

Japanese government to help Myanmar's regional development

NAY PYI TAW, 18 Oct—Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham received a delegation led by Mr Yohei Sasakawa, special envoy to Japanese Government, at the Credentials Hall of the Presidential Palace here this morning.

At the call, they held a cordial discussion on hu-

manitarian aids given in armed ethnic groups' areas, nation-wide ceasefires, promoting social status of people, education, health and agricultural sectors, promoting education standards of people in border regions and Japanese government's contribution to regional development

and peace and stability.

Present at the call together with the Vice-President were Acting Union Minister for Education Dr Myo Myint, Deputy Ministers U Thant Kyaw, U Aung Thein and Dr Than Aung and departmental heads. The Japanese delegation was

accompanied by Japanese Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Mikio Numata.—MNA

Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham shakes hands with Mr Yohei Sasakawa, special envoy to Japanese Government.—MNA



Press conference on incidents of bomb blasts in some regions held

NAY PYI TAW, 18 Oct—Perpetrators committed bomb attacks with the intention of paralyzing community peace and tranquility and the rule of law in some regions. In particular, the intentionally attempts aimed at creating public panic and disturbing peace and stability of the country. Due to the acts of violence in which explosions occurred for six times and four mines were removed safely, two innocent civilians were killed and three injured, Chief of Myanmar Police Force Police Maj-Gen Zaw Win today said at a press conference on the incidents of bomb blasts in some regions.

Saw Myint Lwin, main suspect, was arrested at about 7.30 am on 15 October while he was on his motorbike on Bilin-Natkyi-Papun motorway near Bo Tay Za ward in Bilin Township of Mon State and three other suspects—Aung Hsan Lin, Aung Min Oo and Aung Moe Thu—

were detained, he added.

The MPF Chief continued regarding Saw Myint Lwin who committed the bomb blasts that Saw Myint Lwin joined KNU when he was 16 years old and left KNU in 2008 after serving for five years. He had a close contact with Nay Toe (a) Saw Shwe Htoo from an economic organization of KNU while he worked for gold mining company of U Mya Phu as a daily-paid worker. He met with two men of Nay Toe who phoned him to come when he was at the house U Mya Phu in Bilin on 27 September at Ma Li Kyauk tollgate at noon. He put up at the gate for the night and met with Nay Toe who showed him a bag of ten mines and taught him how to detonate a mine for 15 times on the following day. Nay Toe gave him K 500,000 and two mines to be exploded at Traders Hotel in Yangon and a restaurant.

He went to Yangon together with U Mya Phu who was asked to go to Yangon by Nay Toe through the line at about 6 am on 4 October. They went to Olympic Hotel as Nay Toe phoned them at 6 pm that he and Soe Myint Aung were at the hotel. U Mya Phu booked an upstairs room in the name of Win Ko Ko and Nay Toe (a) Saw Shwe Htoo, room No.104 in the name of Saw Shwe Htoo. Soe Myint Aung and Saw Myint Lwin booked room No.109.

On 5 October, they went to Chaungtha where Nay Toe asked him to explode bombs at Traders Hotels and Sedona Hotel where foreigners stayed and restaurants much frequented by foreigners, saying that the aim of bomb attacks is to plummet foreign investments in Myanmar. He accepted the Nay Toe's offer to carry out bombings at two places not later than 15 October for a gold mining block.

On 6 October, they returned from Chaungtha and stayed again at Olympic Hotel where Room No. 103 was booked for Nay Toe and Room No 104 for Saw Myint Lwin. U Mya Phu and Soe Myint Aung went back home. In the evening, Nay Toe asked him to go to Traders Hotel to check the situations together with U Mya Phu.

On 7 October, he left for Bilin, but Nay Toe and others remained in Yangon. It was known that Nay Toe (a) Saw Shwe Htoo, Soe Myint Aung, U Mya Phu and driver Zaw Latt Maung had a plan to go to Mandalay in a white Mark-X.

Saw Myint Lwin set out his trip to Yangon by car on 12 October, carrying two mines and arrived Yangon around 2 pm. He checked in the Traders Hotel in Yangon around 2.30 pm and stayed at room No. 921.

At 3 am on 13 October, he planted a mine behind the toilet and checked out the hotel around 6 am and went to Tamway Township to meet Aung Moe who is one of his friends during his days at the Shwephue Mining Company. Around 12 noon, Saw Myint Lwin visited downtown Yangon and arrived back the house of Aung Moe around 4.30 pm. At 6 pm, he had a dinner together with Aung Moe and his wife at Shwe Kaung Restaurant.

Saw Myint Lwin also drank beer at Western Park II Restaurant in Ahlon Township at 7.30 pm together with Taxi drivers Aung Min Oo and Aung Hsan Linn. He

brought the remaining mine in his rucksack in the taxi, hiding under a black polyethylene bag and planted under the table No 19. He hired the taxi to Bago at K 70,000 around 10 pm and arrived at Bago around mid-night. He spent the night at the house of U Thein Win, an owner of the gold mine and his friend living near the Shwemawdaw Pagoda.

At 7 am on 14 October, he left Bago for Bilin and arrived at Bilin around 9 am. While staying at the house of U Mya Phu, he was arrested by police on 15 October. He was brought to Yangon Region Police Force Office and was under interrogation at the office.

The MPF Chief explained facts about taxi driver Aung Min Oo detained along with Saw Myint Lwin. Aung Moe from at Kyartat village of Kawa Township transported his friend Saw Myint Lwin to a Coffee Shop at the top of Hitachi in Kyauktada Township from the National Races Village in Thakayta Township at noon on 13 October. Then, he went back to Aung Moe's apartment at No.31 (right) on fourth floor on 94th Street Kanbaung ward of Mingala Taungnyunt Township. Then, Aung San Lin, Aung Moe and his wife and Saw Myint Lwin had a dinner at Saw Kaung Hot Pot Restaurant in Bahan Township at 6 pm, and then Aung Moe and his wife departed there. At 7:30 pm Aung San Lin and Saw Myint Lwin proceeded to Western Park II Restaurant in Ahlon Township. At 10 pm, they left the

restaurant and transported Saw Myint Lwin to Bago along with Aung San Lin. At 5 am on 14 October, Saw Myint Lwin phoned him that his wallet was left on the car when he arrived back in his house in Thakayta Township.

He gave the wallet he found in the taxi to his brother Win Than, 35. The Police got the wallet from Win Than, son of U Thauang Sein, and found a national scrutiny card of Saw Myint Lwin in the wallet. The card shows Saw Myint Lwin, aged 25, Kayin/Buddhist, daily-waged worker, 3/Hpa-Pa-Na (Naning) 022576, Malikyauk Village, Papun Township and the police also seized K 37150, 10 visiting cards, a voucher and a pen. **While pursuing the case to identify the places where Saw Myint Lwin can stay, a mine blasted at Room No 921 of the Traders Hotel at 11.20 pm, leaving one foreigner injured. When scrutinizing the list of guests of the hotel, it is found that Saw Myint Lwin had stayed at the room No. 921 of the hotel from 3 pm, 12 October to 6 am, 13 October. The images from the CCTV records of the hotel also shows the images of Saw Myint Lwin.**

Regarding the blasts in Mandalay and Sagaing, Mandalay Region Police Force and a bomb disposal squad destroyed a mine in a package found at Shwebe Restaurant in Aungmyethazan Township at 1.15 pm on 14 October.

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Chief of Myanmar Police Force Police Maj-Gen Zaw Win replying to questions.—MNA

Danger of fire from fireworks



YANGON, 18 Oct—Fireworks May cause outbreak of fire when it falls on buildings of residence in Yangon.

The local people and children played fireworks and teased the people one another particularly women and girls.

At present, fireworks and fire crackers are on sales at the roads and shops across the nation.

In Ward 7 of Hlinethaya Township, some local

people young and adult played fireworks and fire crackers noisily as of 14 October.

The noisy activity of fireworks caused anxiety to students sitting for the basic education examinations.

If the fireworks fall on the roofs of huts, fire may break out accidentally.

Most of the people wish to prohibit the play of fireworks in time.

Kyemon-Tham Htaik (Hlinethaya)

Religious objects enshrined at Replica of Buddha Footprint

TAUNGGYI, 18 Oct—A ceremony to enshrine religious objects into the replica of Buddha footprint made of marble was held at Çulamuni Lawka Chantha Pagoda in Taunggyi of Shan State on 15 October morning.

Chairman of State Sangha Nayaka Committee Agga Maha Pandita Bhaddanta Paññasiri administered the Five Precepts.

Shan State Chief Minister U Sao Aung Myat and officials donated religious objects to members of the Sangha.

Next, members of the Sangha, the Chief Minister and State level officials placed religious objects into the Buddha footprint.

Members of the Sangha, the Chief Minister and officials recited religious verses.

Also present on the



Chief Minister U Sao Aung Myat sprinkles scented water on replica of Buddha Footprint at Çulamuni Lawka Chantha Pagoda in Taunggyi.

occasion were Daw Phyu Phyu Nyunt, wife of the Chief Minister, the Speaker of State Hluttaw, the Chief Justice of the State High

Court, state ministers, the Advocate-General of the State, the chairman of Leading Body for Pa-O Self-Administered Zone,

the State Minister for Bamar National Race Affairs, departmental officials and wellwishers.—*Kyemon-Intharlay (Taunggyi)*

Roads inundated in Ahlon Township



YANGON, 18 Oct—The heavy rain yesterday hit Ahlon Township of Yangon West District.

Overflow of drains caused inundation over the roads in the township.

Vehicles forced their way along Strand Road in Ahlon Township of Yangon Region due to inundation.

Kyemon-Tin Maung Oo (Ahlon)

Bogyoke Ne Win Road, Phomyay Road and residences of the local people were inundated in downtown Thanlyin Township where heavy rain hit at 9 am on 17 October.

KYEMON-THET KHAING



Stimulant tablets worth over 30 million rupees seized in Mizoram State

TAMU, 18 Oct—Pseudo-ephedrine stimulants worth over 30 million rupees were seized by Mizoram State Police Force of India recently.

The stimulant would be imported to Myanmar.

The authorities searched the cargo vehicle with the load of brick and cement

from Assam State of India at the checkpoint in Mizoram State on 7 October.

The anti-drug squad of th state arrested two Mizoramese believed to be owner of 367 Kg of India-made pseudo-ephedrine.

On 8 October, the checkpoint also seized 120 kg pseudo-ephedrine tablets

from the lorry.

A large number of pseudo-ephedrine made in India to use it in catch of cold in the past were exported to Myanmar. In importing the drug to Myanmar, both Myanmar and local people were arrested in India.—

Kyemon-Zo Hae Hsa (Chin Hill)

International White Cane Day observed in Mandalay

MANDALAY, 18 Oct—The third walking race in commemoration of the International White Cane Day which falls on 15 October was held in Mandalay on 15 October morning.

The participants started the walking race from the Zaygyodaw Clock Tower to the City Hall.

The commemoration walking race was participated by those from schools for the blind of

Sagaing, PyinOoLwin, Pakokku and Myaung townships, and those from Khikara, Jikwondo, Kyei Sin Cho, Myitta Shin, Shwe Pann Ein, Shwe Min Thar Foundation and Mingala groups, totalling 212 and 108 supporters.

Their walking race was encouraged by local people along their route. Those who participated in the race was served with breakfast.

The ceremony to mark the International White

Cane Day was held at the venue, Mandalay City Development Committee Mayor U Aung Moun spoke words of thanks.

The Mandalay Region Minister for Planning and Economic presented commemorative cup and gifts to the participants and accepted cash donations from wellwishers.

Later, the band troupe performed entertainment to those present.

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Man arrested over stabbing neighbor to death

WUNDWIN, 18 Oct—Police arrested a man who stabbed a 32-year-old man of the same village to death in Kanpetle village of Wundwin Township yesterday night.

Police said Win Soe (a) Maung Me stabbed Maung Htwe in the back while the

victim was watching TV at the house of Ma Khin Pu together with her at about 7.30 pm on that day and fled the scene. The victim with the stab wound to his back was pronounced

death on the spot, police added. According to the confession of the suspect,

the criminal act was attributed to an argument they had a few days ago over supplying water to a chili plantation.

Win Soe (a) Maung Me was charged with the murder of Maung Htwe at Pintale Police Station.

U Tin Hlaing-Meiktila

President of Myanmar Judo Federation U Tun Tun on 17 October morning presents prize to a winner in Pre-SEA Games Judo Test Match 2013 in the participation of players of Myanmar, Laos, Vietnam and the Philippines.
KYEMON



WORLD



US President Barack Obama (R) and visiting Italian Prime Minister Enrico Letta speak to reporters after their meeting in the Oval office of the White House in Washington DC, capital of the United States, on 17 Oct, 2013.—XINHUA

Australia draws up draft UN statement on nuclear disarmament

NEW YORK, 18 Oct — With a New Zealand draft UN statement on the humanitarian consequences of nuclear weapons gaining traction, Australia has begun a push to drum up support for its own submission, UN diplomats said Thursday.

