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## Relying on natural resources and low-skilled workers would not bring sustainable economy to the country: Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham



*Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham delivers an address at first meeting of Human Resources Development Plan Implementation Central Committee.—MNA*

NAY PYI TAW, 22 Oct—“Lack of human resources development would make a country lag behind the development,” said Chairman of Human Resources Development Plan Implementation Central Committee Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham at Central Committee’s meeting Union government office here today.

He continued that efforts are to be made for ensuring greater Human Development Index (HDI) and attaining Myanmar’s MDGs (Millennium Development Goals). Myanmar starts implementing a human resources development plan which is a very basic foundation for multi-sector development of the country.

He pointed out that relying on natural resources and low-skilled workers would not bring a sustainable economy to the country. Shift to a knowledge-based industry would bring about immense development and sustainable economy for the country. Human resource development is directly proportionate to

country’s development.

Myanmar was ranked 149th on the Human Development Index in 2012. As a short-term drive, human resources development plan can be implemented by means of capacity building of the organizations involved, effective on-job training, foreign training and carrot-and-stick approach.

The long-term measure involves up-to-date theory and practice of lessons in twelve teaching universities including the Ministry of Education and cooperation with private and international organizations, he added.

Later, Vice-Chairmen Union Ministers Dr Pe Thet Khin, Dr Ko Ko Oo and acting Union Minister Dr Myo Myint reported on implementation of human resources development plans and cooperation for multi-sector human resources development.

Central Committee members the Union Ministers, the Union Attorney-General, the Chairman of Union Civil Services Board, the deputy ministers, Nay

Pyi Taw Council member U Phone Zaw Han, the region/state ministers, National Economic and Social Advisory Council Chairman U Tin Htut Oo and UMFCCI President U Win Aung also participated in the meeting.

In his concluding speech, the Vice-President

said that human resources development contributes to higher productivity, socio-economic development, educational development and higher living standards.

Fund-raising for necessary capitals and technology will be carried out by ways of State’s funding and cooperation with pri-

## Nationwide ceasefire a step towards holding political dialogues

NAY PYI TAW, 22 Oct—Union Peace-making Work Committee and Karen National Progressive Party (KNPP) held a Union level peace talks for the third time at the Office of Kayah State Government in Loikaw, Kayah State, this morning.

Union Minister at President Office U Aung Min, Vice-Chairman of Union Peace-making Work Committee, at the meeting said that 14 of 16 ethnic armed groups had reached ceasefire agreements with the government. He added that agreements had been made with KIO which is one of the remaining two groups and plans are underway to sign a nationwide ceasefire agreement and hold political dialogues.

He highlighted the nationwide ceasefire agreement signing ceremony that



*Union level peace talks between Union Peace-making Work Committee and Karen National Progressive Party (KNPP) in progress.—MNA*

will be held soon is a step towards holding political dialogues, saying that the government is striving for organizing the political dialogues inspired by all ethnic

armed groups without fail.

He also stressed the need for frequent meetings with ethnic armed groups for the success of peace process through negotiations.

Next, Kayah State Chief Minister U Khin Maung Oo said that the Kayah State is lagged behind in development and (See page 8)

### Republic of the Union of Myanmar President Office

(Order No. 46/2013)

3<sup>rd</sup> Waning of Thadingyut, 1375 ME  
(22<sup>nd</sup> October, 2013)

### Resignation of Rakhine State high court judge allowed

Under Sub-section (a) of Section 312 of the Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and Sub-section (a) of Section 49 of the Union Judicial Law, Rakhine State high court judge Daw Si Si has been allowed to resign of her own volition.

Sd/Thein Sein

President

Republic of the Union of Myanmar

### Republic of the Union of Myanmar Union Government

Notification No. 68/2013

3<sup>rd</sup> Waning of Thadingyut, 1375 ME  
(22<sup>nd</sup> October, 2013)

The Union Government hereby declared that as 14<sup>th</sup> Waning of Thadingyut, 1375 ME, Saturday (2<sup>nd</sup> November 2013) is Deepavali Day, the Government Offices in the Republic of the Union of Myanmar will be closed on that day as public holiday under section 25 of the Negotiable Instruments Act.

By order,

Sd/ Zaw Than Thin

Secretary

Union Government

vate and international organizations and NGOs. The plan includes workshops, courses and researches. The

Ministry of Education will serve as a focal ministry for the plan.

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### Bay Bulletin

NAY PYI TAW, 22 Oct—According to the observations at 11:30 hrs MST today, the low pressure area over Southwest Bay of Bengal now lies

over Southwest Bay and adjoining West Central Bay of Bengal, announced by Meteorology and Hydrology Department.

NLM





Chief Minister of Mon State U Ohn Myint cordially converses with pilgrims at consecration and Buddha Pujaniya of Kyaikhtyoe Pagoda on Fullmoon Day of Thadingyut.—KYEMON

## Culture

### Khwado Festival, traditional culture of Chin nationals

The Republic of the Union of Myanmar is home to various national races.

They celebrate respective traditional festivals.

Khwado Festival is the most important of Chin nationals.

Khwado means successful harvest of crops, New Year festival and ceremony to ward out the evils.

“One of the main themes of the festival is to forecast the location of beehive. Young and old persons in villages forecast the beehive for future. The good status of the beehive will bring better future to the people,” said a local.

Khwado Festival is held in townships of Chin State and Kalay of Sagaing Region.

Kyemon-Linlet Kyei Sin

### Zawgyi River retaining wall collapses in heavy rain in Kyaukse



Retaining walls collapse into Zawgyi River in heavy rain in Kyaukse.

KYAUKSE, 22 Oct—Heavy rains on 19 October caused bank collapse at three places of Zawgyi River in Kyaukse Township.

Three places happened at 100 feet and one furlong distances downstream of the bridge to Basic Education High School No. 1 in Sugon Ward and one furlong distance upstream of the

bridge.

Deputy Commissioner U Ohn Than of Kyaukse District and officials of Irrigation Department and Development Affairs Department looked into the collapses.

“Landslide was caused by heavy rains, not bank erosion. There were no casualties. When water subsides, we will maintain

the retaining walls,” said Head of Township Irrigation Department U Myo Zaw Latt.

“The collapsed area was built at a time when water was supplied to the town. We will reconstruct the landslide area as quickly as possible,” said the Deputy Commissioner.

Kyemon-Tun Tun Naing (Kyaukse)

### Barrels of palm oil arrive at Yangon Port



YANGON, 22 Oct—A total of 421 barrels of crude palm oil were unloaded from

## Anti-Narcotic Drives

### Narcotic drugs worth K 800 m seized

NAY PYI TAW, 22 Oct—A combined team comprising members of No 30 Special Anti-Drug Squad of Tachilek searched a Tiger 4WD driven by Li Kwan Yon (a) Aung Win, 33 of No. 5 Ward in Nakaungmu Village-tract of Ponpahkyem Sub-Township at Loidawkham Checkpoint in Tachilek Township on 19 October. They seized 40 packets of Ice among the foodstuffs in the rare of car worth K 800 million.

The Ice will be reportedly sent to Monghsat from Tachilek.



A file of lawsuit was opened against the drug trafficker.—Kyemon-Police Information

Li Kwan Yon (a) Aung Win seen with narcotic drugs.

### Anti-rabies vaccine given to pet dogs

MYAWADY, 22 Oct—Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department of Ministry of Livestock, Fisheries and Rural Development and OIE jointly organized vaccination of anti-rabies to pet dogs and held educative talks.

In Myawady, Head of Myawady District LBVD Dr San Myint and Head of Township LBVD Dr Khaing Soe Win, Deputy Head of Department Dr Zeyar Toe and party gave anti-rabies vaccines to the pet dogs and cats from wards, religious buildings and schools free of charge.

Kyemon-District IPRD

### Barrels of crude palm oil being unloaded from vessel at Wadan Jetty in Yangon.

Yan Myo Aung Vessel that runs the route between Myeik and Yangon, at No. 6 Jetty (Wadan Jetty) of Yangon on 18 October afternoon.

The crude palm oil will

be sent to TNA Soap Factory in Mandalay via Yangon.

The crude oil can be used in production of various products in addition to soap.

Kyemon-Kyaw Myint Aye (IPRD)

### Prevention against destructive acts demonstrated

YANGON, 22 Oct—A demonstration on preventive measures against bomb explosion and mine planting was held at Bayintnaung Brokerage in Mayangon Township on 18 October.

At the educative talks, the authorities shared knowledge to mine planting and bomb explosion to the families of brokerage.

Next, the authorities urged the attendees to inform the market in-charge office about suspicions as quickly as possible if they find suspicious materials.

Later, pamphlets were distributed to those present.

Kyemon-Zawgyi Panita



Photo shows collision between 10-wheeled truck with timber load and sand carrier trawlergy in front of Settlement and Land Records Department on Kyaikkhauk Pagoda Road in Thanlyin Township of Yangon South District on 20 October.—KYEMON-ZAW SAN MYINT



## WORLD

## Iran sees nuclear talks with powers finishing within year

DUBAI, 22 Oct —Iran believes it can wrap up negotiations with world powers over its disputed nuclear programme in one year or less, Iranian media quoted its chief nuclear negotiator as saying.

At talks last week, the first since moderate President Hassan Rouhani's election in June, Teheran offered a three-phase plan it said could yield a breakthrough in the stand-off after years of diplomatic paralysis and increasing confrontation. "If we see the same seriousness in future negotiations which we saw in the (15-16 October) Geneva negotiations, we believe that within six months to one year we can conclude the negotiations," Deputy

Foreign Minister Abbas Araqchi said in an interview with the state-owned, Arabic-language Al Alam television channel.

"Perhaps within three months or six months we can reach a conclusion regarding the first step," he said, in remarks that were published on Monday by ISNA news agency.

The United States and its European allies suspect Iran is working towards a nuclear weapons capability, and have levied sanctions on Iran's energy, banking and shipping sectors that have battered the Iranian economy and caused a currency crisis.

Iran denies it is after nuclear weapons, saying its uranium enrichment pro-



**Iran's President Hassan Rouhani takes questions from journalists during a news conference in New York on 27 Sept, 2013. —REUTERS**

gram is purely for peaceful energy purposes.

The six world powers dealing with the Iranian nuclear issue are the five permanent UN Security Council members - the United States, Russia, China, Britain and France - plus Germany. Washington described last week's negotiations as the most serious and candid to date, and the parties have agreed to meet again in Geneva on 7-8 Novem-

ber. Nuclear and sanctions experts from both sides are to meet before the next main round of talks. But all sides have stressed that wide differences must still be overcome to nail down a deal. "Certainly there are serious differences between us and the other side," Araqchi said, according to ISNA. "We even have deep disagreements with each other. Despite this, we are hopeful we can achieve a common resolution to this dispute." Araqchi reiterated that Iran would not stop refining uranium, saying domestic enrichment was a right of the Iranian people - but that the extent of enrichment was negotiable.—Reuters

## IAEA calls for more communication on Japan's decontamination goal



**Juan Carlos Lentijo (R), director of the International Atomic Energy Agency Division of Fuel Cycle and Waste Technology, hands a report to Environment Minister Nobuteru Ishihara in Tokyo on 21 Oct, 2013. The report said the Japanese government should communicate well with the public that reducing annual individual radiation exposure to 1 millisievert in areas contaminated by the 2011 Fukushima nuclear crisis is a "long-term goal."**

KYODO NEWS

TOKYO, 22 Oct — A team from the International Atomic Energy Agency said on Monday the Japanese government should communicate well with the public that reducing annual individual radiation exposure to 1 millisievert in areas contaminated by the 2011 Fukushima nuclear crisis is a "long-term goal."

"A step-by-step approach should be taken toward achieving this long-term goal," the team said

in a preliminary report released after its weeklong mission in Japan on decontamination efforts, adding that such a strategy would allow resources to be reallocated to the recovery of essential infrastructure to enhance living conditions.

