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## President U Thein Sein meets Executive Vice-President of Pew Charitable Trusts



NAY PYI TAW, 17 Oct — President U Thein Sein received Mr. Joshua Reichert, Executive Vice-President of Pew Charitable Trusts based in New York City of the United States and party at a hall of the Presidential Palace, here, this morning.

The President spoke words of praise on the activities of the non-profit organization which has worked to serve the public interest, focusing on environmental conservation and protection for terrestrial and marine species.

The Executive Vice-President explained three major areas on which the organization is placing emphasis and ongoing tasks

for conservation of marine fisheries, forests and wild-life and energy and natural resources.

Moreover, they held talks on the need of financial and technical assistance and works to be done for serving the public interest, importance of formulating short-term and long-term plans on natural resources extraction for the sake of the people and future programs of conducting surveys of cooperation potentials in Myanmar.

Also present at the meeting were Union Ministers U Wunna Maung Lwin, U Myint Hlaing, U Ohn Myint, U Win Tun, U Zeyar Aung and Dr Ko Ko Oo and officials.—MNA

*President U Thein Sein poses for documentary photo with Mr. Joshua Reichert, Executive Vice-President of Pew Charitable Trusts based in New York City of the United States.—MNA*

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Nay Pyi Taw, 17 Oct— Press conference on bombings occurred in some regions these days will be held on 18 October at 2 pm at Mingalar Hall of Region Hluttaw Office, Yangon. Local and foreign correspondents are invited to the press conference.—MNA

## Chin State Education Department gets computers, satellite Internet

HAKA, 17 Oct—The handover of 908 computers, 30 sets of satellite for receiving Internet and one generator worth USD 602,000 donated by DANIDA, Chin National Front (CNF) and Chin State Government to Chin State Education Department took place at Bo Taik Chun hall of Basic Education High School No. 1, here, on 15

October.

At the ceremony, Chin State Chief Minister U Hong Ngai gave a speech and General Secretary Dr Shwe Khar of CNF explained the purpose of the donation. Then, the Chief Minister, the State Hluttaw Speaker, State ministers, DANIDA and guests of the CNF viewed the students studying with computers.—MNA

## Japanese Government grants assistance for construction of schools in Myanmar

YANGON, 17 Oct—The Japanese Government, under its Grant Assistance for Grass-Roots Human Security Projects (GGP) Scheme, has decided to provide US\$ 470,799 to four projects for construction of BEHS (branch) in Ahhtet Paygon Village and BEHS in Nyaunggu Village in Wakema Township in Ay-

eyawady Region, BEMS in Khanaung Chaungwa Village in Dala Township of Yangon Region and five schools in Mindat Township in Chin State.

Japanese Ambassador to Myanmar Mr. Mikio NUMATA and the chairman of each construction committee signed the grant contracts yesterday.

It is expected that these projects will provide more than 2,860 students at eight needy schools with better learning and sanitation environment. The Japanese Government has helped various grass-roots projects in Myanmar and 271 schools have been improved under GGP scheme counting from 1998.—NLM

## Water from two rivers to be purified for western, southern parts of Yangon

River water from the Koatkowa River in western part of Yangon and from the Toe River in southern part of Yangon will be purified into drinking water for the people in the west and southern parts of Yangon.

Yangon City Development Committee, in cooperation with Japan's technical team, is carrying out assessments of the quality of water from the two rivers, said U Myo Thein, Assistant Head of the Water and Sanitation Department of the YCDC.

Currently, Yangon, Gyobyu, Hlawgar,

Nyaunghnapin reservoirs are main sources for water supply to Yangon.

"We are working hard to be able to sufficiently supply drinking water to the people and drinking water supply will reach more parts of Yangon as we will use the water resources in western and southern parts of Yangon," says U Myo Thein.

The Koatkowa River is located about 18 miles from Nyaungdon and the Toe River is located near Twantay in southern Yangon.

The townships in western and southern parts of Yangon have got drinking

water, but in sufficient.

Seikkyikhanaungto and Dala townships in southern part of Yangon are still relying on lakes for drinking water, facing

shortage of drinking water in summer.

Upon completion of the two projects, local people in those areas would be supplied

with drinking water sufficiently.

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*Staff from Water and Sanitation Department carrying out works for supply of drinking water to western and southern parts of Yangon.*

## Meeting of ASEAN Task Force on Traditional Medicine commences



Deputy Minister for Health Dr Than Aung speaking at 4<sup>th</sup> Meeting of ASEAN Task Force on Traditional Medicine.—MNA

YANGON, 17 Oct—As ASEAN Traditional Medicine Task Force was constituted with leaders of respective work groups in 2010, they have adequate experiences to seek better results in traditional medicine sector to some extent, said Deputy Minister for Health Dr Than Aung at the opening of 4<sup>th</sup> Meeting of ASEAN Task Force on Traditional Medicine at Central Hotel in Bogyoke Aung San Street, here, recently.

He continued that Traditional Medicine Depart-

ment under the Ministry of Health is providing health care services to the local people at one 100-bed traditional medicine hospital each in Yangon and Mandalay, three 50-bed hospitals in other townships, ten 16-bed hospitals and 243 dispensaries, he added.

He called for coordinating qualification and technological requirements including research works among ASEAN countries so as to uplift traditional medicine sector in providing preliminary health care services to the

people.

The meeting was attended by delegates from ASEAN countries for holding discussions on exchange of information on research works, role of traditional medicine in preliminary health care services and training for the traditional medicine practitioners so as to create betterment of health care in ASEAN Community.

Previous meetings were held in Vietnam in 2010, in Indonesia in 2011 and Malaysia in 2012.

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## Sibin guest house extends new hostels facilitated with air-conditioners

Preparations are being made for hosting the XXVII SEA Games in Nay Pyi Taw on a grand scale.

Sports teams, observers and media persons will come to the SEA Games. It is necessary to give accommodation for them. At present, hotels in Nay Pyi Taw Hotel Zone are extending the construction of new rooms for the hotels so as to accommodate the visitors of SEA Games.

Under the supervision of Engineering Department (Building) of Nay Pyi Taw Development Committee, construction companies are building the 21 hostels with 168 rooms where athletes and visitors will be accommodated during the XXVII SEA Games, at the guest house of Revenue Department in Zabuthiri Township. So far,

construction tasks have been completed by 80 per cent.

Guest house No. 1 was built in 2007 under the supervision of the Revenue Department of the Committee and it is formed with 68 hostels comprising 536 rooms. No. 2 guest house is constituted with 76 hostels comprising 608 rooms.

Both guest houses can accommodate 3432 visitors simultaneously. Ordinary room can give accommodation to three guests. Three-person room charge is K 2000 per visitor each. Special room is equipped with air-conditioner that charges K 5000 per guest. So, the special room is charged K 15000 per three guests.

At present, 21 new hostels are under construction for enabling

the athletes and observers to take accommodation in group.

At present, those wishing to sit for the examinations of Union Civil

## Construction

Services Board stay at the guest house. Male and female hostels are located separately for the convenience of visitors.

In addition, the

service persons on duty from countryside may take shelters at the guest house at fair charge.

Furthermore, motorcycle and saloon taxis are giving transport services to the guests from the hostels to the their distinctions.

These hostels will have

168 rooms installed with air-conditioners. Therefore, the hostels of the Nay Pyi Taw Development Committee's guest houses will have 1320 rooms in total for accommodating over 4000 guests simultaneously.

MMAL-Tin Hlaing (Meiktila)



Workers seen at worksite for building new hostels at Sibin guest house in Nay Pyi Taw before XXVII SEA Games.

## Applications on electric meters increase in Mahlaing Tsp

MAHLAING, 17 Oct—The Union government is striving for ensuring rural development and poverty alleviation with momentum.

Meanwhile, the ministries concerned also place emphasis on regional development and electrification.

As a result, some local people of Mahlaing Township who could not enjoy electricity in the past are

now with electricity not only in the urban but in rural areas.

With regard to applications of electric power, U Kyaw Soe Win, Junior Engineer II of Electricity Supply Enterprise said that after the order to collect maintenance of electric meter per K 500 issued by Ministry of Electric Power, the number of applicants are on the

increase. Up to the end of September, the township has installed 384 houses with electric meters.

He added that in October, the local people submitted applications to the enterprise. It depends on assistance of the region government for installation of electric power supply, he said.

Kyaw Kyaw (Mahlaing)



INTERNATIONAL WHITE CANE DAY: In commemoration of the International White Cane Day, the Mayor Cup 22<sup>nd</sup> International White Cane Day was held in Yangon at 6 am on 15 October. The participants actively took part in the commemorative ceremony held at the vast place between City Hall on Maha Bandoola Street and in front of Maha Bandoola Park in Kyauktada Township of Yangon Region.

KYEMON-SAW THEIN WIN

## WORLD

## British lawmakers attack government “timidity” over Sri Lanka

LONDON, 17 Oct—Britain’s decision to set aside worries about Sri Lanka’s human rights record and back its selection as host of a Commonwealth leaders’ meeting showed a lack of principle, a panel of lawmakers said on Thursday.

In a critical report, the British parliament’s Foreign Affairs Committee said the government had opposed Sri Lankan attempts to host the meeting in 2011 on human rights grounds, only to support its 2013 bid without seeing evidence of change.

“That approach now appears timid,” it said. “The UK could and should have taken a more principled stand ... in the light of the continuing serious human rights abuses in Sri Lanka.”

The Sri Lankan government has faced condemnation of its rights record, in particular for its final campaign against separatist Tamil Tigers, an offensive the United Nations said killed tens of thousands of civilians in 2009.

Canadian Prime Minister Stephen Harper has said he will not attend the summit. Britain’s David



Britain’s Prime Minister David Cameron speaks during the Northern Ireland Investment Conference at the Titanic Centre in Belfast on 11 Oct, 2013.

REUTERS

Cameron will go and has promised to raise the issue of human rights.

The British government “should have taken a more robust stand” with its former colony before the November summit in the capital Colombo, the panel said.

Debating whether Cameron should or should not have boycotted the meeting is now counterproductive, it added. Leaders of Commonwealth states — a group of 53 countries, nearly all former British colonies — meet every two years.

The lawmakers, whose cross-party committee has

influence but no binding powers, said there was scant evidence of progress on rights in Sri Lanka since the end of the war.

The panel said the British government was aware of torture in Sri Lanka and attacks on lawyers, reporters and campaigners.

UN human rights chief Navi Pillay said last month the country was drifting towards authoritarian rule.

The Sri Lankan government says its rights record has improved since the war, rejects the criticism as unsubstantiated and biased, and accuses Western states of waging a vendetta.

Reuters

## US averts default, to reopen gov’t with Congress decision

WASHINGTON, 17 Oct—The United States averted a default and was set to normalize government operations on Wednesday after Congress endorsed Washington’s authority to keep borrowing, as well as a budget to fully fund public services until early 2014. The move following a bipartisan deal reached in the divided Congress ends the partial government shutdown and allays concerns among global investors about a potential default of the world’s largest economy.

The Democrat-controlled Senate cleared the

requisite bill while the Republican-run House of Representatives did likewise on Wednesday night.

Under the agreement, the debt ceiling will be raised so the US government can borrow until 7 February and a temporary budget will be drafted to fund government operations until 15 January.

The deal was reached through a series of meetings between Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, a Democrat, and Republican Minority Leader Mitch McConnell.

The move came after Fitch Ratings warned on Tuesday it could cut the US

sovereign credit rating, putting US government debt on rating-watch negative due to the protracted congressional budget negotiations.

The parties failed to pass a budget by the 1 October start of fiscal 2014, leading to the partial shutdown of the federal government, as the Republicans sought to thwart the implementation of the so-called Obamacare health care insurance reforms. The partial government shutdown affected many non-Americans including tourists as it forced many tourism spots such as the Statue of Liberty in New York, the Grand Canyon National Park and Smithsonian museums in Washington to temporarily close.—Kyodo News

## Two dead, 17 injured in Chinese building explosion

HARBIN, 17 Oct—At least two people were killed and another 17 were injured after an explosion on early Thursday morning in a residential building in northeast China’s Heilongjiang Province, local authorities said.

Police in the province’s Jixi City received reports at about 5:26 am that an explosion had occurred at a building in Longshan International Community, according to the municipal government.

One person died at the scene and another died on the way to the hospital. A number of apartments were also damaged in the explosion, according to the government.

A natural gas leak probably contributed to the explosion, according to an initial investigation by rescuers.—Xinhua



Tourists visit the Statue of Liberty in New York, the United States, on 16 Oct, 2013. The Statue of Liberty reopened to the public on 13 Oct after New York State reached an agreement with the federal government to reopen the Statue of Liberty which is closed as a result of the partial federal government shutdown.—XINHUA

## World powers, Iran agree to hold next round of nuclear talks on 7-8 November



After two-day talks between the P5+1 — including Britain, China, France, Russia and the United States plus Germany — and Iran, they for the first time agreed on a joint statement and announced on Wednesday to meet again in Geneva on 7-8 November.—XINHUA

GENEVA, 17 Oct—European Union (EU) foreign policy chief Catherine Ashton said Wednesday that world powers agreed with Iran to continue their nuclear talks on 7-8 November in Geneva.