The Australian draft, obtained by *Kyodo News*, similarly stresses the humanitarian consequences of nuclear weapons but is a more moderate attempt to articulate the humanitarian consequences of any nuclear-related incident than the New Zealand version, a UN diplomat said. A civic group official expressed concern that it might create a “division” between the two camps of sponsors.

Japan has not made

public its position on the Australian-led effort yet but diplomats suggest it might be possible for Tokyo to back both statements.

The Australian draft says that “the devastating immediate and long term humanitarian impacts of a nuclear weapon detonation are of clear concern,” and that there are “catastrophic humanitarian consequences of nuclear weapons.”

It also points out that simply banning the world’s most destructive weapons “will not guarantee their elimination” without constructively engaging the nuclear weapons states, and “recognizing both the security and humanitarian dimensions” of the nuclear weapons debate.

Kyodo News

Floods kill 152 people, affect 418,770 families in Cambodia

PHNOM PENH, 18 Oct — The Mekong River and flash floods have killed at least 152 people and affected 418,770 families in 20 provinces in Cambodia, disaster control officials said Friday.

Pon Narith, Secretary General of the National Committee for Disaster Management (NCDM), said floods have hit the country twice this year between August and October. The first flood killed 13 people and the second one claimed 139 lives.

Besides, 27,500 families have been forced to flee homes for higher grounds, he said at a flood impact evaluation meeting, adding that some 208,200 houses, 1,390 schools, and

500 pagodas have been submerged.

Moreover, 300,500 hectares of rice paddy have been inundated, in which 28,100 hectares were completely damaged, he said. Also, about 241 kilometres of national roads and over 3,100 kilometres of gravel roads had been affected.

NCDM’s Vice-President Nhim Vanda said at the meeting that floodwaters had receded in most areas and, now, it was the time to consider the post-flood rehabilitation.

“This year’s flood is as bad as that in 2011,” he said. “It is estimated to cost the country a similar amount to that in 2011.”

Xinhua

Five new nonpermanent members elected for UN Security Council

NEW YORK, 18 Oct — Saudi Arabia, Chad, Nigeria, Lithuania and Chile became the newest nonpermanent members of the Security Council on Thursday after being elected by the General Assembly in an uncontested race.

Saudi Arabia, which received 176 votes, will represent the Asia-Pacific region replacing outgoing member, Pakistan. The first-time seat holder will serve a two-year term from 1 January.

“We bring the unique ability to represent all Asia in the West and in the East, the developed part of Asia and the developing part of Asia because we have great connections

with our fellow members of Asia Pacific,” Saudi Arabian Ambassador Abdallah Al-Mouallimi, told *Kyodo News*, adding that he recognized their concerns for development and peace in the region.

Each fall elections are held to replace five of the ten nonpermanent members whose terms come to an end on 31 December.

Chad and Lithuania, representing the African and Eastern European regions respectively, were also selected to begin their first terms on the 15 member council. Chad received 184 votes and Lithuania garnered 187 votes.

Nigeria, which has served as a council member

four times previously, most recently from 2010-2011, was backed by 186 votes.

For the Latin American and Caribbean states, Chile was the sole candidate receiving 186 votes. It has also served four previous terms, mostly recently in 2003-2004.

In addition to Pakistan, the new nonpermanent members replace outgoing Azerbaijan, Guatemala, Morocco and Togo. Britain, China, France, Russia and the United States, comprise the body’s five permanent members and have veto wielding rights.

Japan is planning to run in the 2015 election for the 2016-2017 term.

Kyodo News



Philippine President Benigno Aquino (L, front) and South Korean President Park Geun Hye (R, front) shake hands at the outset of their talks at the Blue House in Seoul on 17 Oct, 2013. KYODO NEWS

Jets bomb eastern Syrian city after intelligence general killed

BEIRUT, 18 Oct — Syrian air force jets bombarded the eastern city of Deir al-Zor on Friday after heavy overnight clashes and the killing of one of President Bashar al-Assad’s top military intelligence officers, activists said.

General Jama’a Jama’a was shot dead on Thursday by snipers in the midst of a battle with rebels including forces linked to al Qaeda, the Syrian Observatory for Human Rights said.

His death, celebrated by rebels and opposition activists, marked a significant setback for Assad’s bid to retain a hold over the city, capital of the eastern oil-producing province.

A death notice published on Facebook said Jama’a’s body was being flown back for burial on Friday in his home village of Zama in the mountains overlooking the Mediterranean Sea - the heartland of Assad’s Alawite sect.

Syria’s 2-1/2-year civil war began as a peaceful protest movement but has degenerated into a brutal civil war with sectarian dimensions. Syria’s Sunni Muslim majority has largely joined the uprising against four decades of Assad family rule. Minority sects such as the Alawites, an offshoot of Shi’ite Islam, have largely stood behind the president.

Jama’a, 59, had served as Syria’s top military intel-

ligence officer in Lebanon until Damascus withdrew its forces from its smaller neighbor under intense international pressure in 2005.

The withdrawal followed the February 14, 2005 assassination of Lebanon’s former prime minister Rafik al-Hariri, a killing widely blamed at the time on Syria, and for which Jama’a himself was investigated, the Observatory said.

Jama’a was then ap-

pointed chief of military intelligence in Deir al-Zor, a prominent and sensitive position because of the flow of Sunni militants across the border into Iraq where insurgents were fighting US and Iraqi Shi’ite forces.

In August 2011, five months after protests first erupted against Assad, the European Union imposed sanctions on Jama’a for his role in “repression and violence against the civilian population”.

Activists say dozens of rebels and pro-Assad forces have been killed this week in heavy fighting around Deir al-Zor.

The Observatory reported clashes overnight in several districts of the city overnight and said rebels from the al-Qaeda-linked Nusra Front executed 10 soldiers they captured in the Rashidiyah District, where Jama’a was killed on Thursday.

Reuters



A Free Syrian Army fighter carries his weapon as he takes position inside a tunnel in Deir al-Zor October 15, 2013. Picture taken October 15, 2013.—REUTERS

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

LG Display posts solid Q3, warns of weak TV panel prices

SEOUL, 18 Oct—LG Display Co Ltd posted its highest quarterly profit this year thanks to increased sales of displays for devices such as Apple Inc's iPhone, but said prices for mainstay TV displays will keep falling along with TV set demand.

The LG Electronics

Inc unit, which competes with Samsung Electronics Co Ltd's Samsung Display, is capitalizing on a boom in smartphones, as cathode ray tube TV replacement demand tapers off in developed markets. LG Display posted a 31 percent increase in operating profit to 389 billion won (\$365 million)

for July-September compared with a year earlier. The mean estimate of 16 analysts polled by Thomson Reuters was 384 billion won.

TV panels generated 44 percent of revenue compared with 47 percent a year earlier, whereas mobile and tablet displays yielded 25 percent from 24 percent. TV "panel prices are not likely to rebound soon, but their rate of decline is likely to slow down," James Jeong, CFO of the biggest maker of liquid-crystal display panels, said in a statement on Thursday.

LG Display did not provide a forecast rate of decline, but said TV panel shipments are likely to rise around 5 percent in October-December. Overall shipments of LCDs for

TVs fell in the third quarter from the traditionally weak second quarter for the first time, according to researcher IHS iSuppli. Analysts say this raises concern because TV LCDs draw the most revenue and because growth in the smartphone market is slowing.

The decline in TV LCD sales is widely attributed to weak demand in China, as well as in markets where many households have replaced bulky TVs with flat-screen models. Shares in LG Display have fallen almost 20 percent over the past two months whereas as the benchmark index has risen 7.4 percent. They closed up 0.2 percent prior to the earnings announcement compared with a rise of 0.3 percent in the benchmark.—Reuters



An LG Electronics' logo is pictured on a laptop computer displayed at a shop in central Seoul, on 23 July, 2013.—REUTERS

Apple fans prefer iPhone 5s to plastic-backed 5c

BEIJING, 18 Oct—Apple has told manufacturers it will reduce orders for the iPhone 5c in the final three months of the year, a source familiar with Apple's supply chain quoted by US media as saying. Hon Hai Precision Industry, one of Apple's major assembly contractors for the iPhone 5c, had its orders for the same period reduced by a third, but at the same time, Apple raised orders for the 5s in the fourth quarter, according to a report from Wall Street Journal.

Analysts said the decision by consumers to spend more on the pricier iPhone 5s benefits Apple. The company's shares rose

on Wednesday, touching a one-month high of more than 502 US dollars. The reception for the 5c has been lukewarm in China,

which chief executive Tim Cook has identified as one of Apple's most important markets. Some local bloggers say the price difference

between the 5c and 5s is too narrow.

In China, the iPhone 5c is 130 US dollars cheaper than the premium 5s, which starts at 869 US dollars for the 16-gigabyte model." As far as emerging markets, the 5c is simply not cheap enough to gain attraction with customers that can buy \$150 Android devices," said Morningstar analyst Brian Colello. Apple is expected to sell 33 million to 36 million iPhones in its fiscal fourth quarter, rising to more than 50 million in the typically strong holiday quarter, which will mark the first full quarter of sales of the new iPhones.

Xinhua



People try new iPhones at an Apple Store in New York, the United States, on 20 Sept, 2013. Apple's iPhone 5s and iPhone 5c went on sale in the US on Friday.

XINHUA

Chinese scientists achieve Internet access through lightbulbs

SHANGHAI, 18 Oct—Successful experiments by Chinese scientists have indicated the possibility of the country's netizens getting online through signals sent by lightbulbs (LiFi), instead of WiFi. Four computers under a one-watt LED lightbulb may connect to the Internet under the principle that light can be used as a carrier instead of traditional radio frequencies, as in WiFi, said Chi Nan, an information technology professor with Shanghai's Fudan University, on Thursday.

A lightbulb with embedded microchips can produce data rates as fast as 150 megabits per second, which is speedier than the average broadband connection in China, said Chi, who leads a LiFi research team including scientists from the Shanghai Institute of Technical Physics of the Chinese Academy of Sciences.

With LiFi cost-effective as well as efficient, netizens should be excited to view 10 sample LiFi kits that will be on display at the China International Indus-

try Fair that will kick off on 5 November in Shanghai. The current wireless signal transmission equipment is expensive and low in efficiency, said Chi. "As for cell phones, millions of base stations have been established around the world to strengthen the signal but most of the energy is consumed on their cooling systems," she explained. "The energy utilization rate is only 5 percent." Compared with base stations, the number of lightbulbs that can be used is practically limitless.

Xinhua

Twitter hires Google executive as head of retail

BANGALORE, 18 Oct—Twitter Inc has hired an advertising executive from Google Inc to head its retail division, as the online messaging company ramps up hiring and works to expand its business ahead of an initial public offering,

Bloomberg reported on Wednesday.

JJ Hirschle, who directed media and entertainment advertising at Google, will be responsible for the team selling advertising products to retail companies, the agency said, citing Will

Stickney, a spokesman for Twitter. Hirschle is to start on 28 October, the same day Twitter is expected to kick off its investor roadshow where it will pitch its offering to Wall Street before shares start trading in mid-November.

Since Twitter was spun out of a struggling San Francisco startup in 2006, it has grown to about 2,300 employees as of September. Twitter could not immediately be reached for comment by Reuters outside of regular US business hours.

Reuters



Australian scientists use 3D printing for improving racehorse's performance

CANBERRA, 18 Oct—Australian scientists have custom made and 3D printed a set of titanium shoes for one Melbourne racehorse to improve its racing performance, according to a latest research statement from CSIRO, Australia's national science body, on Thursday.

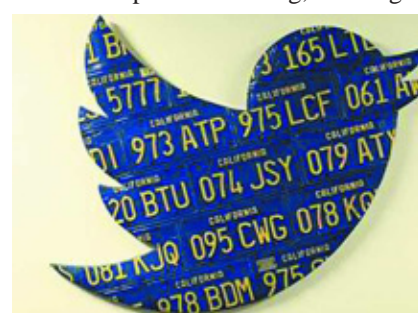
Traditionally made from aluminum, a horse shoe can weigh up to one kilogram but the horse's trainer John Moloney said that the ultimate race shoe should be as light weight as possible. "Any extra weight in the horseshoe

will slow the horse down. These titanium shoes could take up to half of the weight off a traditional aluminum shoe, which means a horse could travel at new speeds," John Moloney said. According to the statement, using 3D modeling software, the scan was used to design the perfect fitting, lightweight racing shoes and four customized shoes were printed within only a few hours. CSIRO's titanium expert John Barnes confirmed that the possibilities really are endless with this technology.

Xinhua



Members of a Swedish aerobatic team talk after their trial flight at the Neifu Airport in Pucheng, northwest China's Shaanxi Province, on 16 Oct, 2013. The China International General Aviation Convention 2013 will open in the capital city of Xi'an on 17 October, and the aerobatics performance will be staged at the Neifu Airport.—XINHUA



A Twitter logo made from Californian license plates is shown at the company's headquarters in San Francisco, California, on 4 Oct, 2013.