Following the Fukushima nuclear power plant disaster that resulted in the release of massive radioactive substances outside the plant, the Japanese government has decided to scale down areas where over 20 millisieverts of annual exposure dose were measured to help evacuees return to their homes. As for areas with dose of less than 20 millisieverts, the govern-

ment has also said it will seek to bring down the figure to 1 millisievert or below as a long-term goal.

But according to Environment Ministry officials, there are people who are concerned about returning to areas that have not achieved the long-term goal. The IAEA mission, led by Juan Carlos Lentijo, director of the IAEA Division of Fuel Cycle and Waste Technology, started from 14 October. It was a follow-up to a previous mission conducted in October 2011.

A final version of the report will be issued in two months time, according to Lentijo.—Kyodo News



**Pakistani passengers wait at a railway station after the suspension of train services following a bomb explosion hitting a passenger train in southwest Pakistan's Quetta, on 21 Oct., 2013. At least five people were killed and 15 others injured when a blast hit a passenger train in Pakistan's southwest province of Balochistan on Monday morning, local media Geo reported.**

XINHUA

## Japan welcomes UN statement on nuclear disarmament

TOKYO, 22 Oct — Foreign Minister Fumio Kishida on Tuesday welcomed a statement issued at a UN committee by 125 countries including Japan and New Zealand drawing attention to the humanitarian consequences of nuclear weapons, calling it an expression of "political will."

"Japan, as the only country that has suffered wartime atomic bombing and that knows best the horror of nuclear weapons, supports" the statement's message that the catastrophic consequences of nuclear weapons have "deep implications" for human survival and the health of future generations, Kishida told reporters.

He reiterated Tokyo's determination to lead international efforts to realize a world free of nuclear weapons. Japan endorsed for the first time a statement issued Monday at the UN General Assembly's First, or Disarmament and International Security, Committee. The

text, whose drafting was led by New Zealand, says that "it is in the interest of the very survival of humanity that nuclear weapons are never used again, under any circumstances." Outlining the reason for endorsing the statement, the foreign minister said that "several important modifications" were made to make the statement compatible with Japan's security policy and approach to nuclear disarmament.

"After examining the entire statement, we determined that it is compatible with our realistic and progressive approach to nuclear disarmament and our security policy, and decided to join," he told reporters.

Japan did not endorse a similar joint statement announced at the First Committee last year that called attention to the potential humanitarian consequences of nuclear weapons and called on countries to intensify efforts to "outlaw" nuclear weapons.

Kyodo News

## Nevada student shoots teacher dead, wounds two before killing self

SPARKS, (Nevada), 22 Oct — A 12-year-old student armed with a semi-automatic handgun shot and killed a math teacher and critically wounded two classmates before killing himself at his Nevada middle school on Monday, law enforcement officials said. Witnesses described a chaotic scene at the school in the northwestern Nevada town of Sparks, just east of Reno near the California border, after the gunfire erupted outside classrooms as students were arriving for the school day. "A kid started getting mad and he pulled out a gun and shoots my friend, one of my friends at least," a seventh-grade student identified as Andrew Thompson told local television station KOLO.

"And then he walked up to a teacher and says back up. The teacher started backing up and he pulled the trigger." "The teacher was just lying there and he was limp," he told KOLO. "And me and five other friends went to him and said come on we've got to get him to safety. We picked him up, carried him a little bit far and we left him because our vice principal came along



**Police officers are at the shooting scene at the Sparks Middle School in Sparks, Nevada, on 21 Oct, 2013.—REUTERS**

and said go, go, go get to safety, get to safety. So we left the teacher there and we went to safety." The incident marked the latest in a string of shooting rampages across the United States in recent years, including a shooting last December at a Connecticut elementary school that killed 20 students and six adults and helped reignite a national debate over gun control.

The slain educator at Sparks Middle School was identified by his family as 45-year-old math teacher Michael Landsberry. Authorities declined to identify the two wounded students, both age 12, who acting Sparks Police Chief Tom

Miller said were rushed to a Reno hospital where one had emergency surgery. One of the boys sustained a gunshot wound to the shoulder and the other was hit in the abdomen, he said, and were listed in stable condition on Monday afternoon.

Family members of Landsberry, a former Marine who was also a member of the Nevada Air National Guard, described him as a hero who tried to persuade the young gunman to drop his weapon. "(He was) probably trying to stop that kid from hurting himself or anyone else," his sister-in-law Chanda Landsberry told Reuters.

Reuters



## SCIENCE &amp; TECHNOLOGY

## German watchdog says Amazon's third-party deals must change



A zoomed image of a computer screen showing the Amazon logo is seen in Vienna on 26 Nov, 2012.

REUTERS

FRANKFURT, 22 Oct — Germany's antitrust watchdog accused Amazon of undermining competition when dealing with third-party merchants and said it would impose reform unless the Internet retailer changed its rules, a German newspaper reported. "Luckily, we have instruments of torture, which we will use if necessary," Andreas Mundt, the president

of the German cartel office, was quoted as telling daily Sueddeutsche Zeitung. A struggle with competition authorities in its second-largest market after the United States would add to Amazon's woes.

Its German operations have been rattled by a dispute over employees' pay and a trade union has warned that staff could strike during the Christmas

holiday season. "The terms of Amazon's Marketplace in effect obstruct competition," Mundt said, according to a pre-release on Sunday of the newspaper's Monday edition. "We are in talks with Amazon to eliminate these impediments to competition... If necessary, we will issue a crystal clear decree."

Separately, Amazon has been criticized over its tax payments and leading policy makers have called for a new German government to crack down on tax avoidance by multinational firms without waiting for its European partners to act. At the heart of the watchdog's complaints about Amazon's Marketplace is a requirement that third-party merchants must offer their cheapest price when selling their products over the platform. Amazon was not immediately available for comment.

Reuters

## US surveillance leaks threaten police use of new technologies

PHILADELPHIA, 22 Oct —Public disclosures about US government surveillance threaten the ability of police to use powerful new technologies such as drones and mobile license plate readers, a top law enforcement official said on Sunday. The leak of highly classified documents by National Security Agency Edward Snowden prompted tighter restrictions on key technology advances, said Georgia Bureau of Investigation Director Vernon Keenan, speaking at the International Association of Chiefs of Police conference.

The disclosures, including about monitoring of US phone records, threaten to erode existing authority to use high-tech equipment, he said. "The scrutiny that the NSA has come under filters down to us," Keenan said at the annual gathering that draws top law enforcement from the United States and elsewhere with workshops, product exhibits and conferences. He said guidelines for collecting data varied widely from state to state. License plate data is retained for 48 hours to five years, for example, depending on local law, he said. For many new technologies, there is no clear legal standard to govern their use, he said.

"If we are not very care-

ful, law enforcement is going to lose the use of technology," he said. New technology including advanced facial recognition software, mobile license plate readers and unmanned aircraft are reshaping US law enforcement, officials said. Such advances will be "both the benefactor and the curse of policing" and demand that law enforcement be thoughtful about their deployment, Philadelphia Police Chief Charles Ramsey said on Saturday at the start of the week-long conference.

"Imagine instead of driving down the street scanning license tags, driving down the street checking the faces of individuals walking down the street," Ramsey said.

We have to remind ourselves—just because we can do something doesn't mean we should do it," US Attorney General Eric Holder and James Comey, director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation are scheduled to address the roughly 13,500 conference attendees on Monday.

Reuters



Contestants control a robot during the 2013 China Robot Competition and the Robocup China in Hefei, capital of east China's Anhui Province, on 19 Oct, 2013. Over 2,000 contestants from 180 colleges and universities took part in the competition.

XINHUA

## Astronomers discover strange planetary system with "tilted" orbits

BEIJING, 22 Oct — Astronomers using data collected by NASA's Kepler space telescope have discovered some curious planets circling their fiery star in tilted orbits, at about a 45 degree angle from the star's equator. By comparison, all the planets in our solar system orbit with only a slight, seven-degree angle relative to our sun.

Although whacky orbits have been seen before, they generally are found in planetary systems containing a Jupiter-like gas giant

in close orbit to its host star. But the star dubbed Kepler-56 has no hot Jupiter. "It was a big surprise," lead author of the study of NASA's Ames Research Center told Nature. Kepler-56 is about 3,000 light years from Earth and has a mass 30 percent greater than the Sun.

To help figure out why Kepler-56's planets behaved so strangely, scientists used observations from the 10-meter Keck telescope in Hawaii to discover that what keeps the two planets stabilized in their skewed

orbits is a third massive companion planet in a distant orbit.

"This is a new level of detail about the architecture of a planetary system outside our solar system," co-author and Iowa State University physics and astronomy professor Kawaler said. "These studies allow us to draw a detailed picture of a distant system that provides a new and critical test of our understanding of how these very alien solar systems are structured."

Xinhua

## HTC CEO steps back to focus on fixing smartphone slide

TAIPEI, 21 Oct —HTC Corp's chief executive has handed some duties to the company's chairwoman as the smartphone maker struggles to claw back market share from Apple Inc and Samsung Electronics Co Ltd, the Financial Times reported.

Chief executive Peter Chou is temporarily focusing on innovation and product development after HTC's latest One handset failed to arrest a slide in the company's share of the global smartphone business, the newspaper reported. Cher Wang, chairwoman and company co-founder, is stepping up her duties to include sales, marketing and supplier relationship, it said.

H T Chou, another co-founder, has returned to the company to head certain phone projects, said



HTC CEO, Peter Chou, speaks during the launch of the HTC One smartphone in London on 19 Feb, 2013.

REUTERS

a source with knowledge of the matter. HTC, which posted its first quarterly loss this month, has been laid low by the product and marketing might of Apple and Samsung—woes that have been exacerbated by supply-chain constraints and internal turmoil.

Once ranked among

the top five phonemakers by shipments, HTC this year fell out of the top 10, according to Gartner. HTC officials were not immediately available for comment. Shares of HTC fell 1.1 percent minutes after market opened, lagging the main index's 0.06 percent dip.—Reuters

## Mobile use differs markedly between cities

BEIJING, 22 Oct—The first thing Zhang Ning, an office worker in Shanghai, does each day is check her social networking app WeChat and the weather app on her cellphone. She takes her iPhone everywhere and said she feels anxious without it. Like most young Chinese, cellphone apps have become an essential part of her lifestyle due to their convenience. "Whatever you need, you just touch your device, and you get what you want," said Zhang, 28, sustainability consulting director with Yemann Architects in Shanghai.

Using different apps, Zhang shops online, keeps her accounts, browses recipes and reads tips on how to keep healthy. "I can't live without my cellphone," she said jokingly. With smartphones used by most of the country's young generation, cellphone apps have become part of their lives. However, the popularity of certain apps differs markedly from one city to another. According to the Horizon Research Consultancy Group of Beijing, one's habit of using cellphone apps reflects the diversity of Chinese cities.

Xinhua



## BUSINESS &amp; HEALTH

## Hutchison drops plan to sell supermarkets

BEIJING, 22 Oct—Hutchison Whampoa, controlled by Asia's richest man, Li Ka-shing, has scrapped a plan to sell its Hong Kong supermarkets business, ParknShop and will instead focus on expanding in China, it said on Friday.

The sale of ParknShop, which operates 345 stores in Hong Kong, China and Macau, had been expected to fetch between 3 billion US dollars and 4 billion US dollars, with prospective bidders including promi-

nent retailers, such as State-owned China Resources Enterprises, Japan's Aeon Co Ltd and Australia's Woolworths Ltd.

But Hutchison has decided not to sell after conducting an initial strategic review with advisors Goldman Sachs and Bank of American Merrill Lynch, it said in a filing to the Hong Kong Stock Exchange on Friday.

