

Thorough understanding of duties, a must: President addresses coordination meeting on assuming ASEAN Chair

NAY PYI TAW, 29 Oct — President U Thein Sein addressed a coordination meeting on assuming the chair of ASEAN at Myanmar International Convention Centre (1) in the compound of State Guesthouse today.

Also present on the occasion were Vice-President U Nyan Tun, the Union ministers, the deputy ministers, chairmen of sub-committees, guests and officials.

In his speech, the President said that it is only 63 days left from now on as Myanmar is going to assume the ASEAN's Chair on 1 January 2014 and a leading role in the region where 600 million people have been living in. Taking a lead in the regional summit is a huge task for Myanmar to be proud of. It is the very first time for

Myanmar to lead ASEAN after joining ASEAN in 1997. On 17 November, 2011, ASEAN leaders at a summit unanimously approved Myanmar to gain the ASEAN's Chair. It can be said that assumption of ASEAN's Chair by Myanmar is not only taking the responsibility of a member state in accord with the ASEAN Charter but also trying hard to take a lead in ASEAN affairs in line with its active and dynamic non-aligned foreign policy. The duty of ASEAN Chairmanship in 2014 is very important as it is the last year to take necessary preparations for the emergence of ASEAN Community by 2015.

The duties of ASEAN's Chair are to strive for ensuring peace and prosperity in the region of ASEAN including the establishment

of ASEAN Community through its leading role in formulating ASEAN policies, making coordination and cooperation seeking approval of all members and creating and paving a way towards ASEAN's Centrality. Moreover, the ASEAN's Chair is responsible to act as a mediator in dealing with the matters in time of emergency or the difficulties that can injure the interest of ASEAN, to effectively and efficiently take alternative measures against the matters in time and to strengthen relations

President U Thein Sein addresses a coordination meeting on assuming the chair of ASEAN at Myanmar International Convention Centre (1).

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with ASEAN partnership, representing ASEAN.

It needs to have thor-

ough understandings of duties and make constant efforts for serving duties

actively. It is in conformity with the independent, active and non-aligned foreign policy vested in the Constitution.

Myanmar's current political, economic and administrative reforms are the good example to other ASEAN countries. Myanmar could practice its foreign policy in accord with the Constitution. Taking ASEAN chairmanship is a golden opportunity for Myanmar to show its leading role and its dignity in the region and the international. He called for active participation in it as a national duty.

Later, Union Ministers U Thein Nyunt, U Wunna Maung Lwin, Dr Kan Zaw and U Aye Myint Kyu (See page 8)



UEC allows formation of political parties

NAY PYI TAW, 29 Oct—The Union Election Commission has granted formation of political parties.

A 17-member group comprising U Lamarlay has applied for registration of Lisu National Development Party to UEC.

As the registration of the Lisu National Development Party is in conformity with laws and by-laws, the UEC allowed it to form as a political party today.

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Flood Bulletin

NAY PYI TAW, 29 Oct—The water level of Sittoung River at Toungoo has reached its danger level starting from 28-10-2013, 9.30 pm. According to the 12:30 hr M.S.T observation today, the water level has exceeded by 35 cm (1.1ft) above its danger level. It may continue to rise 15 cm (about 0.5ft) and remain above its danger level during the next 48 hours commencing noon today, announced by Meteorology and Hydrology Department.

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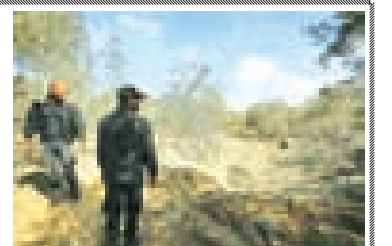
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Loans for cold season crops disbursed in Kyaukpadaung



KYAUKPADAUNG, 29 Oct—Myanma Agricultural Development Bank of Kyaukpadaung Township in Mandalay Region disbursed agricultural loans to farmers to be able to grow cold season crops on 22 October. Kyaukpadaung Township has grown 4700 acres of cold season groundnut, 7008 acres of paddy, 700 acres of sesame and 9275 acres

of green gram. The bank disburses K 100,000 per acre of paddy and K 20000 per other crops to local farmers. The bank plans to give K 250 million to the farmers. “This year’s monsoon is appropriate to grow groundnut and pigeon pea. So, local farmers get boosting production. I have got over 150 baskets of Waso pea. Cold season

groundnut is sure to boost production. Pea production is on the increase, but price of pea is down,” said a local farmer.

Cold season pea can be grown within three months.

The local farmers have to harvest the pea in December.

Kyemon-Ko Nay (Kyaukpadaung)

Disturbance of loans for agricultural purpose in Kyaukpadaung.

Kathina robes offering ceremony held

MAHLAING, 29 Oct—Thanbo village-track, 12 miles from Mahlaing, annually holds Kathina robe offering ceremony on a grand scale when the winter is ushering in.

Villagers from near and far come back to the

village and take part in the ceremony.

Under the aegis of Thayetchan Monastery Sayadaw, Kathina donor Captain Kyaw Zin Soe from News and Periodicals Enterprise of the Ministry of Information also donated

refreshment to the villagers at the monastery on 28 October morning.

The whole village took part in the ceremony enjoying Myanmar traditional “dobet” dance.

Kyaw Kyaw (Mahlaing)

Health Care Services

Public Service Talks, Public-centred Health Care provided

THEGON, 29 Oct—A team comprising 40 specialists led by Medical Superintendent Dr Tint Shoon of Pyay People’s Hospital made field trips to the grassroots level in Thegon Township of Pyay District in Bago Region on 24 October.

The educative talks was held at the hall of Basic Education Middle

School in Sanpya Village of Nyaunggon Village-tract of Thegon Township.

Commander of Thegon Myoma Police Station Police Captain Zaw Aung gave lectures on crime reduction and Medical Superintendent Dr Tint Shoon on educative knowledge.

The Chairperson of Pyay District Maternal and Child Welfare Association

donated K 100,000 to the specialists team through officials.

Next, the medical specialists provided health care services to 695 local people free of charge with the assistance of staff of Township General Administration Department.

Kyemon-Myo Kyaw Gyi (KP)

National Sports

Maung Kyu emerges champion in 50-m prone pistol event



YANGON, 29 Oct—With the aim of enabling Myanmar shooters to have experiences for the XXVII SEA Games, the Pre-SEA Games Shooting Test Match kicked off at North Dagon Shooting Range, here, yesterday.

Maung Kyu of Myanmar secured champion in the men’s 50-m prone pistol event with 149 points, Ye Tun Naung second with 146.8 points and Nay Htet Aung third with 126.4 points.

Despite securing the top positions on the table, Ye Tun Naung and Nay Htet Aung could not maintain their positions later.

The test match will run up to 30 October. Myanmar selected shooters and those from Sports and Physical Education Institute (Yangon) are taking part in the test match.

Kyemon-Sai Nyi Lay: Photo: Shine Htet Zaw



Overflow of water from earthen embankment in Paukhaung

NAY PYI TAW, 29 Oct—In the heavy rains in Paukhaung Township of Bago Region, an earthen embankment near Gyogyar Village caused overflow of water that entered Ward 3, Ward 4 and Ward 5 of Paukhaung on 26 October.

About 350 houses were inundated in the overflow of water and there were no casualties.

Members of Paukhaung Myoma Police Station gave necessary assistance to the local people. *Kyemon-Police Information*

Dengue hemorrhagic fever preventive measures taken

YANGON, 29 Oct—North Okkalapa Township, Township Development Supportive Committee and Township Health Department jointly speeded up the activities of preventive measures against DHF together with local people and social organizations in the township of Yangon Region.

On 24 October morning, personnel of ward authorities and staff of Township Health Department performed fumigating 105 houses from the streets namely Padauk 7th, 8th, 9th and 10th streets in Hta Ward of North Okkalapa Township.

Kyemon-Tun Win

Mobile library activities undertaken in Minbu Tsp



MINBU, 29 Oct—Minbu District Information and Public Relations Department held the talks, books show, photo show and wall magazine in Mankyo Village of Minbu Township on 28 October.

At the Dhammayon of the village, Staff Officer U Than Htay of the District IPRD explained long-term durability of the library and raising reading habits.

Head of Township IPRD Daw Khin Myat Mon shared the knowledge about population in taking census and household registration.

Those present at the talks then viewed books, publications, documentary photos and wall magazine.

A local expressed his thanks for the departmental personnel.

Kyemon-Tin Tun Oo

Natural Disaster

Rural roads covered with rainwater



Local people travelling on inundated rural street in Yedashe.

YEDASHE, 29 Oct—The heavy rains hit Yedashe Township, causing inundation.

The rural roads on eastern part of Swa are still inundated due to heavy rains. The harvesting of short-term paddy strain was suspended. Inundation occurred at low-lying area of Ward 2 in Swa and some villages to Yedashe.

Kyemon-Ko Lwin (Swa)

WORLD

Britain's high-profile phone-hacking trial to begin



Former News International chief executive Rebekah Brooks arrives with her husband Charlie at the Old Bailey courthouse in London on 28 Oct, 2013.— REUTERS

LONDON, 29 Oct — The trial of Rupert Murdoch's former British newspaper chief and Prime Minister David Cameron's ex-media head begins on Monday in what will be Britain's most high-profile and eagerly-awaited criminal case in

years. Rebekah Brooks and Andy Coulson, both former editors of Murdoch's now defunct News of the World tabloid, are accused of conspiring to illegally access voicemail messages on mobile phones belonging to politicians, the rich and fa-

mous, as well as victims of crime and ordinary people, to secure exclusives. They deny all charges.

The scandal surrounding phone-hacking has sent shockwaves through the top echelons of the British establishment and shaken Murdoch's News Corp empire. The furor has already revealed the close ties between Britain's press barons, police chiefs and senior politicians, and prompted a year-long public inquiry into newspaper ethics. The industry is still at loggerheads with the government over how it should be regulated. Detectives launched an investigation in January 2011 and since then more than 125 people have been arrested and more than 40 charged with offences.

Reuters

Talk between UN nuclear agency, Iran to continue for second day

VIENNA, 29 Oct — The UN nuclear agency and Iran will continue talks for a second day on Tuesday over Teheran's disputed atomic programme, the agency said on Monday.

The International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) said the agency's chief Yukiya Amano might make a public statement after Tuesday's talks. The talk between both sides over an inspection framework document began on Monday

afternoon after the meeting between Iranian deputy foreign minister Abbas Araqchi and Amano.

IAEA has held 12 rounds of meetings with Iran since 2011, but no progress has been made over the inspection framework. The document aims at facilitating inspection of Iran's nuclear programme. Iran has long maintained that its nuclear programme is designed only for peaceful purposes.— Xinhua

Kishida to visit Iran on 9-10 November, attend ASEM ministerial in India

TOKYO, 29 Oct — Foreign Minister Fumio Kishida will visit Iran on 9 and 10 November to discuss the country's nuclear programme with Iranian President Hassan Rouhani and Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif, the Japanese Foreign Ministry said on Tuesday.

After Iran, Kishida will visit India from 10 to 12 November to attend a gathering of foreign ministers of the Asia-Europe Meeting, or ASEM, where he hopes to discuss economic and regional affairs, as well as explain Japan's security policy.

Noting that Tokyo has

pressured Tehran over its nuclear program since Rouhani's inauguration as new Iranian president in August, Kishida told reporters that he hopes to exchange views with Iranian leaders on the nuclear issue and regional affairs.

Kishida said he will do so while keeping in mind Iran's strategic and geopolitical importance, as well as the talks Iran has had with major powers — the five permanent members of the UN Security Council plus Germany — and the International Atomic Energy Agency.

Kyodo News

Obama, Netanyahu discuss Iran, Israeli-Palestinian peace talks

WASHINGTON, 29 Oct — US President Barack Obama on Monday spoke by phone with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu to discuss issues including Iran and the Israeli-Palestinian peace talks, the White House said. The two leaders discussed recent developments related to Iran, Israeli-Palestinian negotiations, and other regional issues, the White House said in a statement. The two leaders agreed to continue their close coordination on a range of security issues, it added, without disclosing further details.

The Obama-Netanyahu phone conversation was held after the latest round of US-Israeli Strategic Dialogue held in Washington on last Wednesday, during which the two allies reaffirmed their determination to prevent Iran

from acquiring a nuclear weapon and enhance cooperation on regional security issues. Also on last Wednesday, US Secretary of State John Kerry and Netanyahu held a meeting in Rome, Italy to discuss coordination on tackling regional security issues, especially Iran's nuclear programme.

