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## Myanmar committed to formulating national action plan for food security, nutrition not only for the country itself but also for the world



Vice-President U Nyan Tun observes agricultural products at World Food Day ceremony.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 16 Oct— Being a member of world community, Myanmar is committed to formulating the national action plan for food security and nutrition not only for the country it-

self but also for our region and worldwide as right to food and nutrition has been high on the global agenda these days, Vice-President U Nyan Tun said in his speech at World Food Day

ceremony held at the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation, here, this morning.

He stressed the need to provide the daily food requirement as well as the availability of wholesome

food for all the citizens in order to be healthy and secure the longer life span as present world population of seven billion is estimated to be more than nine billion by 2050.

He highlighted the green economy in order to attain sustainable food security without negative environmental consequences.

The government is obliged to work out for food security of ever-increasing population of present 60 million people which is expected to be 100 million by 2050 in one hand, while it is dealing with the issues of negative impacts of climate change and disasters on agriculture sector, he added.

The government is also carrying out the actions to

feeding for children under five and school children, maternal and child cares, vaccination, prevention of dengue fever are being carried out among the public countrywide.

In his conclusion, the Vice-President called on all governments, stakeholders and the people of the planet to work together in unison in order to achieve healthy, happy and long lives in our global village in compliance with the theme of this year World Food Day event "Sustainable Food System for Food Security and Nutrition."

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FAO resident representative Ms Bui Thi Lan.—MNA

educate the public on health policy and process in order to provide safe and healthy food to the consumers. In particular, supplementary



Resident representative and senior scientist Ms Madonna C. Casimero from Philippine-based International Rice Research Institute.—MNA

## Bagan era ancient heritage in Myingun region

Myingun region formed with about 140 houses from 10 villages at station level is home to over 5500 people. Prince

Myingun ruled the town in the Konbaung era. At present, local people who are engaged in crops cultivation on fertile soils are

enjoying opportunities of good business.

Myingun region was free from the ravages of the Second World War. So, ancient buildings, pagodas, stupas, monasteries and religious edifices remain intact as national heritages.

Today's pagodas, stupas and stone inscriptions suggest that Myingun region was located in the Bagan Empire. About 60 pagodas and religious edifices in Myingun can be seen with stone inscriptions of Bagan era. Archaeology, National Museum

Photo shows an ancient building at Myingun region of Magway Hotel Zone in Magway Region.

and Library Department is maintaining the edifices with five stone inscription chambers.

The significant pagodas and monasteries in the area are Layhsukhanya Pagoda, Laymyethna Pagoda, Shin Izzagona Cave, Kalakyaungpyet Cave, Yahanda Ordination Hall Pagoda, Montpaungthe Sisters Pagoda, Shwenanpauk Pagoda, Ngamyethna Pagoda, Kwanhtan Brothers Pagoda and so on.

Of them, the royal order of stone inscriptions of King Kyaswa can be observed at Layhsukhanya Pagoda. At the sun set, the visitor who enjoys the ancient buildings of pagodas, stupas and religious edifices in Myingun may think the area of Myingun is like that of ancient Bagan city. Ancient na-

By: Magway Hla Myint

tional heritage of Bagan era forge the nationalistic spirit of Myanmar.

There will soon be the XXVII SEA Games in Myanmar. The flocks of globetrotters will enter Myanmar. They may visit Myingun region of Magway Hotel Zone. The route from Magway to Myingun is 10 miles long through water course and 23 miles through motor road. The earthen road turns from Magway-Taungdwingyi road is seven miles long but it is so rough. To be able to attract tourists, the earthen road should be repaved for convenient travelling of globetrotters.

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## Digest

## Efficient creativity based on information, knowledge

Nowadays is knowledge age or education age. Knowledge influences all functions of human beings. Knowledge cannot be taken from the school learning both of basic education and higher education. In fact, knowledge comes from experience and information. In the education era, knowledge does not depend on certificates of degree. Capability of gathering the information and effective application of the information is based on experience. Seeking the knowledge is how to apply the indispensable information for the respective corners and experiences.

A media person should understand technique of application to

use of information and abide by the media ethics. Rationality of media person depends on his experience and knowledge. That is why information, experience and knowledge are interrelated.

In the past, characteristics of industrial era was based on engine. Characteristic of knowledge era indicates computers. Ordinary knowledge without creativity and initiative does not adequate for all sectors in knowledge era. That is why, media person in the education era should create information with initiative to be able to serve interest of the reader people.

Kyaw Kyaw (Mahlaing)

## Crime

## Suspects arrested for drug-related cases

NAYPYITAW, 16 Oct—A combined team comprising members of Mandalay Region Police Force together with witnesses searched Zaw Win Naing, 40 of Room 401 at Shwephyu Hotel on 64<sup>th</sup> Street in Mahaaungmye Township on 10 October morning.

They seized 12 objects including 593 stimulant tablets with WY brand from his Lexus car, nine mobile phones, one gold chain, one ring and K 12 million.

After conducting the investigation, they raided the house of Zaw Win Naing at No. 80 on 58<sup>th</sup> Street between 31<sup>st</sup> and 32<sup>nd</sup> streets in Chanayethazan Township. They arrested Thein Tun (a) Nanda Thiri, Swe Oo, Win Bo, Kyaw Min, Yan Naing Aung and Phyo Zaw who were there to sell narcotic drugs and continued searching of the house and seized

29100 pseudo-ephedrine tablets, 2 grams of pseudo-ephedrine powder, K 250 million, one Escalade ext vehicle, one Mark II, three motorcycles and others, 91 pieces of colourful uncut stone and 29 bags of raw gold dusts.

According to the further investigation, the combined team arrested Nay Lin Htaik of 26<sup>th</sup> street between 58<sup>th</sup> and 59<sup>th</sup> streets in Chanayethazan Township and Khin Maung Swe of 3<sup>rd</sup> floor at Yadana Taungpyi Housing in Chanayethazan Township together with one Toyota Corolla and one mobile phone.

At 9 am on 10 October, they raided the house of Myint Naing Oo, 45 at CC 3/18 on 57<sup>th</sup> street in Chanmyathazi Township. They found Maung Maung together with Myint Naing Oo at the house together with three stimulant tablets from

Maung Maung. The squad arrested Maung Maung, Bo Hein and Tun Tun. The policemen continued searching them and seized 51000 pseudo-ephedrine tablets, K 7,333,720, seven mobile



Zaw Win Naing seen at No. 3 Police Station in Mandalay.

phones, one Kluger vehicle, one Hilux Surf and others.

Moreover, police searched the house of Larrant Chan Nar (a) Chan Tha on the ground and first floors at Ma/98 in Kan North Ward in Mingala Taungnyunt Township. The team did not find him and seized 25 uncut jade stones.

According to the related information, the team searched the house of Sai Yi Myint (a) Kyaw Myint in

14 October morning.

The special price of flight ticket is set from 14 to 31 October. Speaking of special price, the flight ticket is K 33000 per local passenger and US\$ 55 per foreigner along Yangon-NyaungU route. Likewise, NyaungU-Mandalay flight is K 19000 per local passenger and US 29 per foreigner. Moreover, Yangon-Mandalay flight is fixed at K 35000 per local passenger and US\$ 59 per foreigner.

The ply of flight is aimed at disseminating the information of cultural regions of NyaungU, Mandalay, Heho and so on to the world, said

Deputy General Manager U Khin Maung Nyein of Business Section of Myanmar Airways.

“We have purpose to uplift Myanmar tourism industry and interest of Myanmar Airways. As it is State-owned airline, the airways will uplift not only its interest of the people but also State’s one. We have plans to ply more schedules,” he said.

Myanmar Airways manages flight schedules to 25 townships of the nation. At the end of October and in November, new ATR 72-500 airplane and Grand Caravan and Cessna airplanes will arrive in Myanmar.

It is planned to set up

## Myanmar Airways Launches Maiden flight for Yangon-NyaungU, Yangon-Mandalay



YANGON, 16 Oct—Myanmar Airways and World Ticket Co of Denmark jointly operate the Yangon-NyaungU flight with the use of Brazil-made Embrae 190 with a seating capacity of 127.

The maiden flight with 35 local passengers and 37 foreigners was launched on

the centre in Chanmyathazi Airport in Mandalay for plying flights to remote areas.—MNA

## Regional development inspected in Mahlaing Tsp

MAHLAING, 16 Oct—Pyithu Hluttaw representatives U Aye Mauk of Mahlaing Township Constituency and U Win Than of Thapaung Constituency held talks with departmental officials, members of Township Support Committee and townsenders, at the meeting hall of Township GAD this morning.

MP U Aye Mauk discussed regional development tasks and the Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar. Township Administrator U Aung Thein Hlaing, acting Secretary of Township Union Solidarity and Development Party U Soe Thein and committee members also participated in the discussion. They looked into regional development tasks in the township.

Kyaw Kyaw (Mahlaing)

## Signboards to be put up at quality cotton plantations

MAHLAING, 16 Oct—Deputy Head of Mandalay Region Industrial Crops Development Department U Tun Win and party on 14 October stressed the officials to put up the signboards in the model plots of cotton plantation in Mahlaing Township of Mandalay Region.

In meeting with officials at the hall of Mahlaing Township ICDD, he stressed the need to draw the plan to

distribute the quality strains of cotton to the farmers of the township in the quality strain zone and change the form of extending educative works.

He urged the staff to put up the signboards as quickly as possible.

Staff Officer U Thant Zin of the township department submitted the reports on the tasks.

Kyaw Kyaw (Mahlaing)



## WORLD

## Germany's Greens rule out further coalition talks with Merkel

BERLIN, 16 Oct—Germany's Greens ruled out any further coalition talks with Angela Merkel's conservatives early on Wednesday, leaving the chancellor to focus on discussions with the centre-left Social Democrats (SPD) in her efforts to form a new government.

After almost six hours of detailed policy discussions the Greens concluded they simply did not have enough in common with Merkel's conservative bloc in areas such as energy, climate targets and taxation,

to make further discussions fruitful.

"After these talks the Greens do not find themselves able to enter coalition talks," said Hermann Groehe, second-in-command of Merkel's Christian Democrats (CDU).

"We will approach the representatives of the SPD tomorrow with a view to scheduling the explorative talks we had already eyed for Thursday."

Merkel needs to find a partner for her third term after she won September's

election but fell short of an absolute majority. Polls suggest the German public would like her to enter full-blown negotiations with the SPD, and aim for a repeat of the 'grand coalition' in which she governed from 2005-2009.

The SPD, however, are playing hard to get. Its representatives spoke to the CDU and its Bavarian sister party, the Christian Social Union (CSU), for eight hours on Monday, and while stating their willingness to talk again, they also

said they could also say no to Merkel.

The prospect of months of coalition talks worries Germany's European partners, who fear delays to crucial decisions for fighting the euro zone crisis, such as a plan for banking union. An eventual grand coalition is expected to boost spending on investment in Germany, helping shore up Europe's largest economy and increasing trade with the struggling euro zone, helping address imbalances.—Reuters



Party members of the environmental Greens party (Die Gruenen) arrive for preliminary coalition talks with Germany's conservative (CDU/CSU) parties at the Parliamentary Society in Berlin on 15 Oct, 2013.

REUTERS

## Big powers, Iran seek progress at 'nitty-gritty' nuclear talks



Delegations from Iran and other world powers sit before the start of two days of closed-door nuclear talks at the United Nations offices in Geneva on 15 Oct, 2013.

REUTERS

GENEVA, 16 Oct — World powers will press Iran on Wednesday for details of its proposal on resolving their decade-old nuclear dispute during a second day of talks in Geneva. Western diplomats stress they want Teheran to back up its newly conciliatory language with concrete actions by scaling back its nuclear program and

allaying their suspicions it is seeking the capability to make atomic bombs.

Both sides are trying to dampen expectations of any rapid breakthrough at the two-day meeting, the first to be held since President Hassan Rouhani took office, promising conciliation over confrontation in Iran's relations with the world.

"There is still an awful lot of work to be done," said a spokesman for the European Union's foreign policy chief Catherine Ashton, who oversees diplomacy with Iran on behalf of the United States, Russia, China, France, Britain and Germany.

"We have had a certain amount of information from the Iranian side and we will hope to get more detail from them tomorrow," spokesman Michael Mann said after the first day of talks on Tuesday.

