

Businessmen need to conduct border trade in accord with rules, regulations

Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham inspects development undertakings in Shan State

NAY PYI TAW, 2 Dec—Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham spoke words of encouragement to eye patients, dental patients and cleft lip and palate patients who were receiving surgeries at a ceremony to provide free treatment and surgeries to those patients at the building of Shan Literature and Culture Association in Lashio this morning.

Medical Superintendent Dr Tin Tin Moe of Mandalay Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat Hospital together with eight specialists and 29 staff provided patients with treatment and surgeries at the building and Mansu (Shan) monastery separately.

Next, the Vice-President flew to Muse where he attended the opening of new school buildings for BEHS No (2) in Homon ward and viewed round the lab and classrooms.

Then, the Vice-President inspected progress in construction of three-storey building of BEHS No (3).

On his arrival at the briefing hall of the highway terminal construction project being implemented by Thein Than Chi company,



Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham looks round in the labs and classrooms at Muse BEHS No 2.—MNA

the Vice-President stressed the need to construct sewerage system meeting international standards and not to cause social and environmental impacts.

After inspecting the worksite of Muse Economic Zone project being implemented by Shan State

regional development committee and New Star Light construction company, the Vice-President called for priority to be given on construction works which are expected to complete in 2014.

Next, the Vice-President met with local people

at the briefing hall of Kyeinsankyaut checkpoint at Lwe-in village in Pan

Sai (Kyukok) sub-township.

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Low pressure still persists

NAY PYI TAW, 2 Dec—According to the observations at (05:30) hrs MST today, the low pressure area over the Southeast

Bay and adjoining South Bay of Bengal still persists announced the Department of Meteorology and Hydrology.—MNA

Myanmar Futsal teams under intensive training for SEA Games

Byline: Zin Oo
Photo: Thura (Toungoo)

Myanmar men's and women's futsal teams are under intensive training for the 27th SEA Games at Wunna Theikdhi Sports Complex.

Athletes from Myanmar

Futsal Federation are undergoing training at Nay Pyi Taw Athletes' Village as of 6 November. Their training schedule is 12 times per week from Monday to Saturday, according

to Secretary U Aung Maw Thein of Myanmar Futsal Federation.

The Myanmar Futsal team has started its training since 14 December, 2012 and has a dream of winning

the title. Men's Futsal schedule has two groups: Group (A) (Myanmar, Indonesia and Malaysia) and Group (B) (Thailand, Vietnam and Laos). Indonesia and Malaysia are expected

to be main rivals of Myanmar men's futsal team.

Women's Futsal teams from Myanmar, Indonesia, Malaysia, Thailand and Vietnam will compete in the SEA Games events. Mr Saeid from Iran is giving training to Myanmar men's and women's Futsal teams. A total of 16 athletes has been shortlisted. And 14 sportpersons will be chosen from the shortlisted persons. The final selection will be held on 3 December.

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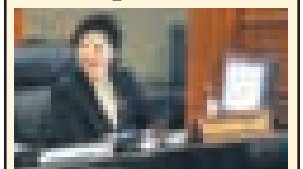
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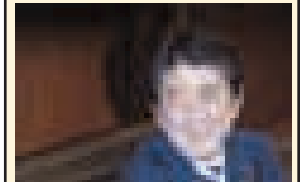
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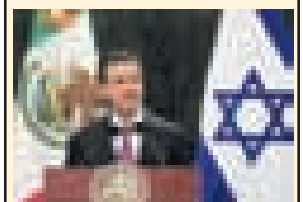
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LOCAL NEWS

Illegal red sandalwood worth K 70 million seized in Tamu



TAMU, 2 Dec—A combined team comprising Staff Officer U Soe Myint Naing of Tamu District Forest Department of Sagaing Region, Senior Forester U Kyaw Kyaw Hsint, Officiating Police Major Aung Than of SB and Officiating Police Major Soe Naing raided the residence of U Kyaw Hnin on Myoma 11th Street in Ward 11 in Tamu on 25 November morning. They seized 26 pieces of red sandal wood of various sizes from Pajero

cardriven by Aung Than and 56 pieces of red sandalwood of various sizes from the car warehouse weighing 1242.86 viss worth K 74,571,600.

Tamu Myoma police station opened files of lawsuit against the offenders under the Export and Import Law.