REUTERS

BUSINESS & HEALTH

Sons of older fathers have normal brainpower

NEW YORK, 18 Oct— By the time they reach their 20s, sons born to older fathers and those who were born to younger men score about the same on intelligence tests, a new Danish study finds. Whatever negative biological effects a father's age might have on his child may be offset by the benefits of being raised by a better educated and financially stable older father, researchers said. "Our results are reassuring for older fathers," Liselotte

Petersen, the study's lead author, told *Reuters Health* in an email. "Our finding is that any potentially deleterious effects of older fathers on general cognitive ability, as young adults may be counter-balanced," Petersen, an associate professor at Aarhus University in Denmark, said.

Previous studies have suggested that the children of older fathers are more likely to be diagnosed with autism and schizophrenia. That led Petersen and her

colleagues to suspect that the children of older fathers may also have lower intelligence scores. For the study, they used data collected from 169,009 men born after 1955. The goal was to see if there were any differences in intelligence related to how old their fathers were at the time of their birth. The researchers used the participants' scores from the intelligence test that's required for military service in Denmark. Each participant took the test when he was about

20 years old.

The participants' average score was 42, which is about the same as that of the general Danish population. Initially, it appeared that the children born to teenagers or to fathers over age 35 scored lower on the intelligence test, compared to the kids of fathers in their mid to late 20s. But the difference disappeared when Petersen and her colleagues adjusted those scores to account for the parents' education levels, the children's

birth order, the mother's age and the year the test was administered. Children of teenage fathers, however, scored on average about one point lower, compared to the kids of fathers aged 25 to 29.

Small changes in intelligence may impact people in subtle ways, the researchers write in *PLOS ONE*. But that difference would be magnified if it were applied across the entire population. The new study, however, can't prove that a father's

age will directly impact his child's intelligence. Also, it's hard to compare the intelligence scores used in this study to scores in previous research, according to NYU Langone Medical Centre's Dr Dolores Malaspina, because the intelligence test used is unique to Denmark. But, Malaspina, who has done similar work but wasn't involved in the new study, wrote in an email that this is a "compelling area of research." — *Reuters*

Greece sees solution to 2014 financing gap in December

ATHENS, 18 Oct— Greece expects that a solution to resolve its 2014 financing gap will be reached in December by international creditors, Greek Finance Minister Yannis Stournaras said on Wednesday after talks with visiting Euro Working Group chief Thomas Wieser in Athens. Wieser held a series of meetings with Greece's government to discuss the terms for the disbursement of the next bailout tranche to the country, the 2014 fiscal gap and the viability of the Greek debt load.

No statements were made to the Press following talks with Greek Prime Minister Antonis Samaras. However, finance ministry officials said that the four prior actions Greece needs to fulfill before the release



of the next 1 billion euro (1.35 billion US dollars) installment in November will be examined during a teleconference later this week ahead of troika auditors' return to Athens in coming days. The thorniest issue on the agenda currently seems to be the restructuring of the country's defence industry so that Athens receives the tranche pending since July.

In regards to the next steps, Greece expects that a decision on the ways to cover the 2014 funding gap (which is estimated at more than 3 billion euros) will be taken by the end of 2013, while a decision on a possible further debt relief is expected next spring, once Greece posts a budget primary surplus for 2013 and as the current bailout pro-

gram will end. According to Greek media reports, the government is under pressure by European Union and International Monetary Fund lenders to implement supplementary measures to make up for the shortfall.

Athens resists the prospect of new "horizontal" across the board policies which would add more burden on the middle class and poor masses already suffering from three years of harsh austerity and six years of recession. Greece's umbrella union for private sector workers GSEE announced on Wednesday a new 24-hour general strike on 6 November in protest of the salary cuts and tax hikes imposed so far under the austerity and reform plan to exit the debt crisis.

Xinhua

People with potbelly may raise risk to memory loss

BEIJING, 18 Oct— People with extra abdominal fat are three times more likely than lean individuals to develop memory loss and dementia later in life, according to a new study published in the current edition of the journal *Cell Reports*.

Scientists found that in people with a large amount of belly fat, the liver needs to use more PPARalpha, a certain protein, to work overtime to burn belly fat, while the brain uses PPARalpha process memory as well. The process of burning fat essentially depletes the brain of PPAR alpha, thus hindering memory and learning, said researchers at Rush University Medical Centre in Chicago.

Researchers raised mice that were deficient in PPARalpha. Some mice had normal PPARalpha in the liver

but depleted PPARalpha in the brain, and had poor memory and learning abilities. Others had normal PPARalpha in the brain but not the liver, and showed normal memory, as expected. When the researchers injected PPARalpha into the brains of PPARalpha-deficient mice, their learning and memory improved.

The surprising discovery in the new study is that the brain uses PPARalpha to process memory and learning, and that this is a possible reason for the connection between belly fat and memory loss. PPARalpha thus provides a new avenue to explore in searching for a treatment for Alzheimer's disease and related memory-loss and cognition problems, said Kalipada Pahan, a neurological sciences professor at Rush University.—*Xinhua*

Roche confirms outlook as new cancer drugs gain momentum

ZURICH, 18 Oct— Swiss drugmaker Roche Holding AG posted an 8 percent rise in third-quarter sales and confirmed its outlook for rising sales and profit this year as its new breast cancer drugs picked up momentum. The world's largest maker of cancer drugs said quarterly sales rose to 11.57 billion Swiss francs (\$12.63 billion), compared with the average ana-

lyst forecast of 11.54 billion francs in a *Reuters* poll.

Roche's drugs business has so far been shielded from a wave of patent expiries that have hit rivals, as most of its top-selling medicines are biotech drugs consisting of proteins derived from living organisms that are hard to copy and command higher prices. Sales of its older cancer medicines Rituxan and

Herceptin continued to gain momentum in the quarter, rising 12 percent and 7 percent respectively, while Avastin benefited from increased use in ovarian and colorectal cancer. This helped to offset weaker sales of hepatitis C treatment Pegasys, which tumbled 16 percent.

The Basel-based drugmaker has developed follow-on medicines — improved versions of its top-sellers — which it hopes will help it fend off anticipated competition from so-called biosimilar copies when its older drugs go off patent. Among those newer drugs, Roche said sales of Kadcyra, a treatment for an aggressive form of breast cancer which won US approval in February, were 156 million francs in the first nine months of the year, up from 83 million in the first half.—*Reuters*



The logo of the Swiss drugmaker Roche is seen on a factory in Burgdorf near Bern, Switzerland in this 17 Nov, 2010 file photo.—*REUTERS*

US scientists discover Oreo cookies causing addiction

BEIJING, 18 Oct— Sugary, fatty treats can activate the brain in a similar manner as cocaine does in lab rats, according to a report to be published officially at the upcoming Society for Neuroscience conference in San Diego, California, US. The rats' brains had higher cellular activity in the "pleasure centre" of their brains after eating Oreo cookies, similar to being injected with cocaine or morphine, according to Joseph Schroeder, an assistant professor of psychology and director of the Behavioral Neuroscience Centre at Connecticut College.

To examine how "addictive" high-fat, high-sugar foods could be, researchers, from the Behavioral Neuroscience Centre at Connecticut



College, put the rats into a habitat with two rooms. In one room, they were given Oreo cookies and in the other room, rice crackers.

The experiment was then repeated with other groups of rats being offered injections of cocaine or morphine in one room and saline in the other room.

Through observing the rats' preference for the Oreo versus rice cake as

well as cocaine versus saline, researchers found that the rats had an "equivalent preference" for a room when it contained Oreo cookies as when they were given injections of morphine and cocaine. "Perhaps the reason why we have the current obesity epidemic is that high fat and high sugar can be just as addictive as cocaine," Schroeder said.—*Reuters*

The Significant and Noble Day of Abhidhamma

(The Fullmoon Day of Thadingyut, Mahapavarana Day)

The Significant and Noble Day of Abhidhamma (the Fullmoon Day of Thadingyut, Mahapavarana Day) falls on 19th October in the year 2013.

In the fourth week, after attaining the enlightenment, the Buddha began to contemplate and review the Dhamma (the truth). He had realized near the Bodhi tree. On His seventh Vassa (Seven Years) of enlightenment, the Buddha, out of compassion for the devas and brahmas, went to the Tavatimsa Devaloka (Celestial abode) where he preached the Abhidhamma Pitaka (Basket of Ultimate things) for a full three months to His deceased mother who was re-born as Santusita Deva and also to the other Devas and brahmas assembled there, hoping to make them realize the four ultimate things for which a Knowledge of Abhidhamma is absolutely necessary because it deals with the highest and ultimate sense of things springing into being as facts distinct from mere names.

After preaching Abhidhamma (Ultimate Truth) to His deceased mother Santusita Deva and other Devas and Brahmas for a full three months, the Bud-

dha returned to the human abode on the Fullmoon Day of Thadingyut. According to the Pali Text, three decorated stairways of silver, gold and ruby beginning from the top of the great Mount Meru to the gate of Sankassa town on earth were created as a token of paying deep homage to the Buddha who returned to the human abode. The Buddha took the middle stairway accompanied by Devas and Brahmas who took right stairway and left stairway. All Devas and Brahmas from the Tavatimsa Devaloka (Celestial abode) paid deep homage to the Omniscient Buddha for a full three months from 1st Waning of Waso to Fullmoon of Thadingyut. According to the Vinaya rules of the Buddha, the period of a full three months from 1st Waning of Waso to Fullmoon of Thadingyut (roundabout from mid-July to mid-October) is retreat-period of Buddhists. During retreat-period, all Buddhist monks must not have to go away from their residence (monasteries, temples) not more than seven days. Especially, they have to fulfill their religious duties (Ganthadhura and Vipassanadhura) during the retreat-period more than before. All Buddhist monks have followed and practiced

the said Vinaya rules since over 2557 years ago.

When the Buddha descended from Tavatimsa (Celestial abode), the Devas and Brahmas accompanied Him putting up white sacred umbrellas and fanning Him. At that time, because of unlimited miraculous powers, supernatural powers and glory of the Buddha, the whole earthlings could see the magnificent celestial abode, and also the Devas and Brahmas could see hundreds of thousands of millions of people greeting and paying deep homage to the Buddha who descended at the gate of Sankassa Town of the human abode on the Fullmoon Day of Thadingyut (Mahapavarana Day).

The Fullmoon Day of Thadingyut (Mahapavarana Day) has been marked by Buddhists as the significant and noble day of Abhidhamma since then (over 2500 years ago). On the auspicious occasion of the Abhidhamma (Mahapavarana Day), in remembrance of the Buddha, members of the Sangha recite Abhidhamma discourses and multifarious Buddhist devotees offer lights, water, flowers, incense, fragrant scents, fruits and other offertories. And also, Dhamma talks about Abhidhamma

(Mahapavarana Day) are held. On this noble day, most Buddhists keep nine-precepts for their meritorious deeds dedicating to the attainment of noble stage of Nibbana (supreme bliss).

The Pali term Abhidhamma is composed of Abhi which means subtle or ultimate, and Dhamma which means truth or doctrine. The Abhidhamma, therefore, means subtle or ultimate truth or doctrine. The Abhidhamma Pitaka consists of the four ultimate things, Mind (Citta), Psychic factor (Cetasikas), Matter (Rupa) and Nibbana. It is the most important and most interesting to a deep thinker. It is subdivided into seven books.

When the Buddha had preached Abhidhamma for a full three months to His deceased mother who was re-born as Santusita Deva and to other Devas and Brahmas at the celestial abode, He said to the king of the celestials that He would return to the human abode. Therefore, the king of the celestials created and arranged three stairways of silver, gold and ruby beginning from the top of the great Mount Meru to the gate of Sankassa Town of the human abode.

Sending forth the six col-

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oured rays emanated from His body, the Buddha descended by the middle stairway of ruby to the gate of Sankassa Town of the human abode (on earth). The Devas (Celestial beings) accompanied the Buddha from the right side stairway of gold playing musical instruments and fanning the Buddha. The Brahmas (higher celestial beings) accompanied the Buddha from the left side stairway of silver putting up white umbrellas.

At the time, when the Buddha returned from the celestial abode to the human abode, the highest Brahmas realm, Ekamanta, the lowest Aviji (Apaya planes of miserable existence), the four cardinal points, the ten directions and thousands of worlds were clearly visible without any blockage and barrier because of ultimate miraculous power, supernormal powers and glory of the Buddha.

People could see the whole celestial abode, Devas and Brahmas, and all celestial beings in turn viewed more than hundreds of thousands of millions of people who were welcoming and paying

deep homage to the Buddha. There was no one that did not wish and pray to become a Buddha, the most noble wish after witnessing the most suppressing splendour.

Up to this day, we can visualize the most suppressing splendour and significant event of the Omniscient Buddha descending to the earth from the great Mount Meru accompanied by Devas and Brahmas to the gate of Sankassa Town of the human abode.