The latest talks and dialogues with Israel are regarded as part of the Obama Administration's efforts to ally Israel's concerns about the diplomatic engagement between the US and Iran. Washington has welcomed the "change of rhetoric" and diplomatic overture offered by Iran's new President Hassan Rouhani, who last month expressed the willingness to engage diplomatically with the US-led West to resolve the dispute

over Teheran's nuclear programme. But Israel is worried that Iran's latest diplomatic offer could be a plot merely designed to rid itself of the crippling sanctions imposed by the US-led Western countries. The US and Israel suspect that Iran's nuclear programme is aimed at building nuclear weapons, which they fear could pose an existential threat to the Jewish state, despite insists of Teheran that its nuclear programme is solely for peaceful research and civil energy purposes. Meanwhile, Israel has announced its plan to release 26 Palestinian prisoners, held for offenses committed before the 1993 Oslo peace accords, as part of its efforts to push forward the Israeli-Palestinian peace talks that were resumed in July.— Xinhua

Spain summons US ambassador over spying

MADRID, 29 Oct — Spain summoned the US ambassador on Monday to discuss alleged spying on Spanish citizens and said that, if true, the action was unacceptable behavior by an ally. Earlier, Spanish newspaper *El Mundo* said the NSA recently tracked over 60 million calls in Spain in the space of a month, citing a document which it said formed part of papers obtained from ex-NSA contractor Edward Snowden.

"Spain has relayed to the United States the importance of preserving a climate of trust...and its interest in understanding the

full reach of practices that, if true, would be considered inappropriate and unacceptable between allies," the Spanish foreign ministry said in a statement. Madrid has also asked the United States to provide more data from the National Security Agency (NSA), it said. The statement was issued after a meeting between Spain's Secretary of State for the European Union, Inigo Mendez de Vigo, and US Ambassador to Spain James Costos.

"We will continue to confer with our allies, such as Spain, through our regular diplomatic channels to address the concerns that they



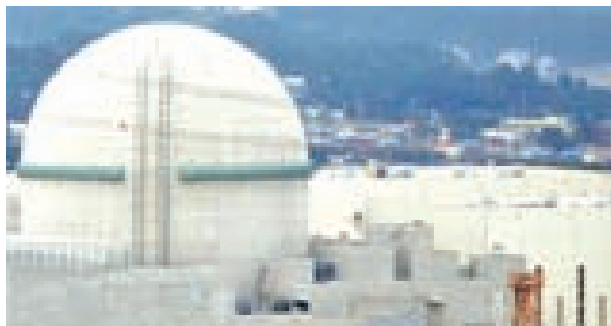
US ambassador in Spain, James Costos, leaves the foreign ministry after being summoned to a meeting with Spain's European Secretary of State in Madrid on 28 Oct, 2013. — REUTERS

have raised," Costos said in a statement. US President Barack Obama has ordered a review of US surveillance programs after Snowden leaked documents that raised alarm in the United States and abroad. Spain has so far

resisted calls from Germany for the European Union's 28-member states to reach a "no-spy deal", after reports that the NSA monitored the phone of German chancellor Angela Merkel.

Reuters

Stung by scandal, South Korea weighs up cost of curbing nuclear power



A general view of the new Shin Kori No 3 reactor of state-run utility Korea Electric Power Corp (KEPCO) in Ulsan, about 410 km (255 miles) southeast of Seoul in this 3 Sept, 2013 file photo. — REUTERS

SEOUL, 29 Oct — It started with a few bogus safety certificates for cables shutting a handful of South Korean nuclear reactors.

Now, the scandal has snowballed, with 100 people indicted and Seoul under pressure to rethink its reliance on nuclear power. A shift away

from nuclear, which generates a third of South Korea's electricity, could cost tens of billions of dollars a year by boosting imports of liquefied natural gas, oil or coal. Although helping calm safety concerns, it would also push the government into a politically sensitive debate over whether state utilities could pass on sharply higher power bills to households and companies.

Gas, which makes up half of South Korea's energy bill while accounting for only a fifth of its power, would likely be the main substitute for nuclear, as it is considered cleaner than

coal and plants can be built more easily near cities. "If the proportion of nuclear power is cut, other fuel-based power generation has to be raised. If we use LNG, the cost will definitely go up," said Hwang Woo-hyun, vice president of state-run utility Korea Electric Power Corp (KEPCO).

KEPCO owns Korea Hydro and Nuclear Power Co Ltd (KHNP), which operates the country's nuclear reactors, and also has a quarter stake in Korea Gas Corp (KOGAS), the world's largest corporate buyer of LNG.—Reuters

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

LG Electronics unveils curved smartphone in race against Samsung



SEOUL, 29 Oct — South Korea's LG Electronics Inc unveiled a curved smartphone on Monday in a move to catch up bigger rival Samsung Electronics Co. Curved displays and flexible screens are the new battleground for phone makers as the screens open up possibilities that could eventually transform the high-end smartphone market. Curved smartphones provide a more comfortable grip than flat-screen models, but the lack of must-have features means they are unlikely to be big consumer hits anytime soon, analysts have said. Manufacturing costs also remain relatively high.

Both Samsung and Carrier rocket sent to launch base for unmanned moon landing mission

BEIJING, 29 Oct — A Long March-3B carrier rocket is being transported towards the Xichang Satellite Launch Centre in southwest China, after left Beijing on Sunday morning, to prepare for the upcoming launch of *Chang'e-3* moon probe. The carrier rocket left the capital aboard a train and is scheduled to reach the launch center on 1 November, said a statement from the State Administration of Science, Technology and Industry for National Defence.

Compared with the carrier rocket of *Chang'e-2* moon probe, this one has been equipped with a number of new technologies and its reliability has been further improved, the statement said. All tests on the *Chang'e-3* moon probe, which has been in Xichang since 12 September, are going on smoothly, the statement added.—Reuters

LG's curved phones are only available in the South Korean market as they seek to gauge consumer appetite. Samsung launched a variant of the popular Galaxy Note earlier this month as the world's first smartphone with a display slightly curved side to side. The model launched on Monday by LG Electronics has a vertically curved six-inch display. The company said the phone will be available from next month through South Korea's three mobile carriers. Its vertically curved display offers more immersive video watching experience and the phone uses a curved battery to support its form factor, LG said.

Changing form fac-

tors of the battery as well as phone's chip board and other components remain a challenge in achieving flexible devices. LG is among a slew of smaller companies struggling to compete against Samsung and Apple Inc, the smartphone leaders that account for almost all the industry's profits. LG reported last week an 80 billion won (\$75 million) operating loss from its handset division for the third-quarter due to marketing costs surrounding a smartphone launch in August. The company plans to increase marketing investment in the current quarter to raise brand awareness in the high-end market, which it hopes will help expand sales later in the mid to lower-end segments.

Technology analysts and media reports say Apple is also working on a smartwatch, potentially with a curved screen, but there has been no word from the Cupertino California-based company about its plans. (\$1 = 1,061.90 Korean won)

Reuters

Computer cracks CAPTCHAs in step toward artificial intelligence

NEW YORK, 29 Oct — A technology start-up said on Monday that it had come up with software that works like a human brain in one key way: it can crack CAPTCHAs, the strings of tilted, squiggly letters that websites employ to make users "prove you are human," as Yahoo! and others put it. San Francisco-based Vicarious developed the algorithm not for any nefarious purpose and not even to sell, said co-founder D Scott Phoenix. Instead, he said in a phone interview, "We wanted to show we could take the first step toward a machine that works like a human brain, and that we are the best place in the world to do artificial intelligence research."

The company has not submitted a paper describing its methodology to an academic journal, which makes it difficult for outside experts to evaluate the claim. Vicarious offers a demonstration of its technology at vicarious.com, showing its algorithm breaking CAPTCHAs from Google and eBay's PayPal, among others, but

at least one expert was not impressed. "CAPTCHAs have been around since 2000, and since 2003 there have been stories every six months claiming that computers can break them," said computer scientist Luis von Ahn of Carnegie Mellon University, a co-developer of CAPTCHAs and founder of

Public Turing test to tell Computers and Humans Apart. They are based on the standard set in 1950 by British mathematician Alan Turing in 1950: a machine can be deemed intelligent only if its performance is indistinguishable from a person's. CAPTCHAs serve that function: in order to sign



An illustration picture shows a projection of binary code on a man holding a laptop computer, in an office in Warsaw on 24 June, 2013.—REUTERS

tech start-up reCAPTCHA, which he sold to Google in 2009. "Even if it happens with letters, CAPTCHAs will use something else, like pictures" that only humans can identify against a distorted background.

CAPTCHA stands for Completely Automated

up for free email, post comments, buy tickets or other online activities, more than 100,000 websites require users to prove they are human by deciphering the squiggly letters, which are often blurred, smeared and cluttered with dots and lines.

Reuters

Wall Street's love affair with Facebook hinges on mobile

SAN FRANCISCO, 29 Oct — Facebook Inc finally earned Wall Street's love in the second quarter. Now it needs to make the relationship last. Its shares have doubled in just the last three months, buoyed by an increasing belief among investors that Facebook has finally struck a winning formula in mobile advertising. But expectations will be high when the world's No 1 online social network reports third-quarter results on Wednesday, meaning the world's largest social network will have to handily beat Wall Street targets to maintain its lofty trajectory.

"They've got to prove to investors that they can continue with the growth they demonstrated from the last quarter," said Bob Bacarella, portfolio manager of the Monetta Fund, which owns Facebook shares. "From the way the stock is priced today, the expectations are generally that they will beat or exceed numbers handily." Revenue from mobile advertising will be the center of attention. Wall Street analysts

expect Facebook to grow its mobile revenue at least five-fold from the year-ago period, with many "official" estimates ranging between \$760 million and \$840 million. But there are signs that investors are privately hoping for an even bigger number.

"What I've been telling folks is that, in general, \$850 million-plus is the number that's needed, maybe even \$900 million-plus," said Ben Schachter, an analyst with Macquarie Research, whose own estimate calls for \$836 million in mobile ad revenue.

Reuters



Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg sits for audience questions in an onstage interview for the Atlantic Magazine in Washington, on 18 Sept, 2013.—REUTERS



Airshow attendees watch aerobatic performance during the Wings Over Houston Airshow at Ellington Airport of Houston, the United States, on 26 Oct, 2013.

The annual airshow kicked off on Saturday, with the absence of the US Air Force Thunderbirds air demonstration squadron due to the spending cuts of the US Defence Department caused by the budget sequestration.

XINHUA

Ten candidate names for China's first moon rover after global poll

BEIJING, 29 Oct — Ten possible names for China's first moon rover, likely to be launched in December, have come out after a month-long online poll and debate of a jury board. "Yutu," or jade hare in Chinese, tops the list while "Tansuo," or explore, and "Lanyue," or catch moon, came at the second and third places, said Sunday's *Beijing Times*.

Chinese at home and abroad were wooed to submit proposals for the name of the lunar rover at www.xinhuanet.com and www.qq.com from 25 September to 25 October. About 190,000 proposals were received and a 14-member

jury board selected the ten most popular after heated debates and several rounds of vote on Saturday, said the newspaper report.

Yutu is a white pet rabbit accompanying the goddess Chang'e on the moon in a popular ancient Chinese myth. In the next week, another online poll will elect the three most popular names and the final result will be announced in November. The moon rover is scheduled to be on board of the *Chang'e-3* moon probe, which will soft-land on the moon.

The rover has two wings, stands on six wheels, weighs 140 kg and will be

powered by solar energy. In an interview last month, Zhao Xiaojin, director of the aerospace department of the China Aerospace Science and Technology Corporation, depicted the lunar rover an orbiter adaptable to harsh environments; a highly efficient and integrated robot; and a high altitude "patrolman" carrying the dreams of Asia.

"When it arrives in lunar orbit on board a lander, the rover will choose the best landing site and gently touch down the moon's surface, using optical and microwave sensors to avoid rocks and craters," Zhao said.—Reuters

BUSINESS & HEALTH

Toyota still No 1 carmaker in Jan-Sept, likely outselling GM, VW

TOKYO, 29 Oct — Toyota Motor Corp (7203.T) is likely to have retained its position as the world's best-selling carmaker for the first nine months of the year, beating rivals General Motors Co (GM.N) and Volkswagen AG (VOWG_p.DE), company figures showed on Monday.

Toyota said its group-wide sales totaled around 7.41 million vehicles, up 0.1 percent from the same

period a year ago, with strong sales in its biggest market of the United States offsetting slow sales in China. Toyota's groupwide total includes sales at affiliates Daihatsu Motor Co Ltd (7262.T) and Hino Motors Ltd (7205.T).

