAW, 7 Oct— Myanmar Police Force under the Ministry of Home Affairs has put hot lines into place at Myanmar Police Force HQ and region/state police stations to enable the public to submit tip-offs and complaints over illegal acts, mis-appropriation and corruption.

The public may reach the numbers for their information and complaints but are requested to avoid manners causing disruptions to these phone lines.

Myanmar Police Force HQ, Nay Pyi Taw Police Force, Kachin, Kayah, Kayin, Chin, Mon, Rakhine and Shan State Police Forces, Sagaing, Taninthayi, Bago, Magway, Mandalay, Yangon and Ayeyawady Region Police Forces, Offices of Commanders of East, West, South and North District Police Forces in Yangon Region, No (1) Police Station in Taunggyi, Office of

Deputy Commander of State Police Force in Lashio, and Kengtung Police Station in Kengtung have emergency numbers of 199.

Phone numbers receiving complaints from the public are Myanmar Police Force HQ (067-412222 and 067-412444), Nay Pyi Taw Police Force (067-550333), Kachin State Police Force (074-21444), Kayin State Police Force (058-23355), Sagaing Region Police Force (071-24996), Taninthayi Region Police Force (059-23998), Bago Region Police Force (052-23999), Magway Region Police Force (063-28099), Mandalay Region Police Force (02-61444), Mon State Police Force (057-24987), Rakhine State Police Force (043-22833), Yangon Region Police Force (01-2302199), Shan State Police Force (081-2125455) and Ayeyawady Region Police Force (042-23844).

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Quality monsoon paddy plantation inspected

MEIKTILA, 7 Oct— Head of Mandalay Region Agriculture Department U Hla Myint Aung and party inspected thriving

monsoon paddy plantations in Dahattan Village of Meiktila in Meiktila District on 2 October.—MMAL-Chan Tha (Meiktila)



Suspect in murder case arrested by Kayin State Police Force within eight hours

YANGON, 7 Oct—Kayin State Police Force arrested those who connected with murder at Music KTV on Thudhamma Road in Ward 5 of Hlinethaya Township of Yangon Region within eight hours.

According to the information that a murder case occurred at Music KTV at 6.45 am on 4 October, Commander of Yangon North District Police Force Police Lt-Col Soe Myint, Commander of Hlinethaya Township Police Force Police Major Than Myint Oo and party inspected the scene. They saw two dead bodies—Maung Zaw, 35 with bruises and stab wounds on his body at room V-2 on the first floor and Ko Thu, 20 with bruises and stab wounds on his face and head at room-9.

Manager Kan Win Zaw (a) Maik Maik, waiters and women singers evaded from the KTV.

So, to arrest the crime brokers, Hlinethaya Township Police Force in cooperation with the region and district special police squads informed all region and state police forces about the murder case.

According to the information at 11 am on 4 October that IP Win Naing of Yangon North District Special Crime Combating Squad informed Police Captain Aung Htoo of Kayin State Crime Combating Supportive Section that those who got involved in the murder case drove along Yangon-Hpa-an Road with the use of white Probox car bearing the number plate of 7D/--- and

Plan to hold opening of SEA Games meeting Asian standards

NAY PYI TAW, 7 Oct— Arrangements are being made for the opening and closing ceremonies of the XXVII SEA Games, to be hosted by Myanmar in December, meeting Asian standards, said an official of the Ministry of Sports.

“The SEA Games opening ceremony will include advanced technologies. China will provide technical assistance for the ceremonies. About 200 Chinese experts who participated in the Beijing Olympic Games start their works. The stadium will be installed with one 110 metres LED screens and other six screens for the ceremonies. Actually, the ceremonies will be held on a grand scale meeting the standard of Asian level,” said Deputy Director-General U Ohn Myint at the closing ceremony of LO/VO course at Yezin University.

The opening ceremony will be held under 163 agenda, taking at least 2.30 hours. Arrangements are being made for showing off Myanmar traditional culture. Myanmar super film directors will present the song “Maha” with special effects. The SEA Games will be held from 11 to 22 December when the opening



People happy for consuming electricity at full capacity

SHWEGU, 7 Oct— Wooden lamp-posts have been substituted with concrete ones in Ward 3 and Ward 4 of Shwegu in Bhamo District.

Moreover, power lines have been replaced with new

Photo shows newly-substituted concrete lamp-post in Shwegu.

ones by Township Electrical Engineer U Ye Maung and skilled workers.

On 20 September, the substitution works were completed.

Thanks to the concerted efforts of the electricians, the local people are pleased for consuming the electricity at full capacity.

MMAL-Laban Aung (Kachin Land)

Probox. Captain Aung Htoo informed the security squad of Zathabyin Bridge to block the running car.

They reported back to the in-charge of the Kayin State Police Force and police outposts for arresting the White Probox. At 12.15 pm, the vehicle stopped in the field of West Zathabyin Village in the area of Zathabyin Police Station. Those believed to be crime brokers attempted to flee from the car but were arrested combined team.



They were: Kan Win Zaw, 34 of Hlinethaya Township, Myo Min Htaik (a) Ko Aung, 29, Hline Township, Kyaw Swa Win, 33 of Hinthada Township, Ko Htaik (a) Gadon, 19 of Twantay Township, Ko Ko Naing (a) Ko Naing, 24 of Hlinethaya Township, Soe Moe Kyaw (a) Kayin, 27 of Insein Township, Aung Thura (a) Aung Kyaw Thu, 30 of Mawlamyinegyun Township, Sit Naing (a) Tint Naing Oo, 28 of Hlinethaya Township, Min

Khant, 24, Yin Yin Htaik, 29 of Pyay Township and Naw Htoo Phaw Hsan, 24 of Bogale Township, totalling 10 men and two women with car and the arms used in committing the crime. They are under interrogation at the Kayin State Crime Combating Supportive Section and then the case will be transferred to IP Win Naing and party of Yangon North District Special Crime Combating Squad for further investigation.

MMAL-Tun Tun Htwe



WORLD SIGHT DAY



10th October, Thursday

Universal Eye Health

Get Your Eyes Tested

and closing ceremonies will be staged at Wunna Theikdi Stadium in Nay Pyi Taw. On the occasion, popular vocalists Nay Nay, May

Khalar, Sai Sai Kham Hlaing and others will present songs to the audience.

MMAL-Maung Shwe Yoe

NATIONAL

President U Thein Sein receives Norwegian Ambassador

NAY PYI TAW, 7 Oct—President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein received Norwegian Ambassador to Myanmar Ms. Katja Christina Nordgaard who had completed her tour of duty at the Credentials Hall of the Presidential Palace,

here, this evening. The President expressed thanks for the efforts of the ambassador for the improved bilateral relations between Myanmar and Norway and lifting of economic sanctions against Myanmar and Norway's support in Myanmar's peace

process and development tasks. They held talks on the continuing support for Myanmar's reform processes and cooperation in the sectors of electricity, forestry and energy.

Also present at the meeting were Union Ministers U Wunna

Maung Lwin and U Soe Thane and officials.

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President U Thein Sein shaking hands with Norwegian Ambassador to Myanmar Ms. Katja Christina Nordgaard.—MNA



Efforts for stability, development in Rakhine State to be stepped up in accordance with Road Map



NAY PYI TAW, 7 Oct — Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham stressed the need for completion of citizenship scrutinizing process in Rakhine State despite setbacks to the immigration and issuing national citizenship.

Only when the scrutinization task is completed, will the mistrust between the two communities in Rakhine State be removed, he said in his address at the work coordination meeting of the central committee for restoring community peace and stability and development in Rakhine State here today.

The chairman of the central committee called for efforts for restoring peaceful coexistence between the

two communities.

He urged the work committees under the central committee to draw plans for providing food to the internally displaced people in Rakhine State next year.

The five work committees are obliged to work together with the strategic work committee to implement the all-round strategic plan for restoring peace and stability and development in Rakhine State. Though restoration of community peace has achieved success to a certain extent, some conflicts occurred in some parts unexpectedly.

