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- * Non-disintegration of national solidarity
- * Perpetuation of sovereignty

Chief Justice of the Union leaves for Singapore

NAY PYI TAW, 27 Oct— Chief Justice of the Union U Tun Tun Oo left Yangon by air this morning to attend the 15th Conference of Chief Justices of Asia and the Pacific in the Republic of Singapore. He was accompanied by Chief Justice of Yangon Region High Court U Win Swe, Chief Justice of Ayeyawady Region High Court Daw Thein Thein

Nyunt and officials. They were seen off at the Yangon International Airport by Justices of Yangon Region High Court. MNA

Myanmar yachtsmen in intensive training

Preparations and trainings are being conducted for hosting the XXVII SEA Games. Yachtsmen from Myanmar yachting team are under intensive training to be able to get the SEA Games off the ground. The yachting contest of the XXVII SEA Games will take place at Ngwehsaung Beach of Ayeyawady Region

Byline: Wai Yan Oo;
Photo: Tin Soe (Myanma Alinn)

from 11 to 20 December. Now, construction of buildings for the games has been completed by certain percent.



Players from Myanmar yachting team under intensive training at Ngwehsaung Beach.

A ceremony to hand over four gun boats No 117, 118, 119 and 120 which belong to the Defence Services (Navy) to Coastal and River Patrol Police Crops of the Myanmar Police Force under the Ministry of Home Affairs was held at No 3 Naval Jetty of the officer mess of Ayeyawady Naval Region Command Headquarters in Thanhlyetsoon in Yangon Region on 25 October morning.

Head of Department of Naval Dockyard Command Headquarters Cdr Aung Than Oo handed over documents related to the gun boats to Police Lt-Col Ko Ko Naing of Coastal and River Patrol Police Crops.

Commander of AN-RCH Commodore Maung

Byline: Nay Zaw

Oo Lwin delivered an address on the occasion.

Commander of Coastal and River Patrol Police Crops Police Brig-Gen Soe Myaing spoke words of thanks.

The four gun boats were commissioned into service at the Defence Services (Navy) on 11 April 1990. They were used in marine operations and security duties of the Defence Services (Navy) in Yay Naga (Water Dragon) operations and Min Ayeya operations, combined military operations together with Defence Services (Army, Navy and Air).

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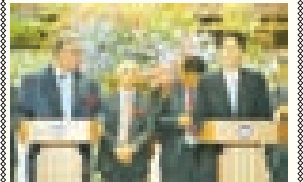
Four naval gun boats handed over to Coastal and River Patrol Police Crops



Photo shows four gun boats which were recently handed over to Coastal and River Patrol Police Crops of Myanmar Police Force by Defence Services (Navy).

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Railway Police serve public welfare works



THAZI, 27 Oct—IP Hla Tun and party of the camp of No. 6 Company of Railway Police Corp from Thazi Township of Meiktila District served the people old and young to ensure smooth and convenient travelling of rail passengers and other public welfare tasks for the people.

Kyemon-Tun Tun (Thazi)

Kanni-Magyisu inter-village road under construction in Meiktila



Earthen road being upgraded with gravel linking Kanni and Magyisu villages in Meiktila Township.

MEIKTILA, 27 Oct—According to the plan of construction of the rural roads which is one of the rural development tasks in Meiktila Township, the Township Development Affairs Committee is building the inter-village gravel road linking Kanni and Magyisu villages.

“The inter-village earthen road has been completed last year. As the report on upgrading the road to gravel one in January this year, the road is being upgraded. The upgraded road will be 4800 feet long and 12 feet wide. Now, there remains about 800 feet long section only. The whole work will be completed soon,” said an engineer from Township DAC.

People get access to northern part of Pyithayar Ward through Kanni-Magyisu inter-village road. Local people transport domestic products and agricultural produce to Meiktila via the Pyithayar north ward.

On completion, the Kanni-Magyisu Road will serve as a tool for better transportation in Kanni,



The executive officer and engineer-in-charge of Minhla Township Development Affairs Committee of Magway Region supervise land preparations for construction of 700 feet long and 20 feet wide gravel road for 6th lane of Ward 6 in Minhla on 18 October.

KYEMON-TIN TUN OO

K 200 million allotted to Yamethin Tsp for school buildings

YAMETHIN, 27 Oct—The Director of Mandalay Region No. 2 Basic Education Department (Upper Myanmar) of Ministry of Education allotted over K 200 million for construction of eight basic education primary schools and nine buildings for BEHSs including BEHS Myohla

in Yamethin Township by signing the agreement with Swe Taw Tun Construction Co.

Responsible persons of Swe Taw Tun Construction Co held the ceremonies to drive a stake for construction of school buildings together with local authorities, town’s elders, members of the school boards of trustees and officials of the Ministry of Education.

The allotted fund was K 211.2 million for nine school buildings. The contract has been signed with the terms that the construction of the buildings must be finished on 7 March 2014.

The education department allotted K 21.6 million on construction of the Myohla BEHS.—*Kyemon-115*

Construction

Magyisu, Kyeebinkhwa and other two villages to have easy access to the urban area, and it will be contributing to the development of rural areas.—*Kyemon-Chan Tha (Meiktila)*

Under the leadership of Ahlon Township Administrator U Than Naing, nurses and health staff from Township Health Department together with local authorities and town’s elders and local people took preventive measures against dengue haemorrhagic fever at the housings of Kayinchan Ward and Railway Station quarters in Ahlon Township on 25 October.

KYEMON-TIN MAUNG OO (AHLON)

Rural development tasks undertaken in Ngaphe Tsp



NGAPHE, 27 Oct—Two buildings of boarding with the measurements of 30x20x10 feet have been completed in the compound of Basic Education High School Branch in Pahtein Village of Ngaphe Township in Minbu District.

The buildings are accommodation for students from far distance areas of school. They will be accommodated there free of charge. The finishing works

are being carried out on 24 October.

Executive Officer U Lin Min Nyunt and engineer in-charge U Tun Min Thant supervised the finishing works.

The Township Development Affairs Committee spent the fund obtained from the motorcycle licence fees on construction of the boarding buildings.—*Kyemon-Than Naing Oo (Ngaphe)*



National Sports

Kanbawza FC honoured for its championship in MNL Cup

Shan State Chief Minister U Sao Aung Myat accepts championship trophy of Kanbawza FC.



TAUNGGYI, 27 Oct—A ceremony to honour Kanbawza FC that has already emerged champion in the 2013 MNL Cup was held at the town hall in Taunggyi of Shan State (South) on 24 October evening.

Present on the occasion were Shan State Chief Minister U Sao Aung Myat

and officials, the Patron of Myanmar Football Federation, players of victorious Kanbawza FC and guests. Chairman of the FC U Khin Maung Latt and CEO U Win Myint Oo handed over the championship trophy to the Chief Minister.

Next, the Chief Minister delivered an address. Striker Soe Min Oo spoke words of

thanks.

Kanbawza FB clinched the title in the 2013 Myanmar National League Cup without any loss in the course of the competition. The championship trophy secured in the 2013 League Cup is the first ever award of the football club.

Kyemon-Sai Nyi Lay; Photo: Shine Htet Zaw

Rehabilitation, revitalization project course for human trafficking victims kicks off

YANGON, 27 Oct—Yangon West District Women’s Affairs Organization conducted the rehabilitation and revitalization project course for human trafficking victims at the hall of the district WAO office on 7 October morning.

Chairperson of District WAO Daw Hnin Zargyi made an opening address.

Trainer Daw Khin Ma Ma Tun explained the purpose of training course.

It was attended by altogether chairpersons of Township Women’s Affairs Organizations and trainees from 13 townships of the district.

Kyemon-Mee Mee (Hline)

WORLD

Japan-Pacific islands summit to be held in Fukushima in 2015

TOKYO, 27 Oct — Ministers and other officials from Japan and the 16-member Pacific Islands Forum decided on Saturday to hold the next summit of their leaders in Iwaki in Japan's northeastern prefecture of Fukushima in May 2015, Japanese Foreign Minister Fumio Kishida said.

The decision was made as participants discussed maritime order, resource management and new ways to cooperate in trade and investment, while taking stock of progress on pledges made at a summit last year.

The next summit, set for 22 May in 2015, is expected to take place at Spa Resort Hawaiians, a leisure complex in Iwaki. Kishida told reporters the summit will provide a good opportunity to demonstrate the region's reconstruction from a massive earthquake and tsunami that flattened Fukushima and other northeastern Japan parts in 2011.

Kishida and Foreign Minister Phillip Muller of the Marshall Islands co-chaired the one-day meeting as a follow-up to the Pacific Islands Leaders Meeting



Japanese Foreign Minister Fumio Kishida (R front) speaks at a Press conference after ministers and other officials from Japan and the 16-member Pacific Islands Forum hold a meeting in Tokyo on 26 Oct, 2013.

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held in Okinawa Prefecture in May 2012.

"The ministers reaffirmed common values such as democracy, human rights and the rule of law, and committed to working

together to enhance transparency, predictability and accountability throughout the region," the chairman's summary of the meeting said.

Kyodo News

Czech centre-left ekes out slim poll victory, tough coalition talks loom



Election committee members collect votes from an emptied ballot box after polling stations closed for the country's early general election in Prague on 26 Oct, 2013.—REUTERS

PRAGUE, 27 Oct — Czech Social Democrats won a slim victory in a parliamentary election on Saturday but faced a tough task forming a government after a wave of voter anger over sleaze and budget cuts propelled new protest parties into parliament.

With most results in, Bohuslav Sobotka's centre-left, pro-European Social

Democrats had 21 percent of the vote, well short of the 30 percent they had targeted and in need of more than one coalition partner to build a stable government.

In an outcome echoing the success of anti-establishment parties elsewhere in Europe such as Beppe Grillo's 5-Star movement in Italy, the big winner was an anti-graft movement

ANO (Yes) led by Slovak-born billionaire businessman Andrej Babis.

ANO, launched just two years ago and languishing in opinion polls until late in the election campaign, took second place with nearly 19 percent. The Communists, heirs of the party that lost power in the 1989 "Velvet Revolution", came third.

The election result leaves the central European country of 10.5 million people facing the prospect of protracted political haggling and of another weak and unstable government

just as the Czech economy emerges from a lengthy recession.

It also dashes Sobotka's hopes of forming a minority government with the parliamentary support of the Communists because the two parties cannot muster a majority. The Communists, who have not had a share of power since the return of Czech democracy in 1989, won around 15 percent of the vote.

Reuters

Ex-Soviet Georgia enters new era with presidential poll

TBILISI, 27 Oct — Georgia elects a new president on Sunday in a vote that will end Mikheil Saakashvili's decade-long rule and test confidence in the ruling Georgian Dream coalition led by billionaire Prime Minister Bidzina Ivanishvili.

The front-runner to replace Saakashvili, a pro-US leader who fought a war with Russia and has served the maximum two terms, is Georgy Margvelashvili, a member of the coalition

which ousted the president's cabinet in an election a year ago.

Saakashvili's departure should end feuding that has hindered policy-making and the investment climate for a year, but the future is clouded by Ivanishvili's decision to step aside as well.

Ivanishvili, 57, has dominated politics in the South Caucasus country since giving up business and entering politics two years ago, but says his job will be complete once the

45-year-old president departs. The retreat of Ivanishvili, Georgia's richest man, has contributed to uncertainty in a country that is strategically important for Russia and Europe, which receives Caspian oil and gas through pipelines via Georgia.

After the election, constitutional changes take effect which will shift power from the presidency to the government and parliament, but Ivanishvili has not said who will be prime minister.

"This is not only a presidential election, but it's also a major change in the political system in Georgia," said Helen Khoshtaria, an independent political analyst. "The intention of the prime minister to quit his position after the election raises more questions than answers about who is going to take the lead in this quite hectic coalition."