General Motors sold 7.25 million vehicles during the same January to September period, up 4.6 percent year-on-year, while Volkswagen rose 4.8 per-



A sign with a logo is on display at a Toyota car sales and showroom in St Petersburg, on 18 Sept, 2013.

REUTERS

cent to 7.03 million vehicles, according to figures released earlier this month. Volkswagen's sales figure however, excludes its Scania and MAN brands.

Scania sold around 56,220 vehicles up to September. Scania and MAN brands typically account for a combined 200,000 vehicles in a full year.—Reuters

Apple's iPhone sales, holiday quarter up for scrutiny

NEW YORK, 29 Oct — Apple Inc's iPhone sales and revenue forecasts, due to be released on Monday, may offer clues as to whether its low-cost 5C model missed the mark or whether the world's largest tech company can continue its run of smash-hit gadgets. Signs have emerged that demand for the cheaper model is lagging the top-tier iPhone 5S — both of which went on sale in September — because its \$100 discount is proving to be insufficient to motivate emerging market and price-conscious customers. But some analysts say the concerns are overblown and that a greater proportion of iPhone 5S

shipped, translates into better margins and earnings overall.

Apple will be reporting results just a week after taking the wraps off an incrementally improved iPad Air. But it is the iPhone, which accounts for more than half the company's profit and is its highest-margin gadget, that takes center stage.

Apple is expected to report sales of 33 million to 36 million iPhones in its fiscal fourth quarter that ended in September, rising to more than 50 million in the typically strong holiday quarter — the first full quarter of sales of the two new phones. "Media re-

ports of 5C production cuts are misleading, in our view, given what we think has been strengthening overall 5S/5C production with 5S vectors continuing to strengthen even real time," Timothy Arcuri, an analyst at Cowen & Co, said in a research note.

Apple has come under pressure over the past year or two to bolster sales of its iPhones and iPads as perennial rival Samsung Electronics and cheaper gadgets based on Google Inc's Android software chip away at its once-leading market share. Its stock has gained 12.5 percent since August, when famously aggressive activist investor Carl Icahn

disclosed a large position in the iPhone maker and began making calls for a new, stepped-up \$150 billion share buyback programme — boosting hopes of a bigger return of cash to shareholders than anticipated. But the stock is still down about 1 percent this year, vastly underperforming the S&P 500's 23 percent gain.

Longer-term, investors wonder whether the company that revolutionized the cellphone industry and popularized the tablet computer has another groundbreaking device left in it. Analysts say it will take a genuinely new device — like the oft-rumored smartwatch or some sort of TV — to revive the stock.

Investors also hope that Apple will seal a deal to sell phones through China Mobile Ltd, gaining access finally to the country's largest telecoms operator. "We do see fewer positive catalysts for the stock as the company finishes its annual product line refresh," Colin Gillis, an analyst at BGC Financial, said in a Friday note to clients.

Reuters



An employee shows the the front of a new Apple iPhone 5C (R) and iPhone 5 S (L) at a Verizon store in Orem, Utah on 19 Sept, 2013.

REUTERS

Japan's NTT Comm to buy two US cloud computing firms

TOKYO, 29 Oct — NTT Communications Corp plans to buy two US cloud computing firms for up to 100 billion yen (\$1 billion) combined, a source with knowledge of the matter said, as Japanese firms ramp up efforts to improve overseas networks through acquisitions.

The unlisted long-distance and overseas calling unit of Nippon Telegraph and Telephone Corp will

buy Virtela Technology Services Inc, allowing it to offer data services globally without licensing cables and lines in individual markets. Denver, Colorado-based Virtela provides services to corporate clients in more than 190 countries through local partnerships.

Information on NTT Communications' planned acquisition of a second US cloud-related firm was not immediately available.

An NTT Communications spokesman declined to comment but said President Akira Arima was due to hold a news conference at 4:30 pm (0730 GMT) in Tokyo.

NTT Communications, which operates data centres in Hong Kong and Britain, aims to boost revenues from cloud services above 200 billion yen by the business year to March 2016, more than double the figure for 2011/12, as it grapples with

declining revenue from voice services.

Cash-rich Japanese firms have been actively acquiring overseas companies in recent years, including in the telecoms and information technology sector where SoftBank Corp in July completed its \$21.6 billion purchase of Sprint Corp, Japan's biggest overseas acquisition. (\$1 = 97.3400 Japanese yen)

Reuters

In Europe, stirrings of growth are talk of the season

FRANKFURT, 29 Oct — Down in the undergrowth of Europe's economy, something is stirring. Whether they make paper to pack peaches, recruit temps for secretarial work or work at the dirty end, handling the waste that all businesses produce, managers are talking about signs the gloom is lifting and hopes that growth is on its way back. The euro zone came out of a long recession in the second quarter and a survey last week of purchasing managers — a guide to how firms see their business growing in the coming months — seemed to confirm recovery, albeit tentatively, is taking root.

"There is certainly growing optimism that things are on the mend in Europe," said Vasant Prabhu, chief financial officer of Starwood Hotel and Resorts Worldwide (HOT.N), one of a host of executives to comment during the third-quarter earnings season. The company, which runs Sheraton and other hotel brands, said it did well from tourists in Italy and Spain and made more revenue from each room thanks to a lack of new hotels opening. Among multinationals

whose job it is to fill the jobs that companies start to create as they expand, there is a similar sense of being at the leading edge of an upturn in fortunes: "The positive signals that emerged during the previous quarter persisted in the third quarter," said Rob Zandbergen, chief executive of USG People (USGP.AS), echoing comments from rival Manpower (MAN.N). The staffing sector is seen as an economic barometer as firms tend to hire temporary staff first, waiting for further evidence of recovery before adding to their permanent payroll. Zandbergen said companies dealing with logistics and making semi-finished goods — typically involved in the early stages of production before products reach their final buyers — were doing well: "A number of early-cyclical sectors returned to revenue growth in the third quarter," he said.

Another business close to the inner workings of industry, French waste and water company Suez Environnement (SEVI.PA), said the upswing had yet to arrive — but that at least things seemed to have flattened out after a period of decline.—Reuters

Samsung Elec shares rise 2 percent after third-quarter earnings boost outlook

SEOUL, 29 Oct — Shares in Samsung Electronics rose 2 percent on Monday, driven by expectations that the South Korean technology giant will continue to post solid earnings after its record-high profit in the July to September period, analysts said.

Some analysts raised their target prices for Sam-

sung, expecting a strong recovery in its memory chip business to help offset slowing growth of smartphone profits in the coming quarters.

Samsung shares rose as much as 2 percent to 1,478,000 Korean won (\$1,400) per share, the highest intraday level in a week.—Reuters



A man using his mobile phone walks past a Samsung Electronics shop in the company's main office building in central Seoul on 23 July, 2013.—REUTERS

WORLD

PM Abe commemorates Japan-assisted opening of subway in Istanbul



Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe speaks during a ceremony marking the opening of a subway line under the Bosphorus Strait in Istanbul, Turkey, on 28 Oct, 2013. — KYODO NEWS

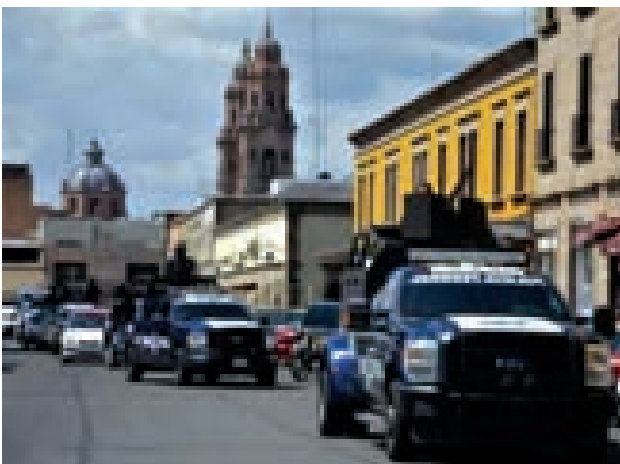
ISTANBUL, 29 Oct — Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe on Monday afternoon attended a reception to mark the opening of a subway system under the Bosphorus Strait in Istanbul, Turkey, that was partly financed by Japanese yen loans. “I hope (the railway) will be a symbol of friendship between Japan and Turkey, and further promote our friendly relationship,” Abe said at the reception attended by Turkish Transport Minister Binali Yildirim.

Abe also expressed respect for “the determination and passion of the people involved in the project, which became the driving force of the almost-impossible work of construction” and called the project “a historical achievement” resulting from cooperation between Japan and Turkey.

Japan provided official development assistance loans totaling 153.3 billion yen for the subway system, linking the Asian and European sides of the city.

Kyodo News

Mexico forces kill two suspects in state energy firm attacks



Federal police patrol downtown in Morelia, in the Mexican state of Michoacan on 28 Oct, 2013. — REUTERS

MEXICO CITY, 29 Oct — Mexican security forces killed two people believed to be involved in a string of attacks on electrical installations at the weekend and captured three more, the government said on Monday. An unspecified number of substations and gas stations were attacked and damaged early on Sunday in the troubled

western state of Michoacan in an attack that temporarily knocked out power for hundreds of thousands of people.

National security spokesman Eduardo Sanchez said authorities were still investigating the attacks but added that two men suspected of being involved had been killed in a firefight with soldiers,

Berlusconi's daughter denies planning to enter politics

ROME, 29 Oct — Silvio Berlusconi's oldest daughter Marina denied speculation on Monday within her father's party that she could replace him as centre-right leader due to the billionaire former prime minister's legal difficulties. Berlusconi, 77, is embroiled in a series of court cases, and the approach of a Senate vote on whether to expel the media magnate from parliament, possibly exposing him to the risk of arrest, has intensified talk in his party of Marina taking over.

Several party members told Italian media over the weekend that Marina might enter politics, while others said such decisions should be made democratically. “Once again I am forced to deny this in the most absolute manner: I have never

had and have no intention of engaging in politics,” said a statement from the 47-year-old Marina, who heads her father's business empire. The statement comes amid deepening divisions in his center-right party as Berlusconi's conviction for tax fraud at his Mediaset empire threatens the career of a man who has dominated Italian politics for the last two decades.

Berlusconi's decision to suspend the activities of his People of Freedom (PDL) party and revive his

Israel shoots down Gaza rocket, readies prisoner release



Palestinian policemen loyal to Hamas inspect the scene of an Israeli air strike in the northern Gaza Strip on 28 Oct, 2013. — REUTERS

JERUSALEM, 29 Oct — Palestinians in the Gaza Strip fired two rockets at a southern Israeli coastal city on Monday and Israel's Iron Dome interceptor shot down one while the other fell into the sea, a military spokeswoman said. Within hours, Israel's air force bombed what a military spokesman described as two concealed rocket launchers in northern Gaza. There were no casualties. The pre-dawn salvo against Ashkelon, about 12 km (7 miles) north of Gaza, was unusual given the relative restraint of Palestinian militants since last November's war between the coastal en-



Fininvest President Marina Berlusconi poses before the shareholders meeting at Mondadori headquarters in Segrate, outside Milan, on 21 April, 2011. — REUTERS

old Forza Italia group last week has exacerbated a rift between loyalist supporters of the four-times prime minister and a rebel group who back Interior Minister Angelino Alfano. Alfano led a revolt earlier this month

that thwarted the tycoon's attempt to bring down the government of Enrico Letta, a fragile coalition that includes the centre-right and their traditional rivals the centre-left Democratic Party. — Reuters

called on Abbas, who holds sway in the Israeli-occupied West Bank, to abandon peacemaking and form a new Palestinian power-sharing government.

The Islamist faction has also signaled readiness to go to war, taking responsibility last week for a tunnel which the Israelis discovered running into their territory from Gaza and said was likely intended for kidnapping soldiers or setting off underground explosives. But the sands are shifting for Hamas, which has tipped into financial and political crisis after being cut off from neighboring Egypt by the new, military-guided interim government in Cairo. Hamas's ties with former backers Iran and Syria have similarly deteriorated and in Gaza its authority has at times been challenged by more radical armed Islamists.

Abbas's administration, which was expelled from Gaza in a 2007 Palestinian civil war, has kept Hamas in check in the West Bank. — Reuters

Three Egypt policemen killed in attack in Nile Delta town

CAIRO, 29 Oct — Three Egyptian policemen were killed on Monday when masked men attacked a checkpoint in the Nile Delta city of Mansoura, security sources said. No group has claimed responsibility for the attack. Al-Qaeda-linked Islamist militants have stepped up attacks on soldiers and police since

the army toppled Islamist President Mohamed Mursi in July.