During the meeting, chairmen of the work committees reported on progress of work respectively and discussed measures to

be taken for supporting the tasks of the work committees.

The riots in Rakhine State, Meiktila, Pyay, Lashio and Kantbalu has strained the relations between Myanmar and some ASEAN member countries, hindered the flow of foreign investment to Myanmar, especially to Kyaukpyu Special Economic Zone in Rakhine State, the reforms of the country and poverty alleviation efforts for the government, Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham said.

Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham called for making efforts for success of the works of the respective work committees in accordance with the road map.

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Work coord meeting of Central Committee for Implementation of Peace and Tranquility and Development in Rakhine State in progress.—MNA

Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker receives President of Amata Corporation from Thailand

NAY PYI TAW, 7 Oct—Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker U Khin Aung Myint received Amata Corporation President Mr. Vikrom Kromadit and party of Thailand at Amyotha Hluttaw Hall of the Hluttaw Complex, here, this evening.

They frankly discussed matters on rapid implementation of industrial zone by Amata Corp in cooperation with Myanmar without environmental impact through technologies for bilateral interest, investment in foodstuff industry, striving for prosperity of the two

peoples through amicable bilateral cooperation and cementing further amity and friendship between the two peoples.

Also present at the call were Chairman of Mines and Resource Affairs Committee U Nay Win Tun, Chairman of Relief and Victims Care Committee Dr Khin Shwe, Amyotha Hluttaw Committee Members U Pe Thauang, U Hla Maung, U Saw Than Tun, U Maung Kyar, U Hla Soe, U Thaw Zin Oo and U Sai Kyaw Zaw Than.

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Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker U Khin Aung Myint receives Amata Corporation President Mr. Vikrom Kromadit of Thailand.—MNA

Advocacy Meeting on Translational Research in Malaria held

YANGON, 7 Oct—Union Minister for Health Dr Pe Thet Khin stressed the need for taking more preventive measures against malaria disease at the opening of Advocacy Meeting on Translational Research in Malaria at the Medical Re-

search Department (Lower Myanmar) on Ziwaka Road, Dagon Township, this morning. It was jointly organized by the Medical Research Department (Lower Myanmar) under the Ministry of Health and WHO.

On the occasion, the

Union minister pointed out that it needs to find out effective ways in implementing the State's health policy and public health projects with the use of findings from the medical research and urged the departments under the Ministry of Health, its part-

ner organizations and other interested medical experts to make cooperate to this end.

The officials concerned from the departments under the Ministry of Health, universities, the Directorate of Defence Services Medical Services, consultants and NGOs attended the meeting.—MNA

Special civil appeal cases heard

NAY PYI TAW, 7 Oct—A special appellate bench comprising Chief Justice of the Union U Tun Tun Oo and judges of the Supreme Court passed verdicts on two special criminal appeal

cases and four special civil appeal cases at Office No. (1) of the Supreme Court of the Union this morning.

Moreover, they heard seven special civil appeal cases.—MNA

NATIONAL

PERSPECTIVES

Tuesday, 8 October, 2013

All-inclusive democracy

Democracy is a universal value based on the freely expressed will of all the people and their full participation in their own administrative affairs.

It is a principle of living as a whole regardless of locality, race, origin, religion, rank, status, culture, gender and wealth. Democratization is no easy task, and democracy is not an all-perfect system. Democracy has no end goal. Continuous efforts to meet the changes as well as mutual respect and amicable settlements are its requirements.

We are building a new national identity representing the entire country. While accepting the diversity, we all must make collective efforts for wiping out any form of discrimination.

Our country has a fine tradition of harmonious co-existence among all the different faiths for a very long period throughout history. Since inauguration, the government has been in vigorous drive for political, economic and administrative changes towards ensuring State peace and stability, the rule of law and social economic progress of the country in accord with the aspirations of the entire national people.

Like in many other countries around the world, suspicions, hardships and impediments are threatening Myanmar's ongoing democratization process. But we are going to overcome those challenges through goodwill, and with the active participation of the government, the parliament, political forces, civil societies, the Armed Forces and the people as the main strength. The current conflicts are normal challenges every nation in democracy transition has to face. But on the other hand, bad things have good parts also. In many cases, opportunities follow after challenges are overcome.

Moreover, we all believe that only the all-inclusive democracy can guarantee long-term progress and peace and stability of a country like Myanmar formed with numerous indigenous peoples, and different races, religions and cultures.

Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker U Khin Aung Myint attends prize presentation for outstanding students in Yamethin

NAY PYI TAW, 7 Oct— A ceremony to award prizes to outstanding students for 2012-13 academic year was held in conjunction with stipend presentation ceremony at Thilawa Hall in Yamethin Township in Mandalay Region yesterday morning, with an address by Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker U Khin Aung Myint.

In his speech, the Amyotha Hluttaw speaker said that the purpose of presenting scholarship for needy students is to turn out

educated persons. School-age children who could not be sent to school by parents and children who could not afford to go school although they wish to pursue education and outstanding children who could not go to school are seen everywhere, he said.

Much of the problems facing in life and economic, political, social difficulties of the country could be settled only through knowledge, the speaker added. The teachers are urged to nurture the students to be

able to think rightfully in order to carry out development tasks of the country, he said.

Then, the Amyotha Hluttaw speaker donated K 1 million for outstanding students and awarded prizes to schools with high pass rate in the township and two five-distinction winners.

Afterwards, the Mandalay Region Minister for Electricity and Industry, Yamethin Township Pyithu Hluttaw representative, region Hluttaw representatives and officials presented

awards to outstanding students.

Next, National Development and Prosperity Co presented cash assistance for 33 students and K 10 million for funding scholarship for needy students as second time.—MNA

Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker U Khin Aung Myint presents prize for top pass rate through an official in Yamethin Township.

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Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham presenting reports at the meeting. MNA



Vice-President U Nyan Tun presenting reports at the meeting. MNA

President U Thein Sein...

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In allocating budget expenditure, it must be divided equally for general expenditure tied to administration and operation; capital expenditure tied to investment; and debt expenditure tied to financing. Measures are under way to fix the allocation for general expenditure to be commensurate with the current age for capacity building of civil servants. As regards the capital expenditure, fund must be raised from foreign assistance, loans and grants and public-private partnership apart from the State budget. The expenditures must be able to contribute to yearly, medium-term and long-term plans and sector-wise and region-wise plans. To achieve economic development, priority must be given to fund expenditure that can facilitate production. In addition, it needs to finance expenditures for service industry and commerce that can generate income. Likewise, it needs to authorize expenditures for increasing job opportunities for people, social security, disaster prevention and management, health and education. Moreover, government officials are required to stick to and make the best use of budget allo-

cated to government departments in line with rules and regulations and procedures and prepare themselves to have the related accounts audited.

The Ministry of Finance is working in cooperation with international organizations including the World Bank to implement necessary reforms for public finance management. The public finance is not only concerned with Union government but with region/state governments and Hluttaws. It is also concerned with central level organizations and all the Union ministries. Cooperation between all the stakeholders is a must as national economic development and GDP growth mainly depends on the State budget which also determines the success of the objectives of the government.

Then the President called for review and approval of revised State budget for 2013-14 FY and the additional budget allocation bill put forward by the Ministry of Finance.

Then the Vice-Chairman of Finance Commission Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham reported on progress in scrutiny of the proposal for additional Union budget

for 2013-14 FY. He said that the officials from Finance Ministry, Union level organizations and Union ministries met before scrutinizing the additional budget proposal.

But the additional budget proposals of respective departments are large sums and thus the commission met each department separately from 27 to 30 September.

The scrutiny has been finished as the commission found that respective departments only asked for additional required amount of funds and they explained how they can increase the income in the remaining months of the current fiscal year. The ratio of deficit and GDP has been fixed at 4.87 percent after the budget is reset.

Then the Vice-Chairman of the Finance Commission Vice-President U Nyan Tun reported that some region governments proposed for fund as much as the amount in the original budget and capital expenditure for new projects not included in the original budget and some applied more than the allocated amount in the original budget. Considering those points, region/state budgets were decreased proportionately.