"The company has decided not to pursue a private sale of its ParknShop business at this time and

will continue to implement an accelerated growth strategy with a particular focus in the Chinese mainland," Hutchison said. The ports-to-energy conglomerate said selling ParknShop would not deliver maximum value to its shareholders.

Hutchison also said it planned to conduct a strategic review of its health and beauty retail business AS-Watson & Company Limited with possible options including public offerings of all or some of those busi-

nesses in appropriate markets. Established in 1973, ParknShop had a 40 percent share of the Hong Kong market for supermarkets in the year to June, according to Nielsen Homescan, with Dairy Farm at 33 percent. ParknShop generated 21.7 billion HK dollars in revenue last year and earnings before interest, tax, depreciation and amortization of 1.4 billion HK dollars, another person familiar with the matter previously told Reuters.

Xinhua

## Crown Castle to buy rights to AT&amp;T towers for \$4.85 billion



The AT&T logo is pictured by its store in Carlsbad, California, on 22 April, 2013.—REUTERS

NEW YORK, 22 Oct — Wireless infrastructure provider Crown Castle International Corp (CCI.N) said on Sunday that it had agreed to buy rights to about 9,700 AT&T Inc (T.N) wireless communication towers for \$4.85 billion in cash. Under the agreement, Crown Castle will purchase some 600 towers and have the exclusive

right to lease and operate around 9,100 AT&T towers for a weighted average term of about 28 years. The company will have the option to purchase the towers at the end of the lease terms for option payments of around \$4.2 billion.

Crown Castle expects to fund the transaction with cash on hand, equity and

debt financing, including borrowings under its revolving credit facility. "Consistent with our focus on the top 100 US markets, nearly half of the AT&T towers are located in the top 50 markets, where we expect the majority of network densification and upgrade activity to occur. The deal is expected to close by the end of the year. AT&T, the No 2 wireless carrier in the United States, had said last month that it was exploring the sale of its towers but that its ability to reach a deal would depend on the terms it is able to reach with the buyer for its ongoing use of the towers.

When wireless service providers sell broadcast towers they typically lease back space from tower operators so they can continue to offer

their services without interruption "This deal will let us monetize our towers while giving us the ability to add capacity as we need it," said Bill Hogg, Senior Vice President — Network Planning and Engineering, AT&T Services Inc. "And we'll get additional financial flexibility to continue to invest in our business, maintain a strong balance sheet and return value to our shareholders," he added.

Under the deal AT&T will keep its communications facilities on the towers for a minimum of 10 years with monthly rent of \$1,900 per site and fixed annual rent escalators of 2 percent. AT&T will also have access to additional space on the towers for its future use, the company said.—Reuters

## Office Depot, Office Max on track for FTC approval



An Office Depot store is pictured in Encinitas, California, on 19 Feb, 2013.—REUTERS

NEW YORK, 22 Oct — Office Depot (ODP.N) and OfficeMax Inc (OMX.N) are set to receive regulatory approval for their planned merger as the Federal Trade Commission has concluded the deal is not likely to substantially lessen competi-

tion, the Wall Street Journal reported.

Citing unnamed sources, the newspaper also said the deal should be approved without requiring the companies to make divestitures.

Boca Raton, Florida-based Office Depot revealed

plans to buy Naperville, Illinois-based OfficeMax on 20 February in an all-stock deal worth \$976 million that will combine the nation's second and third largest office-supply superstores. The companies declined to comment on the report.—Reuters



The logo of Philips is seen at the company's entrance in Brussels on 11 Sept, 2012.—REUTERS

## Philips' profits improve across the group

AMSTERDAM, 22 Oct — Dutch healthcare, lighting and consumer appliances group Philips (PHG.AS) reported a near tripling in its third-quarter net profit on Monday, thanks to improvements across the group after two years of rationalization. Net profit climbed to 281 million euros (\$385 million) from 105 million euros a year ago, while sales rose 3 percent on a comparable basis to 5.62 billion euros.

Analysts in a poll commissioned by Reuters had forecast a net profit of 209 million euros on sales of 5.74 billion euros. "We remain committed to reaching our financial targets this year. However, ongoing headwinds in the global economy are expected to continue to affect sales growth in the coming quarters," Chief Executive Frans van Houten said in a statement. All three businesses

showed strong improvements in operating results from a year ago. Over the past two years Philips has shaken up its product range and expanded in the bigger emerging markets such as India, Russia, China, Indonesia and much of Africa, to reduce its dependence on the US and European economies.

It has sold off much of its consumer electronics business, including its television, audio and video operations where it was struggling to compete with lower-cost Asian manufacturers, and focused on more profitable home appliances such as soup blenders and electric toothbrushes, as well as lighting for homes and offices, and medical equipment. Philips also said its 1.5 billion-euro share buyback, announced last month, would start on Monday. (\$1=0.7302 euros)

Reuters

## Think twice before buying breast milk online

NEW YORK, 22 Oct — Most of the breast milk sold over the Internet is contaminated with bacteria, a new study suggests. Researchers tested 101 milk samples they bought on milk sharing websites. They found that almost three quarters probably weren't safe for babies, especially preemies. Those sites have thousands of ads from people selling breast milk, often new mothers who make more than their baby needs. The milk typically sells for \$1 or \$2 per ounce. "If you buy milk on the Internet, you have no idea what you're getting," said Sarah Keim. She led the study at The Research Institute at Nationwide Children's Hospital in Columbus, Ohio.

"A buyer would just have no way of being able to know with the informa-

tion they have whether that milk is safe." Keim said she and her colleagues had noticed milk sharing websites popping up over the past few years. For the new study, they responded to 495 ads placed on two of those sites and ended up purchasing and analyzing 101 batches of milk. Seventy-four percent of the samples either had disease-causing bacteria like E. coli or harmful levels of bacteria such as Streptococci. In either of those instances, "You just shouldn't feed that raw to a baby," Keim said.

The study did not determine whether all the contaminated milk would make babies sick. But the researchers said it could be risky, particularly for preemies and other infants with higher than average risks for medical problems. The

US Food and Drug Administration recommends against feeding babies milk bought over the Internet, but doesn't regulate its sale. Researchers said human milk always contains some bacteria, even before it comes out of the breast. "It's totally normal for milk to have bacteria in it, and there are bacteria in milk that are extremely important for babies to build their immune and digestive systems," Keim told Reuters Health. "Those are not the bacteria that we looked at."

Milk samples that spent more time in transit were more likely to contain potentially harmful bacteria. But sellers' claims that they were healthy or their milk was safe did not predict which samples actually had potentially harmful bacteria.—Reuters



## WORLD



Italian center-right leader Silvio Berlusconi sits in his car as he leaves the Senate in Rome, on 2 Oct, 2013.

REUTERS

## Berlusconi struggles to keep party united after revolt

ROME, 22 Oct —When Silvio Berlusconi set out to end Italy's government last month, he didn't consult the national secretary of his People of Freedom Party. Nor was the party's secretary Angelino Alfano asked whether he wanted to resign as deputy prime minister of the coalition government; he was told to.

This government "is up to no good. It only wants to raise taxes," a Berlusconi aide told Alfano by phone on the Saturday afternoon of 28 September, according to a person close to the deputy premier. The aide said

Alfano and the four other ministers of Berlusconi's People of Freedom Party (PDL) had to step down immediately.

Alfano, who declined to comment for this article, did resign, jolting financial markets and reviving memories of the moment in 2011 when Italy almost succumbed to the euro zone debt crisis. But the phone call also triggered a mutiny among Berlusconi's most senior lieutenants that thwarted his attempt to topple the government. Coupled with a likely ouster from parliament after a

criminal conviction, the rebellion has left the 77-year-old Berlusconi facing the most serious challenge to his authority in 20 years and is pushing Italy's most dominant post-war leader into the sunset of his career, friends and colleagues say.

"Berlusconi thought his people would stand up for him. But they didn't," Umberto Bossi, leader of the separatist Northern League party said in an interview. Bossi said it's too early to write Berlusconi off. But he added that his longtime friend and former political ally is "not what he

was before." The revolt — the details of which Reuters has pieced together after interviews with two dozen politicians and aides who were directly involved — is now giving rise to what many say is a long overdue power struggle for the future of Italy's conservative forces. For Alfano — a 42 year-old Sicilian lawyer who was long been Berlusconi's anointed successor, but who few considered strong enough to lead the party — the coup is a chance to set his own stamp on a new conservative political group.—Reuters

## Narita airport luring LCCs while Haneda boosts int'l flights

TOKYO, 22 Oct — Narita International Airport is luring low-cost carriers to attract more passengers while Haneda Airport is substantially increasing international flights to take some passengers away from Narita. Narita has rapidly increased international LCC flights since mid-2012 and plans to open in fiscal 2014 a special LCC terminal that 7.5 million passengers may use annually, Narita International Airport Co officials said. It plans to use boarding ramps instead of boarding bridges for LCC passengers to lower fees.

"We would like to simplify the airport sys-

tem to allow more LCCs to launch services at Narita," a company official said. Haneda had handled domestic flights almost exclusively since Narita opened as Japan's main international gateway in the late 1970s. But Haneda began to handle 40 daily roundtrip international flights upon the completion of its fourth runway in 2010 and plans to double the number next March. Currently, Haneda's international flights are limited to shorter routes between Japan and the rest of Asia, but the increase will include routes to Europe and North America.

Haneda is closer to

central Tokyo than Narita in Chiba Prefecture and is more convenient for business travelers. The local business community in Chiba is concerned that Narita, though handling more than 200 international roundtrip flights, may lose some international passengers to Haneda. But as fares for Narita could be cheaper than for Haneda, the transport ministry expects to design Haneda for business travelers and Narita for tourists, a ministry official said.

As air travel through Tokyo is expected to increase toward the 2020 Summer Olympics, the

ministry is considering expanding flights to and from both Narita and Haneda. The problem is how to distribute domestic and international flights. "The traditional division between domestic and international flights for Haneda and Narita has become outdated," said Hajime Tozaki, an aviation policy professor at the Waseda University Graduate School. "Under a new role-sharing arrangement, Narita may be used for people pursuing low costs and Haneda for those giving priority to convenience," he said, echoing the transport ministry policy.

Reuters

Algerian soldiers secure the airport in In Amenas before the departure of freed hostages, Algeria, on 19 Jan, 2013. Algerian army's final rescue operation in the gas field of Tiguentourine freed four foreign hostages on Saturday, a security source told Xinhua.

XINHUA



## Indonesia, Japan closer to agreement over aluminum firm's takeover

JAKARTA, 22 Oct —The Indonesian government has been closer to an agreement with a Japanese consortium on the planned takeover of an aluminum producer from the Japanese side following months of tough negotiations over the value of the company's total assets, a Cabinet minister said on Monday. Industry Minister Mohamad Suleman Hidayat told reporters the Indonesian government has made its last offer for the total assets of aluminum producer

PT Indonesia Asahan Aluminium (Inalum) based on calculations by the Ministry of Finance and the state auditor.

"It should be less than \$558 million (or) \$558 million at maximum," Hidayat said. Earlier, Indonesia insisted that the value of the nation's only aluminum producer should be \$424 million based on the book value before assets revaluations in 1997 and 1998. Japanese consortium Nippon Asahan Aluminum, or NAA, how-

ever, claims that the North Sumatra Province-based company is worth \$626 million, including the value after asset revaluations. The Japanese shareholders had even threatened to bring the case to the international arbitration court if no consensus was reached over the value. Asked about the consortium's response to the offer, the minister said, "Principally, they can accept that, because it was an option they had once proposed."

Kyodo News



A Syrian refugee boy sits on a couch collected from garbage in central Ankara on 5 Oct, 2013.—REUTERS

## Number of Syrian refugees in Turkey exceeds 600,000

ANKARA, 22 Oct — The number of Syrian refugees in Turkey has exceeded 600,000 and more than 400,000 of them are living outside refugee camps, the Turkish disaster management agency said on Monday. "We conducted a study before the Eid (al-Adha) holidays and the numbers have increased above 600,000," said Mustafa Aydogdu, spokesman for the Disaster and Emergency Management Directorate (AFAD).