The majority of the attacks have been carried out in the largely lawless Sinai region, although militants have on occasion extended their campaign into major cities. Three men in a car and one on a motorcycle approached the checkpoint

before dawn and fired at the policemen “to make sure that they were dead”, a security source in Mansoura said, speaking on condition of anonymity.

“This is another attack in the series of terrorist attacks against the police,” he said, saying the violence shows the intent of “revenge” against the security

forces. He did not specify who had carried out the attack. State-run newspaper *Al-Ahram* reported that 60 bullet casings were found at the site of the attack. The police were conducting search operations to locate the perpetrators, but no arrests had been made, according to an emailed statement from the interior ministry. — Reuters



A woman passes by posters of Georgian presidential election candidates in Tbilisi on 26 Oct, 2013.

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LOCAL NEWS

Shelter Self-Improvement Project Case Management Training Course kicks off



Shelter Self-Improvement Project Case Management Training Course in progress.

YANGON, 29 Oct—The Shelter Self-Improvement Project Case Management Training Course, jointly organized by Central Committee for Anti-Trafficking in Persons, Human Trafficking Victims Acceptance, Reintegration

and Rehabilitation and UNIAP, was held at Social Welfare Department on Kyaikwaing Pagoda Road, here, from 22 to 25 October. Commander of Anti-Human Trafficking Police Corps Police Brig-Gen Win Naing Tun, in his address,

said that Myanmar has drawn National Plan of Action for Anti-Trafficking in Persons with Policy and Cooperation, Prevention, Prosecution, Protection and Capacity Building sectors as a programme for protection of human trafficking victims. Tasks are being carried out through victim-centred approach. A sustainable network is to be set up among the government, NGOs and human trafficking victims.

It was attended by 23 personnel from Social Welfare Department, seven from Anti-Human



Pabedan Township Maternal and Child Welfare Association and Township Health Department jointly organized the public-based mobile clinic at the Dhammayon of Maha Theindawgyi in Pabedan Township on 11 October. Doctors of the clinic provided health care services to local people including members of the Sangha from 9 am to 5 pm.—MMAL-MEE MEE

Meiktila Phalankyin forest reserve contributes much to greening task

MEIKTILA, 29 Oct—Meiktila of Meiktila District in Mandalay Region is located in the dry zone of Myanmar. Thus, Dry Zone Greening Department under the Ministry of Environmental Conservation and Forest Department is implementing the project for village fire-wood plantations.

Phalankyin forest reserve is one of the list of forest reserves of the Dry Zone Greening Department near Phalankyin Village of Meiktila-Kyaukpadaung Road.

The forest reserve is located on 110 acres of land. Plants are grown under a five-year plan. After five years, the department will

hand over the forest to Phalankyin Village.

“In the past, the western part of Meiktila, near Meiktila-Kyaukpadaung Road, were covered with thick foliage. Later, the greening forest plantations were declining year by year due to growing population and number of housings. The local people utilized the forests for their housing and clearing parts of forest as residences and pasture lands. In consequence, the area gets about 20 inches of rainfall. That was why officials organized the local people to grow village plantations and conserve the existing forests. Therefore, they have over 30 inches of rainfall.

Phalankyin plantation is now thriving within one year. At a time when it turns five year, the department will hand over the forest



Thriving plantations seen at Phalankyin forest reserve.

Sugarcane plantations thriving in Pyu, Kyaukkyi, Kyaukdaga

Trafficking Police Corps, seven from Gender Gorup, JICA TIP Project, World Vision (ETIP Program), Kren Baptist Convention Women Department. Officials from Human Trafficking Working Group which are World Vision, IOM and JACA took part in the discussions.

Ms Hoa Nguyen (International Development, Anti-Human Trafficking Program Specialist) and Daw Ohnmar Ei Ei Chaw (UNIAP Myanmar) shared their experience to the attendees.

MMAL-Zaw Myo Naing

PYU, 29 Oct—Plantations of sugarcane are thriving in Pyu, Kyaukkyi and Kyaukdaga townships of Bago Region for 2012-2013 cademic year due to proper rainwater this year.

A total of 2150 acres of sugarcane of 1074 farmers are thriving in Pyu Township, 1767 acres of 849 farmers in Kyaukkyi Township and 749 acres of 143 farmers in Kyaukdaga Township.

It may be produced 95526 acres of sugarcane, said officials from Zeyawady Hsinbyudaw Advanced Sugar Mill of Pyu Township according to

the survey of the officials.

Zeyawady Sugar Mill of Pyu Township will go into operation in third week of December this year. Farmers are to send their sugarcane to the sugar mill as of first week of October.

The sugar mill issued K 300,000 each to farmers for maintenance of vehicles and K 30000 per acre to sugarcane growers in 2013-14 cultivation season.

The mill will crush 800,000 tons of sugarcane this season, said General Manager U Myo Min of Hsinbyudaw Advanced Sugarcane Mill.

MMAL-Pyu Myint Oo



Haka District gets new court

HAKA, 29 Oct—A ceremony to open the new court of Haka District was held in Zayhaung Ward of Haka of Chin State on 24 October.

It was attended by Chin State Chief Minister U Hong Ngai, the Speaker of Chin

State Hluttaw, the Chief Justice of Chin State High Court, the Advocate-General of the State and Chin state ministers.

The Chief Minister of the state formally unveiled the signboard of the new court.

Haka District judge U Aung Win presented commemorative pennants to the Chief Minister of the State, Chief Justice U Win Myint Kyaw of State High Court and officials.

MMAL-Chin State IPRD

plantation to the village,” said Assistant Director U Soe Tint (1) of Dry Zone Greening Department of Meiktila District.

Officials and staff of Dry Zone Greening Department protect the

forest plantations day and night and gave educative talks to local people twice a month not to squat the forest reserve, not to plough the lands as farmlands, not to cut the trees and not to set fire.

Narcotic drugs seized in Momauk Kyauksakhan

MOMAUK, 29 Oct—IP Aung Myat Kyaw and party of Momauk mobile team from Bhamo Anti-Drug Squad (1) of Kachin State together with local authorities raided the house of Ko Kun Tae at No. 17 in Kyauksakhan Village in Bhamo Township on 24 October morning.

Acting on a tip-off, they searched and found 0.001 gram of white powder from the straw of soft drink under the chest drawer and 23.7 grams of white powder believed to be heroin from the iron box and K 170,000 believed to be proceeds from the sales of heroin.

Momauk Myoma Police Station tested the powder.

MMAL-Wah Wah (Bhamo)

The plants at Phalankyin forest will contribute to the weather for getting proper volume of rainfalls in the region and greening of the region.

MMAL-435

NATIONAL

PERSPECTIVES

Wednesday, 30 October, 2013

To actively take part in nationwide census taking

Myanmar is now working hard for taking nationwide census in 2014. This is the third time for the country after regaining its independence. Census taking was carried out in the country in 1973 and 1983. From that time on, there were no census takings that took place in the country, making it difficult to obtain accurate data and facts.

Census taking activities will be undertaken nationwide from 30 March to 10 April 2014 under the leadership of the Ministry of Immigration and Population. Towards this end, the 2013 Population and Census Law has already been promulgated. Under the law, it is stated that data and facts on census shall not be utilized in other causes except census matters.

The task of nationwide census taking is huge and could cost a lot of funds. It is estimated to cost US\$ 85.5 million. It is learnt that the country will spend US\$ 15 million on the project and the remaining cost will be borne by foreign countries. Therefore, all the people are to actively take part in the mega process to be able to obtain accurate data and facts.

As the census taking to be launched soon covers not only census but household facts and figures, each and every household plays a crucial role in helping acquire accurate data. Only then, will it be able to contribute to drawing future development plans.

At a time when concrete steps are being taken by the relevant departments and individuals for success of the impressive process to be soon carried out, all the national people are therefore to do their bit with a sense of duty to help obtain accurate data and facts.

Pyithu Hluttaw Education Promotion Committee Chairman receives foreign guests

NAY PYI TAW, 29 Oct—Pyithu Hluttaw Education Promotion Committee Chairman Dr Chan Nyein received a delegation led by Executive (Executive Education) Mr. Heyi Gan of Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy of National University of Singapore at the Hluttaw Affairs Hall

of Hluttaw Complex, here, this afternoon.

Also present at the call were Secretary of the Committee Dr Mya Oo and 13 members.

At the call, they had a cordial discussion on educational cooperation between the two countries.

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President U Thein Sein addresses coordination ...

(from page 1) reported to the President on preparation works for ASEAN Chair and so did the Subcommittee chairmen.

After hearing the reports, the President left the necessary instructions.

In his concluding remark, the President said

that taking ASEAN Chairmanship is a golden opportunity for Myanmar. He called for cooperation by the government, NGOs and all citizens as a national duty.

Successful holding of meetings gives Myanmar a chance of showing peace,

stability and capacity to ASEAN countries as well as to the globe. Myanmar needs to show successful holding of regional and international meetings to the world during its transitional period. ASEAN Chair's duty is broad and enormous one. He called for collaboration among the ministries and the subcommittee, he added.

Afterwards, the Presi-

dent and party looked round simples of gifts and brochures for ASEAN chair and progress in construction of meeting halls.

It is reported that Myanmar takes ASEAN chair for one-year term as of 1 January next year. More than 240 meetings are scheduled to be held in Yangon, Mandalay and Bagan-NyaungU.

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Meeting between Legislatures, Union Government and Legislative Cooperation Work Committee in progress at Hluttaw Complex. (News on Page-16)—MNA



UEC chairman meets President of National Endowment for Democracy (NED)

NAY PYI TAW, 29 Oct—A delegation led by President of National Endowment for Democracy (NED) Mr Carl Gershman paid a call on Chair-

man of the Union Election Commission U Tin Aye at Chairman's office here this morning.

They cordially exchanged views on

UEC's functions and electoral process, preparations for ensuring a free and fair multi-party general election in 2015, participation of

people, political parties, Civil Society Organizations (CSOs), media and international organizations in the processes of Myanmar's democratic reforms and the elections, drawing strategic plan for the electoral process, visits of local and foreign election observers, visits to other countries' elections by Myanmar observers and international experience on elections.

It was also attended by commission members U Myint Naing, U Aung Myint, Dr Daw Myint Kyi, U Win Kyi, U Nyunt Tin and U Win Ko, secretary U Tin Tun and officials from the UEC Office.

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Chairman of Union Election Commission U Tin Aye receives President of National Endowment for Democracy (NED) Mr Carl Gershman.—MNA

Government of Hungary hands over computer hardware system to Myanmar

NAY PYI TAW, 29 Oct—An official ceremony was organized on 25 October 2013 at the Embassy of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar in Bangkok. On behalf of Hungarian Government, Mr. Danes TOMAJ, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Hungary to Myanmar, handed over the

computer hardware system to U Tin Win, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Myanmar to Thailand, on behalf of the Government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar.

The Government of Hungary donated the computer hardware system of 9567800 Hungarian Forint

Type worth 43379.57 US Dollars to Myanmar in support of the assumption of the ASEAN Chairmanship of Myanmar in 2014.

Ambassador U Tin Win mentioned, "The computer hardware donated by the Government of Hungary will surely support our preparation for the Myanmar's Chairmanship

of ASEAN in 2014, which will be paving the way towards the successful ASEAN Community in 2015 and will strengthen and further promote the existing diplomatic relations and cooperation between Myanmar and Hungary."

Also present were the Myanmar Military Attache, diplomats from the Myanmar and Hungary Embassies, business entrepreneurs and media men.—MNA

NATIONAL

Roadside vendors allowed...

(from page 16)
Wadaya and Thadukan industrial zones that were established in 2004 and lagged behind in development due to inadequacy in electricity supply and farmland issues. Upon completion of the task of developing the two zones and

section (4) of Shwepyitha Industrial Zone in which other three sections have developed, there will be new jobs for 25000 workers.

Today's session ended at noon and the 17th-day session will continue on 31 October.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 29 Oct—Union Minister for Home Affairs Lt-Gen Ko Ko held talks on bilateral cooperation with President of the National Endowment for Democracy (NED) Mr. Carl Gershman and party at his office, here, this noon.

It was attended by Deputy Minister for Home Affairs Brig-Gen Kyaw Kyaw Tun and officials concerned from Myanmar Police Force and the General Administration Department.—MNA

Union Home Affairs Minister Lt-Gen Ko Ko receives President of National Endowment for Democracy (NED) Mr. Carl Gershman.—MNA

Union Home Affairs Minister receives NED President



NAY PYI TAW, 29 Oct—A work coordination meeting of Pyithu Hluttaw Committees and Commission was held at Zabuthiri meeting hall in Hluttaw

Complex here today, attended by Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann.

The Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker addressed the meeting. Officials, the committee

chairmen and the secretaries and commission members presented the reports.

The meeting came to an end following the speech by the Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker.

It was also attended by Pyithu Hluttaw Deputy Speaker U Nanda Kyaw Swa and officials from the Hluttaw Office.

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Workshop on formulation of disaster management bylaws held

NAY PYI TAW, 29 Oct — On her speech at a workshop on formulation of disaster management bylaws held at the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement, here, this morning, Union Minister Dr Daw Myat Myat Ohn Khin called on experts from departments concerned and relevant areas to give advice based on personal experiences and expertise on formulation of bylaws (draft) that have to be drawn during a 90-day period after promulgation of Disaster Management Law

on 31 July 2013. Next, Mr. Sanny Ramos of UNDP (Asia Pacific Regional Office) spoke on the occasion.

Afterwards, members of Pyithu Hluttaw Bill Committee and National Disaster Preparedness sub-committees, experts from Supreme Court of the Union and Attorney-General Office of the Union, heads of relevant departments, responsible persons of Disaster Risk Reduction Working Group and legal experts from Indonesia and the Philippines held discussions on enactment of disaster management bylaws in a transparent manner.—MNA

Workshop on formulation of disaster management bylaws in progress.—MNA



23rd ASEAN Armies...

(from page 16)
The Chief of the General Staff awarded the winners at Novelty Shooting contest. The Chief of General Staff (Army, Navy and Air) and the Vice-Chiefs of Staff (Army) planted star-flower saplings in the compound of the shooting range.

They looked round the booths put on show at Exhibition Hall in AARM village. In the afternoon, the Chief of General Staff, the Vice-Chiefs of Staff (Army) and senior military officers from Myanmar participated in friendly golf tournament held in commemoration of the 23rd

ASEAN Armies Rifle Meet 2013 at PyinOoLwin golf course.

In the evening, they enjoyed sunset view near PyinOoLwin Anisakhan and beauty of Dattawchai waterfall. Later, prizes were awarded to those winners at the dinner at Dattawchaint Hotel.

Myawady



Chief of the General Staff (Army, Navy and Air) General Hla Htay Win and Vice-Chiefs of Staff (Army) of ASEAN countries view modern arms and ammunitions displayed for ASAB Armies Rifle Meeting in PyinOoLwin. MYAWADY



Shooting teams take designated positions at shooting range. MYAWADY

Shot in the arm for athletes

NAY PYI TAW, 29 Oct—Chairman of the Committee for Ensuring Success in Sports Deputy Minister for Sports U Thaug Htaik visited the training center-1 at Nay Pyi Taw Sports Training Centre this morning.

There, he encouraged the Muay boxers under in-

tensive training and training of Vovinam Bando athletes and joint training of Myanmar traditional Chinlone players together with those from Cambodia and Thailand, and training of players in billiards and snooker, Taekwondo, and archery events.—MNA

Moderate earthquake jolts inside Myanmar

NAY PYI TAW, 29 Oct—A moderate earthquake of magnitude (5.0) Richter Scale with its epicenter inside Myanmar (about 14 miles east of Kalewa) about (132) miles

northwest of Mandalay seismological observatory was recorded at (14) hrs (23) min (08) sec M.S.T today, announced Meteorology and Hydrology Department.—NLM

Disaster Risk Reduction

Community-based disaster risk reduction courses conducted

SEIKPYU, 29 Oct—Under the supervision of Disaster Management Unit of Myanmar Red Cross Society, Seikpyu Township Red Cross Society conducted the community-based disaster risk reduction courses from June to October 2013.

It was attended by 360 trainees from 12 villages.

At the concluding ceremony at Basic Education Middle School in Chaungmagyi Village on 25 October, Magway Region Hluttaw representative U Myint Soe delivered an address.

Deputy Commanding Officer U Maung Maung Win of Township Red Cross Battalion explained the purpose of training courses.

Officials presented first, second and third prizes to the winning groups from Chaungmagyi and Mezaligway villages in practical works.

The village administrator and a female trainee spoke words of thanks.



An official present certificate to leader of trainee at concluding ceremony of community-based disaster risk reduction courses.

Present on the occasion were town's elders, members of village development supportive committee, course instructors and trainees.

During the training period, Myanmar Red Cross

Society provided K 1500 for 30 trainees in each village. The training courses were opened in each village for five days.

Kyemon-Ko Myo (Seikpyu)

TCRC meets local people in Meiktila Township

MEIKTILA, 29 Oct—Township Committee of the Right of Child held a talk with local people at Magyichauk Village of Zaungchagon Village-tract of Meiktila Township on 27 October afternoon.

The talks was held at Child Care School in Magyikyaung Village.

At first, village administrator U Tun Sein made a speech.

Chairman of Meiktila Township Committee of the Right of Child U Khin Maung Tint explained the township committee of the child right for rights of the children.

Member of Township Committee of the Right of Child Daw Than Than Myint briefed all on right



of children

Member of Township Maternal and Child Welfare Association Daw Moe

Sanda Shwe gave lectures on tuberculosis diseases.

Later, they replied to queries raised by the villag-

Officials of Township Committee of the Right of Child meet local people in Meiktila.

Officials of Fire Services Department gives lectures on fire preventive measures to workers of Toungoo Locomotive Shed.



Security Course for Hotels, Motels and Lodgings opened in Toungoo

TOUNGGOO, 29 Oct—Under the leadership of the Ministry of Hotels and Tourism, the Bago Region Zone Hoteliers Association conducted the hotels, motels and lodgings security course at Myanma Thiri Hotel on Meiktila Bala Road in Toungoo on 28 October.

The ministry managed conducting the training courses in 16 townships such as Toungoo, Ngwehsaung, Chaungtha, Pathein, Bago, Pyay, Mawlamyine, Hpa-an, Kengtung, Tachilek, Lashio, Muse, Sittway, Ngapali, Magway and Myitkyina.

Similar courses were provided in Nay Pyi Taw, Yangon, Mandalay and Inlay regions from 21 to 25 October.

Trainers from local police stations, Criminal Investigation Department, Special Branch and Immigration



Hotels, motels and lodgings security course in progress at the hotel in Toungoo.

and National Registration Department gave lectures to the trainees.

"It is a good training for security of the hotels and lodgings. Thanks to knowledge from the training course, the hotel staff will have knowledge to give better services to the cus-

tomers. The hotel staff will be higher qualification. The hotels should install CCTVs at their buildings without fail. We have given instructions to the hotels last year," said Chairman U Nyo Myint of Bago Region Zone Hoteliers Association.—*Kyemon-Kyaw Swa (Toungoo)*

Hotel security course commences in Pyay

PYAY, 29 Oct—Ministry of Home Affairs and Minis-



The training on hotel security in progress in Township.

try of Hotels and Tourism jointly organized the hotel security course at the hall of Mingala Uyin Hotel in Pyay on yesterday morning.

Pyay Region Manager U Myint Sein of Myanmar Hotels and Tourism Services explained the purpose of conducting the training course. Commander of Pyay Town-

ship Police Force Police Major Myint Oo explained the systematic learning of lectures for security measures.

Police Captain Swe Lin of Pyay District Special Branch and officials of Criminal Investigation Department will give lectures on basic knowledge on security measures and mine clearing and preventive measures.

A total of 54 trainees from hotels, transport and lodging enterprises from Pyay District and 31 from supermarkets and department stores totalling 85 attended the course.

Officials gave lectures to those of hotels, transport and lodging enterprises for five days course, and those of supermarkets and department stores one day course.

Kyemon-Myo Kyaw Gyi (KP)

Talks on fire preventive measures

TOUNGGOO, 29 Oct—An educative talk on fire preventive measures and fire drill was held at Toungoo Locomotive Shed on 27 October morning.

Head of Branch of the shed U Kyaw Mung made a speech. Head of Toungoo District Fire Services Department U Khin Maw explained the fire reventive measures and firefighting

techniques. Technician Grade V U Thiha Swe demonstrated use of dry chemical powder in putting out the fire.

It was attended by over 30 staff and workers from the locomotive shed. The educative talks was organized by Toungoo District Fire Services Department.—*Kyemon-U Kyaw Hla (Toungoo)*

REGIONAL

Singapore plans electricity futures market launch by end-2014

SINGAPORE, 29 Oct — The Singapore Exchange (SGX) said on Monday that it has been preparing for the launch of Asia's first electricity futures market by the end of 2014. "SGX is working closely with the EMA (Energy Market Authority), Energy Market Company (EMC) and market participants to design the futures products," it said in a statement, adding that the launch is still subject to regula-

tory approval. The progress was also announced by S Iswaran, minister in the Prime Minister's Office and second minister for home affairs and second minister for trade and industry, at the Singapore International Energy Week on Monday.

The Energy Market Authority held a public consultation last year on the development of an electricity futures market in Singapore. It issued a request-for-inter-

est paper in May this year, setting out the proposed design of the futures market. Six companies showed their interest. The minister said that the commercial discussions are in progress for the development of the futures market, and that an industry workgroup is in the process of developing the design of the electricity futures contracts. "We hope that the electricity futures market will be launched some time

in the second half of 2014," he said.

SGX is working with the industry to launch a trial run next year so as to allow generation companies to build up competencies and experience in trading and market making. Iswaran said Singapore is considering the introduction of electricity futures market to complement the spot market.

Xinhua



Gujarat's chief minister and Hindu nationalist Narendra Modi, the prime ministerial candidate for India's main opposition Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) addresses a rally in the eastern Indian city of Patna on 27 Oct, 2013.—REUTERS

India opposition urges tighter safety for top candidate Modi after blasts

NEW DELHI, 29 Oct — India's main opposition party demanded on Monday protection for its candidate for prime minister, Narendra Modi, after a series of small blasts killed six people shortly before he addressed a packed weekend rally. While Modi was not in the vicinity of any of the blasts in the state of Bihar on Sunday, they were a reminder of India's bloody political history, that includes the assassination of former prime minister Rajiv Gandhi at a 1991 election rally.

The Hindu nationalist Modi is seen as a target of Islamist militants who hold him responsible for riots in 2002, during his first term as chief minister of Gujarat state, in which at least 1,000 people, most of them Muslims, were killed. Sun-

day's violence was a sign of heightened tensions in the early stages of a campaign that has already coincided with an uptick in communal clashes between Hindus and Muslims. India is due to elect a new government by May 2014 in a contest pitting the political outsider Modi, favoured by business, against the ruling Congress party's Rahul Gandhi, the scion of a political dynasty stretching back more than 60 years.

Modi denies any role in the 2002 riots or bias against minority Muslims. He has gathered momentum in recent weeks and opinion polls suggest his Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) could win enough seats to form the next government in a coalition.

Reuters

Evacuees from typhoon-hit Izu Oshima Island return home

IZU OSHIMA, (Japan), 29 Oct — Thirty-four evacuees from typhoon-hit Izu Oshima Island, mostly elderly and disabled people, returned to the island on Monday afternoon on a chartered vessel, after the evacuation order and advisory issued for the entire island were lifted on Saturday.

They were among some 100 evacuees from the island, some 120 kilometers south of Tokyo, whom

the Tokyo metropolitan government had been housing at facilities away from the island where 32 people died and nine are still missing after a typhoon on last Wednesday.

The evacuation order and advisory were lifted on Saturday as this year's 27th typhoon, Francisco, was downgraded to an extratropical cyclone. The island was hit by deadly mudslides caused by Typhoon Wipha on last Wednesday, and the



The model of South Korea's "CHEUNMOO" missile is seen at press day of the Seoul International Aerospace & Defence Exhibition (ADEX) at the Kintex in Paju, South Korea, on 28 Oct, 2013. More than 360 companies from 28 countries and regions displayed their products in the six-day exhibition opened on Tuesday.

XINHUA

Police drop case over 2010 online leak of antiterrorism documents

TOKYO, 29 Oct — Tokyo police on Tuesday dropped their case over the online leak of documents in 2010 that contained sensitive information about their anti-terrorism efforts as the statute of limitations for filing criminal charges expired the

same day. After three years of investigating the leak that the police strongly believed was an inside job, the Metropolitan Police Department failed to find evidence to support its case as a culprit could not be identified, investigative sources said.

Nonetheless, the MPD will send related papers to prosecutors on Tuesday without naming a suspect and continue investigating the leak that came to light in October 2010 in case a suspect abroad is identified, they said. The statute of limitations is suspended during

the period in which a suspect is out of the country. The MPD had been pursuing the case as one of obstruction of duty as the incident affected its security operations for the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation forum summit in Yokohama in November 2010. Tokyo police at the time were strengthening security ahead of a series of APEC-related events. The leak involved 114 documents that are believed to have been collected by the MPD division specializing in crimes committed by foreigners.