The deficit in the revised

region/state budgets will be covered with grants and loans from the Union budget. Under the guidance of Union ministers at the President Office, the Union ministries and region/state governments are coordinating for better ratio of budget sharing between regions and states starting from 2014-15 FY.

He said that the reset 2013-14 FY budget and the bill on 2013-14 FY additional Union budget allocation, including the decision to fulfill the financial requirements of region and state governments should be approved.

Next, Secretary of Finance Commission Union minister U Win Shein reported on scrutiny of the additional budget proposal, the reset 2013-14 FY budget and public finance management reforms.

Next, the Chairman of Finance Commission the President called for the use of funds in line with the law and financial rules and regulations, keeping accurate accounts for audit of the Office of the Auditor-General of the Union, preparing monthly financial statements, giving serious attention to monetary matters and making close supervision to avoid embezzlement and fraud.

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NATIONAL

Tri-Pitakat stone inscriptions in Gon Shan language set up in Tachilek

NAY PYI TAW, 7 Oct — A ceremony to mark the donation for setting up of stone inscriptions inscribing tri-Pitakat in Gon Shan language was held at a prayer hall in the compound of Shwedagon Pagoda in Tachilek, Shan State (East) this morning.

It was attended by members of Sangha led by Presiding Sayadaw of Nagahnakaung Monastery State Ovadacariya Abhidhaja Agga Maha Saddhamma Jotika Agga Maha Pandita Bhaddanta Dhammasiri, Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing and wife Daw Kyu Kyu Hla, Lt-Gen Aung Than Htut of Commander-in-Chief (Army) Office and wife, Adjutant-General Lt-Gen Khin Zaw Oo and wife, senior military officers, Commander of Triangle Region Command Maj-

Gen Than Tun Oo and local people.

After receiving the Five Precepts, the Senior General and wife donated robes and offertories to members of the Sangha and the congregation shared the merits gained.

Next, the Sayadaw, the Senior General and wife and senior military officers offered gold foils to the tri-Pitakat stone inscriptions.

Of 2000 stone inscriptions to be set up in the compound, 320 had so far been set up. A total 30 stone inscriptions were set up today.

Then, those present offered a day meal to members of the Sangha.

Afterwards, the Senior General and party visited Maha Muni Shrine where they paid homage to the Buddha Image and donated robes and alms to members of the Sangha.



Senior General Min Aung Hlaing sprinkles scented water on stone inscriptions.—MNA

Next, they proceeded to Nagahnakaung monastery where they paid respects

and presented robes and provisions to the presiding Sayadaw. — Myawady

Pyithu Hluttaw eighth ...

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cooperative associations through central cooperative society.

“I have to study more laws to be able to explain the shareholders of the cooperative society. The share price was K 250,000 at that time. It is hard to understand if the share value will be set at the same price they bought. It is required to take measures to amend the laws needed to be modified,” U Ye Tun said.

Deputy Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Khin Zaw answered the question to reduce the price of farm equipment for the sake of farmers raised by U Than Tun of Dabayin Township that farmers are allowed to purchase farm equipment in installment under the arrangements of Myanmar Agriculture Development Bank and the Ministry of Cooperatives. The government is trying hard to reduce the purchase prices of farm

equipment by inviting foreign companies to build farm equipment factories in the country, he added.

U Thein Nyunt of Thingangyun Constituency submitted a bill to amend the Electronic Transaction Law (State Peace and Development Council Law No (5/2004) and Bill Committee member Daw Khin Htay Kywe read out the committee’s report.

Today’s session ended on 11.20 am and the fifth-day session continues tomorrow.—MNA

Directives given to take ...

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which farmland management committees in various levels are urged to take serious actions against the illegal use of farmlands for other purposes.

Directives had been sent to the Nay Pyi Taw Council and region/state governments by the Union government to make field trips to collect accurate data and to take punitive actions against the illegal use of farmlands for other

purposes.

Next, the Speaker of Amyotha Hluttaw decided to put and carry the detailed question and answer that focus on the realization of the interest of the nation and its people and the speech of the speaker in Myanmar Gazette, Myanma Alinn and Kyemon.

Deputy Minister for Home Affairs Brig-Gen Kyaw Zan Myint answered the question raised by U Sai Win Maung of

Shan State Constituency No (5) that Myanmar Police Force is reconstituting itself as a police force meeting international standards. Muse Township police force is formed with 240 police members armed with automatic rifles in accord with its organization set-up. But, it is unable to facilitate modern surveillance devices including CCTVs in the country level.

Today’s session came to an end in the morning.

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NAY PYI TAW, 7 Oct— Vice-Chairman of Union Peace-making Work Committee Union Minister at President Office U Aung Min met with national race peace delegations who will attend peace talks between Union Peace-making Work Committee and KIO at Nan Thida Hotel in Myitkyina this evening.

First, Union Minister U Aung Min said that negotiation is being carried out to sign ceasefire agreement with ethnic peace groups. Efforts are being made to ensure basic agreements accepted by all peace groups to continue political dialogue by signing nationwide ceasefire agreement participated by ethnic peace groups, he added.

He invited the delegations to report their requirements and difficulties to the government.

The representatives of the peace groups reported on ending ceasefire and holding political dialogue and group-wise delegates discussed their comments and opinions on federalism.

Union Minister U Aung Min stressed the importance of the role of the participants in making peace inspired by the President, the Tatmadaw, national race peace groups and all citizens.

Myanmar golf team leaves for Thailand

YANGON, 7 Oct—A Myanmar youth golf team led by U Myo Tun, Joint General Secretary of Myanmar Golf Federation left here by air yesterday morning to take part in the 79th Singha Thailand Amateur Open 2013 in Panya Indra Golf Club, Bangkok of

ion Minister U Ohn Myint, Lt-Gen Myint Soe from the Office of the Commander-in-Chief (Army), Northern Command Commander Maj-Gen Tun Tun Naung, North-East Command Commander Maj-Gen Aung Soe, Deputy Attorney-General U Tun Tun Oo, state ministers, representatives from KNU, RCSS/SSA, UWSA, ABSDF, MNSP, PLNO, SSPP, PSLF/TNLA, CNF and NDAA.—MNA

Thailand from 8 to 11 October.

Myanmar golf team comprised Ye Htet Aung, Myo Win Aung, Maung Maung Oo, Yin May Myo and Khin Mar Nwe. Maung Maung Oo had secured the second prize in the previous open.—NLM

Vice-Chairman of Union Peace-making Work Committee meets national race peace groups



Vice-Chairman of Union Peace-making Work Committee Union Minister U Aung Min meeting with representatives from national race peace groups in Myitkyina.—MNA

Inlay PhaungdawU Buddha Images start conveyance to 21 parts of Inlay Region



NYAUNGSHWE, 7 Oct—Inlay PhaungdawU Buddha images were conveyed to 21 places of Inlay Region from its Yadana prayer hall as of 5 October.

Officials conveyed the Buddha images by palanquin from the throne of Yadana Sankyaung prayer hall at 7 am onto the Golden Karaweik Barge.

They proceeded to Kyaypawkhon prayer hall.

Along the route, 23 boats rowed to pull the Golden Karaweik that conveyed the image. The launching ceremony was attended by pilgrims and devotees across the nation.

Kyemon-Nay Myo Thurein (Nyaungshwe)

Inlay PhaungdawU Buddha Images being conveyed.

BAJ sinks tube-well in Magway Township

MAGWAY, 7 Oct—Shar Saung Kan Village of Magway Township is home to about 1766 people from 500 houses.

BAJ has sunk a tube-well, northeast of the village and built a 500-gallon water tank.

The tube-well was posted with "Secure Water Supply Project at Shar Saung Kan Village Tubewell Construction No 117 Construction by BAJ Magway Supported by the government of Japan Co-operation from DRD, RDA Magway".

U Aung

Than, Administrator of Shar Saung Kan Village said, "BAJ sank the tube-well free of charge. They spent K 36 million and the well was granted for 40 years. The water tank is 18 feet long, 14 feet wide and 8 feet high. Now, the generator runs the tube-well."