Ashton told reporters that after two-day talks between the five permanent members of the United Nations Security Council — Britain, China, France, Russia and the United States plus Germany, and Iran, they for the first time agreed on a joint statement.

The P5+1 and Iranian

nuclear scientific and sanctions experts will convene before the next meeting to address differences and develop practical steps, according to the joint statement reached by Ashton and Iranian Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad-Zarif, who headed the Iranian delegation. Ashton said the discussions were “intensive” and “very important.”

During the meeting, Zarif presented an outline of a plan as a proposed basis for negotiation, which is being carefully considered by the P5+1 delegates as an impor-

tant contribution. Members of delegations followed with in-depth bilateral and joint consultations on various elements of the approach, according to the statement. “We have always sought to put forward ideas that can help to build confidence in the exclusively peaceful nature of the Iranian nuclear programme.”

In the detailed work we are doing and engaged in, we will always continue to look for ways in which we can do that,” said Ashton, declining to disclose details of the negotiations.—Xinhua

## Two African women awarded Women for Change prize

DEAUVILLE, (France), 17 Oct—Two African women won the Women for Change awards at a Women’s Forum Global Meeting here on Wednesday night.

Maria Raharinarivonirina from Madagascar and Marie Nomo Messina from Cameroon were voted winners among five African women shortlisted for the

awards. Each will receive 25,000 euros (34,000 US dollars).

Raharinarivonirina established Women’s Home in six small villages in her country to provide women with education and job skills, to inform them of their rights to combat gender discrimination and all forms of violence in an area where women are

not educated, have no fortune and are not independent.

Messina’s Hand in Hand programme is to protect orphans from all types of violence and exploitation, to offer them special care to ensure their physical and psychological development and to restore their self-confidence by encouraging them to re-enter society.—Xinhua

## Canada to grant honorary citizenship to Malala Yousafzai

OTTAWA, 17 Oct—Pakistani teenage activist Malala Yousafzai, who was shot in the head by the Taliban for campaigning for girls’ education, will be granted honorary Canadian citizenship, the Canadian government announced on Wednesday.

She will join an elite group of foreign honourees

who include South Africa’s Nelson Mandela and Myanmar’s Aung San Suu Kyi.

“Canada recognizes the courageous and inspiring example set by Malala Yousafzai in risking her life promoting education for young women,” the government said in a speech setting out its priorities for the next two years. “She faced down



Malala Yousafzai, 16-year-old Pakistani campaigner, evil and oppression and now speaks boldly for those who are silenced.—Reuters

## SCIENCE &amp; TECHNOLOGY

## Greenwald exits Guardian for new Omidyar media venture

WASHINGTON, 17 Oct — Glenn Greenwald, who has made headlines around the world with his reporting on US electronic surveillance programs, is leaving the *Guardian* newspaper to join a new media venture funded by eBay founder Pierre Omidyar, according to people familiar with the matter. Greenwald, who is based in Brazil and was among the first to report information provided by one-time US National Security Agency (NSA) contractor Edward Snowden, wrote in a blog post on Tuesday that he was presented with a “once-in-a-career dream journalistic opportunity” that he could not pass up.

He did not reveal any specifics of the new media venture but said details would be announced soon. Greenwald did not immediately respond to a request for comment. Two sources familiar with the new venture said the financial backer was Omidyar. It was not immediately clear if he was the only backer or if there were other partners. Omidyar could not immediately be reached for comment. Omidyar, who is chairman of the board at eBay Inc (EBAY.O) but is not involved in day-to-day operations at the company, has numerous philanthropic, business and political interests, mainly through an investment entity called the Omidyar Network.



Glenn Greenwald, American journalist who first published the documents leaked by former NSA contractor Edward Snowden, testifies in front of the Brazilian Federal Senate's Parliamentary Inquiry Committee, established to investigate allegations of spying by United States on Brazil, in Brasilia on 9 Oct, 2013.

REUTERS

Forbes pegged the 46-year-old Omidyar's net worth at \$8.5 billion.

Among his ventures is Honolulu Civil Beat, a news website covering public affairs in Hawaii. Civil Beat aimed to create a new online journalism model with paid subscriptions and respectful comment threads, though it is unclear how successful it has been. Omidyar, a French-born Iranian-American, also founded the Democracy Fund to support “social entrepreneurs working to ensure that our political system is responsive to the public,” according to its website. Omidyar's active Twitter account suggests he is very concerned about the government spying programs exposed by Green-

wald and Snowden.

“There goes freedom of association: NSA collects millions of e-mail address books globally,” Omidyar tweeted on Tuesday, pointing to a new *Washington Post* story based on Snowden documents. Jennifer Lindauer, a spokeswoman for the *Guardian*, said in a statement posted on Greenwald's site: “We are of course disappointed by Glenn's decision to move on, but can appreciate the attraction of the new role he has been offered. We wish him all the best.” The news of Greenwald's departure from the *Guardian* was reported earlier by BuzzFeed.

Reuters

## Snorkeler finds rare giant oarfish off California coast

NEW YORK, 17 Oct—A California marine instructor's leisurely weekend snorkel turned into the discovery of a lifetime when she found the carcass of a massive, eel-like creature of a species thought to have inspired legends of giant sea serpents. Catalina Island Marine Institute instructor Jasmine Santana spotted the 18-foot (5.5-metre) oarfish, which is as thick as a man's torso, while snorkeling in clear waters off the island's coast on Sunday afternoon, the institute said.

The creatures are found in all temperate to tropical waters, but because they dive to depths of 3,000 feet, they are rarely seen and remain largely unstudied. Little is known about their behavior, the non-profit educational institute said. “Jasmine Santana was shocked to see (a) half-dollar sized eye staring at her from the sandy bottom,” the institute said in a statement. “Her first reaction was to approach with caution, un-



The crew of sailing school vessel *Tole Mour* and Catalina Island Marine Institute instructors hold an 18-foot-long oarfish that was found in the waters of Toyon Bay on Santa Catalina Island, California in this handout picture courtesy of the Catalina Island Marine Institute taken on 13 Oct, 2013.—REUTERS

til she realized that it was dead.”

Oarfish have a pug face, a crest running the length of their bodies and a skeleton of bone rather than cartilage common to fish species like sharks. They can grow up to a length of 56 feet. Because of their strange appearance, they are believed to have inspired legends of giant sea serpents. It took a

group of 15 adults to pull the fish's massive carcass up the beach to a better viewing area, the institute said. Its longest serving employee, Mark Johnson, could not believe his eyes. “In 32 years here,” he said. “I have never seen anything like this!”

The body of the fish appeared almost perfectly intact.—Reuters

## Yahoo says to keep larger stake in Alibaba after its IPO

SAN FRANCISCO, 17 Oct —Yahoo Inc (YHOO.O) said on Tuesday it will keep a larger stake in Alibaba Group Holding Ltd than originally planned after it goes public, hoping to profit from the Chinese e-commerce company's future growth. Founded by billionaire Jack Ma, Alibaba is expected to file for an estimated \$15 billion IPO in 2014, valuing the operator of retail, auction and content websites at more than \$100 billion. The IPO is one of the most eagerly anticipated Internet debuts since Facebook Inc (FB.O) in 2012.

Alibaba has decided not to list its shares in Hong Kong, but has not yet committed to listing on any other exchange, including the New York Stock Exchange, CEO Jonathan Lu told *Reuters* last week. Under the terms of an amended agreement that Yahoo announced alongside its quarterly results, the US Internet company will sell up to 208

million of the 523.6 million Alibaba shares it owns, either directly to the Chinese company or through the IPO. That is down from a previously agreed maximum of 261.5 million.

After the IPO, Yahoo would have the right to sell its remaining Alibaba shares at its discretion, Yahoo said. A spokesman for Alibaba said that the terms of the previous agreement, which permitted Yahoo to sell only after a one-year lock-up period following the IPO, would remain in

force. On Tuesday, Yahoo announced second-quarter results from Alibaba, in which it holds a 24 percent stake, underscoring the Internet, retail and content company's rapid growth. Alibaba's revenue grew 61 percent to \$1.74 billion in the April to June period, while net income jumped 159 percent to \$707 million. That pace is down from 71 percent in the first quarter, but still exceeded BGC Partners analyst Colin Gillis' forecast for about 54 percent.—Reuters

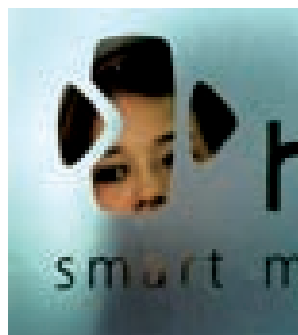


A worker walks past a logo of Alibaba Group at its headquarters on the outskirts of Hangzhou, Zhejiang Province, on 24 Aug, 2013.—REUTERS

## Amazon partners with HTC to make smartphones

BANGALORE, 17 Oct — Amazon.com Inc (AMZN.O) is developing smartphones with HTC Corp (2498.TW), putting it in a position to compete with Apple Inc (AAPL.O) and Google Inc (GOOG.O), the *Financial Times* reported.

One device is already in an advanced stage of development, the paper reported, citing a source. However, another source



The logo of HTC is seen in Taipei on 24 Sept, 2008.

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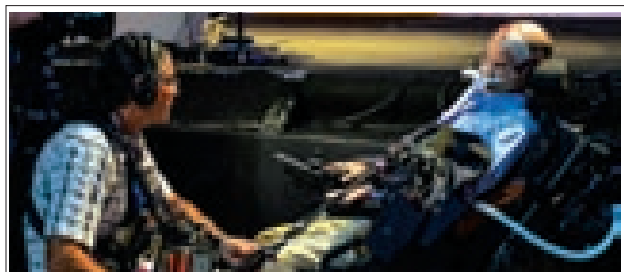
said Amazon may decide not to release it, according to the paper.

The device is likely to be launched in 2014 if Amazon decides to proceed with the project, the newspaper said. (r.reuters.com/faf83v) Amazon and HTC could not be immediately reached for comment.

Speculation that Amazon will launch its own mobile devices has been around for years. In 2011,

Citigroup said that Amazon would launch a smartphone in 2012 through a partnership with contract cellphone maker Foxconn International. If Amazon turns to Asia to launch a smartphone, it will be following the example of Google, which tied up with Taiwan's Asus (2357.TW) and South Korea's LG Electronics (066570.KS) for its Nexus devices.

Reuters



A brain disease patient is interviewed during the International Brain Tech Israel 2013 Conference in Tel Aviv, Israel, on 15 Oct, 2013. The two-day International Brain Tech Israel 2013 Conference, the first of its kind in Israel, was held here on Tuesday. The conference provided about 40 presentations and discussions as well as product showcasings featuring the fields of neuroscience, DNA, behavioral sciences, and drugs.—XINHUA

## BUSINESS &amp; HEALTH

## Nobel winner warns of “bubbly” global home prices

WASHINGTON/STOCKHOLM, 17 Oct — One of three American economists who won the 2013 economics Nobel prize on Monday for research into market prices and asset bubbles expressed alarm at the rapid rise in global housing prices. Robert Shiller, who shared the 8 million Swedish crown (775,000 pound) prize with fellow laureates Eugene Fama and Lars Peter Hansen, said the US Federal Reserve’s economic stimulus and growing market speculation were creating a “bubbly” property boom. The Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences lauded the

economists’ research on the prices of stocks, bonds and other assets, saying “mispricing of assets may contribute to financial crises and, as the recent global recession illustrates, such crises can damage the overall economy.”

This was the case in the collapse of the US housing market, which helped trigger the 2008-2009 global financial crisis. Markets are at risk of committing the same error now, Shiller told Reuters after learning he had won the Nobel prize. “This financial crisis that we’ve been going through in the last five years has been one that seems to re-

veal the failure to understand price movements,” Shiller said. Bubbles are created when investors fail to recognize when rising asset prices become detached from underlying fundamentals. Shiller and other economists warn that prices in some markets have risen too far, too fast due to the Fed’s ultra-easy monetary policy. The benchmark US Standard & Poor’s 500 index hit a record in September, though it is generally not considered overvalued based on expectations for corporate earnings results or economic growth.

Shiller’s work led him to suggest in 2005 that the



Robert Shiller, one of three American scientists who won the 2013 economics Nobel prize, poses at his home in New Haven, Connecticut on 14 Oct, 2013. — REUTERS

US housing market might be overheating. He helped create a closely watched gauge of housing prices, the S&P Case/Shiller Index. In June this year, he pointed to a potential new housing bubble in some of America’s largest cities. “It is up 12 percent in the last

year. This is a very rapid price increase right now, and I believe that it is accelerated somewhat by the Fed’s policy,” he said. China, Brazil, India, Australia, Norway and Belgium, among other countries, were witnessing similar price rises. — Reuters

## Children who stutter differ in brain development

VANCOUVER, 17 Oct — Children who stutter have less grey matter in key regions of the brain responsible for speech production than children who do not stutter, according to a new Canadian study.