Kyodo News

Three police killed in bomb blasts in southern Thailand

BANGKOK, 29 Oct — Three members of a police bomb disposal unit were killed on Monday in a bomb attack in Thailand's restive south, police said.

The attack occurred in the morning when the unit was inspecting an area after receiving information that an explosive device was hidden

under a local road in Bacho district of Narathiwat Province. The bomb was detonated by remote control while the police officers were trying to defuse the bomb. Two died at scene while a third later succumbed to his injuries. According to the police, the bomb disposal unit may have been targeted

because insurgents failed to kill police officers during a previous attack in September. More than 5,500 people have been killed since 2004 in the separatist insurgency in the three restive Muslim-majority provinces of Narathiwat, Yala and Pattani, near the border with Malaysia.—Kyodo News

Kyodo News



Mariko Shinoda (C), a member of the pop idol group AKB48, poses in front of a Peach Aviation airplane featuring her face during a ceremony at Kansai International Airport near Osaka, western Japan, on 27 Oct, 2013. The ceremony marked the launch of the low-cost carrier's Kansai-Narita service.

KYODO NEWS

42 passengers from crashed Lao Airlines flight identified

VIENTIANE, 29 Oct — Forty-two passengers have been identified from Lao Airlines flight QV301 which crashed on 16 October killing all 49 on board, Somkiet Vorralath, deputy director of Champassak Provincial Health told Xinhua on Monday.

According to Vorralath, officials are waiting for DNA samples from Thailand and Australia in order to aid the identification process. Seven of the passengers are still unidentified including three French, two Lao people and two Australians. The plane's "black-box" data flight recorders are still unrecovered, Yakua Lopangkao, director general of the Lao Civil Aviation Department, told Xinhua on Monday. Repairs to a crane equipped barge caused minor delays but teams will continue through the night in attempts to reach the blackbox units, he said.

According to Lopangkao, poor visibility and the strong current of the wet-season Mekong are continuing to make recovery efforts difficult. The two blackbox units contain information that may help officials determine details of the crash. One unit records aircraft performance parameters and inputs to the plane's electronic systems while the other records radio communications, conversations in the cockpit and ambient sounds.

The twin engine ATR 72-600 crashed into the Mekong River during bad weather 7 km from its destination of Pakse International Airport.—Xinhua

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**THE REPUBLIC OF THE UNION OF MYANMAR
MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY
TEXTILE INDUSTRIES
INVITATION FOR OPEN TENDER
(Extention for tender closing date)**

1. Open tenders were invited for leasing textile factories under Textile Industries, Ministry of Industry in the Myanmar Newspapers on 24.9.2013 to 30.9.2013. The tenders will be closed on 31.10.2013.

2. To Lengthen the preparation time for bidding companies, the tenders closing date to be extended as follows:

Sr. No.	Name of Factory	Previous tender closing Date	Extension Date for tender closing
(a)	No.(1)Textile Factory (Shwedaung)	31.10.2013	29.11.2013
(b)	No.(4) Textile Factory(Pwint Pyu)	31.10.2013	29.11.2013
(c)	No.(5) Textile Factory (Pakokku)	31.10.2013	29.11.2013
(d)	No.(6) Textile Factory(Sarlingyi)	31.10.2013	29.11.2013

3. Tenders document shall be available during office hours at Material Planning Department, Textile Industries, office No.37, Nay Pyi Taw. The overdue tenders will not be accepted.

4. Furthers details are available at the following address and the tenders will also be advertised at www.myanmarindustry2.com.

Material Planning Department
Textile Industries
Ministry of Industry
Office No. 37, Nay Pyi Taw
Phone: 067-408156,408185,408338

China's C919 aircraft gets more orders

BEIJING, 29 Oct — The Commercial Aircraft Corporation of China (Comac) on Monday received 20 more orders for the C919 aircraft, which brought the total orders to 400. The Comac and Industrial Bank Financial Leasing signed a contract for the new orders on Monday.

The orders for C919,

China's largest domestically produced aircraft, have showed the increasing demand and confidence in aircraft made in China, said Tian Min, chief accountant of the Comac. The Comac C919, which will compete with the Airbus A320 and Boeing 737 family of aircraft, was scheduled for its first flight next year, but

that has now been delayed until 2015.

Tian said a modern commercial aircraft is comprised of millions of parts and dozens of complicated systems and also a project involving hundreds of work units home and abroad. "This adds difficulty and complexity to project management." —Xinhua



Japan, Colombia kick off 3rd round of FTA talks

TOKYO, 29 Oct — Japan and Colombia kicked off their third round of free trade negotiations on Monday in Tokyo, which will cover tariff reduction, rules of origin and public procurement.

At the outset of the five-

day meeting through Friday, Jun Yokota, Japan's ambassador in charge of economic diplomacy, said Tokyo hopes to "continue negotiations to reach a high-level comprehensive accord" with Bogota. Japan's exports to

Colombia are mainly industrial goods such as automobiles and steel products, while Japan-bound Colombian exports are mainly agricultural items including coffee and flower.

Kyodo News



Brazil's Minister of Health Alexandre Padilha reacts after a conference for foreign doctors at the University of Brasilia on 26 Aug, 2013. REUTERS

Brazil to produce measles and rubella vaccine for poor countries

RIO DE JANEIRO, 29 Oct — Brazil's top biomedical research and development center announced plans on Monday to produce a combined measles and rubella vaccine for developing countries, mainly in Africa.

The first Brazilian vaccine developed specifically for export will be made by Bio-Manguinhos, a unit of the Oswaldo Cruz Foundation (Fiocruz), in partnership with the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. Brazilian health minister Alexandre Padilha announced the vaccine plan at a medical science conference that the Gates Foundation organized in Rio de Janeiro.

Brazil is following oth-

er leading emerging nations such as China and India in investing in biomedical technology to supply vaccines and medicines to developing countries at lower costs than those produced by pharmaceutical industries in developed nations.

Measles kills 158,000 people a year in the world, mostly children under the age of five.

Rubella, a contagious viral disease with symptoms like mild measles, can cause serious consequences to pregnant women and their babies.

Bio-Manguinhos, which has a track record of making combined measles, mumps and rubella vaccines, will produce 30 mil-

lion doses per year of the new measles/rubella vaccine to supply developing countries in Africa, Asia and Latin America.

This will increase the availability of a vaccine that today is produced by only one manufacturer, the Serum Institute of India Ltd.

The Gates Foundation said it would grant \$1.1 million to support clinical trials and might contribute additional funds in subsequent phases of the project.

Bio-Manguinhos has been producing the combined measles, mumps and rubella vaccine since 2003 under a technology transfer agreement with GlaxoSmithKline Plc.—Reuters

Toshiba to sell Poland TV factory to Taiwan manufacturer

TOKYO, 29 Oct — Electronics maker Toshiba Corp said on Monday it will sell its television manufacturing base in Poland to a Taiwan partner company as part of the restructuring of its television business.

The liquid crystal display TV company Toshiba

Television Central Europe Sp.zo.o., which serves the European market, will be sold to Compal Electronics Inc. by next March but will continue to supply Toshiba products to Europe via outsourcing. Toshiba said it aims to return to the black in the October to March sec-

ond half of the 2013 business year as a result of the television-business restructuring.

In August, sources close to Toshiba said it was considering shutting down the plant in Kobierzyce, in southwestern Poland, if it could not find a buyer.

Kyodo News

ENTERTAINMENT

Rapper Chris Brown arrested in Washington over assault

WASHINGTON, 29 Oct—Rapper Chris Brown was arrested and charged with assault in Washington early on Sunday after getting into a fight with a man outside a hotel near the White House, police said.

Brown was charged with felony assault at 4:25 am (0825 GMT) after the altercation outside the W Hotel, a few hundred yards (meters) from the White House, Officer Anthony Clay of the Metropolitan Police Department said.

Another man involved in the fight, Christopher

Hollosy, was arrested on the same charge. News reports referred to the second individual as Brown's bodyguard. Clay said he could not confirm Hollosy's relationship with Brown.

The victim was taken to the hospital, Clay said.

Brown has been on probation since 2009 for assaulting Rihanna, his then girlfriend, and the new arrest could complicate that parole.

This was revoked over the summer after Brown was charged with a hit-and-run traffic accident in



Singer Chris Brown performs during the iHeartRadio Music Festival at the MGM Grand Garden Arena in Las Vegas, Nevada on 20 Sept, 2013.—REUTERS

Los Angeles, but reinstated after he agreed to another 1,000 hours of community labour.

The Los Angeles County Attorney's office

has accused Brown of cutting corners of his community labour sentence, which he was allowed to complete in his home state of Virginia.—Reuters

Judi Dench walks down red carpet just weeks after surgery

LONDON, 29 Oct—Veteran actress Judi Dench, who recently underwent a knee replacement surgery, walked down the red carpet for her new movie, just weeks after the operation.

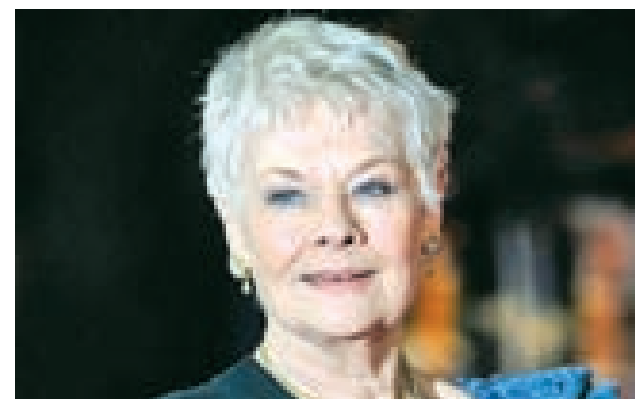
The 78-year-old Oscar-winner asked her surgeon to make sure she shows up at the premiere of *Philomena*, without the aid of a stick, reported *Daily Mirror*.

"I have a completely new knee now. It's brilliant. When I had it done

on 6 September, I said to my surgeon 'On 16 October I will walk up a red carpet unaided', and so I did," Dench said.

The actress says she is far from retiring.

"I am not feeling my age at all. I am about 43, a tall willowy blonde 43-year-old with long legs. I don't want to slow down at all. We don't say the word retirement in our house. Old and retired are totally banned," Dench said.—PTI



Veteran actress Judi Dench

Eva Mendes cheating on Ryan Gosling?

LONDON, 29 Oct — Actress Eva Mendes has reportedly been cheating on her boyfriend Ryan Gosling with filmmaker George Augusto.

The actress is allegedly

not ready to fulfill Gosling's dreams of marriage and a family at this point of time, reported Showbiz spy.

"Eva has been arranging trysts with George Augusto, the Peruvian film-

maker she dated from 2002 to 2010 and who is also her business partner in the Vida homewares line.

"Ryan's friends know he is ready to settle down, 100 percent... Eva loves

Ryan, but she's very non-traditional when it comes to what she wants. She's phobic about commitment. That's the root of the problem," a source said.

PTI



According to sources, Eva loves Ryan but the root of the problem is that she is phobic about commitment.

Roger Moore diagnosed with diabetes

LONDON, 29 Oct—Former James Bond star Roger Moore has revealed that he is suffering from diabetes.

The diagnosis came after the 86-year-old actor's wife Kristina Tholstrup took him to an emergency doctor in Monaco after he began losing weight and passing out recently, reported *Daily Express*.

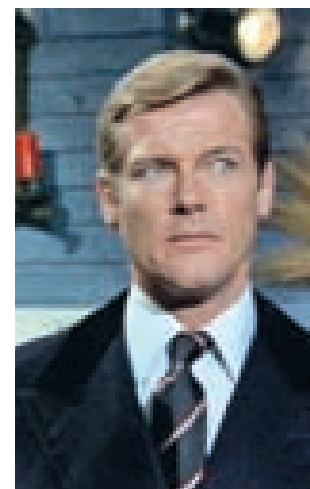
Recently, Hollywood star Tom Hanks revealed that he has diabetes.

"I have got the dreaded Tom Hanks. Tom Hanks came out with the fact he has diabetes, and about four or five weeks ago I was fall-

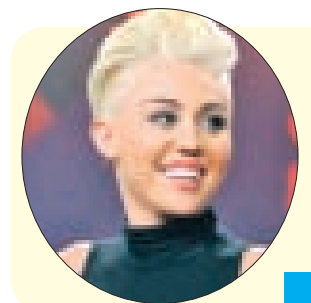
ing asleep and just feeling terrible and dying of thirst and literally passing out," Moore said.

