

## Liza talks helps support nation-wide ceasefire, framework for political dialogue and peace building through political dialogues

NAY PYI TAW, 30 Oct—*The following is the translation of President's message sent to ethnic armed group meeting in Liza.*

**Republic of the Union of Myanmar  
President Office**

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(29<sup>th</sup> October, 2013)**

First of all, I would like to extend my warmest greetings to the national brethren who are attending the Liza meeting. With the aim of building eternal peace in the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, the ethnic armed groups are gathering in Liza of Kachin State.

I strongly believed that resolutions, agreements and future tasks that come out from the meeting would help support signing a nation-wide ceasefire agreement, setting a framework for political dialogue and building peace through political dialogues for restoration of peace in the Union.

I believed that the unity among all national races could bring about greater success in realizing non-disintegration of the Union, non-disintegration of national solidarity and perpetuation of sovereignty. And I wish the meeting may produce a fruitful result.

**Sd/ Thein Sein  
President**

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### Renaming of Region or State Ministry

Under the agreement of relevant Region or State Hluttaws, Ministries of Finance and Revenue of the Region/State Governments have been renamed Ministry of Finance.

**Sd/ Thein Sein  
President  
Republic of the Union of Myanmar**

## Myanmar, India hold talks on military modernization, border security



NAY PYI TAW, 30 Oct — President U Thein Sein and Chief of the Army Staff of the Indian Army General Bikram Singh discussed a wide range of matters including modernization of Myanmar's Tatmadaw and border security between the two nations at

the Credentials Hall of the Presidential Palace, here, this morning.

They held talks on friendly relations with India fostered by the present government, like successive governments in Myanmar did in the past, implementation of works to be done in accord with the bilateral agreements during the visits of Myanmar President to India and Indian Prime Minister to Myanmar, India's assistance to Myanmar for the development of human resources, a plan to offer a large number of scholarships to servicemen of Myanmar's Tatmadaw to take training courses in India, cementing bilateral relations between the two armies, arrangements for providing necessary assistance to modernization

of Myanmar's Tatmadaw, Myanmar's contributions to counter-insurgency operations along Indian borders and benefits of patrolling along the border regions for ensuring border security and arrangements being made to sign a border cooperation agreement between the two countries.

Also present at the call together with the President were Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, Union Ministers Lt-Gen Ko Ko, Lt-Gen Wai Lwin, U Wunna Maung Lwin and U Soe Thane, Maj-Gen Than Soe of Commander-in-Chief (Army) Office and officials. The Indian delegation led by the Army Chief was accompanied by the Indian ambassador to Myanmar and the Indian military attaché.—MNA



*President U Thein Sein and Chief of the Army Staff of the Indian Army General Bikram Singh discuss military modernization and border security between two nations.—MNA*

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LOCAL NEWS

Electrification

Nattalin Tsp's villages get power supply



A transformer already installed in Nattalin Township for electrification of local people.

NATTALIN, 30 Oct— As of 10 October, Chaukkham, Yekyi and Chaungkhwa Villages in Nattalin Township in Thayawady District, Bago Region have enjoyed electricity on a self-reliant basis, according to the village electrification committee.

Under the supervision of the relevant ministry, the committee formed with townsenders started its

works for electricity supply with the contributions of donors in February, 2013. Due to the committee's efforts, villagers could consume electricity in a short time, said an official of the committee.

Three 100-KVA sub-power stations built at the cost of K 117 million are generating power to 732 households.

Kyemon-Wunna Tun

Anti-Narcotic Drives

Man arrested for drug trafficking

TACHILEK, 30 Oct— Police from Tachilek District, Shan State, together with witnesses, searched Ar Ti, 30, at No. (158) in Tawkaw Village, Haunglek Village-tract, Tachilek on 24 October.

He was found with 9600 pink stimulant tablets worth K 19.2 million

—1600 from his trousers' pocket and 8000 between the toilet and the house's compound.

Tachilek Myoma Police Station filed a lawsuit against him under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.—Kyemon-Myo Min Thura

Rains flood Yamethin



Two trawlers captured in Myanmar waters

KYAUKPYU, 30 Oct— While patrolling around Myanmar waters on 23 October, Myanmar Navy Ship Maha Thiha Thura under control of Cdr Kyaw Soe Moe of Danyawady Naval Region Command in Kyaukpyu found two trawlers of Sri Lanka, 150 miles away from Kyaukpyu and arrested them.

A total of 12 Sri Lankan fishermen on board were brought to Danyawady Naval Region Command Headquarters on 25 October.

They were handed over to Kyaukpyu Immigration and National Registration Department.

They are under interrogation at Kyaukpyu Township Police Station.

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Agriculture

Field day of Palethwe hybrid paddy plantation held

MYAWADY, 30 Oct— The field day of Palethwe hybrid paddy plantation through GAP was held at Daw Ei Nyan's paddy field at Maekanal Village in Myawady Township of

Small vehicles ply on Kalewa-Yargyi road section

KALAY, 30 Oct— "Kalewa-Yargyi Road is just about 115 miles and it cannot be fully serviceable in the rainy season. It is said to be repaired while awaiting the road section to be able to use with a great expectation one year after another. When the rainy season ushers in, the road is closed to traffic for heavy vehicles except the small ones. On 28 September, it was closed to traffic. It rains heavily in

Mahamyaing region. As of 23 October, the small vehicles could see again on the road section and the heavy ones will return to normalcy at the end of October," said one of the heavy vehicle drivers.

"The people from Kalay-Tamu region only rely on Gangaw and Yargyi roads when they want to go to Monywa and Mandalay. Although Yargyi road is not used in the rainy season, they use

only Gangaw road for easy access but the length is too long. The length of Kalay-Gangaw road section is 91 miles, Gangaw-Monywa 120 miles and Monywa-Mandalay 86 miles but the length of Kalay-Kalewa road section is 23 miles and Kalewa-Monywa 115 miles via Yargyi Road. The access road to Mandalay via Yargyi road has 70 miles," added one of the passengers.—Kyemon-Lin Latt Kyei Sinn



Photo shows poor transport facility on Kalewa-Yargyi road section.

Educative talks on landmines given in Shwegyin Township

SGWEGYIN, 30 Oct— An educative talks on landmines, jointly organized by Social Welfare Department and Peace Myanmar Assistance Foundation (PMA), was held at Padegon village-tract in Shwegyin Township, Bago Region on 25 October.

Chairman of the Foundation Lt-Col Thant Zin (Retd) and mine experts educated around 200 local people about landmines, local-made mines and unexploded ordnance, and distributed pamphlets, charts and books. The team also gave talks on mines in Thanseik village-tract.

On 26-27 October, they disseminated knowledge on mines in three villages and a village-tract in Shwegyin Township.

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Myawady District in Kayin State on 26 October morning. The responsible persons and farmers attended the ceremony. The Head of District Agriculture Department explained the fruitful

results of Palethwe hybrid paddy plantation through GAP. The farmers viewed thriving Palethwe hybrid paddy plantation.

Kyemon (District Agriculture Department)



A thriving Palethwe hybrid paddy farm on Field Day in Myawady Township.

Bago gets mini book corner in region 13

BAGO, 30 Oct—A ceremony to open mini book corner was held in Kyunthaya Ward of region 13 in Bago on 26 October.

The ward administrator explained the purpose

of opening the mini book corner.

The ceremony was attended by ward authorities, town's elders and local people, totalling over 50.

Kyemon-Myo Thein (Bago)



WORLD

## Abe pledges nuclear safety as Japan wins bid to build Turkish plant



Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe (L) and Turkish Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan attend a joint Press conference in Istanbul on 29 Oct, 2013.

KYODO NEWS

ISTANBUL, 30 Oct — Prime Minister Shinzo Abe pledged on Tuesday to boost Japan's efforts to ensure the safety of nuclear power as one of its firms jointly won an order to build a Turkish atomic power plant, the first such order for a Japanese company since the Fukushima disaster.

Earlier in the day, Abe and Turkish Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan discussed promoting bilateral economic cooperation. Tokyo aims to increase Japanese exports of large infrastructure to Turkey and other emerging economies in areas such as energy, health care and agriculture. "Japan is responsible

for helping improve the safety of atomic power in the world by sharing its experience and lessons from the accident," Abe said at a joint Press conference following the summit in Istanbul, referring to the meltdowns at the Fukushima Daiichi plant following the March 2011 earthquake and tsunami in northeastern Japan.

Erdogan said Turkey needs nuclear power, showing his intent to call for more foreign investment in relevant projects.

During Abe's visit, a joint venture established by Mitsubishi Heavy Industries Ltd. and Areva SA of France reached agreement with the Turkish government on a project to construct a nuclear power plant with four advanced reactors in the Black Sea province of Sinop.—Kyodo News

## Dogged by dissent, Israel frees 26 Palestinian prisoners

WEST BANK, West Bank, 30 Oct — Israel freed 26 Palestinian prisoners on Wednesday, the second stage of a limited amnesty designed to help US-sponsored peace talks that have been dogged by divisions on both sides.

The inmates, convicted of murder in the killing of Israelis before or just after interim accords were signed two decades ago, were bussed from jail at midnight to welcoming parties in the occupied West Bank and the Gaza Strip.

Though thousands of Palestinians remain in Israeli custody, the releases could help the credibility of Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas's engagement with the Jewish state, which is scorned by armed Islamist Hamas rivals who rule Gaza.

Negotiations between



A released Palestinian prisoner reacts upon his arrival at the Erez crossing between Israel and the northern Gaza Strip on 30 Oct, 2013.—REUTERS

Abbas's administration and Israel resumed in Washington in July after a three-year halt. Held in secret, they have done little to reassure Palestinians who worry about Jewish settlement of the West Bank or Israelis who doubt Abbas could hold Hamas to any future peace agreement.

Yet neither side in the talks wants to disappoint an Obama administration which has ranked reconcil-

ing them as a top Middle East policy goal. Another is curbing Iran's disputed nuclear program, in which Israel sees a mortal menace.

"As one who spent most of his adult life fighting Palestinian terror, in Israel and abroad, this is no easy event for me," Israeli Defence Minister Moshe Yaalon said in a speech on Tuesday, referring to the prisoner release.

Reuters

## China to step up own security after new NSA allegations

BEIJING Oct — China will step up its security following allegations that the U.S. National Security Agency (NSA) collected data on millions of phone calls in Europe and snooped on leaders of major U.S. allies, the government said on Wednesday.

"Like many other countries, we have been paying close attention to these reports," Chinese Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Hua Chunying told a daily news briefing.

"China is concerned about the continued revelations of eavesdropping and surveillance and is paying attention to how the situation develops," she added.

"We will take the nec-

essary steps to resolutely maintain the security of our own information," Hua said, without elaborating.

The head of the NSA defended his beleaguered organization on Tuesday, saying it acts within the law to stop militant attacks and calling reports that the NSA collected data on millions of telephone calls in Europe false.

The White House has moved to limit some NSA programs, including one that monitored the cellphone of German Chancellor Angela Merkel.

Hua would not comment on whether China also carried out large-scale monitoring of overseas telephone calls, but the coun-

try's security services are widely believed to run a sophisticated tapping operation, at least domestically.

Foreign diplomats say that visiting officials frequently have to leave their mobile telephones and laptop computers or tablets at home when they travel to China, such are the concerns about Chinese surveillance and hacking.

The Chinese government is often accused, especially by the United States, of hacking into computer networks overseas, targeting both companies and government departments.

China consistently denies the accusations, saying it is one of the world's biggest victims of hacking.

Last week, China's main state broadcaster said one of its Twitter accounts had been hacked.—Reuters

## At least 8 killed in train, bus crash in Kenya

NAIROBI, 30 Oct — At least eight people were killed and several others were injured on Wednesday morning when a commuter train and a minibus collided in Kenya's capital, Nairobi, the Kenya Red Cross Society (KRCS) said.

KRCS spokesman Peter Outa said rescue op-



Photo shows female soldiers in S Korean special troops in training.