His statement suggested Iran had yet to persuade Western nations it was willing to curb the nuclear work and assure them this was purely for peaceful energy production and medical purposes, as Teheran says. In the Tuesday session, negotiators had started discussing the "nitty-gritty" details of Iranian suggestions, Mann said.—Reuters

## Minibus blast kills 21 in southern Syria: activists

BEIRUT, 16 Oct — Twenty-one people, including four children and six women, were killed when a minibus hit a mine and exploded in the southern Syrian town of Noa on Wednesday, the Syrian Observatory for Human Rights monitoring group said.

Opposition activists told the Observatory the minibus drove over a mine planted by forces loyal to President Bashar al-Assad. There was no immediate comment from the government.

The explosion was reported in rebel-held ter-

ritory in Deraa province but there are also army troops in the nearby base of Tel al-Jumaa, which is besieged.

Assad's forces are battling an uprising that grew out of protests against his family's four-decade grip on the country.

The British-based Observatory, which is opposed to Assad, reported clashes in most provinces on Wednesday and said war planes had been deployed to the eastern desert city of Deir al-Zor.

The group said at least 27 government soldiers had been killed during in-

tense clashes in Deir al-Zor over the past two days although rebels gave a figure more than double that.

Pro- and anti-government militias have fragmented the country into fiefdoms, with hardline Islamist rebels fighting Kurds and other opposition groups.

The Observatory reported that 29 jihadist fighters, some from the al Qaeda-linked Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant, and 12 Kurdish militants were killed during clashes on Tuesday in the northeast province of Hasaka.

Reuters

## Death toll from Philippines quake at 144, more people missing

LONDON, 16 Oct —The death toll from an earthquake in the Philippines rose to 144 on Wednesday as rescuers dug through the rubble of collapsed buildings including an old church and a hospital.

Nearly 3 million people were affected by the 7.2 magnitude quake on Tuesday, which caused landslides and widespread damage to infrastructure in the tourist destinations of Bohol island and the nearby Cebu islands.

The number of injured rose towards 300, with at least 23 people missing.

The national disaster agency said at least 134 of the dead were on Bohol island, which took the brunt of the quake. The island is located 630 km (390 miles) south of the capital, Manila.

Officials feared the toll would rise as communications with remote areas were re-established.

"I think this is a growing number," Loon mayor Lloyd Lopez told Philippine radio. "Yesterday, we had a partial communications block-out."

"We have not reached all barangays, many are cut off, the roads are blocked by big boulders," Lopez said, referring to villages.

Mobile phone links from the country's main provider had been restored but a rival provider still had to fix some of its damaged equipment, a state telecommunications official said.

Many of the millions hit by the quake spent the night outdoors, including patients at some hospitals, because of aftershocks. More than



A view of a portion of a damaged highway in Getafe, Bohol a day after an earthquake hit central Philippines October 16, 2013. —Reuters

840 aftershocks have been recorded, with one of magnitude 5.1, the volcanology agency said.

"There are so many aftershocks, we are afraid," Elena Manuel, a 64-year-old grandmother, told Reuters after her family and neighbors spent the night in the grounds of a centuries-old church that collapsed in Loon, a town of about 43,000 people.

"We don't have any more food and water because stores are closed, and the bridge ... is damaged. After the quake, water and

mud came out of cracks on the ground in our backyard."

Officials said most of 23 damaged bridges in Bohol were impassable and five roads were closed. Seventeen churches suffered irreparable damage to their old coral-stone structures.

"The church here is now only powder," said Benjamin Aggenstein, a 30-year-old German businessman based in Bohol, adding that most residents of Loon did not want to return to their damaged homes and had been staying outdoors.—Reuters

## 11 students injured in school crowd crush

NANJING, 16 Oct—Eleven students were injured as children rushed down a staircase at a primary school in east China's Jiangsu Province on Tuesday afternoon, local authorities confirmed on Wednesday.

The incident happened at Qipan Primary School in Xinyi City at about 3:30 pm when the students went downstairs after class, according to the municipal government.

One girl suddenly fell as she descended the stairs and a crowd of students tumbled down the stairs as a result. Three were seriously injured due to traumatic asphyxia and another 8 sustained minor injuries, according to the government.

The injured students are all in stable condition and are receiving treatment in local hospitals.

Xinhua

## SCIENCE &amp; TECHNOLOGY

## Burberry names Bailey CEO as Ahrendts quits for Apple



Burberry CEO Angela Ahrendts leads a discussion at the IHT Heritage Luxury conference in London on 9 Nov, 2010.—REUTERS

LONDON, 16 Oct — Christopher Bailey, the designer credited with restoring the cachet to fashion brand Burberry, is to become chief executive next year when long-standing boss Angela Ahrendts will move to Apple.

The 157-year-old British fashion house, famous for its camel, red and black

check pattern, said on Tuesday Ahrendts would step down by mid-2014 after which Bailey would combine his role as chief creative officer with being chief executive.

News the 42-year-old Yorkshireman would hold both positions sparked concern among some analysts that he might be taking on

too much, and sent shares in the group down 6 percent in early trading, valuing the business at 6.6 billion pounds.

“There will undoubtedly be relief that Mr. Bailey, the driving force behind the brand for the last 12 years, is staying,” Morgan Stanley said in a note to clients. “But we anticipate some investor concern about combining the Chief Creative Officer and CEO roles, which are both time consuming and require very different skill sets.”

Ahrendts, who has been Burberry boss for eight years, during which time its share price has soared about 250 percent, will take up a newly-created position at Apple as a senior vice president with oversight of retail and online stores.

Reuters

## Florida counts on experimental trees to fight orange plague

RLANDO, (Florida), 16 Oct — Florida citrus researchers are preparing to launch a large-scale test of new disease-tolerant orange tree rootstock in what one likened to a leap of faith to save the \$9 billion state industry from a deadly citrus greening “tsunami.”

Florida, second to Bra-

zil in global orange juice production, has lost billions of dollars in revenues from the disease that is killing orange trees faster than they can be replaced. Citrus greening, which makes the fruit unpalatable and kills trees within a few years, has helped put state orange production on a down-

ward trend. The bacteria threatens an industry that employs more than 76,000 full- and part-time workers and provides over 90 percent of orange juice consumed in the United States.

So desperate are growers to find a solution to the greening crisis that they are prepared to start planting the new rootstock before testing on it is even completed, researchers say. “This is a huge, risky experiment. It illustrates the desperate situation the Florida citrus industry feels that it is in,” said Fred Gmitter, a University of Florida horticulture professor who is part of the test team. Plant pathologists believe citrus greening, caused by a bacterium spread by the Asian Citrus Psyllid, infects as much as 70 percent of Florida’s citrus trees, according to researcher Jude Grosser.—Reuters



Citrus affected by ‘greening’, an insect-borne bacterial disease is shown in a laboratory at the US Department of Agriculture’s Horticultural Research Laboratory in Fort Pierce, Florida in this 26 Sept, 2010, file photo.

REUTERS

## Yandex buys Russian movie review site

MOSCOW, 16 Oct — Russian Internet group Yandex said on Tuesday it had acquired KinoPoisk, the largest Russian-language website dedicated to movies, in a move to further enhance its search.

Search services are the essence of Yandex, which in Russia leads the world’s top search engine Google with a market share of more than 60 percent and derives the bulk of its revenues from text-based advertising.

Yandex said in a statement that it would integrate

the team behind KinoPoisk, while the service will remain available at its cur-

rent domain, kinopoisk.ru. Financial terms were not disclosed.



The company logo is seen on the headquarters building of Yandex company, in Moscow on 14 June, 2012.

REUTERS

## UK’s Argos undercuts Tesco with 99.99 pound tablet

LONDON, 16 Oct — Britain’s Argos has entered the intensely competitive tablet computer market with a 99.99 pound (\$160) own-brand product that is 16 percent cheaper than one launched by Tesco, the UK’s largest retailer, last month.

Argos, owned by Home Retail, said on Tuesday its MyTablet would be targeted at teenagers, taking on a market dominated by Apple, Samsung and Amazon.

Tesco sold 35,000 Hudls in two days following its 30 September launch - the fastest-selling tablet launch ever seen at the retailer. Argos is keen to tap

into this growing segment as part of its reinvention from a catalogue-led to digitally-led business.

Home Retail has posted five straight years of profit decline and hopes the change of direction for Argos will result in a 15 percent rise in sales to 4.5 billion pounds by 2018.

Like Tesco’s Hudl, which is priced at 119 pounds, Argos’ MyTablet has a seven-inch screen, runs Google’s Android operating system, comes with pre-loaded apps and is enabled for Internet browsing, TV, music, video streaming and social networking. However, MyTablet only has 8 gigabytes of standard

memory compared to 16 on the Hudl.

It also has a lower resolution screen, an inferior battery life and is only available in two colours versus the Hudl’s four.

Both devices will compete with Amazon’s Kindle Fire, which retails for 99 pounds, Google’s Nexus 7, which costs 199 pounds and Apple’s iPad mini, which sells for 269 pounds.

“Millions of people have bought tablets during the last year but there is still around 75 percent of the UK population without one,” said Argos managing director John Walden. Market research company EMarketer estimates there

KinoPoisk, previously owned by founders Vitaliy Tatsiy and Dmitry Sukhanov as well as France’s Allocine, has a monthly audience of 18.6 million users, Yandex said citing comScore Media Metrix.

It contains more than 100 million movie ratings with 3 million new ones being generated every month.

Yandex’s interest was earlier reported by Itar-Tass news agency, which said this month the deal was worth “tens of millions of dollars”. Yandex declined to comment. — Reuters

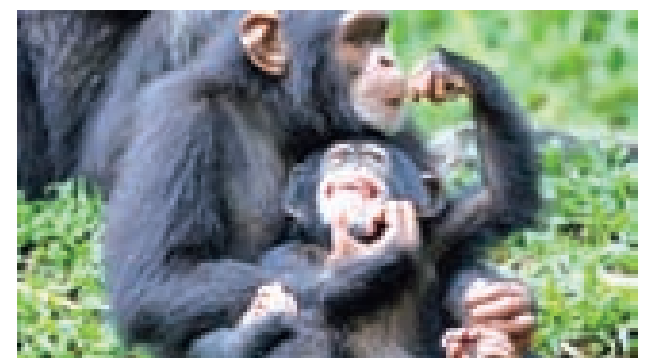
## Young apes manage emotions like humans

WASHINGTON, 16 Oct — US researchers studying young bonobos in an African sanctuary have found striking similarities between the emotional development of the bonobos and that of children, suggesting these great apes regulate their emotions in a human-like way. The findings, published on Monday in the US journal *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*, show that the socio-emotional framework commonly applied to children works equally well for apes and can be used to test predictions of great ape behavior.

Researchers from Emory University employed video analysis to show bonobos at a sanctuary near Kinshasa, capital of the Democratic Republic of the Congo, handle their own emotions as well as how they react to the emotions of others. They found bonobos that recovered quickly and easily from their own emotional upheavals,

such as after losing a fight, and showed more empathy for their fellow great apes. Those bonobos more often gave body comfort such as kissing, embracing, touching to those in distress, the researchers said.

Bonobo, one of our closest primate relatives, is as genetically similar to humans as is the chimpanzee and widely considered the most empathic great ape. “This makes the species an ideal candidate for psychological comparisons,” said co-author Frans de Waal from Emory University. “Any fundamental similarity between humans and bonobos probably traces back to their last common ancestor, which lived around six million years ago.” If the way bonobos handle their own emotions predicts how they react to those of others, this hints at emotion regulation, such as the ability to temper strong emotions and avoid over-arousal, the researchers said.—Reuters



Reuters

## BUSINESS &amp; HEALTH

## London to develop further as yuan trading hub



BEIJING, 16 Oct — China and the United Kingdom on Tuesday agreed to continue to build London into a major offshore market for yuan trading, underlining the strong financial ties between the two countries. Both sides welcomed strong growth of London's

RMB markets, making the capital city the most active RMB center in the world outside China, according to a joint statement after the fifth China-UK Economic and Financial Dialogue held in Beijing. "China recognized London's major role in increasing the inter-

national use of the RMB, and both sides agreed to continued collaboration to support London's offshore market," the statement said.

To boost London's market status, China will give investors based in the city the right to buy 80 billion yuan worth of stocks, bonds and money market instruments issued by financial institutions in the Chinese mainland. China allows foreign institutional buyers to trade yuan-denominated financial products through a regime called RQFII, or Renminbi Qualified Foreign Institutional Investor.

As a means to encour-

age foreign investors to hold the yuan, the RQFII now has a global quota of 350 billion yuan. The extension of RQFII will deepen China's financial markets and strengthen RMB activity in the offshore market, the statement said.