On the Fullmoon Day of Thadingyut, we all Buddhists generously offer lights, water, flowers, scents, fruits, food and other various kinds of offertories to pagodas and monasteries and also pay respect to teachers, parents and elders. These meritorious deeds dedicate to the attainment of the noble stage of Nibbana through the most surpassing splendour and significant event of the Omniscient Buddha descending to the human abode from the celestial abode on the Fullmoon Day of Thadingyut.

Press conference on ...

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A mine blasted on the first floor of Shwepyaesone Hotel in Sagaing at 3.30 pm on 15 October and another one blasted at the car parking of SunOoPonNyaShin Pagoda on Sagaing Hill and there were no casualties in the blasts. According to the investigation of the police, Nay Toe (a) Saw Shwe Htoo and Zaw Latt Maung stayed at the Shwepyaesone Hotel, and according to the CCTV record at the pagoda, a Mark-X6-Ga/5948 was parked there.

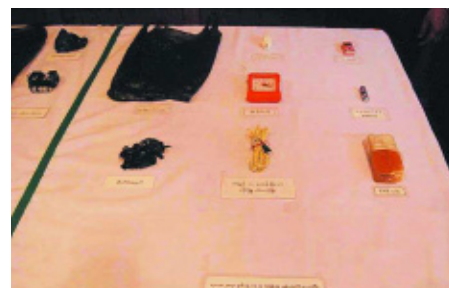
Zaw Latt Maung and U Mya Phu who are also responsible for the blasts were arrested by Mon State Police

Force thanks to the cooperation of the KNU. They have already been handed over to the Yangon Region Police Force on 16 October.

According to Zaw Latt Maung, the blasts in Mandalay and Sagaing were confirmed, and Nay Toe (a) Saw Shwe Htoo and Zaw Latt Maung toured around Toungoo, NyaungU, Magway and Popa. For the safety of the people, the Myanmar Police Force and bomb disposal squads cleared the suspect places.

Regarding the explosive materials, the Chief of Myanmar Police Force said explosive materials found at the blast in Pyu on 9 Oc-

tober, the blast in Chanmyay Guest House in Toungoo on 11 October, the blast at Saw Bwargyigon in Insein Township on 13 October and the blast at Manpyay Ward in Thakayta Township on 13 October have suggested that the each destructionist used 0.5 pounds of TNT, yellow-



Explosive devices seen before blast at bus-stop in Sawb-wagyigon Ward of Insein Township.—MNA

white colour wire which is about 10 ft long, 9 Volt Battery, black sticker and a clock. It was found that four time bombs and one mine were used in the blasts. Myanmar Police Force said according to the explosive materials, an organization or an individual person planted the mines.

Regarding the blasts in Western Park II in Ahlon Township, Shwebe in Aungmyethazan Township, in the Traders Hotel in Yangon, five mines found in Sagaing, the

perpetrators have used M-67 grenade each, around five-inch long white and black wires and sequence controllers, showing that an organization has involved in the blasts.

MPF is carrying out an extensive manhunt for bombing suspects with technical

assurances from international partnership organizations, Interpol and Interpol member countries.

Thanks to people's participation, MPF could expose the bombing suspects in a short period based on technical assistance. Eight bombers have been detained by MPF in connection with the bomb blasts in Yangon, Mandalay, Sagaing and Toungoo. Efforts are being made to trace the main suspects. The press meet is aimed at allying peo-

ple's concerns over the incidents. He urged people to make continued collaboration with MPF.

The press conference on bomb blasts in October took place at Mingalar Hall of Yangon Region Government Office at 3 pm today.

It was attended by Deputy Minister for Information U Ye Htut, Region Hluttaw Speaker U Sein Tin Win, the Deputy Speaker, Region Ministers, Region Advocate-General, Chief of Myanmar Police Force Police Maj-Gen Zaw Win, senior police officers, departmental heads, ambassadors, charges d'affaires, resident representatives from UN agencies and local and foreign media.

Deputy Minister U Ye Htut said: **he would like to warn that the press meet would include some or-**

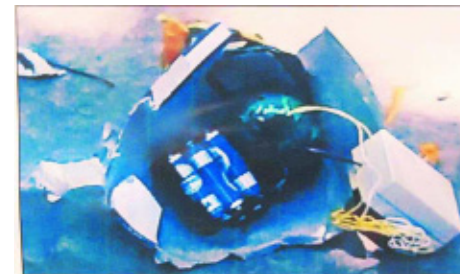
ganizations' names. This is aimed at letting people know clearly about the bombing suspects. It doesn't mean that those organizations are getting involved in the incidents. We have assumed that according to the evidences, the bombings were carried out by some people separately. He urged the media to pay special attention to that point.

Chief of Myanmar Police Force Police Maj-Gen Zaw Win explained the bombings.

Later, Deputy Minister U Ye Htut, Yangon Region Security and Border Affairs Minister Col Tin Win, Police Maj-Gen Zaw Win and officials replied to the queries raised by those present.

Those present looked round the photos and seized materials put on display.

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Bomb and related devices seized in Mega-giri Ward of Aungmyethazan Township.

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Explosive devices seized on 16th street, 15 feet east from U Myo Myint, in Aungmyethazan Township on 14-10-2013.

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LOCAL NEWS

Oxygen cylinders donated to social services association in Mandalay

MANDALAY, 18 Oct—Wellwishers donated oxygen cylinders for saving life to the Social Services Association set up by Presiding Nayaka Sayadaw Bhaddanta Kumuda of Eiksathaya Pariyatti Monastery of Kankauk Ward in Chanayethazan Township of Mandalay.

U Aung Soe Myint-Daw Win Ma Ma Maw and family at the corner of 80th and 37th Streets donated K 310,000 for two oxygen cylinders, U Ohn Maung-Daw Chit Chit family of

Yinbyan ward K 155,000 for one oxygen cylinder, U Hla Chein-Daw Mya Ohn family (Kyaukme) K 155,000 for one cylinder and Ko Kyaw Wai Myint (a) U Kyauk Khe-Ma Win Nu Wah family in memory of U Kyi K 100,000.

Chairman of the association U Than Hlaing and Secretary U Win Shwe accepted the donations and returned certificates of honour to wellwishers.

MMAL-Tin Maung (Mandalay)

Extension of warehouse fire put out within five minutes



YANGON, 18 Oct—A fire broke out at the 20 feet long and 10 feet wide extension of the warehouse at Super Star Fibre Factory in the compound of Zay Gabar in Mingaladon Township, Yangon, here, at 1 pm on 15 October.

The fire started from cooking of stove by warehouse guard Myat Soe.

A total of 15 members led by U Kyaw Kyaw of Mingaladon Township Fire Services Department put out the fire with the use of two fire engines within five minutes.

Mingaladon Myoma Police Station opened a file of lawsuit against Myat Soe under the law.—MMAL-Soe Win (SP)

Tradition

Thadingyut lighting festival in Yekyaw

YANGON, 18 Oct—The Thadingyut lighting festival will be held near Yekyaw Road in Pazundaung Township in Yangon Region from 16 to 20 October.

The lighting festival has been held there since 1974 in line with Myanmar tradition. At present, families of globetrotters, local people here and there went shopping and enjoyed beautiful night scene of colourful lighting along Yekyaw Road. The roadside shops were crowded with visitors and merry-makers during the lighting festival.

MMAL-Soe Win (SP)



Night scene of Yekyaw lighting festival seen at night of 16 October.

Health Care

Kidney dialysis, water purifier wellwisher honoured

MEIKTILA, 18 Oct—A ceremony to honour the wellwisher who donated a kidney dialysis and one water purifier to Meiktila District General Hospital was held at the hall of the hospital on 17 October morning.

Wellwisher Major Sein Win (Rtd) explained the purpose of donations and handed over documents related to kidney dialysis and water purifier worth K 23 million to Medical Superintendent Dr Myint Aye who returned certificate of honour to the wellwisher.

Deputy Commissioner of the district U Tin Maung Soe, Township Administrator U Myo Hlaing, physicians U Aung Kyaw Soe and Daw Win May Thein, members of the hospital supervisory committee U Win and U Myo Lwin, and wellwisher Major Win Lwin (Rtd) viewed installation of the kidney dialysis and water purifier.

After that, Medical Superintendent Dr Mying Aye conducted them round the district hospital.

MMAL-Thein Myint Kyaw (Meiktila)

Security Measures

Thai-Myanmar friendship bridge inspected

TACHILEK, 18 Oct—Shan State Minister for Security and Border Affairs Col Aung Thu looked into security of the checkpoint of Thai-Myanmar friendship bridge on 16 October.

The state minister inspected activities of the checkpoint seeing to it that whether Myanmar, Thai and citizens of other countries illegally carry arms and ammunition and explosive materials.

The bridge is located in Tachilek of Shan State (East).

At the meeting hall of Mekong River Hotel, the state minister met deputy commissioners of district General Administration Departments and commanders of district Police Forces from Tachilek, Kengtung, Mongphyat and Monghsat Districts of Shan State (East).

In the meeting, the state minister for Security and Border Affairs discussed security measures and gave necessary instructions on works.—MMAL-Myintmo (Tachilek)

Myanmar-Thai amateur cyclist team arrive in Dawei

DAWEI, 18 Oct—The Coordinator of the Alliance Cycling Group which is Myanmar-Thai friendship Dawei amateur cyclist team entered Myanmar through Htikhee-Myitta Road in Taninthayi Region from Phynan of Kanchanaburi of Thailand on 14 October.

They arrived at Dawei Deep Sea Port via Myitta Sub-Township and proceeded to Dawei on 15 October as a goodwill visit.

They spent a night of 16 October at the deep Sea Port. On arrival at Maungmagan Beach, they held the festivities and demonstration on cycling and went back to Dawei Deep Sea Port.

On 17 October, they arrived at Dawei from the sea port. They were welcomed by Taninthayi Region Minister for Forestry and Mining U Tin Soe and Region Minister for Development Affairs U Aung Kyaw Kyaw Oo



Members of Myanmar-Thai cyclist team riding along the road.

welcomed the cyclists at the region gymnasium.

A cyclist from the amateur cycling team said that he thanked the host for warm welcome. He saw greater progress of Myanmar more than he thought. Along the route to Myanmar and in Myanmar, he enjoyed panoramic views of the mountain ranges

and forests. He said he felt warm welcome of Myanmar nationals just as his families. He invited the officials to pay a visit to Thailand.

The cyclist team visited the city hall in Dawei and paid homage to Shin Mohti, Shwe Thalyaung reclining Buddha Image, Lawkamarazein Pagoda and Shindatwe Pagoda in Dawei.

The trip of cyclists was managed by U Aung Naing of VIKE from Dawei.

The cyclist team comprised 46 men and six women totalling 52 from Coordinator of the Alliance Cycling Group of Thailand in addition to 56 cyclists from VIKE amateur cycling team from Dawei.

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Fire

Overheat of wire causes fire in Pwintbyu

PWINTBYU, 18 Oct—A house of staff officer and fire broke out at the house of the staff officer of Forest Department in Pwintbyu Township of Magway Region at 1 am on 16 October.

The fire started from overheat of wire connected with the electric meter box of the staff officer next to the Township Forest Department.

The fire engulfed the

house of staff officer and the office of the Forest Department.

Members of Township Fire Services Department put out the fire in time and could die it down at 2.30 am.

Two buildings were blazed in the fire.

Indeed, it should not use old and damaged wires for supply of electricity at the buildings.—MMAL-Khin Maung Htay (Pwintbyu)

PERSPECTIVES

Saturday, 19 October, 2013

Thadingyut, happy time

Indra and the King of Asuras, the son-in-law and his father-in-law, have finally agreed to ceasefire after nearly five-month long thunder clash, bringing down the curtain on monsoon and ushering us into Thadingyut which we call open season.

Myanmar legend derived from Hindu Mythology has it that monsoon is the time of battle in the celestial abode between Asuras and Devas. Indra, the king of Devas, marries the daughter of the King of Asuras against his will and kicked his father-in-law along with his gang, who indulge themselves in the bottles of booze, out of their apartment to another one on the lower floor of the celestial condominium.

The two apartments are as alike as two peas except that red 'Kathit' flowers blossom in the original flat of Asuras and white 'Thakut' flowers in their new home. Asuras are always too drunk to notice that the apartment they are living in is not theirs until the white 'Thakut' flowers bloom. Then they march to the Indra's to claim back their land confiscated by Devas by force. So, there is lightning, thunder and rain on the earth whenever there is a battle between them, so the story goes.

For children, Thadingyut or lighting festival is as simple as it can be. With schools being closed, they go from home to home to pay respects to elderly relatives in the hope of getting pocket money from them, apart from enjoying themselves in fireworks and firecrackers.