Turkey, which shares a 900-km (560-mile) border with Syria, is a strong critic of Syrian President Bashar al-Assad and a main supporter of the rebels fighting against him. It has said

it will maintain its "open door" policy to those fleeing the Syrian civil war, now in its third year, although it has closed border crossings from time to time following clashes near the frontier.

About 200,000 Syrians were living in 21 refugee camps, mainly near cities near the border, Aydogdu said, while the rest chose to live in rented accommodation outside the camps. Prime Minister Tayyip Erdogan said in August Turkey has already spent around \$2 billion sheltering the refugees. The United Nations expects another 2 million Syrians to become refugees in 2014 and 2.25 million more to be displaced within the country.—Reuters

## Afghan forces kill Taliban commander, detaining four others

KABUL, 22 Oct —Afghan security forces during operations in parts of Wardak Province killed a Taliban commander and captured four others on Sunday night, a Press release of the provincial government sent to media on Monday said.

"Security forces

backed by aircrafts raided a Taliban hideout in Sayed Abad district on Sunday night killing Taliban commander named Mullah Habibullah on the spot; while four others were captured in Nurkh district on the same night," the Press release added.

Xinhua

## Blast on bus in southern Russia kills five, cause unknown

MOSCOW, 22 Oct —An explosion ripped through a bus in the southern Russian city of Volgograd on Monday, killing at least five people and injuring 12 others, an Emergency Situations Ministry official said. There were conflicting reports about the cause of the blast.

Interfax news agency cited an unnamed source as saying it was a bomb, while RIA cited city police as saying preliminary information indicated it the explosion was an accident caused by a problem with gas equipment. Volgograd is a large city that lies north of the North Caucasus, a string of mostly Muslim provinces where the government is trying to quell an Islamist insurgency rooted in two post-Soviet separatist wars in Chechnya.—Reuters



## LOCAL NEWS

## Bush cleared along Mandalay-Myitkyina railroad



YWAHTAUNG, 22 Oct—Myanma Railways under the Ministry of Rail Transportation is striving for improvement of Mandalay-Myitkyina railroad.

In making efforts for convenience of passengers

along the route, workers are clearing the bushes along both sides of 221 miles long railroad section from Ywahtaung to Nantseeaung in the open season.

MMAL-Min Chan Mon (MR)

## National Sports

### Township Administrator's Cup football tourney wraps up

MANDALAY, 22 Oct—The final match of the Chanmyathazi Township Administrator's Cup Soccer Tournament was held at

the township ground on 18 October.

Kyunlon Ukshaung Ward trounced Aungpinle Ward 6-5 in the final.



## Regional development, menace of narcotic drugs disseminated

REEDKHORDA, 22 Oct—Commander of Chin State Police Force Police Col Myint Lwin held educative talks at the hall of Reedkhorda Sub-Township General Administration Department recently.

It was attended by departmental personnel, ward administrators and town's elders.

The police commander gave talks that as the Reedkhorda region is an India-Myanmar border area, it is a front line of the nation. He stressed the need to focus on greening of Reed Lake environmental conservation and regional development. As tourists stretch their destinations to the Chin State, the local people

Township Staff Officer of Sports and Physical Education Department, Township Football Subcommittee Chairman, Mandalay Region Hluttaw representative and Amyotha Hluttaw representative presented prizes to the winners. Next, Township Administrator U Moe Zaw Lin awarded K 150,000 and first prize trophy to Kyunlon Ukshaung Ward and K 100,000 and second prize trophy to Aungpinle Ward.—MMAL-Tin Maung (Mandalay)

may expect to booming of tourism industry. He called for doubling the production in agriculture and livestock breeding sectors. He called on all to join hands among them to eradicate menace of narcotic drugs and serve the interests of the nation and the people.—MMAL-Nay Su (Chin Yoma)

## Rural people welcome heavy rains in

### Yamethin Tsp

YAMETHIN, 22 Oct—Heavy rain poured down in Yamethin Township of Mandalay Region in the whole day of fullmoon day of Thadingyut on 19 October. The torrential creek water flowed down to the township at 9 am on 20 October.

In consequence, the

southern part of Model Theingon Village was flooded but it was no showers on that day.

In addition, U Nauk Toe Lake, west of the village, caused floods to the Yamethin-Shwemyint Road and the road to entrance of the village. So, the roadside

level departmental officials, town's elders and guests.

At the entrance to the Royal Lake, the Chief Minister and the commander cut the ribbon to open the ceremony and fed aquafeed to fish.

After that, the Chief Minister, the commander and guests set adrift oil lamps at the lake.

MMAL-District IPRD

Road  
inundated  
in  
Yamethin  
Township  
due to  
heavy  
rains.



## Night fire at Theingyi Market D Complex

YANGON, 22 Oct—A fire broke out on the fourth floor of D Complex at Theingyi Market on the middle block of 24<sup>th</sup> Street in Latha Township at about 8.30 pm on 20 October.

The fire started from the store of the market, said those participating in the fire fighting.

A woman from 24<sup>th</sup> street said, "When smoke

was blown off upstairs, I saw the people informed the fire brigade of their findings. Some people said that the fire broke out from the store."

The head of Sangyoung Zone Fire Station explained to the Myanmar Alinn Daily, "I cannot exactly tell you where outbreak of fire started. The fighting of fire with the use of fire trucks and engines is the second level.

Now, the fire has already been put out."

Thanks to earnest efforts of the fire servicemen, the fire could be totally put out at 9.15 pm.

MMAL-Tin Win Lay (Kyimyindine)

**Fire engines putting out fire at D Complex of Theingyi Market.**



## Fire

### Negligent fire engulfs staff quarters of SPED

YANGON, 22 Oct—A fire broke out at building No E/306 of Staff Quarters of Sports and Physical Education Department beside Waizayanda Road near Youth Training Centre in Thuwunna of Thingangyun Township yesterday noon.

With regard to the outbreak of fire at the house of U Saw Win, 50, Head of South Okkalapa Fire Station Zone U Ko Ko Gyi of Myanmar Fire Brigade said, "The fire was triggered from mosquito coil left unattended in the bedroom. After engulfing the materials in the room, the smoke poured out from the door.

People from neighbouring apartments informed the fire station about outbreak of fire."

Members of Fire Services Department and members of Auxiliary Fire

Brigade from 10 townships led by Director-General U Tin Moe of Myanmar Fire Brigade in cooperation with local people to put out the fire with the use of 24 fire engines and four management vehicles. The fire could be out within 40 minutes.

Commander of Thingangyun Township Police Force Police Major Thet Tun said, "Fire Brigade is trying hard to take fire

preventive measures through educative talks and fire drills. So, people should take care of preventing the outbreak of fire. Everybody should not be careless over fire."

The fire destroyed the apartment with personal goods and furniture worth K 500,000.

Thingangyun Police Station opened a file of lawsuit against house owner U Saw Win under the law.

MMAL-Moe Moe Kyi





## PERSPECTIVES

Wednesday, 23 October, 2013

**Beware of fire**

There is a saying "Fire is a good servant but a bad master". A fire hazard does not loom up automatically. Most of fires are caused by human errors, especially negligence. Negligence, carelessness, ignorance and nonchalance are the main causes of fires. Of the fires broke out, negligent fires are the worst and pose a serious threat to the country.

More recently, there were a series of stories on the incidents of fires the length and breadth of the nation. The fires were largely ignited by unattended lit mosquito repellents, overheat dry batteries, lit candles, chemical reaction of materials stacked together in stores, round-the-clock lit fluorescent lamps in sheds and carelessly thrown cigarette loutts. There are also fires usually caused by overheat regulators, wire circuit, electric cookers left unattended, irons and other electronic equipment, and they are all negligent fires.

People have a strong dislike of outbreak of fires. But, negligence often leads to the incident. Failure teaches human beings many things while success is also coveted. Therefore, there should be a sense of urgency in the taking of preventative measures against fires.

The Fire Service Department is still not strong enough to go without help from social organizations such as red crosses and auxiliary fire brigades in case of fire. Preventive measures against fire must be taken in all seriousness. Only then, will it be possible to prevent negligent fires which may occur at any time.

**Kachin Nationals Democracy Congress Party gets green light**

NAY PYI TAW, 22 Oct—The Union Election Commission scrutinizes and grants applications of political parties for registrations. A 18-member Kachin Nationals Democracy Congress Party led by U Khan Daryaw has

applied for setting up of a political party. The UEC has found that the party's application is in conformity with Laws and Bylaws. It is reported that the UEC gives the go-ahead to the party today.

MNA

**Ten-minute interruption mobile communication service in southern Nay Pyi Taw, southern, eastern parts of Shan State**

The Myanma Posts and Telecommunications of the Ministry of Communications, and Information Technology has planned to change the main lines of mobile communication network in southern part of Nay Pyi Taw, southern and eastern parts of Shan State for upgrading the mobile communication system.

Therefore, the mobile

communication service of GSM/WCDMA would be cut off 10 minutes around Kengtung and its environs in southern Shan State at 2 am on 23, October, 2013; Tachilek and its environs in eastern Shan State at 2 am on 26 October, 2013 and in southern Nay Pyi Taw at 2 am on 28 October and 30 October.

Myanma Posts and Telecommunications

**Nationwide ceasefire a step towards holding...**

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peace is a key to development of a certain region. He called on all stakeholders to work together for holding an inclusive political dialogue and to make all-out efforts for the success of ongoing peace process step by step as ethnic minorities living in the state are longing for peace.

Then, Union Ministers U Khin Maung Soe and U Than Htay, Commander Maj-Gen Soe Htut, Deputy Minister Maj-Gen Maung Maung Ohn and Deputy Attorney-General U Tun Tun Oo spoke of the process of trust-building and peace-making, transportation and regional development undertakings.

In his address, U Khu Yal, Vice-Chairman of KNPP, voiced that it is hard to end the more than 60-year-old armed conflicts of Myanmar and achieve a lasting peace within a short period of time. It can be witnessed that there have been delays in peace process and political dialogues in other countries due to various reasons, he added.

We were brought to a certain stage in a short time, but it is necessary to try hard for peace with patience and to take time for beginning the political dialogue so that a temporary peace brought about by ceasefire agreements will be translated into a lasting peace, he said.

Next, KNPP Chief of Staff Maj-Gen Bi Htoo acknowledged the trust both sides have established and expressed his belief that today's meeting will bring better outcomes to be able take a next step towards the political dialogue.

Then, those present held talks on formation of joint-monitoring groups, opening of liaison offices and measures for resettlement of IDPs and resumption of their livelihoods.

In the evening, the vice-chairman and party of the Union Peace-making Work Committee enjoyed a dinner together with the KNPP vice-chairman and delegation members.

MNA

**Union Transport Minister meets ICAO Secretary-General**

NAY PYI TAW, 22 Oct — Union Minister for Transport U Nyan Tun Aung held talks with Mr. Raymond Benjamin, Secretary-General of International Civil Aviation Organization-ICAO of the UN, at the ministry, here, yesterday morning.

Their discussions were centred on cooperation between Myanmar and ICAO in the matters of upgrading civil aviation safety measures, continuous inspection and training and capacity building programs for



staff.

It is learnt that it was the first visit of a secretary-general of ICAO since the organization was set up.

MNA

**Union Transport Minister U Nyan Tun Aung meets Mr. Raymond Benjamin, Secretary-General of ICAO.**

MNA

**Courses on hotel security conducted**

A course on hotel security in progress.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW., 22 Oct — A security course was opened at Zegyo Hotel in Mandalay yesterday as part of efforts for training staff of the hotels for security measures.

A total of 213 trainees are attending the five-day course.