"China agreed to further develop capital inflow and outflow channels for RMB, including for RMB trapped onshore, overseas direct investment and the development of Qualified Domestic Institutional Investor (QDII) quota to support liquidity in the offshore market," it said.

In addition, both sides agreed to support further RMB bond issuance in the UK by Chinese as well as international firms, and the development of London as an offshore RMB debt issuance centre.

A number of cities are vying for China's permission to be allocated as a center for clearing yuan trading offshore, in expectation of providing lucrative financial services. The dialogue was co-chaired by Chinese Vice Premier Ma Kai and the UK's Chancellor of the Exchequer George Osborne. —Xinhua

## TV watching linked to young adults' heart risk

NEW YORK, 16 Oct — Watching a favourite television show may feel relaxing, but in a new study, the longer 30-somethings spent in front of the TV, the stiffer their arteries — a sign of likely heart disease in the future. "The fact that your arteries aren't elastic, it predisposes you to develop hypertension in later age and cardiovascular disease," Isabel Ferreira, senior epidemiologist at Maastricht University in the Netherlands, said. Previous studies have linked TV watching to increased weight, cholesterol, blood pressure and diabetes, she and her colleagues write in the *British Journal of Sports Medicine*.

It's thought that people who spend more time in front of their TVs are less likely to get up and be physically active throughout the day, leading to a variety of problems associated with a sedentary lifestyle. For the new study, researchers wanted to see whether early signs of damage caused by too little activity could be detected in younger adults. They used data collected from 373 women and men, who filled out questionnaires about their TV viewing, exercise and other habits at age 32 and then again at age 36. At age 36, each participant also had an ultrasound measurement of the stiffness of several major arteries in the body.

The researchers found those with the stiffest carotid artery, which is the main blood vessel in the head and neck, spent an average of about 20 more minutes per day watching TV, compared to people with the most elastic carotid artery. Similar results were seen for stiffness of the femoral arteries in the legs. Ferreira said the "critical cutoff" was about two hours per day of sitting. That's in line with current recommendations from the American Academy of Pediatrics for maximum screen time for children. What's more, the negative effects of sitting did not appear to be offset by exercising. "The funny thing is even if they do physical activity... that doesn't correct the bad effects of sedentary time," Ferreira said.

Joel Stager, a professor at the Indiana University-Bloomington School of Public Health, told *Reuters Health* that those with stiff arteries wouldn't face immediate health problems. But it raises their risks later on. "To be honest about this particular measure, it's more of an association of future problems," he said. "In other words, it's predictive of cardiovascular disease down the road." Stager was not involved with the new study, but has researched arterial stiffening among college-age people. —Reuters

## China tightens regulation of imported baby formula



BEIJING, 16 Oct — China's Ministry of Commerce (MOC) on Tuesday told baby formula importers to be accurate when recording sales data and for there to be no monopoly in the industry, which has been plagued by quality and price-manipulation scandals.

The ministry vowed to provide more convenient approval procedures for qualified importers, but told them to set reasonable prices and eradicate price manipulation and other moves that amounted to unfair competition, according to a ministry statement.

In August, Chinese authorities fined six baby

formula companies operating in the mainland, namely Biostime, Mead Johnson, Dumex, Abbott, Friesland and Fonterra, for a total of 670 million yuan (108 million US dollars) following an anti-trust investigation.

The National Development and Reform Commission said formula producers set minimum resale prices for distributors and punished those who sold their products at lower prices by suspending supplies or ending contracts. According to the MOC's statement, domestic distributors are also asked to obey industry standards and ensure product quality. —Xinhua

A view of Coca-Cola bottles at the opening ceremony of a Coca-Cola factory outside of Yangon on 4 June, 2013. — REUTERS

## UNSG's Message for the International Day for the Eradication of Poverty

17 October, 2013

This year's observance of the International Day for the Eradication of Poverty comes as the international community is pursuing twin objectives: intensifying efforts to reach the Millennium Development Goals, and formulating the next set of goals to guide our efforts after we reach the MDG target date of 2015. This post-2015 agenda must have poverty eradication as its highest priority and sustainable development at its core. After all, the only way to make poverty eradication irreversible is by putting the world on a sustainable development path.

We have much work ahead. While poverty levels have declined significantly, progress has been uneven. Our impressive achievement in cutting poverty by half should not blind us to the fact that more than 1.2 billion people still live in extreme poverty worldwide. Too many, especially women and girls, continue to be denied access to adequate health care and sanitation, quality education and decent housing. Too many young people lack jobs and the skills that respond to market demands. Rising inequality in many countries — both rich and poor — is fueling exclusion from economic, social and political spheres, and we know that the impacts of climate change and loss of biodiversity hit the poorest the hardest. All of this underpins the need for strong and responsive institutions.

We need to do more to listen and act for those whose voices often go unheard — people living in poverty, and in particular among them indigenous people, the elderly and those living with disabilities, the unemployed, migrants and minorities. We need to support them in their struggle to escape poverty and build better lives for themselves and their families.

If we are to realize the future we want for all, we must hear and heed the calls of the marginalized. For the last year, the UN has been doing just that by spearheading an unprecedented global conversation on the world people want. That dialogue must continue — and lead to the active and meaningful inclusion of people living in poverty — as we chart a course to ending poverty everywhere.

Together, we can build a sustainable world of prosperity and peace, justice and equity — a life of dignity for all.

UNIC/Yangon

## Coca-Cola reports higher quarterly profit, lower revenue

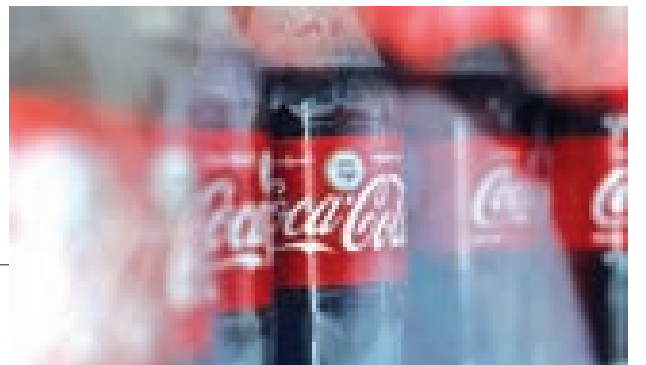
NEW YORK, 16 Oct — Coca-Cola Co (KO.N) reported higher quarterly earnings and lower revenue on Tuesday as strong sales

offset the effects of global economic pressures and the costs of restructuring bottling operations in Brazil and the Philippines.

Net income rose 6 percent to \$2.45 billion, or 54 cents per share, in the third quarter from \$2.31 billion, or 50 cents per share, a year earlier. Excluding special items, earnings were 53

cents per share, in line with what analysts expected, according to Thomson Reuters I/B/E/S.

Revenue fell 3 percent to \$12.03 billion from \$12.34 billion, slightly below analysts' estimates of \$12.05 billion. Coca-Cola shares rose 1.1 percent to \$38.33 in premarket trading. Coke does not give quarterly forecasts, but the company said its long-term goals and strategies remained unchanged and that it would continue to invest in its brands. —Reuters



## Japan, UK to deepen cooperation at sea, in space and cyberspace

TOKYO, 16 Oct — Japanese Foreign Minister Fumio Kishida and British Foreign Secretary William Hague agreed on Wednesday that the two countries should deepen cooperation in maritime affairs, space, cyberspace and anti-terrorism measures, the Japanese minister said.

During a meeting in Tokyo, the foreign ministers also agreed to promote policy coordination and intelligence sharing in such regions as the Middle East, North Africa and Southeast Asia, with plans to hold a bilateral working-level meeting at an early date, Kishida told a news conference after the talks.

Kishida also briefed Hague on the security en-

vironment facing Japan and the policies of Prime Minister Shinzo Abe's government, including its plans to set up a US-style National Security Council and draw up a national security strategy. At the same news conference, Hague said Britain "unequivocally" welcomes a more active role for Japan in the issues of international peace and security, noting that London is looking forward to sharing its experience in establishing and running a National Security Council as Japan moves to launch its own.

During the talks, the Japanese and British foreign chiefs also confirmed plans to promote joint development of defence equipment. Japan and Brit-



British Foreign Secretary William Hague (L) and Japanese Foreign Minister Fumio Kishida shake hands before their meeting in Tokyo on 16 Oct, 2013.

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ain signed an agreement in July to jointly develop defence equipment, with both sides now planning to test the performance of a protective suit together.

"You visited Japan on the occasion that is fitting for a strategic dialogue because the work by the Abe government to review security policy is coming close to its conclusion," Kishida

told Hague at the beginning of the meeting.

Kishida last met with Hague on the sidelines of the UN General Assembly in New York in late September. Wednesday's talks were held as a bilateral strategic dialogue, following the first such talks between the foreign ministers of the two countries in October last year.—Kyodo News

## Young New Zealander wins prestigious Booker prize

WELLINGTON, 16 Oct — New Zealand author Eleanor Catton's novel *The Luminaries* has won the Booker prize for English language literature. Catton, 28, is only the second New Zealander, and the youngest author ever, to win the prestigious literary award.

She is also the youngest short-listed writer in the competition's 45-year history. The prize, announced at a ceremony in London, carries a cheque for 95,000 NZ dollars (78,000 US dollars). Accepting the award, Catton said the prize is all the more incredible because her book has been a publisher's nightmare from the very beginning.

"The shape and form of the book made certain kinds of editorial suggestions not

only mathematically impossible, but even more egregious, astrologically impossible," she said.

The judges said her book, which beat five other contenders, is an exuberant and dazzling homage to Victorian sensation novels.

The *Luminaries* is a murder mystery set on the West Coast during the 1860s gold rush that relies on an astrological narrative.

It follows in the footsteps of *Mr Pip* by Lloyd Jones, which was short-listed in 2007, and *The Bone People* by Keri Hulme, which won in 1985. New Zealand Prime minister John Key said on Wednesday that winning the Booker Prize is a hugely significant achievement on the world stage for a New Zealander.—Xinhua

## Panamanian-registered cargo ship sinks off S Korea, nine died

SEOUL, 16 Oct — A Panamanian-registered cargo ship carrying 19 people sank in South Korea's southeast Pohang harbour amid a storm at around 21:30 local time on Tuesday, leaving 9 people dead and two missing, according to the Chinese Consulate General in Busan.

An official from the Chinese Consulate General confirmed that among the 19 people aboard, 18 were Chinese citizens and the remaining one was Vietnamese.

Eight people have been rescued and 9 bodies recovered by far, while two people are still missing, according to the South Korea's coast guard who conducts the rescue operation as saying.

Officials from Chinese Consulate General in Busan have visited the eight survi-

vors sent to a local hospital, saying all of them suffered only tiny superficial wounds and are in stable condition.

South Korea's coast guard said the ship CHENGLU15 set off from Pyeongtaek Port of South Korea's west coast on 2 October and arrived at Pohang two days later to unload the cargo. It was planning to leave for Japan on Tuesday after unloading all the cargo, but decided to stay considering the bad weather.

At around 15:15 local time on Tuesday, the ship crew called local police, reporting that the ship ran into the seawall as its anchor was swept away by the storm. But South Korean coast guard was only able to get close to the ship until 17:00 since strong wind and waves hampered the rescue operation. The ship sank af-

ter six hours in Yingri Harbor of Pohang.

The Panamanian-registered ship belongs to China's Lishen International Shipping Group Corporation in Zhejiang Province.

The South Korean coast guard has established an emergency rescue headquarter, sending helicopters, ships and special rescue team to search the missing people.

Chinese Consulate General in Busan has also sent a team of four people to assist the rescue work and called for the South Korean side to make all-out efforts to rescue the crew.

Xinhua

## Putin foe Navalny faces prison if appeal is rejected



Russian opposition leader Alexei Navalny speaks to journalists outside a court in Moscow on 14 Oct, 2013.

REUTERS

MOSCOW, 16 Oct — Convicted at a trial he describes as Vladimir Putin's revenge for his political challenge, Russian opposition leader Alexei Navalny faces five years in prison if his appeal against a theft conviction is rejected on

Wednesday. The court hearing in the remote city of Kirov also poses a conundrum for President Putin. Jailing Navalny would keep Putin's most prominent critic out of elections for years, curtailing any threat from a young rival with presidential ambi-

tions who scored a strong second-place showing in a Moscow mayoral vote last month. But it could also revive street protests by Putin's opponents and human rights activists over what they see as a clampdown on dissent since the 61-year-old president started a six-year third term in 2012.