Reuters



An official from Iran's Atomic Energy Organization speaks on his mobile phone in front of uranium enriching centrifuges at an exhibition of Iran's nuclear achievements at Shahid Beheshti University in Teheran on 20 April, 2009.—REUTERS

JERUSALEM, 27 Oct — Israel on Saturday dismissed as "irrelevant" reports that Iran had halted its most sensitive uranium enrichment activity, and said Teheran's nuclear programme must be disman-

ted.

A senior member of Iran's parliamentary national security commission was quoted as saying Iran had stopped refining uranium above the 5 percent required for civilian power

stations, as it already had all the 20-percent enriched fuel it needed for a medical research reactor in Teheran.

But diplomats accredited to the UN nuclear watchdog said they had no confirmation Iran had halted enrichment of uranium to 20 percent — a sensitive issue because it is a relatively short technical step to increase that to the 90 percent needed to make a nuclear warhead. "The discussion on whether or not Iran has ceased 20 percent enrichment is irrelevant," said an Israeli official. Israel fears its arch enemy Iran is developing atomic weapons capability, and has hinted it could attack the Islamic republic to prevent it from getting the bomb. Iran says its nuclear activities are entirely peaceful.—Reuters

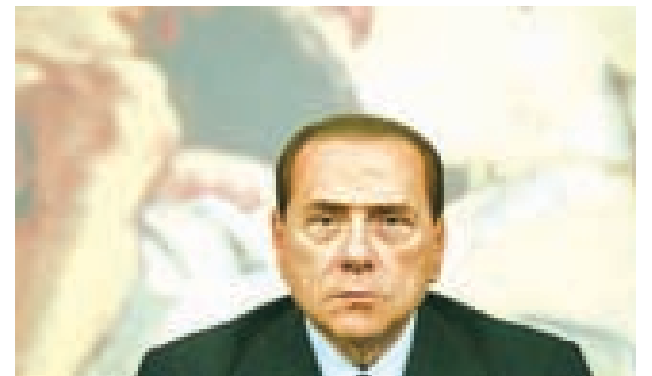
Italy's right could split after Berlusconi move

ROME, 27 Oct — Italy's political center-right could split, lawmakers said on Saturday, after Silvio Berlusconi resurrected his old Forza Italia party and suspended the People of Freedom (PDL), part of the wobbly left-right coalition government.

Several parliamentarians allied to the former prime minister were critical of Berlusconi's move, and five senior PDL members

Minister Enrico Letta, just as the PDL has done, it has caused a rift among his followers. "My absence at the president's office was motivated by my total opposition to the proposal to dissolve the PDL... to return to a Forza Italia which I have never been a part of," Senator Carlo Giovanardi said on his website.

Giovanardi added that the center-right could split into two allied groups: For-



Italy's Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi looks on during a news conference at Chigi Palace in Rome on 4 Aug, 2011.—REUTERS

boycotted Friday's meeting where the decision was made.

Forza Italia (Go Italy!) was Berlusconi's party when he first entered politics in 1994, and although he said it would support the government of Prime

za Italia led by Berlusconi and a PDL led by its current secretary Angelino Alfano.

Alfano led an internal party revolt earlier this month that thwarted Berlusconi's attempt to bring down Letta's coalition.

Reuters



Election officials prepare a polling station in Tbilisi, on 26 Oct, 2013.—REUTERS

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

Twitter IPO pegs valuation at modest \$11 billion

SAN FRANCISCO, 27 Oct — Seeking to avoid a repeat of Facebook Inc's much-maligned public debut, Twitter Inc revealed more modest ambitions on Thursday, saying its initial public offering would raise up to \$1.6 billion and value the company at up to \$10.9 billion. The valuation was more conservative than the \$15 billion that some analysts had expected for the

social media phenomenon. Twitter, which has signaled for weeks that it would price its IPO conservatively to avoid the stock drop that marred Facebook's offering, said that it intends to sell 70 million shares priced between \$17 and \$20. If the company's underwriters choose to sell an additional allotment of 10.5 million shares,

Twitter could raise as

much as \$1.6 billion at the top of the price range, according to an amended version of its prospectus filed on Thursday. Twitter is expected to set the price on 6 November, according to a document reviewed by Reuters, suggesting that the stock could begin trading as early as 7 November. "It's conservative and likely going to be raised as they start the road show at least once if not twice," Sam Hamadeh of PrivCo, a private company research firm, said of Twitter's pricing. "The size of the offering is also a bit small," he added. "But they may only choose to raise the price once they gauge investor demand. Raising both the price and the size was

Facebook's fatal mistake."

Twitter said on Thursday that there will be 544,696,816 shares of its common stock outstanding after the offering. Twitter's offering is the most high-profile Internet IPO since Facebook's rocky debut in May 2012, in which the company's shares fell below their offering price in the ensuing days. The company and its underwriters will begin a two-week road show on October 28 in New York and will stop in Boston and the mid-Atlantic region before touching down in Chicago, San Francisco, Los Angeles and Denver, according to a source familiar with the offering.

Reuters



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

REUTERS

Archeologists discovers one more pre-Incan tomb in Peru

LIMA, 27 Oct — Peruvian archeologists on Thursday announced to have discovered an undisturbed pre-Incan tomb containing two wrapped corpses and dating to the year 1000 AD, state news agency *Andina* reported.

The tomb, uncovered at the Huaca Pucllana archeological site in Peru's capital Lima, belonged to the Wari culture, holding the corpses of an adult and a child that have been wrapped in materials made of vegetable fiber, said the news agency, quoting archaeologists responsible for the finding.

The tomb was discov-



Archeologists discovers one more pre-Incan tomb in Peru.—XINHUA

ered recently during the sixth stage of exploration work at the Great Pyramid of Huaca Pucllana, located in the city's Miraflores residential district. The

two-metre-deep tomb dated from a time of much social turmoil and transformation, but had remained intact through cultures of later generations in the region,

said the archeologists.

The tomb, which holds numerous offerings, is likely to contain the remains of members of the ruling elite, said the news agency *Andina*. According to Isabel Flores, the lead archeologist for the exploration work, the child could be sacrificed in honor of the adult. The Wari culture thrived in the region from 600 AD to 1000 AD, around 500 years before the rise of the Inca Empire, and some 70 other tombs of the same culture have been uncovered thus far at the Huaca Pucllana area.

Xinhua

Laps to laptops: Formula One sells its big data know-how

SINGAPORE, 27 Oct — Wander around the pits at a Formula One car race and you're as likely to bump into a laptop-wielding scientist or engineer as a mechanic with a spanner. And the lessons they are drawing from sensors on F1 tracks, cars and drivers are finding their way into a surprising

range of industries — from drilling oil wells to making toothpaste.

"By chance or whatever we've ended up that F1 is a very strong metaphor for how the world is developing around a more industrialized Internet," says Peter van Manen, managing director of McLaren Electron-

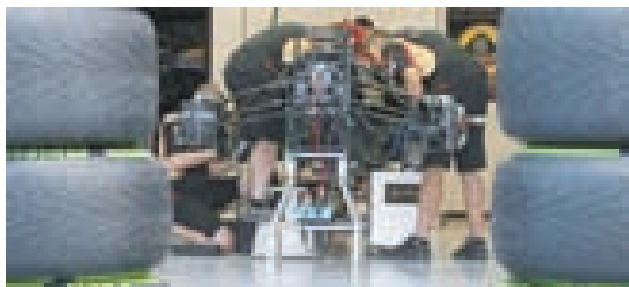
ic Systems, part of a group which makes F1 cars. "You take information and you measure things, and from that you try to adapt how things behave and flow, so you can make performance better." Formula One racing, born after World War II, has long embraced rapid innovation.

It can take seven years to get an ordinary car from the drawing board to the showroom: An F1 car may take just five months ... and have new components added to it each race weekend. "There are very few industries which have a similar ability to evolve at such pace and bring components or products to market at such speed," says Gerard Spensley, AT&T's global

accounts director for F1.

But in recent years safety concerns and fears it would bankrupt itself have forced the sport to adopt tighter regulations, reducing speeds and spending. This has shifted emphasis from hardware upgrades to real-time tweaks in efficiency and tactics to prise an extra millisecond or two from car and driver. To do that, teams capture gigabytes of data from more than 100 sensors on each F1 car, transmitting it back to the pit or direct to their UK headquarters over high-speed cables. Once engineers have analyzed the data they feed advice back to the driver — often within minutes or even seconds.

Reuters



Mechanics work on the car of Lotus Formula One driver Romain Grosjean of France at the pit ahead of the Singapore F1 Grand Prix in this 19 Sept, 2013 file photo.—REUTERS



File photo of panorama of Berlin through the antenna cover of former National Security Agency (NSA) listening station at the Teufelsberg hill (German for Devil's Mountain) in Berlin, on 30-June, 2013.—REUTERS

Germany wants a German Internet as spying scandal rankles

PARIS/FRANKFURT, 27 Oct — As a diplomatic row rages between the United States and Europe over spying accusations, state-backed Deutsche Telekom wants German communication companies to cooperate to shield local internet traffic from foreign intelligence services. Yet the nascent effort, which took on new urgency after Germany said on Wednesday that it had evidence that Chancellor Angela Merkel's mobile phone had been monitored, faces an uphill battle if it is to be more than a marketing gimmick.

It would not work when Germans surf on websites hosted on servers abroad, such as social network Facebook or search engine Google, according to interviews with six telecom and internet experts. Deutsche Telekom could also have trouble getting rival broadband groups on board because they are wary of sharing network information. More fundamentally,

the initiative runs counter to how the Internet works today - global traffic is passed from network to network under free or paid-for agreements with no thought for national borders.

If more countries wall themselves off, it could lead to a troubling "Balkanisation" of the Internet, crippling the openness and efficiency that have made the web a source of economic growth, said Dan Kaminsky, a US security researcher. Controls over internet traffic are more commonly seen in countries such as China and Iran where governments seek to limit the content their people can access by erecting firewalls and blocking Facebook and Twitter. "It is internationally without precedent that the internet traffic of a developed country bypasses the servers of another country," said Torsten Gerpott, a professor of business and telecoms at the University of Duisburg-Essen.

Reuters



Volkswagen XL1 hybrid car, the world's first 1-liter vehicle, made its debut in Beijing, capital of China, on 23 Oct, 2013. The vehicle, dubbed "the world's most efficient car," consumes only 0.9 liter of fuel when traveling 100 kilometers. It's said that only 250 units will be produced for sale across the world.

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BUSINESS & HEALTH

Mosaic HIV vaccine affords “partial protection” in monkeys

WASHINGTON, 27 Oct — US researchers said Thursday that an experimental global vaccine may afford “partial protection” in monkeys against challenges with an especially deadly form of the AIDS virus, raising new hope for an effective vaccine in people. The so-called “mosaic vaccine” reduced the risk of infection by nearly 90 percent among monkeys exposed to a stringent simian-human immunodeficiency virus, which mixes HIV and the simian version of the virus, the team led by US Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Centre (BIDMC) reported in the journal *Cell*.

“A global HIV vac-

cine would offer major biomedical and practical advantages over most other HIV vaccine candidates, which are limited to certain regions of the world,” said lead author Dan Barouch, director of the Centre for Virology and Vaccine Research at BIDMC. “To our knowledge, this study represents the first evaluation of the protective efficacy of a candidate global HIV antigen strategy in nonhuman primates.” In their study, the researchers studied the immunogenicity of the “mosaic vaccine,” a blend of three major HIV proteins, including Env, Gag and Pol, when it was administered to rhesus monkeys.

After immunization,



the monkeys were repetitively exposed to multiple to simian-human immunodeficiency virus challenges. “Although most vaccinated animals became infected

by the end of the challenge series, we observed 87 percent to 90 percent reduction in the per-exposure probability of infection,” the researchers wrote in their

paper. In contrast, monkeys that received sham vaccines became infected more quickly, they said.