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Sanitation tasks carried out in Ahlon Tsp



YANGON, 2 Dec—Under the leadership of Assistance Director of Ahlon Township General Administration Department Township Administrator U Than Naing together with administrators from 11 wards, the head and staff of Township Development Affairs Committee, staff from Sanitation Department and Parks and Playgrounds Department, local people and town's elders carried out sanitation tasks and dredging of the drain between Ahlon and Kyimyindine Townships in Kayinchan Ward, Ahlon Township, Yangon North District on 30 November.

Kyemon-Tin Maung Oo (Ahlon)

Traffic Accident

Two bikes collision leaves three dead

WUNDWIN, 2 Dec—A FZ motorcycle driven by Ye Htut, 38, of Daungma Village in Sagaing Township heading from north to south bumped against another motorcycle driven by The Maung of Kyaukkan Village in Phayasu Village

in Wundwin Township together with Min Htaik, 38 and Ko Myint, 40 who were riding pillion near Myetaingkan Village on Yangon-Mandalay Highway in Wundwin Township on 1 December. In the incident Ye Htut, The Maung and Ko Myint

died on the spot due to serious injuries.

Min Htaik in critical condition was rushed to Wundwin Hospital.

Wundwin Myoma Police Station opened a file of lawsuit over the traffic accident.

U Tin Hlaing (Meiktila)

Biker dies in collision with vehicle

THAZI, 2 Dec—A vehicle driven by Pvt Han Min Tun, 31, of No 1 Forward Base Supply and Transport Battalion of Meiktila collided with a motorcycle driven by Ko Kyaw Myint, 49

of Kyidawgon Ward in Meiktila near Ngacheikhmyauk Bridge on Meiktila-Taunggyi road in Thazi Township on 29 November evening.

Motorcyclist U Kyaw

Myint died on the spot due to injuries.

Thazi Myoma Police Station opened a file of lawsuit over the traffic accident.

U Tin Hlaing (Meiktila)

13-day training on selecting rubber plants in Mawlamyine

MAWLAMYINE, 2 Dec—Perennial Crops Research Unit in Kya-in Village, Mawlamyine Township, will conduct a training course on sorting out rubber species in Mawlamyine.

During the 13-day course, trainees will receive skills for distinguishing 20

types of rubber by seven trainers.

The course has offered 30 trainees and will arrange accommodation for those coming from other areas. Each trainee will be charged K 10,000 over the training.

Kyemon-694

Express buses run in Myeik

MYEIK, 2 Dec—Air-conditioner express buses take 20 hours to run along Myeik-Dawei-Mawlamyine-Yangon route of Taninthayi Region.

The transport service gives smooth and secure transportation to the passengers.

Aung Yadana, Shwewei Yadana, Shweli Yadana, Shwemyinpyan, Shwe Dawei, Shwe Pale

Thi, Shwe Wei Thu, Kaung Thit San, Taninthayi, Thiha Min, Kyei Sin Hein, Min Htet Hein and Mya Yadana bus lines are running the route under the supervision of Myeik District Bus Line Control Committee. A total of 14 bus lines operate 15-20 express buses daily.

In addition, Myitta Hlaing express buses joined the bus line committee for its runs as of 29 November.

Digital electric meters installed in Mawlamyine

MAWLAMYINE, 2 Dec—Digital electric meters are being installed at residences in Mawlamyine of Mon State as of 29 November.

The local power consumers use about 40000 electric meters.

Of them, about 7000 electric meters have been installed in Mawlamyine Township. Skilled electricians and workers of SAM Sky Co are installing electric meters.

The people do not need to pay money for installation of electric meters at their residences. In the past, they had to pay K 65000 for installation of electric metres at residences. Now, those wishing to apply installation of electric meters must pay K

Traffic Knowledge

Traffic rules talks given in Shan State

NAY PYI TAW, 2 Dec—The educative talks on traffic rules have been given in Shan State for declining traffic accidents.

IP Soe Win and party of No 63 Traffic Police Crops shard knowledge about

traffic rules to 300 students at Basic Education High School in Nagmon of Lashio on 1 November.

They also gave talks at Sasana Hitakari Nunnery Education School on 11 November to 150 students.

IP Kyaw Zeya of No 64 Traffic Police Squad lectured traffic rules to 45 people in Ward 3 of Kengtung on 13 November.