The study, published recently in the peer-reviewed journal *Cortex*, explains how the brain is built for speech production, why people stutter, and affirms the importance of seeking early treatment.

Researchers from the University of Alberta scanned the brains of 28 children ranging from 5 to 12 years old, half of whom had been diagnosed with a stutter.

The remaining half served as a control group. Results showed that the inferior frontal gyrus region of the brain develops abnormally in children who stutter.

According to the researchers, that part of the brain is thought to control articulatory coding — taking information our brain understands about language and sounds and coding it into speech movements.

“If you think about the characteristics of stuttering, repetitions of the first sounds or syllables in a word, prolongation of sounds in a word, it’s easy to hypothesize that it’s a speech-motor-control problem,” said Deryk Beal, lead author of the study.

Reuters

## UK unemployment rate steady, claimant count plunges



Shoppers walk past a newspaper advertising board promoting its job supplement in Leicester, central England, on 14 Sept, 2011. — REUTERS

LONDON, 17 Oct — Britain’s unemployment rate held steady in the three months to August but the sharpest fall in more than 16 years in the number of people claiming jobless benefits showed the labour market was continuing to heal.

Unemployment was 7.7 percent in the June-August period, unchanged from May-July, the Office for National Statistics said on Wednesday. A narrow majority of economists in a Reuters poll had expected the jobless rate to remain unchanged at 7.7 percent.

In the hope of giving Britain’s economic recovery a boost, the Bank of England said in August it will not consider raising interest rates before unemployment falls to 7 percent.

The Bank of England forecasts that will not happen before the third quarter of 2016. But investors largely expect unemployment to fall much faster and many have put money on the chance of a rate hike in early

2015. Surveys of British services and manufacturing last month suggested employment was picking up along with a broader recovery in the economy.

Wednesday’s data showed the number of people claiming jobless benefits — a narrower and timelier measure of unemployment — fell by a much bigger-than-expected 41,700 in September. That was the biggest monthly fall in claimant counts since June 1997. August’s data was also revised to show a drop of 41,600, a fall of 9,000 more than first reported.

Even as Britain’s labour market picks up, many people in work are not seeing an improvement in their living standards. Average weekly earnings growth including bonuses slowed sharply to 0.7 percent in the three months to August compared with a year earlier. Excluding bonuses, pay grew 0.8 percent. By contrast, inflation in September was 2.7 percent. — Reuters

## Vedanta seeks fresh blessing for £2.2 billion India buyout offers

LONDON, 17 Oct — Mining group Vedanta (VED.L) has asked shareholders to renew their backing for an offer of up to \$3.48 billion (2.17 billion pounds) to buy Indian government minority stakes in two of its subsidiaries, as it seeks to streamline its structure. Indian had been hoping to raise about \$9 billion from the sale of state-owned assets this year, and has indicated that it does plan to sell the stakes — 29.5 percent of Hindustan Zinc (HZNC.NS) and 49 percent of aluminium producer BALCO.

However, India’s mining ministry wants parliamentary approval before the Hindustan Zinc sale goes ahead, and the BALCO sale may need special approval from the markets

regulator. In January last year, Vedanta, a London-listed natural resources conglomerate, offered India \$2.94 billion for its stake in Hindustan Zinc, and \$338 million for the shares in BALCO — part of a broader effort to slim down its byzantine structure. Vedanta said the government had not formally responded to that offer, or to two subsequent letters.

That forced Vedanta to renew permission from shareholders to make fresh offers. As of August last year, it had a mandate to offer, in Indian rupees, the equivalent of \$3.38 billion for the Hindustan Zinc shares and \$550 million for BALCO, but that mandate has expired. Now, because the rupee has weakened, it is seeking a lower threshold

- permission to offer up to \$487 million for BALCO and no more than \$3.48 billion for both shares combined. That could still mean higher formal offers for both or either, as the stakes do not have to be sold simultaneously.

Shareholders have been called to vote on 30 October. If Vedanta buys all the Indian government’s interests, its holdings in Hindustan Zinc and BALCO will increase to 94.4 percent and 100 percent respectively, and its economic interests will increase to 55 percent and 58.3 percent. Hindustan Zinc shares were up 2 percent on Wednesday, valuing the company at just over \$9 billion, and the government’s stake at almost \$2.7 billion. — Reuters

## Hong Kong says looking into forex manipulation allegations

HONG KONG, 17 Oct — The Hong Kong Monetary Authority said on Wednesday that it has spoken to foreign regulators about allegations of manipulation in the foreign exchange market and is now speaking to banks about it.

The move comes as authorities in Switzerland and Britain are probing whether traders in the \$5 trillion-a-day market sought to manipulate benchmark foreign currency rates.

“The Hong Kong Monetary Authority is aware of

the allegations. We have been in communications with the relevant overseas regulators and following up with individual banks,” the de facto central bank said in a statement to Reuters.

Switzerland’s competition commission WEKO and its financial markets regulator FINMA said earlier this month that they had opened investigations into potential manipulation of foreign exchange markets by banks. They did not name the banks under investigation.

Last week, a source



A security guard walks past a directory board of Hong Kong Monetary Authority (HKMA) in Hong Kong on 20 Dec, 2012. — REUTERS

familiar with the matter told Reuters the United States was also involved in the probe. Until now, no Asian authority has confirmed it is also involved in the investigations. Royal Bank of Scot-

land (RBS.L) has already handed Britain’s financial regulator instant messages sent by a former currency trader to counterparts at other banks, Reuters reported last week.

Reuters

## New Jersey voters elect Democrat Cory Booker to US Senate

NEW YORK, 17 Oct — Democrat Cory Booker, the charismatic mayor of Newark, was the unofficial winner of a New Jersey special election on Wednesday, handily defeating a conservative Republican to fill the state's vacant US Senate seat.

Booker, who had been heavily favoured in polls,

defeated conservative Republican Steve Lonegan, a former small-town mayor, according to tallies published online by *The New York Times*, Politico and the *Star-Ledger* newspaper.

The tallies showed Booker with an 11 point lead over Lonegan with more than 90 percent of the votes counted.

Booker, 44, spoke to cheering supporters in Newark where he thanked them for turning out to vote against the backdrop of the 16-day government shutdown and partisan battling in Washington.

"It would have been easy to listen to this frustrating negativity and stay home today. But here in New Jersey, more than a million people rejected cynicism and came out on a Wednesday, in the middle of October, three weeks before we have another election, to fight the cynicism," he said.

"You didn't just vote, you believed that your vote and choice mattered," he said.

Booker becomes the first black US senator from New Jersey. In Washington, Booker will join Republican Tim Scott of South Carolina as the nation's

only two black senators.

He will fill the US Senate seat held by Democrat Frank Lautenberg, who died in June at age 89.

Booker, a Rhodes scholar and Yale Law School graduate, rocketed to fame as a booster for the state's largest city, 12 miles from Manhattan, which has struggled with poverty and persistently high crime.

His first run for mayor was documented in the Oscar-nominated film "Street Fight." Booker is known to rub shoulders with celebrities and is a near-constant presence on Twitter. During Booker's tenure as mayor, Newark received a \$100 million gift to its schools from Facebook founder Mark Zuckerberg, who said he had met Booker and was impressed by his plans.

Reuters



US Senate candidate Cory Booker hugs his mother Carolyn after delivering a speech during his campaign's election night event in Newark, New Jersey, on 16 Oct, 2013.—REUTERS

## Typhoon Nari kills 9 Vietnamese

HANOI, 17 Oct — As of late Wednesday, Typhoon Nari killed at least nine, left six others missing, and injured 76 people in Vietnam's central coastal provinces, reported the Central Committee for Flood and Storm Prevention on Thursday. Property loss is estimated to reach 1.5 trillion VND (71 million US dollars).

Specifically, the storm broke out more than 500 homes and damaged about 12,000 others in Thua Thien-Hue, Da Nang, Quang Nam and Quang Ngai Provinces. More than 350 ha of paddy fields, 3,284 ha of crops were flooded, while 77 fishing vessels sunk or broken, and 95 power poles blew down.

Rainfalls of between 200-400mm were recorded from central Quang Binh to Quang Ngai Provinces, and in the Central Highlands region. As a result, water levels in local rivers were increased, causing floods in low areas.

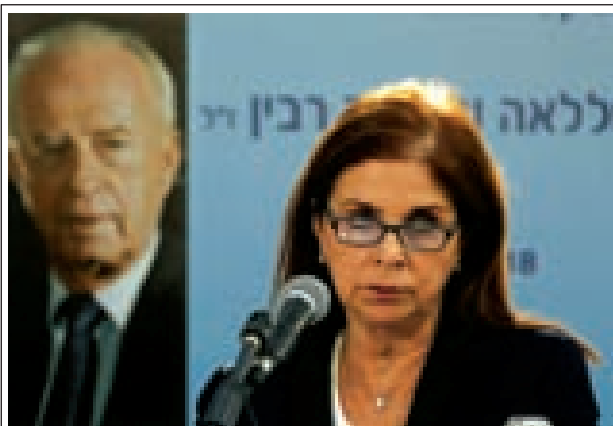
Many reservoirs are now at risk of overflowing, of which 13 units run by hydro-power plants have been discharging the overflow, said the report.

Typhoon Nari made a landfall to Vietnam's central coastal provinces late on Monday night, with Da Nang city being the storm eye, and it devastated the region until Wednesday morning. It was the 11th storm hitting the country so far this year.—Xinhua



Photo shows a two-day international conference in Pyongyang on 16 Oct, 2013, the opening day. North Korea organized the conference on its economic development, with a major focus on foreign investment and special economic zones.

KYODO NEWS



Dalia Rabin, daughter of late Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, addresses a ceremony marking the 18th anniversary of the death of Yitzhak Rabin at the Mount Herzl cemetery in Jerusalem, on 16 Oct, 2013. Rabin was assassinated in November 1995 after he signed the 1993 Oslo Accords with the Palestinian Authority, then led by Yassar Arafat.

XINHUA

## Philippine earthquake death toll rises to 156

MANILA, 17 Oct — The death toll from a recent powerful earthquake in central Philippines jumped to 156 while 22 others were still missing, the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (NDRRMC) said on Thursday.

According to the state agency, 144 who perished came from Bohol, where the epicenter of the magnitude 7.2 earthquake was located, 11 from Cebu and one from Siquijor.

There were 374 individuals who were injured, it

said, adding that displaced families continued to swell to over 9,000 or more than 47,000 persons. Most of the displaced families were housed in 61 evacuation centers.

Initial estimate of the damages on roads, bridges and flood control in Bohol and Cebu amounted to 75 million pesos (1.7 million US dollars).

As of 5:00 am local time, the Philippine Institute of Volcanology and Seismology recorded 1,213 aftershocks, 24 of which were felt.—Xinhua

## Kennedy confirmed as 1st female US envoy to Japan



Caroline Kennedy

WASHINGTON, 17 Oct — The US Senate on Wednesday confirmed Caroline Kennedy, the daughter of the late US President John F Kennedy, as ambassador to Japan.

The Senate endorsed President Barack Obama's nomination of Kennedy, a 55-year-old attorney, as the country's first female envoy to Japan at its plenary session.

Kennedy is expected to assume her duties as ambassador in the first half of November, a diplomatic source said.

Kennedy will be tasked with dealing with bilateral issues such as the realignment of US military forces in Japan, in particular the contentious relocation of the Marine Corps' Futenma Air Station within Okinawa.

More broadly she will need to handle international

and regional matters including negotiations toward signing a US-led Trans Pacific Partnership free trade pact, the strained ties between Japan and China, and North Korea's nuclear programmes.

Kennedy, who did not have specific ties with Japan, earlier told a hearing at the Senate's Foreign Relations Committee that she will carry forward the legacy of her father, who was assassinated 50 years ago.

Caroline Kennedy said her father had hoped to be the first president to make a state visit to Japan.

Kennedy, who serves as president of the John F. Kennedy Library Foundation, also expressed eagerness to enhance educational exchanges during the hearing.

The committee confirmed the nomination 30 September.—Kyodo News

## 10 killed in a suicide attack in NW Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, 17 Oct — At least 10 people including a provincial minister were killed and over 20 others injured in a suicide attack in Pakistan's northwestern Province of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa on Wednesday evening, officials and local media said.

Deputy Superintendent of Police Jan Mohammad Khan said that the incident took place when the Provincial Law Minister Israrullah Gandapur was exchanging Eid greetings with people at his residence in Kullachi area of northwestern District of Dera Ismail Khan.

According to eyewitnesses, the suicide bomber shot dead a police guard at the main gate then entered into the main courtyard before exploding his explosive-laden vest near the

minister.

"The attack killed 10 persons and injured over 20 others including the elder brother of the minister," said the police officer.

Police, security forces and rescue teams rushed to the site and shifted the bodies and the injured to the hospital in Dera Ismael Khan, where few of the wounded were reportedly in critical condition.

The minister was elected as a member of the provincial assembly in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province during 11 May general elections, and later joined the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI), a party led by Imran Khan that favors talks with the Pakistani Taliban to bring peace in the country.