While Putin denies exerting influence over the courts, many Russians suspect that rulings in high-profile cases are dictated by the Kremlin and result from careful political calculation.

"The Kremlin has an unpleasant decision to make," said Dmitry Oreshkin, a political analyst. A ruling upholding the five-year sentence would be seen by many as evidence that tough tactics will continue despite signals meant to suggest a let-up, such as Putin's promise of a prisoner amnesty later this year.

A blogger against corruption among Russia's elite, Navalny helped lead the biggest protests of Putin's 13-year rule, which were stoked by allegations of fraud in a December 2011 parliamentary election. The protests have faded, but Navalny has emerged as the main opposition leader, making his trial the most closely watched in Russia since jailed former oil tycoon Mikhail Khodorkovsky's second conviction in 2010.—Reuters

## NZ minister to face electoral fraud charges, resigns portfolios

WELLINGTON, 16 Oct — The leader of a small party providing a majority for the New Zealand government resigned as a cabinet minister on Wednesday after being sent to trial for alleged electoral fraud.

John Banks, leader and sole elected member of the free-market ACT party, resigned his portfolios after a court ruled he should answer charges he improperly disguised political donations from Internet tycoon Kim Dotcom and a casino company.

The alleged breaches relate to Banks's unsuccessful bid to become may-

or of Auckland, the country's biggest city, in 2010.

Prime Minister John Key, whose centre-right government relies on the support of Banks and two other small parties for a majority, said he accepted Banks's decision to stand down. "Even though the events occurred before Mr Banks entered parliament in 2011, this is totally the right call and I have accepted Mr Banks's offer to resign as a minister," Key said in a statement.

Banks, helped by National to secure a seat in the 2011 general election, was given junior ministe-

rial responsibilities. He said he would stick by his deal to support the government on financial and confidence votes, ensuring the government's one-vote majority in the 121-seat parliament.

The charges followed Banks' signing electoral documents listing the donors of NZ\$65,000 (\$54,600) to his mayoral campaign as anonymous, when he allegedly knew their identity.

The court ruled there was sufficient evidence for the case to go to a criminal trial. The offence carries a maximum sentence of two years in jail.—Reuters



Photo taken on 15 Oct, 2013 shows a Panamanian-registered cargo ship rolling in the waves in Pohang, South Korea.—XINHUA

LOCAL NEWS

Charity & Voluntary Affairs

Parahita Youth Network donates cash and kind to landslide victims



Members of Youth Network provide cash and kind to victims of landslide.

YEZAGYO, 16 Oct— in Yezagyo Township in Yangon-based Parahita Youth Network donated cash and medicines to Shiteindan Village that suffered landslides at Chindwin River

of rice, two viss of edible oil, K 2000 and instant noodle packets to each household and medicines and mobile clinic tasks to the victims. The group also performed story telling for the children.

Shiteindan Village is formed with 172 houses which is home to 781 population.

After 1997, erosion of Chindwin River has been causing landslide along its bank yearly.

The local people who faced landslide need assistance.

MMAL-Soe Win (SP)

Old students group and people of Mawlaik on 12 October seen with clothes and foodstuff to be donated to victims of Laungkaung Village in Mawlaik Township where landslide of river bank caused.—MMAL-DISTRICT IPRD



Commerce Ministry emerge champion in para sports games

YANGON, 16 Oct—The 25<sup>th</sup> Myanmar National Para Sports Games was held in Yangon from 12 to 14 October.

A ceremony to complete the games was held at Youth Training Centre in Thuwunna on 14 October, attended by President of Myanmar Para Sports

Federation Maj-Gen Nay Lin and Union Minister for Commerce U Win Myint.

Yangon Region Chief Minister U Myint Swe presented championship trophy to Ministry of Commerce team.

Ministry of Commerce team secured 37 gold, 21 silver and 16 bronze

medals, totaling 74. The ministry has so far secured 13 straight champions.

Significantly, Zaw Nyein Aung won three gold in track and field, N Aung Khun three gold in shot put and discuss, Htoo Htoo Aung three gold in shot put and discuss, Naing Sit Aung three gold in swimming and



Kayin don dance contest in Pathein



Ayeyawady Region Chief Minister U Thein Aung opens Kayin don dance.

PATHEIN, 16 Oct— The Myanmar National Races' Performing Arts Competition of Ayeyawady Region was held in conjunction with the Kayin don dance contest at Koethein Gymnasium in Pathein of Ayeyawady Region on 13 October.

It was attended by Ayeyawady Region Chief Minister U Thein Aung and wife Daw Khin Htay Myint, region ministers and their wives, departmental officials, members of the panel of judges and officials of six districts.

The competition kicked

off by beating the Kayin traditional drum by Chief Minister U Thein Aung.

Sevendon dance troupes took part in the contest. The Chief Minister and wife and family, region ministers and departmental officials

presented cash awards to the contestants.

After the competition, the Chief Minister and officials cordially greeted the contestants.

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Aids presented to war veterans in Bago



BAGO, 16 Oct—A ceremony to provide assistance to members of war veterans was held at Bago Township War Veterans Organization in Bago Region on 13 October.

It was attended by Bago Region Minister for Security and Border Affairs Col Thet Tun, Deputy Director of Region Bureau of Special Investigation U Sein Tin, Deputy Commissioner of

the district Major Thein Aung (Rtd), Chairman of Township WVO Captain Min Thawda (Rtd), Mawgun award winners and offspring of the war veterans, totaling about 100.

Township Chairman Captain Min Thawda (Rtd) presented 120 crutches to war veterans and cash assistance to offspring.

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Sports

Aung Phone three gold in swimming event.

The 25<sup>th</sup> games was held with opening and closing ceremonies systematically as part of preparations for the 7<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Para Sports Games.

MMAL-Wai Yan Oo;

Photo: Tin Soe (Myanma Alinn)

Social Service Association formed in Mahlaing

MAHLAING, 16 Oct— Kababyu Village-tract in Mahlaing Township of Mandalay Region is formed with five villages. The village-tract constituted the Dhamma Rekkhita Social Service Association with 50 members on 22 July.

Sayadaw Bhaddanta Rajinda of Thaphankan Village remarked, "In this region, most of the snake-bite victims succumbed due

to lack of health knowledge. In the new government era, local people have wider scope of knowledge. Social organizations of the township provide assistance to the patients. But, Thaphankan and Taiknei villages need vehicles to rush patients to the hospital in time."

Wellwisher may dial 09-49232240 for donation.

Kyaw Kyaw (Mahlaing)

## PERSPECTIVES

Thursday, 17 October, 2013

**No terrorist act tolerated**

Myanmar's tourism industry has returned to full life after the idle low season. The high season coming ahead has already shown signs of a boom this year. All the hotel rooms have been booked. The airports have been busy with tourists flooding into the country which has just woke up from a nightmare to see a beautiful morning.

A series of bomb blasts and threats emerged here and there. The bomb blasts that resurfaced have killed two people and injured four including one foreigner. The recent blasts suggested that the bombers targeted the tourist spots, including hotels and a pagoda parking lot in Sagaing, a town with abundant temples, pagodas and tourist spots near Mandalay.

The country is in its critical juncture, about to seal the groundbreaking nationwide ceasefire deal with all ethnic armed groups. Almost everyone in the country is working for a forum for finding a political solution to bring peace to the country and end gun fires. These coward acts are to be assumed as mere terrorist act.

Finally, the police could track down and even arrested some suspects involved in the terrorist acts. Whoever they may be, the country should not tolerate any acts endangering the national security and harming its image.

Efforts of the police force and the bomb disposal squads should be recognized.

**People requested to inform MPF of information about suspects**

NAY PYI TAW, 16 Oct—Saw Myint Lwin (a) Maw Hta has been detained by Myanmar Police Force on

Force has asked the people to come forward with information about the suspect.

Myanmar Police Force is launching an extensive manhunt for suspect Saw Tun Tun in connection with the bombing in Chanmyae Guest House in Toungoo. Myanmar Police Force has asked the people to come forward with information about the suspect.



Saw Myint Lwin (a) Maw Hta.—MNA

suspicion of the bomb blast at Traders Hotel in Kyauktada Township, Yangon and an unexploded bomb under the table of Western Park II Restaurant in Ahlon Township. Myanmar Police



Saw Tun Tun.—MNA

**10 gold medals donated to sports museum**

NAY PYI TAW, 16 Oct—To uplift the morale of sportsmen, Daw Khin Khin Htwe, a former selected Myanmar sprinter, donated 10 gold medals she had won in Asian Games and SEA Games through

Director of the Sports and Physical Education Department U Htay Aung to the sports museum of the social zone, Wunna Theikdi Sports Zone, here, this morning.

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**Myanmar committed to formulating national action plan for food...**

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In his speech, the Union Minister for Agricultural and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing said: Everyone is aware that food is essential for all the human beings from womb to tomb and nobody can survive without food and water.

All the countries in the world are trying their best to focus on fulfilling the food security for ever-increasing population of our planet.

According to one of the reports published by FAO in September this year, it is mentioned that one-third of world food production are being wasted amounting to the loss of 750 billion USD to world economy annually. This value of loss can be translated into 1.3 billion metric tons of food of which Asian Region including China is on top of the list. It was learnt that most of the losses during the production process are especially found in the developing countries while wastes during the consumption process are abundant in developed world.

Such wastes and losses of food are major challenges to overcome the global food security problems and management on effective consumption is obligatory while focusing on the increased production of food is essential.

In accordance with the theme of this year event: "Sustainable Food Systems for Food Security and Nutrition," he reiterated the importance of our primary task to establish sustainable food systems in order to bring about the food security, nutrition and enjoying full life span for ever-growing population of the world today.

After that, FAO resident representative Ms Bui Thi Lan extended greetings.

FAO Director-General's message video



Vice-President U Nyan Tun presents gift to foreign technician.

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was displayed. Resident representative and senior scientist Ms Madonna C. Casimero from Philippine-based International Rice Research Institute explained regional food security and prospects for Myanmar's paddy crop development.

Afterwards, Vice-President U Nyan Tun

presented certificates of honour to ambassadors from Japan, the Republic of Korea and India and representatives from JICA and KOICA. The Union ministers and Hluttaw Committee Chairmen presented certificates of honour and awarded to outstanding people.

After the ceremony, the Vice-President, the Union ministers and guests posed for a documentary photo and looked round the booths. In the afternoon, the Union ministers and the FAO resident representatives awarded outstanding winners.

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**Senior General Min Aung Hlaing visits industrial companies in Beijing**

Senior General Min Aung Hlaing views display of products at CETC International Co.

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NAY PYI TAW, 16 Oct—The Myanmar military delegation led by Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing heard the clarification on production of airplane and helicopter by Chairman Mr Ma Zhiping and officials of CATIC Co in Bei-

jing yesterday morning.

At CETC International Co, the Senior General heard the production process of electronic equipment through modern technology explained by Chairman of the company Mr Long Bin. The Senior General and party visited Innovation Center of

the company and had the luncheon hosted by the company.

The Senior General and party also visited State Administration for Science, Technology and Industry for National Defence (SASTIND) and ZTE Company.

Myawady



LOCAL NEWS

**Pa-O Youth Forum held in Thaton**



*Pa-O national youths attending Pa-O Youth Forum in Thaton.*

THATON, 16 Oct—The Pa-O Youth Forum was organized at the Taikkyang Dhammayon in Naungkalar Middle Village of Thaton Township on 14 October morning.

It was attended by patron Sayadaws, Pa-O National Race Ministers of Kayin and Mon States, Pa-O national race leaders and youths from Thaton,

Kyaikto, Bilin and Paung townships, and national race youths from Shan and Kayin States and Bago Region as observers.

Mon State Minister for Pa-O National Race U Khun Pe Mya stressed the need to discharge duty of preservation of literature, culture and customs.

Kayin State Minister for Pa-O National Race U

Khun Than Myint called for taking care of lineage and religion.

Next, a national race youth explained the purpose of holding the forum.

The forum focused on solving the current challenges and future policies and then will select Pa-O youth representatives.

*Kyemon-Thet Oo (Thaton)*

**HRD**

**House donated to village library**

*The opening ceremony of village library in progress in Thabukkon South Village in Mahlaing Township.*



MAHLAING, 16 Oct—With the aim of widening the horizon of the local people and creating opportunities for reading, the local siblings donated their house to be used as village library.