But it is not that simple for single men in love. Weddings are somewhat part and parcel of Thadingyut for marriages are not usually held in monsoon during the Buddhist Lent. While some men who can afford to tie the knot with their girlfriends to build a two-people Union are eagerly anticipating the wedding night, some who have not saved enough for wedding after promising their girlfriends a wedding ring in Thadingyut need to invent this and that excuse to mollify their other halves.

Meanwhile, Thadingyut is a hard time for bachelors and spinsters who are always confronted with the same question of their friends and relatives at this particular time of year 'When exactly can we eat your wedding feast?' Uncomfortable, leftover men and ladies feel under the scorching Thadingyut sunlight while fanning themselves with wedding invitations in desperation.

No matter what age group you are in, religious significance, social significance of paying respects to the elderly persons, illuminations, fireworks, and finally weddings and revelers on the streets will put you in cheerful and festive mood. Happy Thadingyut to you all!

Public announcement on resumption of connections with international network

As SMW-3 onshore underground cable of Myanma Posts and Telecommunications was disrupted at 5.15 pm on 10 October, a fault happened to the cable connecting the country to the international network. The repair of disrupted power cable and power cable with poor insulation result was completed on 16 October 2013, and connections with international network returned to normalcy as of 17 October, 2013.

Myanma Posts and Telecommunications

NATIONAL

Vice-President U Nyan Tun meets Dy General Manager from Export-Import Bank of China

NAY PYI TAW, 18 Oct— Vice-President U Nyan Tun received a delegation led by Deputy General Manager Mr Mei Jianping from the Export-Import Bank of China at the Credentials Hall of the Presidential Palace here this morning.

They cordially discussed promotion of cooperation in banking and monetary sectors for rural development, agricultural, electricity, transport, communications, rail transporta-

tion and energy sectors and cooperation in economic development of both countries based on amity between the two countries.

Present at the call together with the Vice-President were Union Ministers U Kyaw Hsan, U Win Shein, Dr Kan Zaw and U Than Htay and Deputy Minister U Thant Kyaw. The Chinese delegation was accompanied by Chargé d' Affaires a.i. Mr Chen Chen from the Chinese Embassy.—MNA

Vice-President U Nyan Tun shaking hands with Deputy General Manager Mr Mei Jianping from the Export-Import Bank of China.—MNA



Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker receives Chairman of Nippon Foundation

NAY PYI TAW, 18 Oct— Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw Thura U Shwe Mann received a delegation led by Chairman of Nippon Foundation of Japan Mr Yohei SASAKAWA at the hall of the Pyithu Hluttaw of Hluttaw Complex, here, this morning.

Also present were Chairmen of Pyithu Hluttaw Committees U Hla Myint Oo and U T Khun Myat, Commission members U Khin Soe and U Kyi Htut Win and officials of the Hluttaw Office.

The Japanese delegation was accompanied by Japanese Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Mikio NUNAMATA.

Present were also Chairman of Pyithu Hluttaw Committees U Hla Myint Oo and U T Khun Myat, Commission members U Khin Soe and U Kyi Htut Win and officials of the Hluttaw Office.

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Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw Thura U Shwe Mann shakes hands with Chairman of Nippon Foundation of Japan Mr Yohei SASAKAWA.—MNA

UEC Chairman back from ROK

YANGON, 18 Oct—Union Election Commission Chairman U Tin Aye, Secretary U Tin Tun and Assistant Director U Kaung Myat Hein Thu who attended the opening ceremony of Global Association of World Election Bodies (A-WEB) and the Global Elections Organization (GEO) Conference in the Republic of Korea at the invitation of Mr Lee In-Bok, Chairman of the National Election Commission of the Republic of Korea, arrived back here by air yesterday.

The Myanmar delegation was welcomed back at the Yangon International Airport by officials of UEC Office, Chairman U Ko Ko and members of Yangon Region Election Sub-Commission.—MNA

Union Election Commission Chairman U Tin Aye being welcomed back by officials of the UEC Office at Yangon International Airport.—MNA



"Muay" event includes in XXVII SEA Games

YANGON, 18 Oct—The XXVII SEA Games Federation Executive Committee held its special meeting at National Indoor Stadium No. 1 in Thuwunna, here, this morning.

Deputy Minister for Sports U Thuang Htaik sought the advice from the vice-chairmen and members of Asian and SEA Olympic Committee for successful holding of "Muay" event in the coming SEA Games.

Maj-Gen CHA-ROUCK, Chairman of Asian Olympic Committee, delegates from 10 SEA countries participated in the discussion.

"Muay" event will be held in XXVII SEA Games under the supervision of South East Asian "Muay" Federation.—MNA

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ARTICLE

Thadingyut holds the Elephant dance festival in Kyaukse

Kyaukse is a booming historic town in Mandalay Region in Upper Myanmar. The literal meaning of Kyaukse is the stone weir because the town is the centre and headquarters of dams and canals, supplying water for dry cultivation in the arid areas of Upper Myanmar. Covering an area of 1274 square miles, Kyaukse is bounded by the Myitnge River to the north, the Shan states of Lawksauk and Mon to the east, Meiktila District to the south and the Zawgyi and the Myitnge Rivers to the south west. Surrounded by hills and rivers, the town has both level plains [an area of 563 square miles] and the hill tract [an area of 711 square miles] which form part of the Shan mountain system. The Myitnge, the Zawgyi, the Panlong and the Samon Rivers drain the entire Kyaukse District.

Since the time of King Anawrahta of Bagan [1044-1077 AD] the area has been noted as the centre of Eleven Economic Zones, where all crops, mainly paddy are grown by dry cultivation, watered by a network of irrigations. The Eleven Economic Zones are (1) Pinle (2) Pynmana (3) Myittha (4) Ywamon (5) Myingondaing (6) Panan (7) Tamok (8) Thindaung (9) Mekkaya (10) Thabyetha and (11) Kanlu. The great weirs are Kinda, Ngalaingzin, Pyaungbya, Kume, Nwadet, Kuze and Ngapyauung constructed by Anawrahta and they still exist in service.

Most prominent hills, where the elephant dance originated are Pyetkaywe with 2 peaks rising to 3004 feet and 3707 feet respectively, Mandaung 1696 feet, Kalagyaung 1711 feet, Kyaukse hill 977 feet, Minmweytaung 792 feet and Keinnayataung 1504 feet. They all serve as an attractive background. There are also lakes and streams. Of many wild animals, "elephants are fairly plentiful in the Yeyaman Hill tract, where they sometimes descend to the neighbourhood of the Sunye in [Lake]" says Burma Gazetteer Kyaukse District Vol A by JA Stewart, Settlement Officer, published 1925, Government Printing and Stationery, Burma, Yangon].

Pagoda legends, stone inscriptions, and Myanmar chronicles bear evidences of flora and fauna of Kyaukse

District. Of a variety of terrestrial animals elephants featured dominant the entire area used to be a good habitat of these biggest mammals, coming down from the Shan hills, roaming about in the fertile valleys of the rivers and farms. Besides both white and black elephants of Bagan Kings particularly Anawrahta, had frequented Kyaukse area on many royal errands.

King Anawrahta received many religious gifts from his Sri Lankan counterparts. A replica of the Sacred Tooth Relic of Lord Buddha of Kandy Temple was the most revered sacred object which was duplicated into four. The original replica was enshrined in Shwezigon Pagoda at Bagan, which was built of stone bricks brought to the site by a human chain. Along the distance of nearly 7 miles between the quarries at Tuyin hill range and Bagan, hewn stone bricks were carried by hands of devotees who daily lined up under the tree shades, each passing one stone brick to the next person. In that way Shwezigon Pagoda, seen today was built. The 1975 earthquake toppled down the Pagoda's upper portions, bringing down hewn stone bricks some of which bear inscriptions and handwritings, proving that the transportation of construction materials by human hands mentioned in the Pagoda legend was true.

Myanmar chronicles mention that Anawrahta next made four replicas of Sacred Tooth Relic, each of which he put on his royal white mount and prayed that "the white elephant bearing the sacred replica shall kneel down at the auspicious ground for enshrining the sacred object in a pagoda. The white elephant with the sacred relic on its back swarm across the Ayeyawaddy River on the west of Bagan and walked up the Tantkyi Taung hill range and knelt down on its summit. We see Tantkyi Taung Tooth Relic Pagoda on its summit commanding the panoramic view of Bagan on the eastern bank. Stone inscriptions pillars set up by Anawrahta in the pagoda precincts fully recorded the building of the Pagoda by Anawrahta and maintenance and renovations of it by his successor kings. The next place where the white elephant took the second replica was on the summit of the hillock of Lokananda near the old jetty of ancient Bagan where King

Anawrahta waded in the water to receive the Sri Lankan Sacred Replica from the ship that arrived there. You visit Lokananda Pagoda with the second sacred duplicate enshrined it. Walk around it to enjoy extraordinary views of the surroundings. In its vicinities down below are gardens and nursery of star tortoises created by the Forest Department. The third sacred duplicate was enshrined in a pagoda on the summit of the Tuyin hill range about 7 miles to the south west of Bagan. A good car drive takes you up there and a breathtaking panoramic view awaits you up there. Again stone inscriptions on pillars set up these records the story of the white elephant bringing the sacred duplicate up on that hill range and showed the auspicious site to build a pagoda to enshrine it in. Anawrahta's and his successor's works were also recorded.

The white mount took the fourth sacred duplicate, walking a long distance of nearly over 150 miles to the north east of Bagan. When it reached the Kyaukse area it went up the Kyaukse hills and stopped for a short sojourn. Then it came down and proceeded to another hill range which has two peaks "Pyet" and "Khaywe". There the white elephant knelt down indicating an auspicious site to enshrine the last sacred duplicate. There you still find the fourth sacred duplicated in the Pagoda, Anawrahta built.

To commemorate his white mount which served him for a long period and carried the sacred object to all auspicious sites Anawrahta built Shwe Tha Lyaung Buddha Image and a pagoda on the hill range of Kyaukse. He issued a royal order that the local people "hold annual puja (worship) and festival in the month of Thadingyut (October) with all offertories, fruits, flowers, etc., with figures of his white Elephant now passed away. Thus elephant figure made of clay or carved out of wood and gilt were offered to the Buddha at the festival yearly held on the Fullmoon day of Thadingyut. In the course of time live size elephant dummies were made of bamboo and rice papers. It is said that in the olden days trained elephants participated in the festival dancing merrily to the elephant music and songs.

Since then Kyaukse had originated "Elephant dance" for the annual festival of Kyaukse Shwethalyaung Pagoda on Thadingyut Fullmoon Day.

There is yet another legend, much earlier than Anawrahta's time. It is somewhat similar to one of Jataka stories. It runs as follows: - In the Kingdom of Kosambi, there ruled a noble King Patheynasi Kosala. His chief Queen was Keythari. One day in winter, she was wearing a red velvet dress with a scarlet shawl and sunning in the noon sunshine. An enormous garuda size elephant headed bird Hnget-Hsin up in the sky, seeing her as a big piece of red-blooded meat, dashed down and took her away to its big nest built on a cluster of nine banyan trees. Finding that it was not meat but a living human, kept her in the nest. The queen screamed for help. A hermit in search for fruits in the forest rescued her and took her to his hermitage. Learning that she was the queen of his younger brother whom he had put on the throne when he abdicated to become a hermit, kept her in a house built for her and looked after her. When the bird took her she was already pregnant. A baby boy was later born. They named him U Teyna. The hermit brought him up giving his nephew training in 18 princely arts, so that one day he would succeed his father. The hermit also made for him a harp and taught him mantras that can tame wild elephants and use for service by playing the harp and chanting the mantras. Where news came that the King had passed away and a usurper was ruling, and by then U Teyna had turned 18 years of age, the hermit and the queen decided that they should return to the Kosambi Kingdom. As instituted by the Hermit, U Teyna played the harp, chanting the mantras, out come herder of elephants kneeling before U Teyna and his mother. Now was the time to return to Kosambi Kingdom. They paid respect to the Hermit and bid farewell. The armies of usurper King fled upon seeing the march of U Teyna, his mother and elephant warriors. The people of the Kingdom enthroned U Teyna.

This legend also left

**Maha Saddhamma Jotika dhaja
Sithu Dr. Khin Maung Nyunt**

the elephant dance festival in Kyaukse area. In the high school days of the writer, he had a chance to meet one old monk and an elderly man at the festival he attended in 1939.

They told him that legend and they also took him to Minmwey hill where U Teyna was born and a group of some banyan trees on which the elephant headed big bird's nest was.

Today, the entire Kyaukse area is noted for Elephant dance performed specially at the festival of pagodas on the fullmoon day of Thadingyut and other months.

other in the rear manipulate the dummy elephant realistically, showing all elephant movements and dance postures including acrobatics. The accompanying instrumentalists play and sing elephant song and music. Sometimes real tamed elephants participate. Myanmar elephants like music and song and happy to dance on special occasion.