They explained traffic rules to 50 students at Yaungni Oo boarding school in Kengka Ward of No 1 Ward on 16 November.

IP Saw Than Oo of No 64 Traffic Police Squad also gave talks to 50 students of Morning Sun private school on 23 November.

Min Min Latt (Mann Tekkatho)

Transport

Two drivers of each express bus will drive the vehicle in rotation for ensuring safety of passengers.

Every passenger will get the opportunity of free transport service once whenever they take the express bus ten times the same route.

MMAL-Moe Hein (Myeik)



90000 for charge, said Mon State Electrical Engineer U Aung Kyaw.

If there is any fault at electric meters, the people

may dial 057-21501 and 26666, 057-21190 of northern branch, and 09-87575 of Township Electric Engineer Office.—MMAL-La/012

Myanmar PGA Development Golf tourney 6-7 Dec

YANGON, 2 Dec—With the sponsorship of Best Tech Golfers Group, the Myanmar Professionals Golfers Development Tournament will be held at Royal Mingalardon

Golf & Country Club in Mingaladon of Yangon on 6 and 7 December with the aim of developing Myanmar golf sports and turning out outstanding golfers.

The members of Myanmar PGA wishing to take part in the tourney may enlist at U Myo Win Tun, Tel: 09-5121841 not later than 4 December.

It will be co-sponsored by Royal Mingalardon Gold & Country Club.—Myanma Alim

WORLD

Egypt tweaks roadmap, may see presidential vote held first

CAIRO, 2 Dec — Egypt's political transition was pitched into uncertainty on Sunday when a draft constitution was amended to allow a presidential election to be held before parliamentary polls, indicating a potential change in the army's roadmap. The roadmap unveiled when the military ousted Islamist President Mohamed Mursi in July said a parliamentary election should take place before the presidential one.

But the draft finalized on Sunday by the 50-member constituent assembly avoids saying which vote should happen first, leaving the decision up to President Adly Mansour, seen as a

front for army rule since he was installed to head the interim administration.

The draft also says the "election procedures" must start within six months of

the constitution's ratification, meaning Egypt may not have an elected president and parliament until the second half of next year. A major milestone in

Egypt's political roadmap, the constitution must be approved in a referendum expected this month or next. Amr Moussa, chairman of the constituent assembly, said the draft constitution would be handed to Mansour on Tuesday.

Moussa, former Arab League secretary general, was a candidate in the presidential election won by Mursi last year. The draft reflects how the balance of power has shifted in Egypt since the secular-minded generals ousted Mursi, the country's first freely elected head of state, after mass protests against him and the Muslim Brotherhood.

Reuters



Constituent Assembly spokesman Mohamed Salmawy speaks at a news conference at the Shura Council in Cairo on 1 Dec, 2013.—REUTERS

Four killed, 17 injured in eastern Afghan car bomb attack

MAIDAN SHAR, (Afghanistan), 2 Dec — Four Afghan police officers were killed and 17 policemen wounded early Monday morning in a suicide car bombing in eastern Wardak province, a provincial source said. "A terrorist rammed an explosive-laden truck into the police station of the Nirkh district at around 6:00 am (local time). As a result four police officers were martyred and 17 others wounded," provincial government spokesman Attahullah Kh-

ogyani told Xinhua.

The injured were shifted to a provincial capital hospital and to a main military hospital in Afghanistan's capital Kabul, he said, adding four of the wounded persons remained in critical condition.

The blast also destroyed the police station building and damaged several other homes and shops around the blast site in the province, with Maidan Shar as its capital, 35 km west of Kabul, the official noted.

Xinhua

China, Britain to enhance high-tech, economic ties

BEIJING, 2 Dec — China and Britain have agreed to enhance cooperation in areas including high-speed railway, nuclear power and finance, Chinese Premier Li Keqiang said on Monday.

Li told a joint press briefing with visiting British Prime Minister David Cameron that both sides agreed to promote each other's companies to seek breakthroughs in high-speed railway and nuclear power cooperation.

China is willing to have joint shares and even hold shares in British nuclear power projects, Li said, adding that Britain is open to that.

Bilateral cooperation in this area will also pro-



Chinese Premier Li Keqiang and British Prime Minister David Cameron attend a signing ceremony of a series of cooperation agreements after their talks in Beijing, capital of China, on 2 Dec, 2013.—XINHUA

mote the opening of the third-party market and current and long-term employment, according to the premier.