Soon, the village will be supplied electricity. The

power line from Magway to Myingun Village passes through Shar Saung Kan Village. Therefore, the local people are trying to install it to their village by submitting application to the department concerned, said Village Administrator U Aung Than.

Kyemon-Magway Hla Myint



Water being pumped to lake from paddy field in Shar Saung Kan Village of Magway Township.



In line with the instructions of Yangon City Development Committee, Engineer U Cho Win of Engineering Department (Road/Bridge) of YCDC and officials supervise repairing of Nguhah Street in Ahlon Township yesterday for better transportation of the local people.

KYEMON-TIN MAUNG OO (AHLON)

Cash donated to fund for construction of village library

PHAUNGPYIN, 7 Oct—The cash donation for construction of the village library was held at the management committee office of Phaungpyin Township in Mawlaik District in Sagaing Region on 4 October.

On the occasion, Township Management Committee Township Administrator U Kyaw Maung Maung handed over K 1 million provided by Sagaing Region

Government to the fund for construction of Henein Village Library in Maukpalin Village-tract of the township.

Administrator of Mauk-

palin Village-tract U Kyaw Nyein accepted the cash assistance.

Also present at the ceremony were the chairman of the Township Management

Committee and members, departmental officials, the village administrator and officials.

Kyemon-IPRD (Phaungpyin)

HRD

Free health care provided in NyaungU

NYAUNGU, 7 Oct—In accord with the instructions of Mandalay Region Government, Region Health Department and Shwe Parami Health Foundation jointly held the health care service to local people regardless of races and religions at the compound of Lacquerware College in ancient Bagan city from 4

to 6 October.

Local people received medical treatment from the team. The specialist team gave medical care to the local people with various diseases.

District and Township General Administration Departments fulfilled the requirements of transportation, accommodation and

food of the patients here and there with the assistance of social organizations from the township.

Kyemon-Ye Thura Aung (NyaungU)

Specialists from medical team give medical perform at to local people.

Fuel donated for operating water pump in water shortage village

SAGAING, 7 Oct—A ceremony to donate fuel for operating water pump was held at Shinphyu Shinhla monastery in Tharzin Village of Hsadaung Villate-tract in Sagaing Township on 4 October.

Region Hluttaw repre-

sentative U Sein Khe, Chairman of District Management Committee U Myint Wai and Chairman of Townselders U Zaw Win made speeches.

Chairman of Township Development Affairs Committee U Myint Maung presented 100 gallons of diesel

to the village administrator.

Next, they viewed pumping of surplus water from paddy field to the water lake.

In addition, Dr Daw Hnin Hnin Sein and party provided health care to over 50 people.

Recent heavy rains flooded over 100 acres of paddy fields. The local people wish to dig the drains. If the drains are dug, they can grow about 300 acres of wheat in time.

Although there was lesser amount of rainfalls last year, they could grow 1000 acres of paddy and produce 70-80 baskets per acre.

Kyemon-Htwe Myint Naing (Sagaing)



REGIONAL



Chinese President Xi Jinping (R) meets with Australian Prime Minister Tony Abbott in Bali, Indonesia, on 6 Oct, 2013.—XINHUA

Chinese, Australian leaders pledge to boost ties

BALI, 7 Oct— Chinese President Xi Jinping and Australian Prime Minister Tony Abbott agreed here on Sunday to push forward bilateral ties and speed up free trade negotiation.

China and Australia are both major countries in the Asia-Pacific region, said Xi in a meeting with Abbott. “Their close cooperation would not only serve the fundamental interests of both countries, but also contribute to regional and world peace and development,” he said. Xi and Abbott were on Indonesia’s resort island of Bali for the 21st informal economic leaders’ meeting of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) slated for Monday and Tuesday.

Noting that China has always treated and worked to strengthen China-Austral-

ia ties from a strategic height and long-term perspective, Xi said his country is ready to work with Australia to deepen their strategic partnership and make their ties a fine model of harmonious coexistence and win-win cooperation between countries of different social systems, history, culture and at different development stages.

China and Australia should consolidate “four bonds” in bilateral ties, said Xi. The first bond is mutual trust. Both sides should respect each other’s core interests and major concerns, objectively and rationally view each other’s strategic intentions, achieve common progress amid inclusiveness and mutual learning, and seek win-win results through deepening cooperation, said Xi.—Xinhua

Six killed, 12 injured in bomb blast in Pakistan’s Peshawar

ISLAMABAD, 7 Oct—At least six people including four policemen were killed and 12 others injured on Monday morning when a bomb blast hit Pakistan’s northwestern provincial capital of Peshawar, local media and officials said.

According to Senior Superintendent of police Najib ur Rehman, the blast targeted a police squad who was guarding outside a dis-

pensary where polio workers were collecting their vaccination material in the Badaber area in the outskirts of Peshawar, killing six people and injuring 12 others.

Police and rescue teams rushed to the site and shifted the bodies and injured to the Lady Reading Hospital in Peshawar.

Two of the killed people belonged to the local

Cambodia flood death toll rises to 83, affecting over 800,000 people

PHNOM PENH, 7 Oct — Floods from Mekong River and heavy rainfall have killed at least 83 people and affected more than 800,000 people in Cambodia in the last three weeks, a senior disaster control official said on Monday.

“Up to now, 83 people have died of drowning and over 800,000 people in 15 flooded-hit provinces have been affected,” Nhim Vanda, vice-president of the National Committee for Disaster Management (NCDM), told Xinhua over

telephone. “Authorities have been continuing to evacuate affected people to higher grounds as emergency relief from charitable groups and the Cambodian Red Cross have been provided to some of affected families.”

Besides, some 120,000 houses and 120,000 hectares of rice paddy are also inundated, he said.

Nhim Vanda said as of Monday, water levels at Mekong River have not posed a concern to

northeastern provinces, but flash floods still severely hit some provinces in northwestern cities and provinces such as tourism city Siem Reap Angkor, the provinces of Pursat, Battambang, Banteay Meanchey and Pailin.

“In Siem Reap province, water situation is still at an alarming level as more than 4,000 houses have been submerged and over 6,000 families have been forced to flee their homes for higher grounds,” he said.—Xinhua

Water injection pump for damaged Fukushima reactor halts



An aerial view shows workers wearing protective suits and masks working atop contaminated water storage tanks at Tokyo Electric Power Co.—KYODO NEWS

TOKYO, 7 Oct—Tokyo Electric Power Co said that a pump to inject water into one of the severely damaged reactors at the Fukushima Daiichi nuclear pow-

er plant halted on Monday, possibly due to a problem at a power switchboard.

The halt occurred at around 9:47 am But cooling of the No 1 reactor im-

mediately resumed through a backup pump, the utility known as TEPCO said.

The Nuclear Regulation Authority separately said in a Press release that the incident may have occurred because a worker wrongly pushed the stop button on a switchboard during an equipment check-up.

At the Fukushima plant in northeastern Japan, the Nos 1 to 3 reactors suffered meltdowns in March 2011 because quake-triggered tsunami waves that hit the plant flooded electrical equipment and led to the loss of reactor cooling systems.

Kyodo News

Engine fire forces passenger plane to have emergency landing in Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, 7 Oct— A Dubai-bound passenger plane of Pakistan International Airlines with at least 54 people on-board made an emergency landing after its engine caught fire shortly after it took off from Pakistan’s southern port city of Karachi on Sunday night, local media and officials said.

An official from Civil Aviation Authority Abid Qaimkhawani said that the incident took place few minutes after the Airbus A310 took off from the Jinnah International Airport of Karachi at 10:20 pm local time. An eyewitness told local media that an explosion was first heard at one of the engines of the plane, followed by a fire.

The huge explosion and the fire spread panic among the residents of the areas nearby the airport.