Nearly 20 to 30 men form Elephant Dance Troupe. They have auspicious names Kyaukse Elephant dance festival

List of annual pagoda festivals in Kyaukse area with elephant dance performances

1.	Shwethalyaung Pagoda.....	Thadingyut (October) and Tabaung (March)
2.	Dattaw Pagoda.....	Thadingyut (October) and Tabaung (March)
3.	Shwesatthwa Pagoda.....	Thadingyut (October) and Tabodwe (February)
4.	Pawdawmu Pagoda.....	Thadingyut (October) and Pyatho (January)
5.	Phalinbo Pagoda.....	Tabodwe (February)
6.	Shinbin-hantha Pagoda.....	Tawthalin (September)
7.	Htonbo Pagoda.....	Nattaw (December)
8.	Andaw Pagoda.....	Tazaungmon (November)
9.	Thandawmyat Pagoda.....	Tazaungmon (November)
10.	Taungdaw Pagoda.....	Tazaungmon (November)
11.	Shwemokhtaw Pagoda.....	Tabodwe (February)
12.	Taunggyi Pagoda.....	Thadingyut (October)
13.	Pandaku Pagoda.....	Tazaungmon (November)
14.	Mataungda Pagoda.....	Tazaungmon (November)
15.	Shwepwintlan Pagoda.....	Pyatho (January)
16.	Shweminwun Pagoda.....	Tazaungmon (November)
17.	Shwepanu Pagoda.....	Tabodwe (February)

The people there had inherited as their cultural heritage from their ancestors not only the arts and crafts of making elephant figures and dummies for religious pujas and offering but also the performing arts of elephant dance, music and songs. White or black richly caparisoned live size elephant dummies are skillfully made in which two young men one in the front and the

begins on the 14th Waxing day of Thadingyut and goes on till the end of the month. On one National Day of Singapore the writer witnessed a procession of Kyaukse Elephant dances in the streets of down town areas of Singapore. Traffic stopped and everyone watched these wonderful dummy elephants dancing to honour their National Day.

Business

Press conference on Myotha industrial park



Officials make clarification on project of Myotha Industrial Park.

NGAZUN, 18 Oct—A press conference on information described in some media on matters related to Myotha Industrial Park in Ngazun Township was held in Ngwedawgon Ward of Pyigyidagun Township of Mandalay on 13 October. The Chairman of MMID Co explained matters related

to the park, prospects of emerging Mandalay-Myotha Industrial Park, future plans and current situation of Hsimeekhon Jetty and Mandalay-Myotha Park.

At present, compensation has been given to the local people for over 4000 acres of land of 5000 acres to build the industrial park. The remaining lands are pasture land. The religious lands in the area of park will not be confiscated.

Electrification is being undertaken for the townships of the industrial park. The central Myanmar will be strategic area for commercial sector.

MMAL-Thiha Ko Ko (Mandalay)

Regional Development

Chin national race affairs minister meets local people in rural area of Kalay



KALAY, 18 Oct—As recent floods destroyed Natdaga Bridge, Hsegyi Bridge, Pyidawtha Bridge and Zeechaung Bridge in Kalay, the local people are facing difficulties in transportation and commercial matters up to now.

Reports on requirements are to be submitted to the superiors so as to repair the damaged bridges and to provide necessary assistance to the local victims. From 11 to 15 October, Sagaing Region Minister for Chin national race affairs U No Thang Kap toured 12

villages from seven village-tracts in Kalay Township. During the visit, the state minister coordinated with the local people for rural development.

The state minister inspected damages of the bridges.

Kyemon-Ju Nine

Chin national race affairs minister views damages of a bridge.

Mandalay Region Football Federation Chairman's Cup U-20 football tournament commences

MANDALAY, 18 Oct—The first U-20 football tournament for the Mandalay Region Football



Federation Chairman's Cup was launched at Bahtoo Stadium on 15 October afternoon.

Among the spectators were Mandalay Region Social Affairs Minister Dr Win Hlaing, Region Auditor-General U Kyaw Win and region, district and township level departmental officials, principals of Sports and Physical Education Institute and Myanmar Football Academy and guests.

Chairman of the

Members of mobile medical team giving free health care services to local people.

Defence Services medical team provides health care to local people in Mawlu



MAWLU, 18 Oct—A medical team led by Tactical Operations Commander Col Khin Maung Oo of South-West Command gave free medical treatment of local people at the monastery in Myaypalin Village of Manhe Village-tract in Mawlu region of Indaw Township, Sagaing Region,

on 16 October.

While the medical team arrived in Myepalin Village, about 120 local people received medical treatment.

The mobile medical team visited the villages which are very far distance from station hospitals.

The team have provided health care to about 500

people in Myaingthaya Village of Mohnyin Township, 120 people in Mawhe Village and another 120 people in Myaypalin Village.

Furthermore, the medical team has a plan to go right down to the remote villages.

Kyemon-Ni Toe

Natural spring lake dug in Indaw Tsp

MAWLU, 18 Oct—A ceremony to launch the digging of a natural spring lake was held the place, one mile southwest of Haungton Village of Mawlu region in Indaw Township of Sagaing Region on 16 October.

Under the aegis of Sayadaw Bhaddanta

Subhoga of Malu Village, the local people led by Haungton Village administrator U Ohn Kyaw, Malu Village Administrator U Hla Aye, local authorities, and officials participated in digging the lake.

A wellwisher dredged the soil from the lake with

the use of backhoe from 7 am to 12 noon.

The lake is 70 feet long and 30 feet wide.

On completion, potable water can be supplied to the local people from Haungkon Village and Malu Village through water pipeline.

Kyemon-Ni Toe

Outbreak of Fire

Fireworks cause blazing 15 houses in Pyigyidagun Township

MANDALAY, 18 Oct—A fire that started from playing fireworks by Moe Naing, 3 years old, son of Naing Lin (a) Naing Lin Nyunt at No 891 in Eastern Block of Yebaw Plantation in Chanmyathaya Ward of

Pyigyidagun Township on 16 October afternoon.

The fire left about 110 people from 23 households homeless.

After that, officials accommodated at the relief centre of Moegaung Dhammayon.

About 250 fire fighters put out the fire with the

use of 50 fire engines, one management vehicle and one supporting vehicle

Pyigyidagun Township Myoma Police Station opened a lawsuit against Naing Lin Nyunt under the law for his negligent control over child.

Kyemon-Thiha Ko Ko (Mandalay)



Photo shows fire engulfing houses in Chanmyathaya Ward of Pyigyidagun Township.

REGIONAL



Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe (R) speaks during a meeting with business leaders at his office in Tokyo on 17 Oct, 2013.— KYODO NEWS

Search for missing continues, rain forecast on typhoon-hit island

TOKYO, 18 Oct — Police officers, firefighters and Self-Defence Forces officers continued searching on Friday for people still missing on Izu Oshima Island two days after a powerful typhoon left 23 dead and 26 others missing.

Of the 23 bodies found on the island about 120 kilometers south of Tokyo, 13 have been identified, police and local government officials said.

Prime Minister Shinzo Abe will visit the island on Sunday, Deputy Chief Cabinet Secretary Katsunobu Kato told the day's news conference.

The island with more than 8,300 residents was hard hit Wednesday by the year's 26th typhoon, named Wipha, with heavy rainfalls causing mudslides that destroyed buildings and buried some residents alive.

The municipal government of Oshima and the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism said they will make utmost efforts to prevent another outbreak of disaster on the island ahead of rains forecast for the weekend.

State Minister Keiji Furuuya, who is in charge of disaster management, told

reporters at a separate news conference that the government is working to prevent another disaster on the island, noting the approach of the year's 27th typhoon, named Francisco, to the Japanese archipelago from the south.

After their second all-night effort, the searchers focused their work in heavily damaged areas on the island, and recovered one body from a home damaged by a landslide.

Patrol boats and divers from the Japan Coast Guard searched for the missing in waters around the island.

Kyodo News

Thai parliament president expects closer ties with China after Li's visit

BANGKOK, 18 Oct — Chinese Premier Li Ke-qiang's visit to Thailand has forged a closer relationship between the two nations and will bring tangible benefits to both sides, Somsak Kiatsuranont, president of the Thai parliament said here on Thursday.

In an exclusive interview with *Xinhua*, the top Thai lawmaker said Li's "fruitful" visit, which concluded on 13 October, has further strengthened the friendly ties between Thailand and China and boosted their pragmatic cooperation in various fields, especially in high-speed train and agriculture.

Describing China as an "expert" in high-speed train technology, Somsak, who visited China in April, said he had taken a ride on China's high-speed trains and witnessed the fast progress it has made in this field.

"China has developed advanced capabilities of building high-speed railways, while Thailand

abounds with agricultural products such as rice and rubber," he said, adding that with respective advantages, the two countries can make their cooperation mutually beneficial.

During his three-day visit, Li delivered a 30-minute speech in the Thai parliament, the first by a foreign dignitary in the legislature's 81-year history.

Xinhua

Vietnam to host ASEAN Disaster Emergency Response Simulation Exercise

HANOI, 18 Oct — Vietnam will host the ASEAN Disaster Emergency Response Simulation Exercise (ARDEX-13) on 21-24 October, which is expected to strengthen ASEAN's collective response to massive disasters in the region.

The event, to be held in Hanoi's Ba Vi District, will test for the first time the operational capability of the ASEAN Coordinating Centre for Humanitarian Assistance on Disaster

Management (AHA Centre) since its establishment in November 2011.

Vietnamese Deputy Prime Minister Hoang Trung Hai will directly supervise the event which is jointly organized by the Vietnamese National Committee for Search and Rescue (VINASARCOM), the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development (MARD), and AHA Centre, State-run Vietnam News Agency (VNA) reported on

Cyclone death toll rises to 38 in eastern India

NEW DELHI, 18 Oct — Indian authorities Thursday said the death toll in last week's powerful tropical cyclone in the eastern state of Odisha rose to 38.

"So far, 38 bodies have been found in Odisha even as flood waters are still receding in many districts. The Indian Army, the Indian Navy and the Indian Air Force personnel are helping with the relief work," a senior police official said on condition of anonymity.

The cyclone, nicknamed Phailin, made landfall in Odisha and the

neighbouring southern state of Andhra Pradesh at 9.30 pm (local time) Saturday with wind speed of nearly 200 km/h, causing heavy rainfall and sending seawater surging inland.

The storm snapped communication, power lines and uprooted trees, and damaged properties and crops worth billions of rupees.

In 1999, a similar cyclone killed more than 10,000 people in Odisha. But this time, the death toll has been low thanks to the preparedness of disaster

reduction officials.

"We have been able to (keep) the death toll to a bare minimum," M.S. Reddy of the National Disaster Management Authority had told the media in the national capital Monday.

Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik had also said the primary aim was to minimize loss of human lives which has been done successfully.

"Property to the tune of several crores has been damaged. Rehabilitation will now be done," he said.

Xinhua

Indonesia calls on countries to avert using cyberspace for war

JAKARTA, 18 Oct — Indonesian Foreign Minister Marty Natalegawa reiterated the importance of global cooperation aimed at assuring countries in the world to avert using cyberspace for war and rivalry.

The minister's call was conveyed in his speech to address the 2-day international annual event of Conference on Cyberspace commenced in Seoul, South Korea on Thursday.

The ongoing annual Conference on Cyberspace themed "Global Prosperity through an Open and Secure Cyberspace: Opportunities, Threats and Cooperation" was the third after the ones held in London, England and Budapest, Hungary in 2011 and 2012. It was attended by delegates from 90 countries with presence of 26 ministerial officers.

"Indonesia points out the importance of building mutual trust as paradigm and approach for countries in seeing cyberspace," the minister said in a statement released by the foreign affairs ministry.

Marty added that cyberspace provides huge opportunities for all nations to build up peace and prosperity.

"Cyberspace should be used as a tool to build up partnership between countries that would eventually bring mutual advancement," he said.—*Xinhua*



Chinese State Councilor Yang Jiechi (R) meets with ASEAN Secretary-General Le Luong Minh in Beijing, capital of China, on 17 Oct, 2013.—XINHUA



People attend the World Chinese Writers Conference 2013 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, on 17 Oct, 2013. The event held by World Association of Chinese Writers is being attended by over 300 participants from 35 countries and regions.—XINHUA

Thursday. ARDEX-2013 will focus on four targets, in which participants would exchange information in case of disasters and perfect entry procedures in a fast and secure manner to carry out emergency relief, define challenges and assess possibilities for cooperation in response to urgent situations.

Ten ASEAN member states will join the exercise, of which seven will deploy forces and three others send observers. Around 2,500 people will take part in the event, which will deploy two helicopters, 23 canoes and vessels, one military bridge, 245 cars, and 359 search equipment and medical devices.

ARDEX is organized and based on the ASEAN Agreement on Disaster Management and Emergency Response (AADMER), which mandates the strengthening of the emergency response to disaster and humanitarian assistance coordination, reported VNA quoting sources from the ASEAN Secretariat.

Xinhua

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Myanma Petroleum Products Enterprise
Invitation for Open Tender (2/2013)**

1. Open tenders are invited for supply of the following respective items in United State Dollar (CIF Yangon) and Myanmar Kyats.