Xinhua

LOCAL NEWS

Health Care

Meiktila sees increase in HIV-positive people per month

MEIKTILA, 17 Oct — There has been an increase in the number of new HIV-positive people in Meiktila recently, seeing 50 reported cases a month, a combined team comprising members of STD/AIDS prevention and control team of the Ministry of Health and The Union, an NGO, said.

Up to date, the number of people affected by HIV in Meiktila is 450. Among

them, 381 patients are being provided with ART. In 2013, the number of HIV-positive pregnant women has reached 160, it is learnt.

Since 2007, more than 700-member Yaung Chi Oo network is giving a helping in taking care of people living with HIV in Meiktila, accommodating them at its building in the southern part of Pyithaya in Meiktila.

U Tin Hlaing-Meiktila

Rural Region Development

Department puts up signboard

YANBYE, 17 Oct — A ceremony to put up the signboard of the Township Rural Region Development Department under Ministry of Livestock, Fisheries and Rural Development was held at the office in Yanbye of Rakhine State recently.

At the ceremony, Township Administrator U Aung Kyaw Oo General Administration Department and Head of Township Rural Region Development Department U Tun Khin formally opened the signboard.—MMAL-157

Crime

Counterfeit K 1000 notes seized in Tamway Township

YANGON, 17 Oct — Policemen led by the commander of Tamway Township Police Force acting on a tip-off waited at the tea shop at the corner of Banyadala and 146<sup>th</sup> street in Ayoegon ward in Tamway Township in Yangon Region on 12 October.

At 6.15 pm, Ma Lwin Lwin Khaing (a) Ma Theint Theint arrived there. The police searched her bag and seized 412 counterfeit K 1000 notes with title of Central Bank of Myanmar and one mobile phone from her bag.

According to the

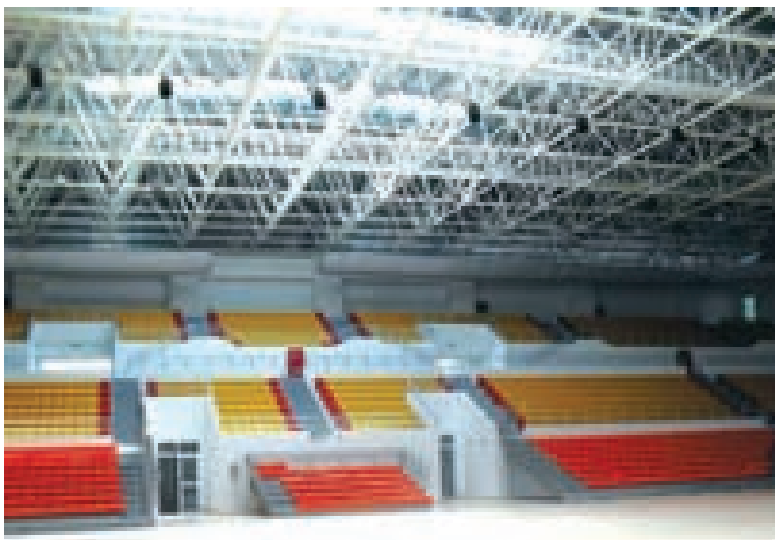
investigation, she bought the counterfeit notes from Myo Thura of South Okkalapa Township and hidden more counterfeit notes from the house in Ward 107 of Dagon Myothit (South) Township of Yangon Region.

The police seized 1997 more fake K 1000 notes with the title of Central Bank of Myanmar packed with black plastic bag from the box.

Tamway Township Police Force opened a file of lawsuit against her under the law.

The police force transferred the case to Criminal Investigation

Pre-SEA Games Judo Test Match held 17-18 Oct



The gymnasium at Wunna Theikdi Sports Complex where Judo Test Match is being held in Nay Pyi Taw.

NAY PYI TAW, 17 Oct — Arrangements have been made for holding the Pre-SEA Games Judo Test Match soon, said the general secretary of

Myanmar Judo Federation recently.

“Like other sports federations, Myanmar Judo Federation organized the Pre-SEA Games Judo

Test Match on 17 and 18 October. The sports venue was held Wunna Theikdi Gymnasium. The test match was categorized with eight men’s and women’s classes

each. Mainly, reserved players are lined up in the match,” said U Aung Naing Swe.

“However, the selected players will be used in the SEA Games. We expect to secure the medals in the Games. The test match is held with the purpose of achieving victory. Myanmar players are under intensive training with vigorous efforts,” he continued.

At the SEA Games, the Judo event will be held at Zeyathiri C Complex from 18 to 21 December.

Zeyathiri Sports Complex is formed with A, B and C complexes to be able to host Sepak Takraw, volleyball, Pakcek Silat and Judo events.

Each sports complex is installed with air-conditioners and new seats for 3000 spectators each.

MMAL-Maung Shwe Yoe

National Sports

Youth Football Tournament marks interfaith friendship



Photo shows football teams at interfaith friendship youth football tournament.

NAY PYI TAW, 17 Oct — As a gesture of hailing the XXVII SEA Games, the Nay Pyi Taw YMCA organized the interfaith friendship youth football tournament at the Paunglaung sports ground of Nay Pyi Taw FC in Nay Pyi Taw Council Area on 15 October.

Treasurer U Hla Zet of

Nay Pyi Taw YMCA made a speech.

The footballers took oaths.

Next, Father Dr Saw Melvin Aye of YMCA greeted players of Zim FC and White Star FC.

Chairman of YMCA U Zaw Khun opened the tournament.

The football match ended a 1-1 draw.

A total of 10 football teams in two groups are taking part in the tournament at Nay Pyi Taw FC Paunglaung Sports Ground and football ground of Yezin Agriculture University up to 24 October.

MMAL-406

Hailing SEA Games

NAY PYI TAW, 17 Oct — The XXVII SEA Games signboard was erected at the archway of Yazahtani in front of Gems Museum near Thabyegon Round about in Zabuthiri Township in Nay Pyi Taw Council Area on 16 October.

As the SEA Games is drawing near, ministries concerned are making necessary preparations for the games.

MMAL-Kyaw Thura (Nay Pyi Taw)

SEA Games signboard erected in front of Gems Museum



Photo shows SEA Games signboard in Zabuthiri Township.



Photo shows three persons related to the seizures of counterfeit K 1000 notes in Tamway Township on 12 October.

## Pyithu Hluttaw Deputy Speaker meets Head of International Division of Friedrich Naumann Foundation



Deputy Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw U Nanda Kyaw Swa holds talks with Mr. Ulrich Niemann, Head of the International Division of the Friedrich Naumann Foundation.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 17 Oct— Hluttaw U Nanda Kyaw Swa received a delegation led by Mr. Ulrich Niemann, Head of the International

Division of the Friedrich Naumann Foundation from Germany at Hluttaw Affairs Hall (I-1) of the Hluttaw Complex, here, this evening.

The meeting focused on opening of Friedrich Naumann Foundation branch office in Myanmar, functions of the foundation, workshops and friendship and cooperation between the two parliaments of Germany and Myanmar.

It was attended by Secretary of Pyithu Hluttaw Projects and Financial Development Committee U Aye Mauk, committee members and officials from the Hluttaw Office.—MNA

## PERSPECTIVES

Friday, 18 October, 2013

### Vigilance against bombings

Security means the safety of a state or an organization or an individual against criminal activity such as terrorism. Everybody should have a sense of security and vigilance.

Yangon and Mandalay were hit by a series of bomb blasts and scares in recent days. It is not known who mastermind the bombings. But it is evident that those behind the incidents intend to tarnish country's image. It can be assumed that an organization is committing destructive acts in a systematic way.

People are requested to inform authority concerned as quickly as possible of finding suspicious packages and other objects in public areas such as bus stops, railway stations, markets, schools, hospitals and restaurants.

Terrorists can easily commit destructive acts due to the increasing number of cars and use of high-tech devices in urban areas. Bomb blast at Sawbywargyigone bus stop occurred only at night time. The bombings in Thakayta Township and at Traders Hotel are also like the first case. All our people should be vigilant against the destructive acts.

### Wanted

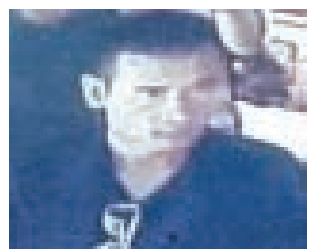
Suspects of Yangon, Mandalay and Toungoo bomb blasts are still at large. People are asked to inform police forces of the bombers.



Saw Nay Toe.



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Saw Tun Tun.

### Two bomb blasts in Namkham of Shan State kill one, injury six

NAY PYI TAW, 17 Oct—One was dead and six wounded in two bomb blasts in Namkham of Shan State this morning. The first bomb blast occurred at the traffic island in front of Mahamuni Pagoda on the Union Road in Momkham ward at 7:15 am, leaving one dead and three injured. In the incident, U Win Ko died on the spot. U Aik Maung, U Aik Naing Maung and U Aik Nyi got minor wounds and are receiving treatments at Namkham Hospital.

The second hand-made bomb exploded at the traffic island about 50 yards east of the first incident at 7:35 am, leaving three injured. Three victims namely Ma Nan Win Cho, U Yan Kyan Shin and Sai Aik Mon are sent to Namkham Hospital.

Authorities concerned are carrying out an extensive manhunt for those bombing suspects. People are asked to come forward with information about the suspects to police stations and officials concerned.

MNA

### MWEA attends 28<sup>th</sup> Trade Expo Indonesia 2013



Delegation members of Myanmar Women Entrepreneurs' Association (MWEA) seen at Yangon International Airport before departure for Indonesia.—MNA

YANGON, 17 Oct—Individuals from Myanmar Women Entrepreneurs Association (MWEA) left here by air yesterday to attend the 28<sup>th</sup> Trade Expo Indonesia 2013 to be held in Jakarta of Indonesia from 14 to 20 October. The delegation members are Ma Nan Toe Yadana, Ma Nan Phyo Yadana, Ma Nandar Soe and Ma Soe Soe Than of the association.—MNA

### Myanmar Gazette

NAY PYI TAW, 17 Oct—The President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar has confirmed the appointment of the following heads of service organizations on expiry of the one-year probationary period.

Name	Appointment
(a) U Nay Aye	Director-General Environmental Conservation Department Ministry of Environmental Conservation and Forestry
(b) U Maung Maung Win	Director-General Budget Department Ministry of Finance

The President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar has confirmed the appointment of Managing Director U Thein Aung of Myanmar Motion Picture Enterprise under the Ministry of Information as from 21 October 2013.

### National Prosperity Party applies for registration as political party

NAY PYI TAW, 17 Oct—The Union Election Commission has been scrutinizing and passing the applications for registration as a political party. National Prosperity Party applied for registration as a political party to the UEC today.

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### Public remonstrations

1. National Prosperity Party headquartered at No. 17, the third floor, Mahlwagon Road, Kyaukmyung Ward, Tamway Township, Yangon Region has submitted its application for the registration as a political party to the Union Election Commission (UEC) on 17 October, 2013 in accord with Section 5 of Political Parties Registration Law, along with
2. the following party's name, flag and seal. It is hereby announced that those who want to remonstrate with the UEC about the party's name, flag and seal they may submit a complaint along with the strong evidences within seven days starting from issuance of this announcement in line with Section 14 (d) of Political Parties Registration Bylaw.

Union Election Commission



Flag of National Prosperity Party



Seal of National Prosperity Party



NATIONAL

### Chairman of Pyithu Hluttaw Fundamental Rights of Citizens, Democracy and Human Rights Committee meets First Secretary from British Embassy

NAY PYI TAW, 17 Oct—First Secretary Mr. Wayne Lves of British Embassy paid a call on Chairman of Pyithu Hluttaw Fundamental Rights of Citizens, Democracy and Human Rights Committee U Htay Oo at Building No (I-1) of the Hluttaw Complex, here, this afternoon.

Both sides discussed matters on human rights, legislative affairs to be conformity with new system, human rights activities inside and outside of the Hluttaw, tasks of the committee, national unity and stability and international relations being materialized in accord with the political reform.

The first secretary then presented publications on human rights to Committee Chairman U Htay Oo.

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### Police members provided with equipment

NAY PYI TAW, 17 Oct—Police Quartermaster Unit under Myanmar Police Force (Headquarters) provided all police members with police equipment today.

IP San Thein presented police equipment for 138 police members from Pinyinana Police Station in Nay Pyi Taw Council Area through Police Sergeant Win Htin.

Zaw Myo Naing (Yadanapon)

### Biography of Guardian U Sein Win

U Sein Win was born to U Phoe Pyawt and Daw Poe Yin on 12 February 1922 in Kyaunggon of Ayeyawady Region.

He attended Anglo-Myanmar Buddhist Middle School in Kyaunggon and Sakaw Kayin High School in Patheingyi and Judson (Yudathin) College of Yangon University till the University was closed when Second World War broke out in December, 1941.

He was sent to Japan under the scholarship program during World War II and he started his career as a reporter at Myanmar Alinn

Daily at the early of 1946.

He received B.A and B.L degrees from Yangon University during he worked for the newspaper.