A ceremony to put Bahuzana Ray Library into service was held at the library in Thabukkon South Village of Mahlaing Township on 12 October.

Acting Head of Township Information and

Public Relations Department Daw Thida Aung, Chairman of Township Women's Affairs Organization Daw Khin Htar Mu, Chairman of Township Development Supportive Committee U Maung Maung, Townselder U Thaug Naing and wellwisher Saya U Sonny and siblings formally opened the library. On the occasion, Township Administrator U Aung Thein Hlaing made a speech, and Township

IPRD donated 100 copies of magazines and journals and Township WAO 150 copies of publications to the library committee members.

The 30 feet long and 20 feet wide building was donated by Daw Mya Thin, U Sonny, Daw Tin Aung, Daw Than Mya, U Kyaw Win, Daw Kyi Aung, Daw Aye Myint and Daw Yi Yi Lin.

*Kyemon-Aung Htay (Mahlaing)*

**Township level health planning workshop held**

FALAM, 16 Oct—The township level health planning workshop was held at Falam Township People's Hospital in Falam of Falam District in Chin State on 14 October.

District Deputy Commissioner U Soe

Tint, departmental officials and social organization members attended the workshop.

Acting Medical Superintendent Dr Ko Ko Aung explained the purpose of the workshop.

After that, Dr Ye Aung

of Merlin and Dr Than Naing Oo of Management Science for Health discussed purpose of the workshop and Chin State health development project.

They replied to queries raised by those present.

*Kyemon-District IPRD*

**Palethwe hybrid plantation harvested on model plot**

HOPIN, 16 Oct—The 2-acre model plot of Palethwe paddy strain was harvested at field No 244 of farmer U Hla San in Arlanbo Village in Myothitgale Village-tract in Hopin Sub-Township of Kachin State on 13 October.

The harvest was attended by Sub-Township

Administrator U Toe Kyaw Thu, Head of Sub-Township Agriculture Department U Sein Lwin, Head of Sub-Township Settlement and Land Records Department U Zaw Win Tun, Staff Officer of Agricultural Mechanization Department U Thwe Maung Maung Tun, the in-charge of the Moehnyin District

Seeds Farm, the in-charge of district land utilization, departmental officials and local farmers totalling 120.

The model plot of Palethwe paddy produced 120 baskets of paddy in wet status and 117.39 baskets in dry status.

*Kyemon-Township IPRD*



MINHLA, 16 Oct—A new bridge is under construction across Pandawpyin Bridge between mile posts 63/4 and 63/5 on Thayet-Minhla-Minbu Road in Minhla Township of Magway Region, and it has been completed by 75 per cent.

Special Project Construction Group of Public Works is taking responsibility to construct the bridge. Assistant

**Myanmar youth wins over Hong Kong cricket team at 2<sup>nd</sup> match**

YANGON, 16 Oct—Second match of Myanmar-Hong Kong Men's Friendly Cricket Tourney took place at Shwe Pin Lone Cricket Oval in Dagon Myothit (North) Township here on 14 October evening.

Myanmar youth won over Hong Kong team at

the match. Among the spectators were President of Myanmar Cricket Federation U Than Win, Vice-President U Kyaw Kyaw, General Secretary U Kyi Min, executives and Hong Kong cricket team leader Mr Rodney Miles.

Aye Min Than from

Myanmar secured Man of the Match.

Hong Kong won over Myanmar at the first match and Myanmar, Hong Kong at the second match.

In the evening, Hong Kong cricket team left Yangon in the evening.

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**Completion of Pandawpyin Bridge on Thayet-Minhla-Minbu Road**

Engineer Daw San San Kyi of Public Works said, "In the past, a bailey bridge lied on the creek. Due to lack of durability, it can withstand loan of single vehicle only. Now, Ayeyawady Bridge (Malun) has been built across Ayeyawady River. Therefore, new Pandawpyin Bridge is being constructed in conformity with the facility of Ayeyawady bridge. The project was launched in 2013 and it may be completed by October 2013."

The bailey bridge was moved to other side across the bridge and the new reinforced concrete bridge is being built on the place of old one. The new one will be 161 feet long with 29 feet wide motorwy.

*Kyemon-Magway Hla Myint*



*Pandawpyin Bridge is under construction on Thayet-Minhla-Minbu Road.*

## WORLD

## Li raises four-point proposal on upgrading China-Vietnam business cooperation



Chinese Premier Li Keqiang speaks at a luncheon attended by Vietnamese Prime Minister Nguyen Tan Dung and representatives of the two countries' business communities, in Hanoi, Vietnam, on 15 Oct, 2013.—XINHUA

HANOI, 16 Oct — Chinese Premier Li Keqiang on Tuesday laid out a four-pronged proposal on further deepening business cooperation between his country and Vietnam.

The rapidly growing economic and trade cooperation between China and Vietnam boasts great potential, and their com-

mon interests far outweigh their differences, Li said at a luncheon attended by Vietnamese Prime Minister Nguyen Tan Dung and representatives of the two countries' business communities.

He urged the two countries to integrate their development strategies and accelerate the expansion of

their economic and trade cooperation with a market-oriented, enterprise-centred approach.

First, the two sides need to advance their overall cooperation, Li said, adding that he and his Vietnamese counterpart have agreed on forming three work groups to simultaneously advance maritime, onshore and financial cooperation.

Li said the consensus on the three-track approach heralds a better business environment for the enterprises of both countries, and will boost investor confidence and infuse new vigor into China-Vietnam cooperation.

Second, the two countries should promote trade facilitation, set in motion a related joint work group within the year, and strive to raise bilateral trade to 100 billion US dollars by 2017, proposed the premier.

Noting that trade growth requires robust financial support, he said China stands ready to work with Vietnam to expand the scale of bilateral currency swap and local currency settlement so as to help advance the liberalization and facilitation of bilateral trade and investment.

Third, Li called on the two countries to boost mutual investment, saying that his country assigns priority to transportation, communications, energy and other interconnectivity-building projects, encourages Chinese enterprises to invest in Vietnam, and welcomes investment by Vietnamese businesses.

Fourth, China and Vietnam need to deepen cooperation under the framework of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN), said the premier.

Xinhua

## Africa emerges as hub of new global drug trafficking routes

HARARE, 16 Oct — Parts of West and East Africa have emerged as new convenient transit points for syndicates using container ships or small boats to smuggle narcotics from Latin America or Central Asia to consumer markets, an official of the African Union Commission (AUC) said on Tuesday.

Opening a regional workshop on drug control in Harare, Olawale Maiyegun, Director of social affairs department of the AUC, said Africa is dealing with vast porous borders and coastlines, fragile and post conflict states, weak criminal justice systems, corruption, among other social challenges that made the continent vulnerable to drug trafficking.

According to United Nations Office of Drugs and Crime (UNODC), seizures

of heroin in the past few years were particularly high in Nigeria, Benin, Togo on the western African coast and Tanzania on the eastern coast. The UN office said in East Africa the seizures increased almost 10-fold since 2009.

Maiyegun said coping with the threats of drug trafficking is difficult even for the most developed and stable countries and Africa now needs robust responses to counter the sophisticated crime.

Maiyegun said the continental body did not know the exact quantities of drugs passing through Africa as information of drug seizures across the continent remains fragmented. "We are trying to estimate the extent of the problem but what we know is that without an exaggeration," Maiyegun said.—Xinhua

## Nearly 500,000 deaths in Iraq linked to war-related causes

WASHINGTON, 16 Oct — For every three people killed by violence during the US-led invasion and occupation of Iraq from 2003 to 2011, two died as a result of the country's collapsed health care system, water and food supply as well as transportation, an international team of researchers said on Tuesday.

In all, nearly half a million people died from causes that could be associated with the war, the researchers reported in the open access journal *PLOS Medicine*.

The study, done by researchers from Johns Hopkins University and University of Washington in the US, Simon Fraser University, Canada, as well as Mustansiriyah University in Iraq, is the first population-based survey research since 2006 to estimate war-related deaths in Iraq.

The researchers concluded with 95 percent certainty that there were approximately 461,000 excess deaths during the Iraqi war, but the actual number could be as low as 48,000 or as high as 751,000.

"Policymakers, governments and the public need better data on the health effects of armed conflict," said Amy Hagopian, associate professor of Global Health at the University of Washington and the lead author of this study, in a statement. "Without this information, it's impossible to assess the true human costs of war."

To conduct this study, the researchers went to 2,000 randomly selected households in Iraq in 100 clusters throughout the country to ensure the sample of households was nationally representative. They asked every house-

hold head about births and deaths since 2001, and all household adults about mortality among their siblings. They found more than 60 percent of those deaths were directly attributable to violence while the rest were associated with indirect, but war-related, causes.

Based on household survey responses, gunshots were reported to cause 62 percent of violent deaths; car bombs, 12 percent; and other explosions, 9 percent. Cardiovascular conditions were the main cause of non-violent death, accounting for 47 percent of nonviolent deaths over the entire study period.

They also found that deaths increased to twice as much as the expected levels at the onset of the war, plateaued briefly at the end of 2003, then rose again to a new peak in 2006.

Xinhua

## Mexican president calls for improvement of public security

MEXICO CITY, 16 Oct — Mexico's President Enrique Pena Nieto called for the improvement of national public security at a forum held here on Tuesday.

Administrations should pay more attention to crimes, which are still one of the main concerns of local citizens, Pena Nieto said.

"It may take time and efforts of several administrations, as what we did in the past and will do in the future," Pena Nieto said.

He said it was time to create a different story for residents in Mexico and let them have confidence in local police. He also noted that police's working condition, wage level and promotion procedure should be improved as well.

Official figures showed that since President Nieto took office, about 1,000 people have died each month in drug-related violence and the army is enhancing fight against drug cartels across the country.

Xinhua



London mayor Boris Johnson rides the Beijing subway Line 1 on Tuesday, 15 Oct, 2013.—XINHUA

## Canada not doing enough to tackle problems of aboriginal people

OTTAWA, 16 Oct — Canada is not doing enough to tackle the social and economic ills facing its large aboriginal population, which is beset by poverty, poor housing and high unemployment, a United Nations official said on Tuesday.

In a rare international rebuke to Canada, James Anaya, the UN special rapporteur on the rights of indigenous peoples, said Ottawa was taking some measures to address problems that have bedeviled the native population for many decades.

"It is equally clear that these steps are insufficient, and have yet to fully respond to aboriginal peoples' urgent needs," he told a news conference in

Ottawa at the end of a nine-day visit.

"Canada consistently ranks near the top among countries with respect to human development standards, and yet ... aboriginal people live in conditions akin to those in countries that rank much lower and in which poverty abounds."

Anaya said indigenous people suffered from high levels of violence, crime, unemployment, suicide and "woefully inadequate" housing which has led to a range of health problems.

A 2011 census showed Canada has 1.4 million aboriginals, or about 4.3 percent of the overall population. "As acknowledged by the rapporteur, positive steps have been taken and challenges remain."—Reuters



Smoke rise from a market in Benghazi, Libya, on 15 Oct, 2013. A big market for selling beds and carpets is on fire on 15 October, cause no death-toll.

## REGIONAL

## Thai Cabinet approves foreign tourist division in courts

BANGKOK, 16 Oct — The Thai Cabinet on Tuesday allocated 550,000 US dollars for the Court of Justice to set up a special tourist division to speed up cases related to foreign tourists.

Deputy Government Spokeswoman Sunisa Lertpakawat said the new tourist division will be opened in a pilot project for seven courts in tourist destination areas.

The seven courts are Pattaya Provincial Court, Chiang Mai District Court, Phuket Provincial Court, Koh Samui Provincial Court, Krabi Provincial Court, Dusit District Court and Pathumvan District Court.

The spokeswoman said the Cabinet saw the need to speed up cases in which foreign tourists, who often do not stay very long in the country, were victims. The new court division will also get Thailand prepared for the integration into the Asean Economic Community in 2015.—Xinhua



Chinese Premier Li Keqiang (R, front) meets with representatives of youth from both China and Vietnam at Vietnam National University in Hanoi, Vietnam, on 15 Oct, 2013. XINHUA

## Philippine gov't, rebels achieve "substantial progress"

MANILA, 16 Oct—The Government of the Philippines and the Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF), the largest Muslim rebel group in the country, have made "substantial progress" in their peace process since the signing of the framework agreement on the Bangsamoro (FAB) a year ago, a senior government official said on Tuesday.

Deputy Presidential Spokesperson Abigail Valte in a news briefing said that it has been a year since the

FAB was signed on 15 Oct, 2012.