The pilot of the plane contacted the control tower for an emergency landing following the incident. The authorities declared emergency at the airport by calling security personnel and rescue teams including medics and fire fighters at the runway.—Xinhua



Characters from Tokyo Disney Resort hold a parade in a rural area during a festival in the farm village of Sekikawa, Niigata Prefecture, on 6 Oct, 2013. KYODO NEWS



Bomb disposal squad members defuse another bomb found at the blast site on the outskirts of northwest Pakistan’s Peshawar, on 7 Oct, 2013. At least six people including four policemen were killed and 12 others injured on Monday morning when a bomb hit Pakistan’s northwestern provincial capital of Peshawar, local media and officials said. XINHUA

Indian Air Force small plane makes emergency landing

NEW DELHI, 7 Oct— An Indian Air Force small plane on Sunday made an emergency landing at a park surrounded by residential buildings in the national capital after its engine developed snag, a senior de-

fense official said.

Two pilots on board the microlite aircraft decided to land the plane at the park when they noticed the engine failed. “The two pilots are safe,” the official said on condition of anonym-

ity. Local TV channels reported that the plane landed even as some children were playing in Shastri Park The plane was on a routine sortie, the official said, adding a probe has been ordered into the incident.—Xinhua

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE**MV KOTA RESTU VOY NO (343)**

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Phone No: 256924/256914



Sections of the Beijing-Shanghai Expressway are closed due to the dense haze in Beijing, capital of China, on 6 Oct, 2013. The national meteorological center issued a yellow alert for haze on Sunday, warning the serious air pollution and lower visibility.

XINHUA

**Ministry of National Planning and Economic
Development
Central Equipment Statistics and Inspection
Department
Office No (32), Nay Pyi Taw
Invitation to proposal for competitive bidding**

1. Proposals for competitive bidding are invited to purchase the following brand new heavy machinery (in kyat) for Central Equipment Statistics and Inspection Department, Ministry of National Planning and Economic Development, Office No (32), Nay Pyi Taw.

(a) Excavator	6
(b) Bulldozer	6
(c) Road Roller	6
(d) Dump Truck	18

2. Only person, company, committee or its' formal representative person are allowed to purchase the proposals for competitive bidding forms and tender's disciplines.

3. Proposals for competitive bidding forms are available at 10000 Kyats per copy at Central Equipment Statistics and Inspection Department, Office No (32), Nay Pyi Taw and Mechanic and Stores Branch, Thazinyone Street, No 5 ward, Mayangon Township, Yangon during office hours from 8-10-2013 to 17-10-2013.

4. Only proposals and documents issued by the department will be accepted.

5. The ceremony to open proposals for competitive bidding will be held at Ministry of National Planning and Economic Development, Office No (1), Nay Pyi Taw at 9: 00 am on 22 October 2013 (Tuesday).

6. Please dial 067-406177, 067-406320, 067-406076 and 067-406117 for detail information.

**Director General
Central Equipment Statistics and Inspection Department**

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Mongolia intensifies bid to become 22nd APEC member

BALI, 7 Oct—Mongolia is intensifying its bid to become the 22nd member of APEC, officials said here on Sunday.

Making a detailed presentation to international media, Mongolian Foreign Minister Bold Luvsanvandan outlined the reasons why his country should become the next member of Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC).

"Mongolia made its first official application to join APEC in 1993 and this has remained an enduring aspiration. We now meet the requirements that were set out by APEC in its 1997 Ministerial Statement on Membership," he said.

Mongolia, along with

India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Macau, Laos, Cambodia, Costa Rica, Colombia, and Ecuador, are among a dozen countries seeking APEC membership.

If Mongolia's bid to join APEC is successful, it will become the first landlocked country to join the bloc of 21 Pacific-rim economies.

Mineral-rich Mongolia has a relatively small economy. With about 22.4 percent of its population living on less than 1.25 US dollars a day, and its per capita income in 2011 at 3,100 US dollars, Mongolia is ranked as a lower to middle income economy by the World Bank.—Xinhua

Invitation of Expression of Interest (EOI) for Cooperation Public Private Partnership (PPP) in No(2) Pharmaceutical Factory, Pharmaceutical and Foodstuff Industries Ministry of Industry

No(2) Pharmaceutical factory under the Pharmaceutical and Foodstuff Industry, the Ministry of Industry intend to cooperate with Foreign Pharmaceutical Companies which produce the branded products in the international market and the local companies that can operate with under license and technical supervision from these Companies to produce Pharmaceuticals as PPP (JV, Lease etc:)

As a first step, Companies who interest in those cooperation are required to submit their Expression of Interest (EOI) **not later than 3 pm (Myanmar Standard Time), on October 28th 2013 to Planning Department, Pharmaceutical and Foodstuff Industries, Ministry of Industry, Office No(37), Nay Pyi Taw, The Republic of the Union of Myanmar.**

Interested entities can take over the (EOI) Form and other indications at above office commencing from (7-10-2013) by presenting document of company profile.

Document of Company Profile

- Valid Certificate of Incorporation
- Records and Regulation of Company
- Name of Foreign's Technical Cooperator

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PTE LTD**

Phone No: 256924/256914

China officially hands over election materials to Nepal

KATHMANDU, 7 Oct—The Chinese Embassy officially handed over poll-related materials provided by the government of China to Nepal's Election Commission here on Sunday.

The Chinese government provided 1.63 million-US-dollar worth election materials for the country's 19 November constituent assembly elections.

The materials, including ballot papers and office materials, arrived in Kathmandu on 27 September on a special chartered plane.

Chinese Ambassador to Nepal Wu Chuntai and Election Commission Secretary Narendra Dahal signed the Memorandum of Understanding to this effect amidst a small function at the Election Commission.

Speaking at the func-

tion, Wu said that Nepal and China are good friends, good neighbours and good partners.

"We are friends in need and friends indeed... China wishes to see a prosperous Nepal and I assure you we will continue assisting Nepal. Nepal is now embarking on a very important political process. We sincerely hope that Nepal will conduct a smooth election," Wu said.

Chief Election Commissioner Nikantha Upreti said that the logistics received from China indicates that China supports Nepal's democratic process.

"This is a support from the people of China to the people of Nepal. We are confident we will conduct the elections smoothly," he added.—Xinhua

ENTERTAINMENT

Alec Baldwin's wife injures ankle while evading paparazzi

LOS ANGELES, 7 Oct—Yoga teacher Hilaria Baldwin hurt her ankle while trying to evade two photographers in New York City.

The 29-year-old took to Instagram to show how unrelenting paparazzi can be, by posting a photo of her left ankle raised up with an ice pack placed on it, reported Aceso.biz.

Hilaria was chased just after a month since giving birth to her and actor hus-

band Alec Baldwin's baby daughter Carmen.

"Went out for a run today... Chased by 2 paps on bikes. One got close to me. Twisted my ankle," Hilaria captioned the photo. "Love that the pap made a buck from injuring me by selling photos. Enjoy your entertainment!" she added.

She has apparently approached NYC police regarding the paparazzi who were following her as she

tried to workout around the streets of New York. There is no report yet if she is pressing charges against the photographers.

Hilaria also said that we need stiffer laws to help restrain the paparazzi from causing harm. "Fortunately my ankle is just sprained. We need better laws protecting against paps- Just a matter of time before someone gets really hurt," she tweeted.—PTI



Alec Baldwin's wife, Hilaria Thomas Baldwin, has apparently approached the police regarding the paparazzi who were following her.

PTI

Mexican director Guillermo del Toro to release illustrated book

NEW YORK, 7 Oct—Mexican writer-director Guillermo del Toro is releasing an illustrated book of notes and drawings from his private journals and filmmaking diaries, his publisher said on Friday.

"Guillermo del Toro Cabinet of Curiosities: My Notebooks, Collections, and Other Obsessions,"

which goes on sale on 29 October, will give readers a glimpse into the imaginative mind of the director of 2006 fantasy film "Pan's Labyrinth," which won three Oscars, and this year's sci-fi disaster movie "Pacific Rim."

The 256-page book, written with author and filmmaker Marc Scott Zi-

cree, takes readers on a tour of Bleak House, the director's second home and working office, and includes a series of interviews in which he discusses his graphic inspirations, storytelling and film analysis.