He married Dr Daw Khin Htwe in 1950 and he had got four children. He worked as chief reporter and editor at Myanmar Alinn and Myanmar-language business newspapers, Worker's Gazette, New Time of Burma and Nation English-newspaper. He served as chief editor of Guardian newspaper from 1958 to 1963.

He worked for The Associated Press of the United



States as Myanmar correspondent from October 1969 to November 1989 and started as Myanmar correspondent for Kyodo News Agency of Japan in December 1989.

He served as the first President of Foreign Correspondents' Club from 1989 to 1993 and as the Patron of the Club as of 1993.

He passed away at the age of 92 at 2.12 pm on 17 October (Thursday).

He is survived by three daughters and seven grandchildren.

NLM

LOCAL NEWS

### Tractors displayed for farmers in Naungkhio



Display of tractors large and small seen at the ground in Nawngkhio.

NAWNGHKIO, 17 Oct—The New Holland Tractor Sales Centre was opened at its office in Bantwe Village in Nawngkhio Township on 15 October.

Chairman of Ashetaing Agriculture/Livestock Breeding Co U San Hla Aye made an introductory speech. General Manager U Min Min Khaing of New Holland Tractor Co explained parts of tractors and

Head of Township Agricultural Mechanization Department U Htay Aung the role of transforming manual to mechanized farming.

After that, those from regiments and units in Nawngkhio Township, members of township and village development supportive committee and local farmers viewed round the brands of tractors large and small.—Kyemon

### Removal of different paddy strains in Maungtaw

MAUNGTAW, 17 Oct—Activities of removal for different paddy strains was held at the 50-acre quality paddy plantation in Myothagy Village-tract of Maungtaw Township on 16 October.

Head of Maungtaw District Agriculture Department U Tha Tun Aye, Head of Township Agriculture Department U Thein Wai and staff together with local farmers

carried out removal of different paddy strains from the paddy plantation.

The head of District Agriculture Department explained that Hsinthwelatt and Yadana Aung paddy strains are being cultivated in the quality paddy plantation in Maungtaw Township, and a plan is underway to distribute the quality paddy strain to local farmers.

Kyemon-District IPRD

### Winners awarded in 20<sup>th</sup> Performing Arts Competitions

TAUNGGYI, 17 Oct—The prize presentation of the 20<sup>th</sup> Myanmar National Races' Performing Arts Competition was held at the city hall in Taunggyi on 14 October evening, attended by Union Minister for Culture U Aye Myint Kyu, Chief Minister of Shan State U Sao Aung

Myat and officials.

Union Minister U Aye Myint Kyu, Chief Minister U Sao Aung Myat and State level officials presented prizes to the winners in the old and modern song contest, Maha Gita contest, stereo song contest, dancing contest, Donmin con-

test, piano contest, dancing contest, violin contest and traditional cultural dancing contest at basic education, higher education and amateur levels. The first, second and third prize winners performed entertainments to the guests.—Kyemon-Intharlay (Taunggyi)

### Prevention against disaster, rescue of victims exercised

TWANTAY, 17 Oct—Luthram World Federation Myanmar cooperated with Township Fire Services Department, Township Information and Public Relations Department and Township Red Cross Brigade in holding the talks on reduction of natural disaster risk and demonstration in Tuchaunglay Village of Twantay Township on 15 October morning.

At first, Head of Township FSD U Saw Maung Than and Deputy Commanding Officer U San Tun

of Township Red Cross Brigade gave talks on preventive measures against natural disasters.

Next, the demonstration on disaster prevention followed. They participated in warning, packaging of important documents, dry rations, water and materials, evacuation of older persons, expectant mothers and children to cyclone shelters, collection of population, medical treatment for injured persons and rescue exercise at the water.

The demonstration was

participated by 50 people from 10 villages in the area of Lutharam World Federation (Myanmar) an 50 people from Tuchaunglay Village.

"I thank all the responsible persons for their efforts in demonstration of prevention against natural disaster. Whatever it may be, we all participate in the demonstration as practical works," said Daw Mya Than of Tuchaunglay Village.

Kyemon-Myo Hlaing (Twantay)



Members of Red Cross Brigade join practice of rescuing victims in disasters.

### Pobbathiri Township IPRD shows various books

NAY PYI TAW, 17 Oct—With the aim of increasing number of library members, Pobbathiri Township Information and Public Relations Department held the book show at its hall in Pobbathiri Township of Nay Pyi Taw Council Area on 15 October.

Head of Township IPRD Daw Theint Theint Myo and staff explained matters related to the publications to the visitors and gave public service media works to them.

Kyemon-Min Min Latt (Mann Tekkatho)

### Mahlaing needs traffic signs

MAHLAING, 17 Oct—Local people wish to put up traffic signs at junctions in Mahlaing which is located on Meiktila-Mahlaing-Myingyan Road so as to protect their children against traffic accidents as vehicles run along the roads crossing Mahlaing urban areas.

In addition, they also wish to place traffic lights and zebra-crossing on the road.

Kyaw Kyaw (Mahlaing)

## WORLD

## “Status quo with the Palestinians cannot go on”: Israeli president

JERUSALEM, 17 Oct—Israeli President Shimon Peres reiterated the importance of peace between Israel and the Palestinians amid reports of a deadlock in the bilateral ties, said a statement released by Israeli president’s office on Wednesday.

“The status quo with the Palestinians cannot go on,” Peres said in a ceremony held to commemorate the 18th anniversary of the death of late Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin.

Rabin was assassinated in November 1995 after he signed the 1993 Oslo Accords with the Palestinian Authority, then led by Yassar Arafat.

“Yitzhak kept saying ‘you make peace with your enemies for yourselves, to end the hostilities that are costing us dearly today and might cost us more in the future,’” Peres said, according to the statement.

“Those, who delude themselves that the status



Israeli President Shimon Peres.

quo between us and the Palestinians can last, might become victims of their own illusion. Rabin was killed, but the need to make a historic decision still stands,” the president added.

Peres’ statement came amid recent reports about the progress of the peace talks between Israel and Palestine.

According to recent reports, the negotiations are stuck on the question of the borders of a future Palestinian state and whether or not it would be demilitarized as Israel demands. According

to reports by the Ma’ariv daily, the talks are on the verge of collapse.

In addition, it reported that Israel is considering a move of land swaps, offering the Palestinians a territory near Nablus in exchange for territories inhabited by Palestinians near the Gush Etzion settlements block in the West Bank.

Earlier, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said that Israel is committed to seeking peace with its neighbours in the talks.

Xinhua

## Senior Chinese official stresses fight against corruption

BEIJING, 17 Oct—A senior Communist Party of China (CPC) official on Wednesday urged Party officials to set examples in fighting undesirable work styles and keeping self-disciplined.

Speaking at a symposium with provincial-level officials, Wang Qishan, secretary of the CPC Central Commission for Discipline Inspection, said the Party exercises self-disci-

pline and will be strict with its members as the anti-corruption campaign still faces challenges.

To perform clean governance, officials should constantly fight formalism, bureaucracy, hedonism and extravagance, he said, urging strict measures to prevent undesirable work styles. He encouraged officials to resist temptation.

Education, disciplinary systems and punishment

should be strengthened to ensure officials are unwilling to, unable to or do not dare be corrupt, he said.

Problems should be rooted out and settled as soon as possible to prevent them from becoming serious, he added.—Xinhua

## Mexico telecom law should cut Slim market share below 50 percent

MEXICO CITY, 17 Oct—Mexico’s new telecoms reform should be able to reduce tycoon Carlos Slim’s share of the local mobile phone market to less than 50 percent in the next five years, an influential opposition lawmaker said on Wednesday.

Slim, who controls around 80 percent of Mexico’s fixed line business and about 70 percent of the mobile sector, could be forced to divest assets according to a constitutional reform passed earlier this year.

The law, broadly backed across the political spectrum in Mexico, targets Slim’s giant phone company America Movil (AMXL.MX) and rival Emilio Azcarraga’s broadcaster Televisa (TLVACPO.MX), powerful symbols of the

## Obama to meet Iraqi prime minister

WASHINGTON, 17 Oct—The White House said on Wednesday that US President Barack Obama will meet Iraqi Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki on 1 November in Washington.

Obama and his Iraqi

counterpart will discuss “the importance of the US-Iraq relationship under the US-Iraq Strategic Framework Agreement (SFA),” White House spokesman Jay Carney said in a statement.

He also said Obama

“looks forward to discussing with Prime Minister Maliki efforts to enhance cooperation in the fields covered under the SFA, and to coordinating on a range of regional issues.”

Xinhua

## UN appeals for more troops, helicopters for Mali mission

UNITED NATIONS, 17 Oct—The United Nations appealed on Wednesday for more troops and helicopters needed so its peacekeeping mission in Mali can effectively stabilize the north of the country and protect civilians from attacks by extremist and armed groups.

The UN force, known as MINUSMA, assumed authority on 1 July from a UN-backed African force in Mali. But while the UN Security Council mandated a 12,600-strong force, there are only some 5,200 troops on the ground.

“We are faced with severe challenges,” UN Mali envoy Bert Koenders told the UN Security Council. “The mission lacks critical enablers — such as helicopters — to facilitate rapid deployment and access to remote areas to ensure the protection of civilians. Troop generation will have to accelerate.”

A report by UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon said that to reach its au-

thorized strength the force still needs two infantry battalions, an airfield engineer company for the rehabilitation of the airstrips in northern Tessalit and Kidal, an information operations unit and a special forces company.

The mission was dealt a blow by the withdrawal in August of some 1,200 Nigerian troops, who returned home to fight their own homegrown insurgency. Then last month about 150 Chadian troops abandoned their posts in protest at the

length of time they had served and demanded their rotation be speeded up.

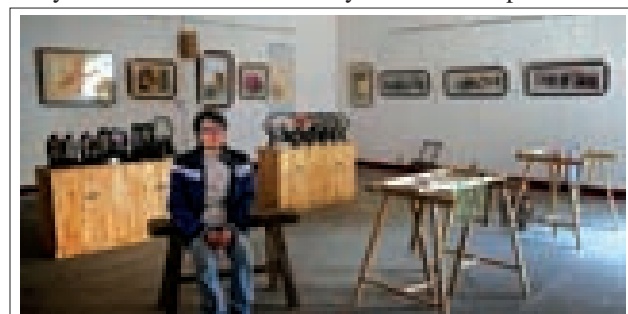
Tuareg separatists and rebels seized three northern regions, covering an area the size of France, last year as the government disintegrated following a March 2012 coup. A successful seven-month-old campaign by France to destroy the Islamist enclave has killed hundreds of fighters linked to al-Qaeda.

Reuters

France still has 3,200 soldiers in Mali, aiding the



Soldiers from the UN peacekeeping mission in Mali (MINUSMA) take part in the traditional Bastille Day military parade in Paris on 14 July, 2013.—REUTERS



22-year-old Jiang Tongwan sits at his embroidery workshop in the town of Jinggang near Changsha, central China’s Hunan Province, on 11 Oct, 2013.

Jiang, graduated from Hunan Arts and Crafts Vocational College, is the co-founder of a newly-established embroidery workshop in the ancient town of Jinggang.

The physical disability resulted from a childhood disease didn’t cast shadow on his ambition of starting his own business. He started learning Hunan embroidery, traditionally considered as a skill for women, in college in 2010, when the school began to recruit male students. After graduation, Jiang rent a store with his classmate Huang Jinyu to start their embroidery workshop. Jiang wished that it is not only a place for selling his embroidery but also a gallery of excellent embroidery works from other folk artists.—XINHUA

believe the reform would come undone.

The reform created a new telecoms regulator known as Ifetel, which will be able to force Slim to share infrastructure with rivals, and, if necessary, break up his local operations to spur competition.

“With these instruments at hand, there have to be very visible changes in the medium term,” Lozano, a member of the conservative National Action Party (PAN), said in an interview.

Asked whether the measures would be sufficient to cut Slim’s market share below 50 percent before President Enrique Pena Nieto leaves office in 2018, Lozano said: “I would expect so. Above all, in terms of mobile services.”

Lozano, a former head

of the previous telecoms watchdog Cofetel, said that if Mexico did not reduce Slim’s market share below 50 percent by then, the reform “would be a failure.”

Many analysts have been skeptical whether the 73-year-old’s hold on the market can be cut significantly, saying Slim’s competitors must first be prepared to invest large sums.

Some of those competitors argue, however, that they should not risk their money until his operations are broken up because of the power the billionaire already has in Mexico.

Ifetel must formally declare America Movil dominant before it can start to apply tougher regulation, a step due to take place by early next year at the latest.

Reuters

## REGIONAL

## Bangkok opens all sluice gates to drain heavy rain

BANGKOK, 17 Oct — The Bangkok Metropolitan Administration (BMA) has opened all sluice gates in the eastern area after several hours of heavy rain over the capital. The downpours, which started around 1 am Wednesday, are likely to continue for the next few days.

BMA drainage office chief Adisak Khantee said the city saw the maximum accumulated rainfall in Min Buri (80 millilitres) and Din Daeng (83 millimetres), while water level in canals were on rise.