The researchers said that most previous HIV

vaccine candidates have typically only been tested in monkeys for protection against easy-to-neutralize viruses rather than against a difficult-to-neutralize virus like the one used in this study. Also, each viral challenge in the study was approximately 100-fold more infectious than typical sexual HIV exposures in humans, they noted. “These data suggest a path forward for the development of a global HIV vaccine and give us hope that such a vaccine might indeed be possible,” Barouch said. “We are planning to advance this HIV vaccine candidate into clinical trials next year.”

Xinhua

Microsoft beats profit forecasts, shares jump

SEATTLE, 27 Oct — Microsoft Corp cruised past Wall Street’s quarterly profit and revenue forecasts on Thursday, helped by strong sales of its Office and server software to businesses, sending its shares up more than 5 percent after hours. The world’s largest software company is the latest tech firm to surprise investors with a powerful performance, coming the same day as Amazon.com Inc eased past average revenue forecasts. Technology

is proving one of the most resilient sectors in an uncertain economy, with 84 percent of tech companies beating earnings estimates for the latest quarter.

Analysts had trimmed profit targets for Microsoft over the past three months, concerned by the launch of an ambitious reorganization by retiring Chief Executive Steve Ballmer and the pricey acquisition of Nokia’s handset business, even as the company’s core personal computer market

ebbs away. “The earnings report will positively surprise the market, especially in the context of the soft expectations going in and the dismal report last quarter,” said Todd Lowenstein, a portfolio manager at fund firm HighMark Capital. “Beating on revenue and earnings handily will boost confidence that the reorganization is pivoting them in the right direction.”

Microsoft said nothing about its board’s search for a new CEO to succeed Ballmer, who announced in August his plan to retire within 12 months. As part of its reinvention as a “devices and services” company, Microsoft now reports under two main groups, one covering its devices and consumer business, and one its commercial business. The commercial side was the stronger in the quarter, posting a 10 percent increase in revenue, chiefly from selling Office and

server software to businesses. The consumer and hardware group’s revenue rose a more modest 4 percent, held back by another poor quarter for the Windows system as sales of personal computers continue to decline.

According to industry research firm Gartner, PC shipments fell 8.6 percent last quarter, confirming a worldwide trend towards tablets that has benefited Apple Inc and Google Inc but hurt traditional PC stalwarts Microsoft and Intel Corp PC sales have been sliding for the last 18 months, although Microsoft Chief Financial Officer Amy Hood said in an interview on Thursday that there were “signs of stabilization.” Sales of Windows software to PC makers, such as Hewlett-Packard Co, Lenovo Group and Dell Inc, to install on their machines fell 7 percent in the quarter.—Reuters

Samsung posts record-high operating profit in Q3



Samsung Electronics logo

SEOUL, 27 Oct — Samsung Electronics, the world’s largest maker of smartphones, memory chips and flat screen TVs, said on Friday that its third-quarter operating profit hit a new quarterly high due to robust sales of its Galaxy smartphones.

Operating profit was 10.16 trillion won (9.57 billion US dollars) in the three months ending 30 September, up 26.08 percent from the same period of last year, according to the regulatory filing. The figure was up 6.64 percent from three

months earlier, topping the prior record high of 9.53 trillion won in the previous quarter.

Sales increased 13.24 percent on year to 59.08 trillion won in the third quarter, breaching the prior high of 57.46 trillion won tallied in the second quarter. The reading was up 2.82 percent from three months ago. Net income jumped 25.59 percent from a year earlier to 8.24 trillion won in the third quarter. The figure was up 6.06 percent from the prior quarter.

Xinhua



The Microsoft logo is seen at their offices in Bucharest on 20 March, 2013.—REUTERS

FDA recommends tightening access to hydrocodone pain-killers

WASHINGTON, 27 Oct — The US Food and Drug Administration on Thursday recommended tighter restrictions on products that contain hydrocodone, an opioid painkiller present in commonly prescribed, potentially addictive drugs such as Vicodin. Until now, Vicodin and other products that contain less than 15 milligrams of hydrocodone have been classified as Schedule III controlled substances. The FDA recommends reclassifying them more restrictively—potentially as Schedule II prod-

ucts, in line with opioid pain-killers such as oxycodone and morphine.

Reclassifying the products would make them harder to obtain, both by addicts and by legitimate pain patients. Physicians are not allowed to call in a prescription for a Schedule II product to a pharmacy. Instead, patients must present a written prescription. In addition, patients would not be allowed as many refills before returning to see their doctors, potentially representing a hardship for patients in chronic

pain. The proposed change was urged by the Drug Enforcement Administration, which is battling a rising tide of prescription drug abuse. The change must be approved by the Department of Health and Human Services and the DEA, which will make a final scheduling decision.

Opponents of the rule change, including many physicians, have argued for years that restricting pain products further could cause hardship to pain patients, especially the elderly.—Xinhua

Panasonic to cut 7,000 jobs in semiconductor sector

TOKYO, 27 Oct — Japanese electronics giant Panasonic is going to cut 7,000 jobs in its semiconductor sector after years of losses, local media reported on Thursday.

The reduction will be made by the fiscal year of 2014 through March 2015, which accounts for nearly half of its current employees in the sector, the Kyodo news reported, citing un-

named sources.

Most of the job losses will affect Panasonic’s overseas plants, including those in China, Indonesia, Malaysia and Singapore, while workers in Japan will be transferred to other businesses, the sources added.

The decision is made after Panasonic’s semiconductor business has been losing money amid fierce international competition, and the company is putting more resources in auto- and housing-related businesses, according to the report.

Xinhua



Japanese electronics giant Panasonic

Iran FM, UN-Arab envoy urge political solution to Syrian crisis

TEHERAN, 27 Oct — Iranian Foreign Minister Mohammad-Javad Zarif and UN-Arab League joint special representative to Syria Lakhdar Brahimi called here on Saturday for a political solution to the long-running crisis in the Arab country.

Brahimi, who arrived in Tehran on Saturday, expressed hope that with the help of Syria's neighbours, "we could mobilize all parties to solve the Syrian issue."

"What is happening in Syria is a humanitarian crisis," said Brahimi, adding that "crimes against Syrian people by all sides should be stopped."

Also, Zarif said "con-

flicts in Syria can only be solved by the Syrian people ... and we can only offer assistance" for political solutions.

About Iran's participation in the upcoming Geneva II talks on Syria, Brahimi said participation of Iran is "natural and necessary."

"If invited to the Geneva II talks, Iran will attend the conference with the aim to find a political solution" to the Syrian problem, said Zarif.

On 7 October, US State Department spokeswoman Marie Harf said the United States might agree with Iran's participation in the conference if Teheran backs the "Geneva I Communiqué," which called for

a transitional government in Syria.

The United States and some Western countries have accused Iran of supporting the government of Syrian President Bashar al-Assad in the civil war and called Iran "part of the problem."

In June 2012, powers and some neighbors of Syria, including Iraq, Turkey and Persian Gulf states, agreed in Geneva on a transitional government in Syria as a means to achieve a diplomatic solution to the Syrian crisis.

Later, Geneva II talks were suggested by Russia and the United States in an attempt to develop mechanisms to implement earlier



Iranian Foreign Minister Mohammad-Javad Zarif (R) and UN-Arab League joint special representative to Syria Lakhdar Brahimi attend a Press conference after their meeting in Teheran, capital of Iran, on 26 Oct, 2013. Zarif and Brahimi called here on Saturday for a political solution to the long-running crisis in the Arab country.

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agreements.

Iran has said that it will not accept any precondition to its attending the Geneva

II meeting. Being the main regional ally of the Syrian government, Iran has condemned foreign inter-

vention and "terrorists' involvement" in the Syrian conflict.

Xinhua

Senior official urges efficient implementation of "mass-line" campaign



Liu Yunshan (C, back), a member of the Standing Committee of the Political Bureau of the Communist Party of China (CPC) Central Committee, presides over the fifth meeting of the leading group of the "mass line" education campaign, aimed to strengthen the ties between the CPC and the public, in Beijing, capital of China, on 26 Oct, 2013.

XINHUA

BEIJING, 27 Oct — Officials should devise specific measures to ensure the "mass-line" campaign does not remain a mere formality, senior leader of the

Communist Party of China (CPC) Liu Yunshan said on Saturday.

Liu, a member of the Standing Committee of the Political Bureau of the CPC

Central Committee, said at a meeting of the campaign's leading group that officials should conduct thorough self-examination for undesirable work styles

and carry out criticism and self-criticism to identify and correct deep-rooted problems.

The one-year campaign was launched in June by China's leaders to boost ties between CPC officials and members and the people, while cleaning up undesirable work styles such as formalism, bureaucracy, hedonism and extravagance. Specific measures to correct officials' problems should be prepared and made public in order to get feedback from the public about implementation of the campaign, Liu said.

Xinhua

Gunman kills four, commits suicide at Phoenix apartment complex

NEW YORK, 27 Oct — A gunman killed four members of a family and their two dogs and then shot himself to death at a Phoenix apartment complex on Saturday, police said.

Officers responded to an emergency call reporting shots fired around 9:15 am local time, said Phoenix police spokesman Sergeant Tommy Thompson. They found a man whose apartment was damaged by gunfire but who was not wounded.

In trying to trace the source of the gunfire, the

officers narrowed it to two possible units.

When a witness reported seeing someone enter one of the residences, police sought to clear the neighbouring unit and entered through the back patio, Thompson said.

Police found the bodies of two people shot to death on the patio and went inside and found two other slain individuals and two dogs that had also been shot to death, he said. The dead were two men, a woman and a teenage boy, he said.

Reuters

Italy's Mount Etna volcano erupts

ROME, 27 Oct — Europe's tallest and most active volcano Mount Etna erupted on Saturday, spewing glowing lava into the air and sending a vast plume of smoke over the southern Italian island of Sicily. The eruption did not require any mountain villages to be evacuated or cause significant disruption, though airspace over Sicily was briefly closed on Saturday morning, according to Catania Airport.

The volcano is in almost constant activity, although the last major eruption was in 1992. The latest eruption was preceded by a series of underground tremors on Friday.

Reuters

LDP to seek gov't money to build radioactive waste storage facilities

TOKYO, 27 Oct — The ruling Liberal Democratic Party plans to propose the government use public funds to build and manage temporary facilities to store radioactively contaminated soil and other waste resulting from the nuclear crisis at the Fukushima Daiichi power plant, party sources said on Saturday.

The move is aimed at alleviating financial burdens on Tokyo Electric Power Co, the operator of the crippled plant, and winning the understanding of local residents who oppose construction of the facilities, by increasing the government's role, the sources said. Interim storage facilities for radioactive waste are scheduled to be built in

Okuma, Futaba and Naraha towns in Fukushima Prefecture at a cost of several hundred billion yen. The facilities are expected to start operations in January 2015.

The Fukushima Daiichi plant straddles the towns of Okuma and Futaba, while Naraha hosts the Fukushima Daini nuclear power plant, also run by the utility known as TEPCO. Final disposal of the waste is supposed to occur at locations outside Fukushima Prefecture within 30 years of operations starting at the interim storage facilities, but the site for final disposal has yet to be decided.

The LDP is set to call for the use of government money other than funds earmarked for reconstruc-

tion of the areas hit hard by the March 2011 earthquake and tsunami that triggered the nuclear accident, the sources said. However, some government officials are cautious about the LDP's plan because a law stipulating that TEPCO will shoulder expenses for the interim storage facilities and decontamination works would need to be revised.

Under the law, the government is to initially pay for the temporary facilities and decontamination work and later ask TEPCO to reimburse the costs. The scheme is designed to prevent TEPCO's financial condition from affecting work to dispose of contaminated soil and other waste.

Kyodo News



Thousands of people in Hong Kong rally outside the government headquarters on the night of on 25 Oct, 2013, to demand the government make public its reasons for not granting a television broadcast license to a start-up operator. —KYODO NEWS

LOCAL NEWS

Aungmingala Market 2 rebuilt in Taninthayi



MYEIK, 27 Oct— Construction of Aungmingala Market 2 has been completed by 60 percent in Taninthayi of Myeik District in Taninthayi Region.