"My wife took me into emergency at Princess Grace Hospital in Monaco and I was straight on a slab... And I have diabetes. And I've obviously had it for quite a long time... During that week where I was falling asleep, my wife said I was losing a kilo a day. So, I have had to have all my trousers taken in," he added. The Oscar winner has a pacemaker which was fitted in 2003.

PTI



Roger Moore in a still from *Diamonds Are Forever*.



Miley Cyrus: Music is my main love right now

LONDON, 29 Oct—Pop star Miley Cyrus says she will be concentrating on her music rather than crying over heartbreak. The 20-year-old

Pop star Miley Cyrus

singer, who recently ended her relationship with actor Liam Hemsworth, wants to focus on her music because God want her to be successful, reported Contactmusic.

"I need to treat my music like a relationship — give it my time and all the attention it deserves — and that is my main love right now. This is the best time of my life,"

she said. "I am not going to look back on it and be like, 'I wish I hadn't been dwelling over a breakup,' you know? Because that is not what God wants my life to be about

right now. God wants my life to be about being successful and being happy and blessing other people and being blessed," she added.

Cyrus has been recently linked with Rolling Stone photographer Theo Wener.—PTI

Beetles and scorpions creep on to Paris food scene

PARIS, 29 Oct — Popular delicacies in Asia but spurned by most in the West, grasshoppers, beetles and waterscorpions have crept on to the menu of a Parisian restaurant for the first time. In the heart of the French capital, better

known for its butter croissants and haute cuisine, Le Festin Nu, or Naked Feast, has just added to its menu dishes as remote as possible from the classics, with crunchy insects imported from Thailand.

More than 1,900 spe-

cies of insect are eaten around the world, mainly in Africa and Asia, but people in the West generally turn their noses up at the likes of grasshoppers, termites and other crunchy fare. Still, young French chef Elie Daviron has created a buzz on

the Paris food scene with his grasshoppers on quail eggs, water scorpions on chicory or beetles with potatoes. "I try to create a work of art around the insect," Daviron told *Le Monde* newspaper. "For me this is a kind of still life."—Reuters



An appetizer dish with grasshoppers, salted and sealed in packages imported from Thailand, is seen at the restaurant 'Le Festin Nu' in Paris on 23 Oct, 2013.—REUTERS

SPORTS

Walker signs Spurs contract extension

LONDON, 29 Oct—Tottenham Hotspur defender Kyle Walker has signed a new contract that will keep him in north London until 2019, the Premier League club said on Monday.

The 23-year-old, capped nine times by England, has made 83 league appearances for Spurs, scoring twice.

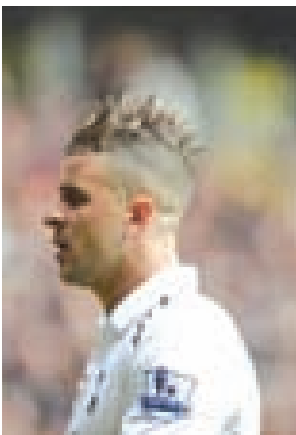
He joined Tottenham from Sheffield United in 2009, spending loan spells

back at the Sheffield club, Queens Park Rangers and Aston Villa before establishing himself in the Spurs team at right back.

Reuters

Tottenham Hotspur's Kyle Walker prepares to take a throw-in against Everton during their English Premier League soccer match at White Hart Lane in London on 7 April, 2013.

REUTERS



Hart howler turns spotlight back on England keeper



Manchester City goalkeeper Joe Hart reacts after a Chelsea goal during their English Premier League soccer match at Stamford Bridge in London on 27 Oct, 2013.—REUTERS

LONDON, 29 Oct—Manchester City goalkeeper Joe Hart generated some more negative headlines after a last minute mix-up with Matija

Nastasic allowed Chelsea's Fernando Torres to score a late winner in a 2-1 victory at Stamford Bridge on Sunday.

Nastasic inadvertently

headed the ball beyond an outrushing Hart, leaving Torres the simplest of tasks to seal a last-minute victory which moved Chelsea up to second in the Premier League and left City in seventh, six points behind leaders Arsenal.

Hart has faced mounting criticism for a number of mistakes this year at club and international level, with England manager Roy Hodgson and City boss Manuel Pellegrini both publicly backing the 26-year-old in the past month.

Chilean Pellegrini, in his first season in charge at City, was slightly less forthcoming in the aftermath of Sunday's defeat, however, the side's third in the league after also

losing at Cardiff City and Aston Villa.

"What I think, I won't talk about," Pellegrini said after the match.

"I repeat that the analysis I do with individual players I do with the players, not the press. You must ask (Hart) how his confidence is," he added.

"I talk just internally with the players. We are going to see the best way to arrange things.

"We are losing stupid points. The three defeats we had away we didn't deserve but the reality is we have lost them and we've had the important responsibility for the goals the other team scored. We try to arrange. We have time."—Reuters

LPGA waives off age limit to grant teen Ko membership

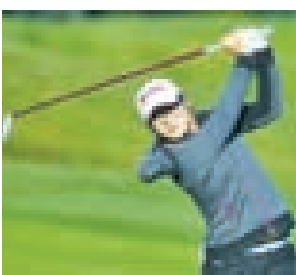
WELLINGTON, 29 Oct—New Zealand's 16-year-old golfing prodigy Lydia Ko has been granted full membership to the LPGA Tour from the start of the 2014 season after the governing body waived the age limit clause, the tour said on Monday.

Ko, who was born in South Korea and moved to New Zealand when she was six, was the youngest player to win a professional tournament when she clinched the New South Wales Open

in Sydney aged 14. Her mother Tina had confirmed earlier this month that her daughter had asked the LPGA for an exemption. Ko formally announced her decision to turn pro last week via social media.

The LPGA Tour has an 18-year-old age requirement for membership but commissioner Mike Whan said they have made an exception for Ko.

"After reviewing Lydia Ko's petition, I have granted her LPGA Tour



Lydia Ko

membership beginning at the start of the 2014 season," Whan said in a statement. "We are looking forward to having Lydia as a full-time member for the 2014 season.

"It is not often that the LPGA welcomes a rookie who is already a back-to-back LPGA Tour champion." The teenager became the youngest winner on the LPGA Tour when she captured last year's Canadian Open at the age of 15.

Ko was also the youngest champion on the European Tour with her triumph in the New Zealand Open last February and then successfully defended her Canadian Open title this year.

Reuters

Federer doesn't care about No 1 spot, says Nadal

PARIS, 29 Oct—Been there, done that. Roger Federer does not need to be world number one anymore and he might well be a top contender at next year's Australian Open, his chief rival Rafa Nadal said.

Federer's decline has been well documented since 2011, the year he failed to win a grand slam for the first time since 2003. He suffered yet another be-

low par performance this season, at best reaching the last four at the Australian Open — the first time he has not made it to a major final since 2002. The Swiss, however, has a record 17 grand slam titles to his name and has spent 302 weeks at the top of the ATP rankings.

He does remain a formidable opponent, according to current world number one Nadal. "I don't have

any doubt that he will be playing better than what he did this year," the Spaniard told a news conference at the Paris Masters, where the two could clash in the final.

"No doubt about that. His talent allows him to keep being one of the favourites, to keep winning the best tournaments of the year.

"So talking about if he's able to be back or try to

be back in the No 1 (spot), I think it's not his goal, because at the end he already has been there. He has been in the top positions of the ranking for a long time."

Federer, who lost the Basel final to Juan Martin del Potro on Sunday, will be seeded fifth in Paris as he looks to secure a spot in next month's ATP World Tour Finals.

Reuters

Arsenal's Gnabry signs new contract

LONDON, 29 Oct—Arsenal forward Serge Gnabry has signed a new long-term contract with the Premier League leaders, the club said on Monday.

The 18-year-old Germany youth international signed his first professional contract in mid-2012, and has made four league appearances, scoring in the 2-1 victory over Swansea City in September.

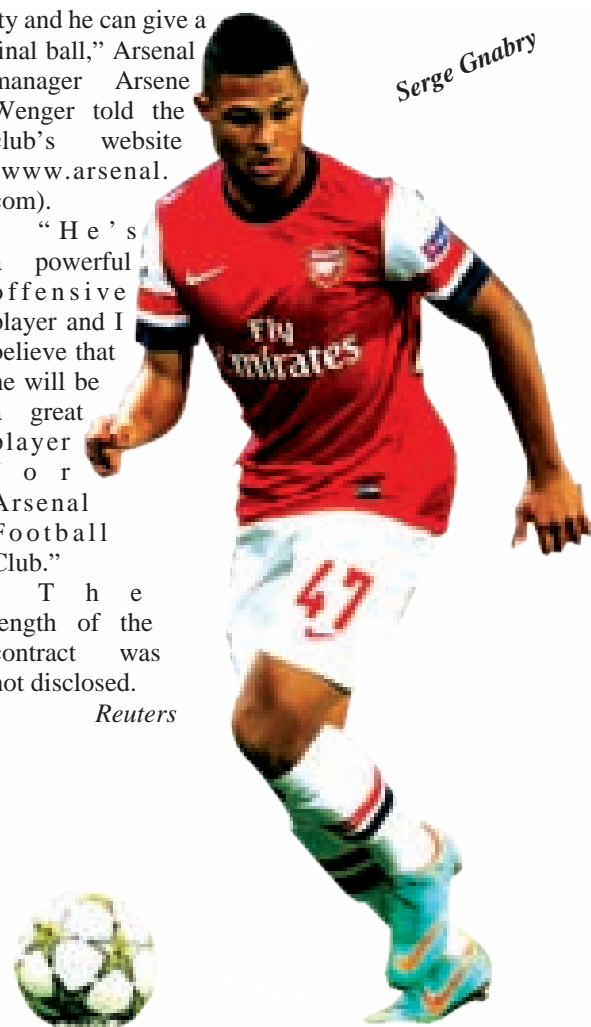
"He has technical ability, he has power, he has pace, he has finishing qual-

ity and he can give a final ball," Arsenal manager Arsene Wenger told the club's website (www.arsenal.com).

"He's a powerful offensive player and I believe that he will be a great player for Arsenal Football Club."

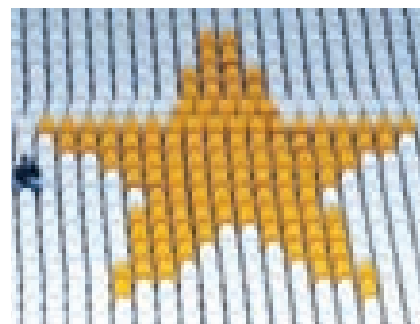
The length of the contract was not disclosed.

Reuters



Serge Gnabry

Juventus sanctioned over anti-Naples chanting



A Juventus supporter takes a picture before their Champions League soccer match against Galatasaray, at Juventus stadium in Turin, on 2 Oct, 2013.

REUTERS

TURIN, 29 Oct—Serie A champions Juventus became on Monday the latest team to be sanctioned for anti-Naples chanting by their fans during a game, the Serie A league said in a statement.

Serie A's disciplinary tribunal ordered both tiers of the South Curve at the Juventus Stadium to be closed for one home match for what was officially described as "territorial discrimination".

However, the sanction

was suspended for one year and will be implemented only if there is a new offence during that period. The written decision said that Juventus fans repeated the chants, including "wash them with fire from Vesuvius", several times during their team's 2-0 win over Genoa on Sunday.

Last week, AS Roma, Torino, Inter Milan and AC Milan were given the same sanction for anti-Naples chanting by their fans.

Reuters



Roger Federer of Switzerland and Rafael Nadal (R) of Spain greet each other at the net after Nadal defeated Federer in their men's singles quarterfinal match at the BNP Paribas Open ATP tennis tournament in Indian Wells, California, on 14 March, 2013.

REUTERS

GENERAL

Tadeusz Mazowiecki, Poland's first post-communism PM, dies



Ewa Kopacz (R), the newly elected speaker of the parliament, chats with former Prime Minister Tadeusz Mazowiecki at the Presidential Palace in Warsaw on 8 Nov, 2011.—REUTERS

WARSAW, 29 Oct — Tadeusz Mazowiecki, Poland's first prime minister after the fall of communism, died on Monday aged 86. Mazowiecki, who emerged from Poland's dissident intellectual tradition, was famously photographed making a victory sign after his election for Prime Minister, which marked the beginning of the end of 40 years of Cold War politics in Eastern Europe. He was one of the architects of the "Round Table" talks, which brought together the Soviet-installed communist authorities and the opposition to pave the way for Poland's peaceful transition to democracy in 1989.