"If you look at the progress, it's pretty much substantial," she said, adding, "we remain optimistic that this will go according to our plan."

She said that there could be observations that the process of completing the two remaining annexes on power-sharing and normalization of the FAB might be slow.

The government and the MILF have been eyeing

to forge a comprehensive peace agreement within the year.

But in order to sign a comprehensive pact, both panels have to complete all the four annexes of the FAB, a road map for the creation of a Bangsamoro government that will replace the Autonomous Region in Mindanao and will end the four-decade armed struggle in southern Philippines.

Xinhua

## Mainland endorses self-organized cross-Strait meetings

BEIJING, 16 Oct.—A mainland spokeswoman said on Wednesday that the two sides of the Taiwan Strait can arrange meetings between their leaders independently, rather than piggy-backing on international occasions.

"A cross-Strait leaders' meeting is an affair between Chinese people on the two sides of the Strait. It will not necessarily be on the sidelines of an international meeting," said Fan Liqing, spokeswoman with the State Council Taipei Affairs Office, at a Press conference.

Fan was responding to a question about whether Taiwan leader Ma Ying-jeou should attend the informal economic leaders' meeting of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) next year in Beijing so as to realize a meeting between leaders across the Strait. Xi Jinping, gen-

eral secretary of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China, met with Vincent Siew, honorary chairman of the Taiwan-based Cross-Straits Common Market Foundation, in the Indonesian resort island of Bali on 6 October right ahead of the APEC meeting. "We have long endorsed meetings between leaders across the Strait and will remain positive and open to any move that benefits peace and relations across the Strait," Fan said.

Zhang Zhijun, head of the State Council Taipei Affairs Office, also met with Wang Yu-chi, Taipei's mainland affairs chief, ahead the APEC meeting, and they agreed to have mutual visits.

When asked to comment about future meetings between Zhang and Wang, Fan said the two sides need further discussion. Zhang and Wang discussed cross-Strait relations at the APEC meeting, which improved mutual understanding and

their efficiency in handling cross-Strait affairs and will benefit cross-Strait relations, according to the spokeswoman. "I would not suggest interpretations other than that," she added.

She also insisted that the communication between them will not change the current consultations between the mainland-based Association for Relations Across the Taipeis Straits and its Taipeiese counterpart, the Straits Exchange Foundation.—Xinhua

**Fukushima Gov Yuhei Sato (R) inspects equipment to remove spent nuclear fuel from the spent nuclear fuel pool at the building housing the No 4 reactor of the crippled Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Station in Fukushima Prefecture on 15 Oct, 2013.**  
KYODO NEWS



## Emperor, empress meet with Japan art award winners

TOKYO, 16 Oct—Emperor Akihito and Empress Michiko on Wednesday met with the winners of this year's Praemium Imperiale art award at a reception in Tokyo.

The recipients are American film director Francis Ford Coppola, 74, Italian artist Michelangelo Pistoletto, 80, Spanish tenor and conductor Placido Domingo, 72, and sculptor Antony Gormley, 63, and architect David Chipperfield, 59, both from Britain.

Prince Hitachi, younger brother of the emperor, and his wife Princess Hanako also attended the reception at a Tokyo hotel com-

memorating the award's 25th anniversary, as did past laureates such as kabuki actor Sakata Tojuro, 81, and fashion designer Issey Miyake, 75.

The prize was created by the Japan Art Association in 1988 in memory of the late Prince Takamatsu, an uncle of the emperor, who served as governor of the association for 58 years until his death in 1987.

Each year, the award honors artists in painting, sculpture, architecture, music as well as theater and film who have contributed significantly to the development of international arts and culture.

Kyodo News

## China's first trans-provincial subway opens



Photo taken on 16 Oct., 2013 shows a train of a newly-opened subway line in Shanghai, east China. The six-kilometer extension of Shanghai Metro Line 11, which is China's first trans-provincial subway line and links the country's commercial hub of Shanghai with Kunshan City in neighboring Jiangsu Province, opened on Wednesday.

XINHUA

NANJING, 16 Oct—China's first trans-provincial subway line, linking the country's commercial hub of Shanghai with Kunshan City in neighboring Jiangsu Province, opened on Wednesday. The six-kilometer extension of Shanghai Metro Line 11 was built with a cost of 1.85 billion yuan (301 million US dollars).

The extension linking the two cities features three elevated stations: Zhaofeng Road Station, Guangming Road Station and Huaqiao Station in Kunshan. With the extension, the length of Metro Line 11 grew to 72 km, making it the longest sub-

way line in Shanghai.

The trip from Huaqiao Station in Kunshan to downtown Shanghai now takes about an hour and costs 7 yuan.

"It saves me more than 20 yuan every day," said Ma Xiaoya, a resident of Kunshan who works in Shanghai.

Before the extension, Ma had to take a train from Kunshan to Shanghai and then take the subway to arrive at her workplace.

The cities of Suzhou and Wuxi, both in Jiangsu Province, are also planning to construct light rail lines linking the cities to Shanghai's subway system.

Xinhua

## ADVERTISEMENT &amp; GENERAL

THE REPUBLIC OF THE UNION OF MYANMAR  
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(10/2013)

Open tenders are invited for supply of the following respective items in United States Dollars.

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(1)	IFB -076(2013-2014)	G-250 Ton Hook Block Assy Spares	(5) Items	US\$
(2)	IFB -077(2013-2014)	4 5/8" & 3/8" Flat Bottom Junk Mill Bits	(2) Items	US\$
(3)	IFB -078(2013-2014)	Adaptor Spools	(2) Items	US\$
(4)	IFB -079(2013-2014)	Quick Exhaust & Relief Valves	(4) Items	US\$
(5)	IFB -080(2013-2014)	Spares for Kenworth Truck Engine CATC - 15	(6) Items	US\$
(6)	IFB -081(2013-2014)	Spare for CAT D 3306 PC Lighting Set Engine	(9) Items	US\$
(7)	IFB -082(2013-2014)	28 VC 650 Clutch Elements for Drawwork Drive Clutch Ex TM 3500 Drilling Rig	(1) Item	US\$

-Tender Closing Date & Time - 13-11-2013, 1300 Hrs.

Tender Document shall be available during office hours commencing from 14<sup>th</sup> October, 2013 at the Finance Department, Myanma Oil and Gas Enterprise, No (44) Complex, Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar.

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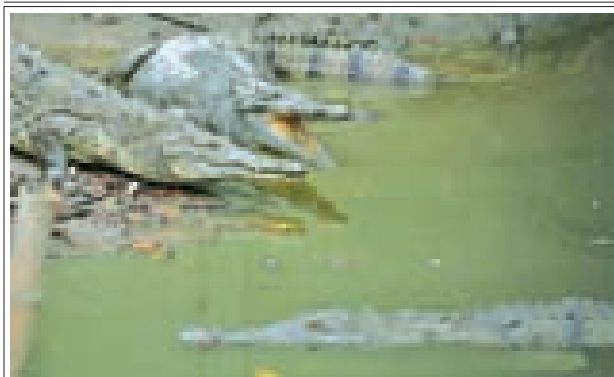
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(1)	MPPE/MCY/CAP/T/3 (2013-2014)	Mobile Fuel Lab (Brand New)	5 Sets	USD
(2)	MPPE/MCY/T/1 (2013-2014)	ERW Mild Steel Line Pipes and Gate Valves	5 Items	USD
(3)	MPPE/LP/MCY/CAP/T/1 (2013-2014)	Studded Anchor Chain with Shackle	11 Lengths	Kyat
(4)	MPPE/LP/MCY/CAP/T/2 (2013-2014)	Toyota Towing Tractor (Brand New) for Aviation Fuel Dispenser	4 Nos	Kyat
(5)	MPPE/LP/TTS/T/1(2013-2014)	Tyre with Tube and Flap	2 Items	Kyat

2. -Tender Closing Date & Time - 14-11-2013, 12:00 Hrs.

3. Tender documents are available at our office starting from 15-10-2013 during office hours and for further detail please contact: Phone: 067-411487.

Planning Department  
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Alligators remain on Santay Island, in Guayaquil, Ecuador, on 15 Oct, 2013. The island has 2,179 hectares and is part of the project carried by Rafael Correa's government called "Guayaquil Ecologico" that will help ensure more green space for the citizens of the island, according to local press.—XINHUA

#### 4.7-magnitude quake jolts eastern Romania

BUCHAREST, 16 Oct—An earthquake measuring over 4.7 magnitude on the Richter scale jolted Vrancea County in eastern Romania on Tuesday evening, according to the National Institute for Earth Physics Research and Development. The quake occurred at a depth of 136 km, with the epicenter near commune of Jitia, some 140

km north-west of the capital city of Bucharest, where the tremor was also felt. There is no report of casualty for now. Vrancea is one of the most active seismic areas in Europe. It is known for its intermediate-depth (70-200 km) earthquakes, which can reach a magnitude of 7.0-7.8. In March 1977, a 7.6-magnitude earthquake killed 1,600

people in Romania and damaged 8,500 buildings.

2013 is a year rich in seismic events in Romania. An earthquake measuring 5.5 magnitude on the Richter scale jolted Vrancea region on 6 Oct and at least another six quakes measuring over 4 and under 5 degrees on the Richter scale hit the same county.—Xinhua

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE UNION OF MYANMAR  
MINISTRY OF ENERGY

Dated : 10<sup>th</sup> October, 2013

**Awarded Companies and Related Blocks  
for Myanmar Onshore Blocks Bidding Round – 2013**

The Ministry of Energy of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar hereby announces that the following companies are awarded in their proposed blocks in relation to the Myanmar Onshore Blocks Bidding Round 2013:-

No.	Blocks / Area	Awarded Company
<b>PSC Blocks</b>		
1	B-2 (Zebutaung-Nandaw)	ONGC Videsh Limited, India
2	K (Yamethin)	Eni, Italy
3	O (Pathein)	Petroleum Exploration (PVT) Ltd., Pakistan
4	EP-1 (Kyaukkyi-Mindon)	Brunei National Petroleum Co., Sdn.Bhd., Brunei
5	EP-3 (Thegon-Shwegu)	ONGC Videsh Limited, India
6	IOR-5 (Htantabin)	Petronas Carigali, Malaysia
7	C-1 (Indaw-Yenan)	Pacific Hunt Energy Corp., Canada
8	H (Taungoo-Pyinmana)	Pacific Hunt Energy Corp., Canada
9	J (Mawlamyine )	Petroleum Exploration (PVT) Ltd., Pakistan
10	MOGE-4 (Myintha)	CAOG S.a r.l., Luxembourg
11	EP-4 (Mayaman)	JSOC Bashneft, Russia
12	RSF-5 (Ondwe)	Eni, Italy
13	MOGE-3 (Padaukpin-Natmi)	PTTEP South Asia Ltd. + Palang Sophon Offshore, Thailand
<b>IPR Blocks</b>		
14	IOR-4 ( Pyay )	MPRL E & P Pte. Ltd., British Virgin Islands
15	IOR-6 ( Myanaung )	MPRL E & P Pte. Ltd., British Virgin Islands
16	IOR-7 ( Shwepyitha )	Petronas Carigali, Malaysia

#### Few candidates gather massive crowds in Madagascar election campaigns

ANTANANARIVO, 16 Oct—Ten days before the presidential election, only a few among 33 candidates in Madagascar could gather massive crowds in their campaigns. Only eight candidates gathered crowds every time when they went on campaigning for support. They are considered by others as rich because they spent too much money attracting as many people as possible.

The eight candidates, mostly high-ranking officials in the transition government, have an exclusive contract with many artists, use helicopters during the 30-day propaganda to reach

remote villages, distribute thousands of T-shirts to people and publish thousands of posters to popularize their influence.

They spent money also renting cars and paying staffs in their propaganda.

According to the law on election in Madagascar, the 33 candidates have 30 days since 24 September to persuade the Malagasy people vote for them during the first round of polls set for 25 October. If none of them obtains 50 percent of votes, the two leading candidates will fight a duel during the second round on 20 December.

Xinhua

#### Gas plant explosion leaves four killed, three injured in central Mexico

MEXICO CITY, 16 Oct—At least four people were killed and three others injured on Tuesday after an explosion at a gas plant in the Industrial Park of Chachapa, a town in central Mexico's Puebla state, local authorities said.