Poverty alleviation fund is spent on construction of the market in 2013-14 fiscal year.

The building will be 90 feet long, 45 feet high and 12 feet wide strengthened

by RC posts.

It is estimated to complete in December, said a responsible person of the construction.

The old market collapsed in bank erosion of Taninthayi River.

For convenience of the shoppers, a temporary market is kept open along Chaungnge Phonedawgyi Road.

MMAL-Moe Hein (Myeik)

Wellwisher Deputy Minister at the President Office U Aung Thein and wife Daw Htwe Yi, wellwisher U Hla Than and wife Daw Kyi Kyi Swe formally open Saddhamma Ramthi Dhammayon, tube-well and Buddha Images in Aungtha Village of Wundwin Township in Myingyan District on 19 October.—MNA



Turpentine of Chin Hill attracts Japanese companies

HAKA, 27 Oct— Mitsubishi and Marima Co Ltd of Japan arrived in Haka of China to observe purchase of turpentine produced from Chin Hill.

The executive director of the company and officials met Chin State ministers and

discussed pine plantation, protection and production of turpentine.

These companies open 11 turpentine plants in 11 countries for manufacturing of 12 kinds of personal products such as ink, paper, glue, tyre and cosmetics. They have planned to produce turpentine in Chin

Hill. If the Chin local people establish the company to produce turpentine, the Japanese company will purchase the product, said an observer.

“Pine plants are scattering in eight of nine townships in Chin State. The local people should produce the domestic products and

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forest products. The local people should enjoy the benefits from the forest products,” said an official.

A Chinese company produced 10 million tons of bamboo per year in 1995. However, the company produces pine paper 100 million tons per year as of 2012.

MMAL-Nay Su (Chin Yoma)

Game players incinerated in Myawady



MYAWADY, 27 Oct—A ceremony to incinerate game players and devices was held at the plot in front of Deikhtanaung Pagoda in Ward 4 of Myawady, Kayin State, on 24 October morning.

Commander of Myawady District Police Force Lt-Col Aung Myint made a speech.

It was attended by

Kayin State Minister for Security and Border Affairs Col Aung Lwin, Tactical Operations Commander Col Nyi Nyi Lwin of Thingan-nyinaung, Pyithu Hluttaw representative Daw Nang Sae Awa, U Mahn Kan Nyunt of Union Solidarity and Development Party, Amyotha Hluttaw representative U Saw Aye Myaing, Deputy

Commissioner U Tint Wai Thon, the commander of Township Police Force, NGOs, political parties, media, ward administrators and local people, totalling about 500.

At the ceremony, officials incinerated 199 game players seized by Myawady Township Police Force.—MMAL-Police Information

Robes on high demand in Mandalay

MANDALAY, 27 Oct— Japan and Italy-made silk robes are on high demand at Mandalay market.

In last years, robes could be sold on high demand at the offering season. This year, Japan Boma band robe and

Italy-made silk robes are on high demand through retail and wholesale in Mandalay, said Daw Htay Htay Yin of the robe house.

A basket of Kathina robes comprising eight prerequisites for offering it as Kathina robes is sold for K 12000 to K 65000 depending on quality.

The quality of Japan Boma robe is K 25000 to K 35000, Italy silk robe K 60000 and Chinese Tatron robe K 8000 to K 15000, said Daw Htay Htay Yin.

MMAL-Min Htet Aung (Mann Sub-printing House)



Computer course conducted in Myinmu

MYINMU, 27 Oct— Myinmu Township General Administration Department of Sagaing Region opened the computer course at Shwe Pyi Thit Hall of the department on 24 October morning.

The opening ceremony of the training course was attended by Region Hluttaw

representatives, the township administrators, township departmental officials, course instructors and 300 trainees.

Township Administrator U Thein Zaw made an opening address. Course instructors U Kyaw Ko Ko and U Wunna Tun explained the disciplines of

the training course.

The training course will last two months. K 6000 will be collected from trainee each for providing computer sets to the training centre. The accountancy and spoke English courses will be provided to the trainees free of charge.

MMAL-Township IPRD

Fingerlings released into creeks, lakes

PANTANAW, 27 Oct— Pantanaw Township Fisheries Department released 1 million fingerlings into Dawwah Sluice Gate in Sawwah Village-tract in Pantanaw Township on 23

October.

It was participated by Head of Township Fisheries Department U Thein Than and staff, in-charge of Pathwe fish hatching farm U Tin Win and members of

social organizations.

In 2013-2014 fiscal year, Township Department has released 2 million fingerlings into the creeks and lakes.

MMAL-Khin Maung Zaw Myint



Yangonites took relaxation peacefully at Maha Bandoola Park at sunset of 25 October.—MMAL-SOE WIN (SP)

NATIONAL

Union Ministers meet members of township/ward/village development supportive committees in Nyaungshwe

TAUNGGYI, 27 Oct— A meeting between Union Ministers at the President Office U Soe Thane and U Tin Naing Thein and members of township committee, ward/village-tract development supportive committees took place at the meeting hall of General Administration Department in Nyaungshwe Township yesterday morning.

In his opening speech, Union Minister U Soe

Thane invited active participation of the people for greening Inlay Lake and its environs and development of education and economic sectors in cooperation with members of supportive committees. He urged development supportive committee members and departments concerned to prioritize regional development tasks.

Deputy Director-General U Zaw Win of Forest

Department reported on work progress for greening and sustainable development tasks of Inlay Lake.

Afterwards, Union Minister U Tin Naing Thein delivered an address. The chairmen of Nyaungshwe Township Management Committee and Township Development Supportive Committee made clarifications and the Union minister and those present took part in the discussions.

In his concluding remark, Union Minister U Soe Thane said that education sector is crucial. Only when education sector develops, will technology, health and regional development tasks meet with success. He pointed out the need for ward/village supportive committees and departments concerned to cooperate one another in a harmonious manner.

State IPRD

Fire drills practised at DaikU Myoma Market



DAIKU, 27 Oct—The fire drill and maintenance of water pumps were held at DaikU Myoma Market of Bago Region on 22 October.

Firemen, members of Township Development Supportive Committee, Township Development Affairs Committee, Myoma

Market Board of Trustees and Market Auxiliary Fire Brigade with the use of two fire engines of Township Fire Services Department,

Members of Fire Services Department and families of market participate in fire drill in DaikU.

one fire engine from Township Auxiliary Fire Brigade, two water pumps and one water tanker of Township Development Affairs Committee participated in the fire drill at the textile complex No. 1, grocery complex No. 2, inside and outside the market, Min Street, Merchant Street and southern street of the market.

The participants of the fire drill carried out maintenance of water taps and water pumps in the market.

The fire drill was supervised by the Township Administrator and the Executive Officer of Township Development Affairs Committee.

Nay Lin (Nyaunglebin)

Fire breaks out at Sarkaung Confectionery in Hlinethaya

YANGON, 27 Oct—A fire broke out at Sarkaung Confectionery of Golden Dragon Co at No 21/26 at the corner of Seikkantha and Konbaung Streets in Industrial Zone 7 in Ward 2 of Hlinethaya Township.

At 7 am today, overheated boiler of the confectionery caused fuel leakage from its tank over the flame.

The fire was put out by officials and fire servicemen with the use of 19 fire engines, one supporting vehicle and three management vehicles.

They totally put out the fire within 25 minutes.

In the fire, Maung Htwe, 21, worker of the confectionery sustained injury to left hand.

The fire engulfed diesel,

motor and wires worth about K 400,000.

A file of lawsuit was opened against in-charge of boiler Ko Min Aung, 25 under the law.

“We carefully put out the fire with the use of fire-fighting foam. Entrepreneurs should take care of using boilers,” remarked a fire serviceman.

Kyemon-Zaw Gyi (Panita)

Firefighters putting out fire at Sarkaung Confectionery in Hlinethaya Township.



PERSPECTIVES

Monday, 28 October, 2013

Honesty is the best policy

Every one satisfies when an item of goods he buys is worth paying. He will not be happy if the goods he buys is high in price but low in quality. In this world, there are many people pursuing an honest living. On the other hand, there are also people who use deceitful means to get easy money.

Obviously, we can get goods at right prices from honest traders. But we cannot trust the dishonest persons because they are applying dubious means in various forms. Their only intention is to make as much as profits they can. In fact, fakes are worse than unfair prices.

These days, cheating in measurements has become a normal procedure in the market places. Dishonest traders are using more fraudulent means such as putting other substances into goods, especially food products or selling counterfeit goods as real ones. Meat and fish sellers inject water to make their goods gain extra weight. Higher grade rice or cooking is often mixed with lower grades. Even fish paste and chili powder are not free from mixing procedures. Fraudulent means may also be applied in selling other goods.

But such dishonest means will decrease consumer trust in the long run, and eventually harm the market. From the religious point of view, exercising such deceitful means is a sin. Cheating in fact is not different from stealing. It is like taking something the owner doest not give you or without his knowledge.

So, honesty is the best policy in every case including trading. This sin-free policy ensures a win-win situation for both the seller and the buyer and also enhances consumer trust that is the backbone of a reliable and sustainable market.

Ottarathiri Township dwellers urged to inform police about suspicious activities

NAY PYI TAW, 27 Oct— A meeting between police and public held at Phayakon Myoma Police Station in Ottarathiri Township, here, yesterday afternoon.

Head of Ottarathiri Township Police Station Police Major Zaw Htay Oo and Head of Phayakon police station Police Captain Kyar Nyo explained measures being taken by the police for public safety.



Next, a ward administrator and 10-household heads, townselders and responsible persons of religious associations held talks with the police.

At the meeting, police officers made clarifications on the incidents of recent bombings and urged those present to inform the police if they notice anything suspicious in the township as soon as possible.

Ko Ko Nay (Pynmana)



LOCAL NEWS

Voluntary Service

Public-centred first aid course conducts



BOKPYIN, 27 Oct— Myanmar Red Cross Society and Ministry of Education jointly organized the opening ceremony of Public-centred First-Aid Course at the hall of Bokpyin Basic Education High School on 25 October morning.

On the occasion, Township Administrator

U Chan Tha delivered an address.

Township Education Officer Daw Tin Nwe Yi explained facts about the first-aid course. The course is being attended by 30 teachers and 30 students from basic education middle and high schools in urban and rural areas.—Kyemon-Bokpyin IPRD

Inter-department male SIP cadet course writing test held

NAY PYI TAW, 27 Oct— Organized by Nay Pyi Taw Police Force, the inter-department graduate SIP male course exam was held at the No 3 Basic Education High School Branch in Zabuthiri Township, here, on 26 October.

Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Police Force Police Col Aung Aung acted as chairman of the exam supervisory committee. Police Lt-Col Tin Aung

(International Drug Elimination Department) acted as representative of the Myanmar Police Force Headquarters.

A total of 379 candidates from Special Branch, Criminal Investigation Department, Traffic Police Corps, Railway Police Force, Expressway Police Force and police battalions, took the exam.

Min Min Latt (Mann Tekkatho)



Police Commander Police Col Aung Aung views candidates at the exam for police cadet course.

Kawthoung sees trade promotion



KAWTHOUNG, 27 Oct—A coordination meeting on promotion of trade was held at the hall of Kawthoung Township Merchant Association on 25 October afternoon.

At the meeting, Assistant Director U Sein Win of Commercial and Consumer Affairs Department made a speech, saying that merchants should undertake their trading through legal route not to suffer losses in the illegal trade route after clearing the income tax at the Kawthoung Border Checkpoint. He invited report of difficulties from the merchants.

U Nay Lin of Customs Department explained that merchants are to cover their

goods on board the boats that anchored in the water if they are too late to receive inspection at the port. The goods to be paid duty to the department must be correct and accurate. If the list and goods are different, action will be taken against the merchants, he said.

OSS in-charge U Nyi Nyi Shein and U Myint Aung of Merchants Association reported on their difficulties.