"It is a shame that such person passes away," Nobel Peace Prize laureate and former President Lech Walesa, who appointed Mazowiecki as prime minister, told public broadcaster TVP. "Moreover, the Polish democracy is failing a little bit now and we would need him here, but it seems that he is also needed on the other side." President Bronislaw Komorowski, speaking in the southern city of Brzeg Dolny, said: "Tadeusz Mazowiecki, with his wise and calm will, set the directions for Poland's development." Wojciech Jaruzelski, Poland's last communist leader, also praised Mazowiecki. "I

have always admired his calmness, his consciousness and his decisiveness," he told public TVP Info.

Born in 1927, Mazowiecki was behind the "thick line" concept under which lower-ranking communist-era officials could also work in the newly democratic Poland. Some of Poland's rightist groups criticized him for this, saying his approach allowed many communist officials avoid responsibility for their wrong-doings before 1989. As prime minister, he oversaw Poland's shock economic therapy of early 1990s aimed at replacing the centrally controlled communist economy with a free market and sought to mend ties with Poland's neighbors, such as Germany.

Mazowiecki was a Catholic activist under communism and joined the Solidarity trade union 1980 strikes in the Gdansk shipyard offering support for the protesting workers from the country's independent intellectuals. Arrested in 1981 when the communist authorities declared martial law to crush Solidarity, he became an adviser to Walesa, the union's charismatic leader, who was later elected Poland's first post-war non-communist president in 1990.

Reuters

Ellis Island reopens one year after Sandy floods

NEW YORK, 29 Oct — Ellis Island and the Immigration Museum reopened to the public on Monday for the first time since Hurricane Sandy submerged the island a year ago. "We are delighted to be able to share Ellis Island's uniquely American story with the world once more," said David Luchsinger, the superintendent for Ellis and the neighboring Statue of Liberty. "I can think of no better way to celebrate Lady Liberty's 127th birthday than to welcome visitors back to the place where those huddled masses yearning to breathe free first came to our shores."

Visitors once again walk the halls of the immigration station where 12 million people began life in America. Open areas on the first and second floors include the Great Hall,

where immigrants were inspected, and Journeys: The Peopling of America 1550-1890. This first-floor exhibit tells the story of American immigration prior to Ellis Island's years of operation. Visitors can pick up a free audio tour, join a ranger program and watch an introductory film. Outside, visitors can stroll to the popular American Immigrant Wall of Honor and take in fabulous views of Manhattan. However, the museum will remain in repair at least through the spring.

Ellis Island was completely covered by water when Hurricane Sandy hit New York Harbor on 29 Oct, 2012. The storm surge destroyed electrical, communications, heating and cooling systems. Repairs to the water and sewage systems were in process.

Xinhua



Photo taken on 28 Oct, 2013 shows the view of Ellis Island in New York, the United States. Ellis Island and the Immigration Museum reopened to the public on Monday for the first time since Hurricane Sandy submerged the island a year ago.—XINHUA

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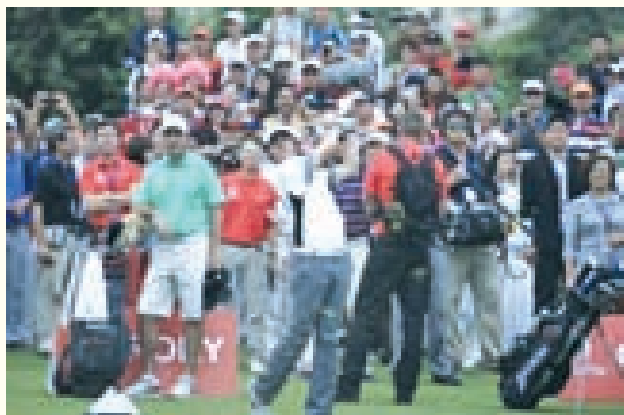
McIlroy edges out Woods in lucrative shootout

HAIKOU, 29 Oct— World number six Rory McIlroy produced some dazzling golf on the back nine to overcome a sniffling Tiger Woods by one shot in their lucrative 'Match at Mission Hills' in China on Monday.

The double major-winning Northern Irishman shot a six-under-par 67 to beat the world number one's 68 in the exhibition match which, according to British media reports, earned both men in excess of \$1.5 million.

McIlroy has endured a disappointing winless year but his game looked to be heading in the right direction for the final weeks of the European Tour season WITH a second victory over Woods following his one-shot success in the 'Duel at Jinsha Lake' last year.

"He schooled me



Rory McIlroy of Northern Ireland (C) hits a shot during a 18-hole exhibition match against Tiger Woods of the US (not pictured) at the Blackstone course of Mission Hills in Haikou, Hainan Province on 28 Oct, 2013.

REUTERS

twice," Woods said to much laughter after the friendly round, only for McIlroy to swiftly interject and downplay the achievement.

"Well, I don't know about that, I beat you by one shot twice," the former US Open and US PGA Champion smiled. Both men wore

microphones as they played, but it appeared Woods forgot that his every word was being made public as he was heard swearing on several occasions.

Twice he swore when describing a cold he has been suffering from for the last week, while television com-

mentators were forced to apologise when further colourful language was uttered by the 14-times major winner on the 17th hole.

McIlroy told the on-course interviewer during his round that he wanted to win the match but the friendly chit-chat and lack of intensity, particularly from the renowned fighter Woods, was obvious throughout the contest. The two were heard laughing and joking and discussed golf club design, pollution in China and the recent Presidents Cup in which an America side featuring Woods once again beat the International team.

The Blackstone Course on Hainan Island had been shortened for the duel, according to McIlroy, and with hardly any rough, organisers had done their best to create a birdie fest.

Unfortunately for the

galleries that swarmed the two golfers at every opportunity, the duel did not light up until the golfers had made the turn for the inward nine.

Woods, playing for the first time since 6 October, complained of rustiness after pulling his opening tee shot while McIlroy started solidly with birdies on the first two holes.

However, the Briton's joy was short-lived as McIlroy then carelessly three-putted the par-three fifth to fall back to level par.

Woods, who said he had picked up the cold from one of his children during his period away from competition, birdied the third, fourth and ninth to reach the turn at one-under, one ahead of his 24-year-old opponent. Thankfully for the crowd and organisers, the level of competition improved on the back nine with both players

eagling the par five 12th as McIlroy came close to a rare albatross with an exquisite approach.

Both then birdied the 13th while McIlroy pulled level at four-under by sinking a five-footer to pick up another shot on the 14th.

The pair birdied the 300-yard driveable par four 16th before Woods made a crucial error on the 17th when he appeared to misjudge his approach to the green which fell well short and led to a bogey. That left McIlroy one ahead heading up the par-five 18th where both men found the green in two but Woods missed with his eagle effort to allow the mop-haired McIlroy to roll in a short birdie putt for the win. "I enjoyed it. We didn't play probably our best on the front nine but on the back nine we got it going," Woods said.—Reuters

Roadside vendors allowed to sell their goods at designated places for part time

NAY PYI TAW, 29 Oct—“Roadside vendors have been allowed to undertake their trade activities at designated places for part time as various organizations reported to the Union government that there will be a negative impact on the government’s drive to alleviate poverty,” Deputy Minister at President Office U Thant Shin responded to the question raised by U Soe Win of Kyauktada Township at

today’s Pyithu Hluttaw session.

He continued that Yangon City Development Committee launched a crackdown on streets vendors in Yangon by neglecting its annual income of K 0.8 billion collected from street vendors as of 1 June, 2011.

Moreover, measures are being taken by YCDC’s Health Department in co-operation with respective

township’s Health Department by educating them to dispose of the water in a systematic manner, he added.

“I submitted this question with the aim of encouraging the government to help street vendors to sell their food prepared in a healthy way. I know removal of vendors on the roads is impossible as a crackdown launched on them can hurt their incomes. I would like

to call for systematic measures to relocate the roadside food vendors and to educate them about food safety,” U Soe Win said during an interview with him.

Regarding the question raised by U Tin Maung Oo of Shwepyitha Constituency, Deputy Minister for Industry U Thein Aung replied that the Yangon Region government is striving to fulfill the requirements of

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Everybody can put fingers on Hluttaw’s undertakings: Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker

NAY PYI TAW, 29 Oct—A meeting between Legislatures, the Union Government and Legislative Cooperation Work Committee took place at Zabuthiri meeting hall of the Hluttaw Complex, here this morning.

Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann called for cooperation of legal experts, scholars and officials for emergence of a law that can bring benefit to the people and the State. Those involved in three pillars need to have a thorough understanding of current affairs and serving their duties conferred by the Constitution. He invited the suggestions and advice on Hluttaw’s activities. He reaffirmed that Hluttaws will enact the laws that can benefit the people, he added.

Later, Speaker of Amyotha Hluttaw U Khin Aung Myint called for cooperation of those involved in exercising three powers:

legislative power, executive power and judicial power. He pointed out that the MPs need to be cautious about misunderstandings among them.

Deputy Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw U Nanda Kyaw Swa, Deputy Speaker of Amyotha Hluttaw U Mya Nyein, the Chairman of the Constitutional Tribunal of the Union, the Deputy Attorney-General, the Judge of the Supreme Court of the Union, the Secretary of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Joint Bill Committee and those present held a discussion.

The meeting came to an end with the concluding remarks by the Speakers. It was also attended by members of the Constitutional Tribunal of the Union and officials from Joint Bill Committee, Joint Public

Accounts Committee and commissions, Pyidaungsu Hluttaw representatives and officials from the Hluttaw Office.—MNA

23rd ASEAN Armies Rifle Meet 2013 opened



Opening of 23rd ASEAN Armies Rifle Meet 2013 in progress in PyinOoLwin.—MYAWADY

NAY PYI TAW, 29 Oct—Opening of the 23rd ASEAN Armies Rifle Meet 2013 hosted by Myanmar was held at Tatmadaw Shooting Range in PyinOoLwin this morning.

The cadets from Pyin OoLwin station demonstrated their martial arts skills. Later, national races culture troupes entertained

with the opening song titled “We’re the One”. Chief of the General Staff (Army, Navy and Air) General Hla Htay Win delivered an opening speech on the occasion. Later, the Chief of the General Staff and the Vice-Chiefs of Staff (Army) from the ASEAN Armies encouraged the teams.

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Japan, Russia to promote defence exchanges

TOKYO, 29 Oct—The defence ministers of Japan and Russia will confirm at a meeting in Tokyo on Friday that the countries will promote exchanges between their defence forces as part of efforts to strengthen bilateral security cooperation, a Japanese government source said on Tuesday. The envisioned exchanges will include mutual visits to air bases by the aircraft of the Japanese Air Self-Defence Force and the Russian Air Force, and mutual participation in exercises by officers of the Japanese Ground Self-Defence Force and the Russian army as observers, the source said.

So far, only the Japa-

nese Maritime Self-Defence Force and the Russian Navy have had exchanges. Japanese Defence Minister Itsunori Onodera and his Russian counterpart Sergei Shoigu are expected to expand exchanges across the Japanese and Russian forces a day ahead of the countries’ first-ever “two-plus-two” meeting of foreign and defense ministers in the Japanese capital, the source said. Japan is working to forge stronger security cooperation with Russia in the hope of advancing bilateral negotiations on a group of Russian-held islands off Hokkaido that are claimed by Japan.

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Five star Hotel to emerge at open air market area in Yangon

Shwe Taung Group and Pan Pacific Hotels Group inked a deal to invest in construction of a five star hotel at the open air market area in Yangon on 26 October.

Coordination between the two developers is in progress to sign further agreements including hotel management after the signing of a joint venture contract on construction of the five star Pan Pacific Yangon Hotel.

In March 2012, Yangon City Development Committee invited a tender for the implementation of a project that includes construction of office tower, apartment, shopping centre and hotel at the area, and Shwe Taung Company won the tender. A joint venture contract between YCDC and Shwe Taung Company was signed on 11 May. Upon completion of the project, new Bogyoke Market that was removed for the project will be relocated at

the area and a pedestrian bridge over Bogyoke Aung San Street will emerge.

The project designed by DP Architect of Singapore will be developed under two phases. Construction of a 23-storey Office Tower, a 20-storey five-star hotel and some parts of a shopping centre will be included in the first phase

before implementing the second phase that includes building of 28-storey apartment and the remaining parts of the shopping centre. Moreover, a parking lot for around 1500 vehicles will be constructed.

The project, once completion, will not only be able to create more than 2000 jobs but also to ben-

efit Myanmar’s tourism sector. As a gesture of taking corporate social responsibility regarding the project, Shwe Taung Company will build a new building for Basic Education Primary School No (3) located next to the project.

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Photo shows high-rise buildings to be built at an open air market area in Yangon.