XINHUA

## 45 die after bus catches fire in India

NEW DELHI, 30 Oct.— Forty-five people died in a fire on a bus in India's southern state of Andhra Pradesh on Wednesday as it was transporting them between the IT centres of Bangalore and Hyderabad, the Press Trust of India reported.

PTI said the private luxury bus carrying 52

people burst into flames after its fuel tank hit a roadside culvert and caught fire in Palem village in Mahbubnagar district, about 100 kilometers from Hyderabad, at 5:10 am.

Five passengers, the driver and a cleaner of the bus managed to escape with burn injuries and were undergoing treatment at

different hospitals, police told PTI.

Among the passengers who boarded the overnight bus in Bangalore on Tuesday night were some software engineers who were going to Hyderabad to celebrate Diwali (festival of lights) with their families, it said.

"It seems the bus was traveling at a high speed when its fuel tank hit the roadside culvert and caught fire. The passengers in the bus were burnt beyond recognition. The entire bus has been gutted," a senior police officer was quoted as saying. Initial reports said that the central locking system of the luxury bus jammed preventing people from getting out of the door and windows.

Xinhua

Kyodo News



A mobile phone simulating a call to German Chancellor Angela Merkel next to a tablet computer showing the logo of the United States' National Security Agency (NSA) is seen in this multiple exposure picture illustration taken in Frankfurt October 28, 2013.

REUTERS

## SCIENCE &amp; TECHNOLOGY

## Apple's results disappoint ahead of holiday quarter

NEW YORK, 30 Oct — Apple Inc's profit and margins slid despite selling 33.8 million iPhones in its September quarter, and greater China revenue climbed just 6 percent even though two smartphone models hit store shelves in its second-largest market last month. The unremarkable quarterly numbers prompted some disappointed investors to cash in recent gains in the stock, which slid 5 percent at one stage after-hours on Monday. Wall Street had hoped for a stronger beat on quarterly sales after the company predicted in Sep-

tember that its revenue and margins would come in at the high end of its own forecasts.

Chief Executive Tim Cook predicted a "really great" holiday season: a crucial time for Apple as its new iPads go up against Amazon.com Inc's Kindle Fire and its new iPhones compete with lower-cost gadgets made by Samsung Electronics and other rivals using Google Inc's Android software. Sources have said demand for Apple's \$100 cheaper, brightly hued iPhone 5C lagged sales for the top-tier 5S, spur-

ring concerns about the iPhone's market positioning and its ability to compete with a growing profusion of lower-cost rivals. The iPhone 5C is available in the United States starting at \$99 with a contract, or \$549 for an unlocked model with no contract.

In particular, some investors worry Apple may have missed a chance to jumpstart sales and fend off Samsung in China with an even more affordable phone. The company has ceded ground steadily to Samsung and homegrown competition like Huawei

and Lenovo, but needs to stake out a bigger spot in the world's top cellular market to rekindle growth. Revenue from China, Hong Kong and Taiwan climbed just 6 percent to \$5.7 billion in the quarter, despite the 5C and 5S going on sale in September. The previous-generation iPhone 5 began selling in the country only in December, meaning comparisons should have benefited from a more typical year-ago quarter, analysts said.

Sales grew by about 24 percent from the previous quarter, or by about \$1.1



billion. But that lagged the roughly \$1.4 billion that Apple managed to tack on in the December quarter of 2012. "It does raise the question, how well is Apple doing really, in China?" said JMP Securities analyst Alex Gauna. "Apple is a very healthy company," he added. But "if you look at

the last few quarters, and even with the guide, it's not much of a growth company." Cook told analysts on a conference call that results from China were "pretty good" but acknowledged room for improvement. "We obviously want to do better," he said.

Reuters

## Adobe data breach more extensive than previously disclosed



Adobe company logos are seen in this picture illustration taken in Vienna on 9 July, 2013.—REUTERS

BOSTON, 30 Oct — Adobe Systems Inc said on Tuesday that the scope of a cyber-security breach disclosed nearly a month ago was far bigger than initially reported, with attackers obtaining data on more than 38 million customer accounts. The software maker also said that hackers had stolen part of the source code to Photoshop editing software that is widely used by professional photographers. The company disclosed the breach on 3 October, saying

attackers took credit card information and other data from nearly 3 million customers' accounts.

Adobe also said that the hackers accessed an undisclosed number of Adobe IDs and encrypted passwords that were stored in a separate database. On Tuesday, it revealed that about 38 million records from that database were stolen. On 3 October, the company also reported that the attackers stole source code to three other products:

Acrobat, ColdFusion and ColdFusion Builder. Adobe spokeswoman Heather Edell said the software maker believes the attackers also obtained access to "many invalid Adobe IDs, inactive Adobe IDs, Adobe IDs with invalid encrypted passwords and test account data."

She said the company is still investigating to determine how much invalid account information was breached and is in the process of notifying affected users. Even though the company believes the stolen passwords were encrypted, the attackers may have been able to access them in plain text by one of several methods, including breaking the algorithm that Adobe used to scramble them, said Marcus Carey, a security researcher and expert on cyber attacks, who formerly worked as an investigator with the National Security Agency.—Reuters

## Motorola aims for do-it-yourself smartphones

SAN FRANCISCO, 30 Oct — Motorola wants to let consumers design their own smartphones.

The Google-owned manufacturer has launched Project Ara to create a free, open and standardized platform to let people pick and choose the components they want in their phones, Motorola said in a blogpost this week. The goal is to create a standard endoskeleton, or frame, that

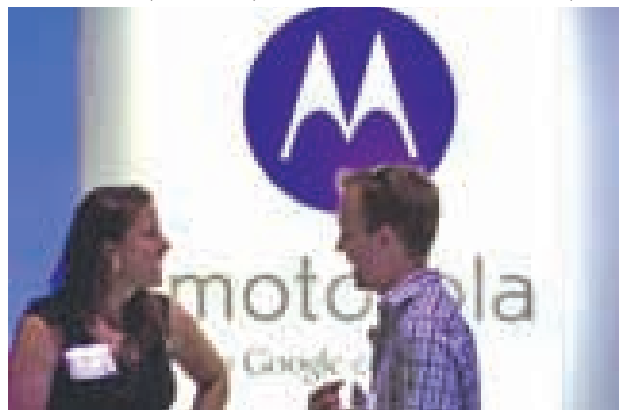
can hold different modules, like extra-powerful processors, additional batteries or memory chips for storing more music, all based on the customer's preferences.

"Our goal is to drive a more thoughtful, expressive, and open relationship between users, developers, and their phones.

To give you the power to decide what your phone does, how it looks, where and what it's made of, how

much it costs, and how long you'll keep it," Motorola said. Motorola's vision of do-it-yourself smartphones builds on parent company Google's success with its widely used Android smartphone platform, which it offers for free and allows manufacturers to customize. Android also gives people more leeway to tweak the features on their smartphones than Apple's iOS platform offers to iPhone users.

Motorola said it has been working on Project Ara for over a year and that it recently teamed up with Phonebloks, an open source project that has also been working on creating modular smartphone components that can be easily replaced. The announcement of Ara follows Motorola's launch earlier this year of the Moto X smartphone, which lets customers choose the colors of the front and back panels and buttons.—Reuters



A man and woman laugh in front of a Motorola logo at a launch event for Motorola's new Moto X phone in New York, on 1 Aug, 2013.—REUTERS

## Partial solar eclipse expected in Nigeria

ABUJA, 30 Oct — A partial solar eclipse will occur on Sunday in different parts of Nigeria, Africa's most populous nation, a top government official said on Tuesday.

The director-general in charge of National Space Research and Development Agency (NASRDA) Seidu Mohammed disclosed this reporters in Abuja, the country's capital city. Eclipse is an astronomical event that occurs when an astronomical object is temporarily obscured.

This occurs either by passing into the shadow of

another body or by having another body pass between it and the viewer as seen from the earth. Mohammed advised Nigerians not to panic unnecessarily as nothing untoward would happen on that day.

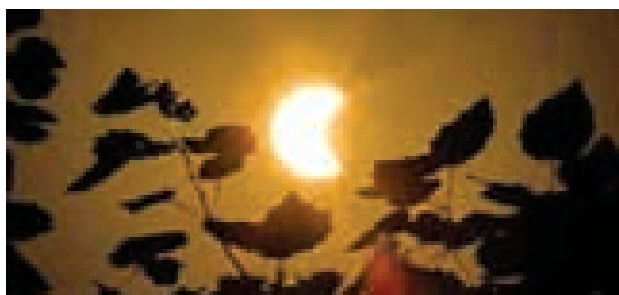
The director told reporters that the partial eclipse would not affect the airspace but advised Nigerians not to think that the world would come to an end because of the occurrence.

He advised Nigerians to wear sunglasses to view the occurrence, adding that the measure would protect

their eyes from damage that might arise. The agency would provide such glasses for some Nigerians, especially children and selected Nigerians, he added. He said that the entire African continent would be affected by the partial eclipse, while some other parts of the

world would witness total eclipse. Mohammed urged Nigerians to go about their normal businesses as such occurrences happened occasionally. He said that partial eclipse would occur in April 2014, March 2015 and September 2016.

Xinhua



## British man charged with hacking US military networks

NEW YORK, 30 Oct — A British man has been arrested in England and charged by the United States and Britain with hacking into US government computer systems, including those run by the military, to steal confidential data and disrupt operations, authorities said. Lauri Love and three co-conspirators allegedly infiltrated thousands of systems including those of the Pentagon's Missile Defence Agency, the US Army Corps of Engineers, the US space agency NASA

and the US Environmental Protection Agency, according to a US grand jury indictment made public on Monday.

Love, 28, and the unnamed co-conspirators, including two in Australia and one in Sweden, then left "back doors" in the networks to later retrieve data, and intended that their activity "disrupt the operations and infrastructure of the United States government," according to the indictment.

Reuters



## BUSINESS &amp; HEALTH

## Kids need help returning to school after concussions

NEW YORK, 30 Oct —After a concussion, it can be difficult for children to learn new things or remember old things. Parents, pediatricians and school staff need to be able to make adjustments to suit the child for a few weeks or sometimes longer, a new statement from the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) says. Concussions are a relatively new concern. Most regulations and guidelines have focused on athletes returning to play, since that has been the most high-profile issue, Dr Cynthia Devore said. Fewer have addressed kids returning to learning.

Devore is one of the lead authors of the new clinical report, which offers guidance for pediatricians on getting kids back to school after a concussion but is not an absolute mandate. It is published in *Pediatrics*. “Pediatricians can help families and kids understand their symptoms following concussion and guide them in limiting activities,” said Devore,

a pediatrician from Rochester, New York. School nurses, psychologists and counselors can also help children make a gradual return to academics, she told *Reuters Health*. Physical, mental and emotional rest are key for concussion recovery, Devore said.

After a concussion, kids should avoid bright lights, computer screens and noisy environments, according to the report. If they are having trouble concentrating for 30 minutes straight, they should stay home from school and limit computer and videogame time and text messaging.

Parents should coordinate with schools to make sure learning adjustments are made when the child returns. Concussions can make learning tough, and trying to learn with a concussed brain can make recovery time longer, the statement says. The AAP councils involved in the report recommend a team-based strategy for adults who manage the child.

*Reuters*

## China’s drug websites warned off ephedrine products

BEIJING, 30 Oct — China’s drug watchdog has reiterated that online drug vendors may not sell compound preparations or prescription drugs containing ephedrine, in the latest effort to regulate drug sales online.

According to a circular released on Tuesday by the China Food and Drug Administration, qualifications in Internet drug trading services are required for pharmaceutical producers or trading enterprises to conduct online drug business, and high-street drug retailers must check and register the identities of those who buy compound preparations or prescription drugs with ephedrine.

The circular was issued

after the watchdog found more more than 2,000 Chinese websites to be allegedly involved in selling drugs illegally two weeks ago. In addition, high-street drug retailers are also prohibited from showcasing or promoting ephedrine-based drugs to consumers on drug trading websites, the circular added.