Concerning the financial sector, the two sides discussed conducting offshore RMB business in London and Chinese banks' opening of branches in Britain.

They agreed to expand bilateral high-tech trade and support cooperation in aerospace, offshore wind power and other new en-

ergy development, Li said.

He added that Britain has agreed to take measures as soon as possible to increase high-tech exports to China, while both sides will jointly establish an innovation and research fund of 200 million pounds.

More bilateral cooperation in traditional and new media is also on the cards to promote mutual understanding, according to Li.

On people-to-people exchanges, Britain will simplify visa procedures for

Chinese tourists and business travelers and increase the frequency of flights, the premier was told.

Britain is willing to streamline processes for Chinese citizens to carry out business activities and tourism in Britain, hoping that this will bring more job opportunities to the country, Cameron said.

Invited by Li, Cameron arrived in Beijing on Monday morning for a three-day official visit to China.

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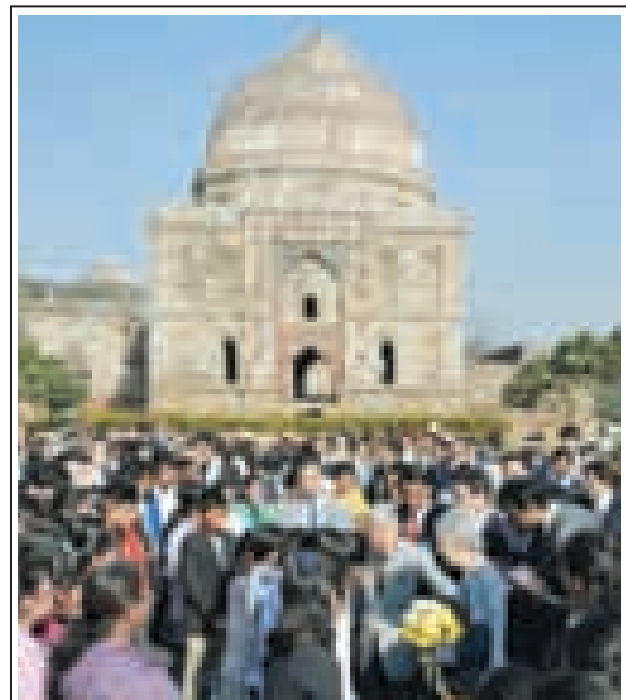
Iran, Six major powers to discuss how to implement nuclear deal

TEHERAN, 2 Dec — An Iranian nuclear negotiator said on Sunday that Iran and six major powers will hold an expert meeting on 9 and 10 December in Vienna to discuss how to implement their agreement to curb Iran's nuclear activities in return for the easing of some sanctions imposed by Western countries.

Officials of the International Atomic Energy Agency will also participate in the meeting, Deputy Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi told *Kyodo News*. In Geneva on 24 November, Iran and the six countries — Britain, China, France, Germany, Russia and the United States — reached a first-stage agreement, under which Iran

will stop uranium enrichment above a fissile purity of 5 percent and halt construction of its Arak heavy-water reactor, which could yield plutonium. In return, the six countries will remove the embargo on trade with Iran in precious metals while refraining from imposing new sanctions for six months.

Kyodo News



Japan's Emperor Akihito (C) and Empress Michiko, standing next to him and holding a bouquet of flowers, are welcomed by Indians and Japanese residents of India when they visit Lodi Gardens in New Delhi on 1 Dec, 2013.—KYODO NEWS

Thai PM says willing to resign for peace

BANGKOK, 2 Dec — Thai Prime Minister Yingluck Shinawatra said on Monday that she was ready to resign or dissolve the parliament to bring peace to the country.

But she rejected protest leader Suthep Thaugsuban's request to return power to the people, saying it has no constitutional basis.

Yingluck told a Press conference that she was willing to do everything to restore peace, but it has to be constitutional. Suthep's call for the establishment of a people's council cannot be satisfied, Yingluck said, adding she did not know how to make that happen under the Constitution.

Yingluck said she would be open to talks all

the time, and urged everyone to join in to find a peaceful solution to the political crisis.

On Sunday night, Suthep gave a two-day ultimatum to Yingluck to return power to the people.