Sr.No	Tender No	Description	Qty	Remark
(1)	MPPE/MCY/CAP/T/3 (2013-2014)	Mobile Fuel Lab (Brand New)	5 Sets	US\$
(2)	MPPE/MCY/T/1 (2013-2014)	ERW Mild Steel Line Pipes and Gate Valves	5 Items	US\$
(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
Myanma Petroleum Products Enterprise
Ministry of Energy, No (6) Complex, Nay Pyi Taw

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New Zealand raid busts alleged Hong Kong-linked drug smuggling syndicate

WELLINGTON, 18 Oct — New Zealand Police and Customs officers said Thursday they had seized methamphetamine valued at 2 million NZ dollars (1.68 million US dollars) that was smuggled from Hong Kong in LED lighting panels.

A joint operation involving more than 40 investigators resulted in a raid Wednesday on a Wellington house and two other lower North Island premises, where they found 2 kg of the "high purity" drug, more than 20,000 NZ dollars in cash and a BMW and a Mercedes motor vehicle, said a statement from the two law enforcement agencies.

Four men aged from 36 to 52 years and a woman aged 39 were arrested and alleged to be part of a syndicate importing illegal drugs.

Police Minister Anne Tolley and Customs Minister Maurice Williamson said the raid sent a strong warning to those involved in the drug trade. "There is no place for these despicable drugs in our communities," Tolley said in a statement. "Police and Customs are working together to share intelligence, and they are getting great results."

Xinhua

"Supply of equipment for a Crisis Response Centre in Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar"

Publication reference : EuropeAid/135164/L/SUP/MM

The European Commission intends to award 1 or more supply contracts for the supply delivery, installation and putting into operation of the following lots: **Lot 1: ICT equipment;** **Lot 2: Office furniture;** **Lot 3: Air conditioning units;** **Lot 4: Generator;** **Lot 5 Extended warranty,** for a work space of ± 400m² in Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar, with financial assistance from the Instrument for Stability Programme of the European Union. The tender dossier is available from the EU Delegation to Myanmar, 45 Inya Myaing Road, Golden valley (2) Ward, Bahan Township, Yangon and will also be published on the EuropeAid website: <https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/europeaid/online-services/index.cfm?do=publi.welcome> and on the Myanmar Delegation website: http://eeas.europa.eu/delegations/myanmar/grants_tenders/tenders/index_en.htm. The deadline for submission of tenders is **19/11/2013**. Possible additional information or clarifications/questions shall be published on the above websites.

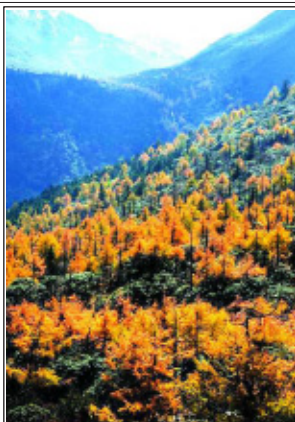


Photo taken on 16 Oct, 2013 shows the autumn scenery of Mugecuo, a lake in Kangding County, southwest China's Sichuan Province.—XINHUA

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Drug abuse, illicit guns threaten security, youths in Kenya

KITALE, 18 Oct— Kenya has deployed three special security units to crackdown on increased use of drugs and illicit guns threatening security and spoiling unemployed youths in counties in north-west Kenya.

The move followed concerns from tribal leaders over the widespread drug abuse and existence

of illegal guns fueling crime and deteriorating security.

Trans-Nzoia County Police Commander Lillian Okembo said on Wednesday that security forces have been posted to the county to counter the emerging security threats blamed on the use of drugs and illegal guns.

Poverty and lack of

employment is forcing many young Kenyans to resort to criminal activities to eke a living.

Drug abuse among the youth has gained root and heightened crime in the two counties, where leaders are worried that the menace will be getting worse unless drastic measures are put in place.

Xinhua



Farmers prepare to transport apples in Jichang Township in Jixian County, north China's Shanxi Province, on 10 Oct, 2013. The apple orchard in Jichang Township covers an area of 280,000 mu (about 186.6 square kilometers) and the harvest season has come.

XINHUA

ENTERTAINMENT

Hindi remake of Escape Plan in the works

NEW DELHI, 18 Oct—PVR Pictures, which is distributing Sylvester Stallone and Arnold Schwarzenegger's *Escape Plan*, is in the final stage of talks to bag the Hindi remake rights of the Hollywood action thriller.

And if all goes as planned, honchos at PVR are keen to cast Desi Boyz stars John Abraham and Akshay Kumar in the lead roles in the Hindi version, said a source close to the production and distribution giant.

After talks spread over three months, the deal is said to be almost in the final stages of closure. The adaptation process may start as early as December and the film can

go on the floors mid 2014. Commenting on the development, an official representative of PVR Pictures said: "We are taking the rights of *Escape Plan* to be remade in Hindi. Bollywood has a huge appetite for action movies and we feel that finally the audience deserves to watch a true action film. Arnold and Sylvester are both the biggest action stars alive and we wish to cast someone for the Hindi version who is a great fit for each of the roles."

The representative said that "the convenience of the story and the plot" can easily be adapted for the Indian audiences.

"We are certain that this will make for a movie



A still from *Escape Plan*.

that audiences will look out for. *Escape Plan* has already been earning rave reviews in the US, and we feel that this coupled with power of

the story makes for a rather interesting project for us to be involved with," the official said.

PTI

Jamie Foxx denies dating Katie Holmes

LOS ANGELES, 18 Oct—Actor Jamie Foxx has rubbished reports that he is dating Katie Holmes.

The dating rumours started doing the round after the *Django Unchained* star and Holmes, who divorced husband Tom Cruise last year, danced at a charity event in August.

"(The rumors) are one hundred per cent not true. In fact, it's quite hilarious because we simply danced at a charity event along with a lot of other people," Foxx



Actor Jamie Foxx

told *Entertainment Tonight*.

Holmes and Foxx both attended the 4th annual Apollo in the Hamptons benefit in East Hampton, New York in August.

According to reports at that time, Holmes pulled Foxx and Ellen DeGeneres in to join her in bustin' a move to hits like Lenny Kravitz's *American Woman* and Robin Thicke's *Blurred Lines*.

PTI



Katie Holmes

Lady Gaga shoots holiday TV special with The Muppets

LOS ANGELES, 18 Oct—Pop star Lady Gaga is reuniting with the animated characters of *The Muppets* to shoot a television holiday special for ABC.

The 27-year-old recently filmed a secret Christmas TV special with Jim Henson's puppet characters in Los Angeles and the show is due to air in December, reports *eonline.com*.

Gaga previously befriended Kermit the Frog and Miss Piggy while shooting a cameo in 2011's *The Muppets* movie, but her appearance was cut from the final edit.

She also took Kermit the Frog as her date to the 2009 MTV Video Music Awards.—PTI



Pop star Lady Gaga

Britney Spears wants to marry again, have twins



Britney Spears

LOS ANGELES, 18 Oct—Pop star Britney Spears would like to get married for the third time and have twins. The 31-year-old,

who has two sons, Sean Preston, eight, and Jayden James, seven, with her ex-husband Kevin Federline, hopes to get married again,

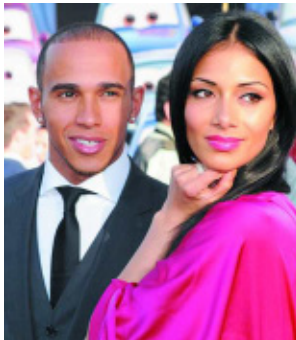
reports *contactmusic.com*.

The 31-year-old star told Germany's RTL network on Tuesday (15 October): "I'd like to have more kids, settle down, have kids, maybe twins, and get married. That would be nice." Britney, who was also previously married to childhood friend Jason Alexander for 55 hours after they exchanged vows in Las Vegas in January 2004, ended her engagement with Jason Trawick in January 2013.

She has been dating Dave Lucado in recent months but their romance was recently reported to be on the rocks.—PTI

Nicole Scherzinger, Lewis Hamilton meet secretly

LOS ANGELES, 18 Oct—Singer Nicole Scherzinger and Formula 1 driver Lewis Hamilton reportedly had a secret meeting at a hotel



Their secret plan failed when Hamilton's car broke down on their way back and mechanics were called.—PTI

to discuss their relationship earlier this week.

The duo, who dated for over seven years, are going through a rough patch in their relationship. But now

they are trying to sort out the differences.

"They were determined to keep the meeting under wraps, which is why they chose a hotel that isn't used much by celebrities," the *sun.co.uk* quoted a source as saying.

Their secret plan failed when Hamilton's car broke down on their way back and mechanics were called. That is how everyone got to know about their meeting.

"Nicole will be livid that Lewis' car broke down because that's what meant their cover was blown. He had to get out to let the mechanics sort out the issue," said the source.

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Jennifer Lopez, Casper Smart headed for a split?

LOS ANGELES, 18 Oct—Jennifer Lopez and her toy-boy lover Casper Smart's relationship has reportedly hit a rough patch.

Lopez and Smart have been dating for nearly two years but it is being said that they have been fighting a lot recently, reported *E! News*.

"Things are not going well at the moment. They are bickering and it's clear to the people around them that there is an irritation between them at the moment.

It's hot and cold, but more cold than hot right now," a source said.

The thrice-divorced mother of two and her choreographer beau reportedly "never thought it was going to be long-term."

Lopez separated from third husband Marc Anthony in July 2011.

Lopez is currently judging the reality show *American Idol*. The couple was last photographed out in public on 21 September.

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SPORTS

Johansson and Bjorkman mask fall of Swedish tennis

STOCKHOLM, 18 Oct—Once a conveyor belt of tennis greats like Bjorn Borg, Mats Wilander and Stefan Edberg, Swedish tennis now finds itself in the doldrums but two old warriors have helped lift the mood at the Stockholm Open this week.

Former world No 4 Jonas Bjorkman, aged 41, came out of retirement to partner compatriot Robert Lindstedt in the men's doubles and Joachim Johansson, once regarded as the next big thing before injury struck, made a rare singles appearance.

Both shook off the rust to win. Bjorkman, who quit five years ago, was approached by Lindstedt after breaking up with his regular partner before the US Open and jumped at the chance of a one-off appearance.

"It's not a comeback, just here in Stockholm,"



Jonas Bjorkman of Sweden

Bjorkman, who is also the tournament's marketing director, said in an interview on the tournament's website. "Robert is one of the best in the world and I hope he can carry me on his shoulders. The aim is to win the title."

Bjorkman, who won all four majors in doubles and reached two grand slam singles semi-finals, and Lindstedt beat fellow Swedes Isak Arvidsson and Andreas Siljeström in

the first round and were up against Ernests Gulbis and Dmitry Tursonov in the second round. Johansson, nicknamed Pim Pim, rolled back the years to when he reached the 2004 US Open semi-final, with a 6-1, 6-3 victory over Colombia's world No 112 Alejandro Falla.

The former top tenner's performance was remarkable as it was his first main tour match for four years, although he has per-

formed Davis Cup duties for Sweden on occasions since.

Johansson burst through in 2004, defeating Andy Roddick on his way to the semis at Flushing Meadows, but after reaching the top 10 the following year the shoulder problems that forced him to retire in 2008 surfaced.

The 31-year-old, who once served a then record 51 aces against Andre Agassi at the Australian Open in 2005, will face one of the big-hitting new generation in Canadian Milos Raonic later on Thursday.

Win or lose he has said his comeback is for one event only.

Johansson's brief return masks the sad state of Swedish tennis, especially in the singles ranks, where their top player is Markus Eriksson, ranked 406th in the world.—Reuters

Murray in dash to Palace after drugs test



Andy Murray of Britain

LONDON, 18 Oct—Wimbledon champion Andy Murray was held up on his way to receive an OBE at Buckingham Palace by a random drugs test on Thursday.

The Scot, who was to receive the honor from Prince William, got an unexpected knock on the door just as he was sprucing himself up for his royal engage-

ment. "In the middle of a drug test hahaha I'm goin to be late!!" Murray, who is recovering from back surgery, said on Twitter.

Murray became the first British man in 77 years to win Wimbledon when he beat Novak Djokovic in July, a year after winning the Olympic gold medal.

Reuters

Liverpool take 'strongest squad' to Newcastle

LONDON, 18 Oct—Liverpool will take their strongest squad of the season to Newcastle United on Saturday, manager Brendan Rodgers said on Thursday.

Defenders Glen Johnson and Aly Cissokho and midfielder Joe Allen have recovered from injuries and are available for Liverpool who are second in the Premier League table, level on points with leaders Arsenal.

"We'll arrive with our strongest squad of the season against Newcastle," Rodgers told a news conference. "They haven't played games, but they've been training now for the last few weeks.

"Glen Johnson will be back. Joe Allen will be back. Cissokho will be back."

Brazilian midfielder

Lucas Leiva is also in contention after serving a one-match suspension.