Under China’s food and drug regulation, online drug vendors must be approved by authorities.

They may only sell over-the-counter drugs at present, and online sales of prescription drugs and those containing ephedrine are prohibited. Ephedrine is the primary ingredient in methamphetamine.

*Xinhua*



The 17-year-old girl Xu Jianmei, whose face was disfigured in a fire in 2011, has received “Face Off” operation successfully in Fujian, on 29 Oct, 2013. —XINHUA

## Hyundai Motor to recall 103,214 Genesis sedans in Korea

SEOUL, 30 Oct — Hyundai Motor Co (005380.KS) plans to recall 103,214 Genesis sedans in South Korea to address potential brake problems, the third recall for the automaker in its home market this year. The recall follows a similar one for 27,500 Genesis large-sized sedans in the United States last week due to the same issue. The Genesis model, which is a key offering in Hyundai’s efforts to go upmarket, is built only in South Korea.

South Korea and the United States are among Genesis’ top-selling markets. The cars to be recalled were built from December 24, 2007 through 16 March, 2012. The problem lies in a potential reduction in brake effectiveness caused by corrosion in antilock brake

system modules, South Korea’s transport ministry said.

Last month, Hyundai Motor and its affiliate Kia Motors (000270.KS), which together rank fifth in global auto sales, said they were recalling about 660,000 vehicles in South Korea to fix a faulty brake

switch in the nation’s biggest vehicle recall in at least a decade.

In April, Hyundai and Kia recalled more than 1.8 million vehicles in the United States because of the same issue, triggering a series of smaller recalls in other markets such as Korea and China. —*Reuters*



An employee of Hyundai Motor walks past the company’s luxury sedan ‘Genesis’ displayed for visitors after its annual general meeting of stockholders at the automaker’s headquarters in Seoul on 11 March, 2011.

*REUTERS*

## Vitamin D supplements may not increase bone density

NEW YORK, 30 Oct — People over the age of 50 often take vitamin D supplements thinking they’re making their bones stronger and preventing osteoporosis. But a new review of past studies finds the supplements don’t usually increase bone density. And researchers said they aren’t necessary for most healthy adults. Among people with osteoporosis, bones become weak and fragile due to the loss of bone density that often comes with aging. Fragile bones are more likely to break. A common prevention strategy is to take calcium and vitamin D supplements.

Vitamin D is needed for the body to absorb calcium. But it’s not common-

ly found in foods, unless they’re fortified, like most milk. The body makes vitamin D after skin is exposed to sunlight. Although calcium is necessary for strong bones, there has been some concern about the safety of taking calcium supplements. “Recent evidence has indicated that calcium, with or without vitamin D, probably increases the risk of heart attacks,” Dr Ian Reid told *Reuters Health* in an email. “Therefore, there is a renewed interest in the value of using vitamin D alone for optimizing bone health,” Reid added. He is a professor of medicine at the University of Auckland in New Zealand and the lead author of the new study.

Reid and his colleagues collected 23 past studies on vitamin D and bone density and re-analyzed their findings. The studies included a total of 4,082 participants. The participants were in their late 50s, on average, and 92 percent of them were women. The researchers found vitamin D supplements at any dose didn’t make much of a difference for bone density. “We were surprised at the large number of carefully conducted studies which did not disclose any benefit to bone density from vitamin D supplements, even when the baseline levels of vitamin D in the study subjects were quite low,” Reid said.

The results were pub-

lished in *The Lancet*. Each of the studies measured bone density at between one and five sites on the body, like the spine, hip and forearm.

Across the studies, there were 70 separate measurements of bone density at a particular site before and after participants took vitamin D supplements. Of those, six showed some benefit tied to supplement use, two showed bone loss and the rest found no effect of vitamin D. There was no difference comparing vitamin D2 and D3, the two forms normally sold as supplements. Reid said he finds the current evidence that calcium supplements increase the risk of heart attacks to be persuasive.

*Reuters*

## Smokers’ skin may age faster

NEW YORK, 30 Oct — Smokers are likely to get bags under their eyes and wrinkles around their lips earlier than non-smokers, according to a new study of identical twins. Judges who didn’t know which twin smoked said the smoker looked older 57 percent of the time. That pattern held when both twins were smokers but one had smoked for many years longer than the other. “Smoking makes you look old. That’s all there is to it,” Dr Elizabeth Tanzi said. “Besides lung cancer, heart attacks and strokes, just one more good reason to stop smoking is that it’s definitely making you look a lot older,” she told *Reuters Health*.

Tanzi is a dermatologist at the Washington Institute of Dermatologic Laser Surgery and George Washington University Medical Centre. She was not involved in the new study but said it confirms what she and others see in practice. The findings are based on standardized photos of 79 pairs of identical twins taken at the Twins Days Festival in Twinsburg, Ohio. Dr Bahman Guyuron from Case Western Reserve University and University Hospitals of Cleveland and his colleagues showed the photos to three trained judges, then asked them to grade each person’s wrinkles and age-related facial features.

*Reuters*

## On healthcare, spying, questions on what Obama knew and when



*US President Barack Obama pauses while he speaks about immigration reform in the East Room at the White House in Washington, on 24 Oct, 2013.*

REUTERS

WASHINGTON, 30 Oct — To his critics, President Barack Obama often has seemed to be conveniently distant when trouble has hit his administration.

But on Tuesday, Obama

was hit with a public-relations crisis that struck at the core of his domestic and foreign policy — one that raised questions about whether he had misled Americans on his signature healthcare overhaul, and whether he really was unaware of the US government's alleged spying on its allies.

It was a dramatic twist for the Democratic president, who was widely seen as outflanking Republicans during the budget battles that led to a partial government shutdown and a near-default by the US government this month. Until this week, most of the discussion in Washington on the "Obamacare" health insurance program focused on its clumsy rollout, as symbolized by a balky website that is frustrating uninsured Americans' efforts

to enroll in the programme. But several media reports on Tuesday raised questions about whether the administration was completely truthful in selling the programme to Americans four years ago, after Obama was first elected president.

The latest flap dates to a pledge that Obama made in 2009 about the healthcare initiative that remains the biggest achievement of his nearly five years in office.

"If you like your healthcare plan, you'll be able to keep your healthcare plan, period," he told the American Medical Association in Chicago on 15 June, 2009, a mantra he has repeated regularly — including during his 2012 re-election, when Republicans were saying that the law would force millions of Americans to lose their insurance.—Reuters

## Italian Senate committee delays decision on Berlusconi vote

ROME, 30 Oct — An Italian Senate Committee on Tuesday postponed a decision on whether a vote to expel former Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi from the upper house should be secret, further delaying the moment when his political fate will be sealed.

The vote in the full Senate will decide the future of the billionaire media magnate, who has dominated Italian politics for the past two decades. Another Senate committee recommended earlier this month that Berlusconi, 77, should lose his seat following a conviction for tax fraud.

A meeting to decide on the voting procedure, scheduled for Tuesday, was suspended until Wednesday to allow the Senate to vote on measures cutting public administration spending.

Berlusconi's center-right loyalists have been fighting a running battle to delay or block a vote on his Senate expulsion, ever since the supreme court in August confirmed his fraud conviction. They want a secret vote in the hope that some rebels from the other parties may support him in defiance of their leaders.

The Senate is dominated by Berlusconi opponents

from leftist groups including the Democratic Party, which rules with the media magnate's centre-right in an awkward governing coalition, and the anti-establishment 5-Star Movement. So the Senate is expected to vote to strip him of his seat.

The conviction involved a massive fraud at Berlusconi's Mediaset broadcasting empire. The supreme court sentenced him to four years in jail —commuted to one year under a previous general amnesty. He has asked to serve the sentence doing community service. The decision over his future has

## Mexico's president to pardon indigenous teacher under new law

MEXICO CITY, 30 Oct—Mexican President Enrique Peña Nieto said on Tuesday that an indigenous teacher imprisoned for the slayings of seven policemen would be the first person he would pardon under a new law widening the scope of executive reprieves. Alberto Patishtan was arrested in 2000 for the murder of the policemen, who were killed in an ambush in Chiapas state.

He was convicted in 2002 and sentenced to 60 years in prison, but denies committing the crime. Human rights groups say he was imprisoned on trumped-up charges. Peña Nieto said via his Twitter account that he would pardon Patishtan on Thursday, as soon as the new law takes effect.



*Mexico's President Enrique Peña Nieto speaks during a welcome ceremony for Ireland's President Michael D. Higgins at the National Palace in Mexico City on 21 Oct, 2013.—REUTERS*

The lower house of Congress approved the law expanding the reach of presidential pardons earlier on Tuesday to encompass prisoners whose human rights have been violated.

Few crimes in Mexico

are successfully investigated and prosecuted, while police are frequently accused of manufacturing evidence or extracting confessions through torture in order to gain convictions.

Reuters



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

REUTERS

been one of the most sensitive issues facing Prime Minister Enrico Letta's

left-right coalition, which came close to collapsing last month when Berlusconi

pulled his ministers out of the government.

Reuters

## Futenma US air refueling aircraft to move to Iwakuni in 2014

TOKYO, 30 Oct — Japan and the United States have agreed to move all US military aerial refueling tankers at a US base in Okinawa to one in western Japan in 2014, sources close to the matter said on Wednesday.

The 15 tankers currently at the US Marine Corps' Futenma Air Station in the southern island prefecture will be moved to the Marines' Iwakuni base in Yamaguchi Prefecture despite opposition from municipal governments in

Yamaguchi.

The move is aimed at helping to pave the way for the construction of a replacement facility in northern Okinawa for the Futenma base.

It is hoped that by reducing the burden on the people of Okinawa from the US military presence, it will be easier to win authorization from the Okinawa prefectural government for a landfill in a coastal area for the envisioned future facility.

Kyodo News

LIMA, 30 Oct — Peru's Prime Minister Juan Jimenez said on Tuesday he is leaving President Ollanta Humala's government and that other cabinet changes will soon be announced by his successor — a local governor and former business manager. Jimenez, a human rights lawyer, said in a televised interview that he will be replaced by Cesar Villanueva, the regional president of the northern department of San Martin.

"Every cabinet has its end," Jimenez told journalist Alvarez Rodrich on local cable channel ATV.

## Peru PM Jimenez resigns, more cabinet changes pending

Jimenez declined to say who else might be resigning as part of an expected cabinet shuffle this week — more than a month before ministerial changes typically made in December.

Sources told Reuters that Finance Minister Luis Miguel Castilla and Energy and Mines Minister Jorge Merino would likely keep their positions as they have since the start of Humala's government in July of 2011.

Castilla, a favorite of investors, has been rumored for months to have been planning to resign, despite repeatedly denying that he

had any intention to do so.

Villanueva, widely respected and known as an efficient administrator, will be Humala's fourth prime minister. Humala's first year in power was marked by anti-mining protests in Peru's mineral-rich Andes that turned deadly. Jimenez presided over a 15-month period of relative calm in the Andean country that is rife with social conflicts and disputes over natural resources. A source close to the government told Reuters that Humala chose Villanueva because of his influence in Peruvian provinces, where

poverty rates remain high despite sizable proceeds from mining and energy projects. Jimenez's announced departure follows criticism of him after he appeared to dismiss concerns about crime as mere "hysteria."

Polls regularly show that controlling crime is a top priority for Peruvians.

The popularity rating for Humala, a former military officer elected on promises to spread the benefits of Peru's robust economic growth rates more broadly, has dipped to the lowest levels of his presidency in recent months.—Reuters



LOCAL NEWS

## H&T Ministry organizes hotels and lodgings security course in Bago



Officials give lectures on hotels and lodgings security.

BAGO, 30 Oct—Ministry of Hotels and Tourism held the hotels and lodgings security course No 1/2013 at Phyo Pyinnya Dana Hall on Shwemawdaw Pagoda Road in Bago on 28 October. It was attended by supervisor U Than Win of

### Security

Bago Region and Mon State Hotels and Tourism Services of Ministry of Hotels and Tourism, Commander of Bago District Police Force Police Lt-Col Aye Than, entrepreneurs and staff of hotels and lodgings totalling 120.