They said officials are to carry out checking of goods in time and different functions of mobile teams.

In addition, they requested the officials of FDA to perform tasks without delay.

Kyemon-Kyaw Soe (Kawthoung)

Anti-Narcotic Drives

Stimulant tablets, heroin seized in Mingala Taungnyunt Tsp

NAY PYI TAW, 27 Oct— Member of No 42 Anti-Drug Squad (Yangon West District) of Yangon Region together with witnesses raided the house of Myo Thura Naing Win Oo, 42 on Thabyegon Ward of Mingala Taungnyunt Township in Yangon Region on 22 October afternoon.

The squad members seized 13 stimulant tablets weighing 0.476 gram from the bedroom.

Mingala Taungnyunt Myoma Police Station opened a file of lawsuit against Myo Thura Naing Win Oo under Sections 15/16(c) of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.

According to the investigation, the servicemen arrested Maung Maung Sein (a) Sein Gyi of Pabedan Township because Myo Thura Naing Win Oo purchased the drug from

Maung Maung Sein (a) Sein Gyi. The servicemen arrested Sein Gyi from the tea shop along with five stimulant tablets and K 66000 as proceeds between 27th and Konzaydan Street in Pabedan Township.

After that, the squad members searched the house of Sein Gyi on Shwedagon Pagoda Road in Ward 1 of Pabedan Township. They seized together with 310 stimulant tablets, 18.43 grams of heroin and K 1,550,000. Pabedan Myoma Police Station opened a

file of lawsuit against Maung Maung Sein (a) Sein Gyi under Sections 15/16(c)/20(a) of Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.

Ko Ko Yupa

Low-priced SIM cards on sales in Pyinmana

PYINMANA, 27 Oct—The distribution of low-prices SIM cards to shopkeepers of Arhara Thukha Market under the control of Markets Department of the Nay Pyi Taw Development Committee was held at



the office of the in-charge of market on 25 October afternoon.

Staff Officer U Muang Maung and officials sold 60

SIM cards to the shopkeepers, staff, market elders and shop owners through draw lot system.

Ko Ko Yupa

Water pumps provided to farmers free of charge

SAGAING, 27 Oct— Under the arrangements of poverty alleviation by Sagaing Region Government, a ceremony to sell Dongfeng power-tillers worth K 1.51 million to farmers through installment was held at Sagaing District Agricultural Mechanization Department on 23 October.

The region government presented six water pumps each to Sagaing, Myinmu and Myaung townships.

The department sell the power-tillers to the farmers with after sale service and trained them to operate power-tillers.

Kyemon-Htwe Myint Naing (Sagaing)

National Sports

Myeik District Deputy Commissioner's Cup Inter-Basic Education School Sepak Takraw Tournament kicks off

MYEIK, 27 Oct— The opening ceremony of Myeik District Deputy Commissioner's Cup Inter-

Basic Education School Sepak Takraw Tournament was held at the gymnasium in Myeik on 26 October

morning.

Deputy Commissioner U Lwin Ko Oo of Myeik District General

Administration Department made a speech.

The athletes took the sports oath.

In the debut, Basic Education Middle School (Taya) team played against Basic Education Middle School (1) BEHS Branch (A) team.

Among the spectators were departmental personnel, basic education teachers, student athletes and local people. Altogether nine Sepak Takraw teams are taking part in the tournament that will run up to 3 November.—Kyemon-Myeik District IPRD



Students vigorously taking part in Sepak Takraw tournament.

WORLD



Firefighters try to extinguish a fire at the market of Sandaga in Dakar, capital of Senegal, on 26 Oct, 2013. A fire broke out late Friday at the market of Sandaga in central Dakar with no loss of life reported by Saturday morning.
XINHUA

Cold snap to sweep NE, N China

BEIJING, 27 Oct — A cold snap will bring lower temperature to northeast and north China in the next three days, with some areas experiencing rain and snow, the National Meteorological Centre (NMC) forecast on Sunday.

Most of the Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region, northeast China and north

China will see a temperature fall of 4 to 6 degrees Celsius, with some areas cooled by as much as 8 degrees Celsius and swept by gales, the observatory said.

From Sunday to Monday, the western part of Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region, northern parts of the Inner Mongolia and Heilongjiang Province,

as well as parts of Qinghai Province and the Tibet Autonomous Region will experience moderate rain, snow or sleet, the NMC said.

The observatory also forecast heavy rainfall in the western part of southwest China's Yunnan Province.

Xinhua

Syrians suffering economic hardship

DAMASCUS, 27 Oct — In al-Shaalan market in the Syrian capital of Damascus, where many food and clothing shops are dotted around, fewer people now walk around here to buy expensive items.

Most shops are empty of consumers, and only shops that sell the cheap Flafel sandwiches are still busy.

In order to cope with the economic hardship as a result of the long-standing domestic crisis and the U.S. and EU economic sanctions, most Syrians have to abandon fancy restaurants and opt for cheap dinners or buy low-priced take-away food.

A man in his 40s waiting for his turn to buy sandwiches said "It's the only thing in this country whose price is still rational and affordable for most Syrians. We used to eat Falafel once a month, but now because of the unprecedented expensive living conditions, we eat it every week."

As part of the austerity measures, a lot of Syrians cut large spending on big-

ticket items and stopped buying expensive foodstuff, even like meat, from their food list.

Syrians complain of the soaring prices of all consumer items, which have made most items out of reach for Syrians amid reports that the country's inflation rate is now one of the highest in the world.

Official figures have put the inflation rate at around 50 percent, but unofficial estimates say it's about 300 percent, further worsening the Syrians' livelihood.

Despite the government's efforts to control markets and bring the exchange rate of the Syrian pound against the U.S. dollar back to normal levels, Syrians still grumble about the government's inability to reduce the soaring prices of consumer items and foodstuff.

The central bank of Syria has strongly intervened in the exchange market and its policy was proved constructive in pushing up the price of the pound. The dollar is now

less than 170 pounds in the black market, down from 300 pounds two months ago.

Meanwhile, Syrian Prime Minister Wael al-Halqi recently confirmed that there is a large amount of reserves of hard currency, brushing aside concerns over the country's ability to secure people's needs of commodities.

Yet, a recent statement by the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA) said that four

million Syrians are subject to famine, or below food poverty line in the ESCWA own standards. ESCWA also indicated that another eight million Syrians now live under the minimal poverty line, while 18 million live below the maximal poverty line.

The commission also noted in its report that "300,000 public sector employees are considered living under the food poverty line, " which is a volume that cannot be covered by donations.—Xinhua

China poses no danger to Russia, Medvedev says

MOSCOW, 27 Oct — Russian Prime Minister Dmitry Medvedev said here Saturday that China poses no danger to Russia, and bilateral cooperation between the two countries will bring mutual benefit.

China, the world's second largest economy, is Russia's strategic partner, Medvedev said in an interview with the Russia-1 TV channel, adding that Moscow should cooperate with Beijing on high technology.

"Why should we fear them. They are our neighbors," the prime minister said after ending a two-day visit to China on Wednesday. During Medvedev's

visit, Russian state-owned oil company Rosneft signed an agreement with China Petrochemical Corporation (Sinopec) to supply 10 million tons of crude oil each year for a decade starting from 2014.

Rosneft also signed a deal with China National Petroleum Corporation (CNPC) to line out principles for a joint-venture oil refinery set up in China's northern port city of Tianjin.

"It means that they will work on it and we will also do this," Russia state news agency RIA Novosti quoted Medvedev as saying.

Xinhua



A Yemeni soldier holds a pistol that he seized from a man at a check point in Sanaa, Yemen, on 26 Oct, 2013. Yemeni authorities on Saturday imposed strict security measures on terrorist threats and sabotage activities.—XINHUA

Singapore's PM to visit France, Poland to boost bilateral ties

SINGAPORE, 27 Oct — Singapore's Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong is scheduled to start a trip to France and Poland on Sunday to strengthen bilateral ties with the two countries, the city-state's Prime Minister's Office said on Saturday. The authorities said the visits are aimed at seeking the support of French and Polish leaders for the early ratification of the EU-Singapore Free Trade Agreement (FTA). The negotiations of the FTA were concluded last December, and the treaty is expected to enter into force in 2015.

During his third official visit to France, Lee is scheduled to meet French

President Francois Hollande, Prime Minister Jean-Marc Ayrault and other French leaders. He will also attend a business forum, meet French businessmen and academics as well as Singaporeans living in the country.

Singapore and France elevated their relationship to a strategic partnership in last October when French PM visited the city state. France is the second country to establish strategic partnership with Singapore after the United States.

On Wednesday, Lee will fly to Warsaw for his first official visit to Poland. Lee is scheduled to meet Poland's President Bronislaw Komorowski, Prime Minister Donald Tusk and other leaders. He will also visit the city of Gdansk, home to Poland's largest sea port.

Lee will be accompanied by Trade and Industry Minister Lim Hng Kiang, and Minister in the Prime Minister's Office, Second Minister for Environment and Water Resources and Foreign Affairs Grace Fu.

He will also be accompanied by a delegation led by the Singapore Business Federation.—Xinhua

Ride operator arrested after five hurt at North Carolina State Fair

NEW YORK, 27 Oct — The operator of a carnival ride at the North Carolina State Fair, where five people were hurt when the attraction suddenly restarted as passengers exited, has been arrested after a probe revealed the ride was tampered with, officials said on Saturday.

Timothy Dwayne Tutterow, 46, of Georgia, faces three felony counts of assault with a deadly weapon inflicting serious bodily injury, said Brian Long, a North Carolina State Fair spokesman.

At least three people

remain hospitalized after the incident on Thursday, including a 14-year-old, according to a statement by the state fair.

The pendulum ride, called the Vortex, which spins and flips passengers upside down, was "tampered with," West County Sheriff Donnie Harrison said in the statement.

"Critical safety devices were compromised," he said without providing additional details. More arrests may be made and an investigation of the incident is continuing, Harrison said.—Reuters



An Indian tank rolls down a field during a joint military exercise with Russia Army slated for 10 days at Mahajan Field Firing Ranges in the deserts of the western state of Rajasthan, on 25 Oct, 2013.
XINHUA

REGIONAL

International Sculpture Exhibition kicks off in E China

HEFEI, 27 Oct — The third China Liukaiqu Award International Sculpture Exhibition kicked off Saturday in Wuhu City in east China's Anhui Province.

The exhibition at the Wuhu Sculpture Park is showing 36 pieces that have won the Liu Kaiqu Award, named after Liu Kaiqu, a famous Chinese sculptor and art educator. They were selected from more than 2,000 pieces submitted by some 500 artists from 43 countries and regions.

The golden award went to "Chinese Dream," crafted by Chinese artist Li He. "The competition's theme is humanity and ecology. We encouraged artists to create through new thinking," said Zeng Chenggang, chairman of the China Sculpture Institute.—Xinhua



Dogs are dressed as a king and a queen during a pet costume competition in celebration of Halloween in Quezon City, the Philippines, on 26 Oct, 2013. More than 100 pet dogs and cats joined in the competition.

XINHUA

Pakistani PM to take parties into confidence on Taliban talks

ISLAMABAD, 27 Oct—Pakistani Prime Minister, Nawaz Sharif, on Saturday said he would take all parties into confidence about the talks with the armed Taliban militants.

The Prime Minister's statement came just hours after the opposition leader, Khurshid Shah, said the government has not shared anything about the dialogue with the armed militants.

The country's all major political and religious parties at a government-sponsored conference last month had unanimously called up the government to initiate talks with the Taliban to end the bloodshed.

The opposition leader said he has written a letter

to the Prime Minister and said one-and-a-half month has passed since the parties had suggested peace talks but the government has not taken any step to inform them about the development.

Prime Minister, Nawaz Sharif, has directed that all political parties be taken into confidence with regard to the progress of dialogue with the Taliban, the PM office said on Saturday.