"He sees with the wonder and stark terror of a child," James Cameron, the Oscar-winning director of films including 1997's "Titanic" and 2009's "Avatar," said in a foreword to the book, published by Harper Design, an imprint of HarperCollins.

"His notebooks are a map of the subconscious, and his films doorways into the dungeons of our dreams, allowing us to confront our own individual hearts of darkness, to do battle and emerge victorious," Cameron added.

Reuters



Director Guillermo del Toro and his wife Lorenza pose at the premiere of "Pacific Rim" at Dolby theatre in Hollywood, California on 9 July, 2013. The movie opens in the US on 12 July.—REUTERS

Paul McCartney writes in toilet, cupboard

LONDON, 7 Oct—Beatles legend Paul McCartney likes writing music in the bathroom or in cupboards because the acoustics are usually good in these places. The 71-year-old singer-songwriter loves to escape by writing new lyrics, reported Contactmusic.

"Songwriting is a solitary process but that's nice. The rest of the day isn't sol-

itary. I'm doing interviews or taking my girl to school or doing some filming. So I'm with loads of people. "It's actually quite nice to go into a cupboard, or often bathrooms or toilets which have got good acoustics. So I go in there with a guitar. That's kind of nice. And you escape into a world of your own thoughts," he said.—PTI



Beatles legend Paul McCartney

KanganaRanaut: Queen neither about Marilyn Monroe, nor showbiz

MUMBAI, 7 Oct—Actress KanganaRanaut has said that her character in the film Queen has got nothing to do with the late Hollywood actress Marilyn Monroe's life or even with show business.

"Queen is the story of a very naive girl who

lives in the Delhi suburbs and goes on her honeymoon alone. To know why, you'll have to watch the film," the 26-year-old said.

"Queen is one character I play that will be the most sensitive and vulnerable girl ever. It is not re-

lated to Marilyn Monroe or showbiz at all," she added. Queen, directed by Vikas-Bahl, will have its world premiere at the ongoing 18th Busan International Film Festival (BIFF) in the Window on Asian Cinema section.

PTI

Trespasser arrested at Rihanna's home

LOS ANGELES, 7 Oct—A man was caught red-handed by R&B star Rihanna's security team as he attempted to scale the wall surrounding her plush Pacific Palisades mansion.

The invader fled the scene, but police caught up with him a mile away from the 25-year-old singer's USD 12 million property, reported TMZ online.

This comes after a group of burglars tried to break into Rihanna's home last weekend — only to be thwarted by the burglar alarm, which was set off when they threw a chair through a sliding glass door.



R&B star Rihanna

It appears the trespasser could be one of the original gang as he looked 'very much' like one of the suspects when police reviewed the security footage from the first break-in.

Rihanna wasn't at home during either of the incidents since she is currently on the Australian leg of her Diamonds world tour.

Cops are still on the lookout for the original intruders, who entered the grounds by cruising up Rihanna's private road by car, ignoring the sign reading, 'Smile, you're on camera', in her driveway.

This marks the third incident in recent months of attempted break-ins at Rihanna's place. In June, a man was caught by her security team climbing onto her roof, while back in February a wannabe thief accidentally broke into her neighbour's house instead of hers.

PTI



Daniel Radcliffe says that working from an early age deprived him of the opportunity to enjoy his teenage life.

Daniel Radcliffe: Harry Potter gave me massive chip on shoulder

NEW YORK, 7 Oct—Daniel Radcliffe says he had to work hard to overcome his Harry Potter image.

The 24-year-old actor, who plays poet Allen Ginsberg in Kill Your Darlings, believes everyone thought it was destiny that landed him the lead role in Harry Potter franchise at the age of 11. It was this notion that Radcliffe wanted to dispel by making interesting choices in his career post Harry Potter, reported the New York Times magazine.

"I have a massive chip on my shoulder. When you fall into something at age 11 and get paid incredible amounts of money for your entire teenage years for doing a job anyone would

want, there is a part of you that thinks everybody is just saying, 'He got there because he fell into it; he's not really an actor'," Radcliffe said.

"I feel it less nowadays. It has taken a long time to feel like I've earned the place that I'm at," he added.

Radcliffe also feels that working from an early age deprived him of the opportunity to enjoy his teenage life. "I didn't have that normal teenage period when you build up your friends in your area and you have a social circle. Because of the life I've had, I'd grown up quicker than most people. I felt like I was entitled (to live by myself)," he said.

PTI



Actress Kangana Ranaut

Wilshere rescues draw for Arsenal, Spurs hammered



Chelsea's Eden Hazard (C) celebrates scoring with teammate Oscar (L) against Norwich City during their English Premier League soccer match at Carrow Road in Norwich, on 6 Oct, 2013.—REUTERS

LONDON, 7 Oct — Arsenal returned to the top of the Premier League on Sunday after Jack Wilshere rescued a point for them in a 1-1 draw at West Bromwich Albion, while rivals

Tottenham Hotspur suffered a shock 3-0 thumping by West Ham United.

Chelsea relied on two goals in two minutes by substitutes Eden Hazard and Willian late in their

match at Norwich City to give them a 3-1 win that lifted them to third in the league with 14 points from seven games, two behind Arsenal and Liverpool.

A week after stunning

champions Manchester United 2-1 at Old Trafford, West Brom were up to their old tricks against visitors Arsenal as they took a 42nd-minute lead with Claudio Yacob's powerful downward header.

After somehow escaping further damage from more West Brom chances, Arsenal drew level in the 63rd minute when Jack Wilshere made up for his poor performance until that point when he smashed in a deflected shot from 20 metres out.

The point, which put Arsenal ahead of Liverpool on goals scored, will be all the sweeter for Arsene Wenger's side on a day their bitter north London rivals Tottenham lost ground on the leaders after a mauling by West Ham at White Hart Lane.

Second-half goals from Winston Reid, Ricardo Vaz Te and Ravel Morrison,

whose was a superb individual effort after picking the ball up in his own half, secured only a second league victory of the season for Sam Allardyce's side.

Earlier in the day, Chelsea had grabbed three points at Norwich after it had looked like their fourth-minute lead from an Oscar goal would not be enough as Anthony Pilkington levelled for the hosts in the 68th minute.

The equaliser seemed to shake Chelsea awake and the introduction of Hazard and Willian changed everything.

Chelsea broke quickly after a Norwich corner and Hazard's shot was pounced on by John Ruddy but the ball carried on past the keeper and over the line in almost slow motion on 85 minutes.

Another counter-attack wrapped up the win a minute later as Willian curled

in a first-time shot of the kind of class the club will have been hoping for from the 30 million pounds they paid for him in the close season.

The only black cloud for Chelsea, and possibly for England ahead of their World Cup qualifiers on 11 October and 15 October, was the sight of left back Ashley Cole being substituted in the second half with what looked like a rib injury.

Surprise package Southampton won again to go fourth, beating Swansea City 2-0 at home with Adam Lallana netting in the 19th minute and Jay Rodriguez adding another on 83 minutes.

They are level on 14 points with Chelsea, with Manchester City and Spurs a point behind. Champions Manchester United are ninth with 10 points.

Reuters

Djokovic thumps Nadal for fourth China Open crown

BEIJING, 7 Oct — Novak Djokovic won his fourth China Open title in five years on Sunday, prevailing 6-3, 6-4 in the final against Rafael Nadal who will replace him as the men's world number one on Monday.

The Serb continued his love affair in Beijing, improving his tournament record to 19-0 after brushing aside Nadal to halt his run of three defeats against the Spaniard.

Nadal had to reach the final in the tournament to displace Djokovic from the top ranking and the issue was put to rest on Saturday when Tomas Berdych retired with a back injury in his semi-final against the Spaniard.

"I needed this win to-

day," Djokovic told reporters. "I really wanted to get my hands on the trophy and win against Nadal, who has been the best player so far in 2013."

"It's very important for my confidence. It's very

important mentally and emotionally for me."

The 26-year-old Djokovic stamped his authority on the title match early, racing to a 3-0 lead and never allowing the Spaniard, who went into

the match unbeaten on hard courts this year, to stage a comeback.