The district police commander explained the training course on security measures to be conducted for five days.

In-charge U Than Win of the Ministry of Hotels and Tourism explained the purpose of conducting the training course.

MMAL-Thant Zin

### National Disaster

## Heavy rains cause floods in Zeyathiri Township

ZEYATHIRI, 30 Oct—Heavy rains and overflows of Palaung Creek and Hsinthay Creek in Zeyathiri Township caused inundation at five villages in three village-tracts of the township on 28 October.

A total of 465 houses were in two feet deep water but there was no casualties and damages in the inundation.

Member of Nay Pyi

Taw Council Dr Paing Soe and local authorities gave a helping hand to the local people who faced floods.

Yezin Dam has 439 feet deep water at full brim. On 28, the dam has scored 428.1 feet deep of water. Paunglaung Dam scores full brim of water at 623.35 feet. On 28 October, it has reached 628.47 feet deep of water.

MMAL-Township GAD

## Inter-village bridge damaged in erosion



TATKON, 30 Oct—A wooden bridge linking East Shwemyo Village and Thabyechaung Village was damaged in erosion of water.

Member of Nay Pyi Taw Council U Myint Shwe, together with officials of Township DAC and TSC inspected the damages of the bridge on 28 October

afternoon. There were 2.47 inches of rainfall in Tatkon Township on 27 October.

Overflow of Hsinthay Creek in torrent eroded the 350 feet long wooden bridge. Thus, 60 feet long section of the bridge was damaged in the water erosion.

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## International rubber research development team visits rubber farms in Thanbyuzayat



Rubber researchers visit quality rubber farm in Thanbyuzayat Township.

THANBYUZAYAT, 30 Oct—Myanmar Rubber Producers Association and International Rubber Research and Development Board held a workshop on rubber industry development for small rubber farms at Mon State Hall in Mawlamyine of

Mon State on 23 and 24 October.

Local and foreign resource persons read 14 papers and discussed them.

It was attended by 831 producers and rubber farmers from Mon and Kayin States and Bago Region.

Accompanied by Chairman of Myanmar Rubber Producers Association U Aung Myint Htoo and executives, the research team observed the quality rubber farm in Thanbyuzayat Township on 24 October afternoon.

They also met with Staff Officer Daw Moh Moh Khin of Township Industrial Crops Development Department, township rubber producers association vice-chairman U Aung Shwe and executives and rubber growers.

They discussed collection of rubber latex, systematic feeding of fertilizers with the local farmers.

They also viewed collection of rubber latex at Yaysethsaung rubber farm in Kyonkadat Village of Thabyuzayat Township.

The International Rubber Research development Team comprised 12 members of France, Malaysia, Thailand and Indonesia from Europe and Asia.

MMAL-Kyaw Win (Thanbyuzayat)

## Shan State Additional Red Cross Supervisory Committee holds coord meeting in Kengtung

KENGTUNG, 30 Oct—Shan State (East) Additional Red Cross Supervisory Committee held a coordination meeting at its office in Kengtung on 23 October.

Chairman of the committee Additional Head of Shan State Health Department Dr Win Kyaw made a speech.

Members of the supervisory committee

discussed business of earning income, voluntary tasks of red cross members of Shan State (East) to Rakhine State, cash assistance for three Red Cross members in their voluntary tasks and

conducting of training course for red cross to increase more members.

The meeting ended with remarks by the chairman of the Additional Supervisory Committee of Red Cross.

MMAL-Naing Naing Aung Wai



Residences in Ward 6 of Kyaukme Township of Shan State (North) flooded by Namsaunggaung Creek due to heavy rains on 28 October.

MMAL-MAUNG MAUNG (KYAUKME)

## Flood victims evacuated to safer places in Shan State

NAY PYI TAW, 30 Oct—Zawgyi Creek was swollen Zawgyi and Ottantada Wards in Yaksawk in Shan State on 27 October when the heavy rains hit the region.

Four feet deep water inundated the residences.

Military servicemen

and departmental personnel provided packets of food and health care services to 819 local people.

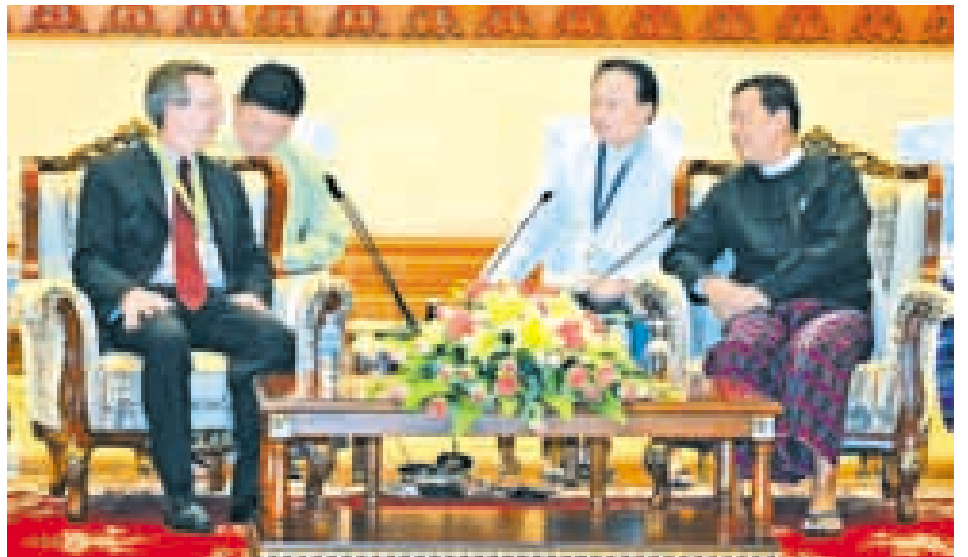
A total of 21 people from five households were evacuated to the safer places.

Myawady

NATIONAL

**Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker receives US guests**

NAY PYI TAW, 30 Oct—Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann received a delegation led by Mr Scot Marciel, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of the East Asia and Pacific Affairs, Department of State of the US, at Zabuthiri hall of the Hluttaw building, here, this evening.



Present at the call together with the Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker were Pyithu Hluttaw Committee chairpersons U Maung Maung Thein and U Thein Swe, committee member Dr Win Myint, commission member Daw Aye Aye Mu and officials from the Hluttaw

Office. The US delegation was accompanied by US Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Derek Mitchell.—MNA

*Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann receives Mr Scot Marciel, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of the East Asia and Pacific Affairs, Department of State of US.—MNA*

**Pyidaungsu and Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker meets USDP members**

NAY PYI TAW, 30 Oct—Speaker of Pyidaungsu and Pyithu Hluttaw Thura U Shwe Mann met 160 members of Kyunhla Township

Union Solidarity and Development Party of Shwebo District of Sagaing Region, 267 USDP members of Thayawady and Letpadan

Townships from Bago Region (West) and 222 USDP members of Pindaya Township of southern Shan State who observed the 7<sup>th</sup> day

session of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw, at Zabuthiri Hall of Hluttaw Complex today. The observers visited the Hluttaw buildings.—MNA

**Union FM receives US guests, Indian Chief of the Army Staff**

NAY PYI TAW, 30 Oct—Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Wunna

Maung Lwin received a delegation led by Mr. Scot Marciel, Principal Deputy

Assistant Secretary, Bureau of the East Asia and Pacific Affairs, Depart-

ment of State of the US at his office here today.

At the meeting, they discussed matters related to bilateral relations and cooperation between the two countries.

The Union Minister also received a goodwill delegation led by General Bikram Singh, Chief of the Army Staff of the Republic of India.

At the meeting, they exchanged views on promoting the existing relations and cooperation. The Indian General and party will pay a good visit to Myanmar from 29 October to 2 November.—MNA



*Union Minister U Wunna Maung Lwin greets Mr. Scot Marciel, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of US Department of State.—MNA*

**Acting Union Minister for Education receives Country Manager of WB, President of AMCWA**

NAY PYI TAW, 30 Oct—Acting Union Minister for Education Dr Myo Myint received Country Manager of World Bank Mr Kanthan Shankar at his office, here, yesterday. They had a cordial discussion on fellowship programme of the basic education sector through free interest loan of US\$ 60 million by International Development Association of World Bank and implementation of projects on providing stipends and assessment of reading skills under kindergarten level children.



*Acting Union Minister for Education Dr Myo Myint meets Country Manager of World Bank Mr Kanthan Shankar and party.—MNA*

He also received a delegation led by President Mr Yoichi YAMAGUCHI of Asian Maternal and Child Welfare Association at the same venue, this morning.

The Acting Union Minister explained educational reform in Myanmar, multifaceted education assessment, engagement in vocational education, child

development first aid and child care by mother. They discussed educational cooperation with Asian Maternal and Child Welfare Association and the Ministry of Edu-

cation. Also present at the calls were Director-General U Ko Ko Tin of Education Planning and Training Department and officials.—MNA

PERSPECTIVES

Thursday, 31 October, 2013

**Equitable development**

Due to the development gaps of our country, internal migrant is significant with significant number of crowd moving into the key development centres such as Yangon, Nay Pyi Taw and other potential development centres. The migration leaves remote areas with no adequate workforce of young people, making the local economies defunct. Though, the international migration has both welcome and adverse impacts.

There are two different views over the international migration and development of our country. The traditional one—proved to be a failure by local development projects over the past few years—is that the nation needs equitable development with dispersed development centres in each region. The previous government established factories and initiated local development projects in each and every corner of the country. But the projects fall prey to poor transportation and poor access to electricity and other resources.

Some economists have recommended that one or two development centres are adequate for the country like Myanmar, letting more internal migration and distributing wealth then to other parts of the nation gradually. But it would also means that the currently less—or least—developed parts of the country would remain poor albeit the hope for betterment in the future. And these areas are mostly occupied by ethnic people. Thus, we should also take it into great consideration.

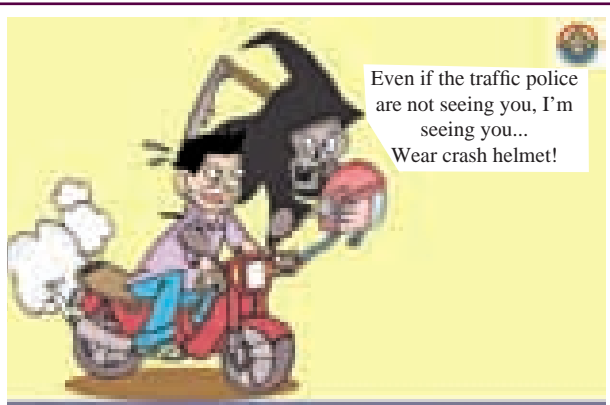
With initiation of development centres such as huge special economic zones, the potential development centres have taken shape. We would see more internal migration in the near future. And we should not waste any time to initiate plans to share wealth to the every nook and corner of our country for genuinely equitable development.

**Myanmar delegation leaves for PRC**

YANGON, 30 Oct—At the invitation of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the National People's Congress of the People's Republic of China, a Myanmar delegation led by Pyithu Hluttaw International Relations Committee Chairman U Hla Myint Oo left here by air this

morning for the PRC. The delegation was seen off at the Yangon International Airport by Pyithu Hluttaw International Relations Committee Secretary U Ko Ko Tun, officials from the Chinese Embassy and the Hluttaw Office.

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**Wear crash helmet while driving motorbike.**



NATIONAL

**Myanmar, India would not...**

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India matures in practice of democracy for a long time. Democratization process meets security problems and challenges. Tatmadaw desires peace. Only when peace is prevailing, will the nation develop. Thanks to decade-long amity and mutual trust between the two countries, border regions enjoy more peace and stability than any other regions, he added.

General Bikram Singh said that promoting mutual cooperation and relations would help support regional stability and world peace.

The Indian Army will make cooperation with Myanmar's army in border regions stability and development, disaster risk management and other emergency matters and health care in border regions, he reaffirmed.