The Prime Minister said all political parties had mandated the government through the All Parties Conference (APC) to hold dialogue with the Taliban.

The representatives of different political parties should feel as part of

the process, Nawaz Sharif said in a meeting with Interior Minister, Ch. Nisar Ali Khan.

Sources meanwhile said the Prime Minister has asked the Interior Minister to contact the leaders of political parties and take them into confidence on the talks.

Official sources said Nawaz Sharif is likely to speak at the parliament soon to take the house into confidence on his recent visit to the United States.

Some opposition parties say delay in talks with the Taliban has increased attacks in the country's northwest, which claimed nearly 200 people over the past two months.

Xinhua



Japanese and Chinese experts attend a forum at a hotel in Beijing on 26 Oct, 2013, to discuss bilateral relations between Japan and China. About 60 panelists included scholars, lawmakers, former senior diplomats, business executives and journalists.

KYODO NEWS

7 more killed as incessant rain pounds eastern India

NEW DELHI, 27 Oct—Seven more people were killed Saturday as heavy rain continued in the eastern Indian state of Andhra Pradesh for the fifth day, raising death toll in the state to 29, said officials.

Most of the victims died of incidents like wall collapse. Hundreds of villages remain inundated by flash flood from northeast Monsoon rain together with low pressure area over the Bay of Bengal. Over 72,000 people were evacuated from low-lying areas and shifted to 180 relief camps.

Flash flood is also reported in neighboring Orissa, where at least 10 died and dozens remain missing, and West Bengal, where the state capital Kolkata has been flooded widely. Earlier reports said over 40 people have died in Orissa alone.

In Andhra Pradesh, rivers and tanks have been overflowing, submerging low-lying areas and marooning tens of thousands

of people in more than 3,000 villages in 16 districts. At least three trains have been canceled and a dozen of others diverted because the rail tracks are submerged by water.

Hundreds of members of National Disaster Response Force were engaged in relief operations in the affected areas in the three states. Thousands of houses were also damaged or destroyed while a huge amount of crops were washed away.

The meteorological office has forecast rain at most places over coastal areas of the three states over the next 48 hours. The area has already been pounded by a powerful cyclone in the middle of the month, which killed over 30.—Xinhua

Serial bomb explosions in eastern India kill one, injure 5

NEW DELHI, 27 Oct—Serial bomb explosions rocked the eastern Indian state of Bihar's capital Patna Sunday, killing at least one person and injuring five others, a senior police official said.

"Three bomb explosions took place in a span of two hours, one at Patna's main railway station, the second one went off near a movie theater in the city, and the third at a ground where the country's main opposition Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP)'s prime ministerial candidate Narendra Modi has been slated to address a political rally later in the day," he said on condition of anonymity.

In the first crude bomb explosion at 10.30 am (local time), one was killed and another person seriously injured. Another

crude bomb was found and defused by security forces at the same spot, the official said.

In the second explosion under a tree near the Elphinstone movie hall, at least four people sustained injuries, while so far no reports of any casualty has been reported in the third explosion.

All the injured have been admitted to local hospitals where the condition of one is said to be serious, the official said, adding one more crude bomb has been found at the railway station and defused.

The explosions came just hours before the Modi was to hold a political rally for which Indian Railways have been running special trains to facilitate BJP supporters to reach the city.

Xinhua

Voting under way in Miyagi gubernatorial election

SENDAI, 27 Oct—The Miyagi gubernatorial election is under way Sunday with the incumbent facing an independent challenger backed by the Japanese Communist Party.

Yoshihiro Murai, a 53-year-old former prefectural assembly member from the Liberal Democrat-

ic Party, is seeking a third term and running against Masaaki Sato, 65, a lawyer.

The focus of the first gubernatorial race since the March 2011 earthquake and tsunami disaster is how the electorate assesses Murai's policies for reconstruction from the disaster.

Kyodo News



Job seekers attend a job fair in Shijiazhuang, capital of north China's Hebei Province, on 26 Oct, 2013. A total of 812 enterprises participated in the fair, offering nearly 15,000 job vacancies.—XINHUA

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MINISTRY OF ENERGY

Dated : 24th October, 2013

**Invitation for Explanation of Terms and Conditions of
Production Sharing Contracts
for Petroleum Operations in Myanmar Offshore
Areas 2013**

Ministry of Energy floated the first Bidding Round for Offshore 30 Blocks in 11th April 2013, Among the Letter of Expression of Interest submitted 68 international Oil and Gas companies, 61 companies are pre-qualified.

Ministry of Energy has invited all above pre-qualified companies to conduct Data Overview in MOGE and explained about Terms and Conditions of PSC Model Contract in Energy Planning Department from 15-7-2013 to 15-8-2013. Two companies namely Kairiki Energy Limited from Australia and Azimuth Limited from United Kingdom are absent. Ministry of Energy has announced the target date of the final proposal submission on 15th November 2013.

We would like to invite again all pre-qualified companies to attend the re-explanation of Terms and Conditions of PSC Model Contract for clear understanding on 1st November 2013 at 12:00 hrs at Ministry of Energy.



A five-year-old girl from the indigenous T'boli tribe on the southern Philippine island of Mindanao wears a traditional dress during a National Indigenous Peoples Education gathering in the capital Manila on 18 Oct, 2013. The Philippines is "indigenizing" its basic education curriculum for the country's various ethnic groups to boost the development of those who have been regarded as marginalized people without dissolving their cultures and traditions.

KYODO NEWS

Five killed, One injured in Kenya quarry collapse

NAROK, (Kenya), 27 Oct — At least five people were buried alive and one rescued with serious injuries in a quarry collapse in the southwest of Kenya, local medics and witnesses reported on Friday.

The six were mining sand at Tulwetab Mosonik quarry in Bomet County when the accident occurred early in the day, four years

after a similar tragedy in the same area.

The upper part of the deeply excavated sand quarry collapsed sending large boulders to cover the miners who were scooping sand from a deeper side of the mine.

The rescue team saved a man who had been trapped in the rubble of the collapsed quarry for two

hours. Doctors said the survivor was in stable but serious condition.

They said he had suffered fractures in various parts of the body including legs, arms and back due to heavy rubble which fell on him. An eyewitness Julius Koech said they were preparing to start mining sand when walls at the quarry started falling.—Xinhua



Rescuers work at the quarry collapse site in Bomet county, southwest of Kenya, on 25 Oct, 2013.—XINHUA

Tunisia's ruling Islamist party, opposition start crisis talks

TUNIS, 27 Oct — Tunisia's ruling Islamist party and the opposition began talks on Friday to form a caretaker government and prepare for elections under an agreement to end months of unrest in the country that inspired the "Arab Spring" revolts. The North African nation has been in turmoil since July when the assassination of an opposition leader ignited anti-government protests that threatened to derail a democratic transition once seen as a model for the region.

Moderate Islamist party Ennahda has agreed its government will resign after three weeks of talks to appoint a non-partisan cabinet to govern until elections. The two sides will also decide on a vote date and appoint an electoral commission.

"The train out of this crisis is on the tracks, and we are now on the way to finishing our transition to elections," Ennahda chairman Rached Ghannouchi told reporters. Tunisia's post-revolt path has been less violent than those of its neighbors: Egypt's military ousted an elected Islamist leader and Libya's fragile government seems impotent against many groups of powerful former militiamen, who overthrew former ruler Muammar Gaddafi.

The assassination of two opposition leaders by Islamist militant gunmen this year enraged government critics who blamed Ennahda for being too lenient on hardliners.

The deaths of seven Tunisian policemen on Wednesday in clashes with Islamist militants inflamed



Protesters shout slogans during a demonstration to call for the departure of the Islamist-led ruling coalition in Avenue Habib-Bourguiba in central Tunis on 23 Oct, 2013.—REUTERS

tensions and forced a brief postponement of negotiations scheduled for that day.

On Thursday residents ransacked two Ennahda offices and took to the streets to demand the government quit. Two months ago Ennahda began a crackdown on local Islamist group Ansar al-Sharia, which it

branded a terrorist organization suspected of killing the two opposition leaders.

"This is the end of the crisis. The assembly members should be able to return tomorrow or Monday to finish their work on the constitution," said Nejjib Chebbi, an opposition leader.

Reuters

Abe's push for more active SDF role overseas behind Japan's secrecy law

TOKYO, 27 Oct — Prime Minister Shinzo Abe is striving to protect state secrets by imposing tougher penalties on leakers in Japan's new secrecy law, placing it as an important pillar of his envisioned security framework.

With the focus on how Tokyo will address public criticism about tighter state control of information in Diet deliberations, Abe is steadily laying the groundwork for Japan's Self-Defence Forces to engage in overseas missions to make more "proactive" contributions to global peace under the new strengthened framework.

The Cabinet on Friday approved a bill to toughen penalties for civil servants, lawmakers and others who leak sensitive information concerning diplomacy, defense, terrorism and espionage.

Leakers of "special secrets" designated by the government will face up to 10 years in prison.

Abe has said Japan needs to create a framework to guarantee confidentiality as a "prerequisite" for sharing sensitive information with its allies, especially the United States.

At the crux of the latest development is Abe's desire to bolster the Japan-US security alliance to cope with new threats in the Asia-Pacific region, experts say. "It is a reasonable step because Japan has been too lenient compared with other countries. It is also timely as Japan's SDF will likely engage in more overseas missions to contribute to global peace," said Narushige Michishita, associate professor at the National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies in Tokyo.

"When a country tries to gain greater influence on the global stage, there may be other countries that will see such a move as hostile and attempt to obtain state secrets of that country. So more steps should be taken before such secrets are leaked," Michishita said.

Cabinet ministers and lawmakers from Abe's Liberal Democratic Party have repeatedly stressed that the new law is vital for Japan amid criticism about the absence of a substantive debate on why it is needed.

The government hopes to pass the bill before the current extraordinary Diet Session ends on 6 December, in time for the planned launch of a US-style National Security Council to strengthen the leadership role of the prime minister's office in crafting security policy.—Kyodo News

Wildfire burns 5,000 acres, creates haze in Texas

HOUSTON, 27 Oct — A wildfire in a wildlife refuge burned as many as 5,000 acres (2,023 hectares) of land in the US state of Texas and created a smoky haze over the area on Friday, local media reported.

The fire went out of control on the McFaddin Wildlife Refuge near High Island in southeast Texas late Friday, local media KHOU reported.

The refuge, home to a good number of birds and other wildlife, lies 140 km east of Houston, Texas' largest city, and spreads over 5000 acres.

At one point, the columns of smoke were so thick that they formed a dome over the community of High Island and that drivers couldn't see roads, according to the report. People who live in the area said they were having problems breathing.

It's not immediately known how the fire started. Crews are using three engines and a helicopter to stop the blaze from spreading. The US Fish and Wildlife Service is hoping to get the fire under control by Saturday.

Xinhua

ENTERTAINMENT

British actor Tim Roth to play Blatter in film

LONDON, 27 Oct—Actors Tim Roth and Gerard Depardieu have agreed to star in a film about FIFA president Sepp Blatter, senior FIFA officials have confirmed.

The project, being made by a French production company, is due to be released next year to coincide with the World Cup finals in Brazil and FIFA's 110th anniversary and tells the story of world soccer's governing body since its formation in 1904.

Roth, a 52-year-old Englishman, will play Blatter, a 77-year-old Swiss, while Frenchman Depardieu will play former FIFA president and compatriot Jules Rimet, who was among FIFA's founding fathers and served as the body's president from 1921 until 1954.

Speaking on a video on FIFA's website (www.fifa.com), Blatter said he was pleased to be portrayed by the British actor on screen.

"The casting was well done and it was a very interesting get-together," Blatter says of his meeting with Roth.

"I had read a lot of the CV and (seen) all the realisations (films) that Tim Roth has made. I was very eager to meet him, and I have just realised that really we have something in common."

Blatter said Roth agreed that the pair had "some common, let's say, qualities".