The Puebla state's Public Security reported through its twitter account that the authorities are working in the area and the incident has been controlled. "Preliminary report in Chachapa: 4 deaths and 3 injured, authorities remain in place," it said. Xinhua



A member of the Bayi Parachute Team of the Chinese People's Liberation Army (PLA) Air Force gives a performance in Qionglai City, southwest China's Sichuan Province, on 14 Oct, 2013.—REUTERS

ENTERTAINMENT

## Jon Bon Jovi walks fan down aisle in Vegas wedding



LONDON, 16 Oct—Singer Jon Bon Jovi walked a fan down the aisle at her wedding in Las Vegas on Saturday.

The 51-year-old singer surprised Branka Delic at her wedding to Gonzalo Cladera at the Graceland Wedding Chapel in Las Vegas, reported *Contactmusic*.

“I have memories for life which I’ll never forget. Such an amazing man to take time from his schedule to come walk this crazy Aussie down the aisle.... Jon.... I salute,” the bride said. Two months ago Delic had started an online petition, *BonJovi-WalkMeDownTheAisle.com*, to have him at her nuptials, which took place at the same chapel where he married his high school sweetheart, Dorothea Hurley, in April 1989.

Later, the musician took to his Twitter page to congratulate the happy couple, writing, “Branka & Gonzalo! May you have a lifetime of happiness, love & memories together — always (sic)”.

The Always singer also posted an image of him with Branka at the chapel on the social networking website. Jon was dressed casually in a white shirt and a pair of jeans.—PTI

Jon Bon Jovi walks fan down aisle in Vegas wedding.

## Shraddha Kapoor keen to move beyond romance in films

MUMBAI, 16 Oct—Actress Shraddha Kapoor, recently seen in successful love saga *Aashiqui 2*, says she wants to go beyond the genre of romance on screen, and try her luck at different roles, especially a grey character.

“The fact that people liked *Aashiqui 2* and my character (Aarohi) in it, they now want to see me in



Shraddha Kapoor wants to play a character with grey shades

a lot more romantic films. I would like to do romantic films, but honestly I would like to do beyond that as well,” Shraddha told reporters here at an event.

“I would like to do other genres also and it will be interesting,” she added.

Shraddha, daughter of actor Shakti Kapoor, made her Bollywood debut with *Teen Patti* in 2010. But she earned popularity only with *Aashiqui 2*.

Asked about the kind of roles she wants to play, Shraddha said: “If I will get the opportunity to be a part of a very interesting character that has grey or white shades, then why not? I would love to play it.”

Meanwhile, the actress will soon be seen in Mohit Suri’s next *The Villain*. Besides, she has also teamed up with director Rohit Shetty for his next project, which is expected to go on floors soon.

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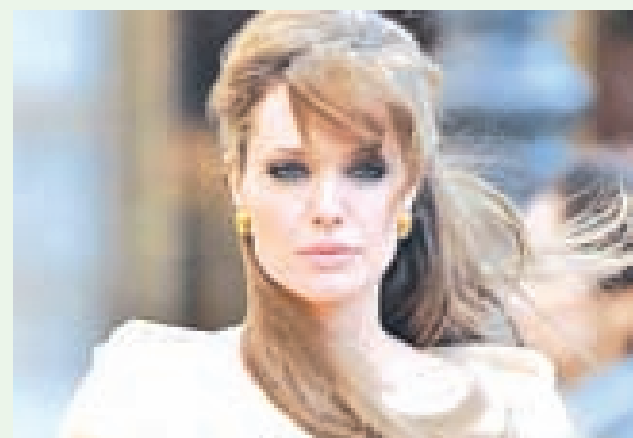
## Photographer says Angelina Jolie a modern Marilyn Monroe

LOS ANGELES, 16 Oct—Actress Angelina Jolie is the only modern beauty who could compete with silver screen legends Marilyn Monroe and Ava Gardner, says celebrity photographer Terry O’Neill.

During his career, O’Neill has captured the world’s most iconic beauties during his prolific career and he insists the days of the movie siren are numbered because there are just few current stars who possess the look, the elegance and the class of the greats.

But he feels that there is one actress who rises above the rest, reports *contactmusic.com*.

“Ava Gardner, Lana



Angie rises above the current crop of Hollywood beauties, says Terry O’Neill who photographed stars such as Marilyn Monroe and Ava Gardner.

Turner, Marilyn Monroe, lina Jolie, a different class of girl altogether. She’s a stunning, beautiful woman —a rarity,” he said.

PTI

## Competition with Sylvester Stallone gave way to mutual respect

LOS ANGELES, 16 Oct—Arnold Schwarzenegger, who will be seen with Sylvester Stallone in *Escape Plan*, says competition be-

tween them gradually gave way to mutual respect.

The duo used to compete in the action and muscle genre on the big screen.

Talking about his camaraderie with Stallone, Schwarzenegger said: “Sly and I were very competitive in the early days. It was always about who had the most cuts, the best muscle separation, the least amount of body fat, as well as who

had the biggest guns and the biggest on screen body count.

This kind of competition was continuous. But we always appreciated each other’s talent and this competition gave way to mutual respect.”

*Escape Plan*, directed by Mikael Hafstrom, is distributed by PVR Pictures in India.

PTI



Arnold Schwarzenegger and Sylvester Stallone will work together in *Escape Plan*

## Beckhams to give their home US makeover for children’s sake

LONDON, 16 Oct—David and Victoria Beckham are planning to make their new London house more American to stop their children from feeling homesick.

The superstar couple together have sons Brooklyn, 14, Romeo, 11, and Cruz, eight, and two-year-old daughter Harper.

They are hoping to buy a 45 million pounds townhouse after their return to the UK and interior designer Kelly Hoppen is set to give it a US makeover to help the family adjust to life away from Los Angeles, reported *Daily Star*.

“David and Victoria have been extremely conscious of how homesick the

kids have been since leaving LA and they’ve had a hard time setting in to their new school and making friends,” a source said.

“Brooklyn in particular has found the move difficult. Kelly designed the Beckham’s LA houses and decorated each of the boys’ rooms according to their own tastes,” it added.



The family, who recently sold their Beckingham Palace property for 12 million pounds, have reportedly given Kelly ‘unlimited’ resources to work with.

Reuters

Victoria and David Beckham don’t want their children to feel homesick.

REUTERS

## Spain beat Georgia 2-0 to secure World Cup berth

ALBACETE, 16 Oct—Holders Spain booked their place at next year's World Cup finals in Brazil with a minimum of fuss when Alvaro Negredo and substitute Juan Mata struck in a comfortable 2-0 home win over minnows Georgia on Tuesday.

The victory in Albacete meant the world and European champions finished top of qualification Group I on 20 points from eight matches, three ahead of France, who beat Finland 3-0 in Paris and go into the playoffs.

Negredo, who scored Spain's second in Friday's 2-1 win over Belarus and is looking a strong candidate for a regular place up front, clipped a volleyed Andres Iniesta centre into the net to put Spain ahead in the 26th minute.

The Manchester City forward scuffed a shot against the post five minutes before halftime before



Spain's Alvaro Negredo (R) celebrates his goal with his teammate Andres Iniesta during their 2014 World Cup qualifying soccer match against Georgia at Carlos Belmonte stadium in Albacete on 15 Oct, 2013.

REUTERS

Mata, who had replaced Pedro moments earlier, pounced on a loose ball and cracked home from close range in the 61st.

"It (classification) is a routine thing but you have to give it its worth," Del Bosque said at a news conference.

"We had a few problems against the lesser

teams but we also showed our strength against a powerful France side," he added in reference to Spain's 1-0 win in Paris in March.

"We almost, almost found ourselves losing out to them in the group but we came through with flying colours."

It was a memorable night for Iniesta, who hails

from a small town around 40 kilometres from Albacete, and he was given a rapturous reception by the home fans.

A hero to Spaniards after he scored the goal that secured their first World Cup in South Africa in 2010, his assist for Negredo's goal was a typically effortless piece of skill after his Barcelona team mate Pedro had sent him clear with a deft scooped pass.

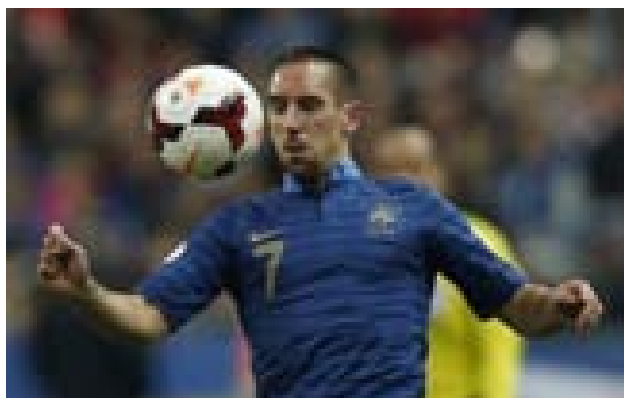
"To seal qualification here, what better place could there be," Iniesta said in a pitchside interview with Spanish television broadcaster Telecinco.

"It was a day of very strong emotions, my family here, all the people," added the 29-year-old.

"Playing here on my home patch they treat me with a special affection. It was a nice day and a nice match to get to Brazil and I am just really happy."

Reuters

## Ribery shines but France braced for playoffs



France's Franck Ribery controls the ball during the 2014 World Cup qualifying soccer match against Finland at the Stade de France stadium in Saint-Denis, near Paris, on 15 Oct, 2013.—REUTERS

PARIS, 16 Oct—Franck Ribery inspired France to a 3-0 win over Finland on Tuesday but they must now plan for next month's

World Cup playoffs after missing out on automatic qualification with Spain sealing top spot in Group I.

Ribery, an own goal

and Karim Benzema put France on 17 points but victory proved academic with Spain, who finished three points clear, overcoming Georgia 2-0.

France, 25th in the latest FIFA standings which will be updated on Thursday, are unlikely to be seeded in the playoff draw which takes place in Zurich on Monday.

The hosts went ahead after eight minutes when Ribery, a hot candidate for the FIFA Ballon d'Or award after another impressive showing, unleashed a missile from the edge of the area that flew into the top corner. Les Bleus, however, were shaky at the back at

times with left back Patrice Evra put under pressure.

In the 19th minute, Kasper Hamalainen beat the offside trap for Finland but his weak shot from inside the box went just wide.

France missed several clear chances but put the result beyond doubt in the 76th minute when Joonas Toivio deflected Olivier Giroud's header into his own net.

Karim Benzema, who ended a 15-game goal drought for France in last Friday's 6-0 hammering of Australia in a friendly, volleyed in from Ribery's fine pass to make it 3-0 three minutes from time.

Reuters

## Rose grabs two-shot lead at Grand Slam event

PORT ROYAL, (Bermuda), 16 Oct—Bermuda- US Open champion Justin Rose recovered from a back-nine stumble to take a two-stroke lead over Jason Dufner after Thursday's opening round of the four-man PGA Grand Slam of Golf in Bermuda.

Following bogeys at the 13th and 14th holes, the Briton steadied his ship with an eight-foot par putt on the 15th before making a two-putt birdie at the par-five 17th to post a four-under-par 67 at the Port Royal Golf Course in Southampton.

The elite 36-hole event

is for the winners of the year's four majors. British Open champion Phil Mickelson chose not to play and was replaced by defending champion Pdraig Harrington.



PGA Championship winner Dufner bogeyed the 14th and 16th holes as the breeze freshened en route to a two-under 69, while Masters champion Adam Scott, who had a bogey and double-bogey on the same two holes, was a further shot back.

Harrington mixed three birdies with four bogeys and a double-bogey for a three-over 74.

Rose made an ideal start at the par-four first, where he hit a poor drive but then nailed his approach shot from 186 yards for a tap-in birdie.

"My tee shot, I thought it was going to go straight in a bush, but it landed in the cart path just in front of that bush and hopped over, so I caught a good break there," Rose told reporters. "I didn't really play my best today but I kept the ball out of some really bad spots. I felt like I putted really well (and) read the greens well." The final round will be played on Wednesday.—Reuters

Justin Rose of Britain

## South Korea on the right track with Hong, says Hiddink

SEOUL, 16 Oct—Gus Hiddink, who led South Korea to the 2002 World Cup semi-finals, threw his support behind his former skipper Hong Myung-bo on Wednesday and said the new coach had put the Asian side on the right track after a horrid 2014 qualifying campaign.

Hiddink, who resigned as coach of Russian club Anzhi Makhachkala in July and has been touted as a candidate for the vacant Australia job, is still worshipped in South Korea, where statues were built and a stadium named after him.