Chairman of the Indian Chiefs of Staff Committee Air Chief Marshal NAK Browne paid a goodwill visit to Myanmar on November, 2012 and so did Indian Defence Minister Mr AK Antony in January, 2013.

Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing

also paid a goodwill visit to India in August 2012. It is General Bikram Singh's third visit to Myanmar. It is reported that he visits PyinOoLwin and other popular distinctions in Myanmar.

The meeting was also attended by Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Soe Win and senior military officers from the Office of Commander-in-Chief and Indian Army, the Indian Ambassador to Myanmar and the military attaché.

Myawady

**Deputy C-in-C welcomes Indian Army Chief**

NAY PYI TAW, 30 Oct —Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Soe Win welcomed Chief of the Army Staff of the Indian Army General Bikram Singh, PVSM, UYSM, AVSM, SM, VSM, ADC at Zeyathiri Beikman, here, this morning.

After the welcoming ceremony, the Deputy Commander-in-Chief held talks with the Indian Army Chief on bilateral relations between the two armies and further cooperation in border security.

Next, a Handing-Taking Over Ceremony of CDR & INFCOTT Software followed. The Indian Army Chief handed over CDR & INFCOTT Software to the Deputy Commander-in-Chief.

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Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Soe Win shaking hands with Chief of the Army Staff of the Indian Army General Bikram Singh, PVSM, UYSM, AVSM, SM, VSM, ADC.—MNA

**China Industry Expo showcases quality products**

YANGON, 30 Oct—The 2013 China Industry Expo-Myanmar kicked off at Tatmadaw Convention Hall on U Wisara Road in Dagon Township this morning.

The third expo of China showcases higher quality products at booths of companies than that of the previous expo.

Chief Minister of Yan-

gon Region U Myint Swe, Director-General Mr Han Shengjian of Trade Promotion Department of Chinese Ministry of Commerce, Director-General U Toe Aung Myint of Trade Promotion Department, Economic and Commercial Counsellor Mr Jiang Yingang of Chinese Embassy and Vice-President of UMFCICI U Zaw

Min Win opened the expo.

A total of 43 companies are displaying their products such as car and auto parts, heavy machinery and parts, electronic equipment, textile, glass and constructional materials, ceramic wares, personal and household goods at 60 booths. The exhibition lasts up to 1 November.—MNA

**Winners of first-day event of 23<sup>rd</sup> ASEAN Armies Rifle Meet awarded**

NAY PYI TAW, 30 Oct — A prize-presentation ceremony of the 23<sup>rd</sup> ASEAN Armies Rifle Meet for first-day events took place at Tatmadaw shooting range in PyinOoLwin this morn-

ing, attended by contestants and officials.

Col Myo Myint, in charge of the shooting range, and Lt-Col Abidin Bin Haji Timbang, team manager of Brunei shoot-



A senior military officer presents award to winner in 23<sup>rd</sup> ASEAN Armies Rifle Meet.—MWD



A senior military officer presents award to winner in 23<sup>rd</sup> ASEAN Armies Rifle Meet.

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ing team, presented prizes to Indonesian, Philippine and Singaporean shooting teams that stood first, second and third in pistol (men) event (1) and Indonesian, Vietnamese and Singaporean teams in machine

gun event (1). Shooting teams from Laos, Singapore, Malaysia, Cambodia and Indonesia left TadaU International Airport in Mandalay for home this afternoon.

Myawady

**Chief of Army Staff of the Indian Army, wife meet MWAFF officials**

NAY PYI TAW, 30 Oct—A goodwill delegation led by the wife of Chief of Army Staff of the Indian Army (CoAS) General Bikram Singh paid a call on officials from Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation (MWAFF) of Dekkhina District, Nay Pyi Taw Council Area, at the meeting hall of MWAFF this

morning. The wife of the Indian General presented gifts to MWAFF President Daw Mya Mya, General Secretary Dr Khin Mar Tun and CEC members. And, the MWAFF President also presented gifts to the Indian delegation members.

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**Monthly Weather Forecast for the Month of November, 2013**

**Bay of Bengal Condition**

Two Low Pressure Areas may form over the South Bay and one intensify into a depression. Weather is partly cloudy to cloudy in the Andaman sea and South Bay and partly cloudy elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

**Rain Condition**

Rain are expected above normal in Upper Sagaing Region and Kachin State and about normal in the remaining Regions and States.

about (11) to (13) days in the remaining Regions and States.

**Night temperature**

Night temperature will be above normal in Mandalay, and Ayeyawady Regions, Kachin, Rakhine and Kayah States and about normal in the remaining Regions and States.

**Fog Condition**

Fog days are expected about (18 to 20) days in Upper Sagaing Region, Kachin, Chin and Shan States and (15 to 17) days in the remaining Regions and States.—NLM

## Development

## Development of Danu Self-Administered Zone discussed

TAUNGGYI, 30 Oct—Union Ministers at the President Office U Soe Thane and U Tin Naing Thein met officials of township committees and ward/village development supportive committees for development of Danu Self-Administered Zone in Pindaya on 25 October morning.

Union Minister U Tin Naing Thein made a speech, saying that only when the people participated in regional development tasks, will success be achieved.

Chairmen of Pindaya

and Ywangan Township Management Committees and Township Development Supportive Committees reported on their respective work progress.

Next, township administrators, town's elders and supportive committees discussed regional developments.

The Union ministers reviewed their discussions. The meeting ended with remarks by Union Minister U Soe Thane.

*Kyemon-Shan State IPRD*

## Monument of Sayagyi Dagon Tar Yar to be posted

AMARAPURA, 30 Oct—U Tun Oo (Tun Oo Liteary House) of Mandalay plans to post a monument in memory of late Sayagyi Dagon Tar Yar in the precinct of Taunglaylon Monastery near Taungthaman Lake of Amarapura Township of Mandalay District.

The monument will

be posted on 19 November which falls on third month of the demise of the Sayagyi.

The monuments of Poets Tin Moe, Maung Chaw Nwe and Saya Hla Than can be seen in the precinct of Tuanglaylon Monastery.

*Kyemon-Thiha Ko Ko (Mandalay)*

## MPF launches emergency, complaint-handling phone lines

NAY PYI TAW, 30 Oct—Myanmar Police Force under the Ministry of Home Affairs has put hot lines into place at Myanmar Police Force HQ and region/state police stations to enable the public to submit tip-offs and complaints over illegal acts, misappropriation and corruption.

The public may reach the numbers for their information and complaints but are requested to avoid manners causing disruptions to these phone lines. Myanmar Police Force HQ, Nay Pyi Taw Police Force, Kachin, Kayah, Kayin, Chin, Mon, Rakhine and Shan State Police Forces, Sagaing, Taninthayi, Bago, Magway, Mandalay, Yangon and Ayeyawady Region Police Forces, Offices of Commanders of East, West, South and North District Police Forces in Yangon Region, No (1) Police Station in Taunggyi, Office of Deputy Commander

of State Police Force in Lashio, and Kengtung Police Station in Kengtung have emergency numbers of 199.

Phone numbers receiving complaints from the public are Myanmar Police Force HQ (067-412222 and 067-412444), Nay Pyi Taw Police Force (067-550333), Kachin State Police Force (074-21444), Kayin State Police Force (058-23355), Sagaing Region Police Force (071-24996), Tanin-thayi Region Police Force (059-23998), Bago Region Police Force (052-23999), Magway Region Police Force (063-28099), Mandalay Region Police Force (02-61444), Mon State Police Force (057-24987), Rakhine State Police Force (043-22833), Yangon Region Police Force (01-2302199), Shan State Police Force (081-2125455) and Ayeyawady Region Police Force (042-23844).

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## Kanbawza religious examination opened

TAUNGGYI, 30 Oct—Organized by Taunggyi Myole Dhammayon Board of Trustees organized the Thamanekyaw religious examination on 26 October.

It was attended by Presiding Nayaka of Sunlun Meditation School State Ovadaçariya Maha Kamathanaçariya Bhaddanta Aggadhamma-bhivamsa

and members of the Sangha, examination supervisor Sayadaw, exam candidate Sayadaws, Shan State ministers and officials, members of the Dhammayon Board of Trustees and wellwishers.

Chairman of the Dhammayon Board of Trustees U Sun Kyaing supplicated on arrange-

ments for holding the religious examination for the 15<sup>th</sup> time.

In 2012, a total of 5366 candidate monks and novices took the examination. This year, 833 members of the Sangha will sit for the examination.

Wellwishers from Taunggyi and examination organizing committee

sponsored the travelling and meals of the candidates.

Next, officials of Shan State government opened the examination.

The examination will run up to 29 October, and certificates will be offered to the candidates. Later, rice offering ceremony will follow.—*Kyemon-Thian Wai (Taunggyi)*

## Readers have access to free WiFi at Myeik District Library

MYEIK, 30 Oct—Information and Public Relations Department has opened village libraries and mini book corners for disseminating knowledge to the people.

Myeik District IPRD has installed ADSL Internet line with 1.0 Mbps for the people to have easy access to information across the world in time.

As of 5 October, the department is serving the readers and enthusiasts with free Internet through ADSL WiFi with the title of IPRD MYEIK.

Everybody may apply Internet at the library with the use of mobile phones and laptops in time.—



*Kyemon-Myeik District IPRD*

*Readers applying free WiFi Internet at Myeik District IPRD with their laptops.*

## Business

## Thai- and China-made motorcycles imported



*Motorcycles displayed at a shop of Mandalay market.*

MANDALAY, 30 Oct—Thai and Chinese motorcycle companies have opened in Mandalay one after another and imported marketable motorcycles.

As students and women prefer the motorcycles made in Thailand, so the companies import the motorcycles in competitiveness. Thus, the price of motorcycle down to K 1.2 million from K 1.5 million.

Although China-made motorcycles are cheaper than that of

Thai-made ones, its demand is low.

China-made motorcycles are sold at K 420,000 for Super Anbo, K 520,000 for Vanbo (C2J), K 485,000 for V Anbo 125 engine supepower, K 510,000 for Jialin 90C supercub and K 720,000 for Click.

Jianshe motorcycle company sell its motorcycles to basic education teachers through 24 times installment system.

*Kyemon-Thiha Ko (Mandalay)*

## Hairs of maize on high demand in market

HSIPAW, 30 Oct—Production of maize is boasting in Hsipaw Township of Shan State (North).

In September when the maize can be harvested, one bag of maize comprising 55 viss was sold at K 30000. At present, various regions of the nation transport maize to the market, so demand of the maize was down.

Thus, sale of maize reaches K 22000 per bag, according to Daw Wai Wai

Lwin of the crops brokerage in downtown Hsipaw.

Although the trading of maize is cold, the maize hairs is on high demand in the market.

A traditional medicine industry buys maize hairs at K 1000 per viss.

Thus, maize growers can earn income although the price of maize declines in the market.

*Kyemon-Sai (Hsipaw)*



*A girl sorting quality maize hairs.*

**Take preventive measures against DHF**



## REGIONAL

## S Korean lawmakers visit inter-Korean industrial zone

SEOUL, 30 Oct — A group of South Korean lawmakers crossed the border into North Korea on Wednesday to visit the inter-Korean industrial zone in the North's border city of Kaesong, South Korea's Unification Ministry said.

The 21 lawmakers from the parliamentary committee on foreign affairs and unification, accompanied by support personnel and journalists, crossed over into the North around 9:30 am and are slated to return around 4 pm, ministry spokeswoman Park Soo Jin told

a Press briefing.

"Their visit is aimed at further developing the Kaesong industrial zone and assess the situation that South Korean businesses face there," Park said.

All operations in Kaesong, which first began in 2004, came to a halt on April 8 when the North pulled out all of its 53,000 workers amid heightened tensions on the Korean Peninsula.

The zone, which combines South Korean capital and expertise with cheap North Korean labor, is a major symbol of inter-

Korean cooperation.

The lawmakers were accompanied by South Korean Vice Unification Minister Kim Nam Sik for protocol requirements, but Kim has no plan to meet with North Korean officials, according to the Unification Ministry, which handles ties with North Korea.