Filming will take place in France, Brazil and Azerbaijan.—Reuters

British actor and filmmaker Tim Roth gestures during a ceremony at the Lumiere 2013 Grand Lyon Film Festival in Lyon on 18 October, 2013.

REUTERS



Naomi Campbell breaks down over anger management issues

LOS ANGELES, 27 Oct—Supermodel Naomi Campbell broke down in tears while opening up about her anger management issues during an appearance on a TV chat show.

The 43-year-old catwalk queen got emotional while filming her appearance on The Jonathan Ross Show, when she talked about how anger management classes saved her life, reported Daily Mirror.

Campbell, who has previously been arrested for throwing mobile phones at her staff, said, "I made anger management serious. Anger is an emotion. There were things I had to deal with. You have to deal with it."

"I'm crying, you made

me cry."

Campbell also opened up about her previous drug use, which included being addicted to cocaine for five years, saying she realised she had to quit because it was ruining her life.

"I don't want to go back. No matter what it is that you're addicted to - you can be addicted to work - all it is, is an escapism. It's escaping something, no matter what. For me, I came to my realisation at 29 that I didn't like myself the way I was, and that was it," Campbell said.

"Every day is a new day - I'm no perfect human being. I'm just living and I'm just breathing," she added.

PTI



Naomi Campbell reportedly has previously been arrested for throwing mobile phones at her staff.

Robert De Niro developing cultural complex in China?



Robert De Niro has teamed up with local businessmen in Shanghai.

LOS ANGELES, 27 Oct—Veteran actor Robert De Niro is planning to come up with a complex featuring hotels, restaurants and a cultural centre. The 70-year-old Oscar winner has teamed up with local businessmen in Shanghai to launch a venture called Project 179, said the Hollywood Reporter.

"By ensuring a design that reflects the vibrant history of Shanghai, Project 179 can serve as a jewel

in its crown: ushering in a bright future while paying homage to its rich and storied past," De Niro said.

In addition to Project 179, De Niro's business ventures also include Tribeca Productions, Tribeca Enterprises and Tribeca Film Festival, as well as renowned restaurants and hotels, including the Nobu Hospitality Group, Tribeca Grill and Locanda Verde.

PTI

Salma Hayek suffers wardrobe malfunction

LONDON, 27 Oct—Actress Salma Hayek suffered a wardrobe malfunction on the set of her latest movie How To Make Love Like an Englishman.

The 47-year-old actress's skirt was caught by a gust of wind while she was filming in Malibu, reported Daily Mirror.

Hayek's daughter Valentina and billionaire husband Francois-Henri Pinault were also spotted on the set.

"Valentina loves coming on the red carpet with me and loves standing having her picture taken. She loves to have her red carpet moment and is already a very talented actor," Hayek had once said about her daughter.

The film, How To Make



Salma Hayek's skirt was caught by a gust of wind while she was filming in Malibu.

Love Like an Englishman, is a story of a University Cambridge Professor, played by Pierce Brosnan, who meets a lady friend who in turn makes him reevaluate his crazy lifestyle.—PTI

Actor Orlando Bloom, model Miranda Kerr separate

NEW YORK, 27 Oct—British actor Orlando Bloom and Australian model Miranda Kerr have separated after three years of marriage, the couple said on Friday.

Bloom, 36, who is starring in a modern-day version of "Romeo and Juliet" on Broadway, and Kerr, 30, said they have been amicably separated for the past few months.

The couple began dat-

ing in 2007, married in July 2010 and has a 2-year-old son, Flynn.

"After six years together, they have recently decided to formalize their separation," their representative said in a statement. "Despite this being the end of their marriage, they love, support and respect each other as both parents of their son and as family," the statement added. The announce-

ment ended almost a year of speculation that Bloom, the star of Hollywood blockbusters "Lord of the Rings" and "Pirates of the Caribbean," and Kerr, one of the highest-earning models, were parting. The couple have not appeared in public together since Bloom's Broadway debut on 19 September in "Romeo and Juliet" opposite actress Condola Rashad.—Reuters

Suarez hat-trick keeps Liverpool on Arsenal's tail



Liverpool's Luis Suarez (R) celebrates after scoring his second goal during their English Premier League soccer match against West Bromwich Albion at Anfield in Liverpool, northern England on 26 Oct, 2013. REUTERS

LONDON, 27 Oct — Luis Suarez hit a clinical hat-trick as Liverpool thrashed West Bromwich Albion 4-1 at Anfield to keep pace with Premier League leaders Arsenal while champions Manchester United narrowly escaped another setback on Saturday.

Suarez scored twice in five first-half minutes and again after the break to keep Liverpool two points behind Arsenal, who prevailed 2-0 at Crystal Palace in an early kickoff despite having goal-scorer Mikel Arteta sent off.

Dark clouds were gathering over Old Trafford where champions Manchester United twice trailed Stoke City before late goals by Wayne Rooney and Javier Hernandez earned them a 3-2 victory, staving off a fourth league defeat of the

season. Surprise package Southampton beat Fulham 2-0 in the day's late action, rising to the giddy heights of third in the table above Everton who won 2-0 at Aston Villa where Romelu Lukaku outshone fellow Belgian Christian Benteke with his side's first. Southampton, for whom Rickie Lambert and Jay Rodriguez scored, and Everton are four points behind Arsenal.

Chelsea would move above Liverpool with victory over Manchester City on Sunday.

Suarez's first home hat-trick for Liverpool and a brilliant effort by Daniel Sturridge underlined the Merseysiders top-four credentials this season and left manager Brendan Rodgers saluting what is becoming a lethal partnership. "I think

it was his first hat-trick here at Anfield and you saw his commitment to the team and what we're trying to do," Rodgers said. "It was a wonderful performance.

"Daniel Sturridge's goal - you used to see goals like that here many years ago; top quality players scoring those types of goals, Kenny (Dalglish) and whatnot. That type of goal today was incredible."

Liverpool have lost only one of their last 17 league matches and once Suarez jinked past two defenders and fired a shot past Boaz Myhill after 12 minutes they did not look back.

Reuters

Wenger praises resilient Arsenal, upset at Arteta red card

LONDON, 27 Oct — Organization and resilience replaced dazzling attacking play as Arsenal eased to a 2-0 victory at struggling Crystal Palace in the Premier League on Saturday.

A week after their free-flowing passing style dismantled Norwich City, Arsenal made heavy weather of beating a Palace side reeling from the departure of their manager in mid-week and with seven defeats from their opening eight matches.

Arsenal needed Mikel Arteta's penalty to break the deadlock shortly after halftime and then, when the Spaniard was sent off, required some resolute defending and a couple of saves from keeper Wojciech Szczesny to keep plucky Palace at bay.

With record signing Mesut Ozil having a quiet game Arsenal were not the attacking force seen so often this season and needed Olivier Giroud's late header to seal the points to

keep Arsenal on top of the Premier League with nine games played.

"These are the kind of games where you need the points, we were mature, resilient, well-organized and in the end we got the second goal which was a relief," manager Arsene Wenger said. "I thought honestly we were unlucky to be down to 10 men and needed to be patient."

Wenger was measured in his criticism of the decision by referee Chris Foy to dismiss Arteta for a foul on Marouane Chamakh who seemed about to burst clear from deep.

"You never know but there was pressure on the referee to pull a red card out," said Wenger, whose side are unbeaten in the Premier League since the opening day of the season, winning seven of eight.

"I think it was a wrong decision because it is supposed to be a clear goal

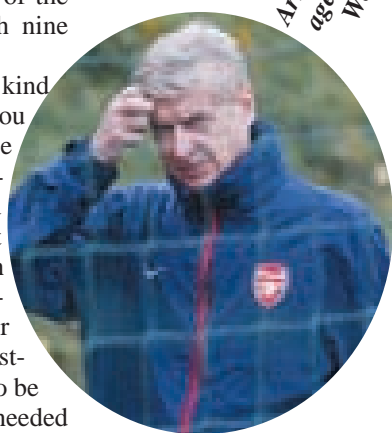
scoring opportunity and it was very far from goal and it has to be the last man, which was not proven."

After Arteta's red card Palace nearly levelled when Joel Ward's long-range effort was touched on to the bar by Szczesny who also stopped Mile Jedinak's volley with a superb save.

Wenger praised Poland international Szczesny, saying he had stepped up a level since last season.

"You see the quality of a keeper with the timing of his saves," Wenger said.

Reuters



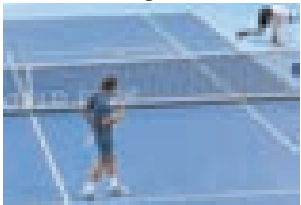
Arsenal manager Arsene Wenger

Federer strengthens bid for Tour Finals with Pospisil win

BASEL, 27 Oct — Roger Federer took a big step towards securing his endangered place in the ATP World Tour Finals by overcoming rising Canadian talent Vasek Pospisil 6-3, 6-7(3), 7-5 in the Basel Open semi-finals on Saturday.

The Swiss will play top seed Juan-Martin Del Potro, who has already qualified for next month's London tournament, in Sunday's final. The Argentine battled past unseeded Frenchman Edouard Roger-Vasselin 6-4, 4-6, 6-2.

Third seed Federer needed to survive another mid-match dip in form and



Switzerland's Roger Federer (L) reacts during his semi-final match against Vasek Pospisil (R) of Canada at the Swiss Indoors ATP tennis tournament in Basel on 26 Oct, 2013. —REUTERS

a determined challenge from his big-hitting opponent to earn the chance to win his sixth title in his hometown tournament and guarantee qualification for the season-end. Backed by a noisy partisan crowd, he negotiated the first set comfortably, breaking the 23-year-old Pospisil's serve twice.

But the lanky Canadian, who reached a career-high 39 in the world after a fine mid-year run, served more freely in the second set and found the corners with some explosive crosscourt groundstrokes. He looked to have the idol of his junior tennis days on the ropes when he broke serve for the second time in the match in the fourth game of the final set.

But the 32-year-old Federer brought his experience to bear, coming up with big shots on crucial points to break twice and clinch victory with an unreturnable serve down the middle. Federer has qualified for the ATP Tour final every year since 2002, winning it six times.

Reuters

China's Li to meet Williams in first WTA final



Li Na of China hits a return to Petra Kvitova of Czech Republic during their WTA tennis championships women's singles semi-final match at Sinan Erdem Dome in Istanbul on 26 Oct, 2013. REUTERS

ISTANBUL, 27 Oct — China's Li Na will meet Serena Williams in the final of the WTA championships after beating Czech Petra Kvitova 6-4, 6-2 on Saturday, becoming the highest-ranked player ever from an Asian country.

Title holder Williams struggled early on with her own game before overcoming Jelena Jankovic of Serbia 6-4, 2-6, 6-4 in the other semi-final to set up a clash between two players over 30.

GREATER NOIDA, (India), 27 Oct — Sunday's Indian Formula One Grand Prix could be McLaren's best race of a dismal season, according to their Mexican driver Sergio Perez.

Formula One's second most successful team, on race wins and number of

Li's victory means she will climb to third in the rankings and can finish the season on a high in her first WTA Championships final on Sunday.

"It's awesome, because we're both in our 30s and, you know, I think we're both playing the best tennis of our career. We're still getting better," Williams said. "I personally think I can do better. I'm sure she believes she can as well and it's really good to have a peer right next to you

your same age doing just as good, so it feels good."

The 32-year-old world number one, going for fourth title at the season-ending event, was not her usual self during the first two sets, not serving with her customary power and lacking enthusiasm to run for returns. Williams seemed close to tears at a changeover in the first set yet she went back on court and won eight straight points, but taking the set did not appear to improve her mood and her serves were even slower during the second.

The 14,000 fans who filled Istanbul's Sinan Erdem dome were disappointed by Serena's blues and some even booed her although she had entered court for her match to the loudest cheers. Williams found her rhythm in the third set and started hitting her strong serves once again to get the job done.