The five-day courses on hotel security were

launched simultaneously at hotels, and a total 210 trainees are receiving security training at Zabuthiri Hotel in Nay Pyi Taw; 219 trainees at Yuzana Garden Hotel in Yangon; 190 trainees at No. 1 Basic Education High School in Taunggyi and 300 trainees at Bagan Hotel in Bagan.

MNA

**USDP members visit Hluttaw complex**

NAY PYI TAW, 22 Oct—A group comprising 185 members of Magway Township Union Solidarity and Development Party of Magway Region, 60 members of Padaung Township USDP Bago Region (West) and 20 members of Nay Pyi Taw Lewe Township USDP this morning observed process of the 12<sup>th</sup> day eighth regular session of first Pyithu Hluttaw and looked round Hluttaw complex.—MNA

Visitors observe 12<sup>th</sup> day eighth regular session of first Pyithu Hluttaw.—MNA



## LOCAL NEWS

## HRD

## Capacity enhancement short-term course for teachers kicks off

MYEIK, 21 Oct—A ceremony to open the Capacity Enhancement Short-Term Course for basic education teachers of Myeik District was held at Pynnya Beikman Hall of Basic Education High School No. 1 in Myeik on 21 October.

U Thein Win, Township Administrator, delivered a speech. Myeik District Education Officer U Kyi Than explained matters related to the training course.

The trainee teachers sang the song of Noble Teacher.

Altogether 428 teachers are attending the training course up to 23 October.—*Kyemon-Myeik District IPRD*



Basic education teachers seen at Capacity Enhancement Short-Term Course for basic education teachers in Myeik.

## Basic traditional medicine course for housewife opened

MAGWAY, 22 Oct—The opening ceremony of basic traditional medicine course was opened in conjunction with the ceremony to present herbal plants at the office of Magway Region Maternal and Child Welfare Association in Magway on 21 October.

Patron of the Region Maternal and Child Welfare Supervisory Committee Daw San San Myint made an opening address.

Head of Region Traditional Medicine Department U Than Tun gave lectures on facts about traditional medicines.

Next, the patron of the Region MCWSC Daw San

San Myint presented herbal plants to members through Chairperson of MCWSC Daw Thin Thin Htwe.

The ceremony was attended by 32 traditional medicine enthusiasts from 15 wards of Magway.

The lectures will be provided to the trainees up to 23 October.

The training course, jointly organized by Magway Region MCWSC and Region Women's Affairs Organization.

The lectures will include health care services for families with the use of kitchen utensils and herbal plants around the area.

MMAL-Tin Tun Oo

## Fire preventive measures disseminated to people in Pyay

PYAY, 22 Oct—Jointly organized by Pyay District Fire Services Department and Irrigation Department, the talks on fire preventive measures was held in conjunction with the fire drill at the hall of the Construction 2 of Irrigation Department in Pyay on 17 October

afternoon.

Director of the Construction 2 of Pyay District Irrigation Department U Myint Tun Latt made an opening speech.

Head of District Fire Services Department U Win Nyunt shared knowledge about fire prevention to the

staff.

Next, the head of District FSD and members demonstrated fire preventive measures and fire fighting to staff and families of the Irrigation Department in Pyay.—*Kyemon-Myo Kyaw Gyi (KP)*

Region  
MCWSC  
Patron  
Daw San  
San Myint  
presents  
herbal plant  
to Township  
Association.



## Crime

## Thief of five motorcycles arrested in Thakayta Township

YANGON, 22 Oct—Members of Special Crime Combating Squad of Yangon West District Police Force arrested Han Lin Phyto (a) Han Tun, son of U Hla Hsin, who was suspect to be thief for loss of motorcycles, from Hlinethaya Township on 12 October.

After investigation, Han Lin Phyto (a) Han Tun confessed that he stole a Honda Wave 110 motorcycle from a house on 13<sup>th</sup> street in ward 7 of Thakayta Township.

He also stole one CZI motorcycle from the house

near the lake in Ward 7 of the same township in September. He also stole a CZI Kenbo 125 motorcycle from 7<sup>th</sup>-Market 2<sup>nd</sup> Street.

In addition, he stole one Suzuki Smart motorcycle from Yanpay Ward of Thakayta Township.

The thief also stole a Kenbo R motorcycle from 13<sup>th</sup> street in Ward 14 of Thakayta Township this month.

So, Thakayta Township Police Station opened a file of lawsuit against him under the law.

*Kyemon-Soe Win (MLA)*



## Yaksawk Tsp WAO provides drugs to TB patients

YAKSAWK, 22 Oct—Chairperson Daw Po Po Nyunt. They gave medicines to the patients in line with the prescriptions.

At present, Yaksawk Township WAO is expanding its works for providing health care and public welfare to the local people.

*Kyemon-Pe Tun Zaw (Yesagyo)*

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*Kyemon-Pe Tun Zaw (Yesagyo)*

## Tourists visit Minhla Fort

MINHLA, 22 Oct—Tourists visited Minhla Fort by car in Gwaychaung Village of Myingun Village-tract in Magway Township on 18 October.

On arrival at 8 am, they were welcomed by local people at the entrance of the fort and garlanded.

They were entertained with traditional dances and music. A total of 25 globetrotters were served with dinner by Orcaella tour agency and local people at the fort.

*Kyemon-Nan Maung*

## Exercise books, milk powder donated to schoolchildren

TOUNGGOO, 22 Oct—Shwe Lethsaung Snack Shop family, Lucky Bee and Swan Ah Pyae Co of Tounggoo donated exercise books, milk powder bottles and loaf of bread to over 700 schoolchildren from Charitta Dhamma youth culture school at Shwehsandaw Mayan Monastery in the township of

Bago Region on 20 October.

The donor group also presented similar donations to over 2000 students from five Basic Education Primary Schools in Lebu, Yepokkon, Zaungchantaung, Gontan and Taungkwezay villages in Tounggoo Township.

*Kyemon-U Kyaw Hla (Tounggoo)*

Donors  
present  
exercise  
books to  
students  
of basic  
education  
schools in  
Tounggoo  
Township.



Photo show  
the persons  
seen with  
stolen  
motorcycles  
in Thakayta  
Township.



## WORLD



*Yevgenia Tymoshenko, daughter of jailed Ukrainian former Prime Minister and opposition leader Yulia Tymoshenko, addresses supporters of opposition parties in front of a screen displaying a picture of her mother, during a unification congress of opposition parties on a central square in Kiev on 15 June, 2013.—REUTERS*

## Europe warns Ukraine time running out for Tymoshenko solution

KIEV, 22 Oct — The party of Ukraine's jailed opposition leader Yulia Tymoshenko on Monday rejected President Viktor Yanukovich's terms for her release and European envoys said time was running out to solve a row threatening agreements with the European Union. Tymoshenko, 52, a former prime minister, was jailed for seven years in 2011 for abuse of office after what Western governments say was a political trial.

EU envoys have asked Yanukovich to pardon his arch-foe so she can travel as a free person to Germany for treatment for back problems, a compromise seen as guaranteeing signature of landmark deals on association and free trade on 28 November in Vilnius, Lithuania. With pressure mounting on him, Yanukovich on 17 October said he was ready to sign a law to

allow her to go abroad for treatment, if such a draft was adopted by parliament.

But he did not mention granting her a pardon and floated drafts have indicated she would be allowed to go only as a convicted criminal and would be expected to return to Ukraine to complete her sentence after treatment. On Monday, Yanukovich confirmed his move, telling visiting Czech President Milos Zeman that a draft law on the question would go to parliament soon.

Though there was no direct word from Tymoshenko, her party Batkivshchyna said a solution lay solely in Yanukovich's hands and did not require any new laws being passed. Nor, it said, did Yanukovich's offer meet the EU's requirement to end the application of "selective justice" in Ukraine under which politicians could

pressure courts to victimize their opponents.

"We again emphasize that ending the problem of politically-motivated justice and solving the problem of Yulia Tymoshenko lies exclusively with President Viktor Yanukovich," it said in a statement. The agreements due to be signed with the EU will mark a big shift in Ukraine's trade policy westwards away from its old Soviet master Russia, and failure to sign in Vilnius would be a huge setback for Yanukovich's policy of Euro-integration. At the same time, he is anxious to keep Tymoshenko out of action as a political force as he prepares for the run-up to a bid for re-election in February 2015. She has made it clear she envisages returning to the political fray if and when the verdict and sentence against her is quashed.

Reuters

## Israel to release second group of Palestinian prisoners

JERUSALEM, 22 Oct — Israel will release the second group of Palestinian prisoners on 29 October, the Walla! news website reported on Monday, based on accounts of Palestinian officials. In July, the Israeli cabinet voted in favor of releasing 104 Palestinian prisoners in batches, as a gesture to the Palestinian Authority, amid the renewal of peace talks between two sides later the month.

The Israeli Prison Service will publish in the upcoming week a list of 30 prisoners set to be released. The first group which included 26 Palestinian prisoners was released on 13 August. Earlier this month, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu refused requests by both US and

Palestinian officials, to bring forward the release of the second group to 13 October, amid the Palestinian Feast of Sacrifice holiday, the *Ha'aretz daily* reported.

Last month, right-wing hawkish members of the coalition demanded that Netanyahu halts the upcoming release of the prisoners, amid several attacks on Israelis in the West Bank in which three Israelis were killed and one girl was injured.

A letter, sent by Economy Minister Naftali Bennett along with members of Netanyahu's Likud party, asked Netanyahu to "convene the cabinet urgently to discuss the continuation of the policy of releasing prisoners in light of recent developments."—Xinhua

## Saudi Arabia under fire at UN over women's, migrant workers rights

GENEVA, 22 Oct — Saudi Arabia's rights record came under fire at the United Nations on Monday, critics accusing the kingdom of jailing activists without due process and abusing the basic rights of Saudi women and foreign workers. At the UN Human Rights Council, Britain called for abolition of the Saudi system of male guardianship for women and was joined by the United States in raising cases of forced labor imposed on migrant workers.

The US delegation also voiced concern at Saudi restrictions on freedoms of

religion and of association, while Germany called for a moratorium on its use of the death penalty. "Many countries have problematic records, but Saudi Arabia stands out for its extraordinarily high levels of repression and its failure to carry out its promises to the Human Rights Council," Joe Stork, deputy Middle East director at Human Rights Watch, said in a statement to the meeting.

Saudi Arabia, which hosts 9 million foreign workers out of a total population of 28 million, was taking all steps needed to

protect their rights and provide appropriate conditions, said Bandar bin Mohammed Al-Aiban, president of the Saudi Human Rights Commission. They included a ban on outdoor work in the heat between mid-day and 3 pm from June to August, when temperatures are usually higher than 40 degrees Celsius (104 Fahrenheit) and can soar to 50 degrees. "With regard to women's rights, the Islamic Sharia (law) guarantees fair gender equality and the state's legislative enactments do not differentiate between men and women," he said.—Reuters



*Gendarmes, firefighters and police officers transport bodies of victims of the hostage crisis at a hospital in In Amenas, Algeria, on 21 Jan, 2013. Algerian Prime Minister Abdel Malek Sellal said here on Monday that 37 hostages were killed and another five remain missing in the hostage crisis at a gas facility in southeastern Algeria.—XINHUA*

## Suspected terrorists arrested in Benghazi

TRIPOLI, 22 Oct — About 10 members of a suspected terrorist cell linked to former Libyan leader Muammar Gaddafi's regime were arrested in the eastern city of Benghazi on Monday night, a senior security official said.

The detainees, including three Chadians, have confessed their involvement in about 15 assassination cases staged in Beng-

hazi in recent months, a security officer who spoke on condition of anonymity told *Xinhua* in a statement.

The assassination cases were carried out against army officers and activists by means of setting explosive devices in their cars, according to the statement. The officer added that the suspects also admitted that they operated inside a terrorist cell that was behind

all the recent attacks in Benghazi.