The Serb broke Nadal, who has won 10 tournaments and added over \$10 million in prize money in 2013, in the first game of the second set - hitting winners almost at will.

Since winning the Monte-Carlo Masters in April against Nadal, Djokovic had lost to the left-handed Spaniard in the French Open semi-finals, the Rogers Cup semi-finals and the final of the US Open.

"I managed to stay tough and not drop my concentration, which I think (happened) in both Montreal and at the US Open in the important moments," Djokovic said.

Reuters



Novak Djokovic of Serbia kisses the trophy after winning his men's singles final match against Rafael Nadal of Spain at the China Open tennis tournament in Beijing on 6 Oct, 2013. — REUTERS

Serena powers past Jankovic for 10th title in 2013

BEIJING, 7 Oct — World number one Serena Williams bagged her 10th title of the year with a 6-2, 6-2 thrashing of Jelena Jankovic in the final of the China Open on Sunday. The top-seeded American broke the eighth-seeded Serb twice in the first set and three times in the second to register her 73rd win of the season.

Williams appeared in pain after serving an ace during the third game of the second set and her serve was broken for the only time in the match in that

game as Jankovic went 2-1 ahead. But it was Jankovic who had to take a medical time out after the game due to a problem in her hip.

The Serb, however, failed to win another game upon her return to the court as Williams racked up five games in a row to close out the match.

"I'm really excited. I didn't think I'd win this tournament starting out, so I'm really happy to be here holding the trophy," Williams, who complained of a sore back after Saturday's



Serena Williams of the US reacts as she poses with the trophy after winning her women's singles final match against Jelena Jankovic of Serbia at the China Open tennis tournament in Beijing on 6 Oct, 2013.—REUTERS

semi-final, said during the presentation ceremony.

Sunday's victory also

gave the 32-year-old Williams her 56th career title.

Reuters

Lasogga hits hat-trick as Hamburg crush Nuremberg



HSV Hamburg's Pierre-Michel Lasogga celebrates his goal against Eintracht Frankfurt in their German first division Bundesliga soccer match in Frankfurt, on 28 Sept, 2013.—REUTERS

BERLIN, 7 Oct — Striker Pierre Michel Lasogga scored a hat-trick in eight minutes to lead Hamburg SV to a 5-0 demolition of Nuremberg and hand new coach Bert van Marwijk his first victory in his second game in charge. Hamburg, the only club to have played in the Bundesliga every season since its creation in 1963, secured their first win in four games to move out of the bottom places.

The 21-year-old Lasogga, who joined on loan from Hertha Berlin in the close season, slotted in from the right in the 59th minute and struck twice more including a 67th-minute long-range effort for his first treble at Hamburg.

Captain Rafael van der Vaart, who set up two of Lasogga's goals, had given the visitors a 17th-minute lead with a superb volley and Tolgay Arslan completed the rout in the 74th after a mistake by keeper Raphael Schaefer.

The win lifted Hamburg off the relegation playoff spot and into 14th on eight points. Nuremberg are in 16th on five points.

Treble winners Bayern Munich reclaimed top spot on 20 points on Saturday despite a 1-1 draw at Bayern Leverkusen with Borussia Dortmund suffering their first defeat of the season with a 2-0 loss at Borussia Moenchengladbach to drop to second place on 19 points.—Reuters

GENERAL

Vettel one step from title after Korea win

YEONGAM, (S Korea), 7 Oct — Red Bull's Sebastian Vettel completed a hat-trick of Korean Grand Prix victories on Sunday to put himself only one week away from potentially clinching his fourth successive Formula One title.

The 26-year-old's third successive Korean win, and eighth triumph in 14 races, left him 77 points clear of Ferrari's Fernando Alonso with five races — and a maximum 125 points — remaining. If the German wins in Japan next weekend — as he did last year — and Alonso fails to finish in the top eight — as also happened last year — the championship will be over.

"That was a very, very disciplined drive. Well done," team principal Christian Horner told him over the radio after taking the chequered flag. Vettel, who now has 34 career wins, replied with his customary whoop of delight.



Second placed Lotus Formula One driver Kimi Raikkonen of Finland (L) sprays champagne at winner Red Bull Formula One driver Sebastian Vettel of Germany on the podium after the Korean F1 Grand Prix at the Korea International Circuit in Yeongam, on 6 Oct, 2013.—REUTERS

Alonso could manage only sixth place on an overcast afternoon that threatened rain without delivering the downpours that might have mixed up the

field and given him more of a hope. The Spaniard now has 195 points to Vettel's 272. "There's still a chance for Fernando, I think," said Vettel. "So we have to stay on top of our game. But to be honest...we're just having a good time.—Reuters

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Road accidents claim 24 lives during 3-day Pchhum Ben festival

PHNOM PENH, 7 Oct — Road accidents had killed 24 people and injured 169 others in Cambodia during the celebrations of Pchhum Ben festival, the kingdom's second largest traditional festival, from 3-5 October, an official said on Monday.

Preap Chanvibol, director of the transport department of the Ministry of Pub-

lic Work and Transport, said the number of the dead was two less than that of the festival celebrations last year, while the number of the injured was up 21 percent from 139 injuries last year. "Speeding and drunk driving are the main causes of the accidents during the celebrations," he told *Xinhua*.

Pchhum Ben festival is

the country's second largest festival after the Khmer New Year celebrations.

The death toll of road accidents is still the No 1 killer in Cambodia. Last year, road accidents killed 1,894 people, according to the transport ministry. The country lost about 300 million US dollars a year due to the accidents.—*Xinhua*

Thousands enjoy "slower" Los Angeles on bikes

LOS ANGELES, 7 Oct — Families with young and old, friends and young couples, most pedalling bikes, some others skating or riding three-wheeled bikes, all abandoned their cars on Sunday in downtown Los Angeles, a city known for traffic jam and air pollution.

It is the eighth CicLAvia bike festival, for which 7.5 miles (about 12 km) of road through downtown Los Angeles was closed to motorized traffic.

The event's organizers expected to gather 100,000 people on their bikes or skate boards in downtown LA on Sunday to enjoy the fun of rolling. It would provide people "a chance to do something different and experience the city in a completely different way," said Aaron Paley, founder and executive director of

the CicLAvia.

Seventeen-month-old Carly was among the youngest participants of the event. She sat quietly in a bicycle baby trailer pulled by her grandfather Wayne Bandine, 65. It is a good family gathering of the Bandines, with nine family members attending, including Wayne's children and grandchildren. Some of them came far from Washington and Arizona states.

"It is good to slow down and enjoy the sights of the city," said one of Wayne's daughters. "And it's good for the heart of an old man," added Wayne with a big smile.

The first CicLAvia was held in LA in October 2010, with a purpose to connect communities and give people a break from the stress of car traffic.—*Xinhua*

Typhoon Fitow makes landfall in east China

FUZHOU, 7 Oct — Typhoon Fitow made landfall in east China's Fujian Province in the wee hours on Monday, packing winds up to 151 km per hour, the National Meteorological Centre said.

The storm, the 23rd typhoon to hit China this year, landed in Shacheng Township of Fuding City at 1:15 am on Monday. It will continue to move northwestward but weaken quickly, said the centre. A red alert, the highest warning, was issued for Fitow on Sunday.

Cities such as Fuzhou and Sanming in Fujian will see rain of more than 200 mm from Sunday night to Monday morning, said the Fujian flood control authorities.