"I just hit a wall, I was so tired. Physically I was so tired in the first set, I just went back on court and won eight straight points, but taking the set did not appear to improve her mood and her serves were even slower during the second.

standing... My legs wouldn't move. My arm wouldn't go fast," Williams said.—Reuters

Petra Kvitova



Perez feels India can be good for McLaren

championships won, have yet to finish in the top three this year and are facing their first season without a podium appearance since 1980.

However Perez qualified ninth at the Buddh International Circuit on Saturday while team mate and

2009 world champion Jenson Button, who was fastest in the first phase of qualifying, starts 10th. Button actually went faster in the second part of qualifying on used soft tires than he had on new ones in phase one.

The only drivers higher up the grid on the medium

tyres were Ferrari's Fernando Alonso, in eighth place, and Red Bull's Mark Webber in fourth. "I think we've got probably our best chance of the whole season to score good points. I'm confident with the strategy," Perez told reporters.

Reuters

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A man shoots during an exhibition about the culture of wine in Italy at Vitoriano Museum in Rome, Italy, on 25 Oct, 2013. The exhibition about the culture of wine in Italy which includes the introduction of the planting of grapes, historical utensils for drinking wine and wine in Italian films, began on Friday.—XINHUA

Exam change won't dampen English fever

BEIJING, 27 Oct — If you're an English teacher in China and have heard about plans to reduce the role of English in the all-important national college entrance examination, or gaokao, don't worry, be happy! Chinese people's affinity for the language isn't about to wane, if anything it'll become stronger.

As part of a nationwide drive to overhaul the gaokao system, Beijing said on Monday that starting 2016, the score of English would drop from 150 to 100 on its plan, while the total marks for Chinese would be raised from 150 to 180.

Currently, gaokao weighs English, Chinese and math equally. Even before the Monday announcement, Jiangsu province had caused a national stir by reportedly mulling the idea of excluding English from the provincial-level college entrance exam. Sean McNally from Britain teaches Chinese children how to learn English through paintings. Many students in China have trouble learning English and using it in their daily lives. The reasons are simple. In any given year in the past few decades, hundreds of millions of Chinese students were

learning English, driven by an instrumental motivation. Parents know English is the lingua franca of international business, which would offer opportunities for upward mobility and economic success if their children become fluent in it. Cuts in the number of classes for English in schools may be a windfall for the many language tuition centers that have been thriving on parents' eagerness to give their children an early leg up and are estimated to have a combined yearly revenue of 200 million yuan (\$32.89 million). Xinhua

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Neymar shines as Barca down Real 2-1 in 'Clasico'

BARCELONA, 27 Oct—Neymar stole the limelight from Lionel Messi, Cristiano Ronaldo and Gareth Bale with a goal and an assist as Barcelona secured a 2-1 win over bitter rivals Real Madrid in Saturday's La Liga 'Clasico' at the Nou Camp.

In a match watched by millions of people around the world, Barca landed an early blow in the title race thanks to the Brazilian's clinical 19th-minute finish and a sublime chip from substitute Alexis Sanchez 11 minutes from time.

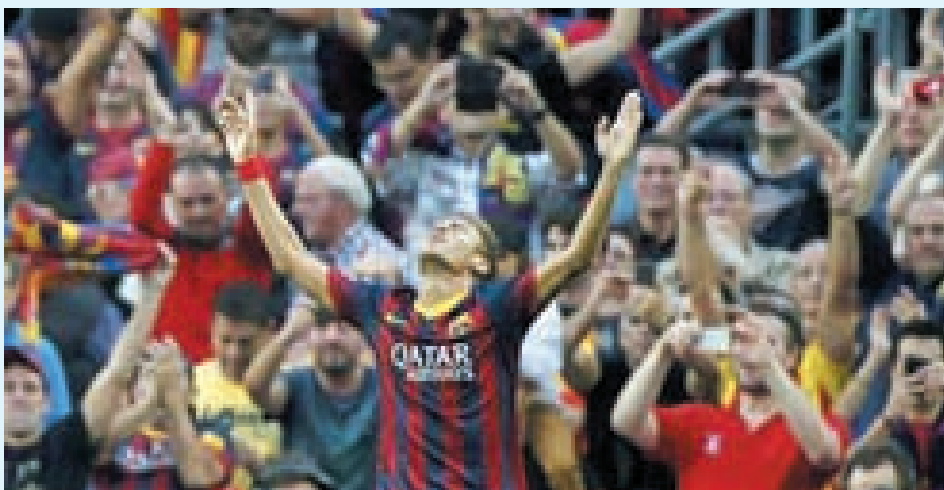
Jese came off the bench to pull a goal back in the first minute of added time but it was little more than a consolation for Real, who were outplayed for long periods and slip six points behind the champions with 10 matches played.

After a predictably cagey start with few chances in the 167th league meeting between the world's two richest clubs by income, Neymar opened the scoring when he collected the ball from Andres Iniesta on the left of the penalty area.

Cutting inside on to his right foot, his low shot was slightly deflected by Real fullback Dani Carvajal before zipping past goalkeeper Diego Lopez into the far corner of the net.

Real battled after the break and Karim Benzema, who replaced world record signing Bale on the hour, smashed a shot against the bar before Alexis scored with an exquisite chip over Lopez from just outside the area after being played through by Neymar.

"I am very happy to score such a special goal but above all for the three



Barcelona's Neymar celebrates after scoring a goal against Real Madrid during their Spanish first division "Clasico" soccer match at Nou Camp stadium in Barcelona on 26 Oct, 2013.—REUTERS

points," Neymar said in an interview with Spanish television broadcaster Canal Plus. "It was very exciting to score in a match that all players want to be a part of," added the 21-year-old, bought from Santos for 57 million euros (\$79 mil-

lion) in the close season. Unbeaten Barca's victory, their ninth in the league this season, puts them on 28 points ahead of Real, who are third, at the top of the standings. Second-placed Atletico Madrid are four points behind Barca before

their game at home to Real Betis on Sunday. "These are the kind of games when everyone really suffers but I am just happy for the team and for the three points," Alexis told Canal Plus.

"I don't think this win will be decisive," added the

Chilean. "There is a long way to go and the championship is not over by any means." Real coach Carlo Ancelotti opted for a starting formation that looked to be designed specifically to thwart Argentine World Player of the Year Messi.

Madrid captain Sergio Ramos, who normally plays at center back, was deployed to operate just in front of central defenders Pepe and Raphael Varane.

Up front, 100 million-euro Wales winger Bale started in the middle, with Ronaldo on the left and Angel Di Maria on the right.

Ancelotti's Barca counterpart Gerardo Martino deployed Neymar on the left wing and Cesc Fábregas in a forward roving role with Messi in his customary deep-lying position through the middle.

Reuters

Union A & I Minister leaves for India

YANGON, 27 Oct— With the aim of cooperating in agriculture sector between India and Myanmar, establishing A Care Center at University of Agriculture (Yezin), boosting invest-

ments in agriculture sector,

holding talks and observing agriculture sectors, Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing left here by air for the Republic of India yesterday

afternoon.

They were seen off at Yangon International Airport by Indian Ambassador to Myanmar Mr. Gautam Mukhopadhyaya and departmental officials.

The delegation comprises Director-General U Kyaw Win of Agriculture Department, Director-General U Kyaw Shwe of Industrial Crops Department and officials.—MNA

Requirements of local people fulfilled in Taninthayi Region

NAY PYI TAW, 27 Oct—Union Minister for Livestock, Fisheries and Rural Development U Ohn Myint accompanied by Taninthayi Region Minister for Agriculture

and Livestock Breeding Dr Win Aung and officials, met with town's elders from nine wards of Bokpyin Township, those from Chaungwa Village of Kawthoung Township,

those from villages along Parchan River, Seikphu Village of Khamaukkyi Sub-township, Ayechantha Villag and Phokthut Village in Taninthayi Region yesterday.

During the visit, the Union Minister fulfilled the needs of the local people for business, job opportunities and rural development.

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Myanmar beat Thailand 6-0 in Hockey Test Match

YANGON, 27 Oct—The Pre-SEA Games Hockey Test Match, organized by

Myanmar Hockey Federation, kicked off at Theinbyu Turf Hockey Pitch,

here, at 3 pm today.

Chief Minister of Yangon Region U Myint

Swe, Chairman of Committee for Ensuring Success in the XXVII SEA Games Deputy Minister for Sports U Thaug Htaik and Yangon City Mayor U Hla Myint formally opened the test match. After that, they greeted the players of the hockey teams and presented gifts to them.

In the debut, tentatively selected team (a) of Myanmar Hockey Federation trounced Thai team 6-0. Among the spectators were President of Myanmar Hockey Federation U Htin Zaw Win, executives and diplomats from foreign missions.

Pabedan Than Shwe



Myanmar striker penetrating into defensive zone of Thai hockey team in debut of Pre-SEA Games Hockey Test match.

Official website for XXVII SEA Games

YANGON, 27 Oct— The Leading Committee for Organizing the XXVII SEA Games posted an official website www.27seagames2013.com for the people at home and abroad to know information of the XXVII SEA Games to be hosted by Myanmar from 11 to 22 December and update information of the games during the competition period.—MNA

China to further friendly relations with neighbouring countries



BEIJING, 27 Oct — Chinese President Xi Jinping has said here that China would strive for a sound neighbouring environment for its own development and seek common development with neighbouring countries.

At a conference in the capital on diplomatic work, Xi stressed the necessity of good diplomatic work in neighbouring countries to realize the “centenary goals” set by the 18th CPC National Congress in November 2012: a moderately prosperous society by 2021 and a prosperous, strong, democratic, culturally advanced, harmonious and modern socialist country by 2049. CPC leadership in previous generations attached high importance to diplomacy with neighboring countries, raising important issues and guiding policy, opening up a generally sound environment, laying the foundation for diplomatic work, Xi said at the conference held on 24 and 25 October.

All members of the Standing Committee of the CPC Central Committee's Political Bureau attended the conference.

On the basis of ensuring continuity and stability in China's foreign policy, the CPC Central Committee actively plans and man-

ages China's diplomacy, and carried out a series of major diplomatic activities after the 18th CPC National Conference, with particular attention to neighbouring countries. With respect to geography, the environment and intertwined relations, Xi said the neighbouring region has major strategic significance. Dealing with neighbouring countries “should have a three-dimensional, multi-element perspective, beyond time and space”.

In reviewing China's situation, Xi said there had been lots of changes in relations between China and its neighbors. “Our economic and trade links are closer, with unprecedented interactive exchanges,” he said.

“The situation requires us to keep pace with the times and be more active in blueprinting diplomatic strategy and undertaking diplomatic work,” he said.

China's neighbourhood, full of vigor and vitality, boasts obvious advantages and potentials in development. The region is stable on the whole, and most of the neighboring countries have a friendly and mutually beneficial relationship with China, Xi said. In diplomacy, one must understand the trend of the time, devise strategy and plan carefully, Xi said.

Xinhua

Myanmar, Thailand to generate electricity through solar power in Minbu

Adequate supply of electricity is of vital importance to the development of a particular country. The Ministry of Electric Power is planning to generate electricity through solar power as electricity supply inadequacy can lead to a drop in industrial production capacity.

In order to meet the growing demand in electricity in Myanmar, the ministry and Green Earth Co., of Thailand have signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) on production of electricity through solar energy in Minbu.

Plans are underway to establish a solar power

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plant with a generation capacity of 50 MW in Minbu. It is set to complete construction works in 2014-2015. Upon completion, it is expected to operate the facility in 2015-2016 fiscal

year.

Moreover, arrangements are being made by ACO Co., to build a solar power station with a generation capacity of 250 MW in Nabu-aing of Myingyan District. It is also expected to put the facility into service in 2015-2016 fiscal year.

So, the solar power stations will be able to satisfy the growing electricity demand in the country to a certain extent.

As Myanmar is experiencing insufficiency in the power supply, ways and means are being sought to meet the sharply rising electricity demand in urban areas and industrial zones.

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