The visit is the first of its kind under the government of President Park Geun Hye, who took office in February this year.

Kyodo News



A group of South Korean lawmakers are pictured at an inter-Korean transit office in Dorasan, South Korea, before crossing the border into North Korea on 30 Oct, 2013, to visit the inter-Korean industrial zone in the North's border city of Kaesong.

KYODO NEWS

## Chinese mainland positive about cross-Strait meetings

BEIJING, 30 Oct — The Chinese mainland remains positive and open about a possible meeting between leaders on both sides of the Taiwan Strait, a mainland spokeswoman said on Wednesday.

Fan Liqing, State Council Taiwan Affairs Office spokeswoman, told a press conference that the mainland remains positive and open as long as a meeting is conducive to the peaceful development of cross-Strait relations.

Fan was responding to a question about the timing of a possible meeting between Xi Jinping, general secretary of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China and Ma Ying-jeou, chairman of Kuomintang.

In a Press conference held on 16 Oct, Fan was asked whether Taiwan leader Ma Ying-jeou should attend the informal economic leaders' meeting of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation next year in Beijing.

Xinhua

## Japan, S Korea eye vice defence ministerial talks in mid-Nov

TOKYO, 30 Oct — Japan and South Korea are arranging to hold a defence vice ministerial meeting in mid-November in Seoul to advance talks on a planned intelligence pact, a Japanese government official said on Wednesday. Japan's Defence Ministry has asked

the South Korean Ministry of National Defense to hold the meeting between Japanese Vice Defence Minister Masanori Nishi and his South Korean counterpart Baek Seung Joo on the sidelines of a vice ministerial meeting of Asian countries in Seoul.

If realized, it will be the first defence vice ministerial meeting between the two countries since November 2011. During the envisioned meeting, Tokyo is expected to urge Seoul to arrange the two countries' first defence ministerial meeting since June 2011 at an early date.

Japan is also expected to seek South Korea's understanding about domestic discussions on the exercise of the right of collective self-defence.

Kyodo News

## One dead, another wounded in S Philippine kidnap incident

COTABATO, (Philippines), 30 Oct — A body guard was killed, while another got injured as armed kidnappers seized an Indian mall owner on Tuesday night in the restive southern Philippine city of Cotabato, local authorities said on Wednesday.

Cotabato police chief Rolen Balquin said the kidnappers and the body guards of Mike Khemani, a rich mall owner, engaged in exchange of gunfire around 6:00 pm Tuesday as the kidnappers tried to seize Khemani. One body guard died and another was hurt in the fighting.

"Khemani was in his establishment when he was forcibly taken by gunmen

at gunpoint," said Balquin. Then, the kidnappers fled with the victim in a black Hyundai car which was recovered by policemen an hour later in nearby village.

Police and Marine elements have launched a city-wide manhunt against the suspects, Balquin said. According to the report of local witnesses, four of the suspects who wear police uniforms were last seen transferring to a motorboat.

Khemani operates three malls in Southern Philippines. He managed to escape two attempted kidnapping in 2009 and 2007. No one claimed responsibility for the latest kidnapping incident in the city.

Xinhua

## 3 killed, 4 injured in bomb blast in NE India

NEW DELHI, 30 Oct — At least three persons were killed and four others injured when a bomb exploded in the northeastern Indian state of Manipur's capital Imphal on Wednesday, a senior police officer said.

"The powerful bomb exploded at 6 am (local

time) at a bus stand in Imphal, which is near the state police headquarters. Two local persons died on the spot while another person succumbed to his injuries on way to hospital where four others have been admitted," he said, on condition of anonymity.—Xinhua



Yasutoshi Nishimura (front), senior vice minister at Japan's Cabinet Office, attends a counter-disaster conference involving Japan, China and South Korea in Seoul on 30 Oct, 2013.

KYODO NEWS

## Vietnam to host Mid-East, North Africa forum to push trade

HANOI, 30 Oct — Policy-makers and businesses from Vietnam, the Middle East and North Africa will gather in capital Hanoi on next Monday and Tuesday to seek ways for pushing cooperation, especially in economics, trade and investment.

Being one of the most important external economic events held in Vietnam in 2013, the forum demonstrates Vietnam's attention to economic ties with Middle East and North African countries, local daily Vietnam News reported Wednesday.

With a population of more than 520 million, the market would provide great

potential for Vietnamese manufacturers, said the report. Vietnam established diplomatic ties with most of the countries in the region. Two-way trade between Vietnam and the region hit 7.4 billion US dollars in 2012, up 87 percent over 10 years ago. Bilateral trade between Vietnam and some countries in the region surpassed 1 billion US dollars each year.

During the two-day meeting, guest businesses would be informed of Vietnam's economic policies and investment opportunities, while policy makers exchange views on how to boost ties and cooperation.

Xinhua



Photo taken on 29 Oct, 2013 shows the lights exhibited during the fair in Hong Kong, south China. The 15th Hong Kong International Lighting Fair (Autumn Edition) was held here from on 27 to 30 October.—XINHUA

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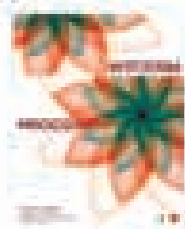


People visit a cultural relics preservation exhibition of the Three Gorges in the Chongqing China Three Gorges Museum in Chongqing, southwest China, on 29 Oct, 2013.—XINHUA

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**Asia Myanmar Consortium Development Co. Ltd  
Invitation for Open Tender**

Our AMCD Co.,Ltd have to do Bore Pile works at Kantharyar Consortium Tower Project where the corner of Kanyeikthar Road and U Aung Myat Road. Respectfully invite which interested experience Co., Ltd can contact the following address before 14<sup>th</sup>,October 2013; 5:00(pm).

**Remark; to attach completely company profile,working experience and machinery list.**

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**THE REPUBLIC OF THE UNION OF MYANMAR  
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TEXTILE INDUSTRIES  
INVITATION FOR OPEN TENDER**

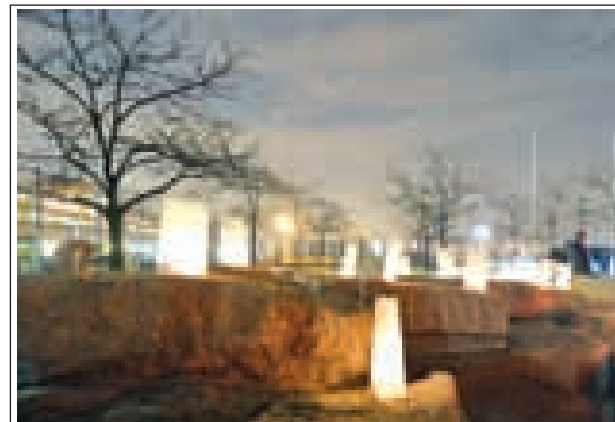
(Extention for tender closing date)

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](http://www.myanmarindustry2.com).

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



Candles are put on the rocks to memorize the victims of the Hurricane Sandy in front of the National Lighthouse Museum in the Staten Island in New York City, the United States, on 29 Oct, 2013. People in New York and New Jersey marked the first anniversary of Hurricane Sandy by various commemorative events.—XINHUA

**Cyprus, China sign agreement on protection of cultural property**

NICOSIA, 30 Oct — Cyprus and China signed here Tuesday a bilateral agreement for the prevention of the theft, the clandestine excavation and illicit import and export of cultural property between the two countries.

Chinese Deputy Culture Minister Li Xiaojie and Cypriot Communications and Works Minister Tasos Mitsopoulos signed the agreement on behalf of their respective governments.

The agreement tells

the ways of strengthening cooperation between the two countries in relation to the prevention of the theft, clandestine excavation and illicit import and export of cultural property, like the exchange of information, relevant legislation and good practices.

Mitsopoulos said after the signing ceremony this is a very important moment for Cyprus. He noted that Cyprus has suffered serious damage from illicit transport and the smuggling of its antiquities.

Li Xiaojie described the signing of the agreement as historic, noting that it constitutes a landmark in the history of the two countries' cultural exchanges and cooperation. Li said, "we will continue to step up our efforts for cooperation" and "enrich the cultural life of the two peoples." The agreement between the two countries was initialed on 8 May, 2008, and concerns Cypriot and Chinese antiquities from the prehistoric ages until the 20th century AD.—Xinhua

**Former Ivory Coast president Gbagbo to remain in custody**

THE HAGUE, 30 Oct—Former Ivory Coast president Laurent Gbagbo will remain in custody in The Hague until he is tried for charges of crimes against humanity, the International Criminal Court (ICC) said on Tuesday.

Gbagbo was arrested in April 2011 and transferred to the ICC's detention unit in The Hague on 30 November, 2011, following his arrest warrant on 23 November 2011.—Xinhua



ENTERTAINMENT

# Brad Pitt's Plan B and Paramount clash over 12 Years A Slave?



Ben Affleck is set to play Batman in Superman reboot sequel.

## Ben Affleck to direct and star in thriller set in Africa

LOS ANGELES, 30 Oct — Actor-director Ben Affleck, whose thriller *Argo* won the Best Picture Oscar this year, is all set to act and direct in an untitled action-thriller, set in Africa.

Affleck, who is also set to play Batman in *Superman* reboot sequel, is reteaming with Warner Bros for the film.

The 41-year-old actor and filmmaker will both star in and direct the project, based on a script by Will Staples, reported *Ace Showbiz*.

Affleck's friend and collaborator Matt Damon is producing the film with

Jennifer Todd under Pearl Street Films.

The film is "an examination of the moral ambiguities of how philanthropy and foreign assistance veers into modern day neo-colonialism" as it follows a group of hired mercenaries set to kill a warlord who has been victimising his own people.

The subject is said to be close to Affleck who has also signed on another project *Live by Night*, a period crime drama adapted from the best-selling novel by Dennis Lehane. Lehane wrote Affleck's *Gone Baby Gone*.—PTI

LOS ANGELES, 30 Oct— Trouble is reportedly brewing between Hollywood superstar Brad Pitt's production company Plan B and Paramount studio over *12 Years a Slave*.

Paramount executives believe that people at Pitt's company breached a deal with the studio by failing to offer them a chance to finance and distribute the award-contender, the *Hollywood Reporter* said quoting industry sources.

The actor and the studio have had a long relationship, collaborating most recently on zombie horror film *World War Z* but it seems that Pitt's company and the studio are headed for a confrontation over Steve McQueen directed

movie.

The film is co-financed by New Regency and distributed via Fox Searchlight, from a concept first discussed by Pitt with McQueen that he eventually co-wrote with writer John Ridley.

Under a position, Pitt's company is under contract to give Paramount the chance to come in on projects developed by Plan B.

The studio is reportedly contemplating on what steps to take in light of the alleged breach, with its chairman Brad Grey being deliberately misled, not by Pitt himself, but by Plan B executives.

Both parties declined to comment on the reported feud.—PTI



Paramount executives believe that people at Brad Pitt's company breached a deal with the studio.

## Judi Dench not ready to retire

LONDON, 30 Oct—Veteran actress Judi Dench has no plans to retire for the next couple of years.

The 78-year-old actress, who will be a year older in December, said her film career has just kicked off and she still has plenty more worthwhile roles

ahead of her, reported *Contactmusic*.

When asked about her turning 79 in December, she said, "Oh yes, but don't say that! That's an absolutely filthy thing to say. Don't say 'old', don't say 'retired'. I'm not even considering retiring."

The screen legend has recently undergone knee replacement surgery after

she was struck down with chronic pain for several weeks earlier this year, but she is adamant that she is on the road to recovery.

"I am fully recovered now. I don't want to make a big thing out of it. I'm doing the physio, and that's all fine. It's an extraordinary thing, knee replacement. How do they even set about it?," she added.—PTI



Judi Dench will turn 79 this December.

## Daniel Craig impresses in Broadway revival of 'Betrayal'

NEW YORK, 30 Oct—"Betrayal," Harold Pinter's drama about marital infidelity starring James Bond actor Daniel Craig and his real-life wife Rachel Weisz, is one of the hottest plays on Broadway and critics said on Monday it is worth the price of the ticket.