The office thus took the decision to open all sluice gates in eastern Bangkok to drain excess water out of Bangkok in readiness for the expected rainfall. Officials would continue to monitor the situation, especially as high inflows of seawater are forecast for tomorrow.

Xinhua

## Indonesia takes steps to address high logistic cost

JAKARTA, 17 Oct — Indonesia have taken steps to reduce the high logistic cost that has been widely complained by employers, a senior official.

Speaking in his remarks to open a major trade expo event here on Wednesday, Indonesian Vice President Boediono said improving seaport capacities and intensifying infrastructure projects will

improve transportation across the country, which will in turn improve the country's competitiveness eventually.

Boediono said major projects to boost up the capacity of the capital city's seaport Tanjung Priok are underway at the moment, and are expected to help reduce the logistic cost within the next two years.

He added that similar

projects were also underway in seaports located in far-flung region of eastern Indonesia to address high logistic cost problem.

On land transport, Boediono said part of double railway track projects in the country were scheduled to finish and commence its service in 2014.

"With the double railway tracks, people and goods can be transported

double as much by trains. It can significantly reduce transportation cost, thus reducing burden of roads," the vice president said in the opening of the event scheduled to last through 20 October.

On road infrastructure, the vice president said the government and private sector are now intensifying road expansions and starting new toll road projects.

He, however, said the construction of road infrastructure has been hindered with difficulties on land compensation, particularly in Java. "It makes the projects run a bit sluggish," he said. He added that the expansion and construction of new airports were also underway, citing the recently-opened North Sumatra province's airport of Kuala Namu that has commenced service as major hub for the western part of the country.

"Capacity expansion projects were now underway in Jakarta's Soekarno-Hatta airport, and the other ones in Surabaya (east Java), Semarang (central Java) and Balikpapan (east Kalimantan)," Boediono said.—Xinhua



Former Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi delivers a speech in Kisarazu, Chiba Prefecture, on 16 Oct, 2013. Koizumi called on the government to adopt a policy to do away with nuclear power plants, saying the Japanese economy can sufficiently grow without them.—KYODO NEWS

## Philippine president leaves for state visit to South Korea

MANILA, 17 Oct — Philippine President Benigno Aquino III left on Thursday morning for a two-day state visit to South Korea despite strong earthquakes that struck parts of Visayas and Mindanao two days ago. In Seoul, Aquino is expected to discuss with

South Korean President Park Geun-Hye issues such as political and economic relations, official development assistance, consular and labor cooperation and people-to-people exchanges, the Philippine Department of Foreign Affairs said.

The two leaders will also witness the signing of a memorandum of understanding on defense cooperation. South Korea is one of the Philippines' major investment and trade partners with bilateral trade reaching 7.4 billion US dollars last year.—Xinhua

## WFP reiterates commitment to combating undernutrition in Laos

VIENTIANE, 17 Oct — The World Food Programme (WFP) has emphasized its commitment to combating undernutrition in Lao PDR and across the globe to mark World Food Day on Wednesday.

"Undernourished girls and boys face barriers in health, in school performance and later in the workplace, which limits their human potential and their capacity to contribute to the societies in which they live," said WFP Executive Director Ertharin Cousin in a WFP Press release on Wednesday.

To increase the positive impact of food security and nutrition, WFP has

taken a diverse approach in Lao PDR.

Work is balanced between the health sector which includes mother and child health and nutrition, the education sector and the agricultural sector which aims to improve rural livelihoods.

"So far in 2013, WFP has provided assistance to over 199,000 people in the most vulnerable districts, reaching children, women and men in the most remote mountainous area of the country," said WFP Lao PDR Representative, Bradley Guerrant.

The WFP is also working with the Lao Ministry of Natural Resources and

Environment to further improve the Lao Government's capacity for disaster risk management. The partnership is striving to ensure food and nutritional security in times of emergency.

According to WFP, 842 million people, namely more than one in eight people in the world, suffer from chronic hunger. Two billion people lack the vitamins and minerals needed for healthy lives.

"Prioritizing nutrition today is an investment in our collective global future. The investment must involve food, agriculture, health and education systems," Cousin said.

Xinhua

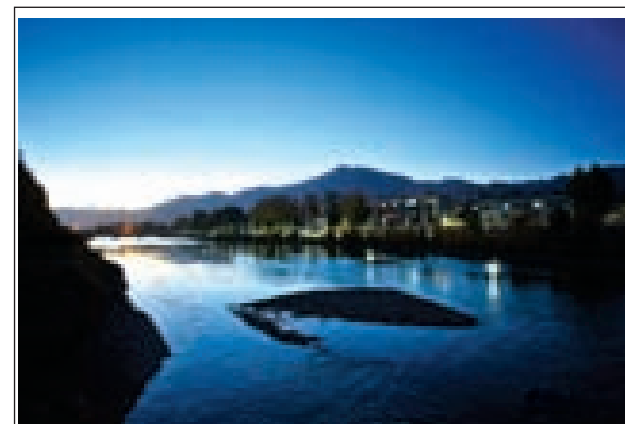


Photo taken on 12 Oct, 2013 shows the night view on the Lhasa River, in Lhasa, capital of southwest China's Tibet Autonomous Region.—XINHUA

## Chongryon's Tokyo office to be acquired for 5 bil yen

TOKYO, 17 Oct — A bidder won an auction to acquire the Tokyo headquarters site of the pro-Pyongyang General Association of Korean Residents in Japan, known as Chongryon, for 5.01 billion yen, the Tokyo District Court said on Thursday.

The successful bidder is named "Avar Limited Liability Company," but detailed information, including its location and the names of its representatives, remain unknown.

The bid is due to receive the court's final approval on Tuesday.

Chongryun, which serves as North Korea's de facto diplomatic mission in Japan in the absence of diplomatic ties, could be forced to move out of its head office if asked to do so by the successful bidder.

Only two bidders submitted bids in the second round of the auction held from 3 to 10 October, court

officials said. In the first round earlier this year, a Buddhist temple in Kagoshima Prefecture offered the highest bidding price of 4,519 million yen for the 10-story head office with two basement floors and the 2,387-square-meter tract of land in Tokyo's Chiyoda Ward, but it failed to pay the bidding price by the deadline and was eliminated in the second round of the auction.

The temple's chief priest is known for maintaining close ties with senior officials of the North Korean government and Chongryon. The court decided in July 2012 to hold an auction for Chongryon's headquarters as demanded by the Japanese government-backed Resolution and Collection Corp., which is owed about 62.7 billion yen by Chongryon following the collapse of financial institutions in Japan for pro-North Korean residents.—Kyodo News



Liu Zhijie (6th R), acting Chinese consul general in Kolkata, visits the rescued crew members at Haldia Port, West Bengal, India, on 16 Oct, 2013. 17 Chinese and one Indonesia crew members of the MV Bingo, a merchant vessel which lost contact with the ground staff on 12 Oct after Cyclone Phailin struck coastal Odisha, have been rescued by Indian coast guards. All crew members are now safe and healthy staying in a hotel at Haldia Port and waiting to return home.—XINHUA

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**(INVITATION FOR OPEN TENDER)**  
**(10/2013)**

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

Sr.No	Tender No	Description	Qty	Remark
(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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**Ministry of Energy**  
**Myanma Petroleum Products Enterprise**  
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Sr.No	Tender No	Description	Qty	Remark
(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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**MV THIGAYU VOY NO (02/13)**

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**THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE UNION OF MYANMAR**  
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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

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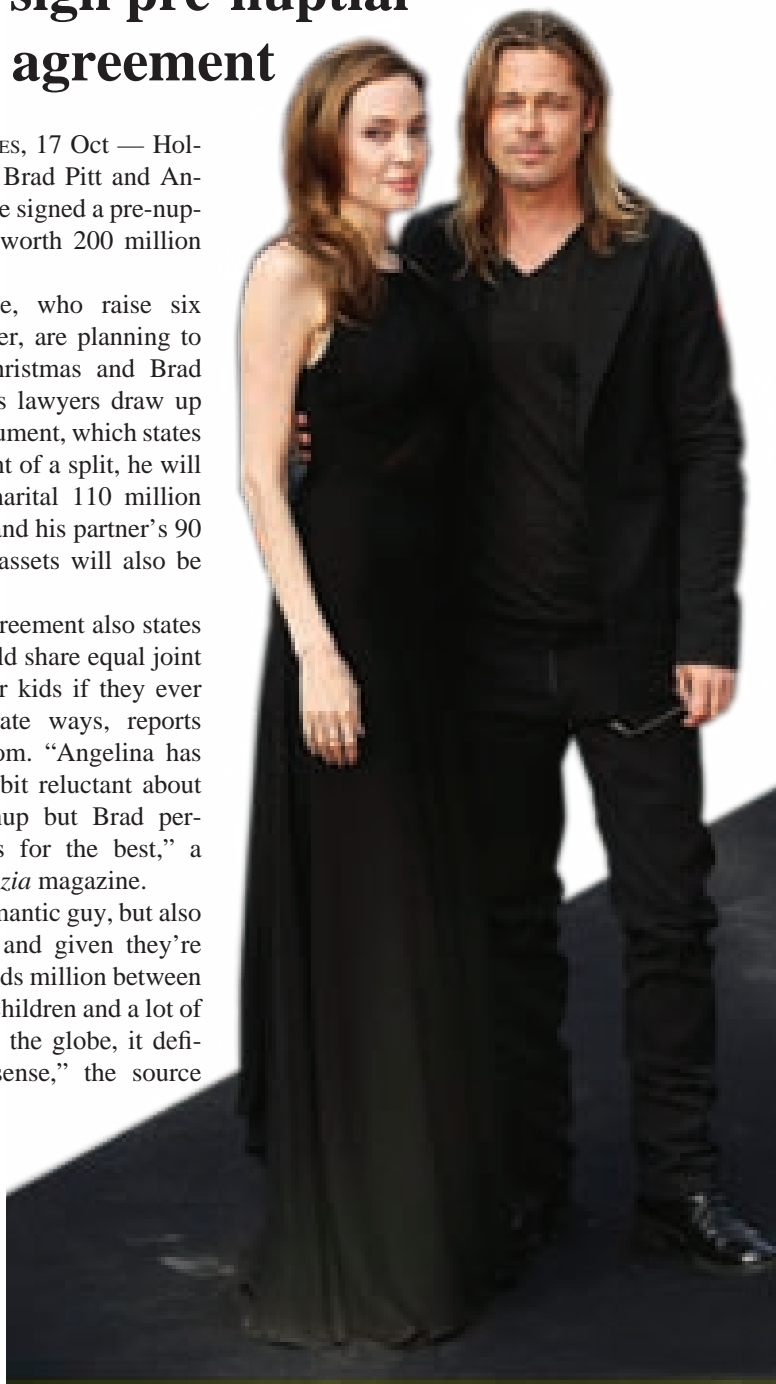
## Brad Pitt, Angelina Jolie sign pre-nuptial agreement

LOS ANGELES, 17 Oct — Hollywood couple Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie have signed a pre-nuptial agreement worth 200 million pounds.

The couple, who raise six children together, are planning to marry over Christmas and Brad Pitt has had his lawyers draw up a 101-page document, which states that, in the event of a split, he will keep his pre-marital 110 million pound fortune and his partner's 90 million pound assets will also be protected.

And the agreement also states the couple would share equal joint custody of their kids if they ever go their separate ways, reports contactmusic.com. "Angelina has always been a bit reluctant about having a pre-nup but Brad persuaded her it's for the best," a source told *Grazia* magazine.

"He's a romantic guy, but also very practical, and given they're worth 200 pounds million between them, with six children and a lot of property across the globe, it definitely makes sense," the source added.—PTI



Brad and Angelina are likely to get married over Christmas

## Selena Gomez falls off stage during gig



Selena reportedly didn't give up even after falling off the stage and continued to entertain the crowd.

LOS ANGELES, 17 Oct — Pop star Selena Gomez took a tumble while performing at a concert in Fairfax, Virginia.

The 21-year-old was performing on her track Slow Down when she joined her dancers in a routine, trying to get the crowd going, she fell off, reports

contactmusic.com.

Gomez misjudged how close she was to the edge of the stage, and landed on her knees

A back-up dancer quickly came to her rescue, but Gomez didn't give up. She continued to sing and entertained the crowd.

PTI

## Nirvana, Ronstadt and LL Cool J nominated for rock hall of fame

LOS ANGELES, 17 Oct — Alternative rock band Nirvana, singers Linda Ronstadt and Cat Stevens, and pop duo Hall and Oates led nominees for the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame's 2014 class, the foundation that runs the music museum said on Wednesday.

It will be the first year of eligibility for Nirvana, which helped usher in the grunge rock era of the early and mid-1990s character-

ized by its fusion of heavy metal with punk rock.

Other nominees include US rock groups Kiss, alternative pioneers the Replacements and early rock guitarist Link Wray, along with British rock bands Yes, Deep Purple and the Zombies, the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame Foundation said in a statement.

Stevens, a Briton, now performs under the name Yusuf Islam.