Speaking to reporters at a lunch meeting with some of the players from his 2002 side, which became the first Asian team to reach the last four of a World Cup, Hid-

dink said it was important to play adventurous football in Brazil next year.

The Koreans lost 2-0 to the World Cup hosts in a friendly on Saturday before beating Mali 3-1 on Tuesday. "I saw in the game with Brazil ... they (Korea) are eager to go and play attractive football," he said. "We don't like to see a scared, defence-oriented team."

"If we see a Korea which is very adventurous, the whole world will recognise them. Maybe you are not going to the final but people all over the world will say: 'I'd like to see this team.'" Tuesday's game against the African side was Hong's eighth in charge after he took over from the much-maligned Choi Kang-hee.—Reuters



Anzhi Makhachkala's coach Gus Hiddink gestures during his team's Europa League soccer match against Newcastle United at the Luzhniki stadium in Moscow, on 7 March, 2013. REUTERS

## British driver Edwards dies in Porsche crash

QUEENSLAND, 16 Oct—British racing driver Sean Edwards has been killed in a crash at the Queensland Raceway in Australia.

The 26-year-old, the son of former Formula One driver Guy Edwards, died on Tuesday when the Porsche in which he was a passenger instructoring a 20-year-old male, slammed into a wall and caught fire.

Monaco-based Edwards, who was leading the drivers' championship in the 2013 Porsche Mobil 1 Supercup season with one race to go, was taking part in a private

vate training day at the time, according to Australian news reports. The driver reportedly suffered severe injuries.

"Our thoughts are with his family and we want to express our deepest condolences to his relatives," Hartmut Kristen, Head of Motorsport at Porsche, said in a statement. Edwards had a cameo role in the recently-released movie Rush, playing his father Guy who helped pull Niki Lauda from his burning Ferrari after a crash at a F1 Grand Prix at the Nurburgring in 1976.

Reacting to the news of Edwards' death, former McLaren driver David Coulthard took to Twitter.

"Shocking news about Sean Edwards passing, top man and super talented racer, condolences to his nearest and dearest," he said.

Karun Chandhok, a former F1 driver, added on Twitter: "RIP Sean Edwards... Sadly highlights the dangers that instructors put themselves in while helping other drivers." —Reuters



British racing driver Sean Edwards.

GENERAL



Photo taken on 15 Oct, 2013 shows the picturesque autumn scenery at Tianhechuan scenic zone in Huairou, on the outskirts of Beijing, China. XINHUA

## Pregnant cows to help South Dakota ranchers recover from storm

NEW YORK, 16 Oct — Ranchers in South Dakota who lost large parts of their cattle herds to a winter storm are not asking for blankets or food to help them recover. They want pregnant cows and heifers of breeding age, said a group organizing donations on Tuesday. Twenty cattlemen so far have pledged cows to help replenish western South Dakota herds devastated in the October 3-5 storm, said Montana rancher Kerry White, head of Citizens for Balanced Use, which promotes grazing leases on federal lands.

More than 6,100 cattle have been reported dead from the storm that may have claimed up to 30,000 head at a time when they had not yet developed protective winter coats, said South Dakota state veterinarian Dustin Oedekoven.

Some parts of South Dakota were pummeled by up to 4 feet of snow after freezing rain and wind gusts up to 70 miles per hour (112 km per hour).

Cows and calves grazing in vast, open grasslands succumbed to hypother-

mia, suffocated in massive snowdrifts or died from exhaustion trying to outrun the weather, Oedekoven said. The storm delivered crippling blows to ranchers who have spent decades building bloodlines and selecting for certain behavioral traits in cow-calf pairs, said Silvia Christen, executive director of the South Dakota Stockgrowers Association.

"Families are traumatized. These animals depended on them and they couldn't help," Christen said. White said his group is seeking pregnant cows or heifers from Montana, Idaho and Wyoming to jumpstart South Dakota production. The group is seeking 10,000 head to start shipping in December.

"We're not trying to replace the herds. We're trying to rebuild them," White said.

It will take weeks to determine the livestock death toll from the storm. Some ranches are still without power and snowdrifts and recent rains have made many remote pastures inaccessible.—Reuters



A young boy keeps warm as a cold wave hit Nanjing, capital of east China's Jiangsu Province, on 15 Oct, 2013.—XINHUA

## Turkey to shorten compulsory military service from next month

ANKARA, 16 Oct — Legislation that will shorten Turkey's compulsory military service from 15 to 12 months is expected to start next month, Deputy Prime Minister Bulent Arinc announced on Tuesday.

"Preliminary studies on the issue have been conducted for a while," said Arinc, adding that privates who served for at least 12 months will be immediately released and new conscripts will serve for 12 months accordingly.

Turkish Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan said on 4 October that researchers were studying how to shorten military service during an interview on private broadcaster ATV channel.

Days after Erdogan's statement, the General Staff of the Turkish armed forces announced the government agreed to shorten the compulsory military service of male citizens from 15 to 12 months.

The statement added that the duration of the short-term military service, for which university students can apply, will remain six months.—Xinhua

## Rooney and Gerrard send England to World Cup

LONDON, 16 Oct — Wayne Rooney and Steven Gerrard scored to send England to the World Cup finals with a 2-0 victory over Poland on Tuesday that gave them top spot in qualifying Group H on a thrilling and nervy night at Wembley.

Rooney's 41st-minute breakthrough was brilliantly created and executed after a patient England build-up gathered pace when Leighton Baines crossed for the Manchester United striker, who nodded the ball down and wide of keeper Wojciech Szczesny.

The match was played on a knife-edge as anything other than a win would have consigned England to a potentially difficult two-legged playoff tie, with group rivals Ukraine cruising to an easy win over San Marino. But midfielder

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England's Wayne Rooney (L) heads the ball to score a goal during their 2014 World Cup qualifying soccer match against Poland at Wembley Stadium in London on 15 Oct, 2013.—REUTERS

played some sensational football in the first half, and in the second, when Poland attacked more, they dug in very well and controlled them. "We've been getting better all the time. We always said if we could get to the last two games we'd be stronger."

Asked how the current team compared with the side beaten on penalties by Italy in the quarter-finals of the European Champi-

onship in 2012, Hodgson, who took Switzerland to the 1994 World Cup, said: "I would like to think we are a lot better."

"We've been working together for 18 months and the way we play has changed. We're getting better all the time, and I'd like to think in the months ahead we can get better still, as long as we can keep these players together."

Reuters

## Union Minister looks into development tasks in Salingyi Tsp

NAY PYI TAW, 16 Oct—Chairman of Implementation Committee of the Report of the Investigation Commission for Letpadaungtaung Copper Mining Project Union Minister U Hla Tun attended the launch of electrification for Shwehlay Village, Salingyi Township, Yinmabin District in Sagaing Region, yesterday.

On the occasion, officials from Myanmar-Wenbao Company and the rural electrification working committee presented reports on their work progress for electrification.

Union Minister U Hla Tun pressed the button to unveil the signboard for electrification and posed for a documentary photo with those present at the launch.

Shwehlay Village got installed with a transformer (315 KV), spending K 513.25 million.

According to the report of the Commission, he said that the Implementation Committee will cooperate with local people for se-

curity development of the region. The Union minister granted the local people to enjoy outcomes from utilization of natural resources and to get job opportunities at the projects. He said that the committee will fulfill the requirements of local people for basic needs.

The Union Minister then proceeded to No. (6) Textile factory in Salingyi, where he looked round workers in sewing by machine.

In meeting with local people at the factory, the Union Minister urged them to actively collaborate in resulting national interest.

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## Union Construction Minister meets UN Habitat Executive Director

NAY PYI TAW, 16 Oct—A delegation led by Executive Director Dr Joan Clos from UN Habitat paid a call on Union Minister for Construction U Kyaw Lwin at the minister's office yesterday morning.

NAY PYI TAW, 16 Oct—Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing met Vice-Chairman of Central Military Commission of the People's Liberation Army General Fan Changlong at Diaoyutai State Guesthouse in Beijing, People's Republic of China, yesterday evening.

At the meeting, the Commander-in-Chief was accompanied by Lt-Gen Myint Soe, Maj-Gen Mya Tun Oo and Maj-Gen Soe Thein of the Commander-in-Chief (Army) Office, Myanmar Ambassador to the People's Republic of China U Tin Oo, Military Attaché Col Aung Chein

and senior military officers. Together with the Vice-Chairman of the PLA, Deputy Chief of the General Staff General Sun Jian Guo and senior officers of the PLA attended the meeting.

Both sides held talks on further cooperation between the two armies on mutual interests.

Next, the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services and party attended a dinner hosted by the Vice-Chairman of the PLA.

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**Senior General Min Aung Hlaing accepts gift from Vice-Chairman of Central Military Commission of the People's Liberation Army General Fan Changlong.—MNA**



## Shift from centralized planning system to market-based one

NAY PYI TAW, 16 Oct—Ministry of National Planning and Economic Development is holding talks over changing from the centralized planning system to the market based planning system.

During the discussion at the ministry here today, officials from Poland embassy and Czech Republic embassy in Yangon, diplomats from European Union and UN agencies shared experiences of economic

reforms of their countries respectively.

The experiences of reforms of foreign countries would serve as a solid platform for Myanmar's reform process, said Daw Le Le Thein, Deputy Minister for National Planning and Economic Development.

Poland Ambassador Dr Jerzy Bayer clarified the steps of political, economic and social reforms of Poland and Director of Planning Department of

Myanmar Daw Thidar Myint discussed Myanmar's economic reform and the way forward.

The talks run until tomorrow and participants will discuss experiences of reforms in Poland, necessary framework for Myanmar reform process, economic reforms, opportunities and challenges in ASEAN region and developments to be achieved during reforms.

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## Lao Airlines plane crashes into Mekong river, 39 reported dead

BANGKOK, 16 Oct—A Lao Airlines plane crashed into the Mekong river in southern Laos on Wednesday, according to an airline official, in an accident Thai television channels said killed 39 people.

A Lao Airlines official said the plane had crashed at about 4 p.m. (0900) near Pakse, Champasak province, which is on the borders of both Thailand and Cambodia.

Thai television showed a photograph of the ATR

72 turboprop plane partly submerged in shallow water on a stretch of the Mekong, the tail severed. Another television channel showed what appeared to be several bodies on the bank of the river.

"We do not yet know the number of casualties, our executives are currently in a meeting and will provide more details in the morning," the airline official said by telephone.

Thai media said 39 people were killed, among

them two Thai nationals. It did not give the source of the information.

Lao Airlines is the national carrier of the communist state and has operated since 1976. Its aircraft carried 658,000 passengers last year and it has a fleet of just 14 planes, mostly propeller-driven.

It operates on seven domestic routes and has international flights to China, Cambodia, Thailand, Vietnam and Singapore.

Reuters

## Typhoon kills 17 people in eastern Japan, disrupts Tokyo transportation

TOKYO, 16 Oct—A powerful typhoon brought heavy rains and strong winds to eastern Japan on Wednesday, killing 17 people, including 16 on an island south of Tokyo, and paralyzing the public transportation system in the Tokyo metropolitan area during morning rush hours.

Typhoon Wipha, which stayed offshore in the Pacific before scaling back into an extratropical cyclone at 3 pm, caused mudslides on Izu Oshima Island, leaving 16 people dead and 42 others missing, according to local authorities and the Japan Meteorological Agency.

A woman in her 40s died after being swept away by a swollen river in Machida, western Tokyo.

In the town of Oshima on the island, about 120 kilometers south of Tokyo, mudslides destroyed about 30 homes as record rainfall of 122.5 millimeters per hour was registered.

As of 3 pm, the cyclone was moving north-

northeast at a speed of around 95 km per hour off Sanriku, northeastern Japan. It had an atmospheric pressure at its center of 968 hectopascals and was packing winds of up to 126 kph near its centre. As of 4 pm, four people on the main Japanese island of Honshu were missing and a total of 31 people in the Tohoku, Chubu and Hokuriku regions had sustained serious or minor injuries, the Na-

tional Police Agency said. Earlier in the day, Tokyo Gov. Naoki Inose asked the Ground Self-Defence Force to send personnel to the island on a disaster relief mission.

Similarly, the Metropolitan Police Department dispatched a special rescue unit to the island, while the Tokyo Fire Department's hyper rescue team was mobilized.

Kyodo News



Photo from a Kyodo News helicopter on 16 Oct, 2013, shows a rescue operation at houses hit by a mudslide after heavy rain brought by Typhoon Wipha on Izu Oshima Island south of Tokyo.—KYODO NEWS