Craig, 45, plays the cuckolded Robert, while Weisz, a best supporting actress Oscar winner for 2005's "Constant Gardener," is Emma, the wife who betrays him by having a seven-year affair with his best friend.

The play, the first stage collaboration for the celebrity couple since their marriage, opened on Sunday night.

"Anyone who shelled out the big bucks to see James Bond in the flesh will get more than they bargained for in Mike Nichols' impeccable revival of 'Betrayal,'" said the trade publication *Variety*.

The *New York Daily News* praised Craig and Weisz, 43, for the star power they brought to the play, which also stars British actor Rafe Spall, 30, as the third part of the love triangle.

"The big-screen James Bond and the 'Constant Gardener' Oscar winner are smashing and sexy in Mike Nichols' graceful and stealthily devastating production of Pinter's

autobiographical play," it said.

The *Independent* newspaper of London described the production as a commercial phenomenon and tickets are selling on unofficial websites for more than \$650 each. The performances by Craig and Weisz, it added, "render it a *Betrayal* on fire."

"Nichols' crude and chaotic depiction of the love triangle is powerfully

compelling theatre — enhanced, one feels, by the real-life frisson supplied by the onstage sparring of Weisz and Craig," it said.

"Betrayal," which set a box-office record for its first week of preview performances, is based on Pinter's affair in the 1960s with British broadcaster Joan Bakewell.

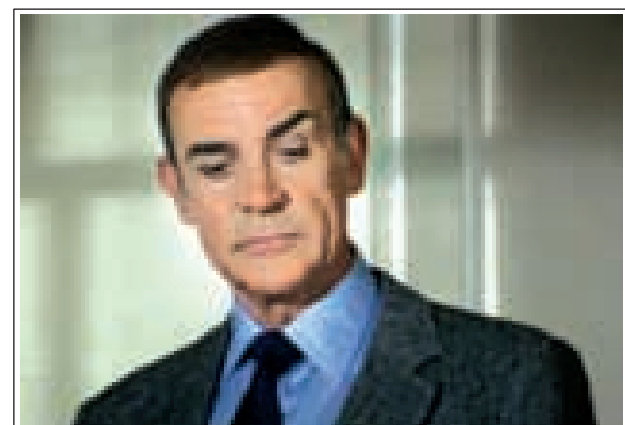
Written in reverse chronology with sparse dialogue and varying plot twists, it begins with the end of the affair and the final scene depicts its beginning. The play has had numerous revivals in England and the United States, and actors Jeremy Irons and Patricia Hodge starred in the 1983 film adaptation.

*Variety* described Craig's performance as the cuckold as "pitch-perfect and expertly acted," and added that Weisz, making her Broadway debut, was "superb" along with Spall as the adulterous lovers.

Reuters



British actor Daniel Craig arrives to attend the National Board of Review awards gala in New York on 8 January, 2013.—REUTERS



Sean Connery in a still from *Never Say Never Again*.

## Sean Connery named America's most popular Brit

LONDON, 30 Oct — The Silence of the Lambs star Anthony Hopkins came in second and James Bond from 1962-83, has topped a new poll to find the most popular British actor in the US.

Despite not having appeared on the big screen for over ten years, the 83-year-old Hollywood veteran saw off competition from Colin Firth and Daniel Craig to take the first place in this year's Q Score chart, based on opinion polls conducted in America, reported *Metro* online.

The Silence of the Lambs star Anthony Hopkins came in second and Liam Neeson was third, while David McCallum and Daniel Day-Lewis rounded out the top five.

Henry Schafer, executive vice president of Q Scores Company, said, "Awareness of Sean Connery and his appeal was strong across the country and with all ages. He was not working so much but he had already transcended in the way people felt about him."—PTI

## Neuer says Bayern keeper's role easier under Guardiola

BERLIN, 30 Oct — Manuel Neuer is better suited to new Bayern Munich coach Pep Guardiola's style of passing the ball out from the back than he was to the tactics of predecessor Jupp Heynckes, said the Germany goalkeeper.

Guardiola took over from the treble-winning Heynckes in the close season and ball possession has always been a priority for the Spaniard who won 14 trophies in four years with his former club Barcelona.

"Under Guardiola we are trying to play the ball out in a more controlled way instead of with long balls forward," Neuer told Sport Bild magazine in an interview to be published on Wednesday.

"It was often the case last season that we played it

safe and looked for (striker Mario Mandzukic) up front with long, high balls. Now we play the ball out.

"Players are looking for me more now than before and I can take part in launching our plays. For me it is easier because that way I am more involved in the game," added Neuer. Bayern have enjoyed a stellar start to Guardiola's first season and are undefeated in all three competitions they have taken part in.

The Bavarians top the Bundesliga, a point ahead of Borussia Dortmund and Bayer Leverkusen, and are also leading their Champions League group with three wins from three games.

The 27-year-old Neuer has conceded six goals in

10 Bundesliga games and only one in three Champions League matches.

Reuters  
Germany's  
goalkeeper  
Manuel  
Neuer



## Blatter's Ronaldo remarks prompt angry response

MADRID, 30 Oct — Cristiano Ronaldo, the Portuguese Football Federation (FPF) and Real Madrid have responded angrily to comments from FIFA president Sepp Blatter that appeared to make fun of the Real and Portugal forward.

Blatter, who was forced by the reaction to apologise while insisting he meant no disrespect, was asked at the Oxford University Union in England on Friday for his opinion on Ronaldo and Barcelona's World Player of the Year Lionel Messi.

The 77-year-old Swiss said they were both exceptional athletes but added that, unlike Messi, Ronaldo resembled "a commander on the field of play".

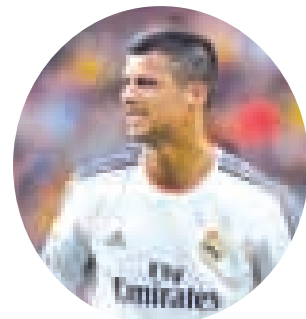
He then rose from his

chair and strutted on the stage in military fashion in apparent imitation of the Portuguese.

"One (Ronaldo) has more expenses for the hairdresser than the other but that doesn't matter," he added to widespread laughter. "I cannot say who is the best, there will again be a contest this year — I like both of them but I prefer Messi."

Ronaldo, who was the last player to land the World Player award in 2008 before Argentine Messi won four in a row, posted a link to a video of Blatter's comments and a heavily ironic response on his Facebook page on Tuesday.

"This video shows clearly the respect and con-



Real Madrid's Cristiano Ronaldo

sideration that FIFA has for me, for my club and my country," Ronaldo wrote.

"Much is explained now. I wish Mr. Blatter health and a long life, with the certainty that he will continue to witness, as he deserves, the successes of his favourite teams and players."—Reuters

## Alonso could return against Sevilla, says Ancelotti



Real Madrid's Xabi Alonso

MADRID, 30 Oct — Real Madrid midfielder Xabi Alonso has completed his recovery from injury

and could feature as a substitute in Wednesday's La Liga match at home to Sevilla, coach Carlo Ancelotti said on Tuesday.

The 31-year-old Spain international missed June's Confederations Cup to have surgery on a groin problem and then broke a bone in his foot in training in August.

"He is available," Ancelotti told a news conference. "He is training with the team and I think tomorrow he will start on the bench and I will try to give him minutes during the game."

"He has all the necessary quality to help the team play better. He has experience, passing quality and a good defensive attitude. He is a very important player for us." A consummate passer, Alonso has been a key

performer for Real in his central midfield role since joining in 2009 and they have struggled to exert the same level of control over opponents in his absence.

Ancelotti has had to rely on Croatia international Luka Modric, Germany's Sami Khedira and new signing Asier Illarramendi and the club's domestic campaign has got off to a stuttering start.

Third-placed Real are six points behind leaders Barcelona, who play at Celta Vigo later on Tuesday, after they were beaten 2-1 by their arch rivals at the Nou Camp on Saturday.

Atletico Madrid are second, five clear of Real and a point behind Barca ahead of their match at Granada on Thursday.

Reuters

## Arsenal's Flamini faces up to three weeks on sidelines

LONDON, 30 Oct — Arsenal midfielder Mathieu Flamini could be out for two to three weeks, missing a run of hugely significant games, after injuring his groin in Saturday's 2-0 Premier League win at Crystal Palace. The

29-year-old, who has played superbly since rejoining the London club in August, is definitely out of Tuesday's Capital One (League) Cup tie at home to Chelsea and for Saturday's Premier League visit of Liverpool.

"When we get the (scan) results we will know how long he will be out," said manager Arsene Wenger. "It doesn't look like a bad muscle injury but it is his groin."

Groin injuries normally take two to three weeks to heal. The French international could also miss the Champions League game at Borussia Dortmund on 6 November and the Premier League match at Manchester United on 10 November.

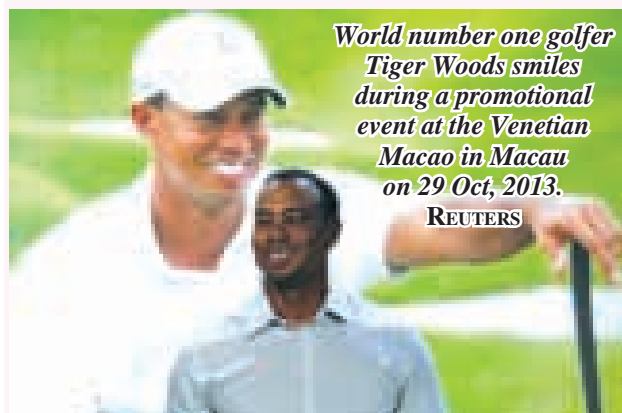
Flamini has been widely praised for the impact he has had on the side since leaving AC Milan on a free transfer, with Arsenal unbeaten in any game he has played in.

Spaniard Mikel Arteta, who was sent off against Palace, is suspended for the Chelsea match but will be available when the Premier League leaders meet Liverpool.—Reuters



Arsenal's Mathieu Flamini (C) challenges Olympique Marseille's Andre-Pierre Gignac (R) and Mathieu Valbuena during their Group F Champions League soccer match at the Velodrome stadium in Marseille, on 18 Sept, 2013.—REUTERS

## Improving McIlroy will win by end of year



World number one golfer Tiger Woods smiles during a promotional event at the Venetian Macao in Macao on 29 Oct, 2013.  
REUTERS

MACAU, 30 Oct — Tiger Woods believes Rory McIlroy is slowly getting his golf game back on track and predicted on Tuesday that

the former world number one would claim a breakthrough first victory of the year by the end of December.

McIlroy was on top of

the world at the end of 2012, having won the orders of merit on both sides of the Atlantic, but he has had a turbulent season this year on and off the course.

The Northern Irishman changed his clubs in January, a switch that was criticised by several pundits. He is also in the middle of a bitter court dispute with his former management team and, according to media reports, has split from girlfriend Caroline Wozniacki. "He is playing better and swinging a lot better," 14-times major champion Woods told Reuters in

an interview. "You can see that some of the stuff he and his coach are working on are starting to come together."

"He's starting to put together a few good rounds, now he just has to make a few more putts. I can definitely see him winning sometime this year because his game has come around."

World number one Woods had a close-up view of McIlroy when he lost to the twice major winner in a lucrative head-to-head exhibition match on China's Hainan Island on Monday.

The two golfers are

both based in Florida and the 37-year-old American said he and world number six McIlroy had formed an excellent relationship.

"Rory has become a good friend of mine over probably the past year, year and a half," explained Woods. "It seems like every tournament we're paired together, we're also playing practice rounds together and we have really hit it off."

"He plays on both tours, US and European, so we see each other at big events and when we do we try and play practice rounds whenever we

can." Woods has taken full advantage of the 24-year-old McIlroy's form slump, returning to the top of the world rankings with five victories this season.