British singer-songwriter Peter Gabriel, who was inducted into the Hall of Fame in 2009 as a member of the rock group Genesis, also earned a nod for his solo work.

American rapper LL Cool J and gangster rap pioneers NWA, which helped launch the solo careers of rapper-producer Dr Dre and rappers Ice Cube and Easy-E, were the only hip-hop artists to garner nomi-

nations.

US disco band Chic, funk band the Meters and the Paul Butterfield Blues Band also received nominations for the second consecutive year.

Candidates for the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and Museum — based in Cleveland, Ohio — must have released their debut album or single at least 25 years before 2012 to be eligible.

## Chris Pine confirmed for Horrible Bosses 2

LOS ANGELES, 17 Oct — Star Trek Into Darkness actor Chris Pine will join Jason Bateman, Jason Sudeikis, Charlie Day and Jamie Foxx in the comedy sequel *Horrible Bosses 2*.

Pine will play the younger half of a father-son duo who steal the stars' idea for a new invention. Christoph Waltz was previously reported to be in the running for the father role, but is said to be unavail-

able, reported *Variety*.

Sean Anders will direct the sequel to Seth Gordon's 2011 hit, which also featured Jennifer Aniston, Colin Farrell and Kevin Spacey.

Bateman, Sudeikis and Day will reprise their roles from the previous film.

*Horrible Bosses 2*

Chris Pine in a still from Star Trek Into Darkness



will open on 26 November, 2014.—PTI

## Madonna banned from cinema for texting during movie

LOS ANGELES, 17 Oct — Pop diva Madonna has been banned for Alamo Drafthouse Cinema chain after the *Like a Virgin* hitmaker wouldn't stop texting during movie screening.

The 55-year-old singer was allegedly constantly on her mobile during the screening of *12 Years a Slave* at the New York Film Festival.

CEO Tim League insisted he will enforce the ban on Madonna after she also reportedly blasted a fellow moviegoer who asked her to turn off her cell phone, reported *Ace-showbiz*.

League, the founder and CEO of the Texas-



Director Madonna arrives for the gala screening of her film W.E. during the BFI London Film Festival at Leicester Square in London 23 October, 2011.—REUTERS

based theater chain, tweeted, "Until she apologises to movie fans, Madonna is banned from watching movies @drafthouse."

"Madonna, however entitled she feels she is, is unbearably rude to others around her by texting in a theater," in reply to a Twitter user who claimed League "is being a bit of sexist douche about this Madonna situation. Madonna isn't a teenybopper, she is a billion dollar business," he added.

Asked if he meant what he said about the ban,

League said, "Yeah, I'm serious, but I don't think it really affects her life that much."

Madonna has not responded to the ban or to the accusation that she lashed out at a fellow moviegoer who reminded her about the no texting policy in the theater chain.

An insider previously said when a woman tapped a blonde, who turned out to be Madonna, on the shoulder and told her to put her phone away, the blonde hissed back, "It's for business... enslaver."—PTI



Linda Ronstadt

For the second year, the Hall of Fame will allow fans to vote on which artists and groups will be inducted at rockhall.com/vote and

other websites.

Fans have until 10 December to pick their favorites.

Reuters



Japan lose to Belarus in friendly ZHODZINA, Belarus - Japan goalkeeper Eiji Kawashima is unable to prevent Belarus midfielder Yan Tigorev (R) from scoring just before halftime in a soccer friendly in Zhodzuna, Belarus, on 15 Oct, 2013. Belarus won 1-0. —KYODO NEWS

## Bale back in Real training before Malaga clash

MADRID, 17 Oct—Gareth Bale returned to full training with his Real Madrid team mates on Wednesday as he continued his recovery from a muscle injury, suggesting the Wales winger may play a part in Saturday's La Liga clash at Malaga (1400 GMT). Bale became the world's most expensive player when he joined the Spanish giants from Tottenham Hotspur for a fee of 100 million euros in the close season but was sidelined by a high strain last month.

Real's internationals were back working out at the club's Valdebebas training ground on Wednesday and Bale came through a full session overseen by coach Carlo

Ancelotti, the club said on their website (www. [www.realmadrid.com](http://www.realmadrid.com)).

**Real Madrid's Gareth Bale**



Ancelotti had the majority of the internationals at his disposal as well as Bale to prepare for the Malaga game," Real said. Bale's pre-season was disrupted by the drawn-out negotiations over his move and there has been

a question mark over his fitness since the deal was concluded. Real acted quickly to deny a report in Marca sports daily at the weekend that said Bale was suffering from a slipped disc and club president Florentino Perez denounced the newspaper in a television interview.

"The player Gareth Bale has a small chronic disc bulge, which is extremely common among football players and by no means prevents him from carrying out his professional activity normally," the club said.

Real host Italian side Juventus in the Champions League next Wednesday before playing at arch rivals and La Liga leaders Barcelona in Spain's 'Clasico' on 26 October.—Reuters

## Scott wins Grand Slam title with sizzling finish

PORT ROYAL, (Bermuda), 17 Oct—Masters champion Adam Scott stormed back from four shots behind with 10 holes remaining to clinch the four-man PGA Grand Slam of Golf by two strokes with a scintillating finish in Bermuda on Wednesday.

The Australian, who had trailed by three after the opening round, eagled the par-five 17th to forge two ahead of overnight leader Justin Rose, then parred the last for a course record

seven-under-par 64. Scott covered the last six holes in a sizzling four-under to post an eight-under total of 134 at the Port Royal Golf Course in the elite 36-hole event which brings together the winners of the year's four majors.

"Obviously I'm thrilled to come out on top," Scott

told reporters after setting up his win at the 17th with a brilliant six-iron from 190 yards that finished a few inches from the cup for a tap-in eagle.

"Fun, but a trying couple of days here really, especially today. It felt like a long round out there but I was happy with the



score. Standing on the 11th tee, didn't look like a score like that was going to be possible.

"But I played very well and managed to slowly claw away at Justin. After he made bogey on 16, I managed to capitalise on that by hitting such a great shot into 17."

Scott had covered the front nine in three-under 33, then birdied the 13th and 15th before seizing the outright lead with his eagle three at the 17th. US Open champion Rose, who had been four ahead after making four consecutive birdies from the fourth, faded with bogeys on two

**International team member Adam Scott of Australia.**

## Arsenal fired by Barcelona-like midfield

LONDON, 17 Oct—With a squad that was derided for being short on quality by frustrated fans in pre-season, Arsenal, who host Norwich City on Saturday, have surprised many by surging to the top of the Premier League table.

The foundation on which their strong start has been built is their burgeoning midfield ranks, recently boosted by the arrival of Mesut Ozil from Real Madrid and Mathieu Flamini, who rejoined the club after leaving AC Milan at the end of his contract.

These two have joined Aaron Ramsey, who is fulfilling the promise he showed before breaking his leg in 2010, classy playmaker Santi Cazorla, England's Jack Wilshere and Czech Tomas Rosicky in battling for limited starting places.

"When you look at teams like Barcelona, their midfield has always been the most important part of their game so hopefully Arsenal will be very similar," former Arsenal midfielder Ray Parlour, who won three Premier League titles with them, told the club website (www.arsenal.com)

"It's looking very strong, no matter who starts. There is so much depth in the midfield with Mikel Arteta, Mathieu — who has

been a great signing - Ozil, Jack Wilshere, (Alex) Oxlade-Chamberlain and Cazorla — so it's a real headache for the manager.

"Aaron Ramsey's been the player of the season so far, he's been superb with the goals he's scored but the whole midfield are very adaptive now."

After losing their opening league match 3-1 at home to Aston Villa, Arsenal were revitalised by the signing of Ozil on deadline day, and are unbeaten in the 11 matches they have played since.

The German, who joined from Real Madrid for a club record 42 million pounds (\$66.9 million) in a rare show of financial

muscle from their naturally cautious manager Arsene Wenger, has handed the north Londoners a huge psychological boost.

"Assists lead to success and I'm the sort of player that likes to create goals," Ozil said.

"I think a lot of my team mates know me as a player who is not selfish. It makes me very happy when I create goals or score goals myself. But the most important thing is that the team reaches its goal and plays positive football."

Arsenal are top on goals scored from Liverpool, who travel to Newcastle United (1145) on Saturday, a fixture they won 6-0 last season.—Reuters



Arsenal's Mesut Ozil (L) celebrates with teammates Olivier Giroud and Aaron Ramsey (R) after scoring a goal against Napoli during their Champions League football match at the Emirates stadium in London on 1 Oct, 2013. —REUTERS

## England to renew Germany rivalry in World Cup warm-up

LONDON, 17 Oct—England are set to host old rivals Germany in a friendly at Wembley in November as both teams prepare for the 2014 World Cup finals in Brazil.

England, who guaranteed their spot in next year's tournament with a 2-0 win over Poland on Tuesday, have pencilled in the fixture for 19 November, the English FA's managing director Adrian Bevington said.

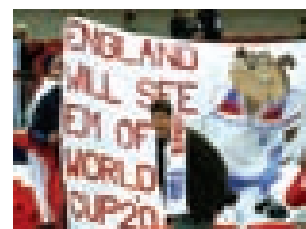
They will also play a non-European team earlier that week and are planning to host Denmark in March.

"I don't think it is any great secret that we are expecting to play Germany in the second of the two games next month," Bevington told the BBC. "That would conclude the 150th anniversary celebrations of the FA so it would be a great way to end the year.

"We are in talks with non-European opponents at the moment over the first

game, which would be on Friday (15 November) or Saturday (16 November). That is still to be confirmed.

"We had been looking to play Uruguay in the first game, but they are now in the World Cup playoffs so we are speaking with other opponents." Germany secured their spot at the World Cup finals with a 3-0 win over Ireland on Friday and finished their qualifying campaign with a 5-3 victory in Sweden.—Reuters



England fans celebrate after the final whistle of their 2014 World Cup qualifying soccer match against Poland at Wembley Stadium in London on 15 Oct, 2013.

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Aged (92) years**

Beloved son of late U Phoe Pyawt and Daw Poe Yin, beloved husband of late Dr. Daw Khin Htway of No.283, U Wisara Rd, Sanchaung T/S, Yangon. Beloved father of Yi Yi Win (Language Consultant)-Soe Kyu (Sumitomo), (Aung Win)-Ei Ei Cho, Aye Aye Win (Associated Press)-Min Zaw (Tokyo Shimbun), Phyu Phyu Win, and grandfather of (7), has expired in Yangon on 17<sup>th</sup> Oct 2013 at 2:12 pm. The funeral and cremation ceremony will be held at 12:00 pm on 20<sup>th</sup> Oct 2013, at Yeway Cemetery.

**CONDOLENCES**

**Guardian U Sein Win (92 years)**

Founding Father & Honorary Patron for Life  
Foreign Correspondents Club of Myanmar

We would like to express our deepest condolences at the loss of Guardian U Sein Win, the founding father and honorary patron for life of Foreign Correspondents Club of Myanmar as well as the beloved father of our members U Min Zaw (Tokyo Shimbun)-Daw Aye Aye Win (AP) at 2:12 pm October 17, 2013.

Members of Foreign Correspondents Club of Myanmar

**Asleep In Jesus**

Rev. Dr. Chin Do Kham (a) Dr. Do Kham  
D.D., D.Min., Ph.D.

Founder and President of Global Outreach & Community  
Development (USA)

Founder and President of Myanmar Living Water (Yangon)  
General Secretary of Global Zomi Alliance (GZA)  
Hatlang Beh  
Age 54 years

Son of (Pu Lam Za Gin - Pi Cing Za Dim) of Saipimual Village, Tanzang Township, Chin State, Brother of Nu Niang Khua Ciin + Pa Gin Khan Suan, Pa Neng Khua Cin + Nu Cing Ngaih Man, (Pa Cin Ngaih Thang) + Nu Thang Ngaih Zen, Pa Khual Za Nang + Nu Zen Za Cing, Nu Niang Man Vung, Pa Khual Lam Mang (a) Peter Mangpu (MEGST, M.Th.1st yr) + Nu Dam Sian Nem (Myanmar Living Water), Father of Lia Mary Ching Kham and Tg. Joshua Gin Kham, Husband of Dr. Siraporn Kham was asleep in Jesus on 13.10.2013 at Washington DC Prayer Service will be held in the evening from (15.10.2013) at Myanmar Living Water, No. 255/257, Room 5A, Bo Myat Tun Street (Upper), Botahtaung Township, Yangon. There will be a memorial service on 20.10.2013 (Sunday) 2:00 PM at the Tedim Baptist Church - Yangon, No. 156, Baho Road, Sanchaung Tsp, Yangon.

Family

**More Chinese students  
return to find work  
after studying abroad**

BEIJING, 17 Oct—Facing a stagnant economic situation overseas, more Chinese students are returning home after studying overseas, a trend that looks likely to continue in coming years, a report released this week says.

The report on the situation in 2013, conducted by the Chinese international education service provider EIC, said 22 percent of returned overseas Chinese students thought they would have better prospects finding a good job in their "home country".

The survey interviewed more than 9,100 respondents by questionnaire over five months. More than 5,800 had been overseas students.