Benghazi, the birthplace of the 2011 revolt which eventually toppled the Gaddafi regime, has witnessed increasing violence in the past months, especially since the September 2012 attack on the US diplomatic mission that led to the death of the then US ambassador and three others.—Xinhua



*Elisabeth Tichy-Fisslberger (C), Austrian National Coordinator on Combating Human Trafficking, speaks during the Joining Forces against Human Trafficking meeting at the Diplomatic Academy of Vienna in Vienna, capital of Austria, on 21 Oct, 2013.*

XINHUA

## UN-AL envoy arrives in Baghdad for Syria talks

BAGHDAD, 22 Oct — UN-Arab League envoy for Syria Lakhdar Brahimi arrived in Baghdad on Monday to hold talks with Iraqi leaders about the Syrian crisis, an official television reported.

Brahimi arrived in Baghdad airport in the afternoon and was received by the Iraqi Foreign Minister Hoshiyar Zebari, and is scheduled to meet with top Iraqi officials, including Prime Minister Nuri al-Maliki, the state-run Iraqia channel said.

Brahimi arrived in Baghdad after wrapping up a two-day visit to Cairo. His visit comes as part of his tour in the Middle East to make preparations for convening an international peace conference on Syria, also known as Geneva II.

The conference had initially been planned for late May, but was repeatedly postponed over disagreements as to who should have seats at the table.

Iraq's Shiite-dominated government has maintained close ties with Syria, whose President Bashar al-Assad is a member of Alawite sect, an offshoot of Shiite Islam.

Xinhua



## REGIONAL

**A Thai Customs official displays an animal horn during a Press briefing at Thai Customs Department in Bangkok, Thailand, on 21 Oct, 2013.**

**Thai Customs officials seized 43 pieces of smuggled animal skulls and horns worth 15 million Thai baht (about 482,085 US dollars).—XINHUA**



## Police looking into airport bomber's allegations

GUANGZHOU, 22 Oct — Police in south China's Dongguan City are looking into the case of the Beijing airport bomber, allegedly beaten by security officers.

The public security bureau of Dongguan, in Guangdong Province, confirmed on Monday

that it had filed a criminal investigation of the "intentional injury" of Ji Zhongxing.

Ji was sentenced to six years in prison last week for setting off a home-made explosive device at Beijing Capital International Airport in July, severely

injuring himself.

Ji once worked in Guangdong and claimed that he was beaten in 2005 by local public security officers, resulting in his paralysis. Dongguan police said further investigation into Ji's alleged beating is under way. — Xinhua

## Indonesia offers potential market for PC products

JAKARTA, 22 Oct — Indonesia, the largest economy in Southeast Asia with vibrant economic growth, is a potentially tremendous market for personal computer products due to low ownership ratio. Despite robust economic growth, penetration of personal computer products in Indonesia is very low that gives us great opportunity for business growth here, Dell Indonesia Managing Director Catherine Lian told Xinhua.

"According to the

latest data issued by IDC, personal computer ownership ratio in Indonesia was only 10 percent of total population," she said, citing the recent data issued by the International Data Corporation (IDC), an American-based market research, analysis and advisory firm specializing in information technology, telecommunications, and consumer technology. She added that 85 percent of personal computers sold in Indonesia will be lower end products that provide

adequate capability with prices of below 400 US dollars per unit.

The more promising aspect for vendors planning to tap the PC market in Indonesia is the significantly increasing number of people in middle class-plus society, she said. "Generally, the middle class-plus society has high disposable income and the ability to purchase consumer goods. That's why we are bullish and confident in Indonesia as the key country of growth

in this region," Catherine added.

Analysts estimated that the middle-class society in the country would grow 7 percent per year from currently 80 million people to 132 million people by 2020. Indonesia, the world's fourth most populous country, posted growth rate of above 6 percent in the last few years. It expects to gain 5.8 to 6.2 percent this year amid economic slowdown that batters its exports.

Xinhua

## Death toll in Oshima reaches 28, 18 still missing

TOKYO, 22 Oct — The evacuation advisory issued to around 2,300 residents on the typhoon-hit island of Izu Oshima, south of Tokyo, was lifted on Monday morning for the first time in around 39 hours, allowing local authorities to resume the suspended search for the missing.

As of Monday afternoon, the death toll from Typhoon Wipha reached 28, while 18 still remained unaccounted for, according to the municipal government of Oshima and police. Oshima Mayor Masafumi Kawashima told a Press conference Monday morning, "We will do our utmost to have the missing people returned

to their families as soon as possible."

While some 1,200 personnel from the police and Self-Defence Forces are searching for the missing, the Defence Ministry plans to send 500 additional personnel to the island for the rescue operation. According to the website of the municipal government, the population of the town totaled 8,365 as of the end of September. The municipal government issued the evacuation advisory on Saturday when more heavy rain was predicted.

As of Sunday night, some 590 evacuees were in shelters. Typhoon Wipha, the 26th of the year,



**Photo taken from a Kyodo News helicopter shows the search for the missing, which resumed on 21 Oct, 2013, on the island of Izu Oshima, south of Tokyo. Typhoon Wipha on 16 October brought torrential rain to the island, causing mudslides that destroyed houses and buried residents alive. According to police and local authorities, 27 people have been confirmed dead.**

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on Wednesday brought torrential rain to the island, located about 120 kilometers south of Tokyo, causing mudslides that destroyed houses and buried residents alive. The authorities

warned residents to prepare for future evacuations as another powerful typhoon — Francisco, the season's 27th — approached the Japanese archipelago.

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## Singapore to host next TPP ministerial meeting in December

SINGAPORE, 22 Oct — Twelve countries involved in the Trans-Pacific Partnership free trade negotiations will hold a ministerial meeting on 7 to 9 December in Singapore, with an aim to conclude a deal by year-end, official sources said on Monday.

The ministerial sessions will be the stage for the countries to make a thrust toward resolving difficult issues such as tariff eliminations, with Singapore, Australia, New Zealand and Chile aiming to eliminate all tariffs, while countries like Japan seek to keep some to protect sensitive domestic industries. The meeting will be held on the heels of the World Trade Organization's ninth ministerial conference from 3 to 6 December in Bali, Indonesia.

The United States had sought to hold the TPP ministerial meeting on the same resort island.

But with the Doha Round trade liberalization talks under the WTO stalled, the TPP countries have decided to hold it in the nearby country, fearing successful conclusion of a TPP agreement could subsequently highlight the WTO's failure, a Japanese government source said.

The 12 countries were arranging the meeting in early December to avoid the Christmas holiday season, while another Japanese government source indicated it would have been difficult for TPP minister Akira Amari to attend if the meeting was set in mid- to late December as he will work on compiling

the national budget.

The TPP negotiations on market access that involve tariff eliminations as well as intellectual property that deals with the length of protection including patent terms of new drugs have been some of the major sticking points for the member countries.

The negotiators have been continuing to discuss such issues through teleconference and other means to pave the way for the year-end conclusion, while chief negotiators are expected to hold their meeting in November. The TPP countries are Australia, Brunei, Canada, Chile, Japan, Malaysia, Mexico, New Zealand, Peru, Singapore, the United States and Vietnam.

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**People wearing historical costumes parade after leaving the Heian Shrine for the Kyoto Imperial Palace in Kyoto on the morning of 22 Oct, 2013, to mark the annual Jidai Matsuri (Festival of Eras), one of the three biggest festivals in the ancient Japanese capital. — KYODO NEWS**

## S Korea, China to launch 2-plus-2 security talks by year-end

SEOUL, 22 Oct — South Korea and China plan to launch a so-called two-plus-two consultative body on security affairs by the end of this year, Yonhap News Agency said on Monday, citing a diplomatic source.

The talks, the first of their kind between the two countries, will bring together senior diplomats and defence officials from the two countries in an effort to step up bilateral cooperation in the face of growing nuclear threats from North Korea, the

source said.

"North Korea's nuclear issue will top the agenda during the meeting of the security consultative committee, which is based on a two-plus-two format," Yonhap quoted the source as saying in a dispatch from Beijing. Chinese State Councilor Yang Jiechi is scheduled to visit South Korea next month to discuss the matter and other pending issues with Kim Jang Soo, the top security adviser to President Park Geun Hye.

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## Record 700 mil yen set for winner of top prizes in year-end lottery

TOKYO, 22 Oct — A record 700 million will be paid out in the Year-End Jumbo Lottery to the winner of the first prize if that person also purchased a block of tickets including the numbers just before and after the winning ticket, its organizers said on Monday.

The organizer decided to raise the cash payout for the top prize to 500 million yen from 400 million yen, while keeping the payout for the two adjacent numbers at 100 million yen each.—Kyodo News

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## China becomes biggest investor in Laos

VIENTIANE, 22 Oct — China was Laos' largest foreign investor in the first 11 months of the 2012-2013 financial year with over 1.33 billion US dollars worth of projects, Lao state-run news agency reported on Monday.

During the period, Thailand was the second biggest foreign investor with 416 million US dollars, according to Lao Ministry of Planning and Investment (MPI). The energy sector received most of the investment with 1.56 billion US dollars, followed by mining sector with 1.09

billion US dollars, said the MPI.

The largest energy investment was poured into the construction of the Nam Ngiep 1 hydropower project in Borikhamxay province with over 868 million US dollars. Building of the dam will start in 2014 with construction expected to be completed by 2019. The dam will have a capacity of 290 megawatts. The Lao government set a target of 8 percent annual GDP growth rate, which requires investment of at least 1.7 billion US dollars.

Xinhua



**Bride dog "Lanlan" and groom dog "Guaiguai" (R) wear garlands during their wedding at the Home of Rescued Animals, in Chengdu, Sichuan Province, on 18 Oct, 2013.—REUTERS**

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**Hand painting in India.—XINHU**

## Philippine electronics, semiconductor industry reports double digit decline

MANILA, 22 Oct — The Philippine electronics and semiconductors industry recorded a decline of 10 percent to 12 percent in the first three quarters, due to lackluster performance.

Export of electronics in the first eight months sustained 13 percent decline to 13.66 billion US dollars from 15.7 billion dollars in 2012, Semicon-

ductor and Electronics Industries of the Philippines (Seipi) Executive Director Dan Lachica said in a briefing during the 12th CEO's Forum and 114th General Membership Meeting at Solaire Entertainment City in Paranaque City on Monday.

The semiconductor subsector, which comprise 76 percent of industry ex-

port, posted a decline of 11.62 percent to 10.44 billion US dollars from 11.84 billion dollars in the same period in 2012, he said. Despite the contraction in electronics and semiconductor output, automotive and consumer electronics posted growth of 324 percent and 19.66 percent, respectively.

Xinhua

## Thailand considers charging foreigners entry fee

BANGKOK, 22 Oct — Thai government is considering a plan to charge foreigners a 500-baht (16 US dollars) entry fee from January next year, according to Public Health Minister Pradit Sintavanarong. Pradit said on Sunday that officials from the Ministry of Tourism and Sports, the Ministry of Public Health and the Royal Thai Police had discussed the matter and all agreed with the idea.

They expected the extra charge would lead to an increase in the quality of tourists entering Thailand, he said. "The tourism and sports minister (Somsak Phurisrisak) told me that every other country is collecting entry fees from foreigners," Pradit said. "The money will be used for many purposes by the tourism, health and foreign affairs ministries, and the Immigration Bureau," he said.

The health ministry would gather relevant information and help the Ministry of the Interior in legislating the law. The collected fees would go into the national budget coffers before they are transferred to different agencies, he said. He expected the new entry charge would take effect from 1 January, but it could be put off to mid-January because there would be many tourists entering the country at that time and they might get confused, he said.

Foreigners who stay in Thailand no more than three days would be charged 30 baht a day, while those who stay more than three days would have to pay 500 baht, he said.—Xinhua



## ENTERTAINMENT

### Sandra Bullock and son wear skeleton costumes for Halloween

LOS ANGELES, 22 Oct—Gravity star Sandra Bullock and her 3-year-old son were photographed wearing matching skeleton costumes as they headed for a Halloween party in Sherman Oaks, California.