None of his 2013 wins have come in the big four championships but he left little room for doubt that he still yearns to break the 18-major record of compatriot Jack Nicklaus. "It took him until he got to 46 to do it and this year I'll be 38 so there's plenty of time," said Woods. "A lot of guys have won a lot of majors post 40."

Reuters



GENERAL

# Japan Fukushima panel proposals include Tepco breakup



Japan's Prime Minister Shinzo Abe (2<sup>nd</sup> R), wearing protective suit and mask, is briefed about tanks containing radioactive water by Fukushima Daiichi nuclear power plant chief Akira Ono (2<sup>nd</sup> L), as they stand near a tank (C, with railings painted red and blue) which is being dismantled after leaking contaminated water, during his inspection tour to the Tokyo Electric Power Co. (TEPCO)'s tsunami-crippled Fukushima Daiichi nuclear power plant in Okuma, Fukushima Prefecture, on 19 Sept, 2013.—REUTERS

TOKYO, 30 Oct — A Japanese ruling party panel will recommend proposals for handling the crippled Fukushima nuclear plant that include breaking up the facility's operator, Tokyo Electric Power Co, a person familiar with the process said on Wednesday.

The task force of Prime Minister Shinzo Abe's Liberal Democratic Party favors reorganizing Tokyo Electric, known as Tepco, by creating a unit within the company to handle the key functions of decommission-

ing the reactors and cleaning up massive amounts of toxic water, the source told Reuters. But in the proposals to be made to Abe as soon as next week, the panel will also list the options of breaking that unit off from the listed utility giant or hiving it off as a government-affiliated independent administrative agency, the source said.

The panel will recommend "creating a clear and realistic organization" for Fukushima operations, he said.

Ideas for reorganizing Tepco have been circulating for months aimed at helping the utility in its continuing struggle to come to grips with the huge water problem, even as it has fallen behind on its decontamination efforts and prepares to begin removing fuel rods from one of the crippled Fukushima reactors.

Abe has vowed the government will take a prominent role in addressing the 2 1/2-year-old Fukushima crisis, the world's worst nuclear disaster since Chernobyl. The government aims to compile measures by around mid-November that will clarify the public role in tackling the Fukushima crisis, a government source said separately.

The amount of taxpayer money to be spent on Fukushima is a matter of fierce debate.

An existing special tax for reconstruction from the 2011 earthquake and tsunami that wrecked the Fukushima facility will not be enough to cover the expected increase in costs for cleanup and contamination, the government source said. Some in the government want to increase the public burden, but the Finance Ministry is insisting that further spending should come from higher electricity rates.

Reuters

## MYANMAR TV

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# Chelsea rejoice as Wenger's Mourinho hoodoo continues

LONDON, 30 Oct—Jose Mourinho got the better of old adversary Arsene Wenger once again as Chelsea showed their strength-in-depth by reaching the League Cup quarter-finals with a 2-0 win over London rivals Arsenal on Tuesday.

Both teams rang the changes but it was Chelsea's new-look side that gelled, restricting the hosts to a few sights of goal while consistently threatening on the break and finding the net through Spaniards Cesar Azpilicueta and Juan Mata.

It was a difficult night for Wenger, who enjoyed a simmering feud with the Chelsea boss during the Portuguese's first spell in the Premier League with the West London side and has now not beaten Mourinho in nine attempts.

Manchester United

will also be in the draw for the last eight after overcoming Norwich City 4-0 with two goals from Mexican Javier Hernandez, but there was an upset for Premier League Fulham who lost 4-3 at second tier Leicester City.

West Ham United beat Burnley 2-0 away in their tie with late penalties from Matt Taylor and Jack Collison, while spot kicks were needed to separate Stoke City and Birmingham City.

After the match finished 3-3 and then 4-4 after extra time, top flight Stoke came through 4-2 in the shootout.

Arsenal and Chelsea reminded everyone of the League Cup's standing in the list of priorities by making 18 changes between them from their teams that played in the league at the weekend.

Wenger fielded a strong midfield with Aaron Ramsey, Santi Cazorla and Jack Wilshere marshalling the centre circle, but they struggled to make an impact as Chelsea sat back, soaked up the pressure and looked to hit the hosts on the counter.

Mourinho's side got their reward after 25 minutes when a swift Chelsea break ended with Azpilicueta nipping in to intercept a poor header back by Carl Jenkinson and poking the ball past onrushing goalkeeper Lukasz Fabianski for the opener.

Arsenal, who have testing fixtures against Liverpool and Borussia Dortmund to come in the next eight days, were off the pace and struggled to conjure a chance with Welsh midfielder Ramsey firing their best effort wide just

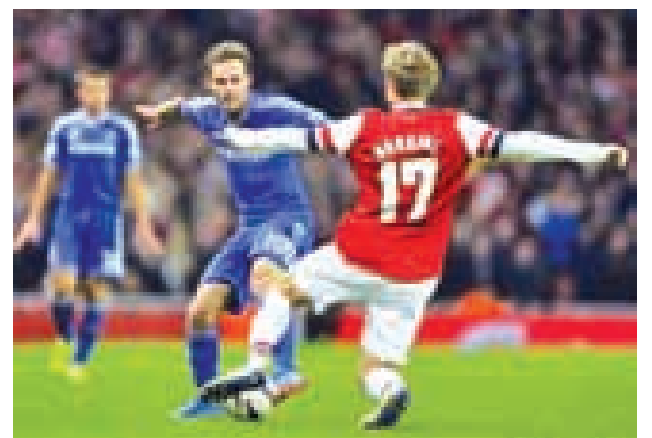
past the hour.

Arsenal's Germany playmaker Mesut Ozil was summoned from the bench to inject creativity in the second half but within seconds of his introduction Chelsea doubled their lead through Mata.

The mercurial Spaniard, who has been on the fringes of Mourinho's first-choice team all season, collected the ball on the edge of the area, controlled it neatly and then unleashed a rasping right foot drive into the net.

"The win is very important for our confidence; after beating Manchester City and now Arsenal this week, we feel strong because they are very good teams," Mata told Sky Sports.

Manchester United pacher Hernandez underlined his value to David



Arsenal's Nacho Monreal (R) challenges Chelsea's Juan Mata during their English League Cup fourth round soccer match at Emirates Stadium in London, on 29 Oct, 2013.—REUTERS

Moyes's team with a goal in each half as the Old Trafford club emphatically booked their spot in the next round.

He opened his account from the penalty spot Leroy Fer was adjudged to have brought down Adnan Januzaj and then scored with

a header at the second attempt 10 minutes into the second half. Defender Phil Jones rifled in a third after 88 minutes and fullback Fabio put the icing on the cake when he controlled a lofted ball from Wayne Rooney and steered home in injury time.—Reuters

## ADB's US\$ 60 million soft loan to help reduce line losses in electricity supply networks

NAY PYI TAW, 30 Oct—Thanks to US\$ 60 million soft loan from the Asia Development Bank for the development of electricity supply networks, 4 per cent of line losses or 98 million units of electricity that was lost due to line losses in the townships included in the project area could be reduced and annual income of K 6958 million based on

the selling price of 71 kyats per unit could be earned by saving the such amount of losses, Union Minister for Electric Power U Khin Maung Soe said while explaining the President's message on the matter of borrowing US\$ 60 million soft loan from ADB for improvement in electricity supply networks at the today's Pyidaungsu Hluttaw

session.

He continued that installation of new transformers, substitution of old power lines and aerial bundled conductors with new ones and replacement of analog meter boxes with digital ones suggested by ADB's consultants will reduce both technical and non-technical losses to a certain extent.

According the agree-

ment, the pay-back period is 24 years, including an 8-year grace period. The interest rate is one per cent in the grace period and 1.5 per cent in the pay-back period, he added.

Regarding the points stated from para-24 to para-33 in the report of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Joint Study Commission on the Rights of Employee and

Employer, Deputy Minister for Labour, Employment and Social Security U Htin Aung gave an account of the tasks of ministry on welfare benefits, occupation health and worksite safety measures, formation of workers' organization, functions of Dispute Settlement Arbitration Council and on-job training courses.

Next, Deputy Min-

ister for Industry U Myo Aung, Deputy Minister for Finance Dr Lin Aung and Secretary of Pyithu Hluttaw Transport, Telecommunications and Construction Committee U Myo Swe held discussions on Union Additional Budget Bill for 2013-2014 fiscal year.—MNA

## Myanmar, India would not accept any acts that can harm stability and security of the two countries: Senior General Min Aung Hlaing

NAY PYI TAW, 30 Oct—"Peace and stability plays a crucial role in achieving success of reforms," said Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing in a meeting with Chief of Army Staff of the Indian Army General Bikram Singh, PVSM, UYSM, AVSM, SM, VSM, ADC, at Zeyathiri Beikman here today.

He continued not only Myanmar but also India would not accept any acts that can harm stability and security of the two countries. Peace talks in the north of Myanmar would bring about a fruitful result soon.

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Senior General Min Aung Hlaing poses for documentary photo with Chief of Army Staff of the Indian Army General Bikram Singh, PVSM, UYSM, AVSM, SM, VSM, ADC, at Zeyathiri Beikman.—MNA

## Special photo exhibition marks 65<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Thailand-Myanmar Diplomatic Relations

YANGON, 30 Oct—A special photo exhibition in celebration of the 65<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Thailand-Myanmar Diplomatic Relations took place at Central World Shopping Centre in Bangkok of Thailand from 16 to 20 October.

The opening of photo exhibition was held on 16 October. Ambassador Mr Peerasak Chantavarin from Thai Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Myanmar Am-

bassador to Thailand U Tin Win delivered addresses and cut the ribbon to open it.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Thailand sent famous photographers to Myanmar to take the photos of Myanmar's life styles and interested ancient cultural heritages. The exhibition is aimed at further promoting amity between Myanmar and Thailand, it is reported.

The Ambassador said

that interactive exchanges of two leaders could help promote the relations between the two countries. Taking the lessons from the past events, both sides need to work towards the future. Both countries are joining hands in regional and international affairs such as UN, ASEAN and Greater Mekong Sub-Region (GMS). There are huge trade and investments between the two countries.—MNA

## (One Time) GSM Prepaid SIM cards for Foreigners

NAY PYI TAW, 30 Oct—To mark XXVII SEA Games, Myanmar Posts and Telecommunications will sell (One Time) GSM Prepaid SIM card worth K 20000 to foreigners. The foreign-

ers can purchase SIM cards with their passport.

The term of (One Time) GSM Prepaid SIM card is one month. And it includes 50 minutes for local calls and maximum of up to 19 minutes for overseas call

based on the countries. Local SMS services and Mobile Data Service for Internet access. Prepaid SIM cards can be used during one month period.

Myanma Posts and Telecommunications

## Myanmar emerge champion in hockey test match



Yangon Region Chief Minister U Myint Swe presents championship trophy to Myanmar team.

YANGON, 30 Oct—Tentatively selected national hockey team clinched the title in the Pre-SEA Games Hockey Test Match with a 4-0 victory over Thai team today.

Among the spectators at the final match taking place at Theinbyu Hockey Turf Pitch were Chief Minister of Yangon Region U Myint Swe and region ministers, officials

of the Ministry of Sports, President of Myanmar Hockey Federation U Htin Zaw Win and executives, diplomats from foreign embassies.

The president of the federation presented the best player award to respective player, Director U Kyaw Hsan Oo of Sports and Physical Education Department, individual awards and second prize

trophy to Thai team, Region Minister U Than Myint, individual awards to champion Myanmar team and Mayor U Hla Myint, the top scorer award, best goalkeeper award and best player awards in respective places to the winners.

Yangon Region Chief Minister U Myint Swe awarded the championship trophy to Myanmar team.

Than Swe (Pabedan)

## UEC allows formation of political parties

NAY PYI TAW, 30 Oct—The Union Election Commission has granted permission for formation of political parties.

A 17-member group comprising U Manam Tu Ja has applied for registration of Kachin State Democracy Party to the UEC.

As the registration of the Kachin State Democracy Party is in conformity with laws and by-laws, the UEC allowed it to form a political party today.—MNA