"China's high-speed

economic growth in past years has motivated overseas students to come back and to look for job opportunities," said Liu Yuan, general manager of EIC's Shanghai branch. "At the same time, it demonstrates the difficulty overseas Chinese students have in finding jobs in other countries." About half of the former overseas Chinese students polled cited the uncertain economic situation as the biggest obstacle to finding employment overseas.

"Given the uncertain economic situation and crummy job market, it's really hard to find a suitable job in the UK," said Lin Nan, who graduated from Imperial College London and returned to China last year. —Xinhua

**Nicaragua  
declares  
Corn  
Islands  
national  
tourism  
heritage**

MANAGUA, 17 Oct—Nicaragua's National Assembly passed a bill on Wednesday to declare the *Islas del Maiz*, or Corn Islands, a site of national tourism heritage.

Pedro Chamorro, president of the congressional Tourism Commission, said the measure aims to stimulate investment in the Caribbean islands and boost the resort's hotel capacity by 30 percent over the coming years.

The law calls on various government agencies to work together to spur tourism development of the islands.

According to Nicaragua's *El Nuevo Diario* newspaper, a recent travel survey ranked Little Corn Island, the smaller of the two islands, among the world's 100 best beaches.

Xinhua

**MYANMAR TV**

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| 1. Paritta By Venerable Mingun Sayadaw     | 20. News   |
| <b>6:30 am</b>                             | <b>4:15 pm</b>                                     |
| 2. Physical Exercises                      | 21. TV Drama Series                                |
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| 3. Song & Dance of National Races          | 22. Song & Dance of National Races                 |
| <b>6:45 am</b>                             | <b>4:40 pm</b>                                     |
| 4. Documentary                             | 23. University of Distance Education (TV Lectures) |
| <b>7:00 am</b>                             | -Third Year (Home Economics)                       |
| 5. News                                    | <b>5:00 pm</b>                                     |
| <b>7:20 am</b>                             | 24. News   |
| 6. Hyper Sports                            | <b>5:15 pm</b>                                     |
| <b>7:35 am</b>                             | 25. Road To 27 <sup>th</sup> SEA Games (Yatching)  |
| 7. Documentary                             | <b>5:25 pm</b>                                     |
| <b>8:00 am</b>                             | 26. India Drama Series                             |
| 8. News/International News                 | <b>6:00 pm</b>                                     |
| <b>8:25 am</b>                             | 27. News/Weather Report                            |
| 9. India Drama Series                      | <b>6:40 pm</b>                                     |
| <b>9:00 am</b>                             | 28. Amazing World                                  |
| 10. News/International News                | <b>6:50 pm</b>                                     |
| <b>9:25 am</b>                             | 29. TV Drama Series                                |
| 11. Mono Classical Songs                   | <b>7:00 pm</b>                                     |
| <b>10:00 am</b>                            | 30. News   |
| 12. News                                   | <b>7:15 pm</b>                                     |
| <b>10:15 am</b>                            | 31. TV Drama Series                                |
| 13. TV Drama Series                        | <b>8:00 pm</b>                                     |
| <b>11:35 am</b>                            | 32. News/International News/Weather Report         |
| 14. Myanmar Series                         | <b>8:45 pm</b>                                     |
| <b>12:00 pm</b>                            | 33. Art Songs Of Stars                             |
| 15. News/International News/Weather Report | <b>9:00 pm</b>                                     |
| <b>12:25 pm</b>                            | 34. News   |
| 16. Myanmar Movies                         | <b>3:00 pm</b>                                     |
| <b>2:30 pm</b>                             | 17. Hyper Sports                                   |
| <b>3:00 pm</b>                             | 18. News   |
| <b>3:15 pm</b>                             | <b>3:15 pm</b>                                     |
| 19. TV Drama Series                        | 35. Hyper Sports                                   |
|  | 36. Mono Classical Songs                           |
|  | 37. Traditional Series                             |

**MYANMAR INTERNATIONAL**

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**Frustrated Gael Monfils crashes out in Vienna**

VIENNA, 17 Oct—Sixth seed Gael Monfils fell victim to a 213th-ranked lucky loser on Wednesday as the Frenchman crashed to a 7-6 (7/0), 7-5 first-round defeat against Jaroslav Pospisil at the Austrian Open.

A week after beating Roger Federer, an out-of-sorts Monfils had no answer to his little-known opponent, who got into the draw hours before the match when Australian Marinko Matesevic pulled out with a shoulder injury.

"I'm pissed, I didn't come here to lose in the first round," said Monfils, who admitted that he failed to make the quick turnaround required after arriving from Asia and working to adjust once again to Europe.

"Credit to him, he played well, but it was more about my body and my lack of game. He was playing

tough but I was just not ready. I'm not happy with tonight.

"I tried hard, I did the best I could, but it's not easy to come from outdoors (Shanghai) and adjust to an indoor court in only a few days. This is tough to take."

Czech fifth seed Radek Stepanek reached the quarter-finals after taking nearly two and three-quarter hours to defeat Lukas Lacko 7-6 (7/4), 5-7, 7-6 (7/5). Fellow Czech seed Lukas Rosol joined in tuning up for next month's Davis Cup final by defeating Mirza Basic of Bosnia-Herzegovina 6-3, 7-5.

Monfils went down to love in the first-set tie-breaker but got a break back in the second for 4-all before Pospisil again found his range. The Czech broke for 6-5, then a game later earned three match points

from a weak Monfils return. One was enough to see him through to the second round against Austrian Dominic Thiem.

French top seed Jo-Wilfried Tsonga said he is nearing a decision on a new coach but won't make any announcement until a deal is done.

Tsonga, who is fighting for a place in the eight-man season finals in London

next month, is top seed at the Austrian Open and begins in the second round after a bye when he faces German Daniel Brands.

Tsonga, who missed nearly three months of play over the summer with a knee injury, said he will soon have a new mentor after splitting in September from Australian Roger Rasheed, who also formerly coached Monfils.—PTI



Frustrated Gael Monfils

## Vice-President U Nyan Tun attends opening of Pre-SEA Games Judo Test Match 2013



NAY PYI TAW, 17 Oct—The Pre-SEA Games Judo Test Match 2013 kicked off at Wunna Theikdi Stadium, here, this morning.

President of Myanmar Judo Federation U Tun Tun reported on disciplines of the test match.

Union Minister for Sports U Tint Hsan said that Pre-SEA Games Test Matches were held with the aim of enabling the athletes to gain experience before the XXVII SEA Games, and the experience obtained from the test matches would contribute to the securing achievements in the coming

SEA Games.

Patron of the Leading Committee for Organizing the XXVII SEA Games Vice-President U Nyan Tun greeted players of Judo teams and referees and presented gifts to them.

Next, the test matches followed, and spectators enjoyed the participation of the athletes in the matches.

Also present at the ceremony were deputy ministers, President of ASEAN Judo Federation Vice-President of Asian Judo Federation Mr Hassabodin, referees from SEA Judo Federation and officials.—MNA

*Vice-President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Nyan Tun presents certificate to an official from Thailand.—MNA*

## C-in-C meets Chairman of Central Military Commission of PLA

NAY PYI TAW, 17 Oct—Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing met with Mr Xi Jinping, President of China and Chairman of the Central Military Commission of the People's Liberation Army of China, at Bayi Hall in Beijing yesterday.

China has attached great importance to the relations with Myanmar and it would help the two countries to ensure border security and benefit the two peoples, Mr Xi Jinping said at the meeting.

He also expressed de-

light for the comprehensive strategic partnership which was upgraded from the Pauk-phaw relations between the two countries and good relations between the two governments, armed forces and the peoples.

Senior General Min Aung Hlaing said he believed that his 6<sup>th</sup> visit to China would strengthen the relaxbetween two armed forces and expressed thanks for the openly exchanging views of the two chiefs of armed forces.

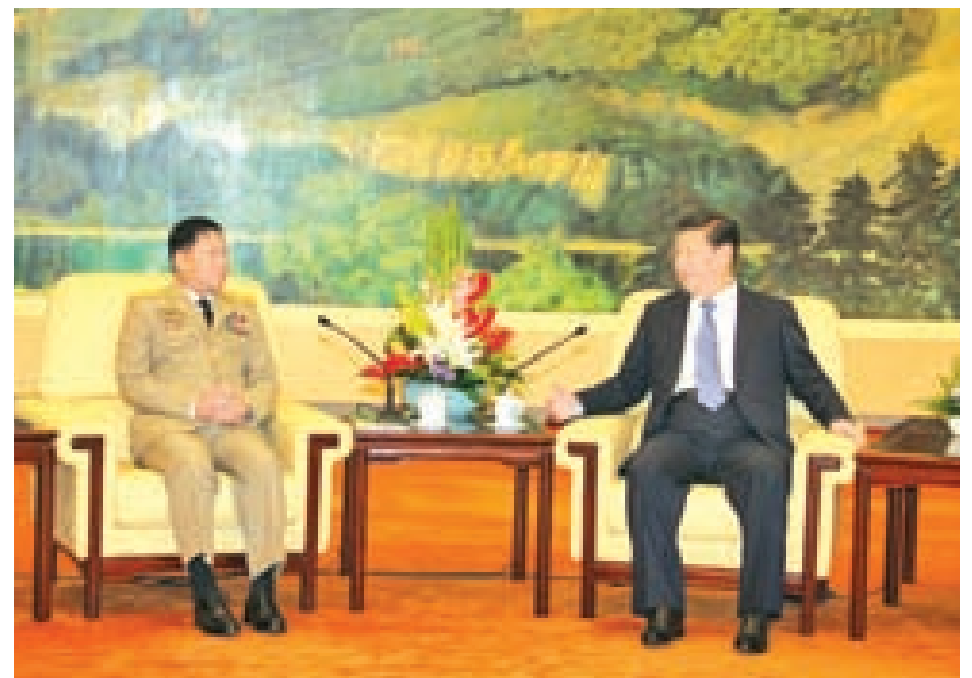
He pledged that Myanmar would make efforts for strengthening the future

bilateral relations, noting that Myanmar also have attached great importance to the comprehensive strategic partnership.

Myanmar's Tatmadaw has fully supported the reforms being carried out by the government led by President U Thein Sein and would participate in building a peaceful and developed country of all national races, he added.

The Myanmar military delegation visited the Great Wall and Ling Guang Shin Buddha's Tooth Relic Temple yesterday.

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*Senior General Min Aung Hlaing meeting with Mr Xi Jinping, President of China and Chairman of the Central Military Commission of the PLA.—MNA*

## Lecturers, students from UFL (Yangon) to attend workshops in Thailand

NAY PYI TAW, 17 Oct—With the assistance of International Development Cooperation Agency (TICA) of Thailand, the two lecturers from Thai Language Department of University of Foreign Languages (Yangon) and fifteen undergraduate students left here by air on 15 October morning to attend the workshops to be held at Naresuan University in Thailand.

Assistant Lecturers Daw Khin Thidar Soe and Daw Ohnmar Aung will attend a workshop on publications to be held at Naresuan University from 15

to 29 October and observe learning publications and teaching aids.

Similarly, the fifteen students will attend workshop on learning Thai language to be held at the same university from 15 to 24 October and observe education, culture and traditional customs of Thailand, cultural sites in Sulchothai and Ayudaya ancient cities and visit Naresuan University and Mahidol University.

The MoU was signed between University of Foreign Languages (Yangon) and Naresuan University in May this year

and it is first time as student's exchange with the support of TICA.

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## Chartered flight with 190 tourists arrive in Mandalay

NAY PYI TAW, 17 Oct—A Chartered Flight, QF 6034 carrying 190 tourists and 29 flight crew, arrived in Mandalay yesterday afternoon to spend three-day long holiday.

They will visit Mandalay, Mingun, Sagaing and PyinOoLwin.

The Chartered Flight

was jointly organized by the Ministry of Hotels and Tourism and Destination ASIA Co Ltd.

The tourists were welcomed at the Mandalay International Airport by school children.

They will leave Mandalay for New Delhi on 19 October. — MNA

## Discussion on Japan-Myanmar International Fire and Disaster Management held

YANGON, 17 Oct—Discussion on Japan-Myanmar International Fire and Disaster Management was

held at Fire Research and Knowledge Dissemination Division in Sangyoung Township this morning, with an address by Deputy Minister for Home Affairs Brig-Gen Kyaw Zan Myint.

The deputy minister said that he believes the outcomes from the discussion will be beneficial to the two peoples.

Director General Mr. MUROA Tetsuo of FDMA discussed preventive measures against fire in Japan and Vice President Mr. KADOKURA Toru from FDMA College, nurturing of human resource of the

fire fighters in Japan.

Next, Director U Kyaw Thura of FSD reported on matters related to functions of Myanmar fire brigade; Deputy Director U Kyi Win role of MFB for natural disaster risk management and Deputy Director U Thein Tun Oo reviews on fire preventive system of Myanmar.

Afterwards, Mr. MUROA Tetsuo of FDMA and Director-General U Tin Moe of FSD spoke words of thanks and the Japanese entrepreneurs explained facts about fire fighting equipments.—MNA