Due to the typhoon,

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| 4. Pyi Thu Ni Ti | 23. News/Weather Report |
| 7:00 am | 4:30 pm |
| 5. News/ Weather Report | 24. Song & Dance of National Races |
| 7:20 am | 4:40 pm |
| 6. People Talks | 25. University of Distance Education (TV Lectures) -Third Year (Law) |
| 7:30 am | 5:00 pm |
| 7. Teleplay (Health) | 26. News |
| 7:40 am | 5:15 pm |
| 8. Documentary | 27. SEA Games Go for Gold (football) (3) |
| 8:00 am | 5:45 pm |
| 9. News/ International News | 28. Business News |
| 8:25 am | 6:00 pm |
| 10. Teleplay (SEA Games) | 29. News/ Weather Report |
| 9:00 am | 6:20 pm |
| 11. News/International News | 30. Documentary |
| 9:25 am | 6:30 pm |
| 12. Mono Classical Songs | 31. TV Drama Series |
| 9:45 am | 7:00 pm |
| 13. Business News | 32. News |
| 10:00 am | 7:25 pm |
| 14. News | 33. TV Drama Series |
| 10:15 am | 8:00 pm |
| 15. TV Drama Series | 34. News/International News/Weather Report |
| 11:05 pm | 8:45 pm |
| 16. Musical Programme | 35. Documentary |
| 11:40 pm | 9:00 pm |
| 17. Tamyethnar Takwetsar | 36. News |
| 12:00 pm | 37. Sing A Song |
| 18. New/International News/Weather Report | 38. India Drama Series |
| 12:25 pm | |
| 19. Myanmar Video | |

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- * Local News
- * Phaung Daw Oo Pagoda Festival (Part-2)
- * World News
- * Modifying Natural Thanakha Bark into Ready-Made Skin Care Product
- * Local News
- * Myanmar Traditional Instruments-Myanma Harp (Episode-2)
- * Thread Painting
- * Travels In Monywa-Moe Hnyin Sambuddhe Pagoda
- * World News
- * Karaweik Palace-A Symbol Of Glorious Myanma Culture
- * Local News
- * Continuation in rural tradition
- * World News
- * The Photographer: Kyaw Kyaw Win
- * Bago...Still Steeped In Legend And History
- * Myanmar Weaving
- * Local News
- * Secret Places For Yummy Food (Episode-12) (Shwe Muse)
- * World News
- * A Journey to the Zalon Mountain
- * Pan Tamawt Stone Carving
- * Myin Ma Hti Natural Cave
- * Around The Maha Boditahtaung
- * A Trip to Mon State "Mawlamyine"



A billboard is damaged by gales in Fuding City, south-east China's Fujian Province, on 6 Oct, 2013. —XINHUA

As of 6 pm Sunday, some 574,000 people were evacuated and 35,795 vessels returned to harbor for shelter, said the Zhejiang Provincial Flood Control and Drought Relief Headquarters. In Fujian, 177,000 people were displaced and nearly 30,000 fishing boats were called back.—*Xinhua*

Myanmar's education must be Education for Sustainable Development : President U Thein Sein

NAY PYI TAW, 7 Oct — President U Thein Sein called for stepping up efforts for educational reforms, stressing the importance of the education for Myanmar's future democratic society.

A body for promoting education standard would be formed to draw action plans with the advice of experts, said President U Thein Sein at the Forum for pragmatic reforms for education here today.

Speaking on the occasion, he also pledged to carry out education reforms as there are weaknesses and flaws in the Myanmar's education sector and called on producing new generation of good citizens who can shape Myanmar's future democratic society with the use of their professional and creative skills.

The President also stressed the need for upgrading the curriculums, teaching aids, infrastructures and modern test systems and promoting the skills of teachers in attempts to encourage the medium businesses through education.

The education system should play an important role in development of creativity, logistic thinking and skills to systematically overcome obstacles of the students so that they can apply such values in their daily life while nurturing

themselves to become the good citizens who preserve morality and discipline and conserve environment, he added.

To become the inclusive education reforms, advice of former educational experts was sought in previous forums and personnel from different levels of the Ministry of Education, MPs, experts, responsible personnel from UN agencies and NGOs participated in the forums.

Comprehensive Education Sector Review (CESR) conducted by the Ministry of Education has reached the step-2.

President U Thein Sein also expressed delight for the inclusiveness of the education reforms, thanking the MPs, civil organizations, political parties and international organizations for their active participation in drawing educational laws and their helping hands.

He also called for strenuous efforts for promoting the education standard to meet the international standard, quoting what he said in his speech at the Hluttaw to mark the one-year anniversary of the government saying that the government has already adopted the basic three policies : environmentally sustainable, socially sustainable and economically sustainable.

"Education is the foundation for the national de-

President U Thein Sein cordially greets participants of the Forum for pragmatic reforms for education at MICC.
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velopment and Myanmar's education must be the Education for Sustainable Development which meets the international standard," he said.

In the new era of education, all the people are obliged to keep Myanmar's soft power or Myanmar's values such as traditional culture, customs, performing arts, literature and music of all national races more stronger, he said.

It is important to promote Myanmar's education which can train the young generation who love the country and national races

and can also preserve and promote languages, literature, culture and arts of all national races by themselves when alien culture penetrates the Myanmar's culture, he added.

Since inauguration, the new government has carried out reforms including education sector.

The government has conducted the school for all campaign, awarded stipends to students, upgraded and constructed school buildings, increased the organizational set-up of

educational bodies, allowed private schools and conducted educational forums.

As part of reforms of the higher education sector, the government has established the quality assurance system, has established networks to link with international universities and organizations, conducted trainings for human resources development and allowed private sector to involve in the educational services.

The President also urged teachers to become

role models of the students.

During the forum, resource persons read their papers on educational reforms and discussed with the participants.

The opening ceremony of the forum was also attended by Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham, union ministers, MPs, deputy ministers, responsible personnel from Myanmar Education Foundation, national advisers, personnel from Myanmar Arts and Science Association and experts.

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Pyithu Hluttaw eighth regular session continues

NAY PYI TAW, 7 Oct — Fourth-day Pyithu Hluttaw session took place today.

Deputy Minister for Cooperatives U Than Tun replied to the question on the dispute with the members of Loke-ah Yadana slipper-making cooperative society raised by U Ye Tun of Hsipaw Constituency that the cooperative society in

Aungmyethazan Township of Mandalay Region was reconstituted in accord with the 1992 Cooperative Society Law on 10 September 1993 and the reconstituted society was allowed to use Common Restructuring Fund-CRF and materials for its sustainability.

According to the investigation, liquidation process

was carried out and CRF was redistributed to the relevant region/state cooperative societies in a transparent manner on 19 June 2011, he added.

The deputy minister claimed that the Loke-ah Yadana slipper-making cooperative society had been brought to an end and CRF distributed to region/state (See page 9)

Directives given to take punitive actions against illegal use of farmlands for other purposes

NAY PYI TAW, 7 Oct — First Amyotha Hluttaw eighth regular session continued today.

Deputy Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Ohn Than responded to the question raised by U Min Oo of Bago Region Constituency No (7) that

relevant farmland management committees led by the chairman of the Nay Pyi Taw Council and region/state chief ministers are to strictly exercise the provisions of the farmland law and bylaws and region/state governments are implementing the tasks in line

with the law.

In order to ensure food sufficiency in the country and contain the decrease in the number of farmlands that are being used for other purpose, the Union Daily newspaper issued on 6 August 2013 carried a story in (See page 9)

Lt-Gen Hla Min on inspection tour of Thandwe

NAY PYI TAW, 7 Oct — Lt-Gen Hla Min of the Office of the Commander-in-Chief (Army), together with Western Command Commander Maj-Gen Ko Ko Naing, Rakhine State minister Dr Aung Kyaw Min, Rakhine State Hluttaw representatives and officials, viewed, Indaingkyi, Nyaungchayhtauk, Singaung and Kyaukbyumaw Villages round

Thandwe Township in Rakhine State this morning.

At Thirithukhitayon Monastery in Singaung Village, they offered offertories to the Sayadaw and monks who expressed their delight for ensuring regional peace and stability and rule of law.

Next, Lt-Gen Hla Min cordially met with rural people urging them to actively participate in ensur-

ing regional peace and stability and rule of law and to inform any destructive acts to the police and bring law breakers to trial.

Lt-Gen Hla Min and party proceeded to Maha Aungmyay Monastery in Thandwe, where they offered alms to the Sayadaw and monks and supplicated them that Thandwe is calm.

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Photo shows participants competing in Pre-SEA Games Rowing Test Match held in Ngalike Dam on 6 October.
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