Bullock and her son

were seen sporting spooky make-up as she holds hands with Louis. She wore a lace dress with a skeleton corset during the outing, reported Aceshowbiz.

Louis even had bat wings to complete his looks. The 3-year-old boy,

however, did not wear the wings.

In a recent interview with *Vogue*, Bullock said that Louis was her priority.

"I think this business can take the child out of kids so quickly. I don't want him to have pressures brought on by what I do. I will quit. I will leave. If I see whatever I'm doing affecting him negatively, I will pack up and move to Alaska," she said.

In the magazine interview, Bullock also revealed that she was open to the possibility of having more children.

"If all of a sudden someone said, 'You have five more kids,' I'd be totally OK with it. I'm having such an amazing time. Whatever comes our way, we handle as a family. It's not just me anymore," she added.—PTI



Sandra Bullock

### Olga Kurylenko is Russell Crowe's new love interest

LOS ANGELES, 22 Oct—Actress Olga Kurylenko will feature opposite actor Russell Crowe in his directing debut *The Water Diviner*.

The 33-year-old has signed up to play Russell



Russell Crowe

Crowe's love interest in the film, reports contactmusic.com.

*The Water Diviner* is about an Australian farmer who travels to Istanbul, Turkey to find out what happened to his sons after they were reported missing in action during the Gallipoli campaign in World War I.

The project will go on floors in Australia in December.

PTI



Olga

### Skyfall actor Ben Whishaw may play Freddie Mercury in biopic

LOS ANGELES, 22 Oct—Actor Ben Whishaw is the front runner to play Queen's rocker Freddie Mercury in an upcoming biopic.

Lead vocalist of British rock band Queen, Roger Taylor, spilled the beans in a radio interview with Chris Evans and Alex Jones. He initially only gave the initial "BW" when the topic came up.

Jones pressed further, asking if it was the *Skyfall* actor, to which the drummer confirmed, "Well, we hope so."

The late singer was originally set to be played by Sacha Baron Cohen, but he dropped out of the movie

due to creative differences.

Harry Potter star Daniel Radcliffe and Captain America: The First Avenger thesp Dominic Cooper were previously linked to replace the Borat actor, but the *Kill Your Darlings* star was quick to deny his involvement in the project.

Cohen was said to be planning to offer a gritty R-rated look at the life of the iconic rocker in the upcoming movie, but the band's remaining members who serve as producers allegedly wanted it to be a PG one.

Taylor later explained their issues with the funnyman, "We felt Sacha probably wasn't right in the end.

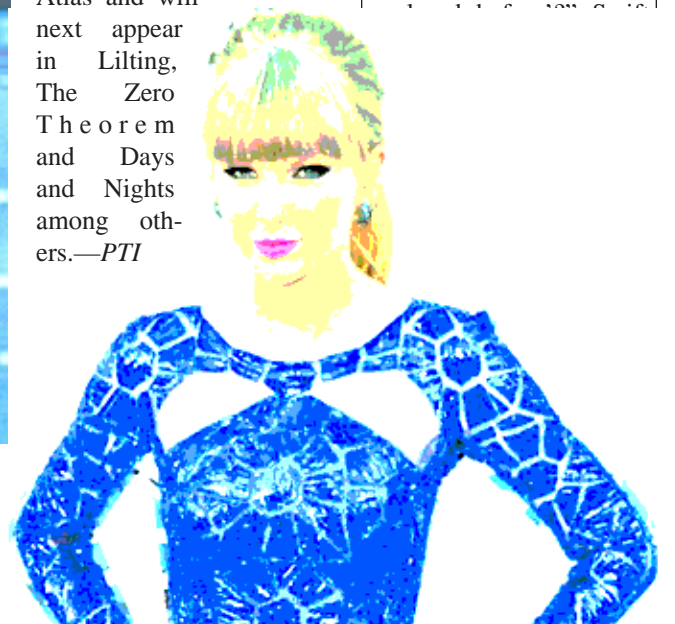


Ben Whishaw in a still from the movie Skyfall

We didn't want it to be a joke. We want people to be moved."

Whishaw, 33, is best known for his role as computer genius Q in the latest

James Bond film, *Skyfall*. He was last seen in *Cloud Atlas* and will next appear in *Lilting*, *The Zero Theorem* and *Nights and Days* among others.—PTI



Martin Sheen in a still from Gandhi

### Martin Sheen to receive Lifetime award at Dubai film fest

DUBAI, 22 Oct—Hollywood actor Martin Sheen will receive the Lifetime Achievement Award for his contribution to cinema during the opening ceremony of the 10th edition of the Dubai International Film Festival (DIFF) which runs from 6 to 14th December this year.

The 73-year-old actor is best known for his work in films like *Apocalypse Now*, *Gandhi* and *The Departed*.

"I am truly honoured to accept the Dubai International Film Festival's Lifetime Achievement Award and looking forward to celebrating the region's gifted cinematic storytellers," Sheen said in a statement.

One of the most accomplished actors in Hollywood, Sheen has acted in more than 80 films including his most celebrated movie *Apocalypse Now* with Francis Ford Coppola.

His other movies in-

clude *Badlands*, *Wall Street*, *Catch Me If You Can*, *The American President* and most recently *The Amazing Spider-Man*.

The actor had an equally fulfilling career on television with his six time Emmy nominated performance as President Josiah Bartlet in *The West Wing*. Sheen won six of his eight Golden Globe nominations and two individual SAG awards for the *White House* series. "Martin Sheen is a

cinematic legend whose remarkable career has spanned five decades. In that time he has brought to life a huge variety of compelling, intelligent and wonderfully engaging characters on the big and small screen. We are honoured to present Martin Sheen with a DIFF Lifetime Achievement Award and we look forward to welcoming him to Dubai," said DIFF Chairman Abdulhamid Juma.—PTI



## SPORTS

## Williams warns Istanbul rivals she can still get better

ISTANBUL, 22 Oct — Serena Williams aims to claim her 11th tournament trophy to round off one of the best years of her career, and warned her opponents at this week's WTA season-ending championships that she can still improve.

"It's definitely one of the best years I have had... I'm still looking to improve and... I have a lot of room for improvement," Williams told reporters on Monday, the day before the eight-woman tournament begins.

The American world number one has won more matches and more titles than in any other year of her career, losing four times in 73 games in 14 events.

"I'm so excited for next year just to take my game to a new level," added Williams, who won the

French and US Opens this year to take her grand-slam total to 17.

"It's just been a great opportunity for me to continue to play, so I never thought I would have one of my best years this year but I always just try to keep doing better."

Defending champion Williams has been drawn with Agnieszka Radwanska, Petra Kvitova and Angelique Kerber in the red group at Istanbul's Sinan Erdem dome while second seed Victoria Azarenka, Li Na, Sara Errani and Jelena Jankovic are in the white group.

World number three Maria Sharapova will miss the championship because of a shoulder injury.

Williams said she ex-



*Serena Williams of the US runs to return a shot during her women's singles final match against Jelena Jankovic of Serbia at the China Open tennis tournament in Beijing on 6 Oct, 2013.*

REUTERS

pected a good match when she plays Kvitova, a dangerous opponent on a fast indoor surface, although the Czech player has never beaten her.

Second seed Azarenka, who has beaten Williams twice in 2013, is her most likely title rival, and the Belarusian said she was looking forward to taking on the American again.

"Sometimes when you feel you don't want to go

to the gym or the tennis court and fight, somebody is above you that you want to reach and grab that spot. Definitely that's a big motivation," Azarenka said.

If Azarenka wins, it would be her first title at the end-of-season event after she lost in the final to Kvitova two years ago in Istanbul which is staging the event for the final time before it moves to Singapore.—Reuters

## Federer's points search begins with routine win

BASEL, 22 Oct — Roger Federer's late bid to secure his customary place in the season-ending ATP World Tour finals began with a routine opening round win over Adrian Mannarino in his home town tournament in Basel on Monday.

The 32-year-old Swiss former world number one, in danger of missing out on the eight-man season finale, earned a 6-4, 6-2 victory to the delight of the his home fans.

Federer's lean year has meant he has slipped to eighth in the ATP Race standings, below compatriot Stanislas Wawrinka and with Frenchmen Richard Gasquet and Jo-Wilfried Tsonga both breathing down his neck.

Gasquet, who won the

title in Moscow on Sunday is 25 points Federer and Tsonga 90 adrift.

Gasquet is also in action in Basel and, with 500 points on offer for the champion, he will be waiting to pounce should Federer suffer an early exit.

Next week's Paris Masters is the final event of the ATP season in which players can earn points to qualify for London.

The cut-off point for the ATP Tour finals in London will go down to ninth in the rankings as Wimbledon champion Andy Murray has already withdrawn because of back surgery.

Federer has qualified for the season-ender every year since 2002, winning it six times.

Reuters



*Switzerland's Roger Federer serves the ball during his match against Adrian Mannarino of France at the Swiss Indoors ATP tennis tournament in Basel on 21 Oct, 2013.—REUTERS*

## Wie named Youth Games ambassador, eyes Rio



BERLIN, 22 Oct—American golfer Michelle Wie, who helped her sport win a place at the 2016 Rio de Janeiro Olympics, has been appointed Youth Olympics ambassador, the International Olympic Committee said on Monday.

Wie, 24, will advise golfers during the 2014 Nanjing Youth Games next year. Olympic champions Michael Phelps and Yelena Isinbayeva are also Youth Olympic ambassadors.

The American is hoping to compete at the 2016 Olympics when golf returns to the games after more than a century.

"I went to the London Olympic Games last year and that really got me inspired," said Wie, who was part of golf's Olympics bidding team in 2009.

"It got me motivated and I'm going to do everything I can. It's one of my biggest focuses, making the American team for Rio." —Reuters

## Manchester United aim to crank up performance and volume

MANCHESTER, (England), 22 Oct — Manchester United may have to rely on increased noise levels rather than current form to make their home advantage count when they host Real Sociedad in Champions League Group A on Wednesday.

Old Trafford will be trying out a new 'singing section' at the stadium, with up to 1,400 of their loudest fans sitting in an area of the ground normally reserved for away supporters in order to improve the atmosphere because the acoustics are better there.

The move should lift spirits at Old Trafford, where a previous reputation as a rock-solid fortress has been shattered with the English champions managing just one win in the Premier League this season.

Their recent European form is little better with

four defeats in their previous seven home games.

United are level on four points with group leaders Shakhtar Donetsk after two games before meeting Sociedad, who have no points and are enduring a start to their league season as shaky as that experienced by David Moyes' men.

"I feel that this is an important one for us," The United manager said on the

club website (manutd.com).

"If we could win this one, it would give us a strong position in the group. We have to go out there and take advantage of the home game and try to get a result."

United made a flying start in the Champions League, beating Bayer Leverkusen 4-2 at home in their opener but then drew 1-1 in Donetsk.—Reuters



*Manchester United's manager David Moyes (R) reacts with his coaches on the bench ahead of their English Premier League match against Sunderland at The Stadium of Light in Sunderland, northern England, on 5 Oct, 2013.—REUTERS*

## FA charge Chelsea's Mourinho with improper conduct

LONDON, 22 Oct—Chelsea manager Jose Mourinho has been charged with improper conduct for his behaviour during a Premier League game against Cardiff City, the FA said on Monday.

Mourinho was ordered to the stands by referee Anthony Taylor 20 minutes from the end of Saturday's 4-1 win for protesting to the match official after becoming increasingly frustrated at what he perceived to be Cardiff's time-wasting tactics. Mourinho, who has until 18:00 pm BST on Thursday to respond to the charge, refused to change his stance on Monday when speaking ahead of his side's Champions League match against Schalke.