"Lucas will come back into the squad. He's another player who has shown his worth and he's got himself back into the Brazil squad," Rodgers said.

"We've got a number of players here who are developing and improving in their careers, and

he's one of them."—Reuters



McIlroy handily placed after late Korea Open flourish

SEOUL, 18 Oct—Former world number one Rory McIlroy, making his competitive return after a four-week break, was handily placed three shots off the pace after producing a late flourish in the opening round of the Korea Open on Thursday.

The 24-year-old Northern Irishman, who has slipped to sixth in the rankings after a turbulent year both on and off the course, carded a one-under 70 at the OneAsia Tour event as he continued his search for an elusive first victory of the year.

Japan tour regular Jang Ik-jae returned an error-free 67 to take the lead at Woo Jeong Hills Country Club near Cheonan, south of Seoul.

Twice major winner

McIlroy dropped a shot at the third before rallying with a birdie at the next hole. He then made a double-bogey at

putts." McIlroy ended his round in style with birdies at the 14th, 17th and 18th.

Reuters



Arsenal owner Kroenke says time for some silverware

LONDON, 18 Oct—Arsenal owner Stan Kroenke will not be satisfied until the Premier League club has ended a barren run dating back to 2005, reassuring fans on Thursday about his ambitions for the team.

Some Arsenal supporters have accused American sports entrepreneur Kroenke of putting profit before success on the field, angry at the de-

parture of top players Cesc Fabregas and Robin van Persie in recent seasons.

"Nobody is happy until we win championships and trophies," Kroenke told shareholders at the club's annual meeting.

"Nothing works unless we have success on the pitch," he added, saying that he had invested in the club because of its tradition, image and long history



of winning things.

Kroenke first bought into Arsenal in 2007 and became the controlling

Tickets for a tour of soccer club Arsenal's stadium are seen at the Emirates Stadium in London on 4 March, 2013.

REUTERS

shareholder in 2011 in a deal valuing the club at 731 million pounds (721.03 million pounds).

The arrival of Mesut Ozil for a record 42.5 million pounds (\$68 million) has helped Arsenal to move to the top of the Premier League and lifted the mood among supporters.

Manager Arsene Wenger said he was pleased with the team's progress in the Premier League but noted that he would have a clearer idea of where they stood at the end of Novem-

ber.

He said the signing of Ozil from Real Madrid showed that he was prepared to spend heavily when the right player became available.

"You don't need any scout to buy Ozil. Just give money," he joked to shareholders during the meeting at the club's Emirates Stadium.

Reuters

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**U Sein Win
Kyodo News
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 17th Oct 2013 at 2:12 pm. The funeral and cremation ceremony will be held at 12:00 pm on 20th Oct 2013, at Yeway Cemetery.

New Zealand committed to cultural protection in conflict zones

WELLINGTON, 18 Oct—Protection of cultural heritage during armed conflict helps create conditions for peace, New Zealand Arts, Culture and Heritage Minister Chris Finlayson said on Friday after he formally deposited his country's documents to join a United Nations convention to protect culture during times of war.

Finlayson was at the Paris headquarters of the UN Education, Science and Culture Organization (UNESCO), where he formally deposited treaty documents to join the Protocols to the 1954 Hague Convention on the Protection of Culture in the Event of Armed Conflict. "The treaty was established in the aftermath of the massive destruction of culture and heritage during the Second World War, but it's as relevant now as it was then,"

Finlayson said in a statement from his office. "In the military intervention in Mali this year, protection of that country's cultural treasures was a high priority. We even saw protection of culture built in to a UN peacekeeping mandate."

New Zealand had announced a donation of 10,000 NZ dollars (8, 462 US dollars) to the convention's trust fund to help countries develop materials to protect key sites during a conflict, and had developed training materials for military personnel on peacekeeping missions.

Finlayson said New Zealand, which was campaigning for a non-permanent seat on the UN Security Council for 2015-2016, needed to respond to the key security issues that concerned UN member states.

Xinhua

Four killed in SW China coal mine blast

GUIYANG, 18 Oct—Four people have been confirmed dead after a coal mine blast on Thursday afternoon in southwest China's Guizhou Province, local authorities said on Friday.

The accident happened at 4:15 pm at the Zheyuan Coal Mine in Gaoshi Township in the city of Fuquan when 49 people were working underground, according to the city's publicity department. Forty-five people managed to escape while four others were trapped in the shaft, the department said.

Rescue work continued until the bodies of the four trapped were recovered early Friday morning. An investigation into the cause of the blast is under way.—Xinhua

German gov't to continue aid Palestinians

BERLIN, 18 Oct—German Chancellor Angela Merkel met Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas here on Friday and promised that the upcoming new government will continue aid to the Palestinian territories.

"We have always advocated aiding and supporting the Palestinian territories, advancing the peace process, advancing economic development," Merkel told visiting Abbas at the chancellery, adding that the next coalition government, likely between her conservatives and the Social Democrats (SPD), will conduct foreign policy with continuity.

Merkel's Christian Democratic Union (CDU) and its Bavarian sister party the Christian Social Union (CSU) agreed on Thursday to enter into formal talks with the SPD on forming a "grand coalition" to rule Europe's largest economy for the next four years.

Merkel also urged Israel to restrain itself in extending Jewish settlements in the West Bank and East Jerusalem. Abbas said the Palestinian side is earnest in conducting talks with Israel.—Xinhua

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Hodgson apologises over space monkey joke

LONDON, 18 Oct—Lauded by British media for guiding England to the World Cup one minute, manager Roy Hodgson had to defend himself against a racism slur the next after using an old joke as a tactical pointer in Tuesday's win over Poland.

Praise has been heaped on the affable Hodgson for his team's performances but Thursday's headlines, rather than basking in thoughts of the 2014 finals in Brazil, soured the mood of euphoria. Hodgson was reported to have used the "feed the monkey" punchline from an old NASA joke when instructing right back Chris Smalling to pass the ball to livewire midfielder Andros Townsend. The joke in question came about during the early days of space travel when NASA sent monkeys into space before manned

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missions. A bored astronaut, tired of the monkey being given all the tasks by mission control, asks, "When do I get to do something", and was told, "In 15 minutes—feed the monkey".

Hodgson used the joke to emphasise that getting the ball early to Tottenham Hot-

spur dangerman Townsend, England's most effective player in the first half, was their priority.

However, it was apparently lost on some of his players who were reportedly "offended", according to British newspapers, leading Hodgson to say sorry.

"I would like to apologise if any offence has been caused by what I said at half-time," the 66-year-old told British media on Thursday. "There was absolutely no intention on my part to say anything inappropriate."

"I made this clear straight away to Andros in the dressing room. I also spoke to Andros again on Wednesday. He has assured me and the FA he did not take any offence and understood the point I was making in the manner I intended."

Townsend was quick to defend Hodgson. "I don't know what all this fuss is about. No offence was meant and none was taken! It's not even news worthy!" he said on Twitter while striker Wayne Rooney described the subsequent furore as "ridiculous". FA chairman Greg Dyke also backed the England manager, saying he was

"a man of the highest integrity". "He has made clear there was no intent to say anything inappropriate and he was certainly not making any comments with any racist connotation," Dyke said in an FA statement.

"Roy has spoken with Andros Townsend and a number of the players since the game and he has been assured there are no problems within the squad whatsoever." Former England forward Stan Collymore, now a radio pundit and prominent anti-racism campaigner, said no one should have taken offence and those criticising Hodgson should instead target the real problem. "Racism is hard enough to keep on the agenda as it is without making everyone think a legitimate space tale should be cause for offence," he said on Twitter.—Reuters

MFTB inks US\$ 100 million loan agreement with China Exim Bank



Vice-President U Nyan Tun poses for documentary photo with Union ministers and officials of China Exim Bank.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 18 Oct—A signing ceremony between Myanmar Foreign Trade Bank and the Exim Bank of China on provision of US\$ 100 million worth of loan for the development of rural regions in Myanmar took place at Myat Tawwin Hotel, here, this morning, attended by Vice-President U Nyan Tun.

First, Union Minister for Cooperatives U Kyaw Hsan, Union Minister for Finance U Win Shein and Charge d' Affaires of the Embassy of the People's Republic of China Mr. Chen Chen spoke on the occasion.

Next, MFTB Managing Director U Nyi Pyu Hla and Deputy General Man-

ager of China Exim Bank Mr. Mei Jianping, Director-General U Ye Myint of the Central Bank of Myanmar and China Exim Bank Deputy General Manager Ms. Wen Hong signed loan agreements and exchanged notes.

After the signing ceremony, the Vice-President, the Union ministers, deputy ministers and departmental heads posed for documentary photos together with Chinese officials.

The successful signing of loan agreements would serve as a solid foundation for improvement of the socio-economic status of farmer members of cooperative societies in rural areas of Myanmar.—MNA

Senior General Min Aung Hlaing visits Maha Sina Paba Pagoda, Sanya of Hainan Province

NAY PYI TAW, 18 Oct—Accompanied by Myanmar Ambassador to China U Tin Oo, Military Attaché Col Aung Chein and FAO Director-General Rear Admiral Guan Youfei, a Myanmar military delegation led by Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing and wife Daw Kyu Kyu Hla yesterday arrived at the airport of Lou Yang city in He Nan Province where they were welcomed by Senior Colonel Chen Feng Hui of Lou Yang military region.

They proceeded to White Horse Temple and paid homage to the Buddha

Image and offered provisions to the Sayadaw of the temple.

Next, the Commander-in-Chief and party observed progress in construction of 108 feet high Maha Sina Paba Pagoda, a replica of Shwedagon Pagoda and a replica of Kyaikhtiyoe Pagoda and a dragon coiled around the Buddha Image donated by Myanmar citizens led by the President. It is learnt that 80 per cent of the whole construction work has been completed and it is set to finish in coming December.

Later, the Myanmar military delegation flew to

Sanya of Hainan Province. In the evening, they attended a dinner hosted by Deputy Commander Guangzhou Military Region Lt Gen Xing Shu Cheng.

The Commander-in-Chief and party toured Sanya, seaport town, in a motorcade this morning and posed for documentary photos in front of the Statue of Deer Turning Back at the View Point in Sanya.

On their arrival at Feng Huang airport, the Commander-in-Chief presented gifts to Major General Liu Xing of Hainan Military Region.

The Myanmar military delegation arrived back here this evening and they were welcomed back at Nay Pyi Taw Airport by Deputy

Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Soe Win and wife Daw Than Than Nwe, senior military officers of the Commander-in-Chief Office and their wives, the Nay Pyi Taw Command Commander and wife and officials.

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Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing presents gift to Deputy Commander Guangzhou Military Region Lt Gen Xing Shu Cheng at the dinner.

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Dinner to mark Eid Day in Kyaikto

KYAIKTO, 18 Oct—Kyaikto Township Islam Organization held a dinner to mark the Eid Day in Kyaikto this evening.

Before the dinner, U Nyi Nyi Tun, Amyotha Hluttaw Representative, delivered an address, expressing his delight that the dinner would help the local people to ensure friendship and cooperation among different faiths in the township to prevent unnecessary problems.

He also quoted the constitution as starting that the Union recognizes special position of Buddhism as the faith professed by the great majority of the citizens of the Union and the Union

also recognizes Christianity, Islam, Hinduism and Animism as the religions existing in the Union since the day on which this Constitution was in force.

The Union would assist and protect the religions it recognizes to its utmost, he said.

During the dinner, representatives from Islam, Buddhist, Hindu and Christian communities pledged for living with unity and with trust among all inter-faith communities.

As Kyaikto Township Interfaith Friendship Group as already been formed, the rays of peace are shining, they said.

Maung Maung Nyein Chan

Coord meeting between Union Ministers at President Office and Region/State National Races Affairs Ministers held

NAY PYI TAW, 18 Oct—A coordination meeting between the Union Ministers at President Office and Region/State National Races Affairs Ministers was held at the meeting hall of the President Office here this morning.

In his speech, Union Minister U Hla Tun said that the government is making all-out efforts for massive influx of local and foreign investments into the country so as to ensure economic development of the

country, industrial development, poverty alleviation, farm sector development and employment opportunity.

Union Minister at President Office U Aung Min called for participation of national races affairs ministers from regions and states in peace-making processes. He urged those present to join hands in an attempt to ensure national unity and development of the country.

Deputy Minister for

Border Affairs Maj-Gen Maung Maung Ohn discussed socio-economic development and human resources development of all national races; Deputy Minister U Thant Shin organizational set-up of Region/State governments; Deputy Minister for Finance Dr Lin Aung budgets of Union Government and Region/State government; and Deputy Attorney-General U Tun Tun Oo, the Constitution.

Later, Region/State

National Races Affairs Ministers held discussions on participation of peace-making process, drawing separate budgets for Region/State governments, national races literary and cultural development.

Union Minister U Hla Tun called for participation of all region/state ministers for achieving greater success in peace-making processes. The Union ministers presented gifts to region/state national races affairs ministers.—MNA