"If I was at that game and I was paying my ticket, I would be worried with the fact that every time the ball was out or stopped and our

opponent had to put the ball back in the game, it took a minimum of 21.5 seconds," Mourinho said.

"That is a waste of money. You pay your ticket and every time the game stops you have to wait about half a minute? When you multiply that by the number of times the game was stopped ... you pay for 90 minutes but you see 55 or

60." Mourinho, who faces a fine, spent the final 20 minutes of Saturday's match sitting with the crowd after losing his patience.

"I don't want to say what did or did not happen.

"I just want to know the reason why the referee stopped me doing my work. To be with the fans was not funny. It was not funny. It's frustrating."—Reuters



*Chelsea's manager Jose Mourinho gestures as he speaks to Eden Hazard during their English Premier League soccer match against Cardiff City at Stamford Bridge in London, on 19 Oct, 2013.—REUTERS*



## GENERAL



Performers wearing 19th century French forces military uniforms ride their horses during a re-enactment of the Battle of the Nations in a field in the village of Markleeberg near Leipzig on 20 Oct, 2013.—REUTERS

## Two women shot dead at Detroit senior centre

BEIJING, 22 Oct — Police say a man is in custody after he shot dead two women at a Detroit senior centre. The shooting happened



Mao Asada (C) of Japan, Ashley Wagner (L) of the United States and Elena Radionova (R) of Russia show their medals at Skate America in Detroit, Michigan, on 20 Oct, 2013. Asada won with a total of 204.55 points, followed by Wagner at 193.81 points and Radionova at 183.95 points.—KYODO NEWS

Sunday evening after police say the 65-year-old suspect had an argument with his girlfriend that ended their relationship. The man went to his apartment at the Pablo Davis Elder Living Centre, got a rifle and started looking for two residents he blamed for his breakup.

Police spokesperson Miner says that the man shot the first woman, who was in her 50s, as she sat on a bench outside the apartment building.

Miner says he then went inside and shot the second woman, who was in her 60s. Miner says that the suspect was arrested coming back out of the building, which has about 80 apartment units.

Xinhua

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### U Sein Win Aged (92) years

#### Correspondent and Advisor to Kyodo News

We would like to express our deepest condolences at the loss of U Sein Win who have contributed much to Kyodo News, as a correspondent and special advisor for more than two decades, at 2:12 pm October 17, 2013. Our prayers are with him and his family.

KYODO NEWS (YANGON BUREAU)

## 4-yr term sought for 2 daughters over 2011 death of Amagasaki woman

KOBE, 22 Oct — Prosecutors sought four-year prison terms on Monday for two women suspected of involvement in the killing of their 66-year-old mother, whose corpse was found in a drum in 2011, in a serial murder case in Amagasaki, Hyogo Prefecture.

In the trial at the Kobe District Court, Kazuko Oe's daughters Kae, 45, and Yumi, 42, are charged with injury resulting in death for repeatedly assaulting their mother after confining her in an apartment between July and September 2011 on the orders of alleged ring-leader Miyoko Sumida.

The prosecutors also sought a five-year prison sentence for Yumi's former husband Hiroyuki Kawamura, 43, who they said developed a close relationship with Sumida before the two sisters were also drawn into her web. Sumida committed suicide aged 64 last December in a detention facility after her arrest on suspicion of having masterminded the series of murders, which unraveled after Oe's corpse was found in November 2011 in a concrete-filled drum at a warehouse in the western Japan city. A ruling in the trial is due on 31 October.

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## Buffon questions Real spending before Juventus clash

MADRID, 22 Oct — As European heavyweights Juventus and Real Madrid prepare for Wednesday's Champions League clash at the Bernabeu, Juventus captain Gianluigi Buffon has questioned the Spanish side's 'galactico' transfer policy.

The 35-year-old Italy goalkeeper, who played under Real coach and compatriot Carlo Ancelotti in a Juve team featuring his current assistant Zinedine Zidane, backed Ancelotti to cope with the huge pressure of expectation at the nine-times continental champions.

However, he suggested luring the world's top players like record signings Gareth Bale and Cristiano Ronaldo, who alone cost almost 200 million euros (\$274 million), to the Spanish capital was not enough

to guarantee success in the modern game.

"The philosophy of 10 years ago remains the same, buy great champions, entertain the fans and maintain the historic prestige of Real Madrid," Buffon said in an interview with Spanish sports daily *Marca* published on Monday.

"But the reality is that in football, above all now, that's not enough to win," he added.

"It's better to have a project, balance and patience. Money is a good starting point but it's not enough in itself."

Real have splashed more than 600 million euros on players over the past five years in a bid to secure the 10th European crown — known as the 'decima' in Spain — they have been chasing since they last won the Champions League in

2002. Their outlay is almost three times as much as European and Bundesliga champions Bayern Munich, who have spent 227 million, according to the latest Prime Time Sport Football Transfer Review published last month.

Only English Premier League side Manchester City come close with an outlay of 549 million, while Juve have spent the most of any Serie A club with 274 million.

Real are a work in progress under Ancelotti, who replaced Jose Mourinho at the end of last season, and face a challenging week with Wednesday's game against the Italian champions followed by Saturday's La Liga 'Clasico' at Barcelona.

Ancelotti promised attacking, entertaining football at his presentation but



Juventus goalkeeper Gianluigi Buffon.

has yet to get the best from his expensively assembled squad and their domestic campaign has begun in stuttering fashion.

They are flying in Europe, however, following thrashings of Group B rivals Galatasaray and FC Copenhagen in their opening two matches, and victory against Juve will put them seven points clear of the Turin-

based side with three games remaining.

If Real win and the other match, between Galatasaray and Copenhagen, is a draw, the Madrid club would be virtually guaranteed a place in the last 16.

Buffon said the experience Ancelotti has gained as a twice Champions League winner with AC Milan and from his stints in England and France would help him cope with the Real job, one of the most demanding in football.

"I don't think anyone knows better how to deal with tense situations and the challenges of winning," he told *Marca*.

"No club in the world is obliged to win more than Real Madrid but I think Ancelotti is someone who always finds solutions," he added.

Real closed to within three points of La Liga leaders Barca thanks to Saturday's 2-0 win at home to Malaga, when Bale came off the bench in the second half and won a penalty to mark his return from injury.

Ronaldo converted the spot kick, his eighth goal of the domestic campaign, and the Portuguese forward, Champions League top scorer last season, already has five to his name in two appearances in Europe this term.

"If we can play our game, we are a team who plays at a high tempo, which pressures high up the pitch, very well organised," Buffon said.—Reuters



## Vice-President U Nyan Tun addresses National Energy Management Committee meeting (3/2013)



**Vice-President U Nyan Tun addresses National Energy Management Committee meeting at Ministry of Energy.—MNA**

NAY PYI TAW, 22 Oct —Patron of National Energy Management Committee Vice-President U Nyan Tun called on experts from development partnership organizations and officials of ministries concerned to give comprehensive sug-

gestions on National Energy Policy (Draft) to be able to meet international standards at his address at National Energy Management Committee meeting (3/2013) at the Ministry of Energy, here, yesterday.

He said that socio-

economic development of the country cannot achieve success as expected not because of the lack of reliable energy supply triggered by shortage of investment in power sector and inadequate infrastructures and human resources necessary

to utilize sustainable energy resources but because of limitations on investment in renewable energy sector. Development of new technologies for electrical and electronic appliances and power-generating facilities requires sustainable invest-

ments, energy conservation measures and cost-effectiveness energy saving, he added.

He stressed the need to take effective measures based on technology inspection reports while ensuring energy sufficiency for a short period of time and electrification processes. In the private sector of electricity-generating, it is required to use effective laws and electricity purchase agreements meeting international norms. He highlighted coordination and cooperation to be taken into account by departments concerned for capacity building and organization structure development of the committee.

Next, Union Minister U Zeya Aung explained matters related to policies laid down at the 31st ASEAN Energy Ministerial Meeting and related sessions, Union Minister

U Khin Maung Soe, ongoing tasks of generating and distributing electricity and laws, rules and regulations.

Then, Mr. Sadiq H. Zaidi, International Energy Sector Advisor, reported on Draft Working Paper for Myanmar's energy sector, U Soe Myint, National Energy Sector Advisor, ongoing works and the secretary of the committee, decisions, implementations and draft National Energy Policy.

Afterwards, Union Ministers U Myint Hlaing, U Win Tun, Dr Myint Aung and U Maung Myint elaborated on respective matters related to the energy sector.

Next, those present took part in discussions on national energy policies and gave suggestions on the points to be included in the National Energy Policy (Draft). The meeting came to an end with concluding remarks by the Vice-President.—MNA

## Seized cars and motor cycles to be put up for competitive bidding system: Dy NPED Minister

NAY PYI TAW, 22 Oct—"Seized cars and motorcycles in good shape across the country will be sold through competitive bidding system," Deputy Minister for National Planning and Economic Development Dr Daw Khin San Yi replied at today's Pyithu Hluttaw session.

She continued that the seized vehicles, motorcycles and spare parts management committee was set up by the Union Supreme Court on 23 September this

year. Respective courts will sell these vehicles and motorcycles after asking for a floor price from Central Equipment Statistics and Inspection Department under the Ministry through the Union Supreme Court.

The badly-damaged vehicles and motor cycles will be handed over to the Ministry of Defence for destroying them after the President Office gives the go-ahead, she added.

With regard to the question on action taken

against those who illegally use Chain Saw, Union Minister for Environmental Conservation and Forestry U Win Tun said that notification No.29/2013 of rules and regulations for chain saw users has been issued in the newspapers. In addition, it has been announced on the notice boards at the offices of Forestry Department, General Administration Department and Rural Development Departments nationwide.

Licences were issued

for 52 chain saws in Gwa Township from 6 June to 3 October this year. Action will be taken against those who fail to get chain saw licences. A total of 219 chain saws used in illegal logging have been seized since 2011 to September this year.

He said, the Ministry will supervise the use of chain saws and take stern action against illegal users in cooperation with related ministries and regional administrative bodies.—MNA

## Myawady welcomes Thai tourists at border gate

MYAWADY 22 Oct—A total of 23 Thai tourists riding 16 motorcycles and on board a pickup truck entered the border gate in Myawady today.

Under the arrangement of Wide View Travels and Tours Company, and accompanied by an official of Myanma Hotels

and Tourism Services and a guide named Sai Lon, they will tour Myawady, Hpa-an, Kyaikhtyoe, Thanlyin, Yangon, Bago and Mawlamyine. They will leave for Maesot through Myawady border gate on 27 October.

*Tun Tun Oo (Myawady Border Town)*



**Thai tourists riding motorcycles and pickup truck seen at border gate in Myawady.**

**TUN TUN OO (MYAWADY BORDER TOWN)**

## Japan's assistance for construction of schools

NAY PYI TAW, 22 Oct — The government of Japan will provide assistance for construction of schools in Chin State, Ayeyawady Region and Kayah State.

The assistance amounts to US\$ 461,105 for three projects: construction of No. 1 BEHS in Matupi Township, Thingangon Village BEHS in Ngaputaw Township and Thay Su Le

Village BEHS Branch in Dimawhso Township.

Mr Mikio NUMATA, Ambassador of Japan and Chairman of each School Construction Committee signed the grant contracts yesterday. The three projects will benefit about 3,577 students at three needy schools with better learning and sanitation environment.

The government of Japan has helped various grass-roots projects in Myanmar and 271 schools have been improved under GGP scheme counting from 1998. It is further expected to strengthen existing friendly relation between Japan and Myanmar through implementation of those projects.

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**MASCOTS HAIL SEA GAMES: As a gesture of hailing XXVII SEA Games, mascots of SEA Games seen at the walls near Thabyegon roundabout with beautiful scenes of neat and tidy landscapes in Nay Pyi Taw.—MIN MIN LATT (MANN TEKKATHO)**