Street protestors have tried since Monday morning to seize the fortified

Metropolitan Police Bureau, Government House and parliament. Police tried to disperse them by firing teargas and water cannon.

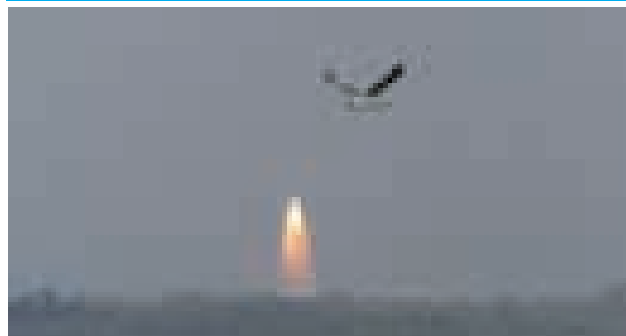
Latest figures from Public Health Ministry showed political turmoil in the past two days has claimed three lives and injured 127 others.—Xinhua



Thai Prime Minister Yingluck Shinawatra.

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

China launches probe and rover to moon



India's Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle (PSLV-C25), carrying the Mars orbiter, lifts off from the Satish Dhawan Space Centre in Sriharikota, about 100 km (62 miles) north of the southern Indian city of Chennai on 5 Nov, 2013 file photo. — REUTERS

India's Mars mission enters second stage; outpaces space rival China

NEW DELHI, 2 Dec — India's first mission to Mars left Earth's orbit early on Sunday, clearing a critical hurdle in its journey to the red planet and overtaking the efforts in space of rival Asian giant China.

The success of the spacecraft, scheduled to orbit Mars by next September, would carry India into a small club, which includes the United States, Europe, and Russia, whose probes have orbited or landed on Mars. India's venture, called Mangalyaan, faces further more hurdles on its journey to Mars.

Fewer than half of missions to the planet are successful.

"While Mangalyaan takes 1.2 billion dreams to Mars, we wish you sweet dreams!" India's space agency said in a tweet soon after the event, referring to the citizens of the world's second-most populous country. China, a keen competitor in the space race, has considered the possibility of putting a man on the moon sometime after 2020 and aims to land its first probe on the moon on Monday.

It will deploy a buggy called the "Jade Rabbit" to explore the lunar surface in a mission that will also test its deep space communication technologies.

Reuters

XICHANG, (Sichuan) 2 Dec — China launched the Chang'e-3 lunar probe with the country's first moon rover aboard early on Monday, marking a significant step toward deep space exploration. The probe's carrier, an enhanced Long March-3B rocket, blasted off from the Xichang Satellite Launch Centre in southwest China at 1:30 am. Chang'e-3 is expected to land on the moon in mid-December to become China's first spacecraft to soft land on the surface of an extraterrestrial body. It is also the first moon lander launched in the 21st century. The probe entered the earth-moon transfer orbit as scheduled, with a perigee of 200 kilometres and apogee of 380,000 kilometres. "The probe has already entered the designated orbit," said Zhang Zhenzhong, director of the launch centre in Xichang.

"I now announce the launch was successful." "We will strive for our space dream as part of the Chinese dream of national rejuvenation," he said. Amid efforts to promote lunar probe campaign among the public, the Chinese Academy of Sciences opened a microblog account for the Chang'e-3 mission, attracting more than 260,000 fans who continuously posted congratulatory comments. The probe's soft-landing is

the most difficult task during the mission, said Wu Weiren, the lunar program's chief designer. "This will be a breakthrough for China to realize zero-distance observation and survey on the moon." More than 80 percent of technologies and products of the mission are newly developed, he said. The Chang'e-3 will lay a solid foundation for manned lunar orbit mission and manned lunar landing. China has not revealed the roadmap for its manned mission to land on the moon. So far, only the United States and the former Soviet Union have soft

landed on the moon.

Chang'e-3, comprising a lander and a moon rover called "Yutu" (Jade Rabbit), presents a modern scientific version of an ancient Chinese myth that a lady called Chang'e, after swallowing magic pills, took her pet "Yutu" to fly toward the moon, where she became a goddess, and has been living there with the white rabbit ever since. Tasks for the moon rover include surveying the moon's geological structure and surface substances, while looking for natural resources.

A telescope will be set up on the moon, for the first

time in human history, to observe the plasmasphere over the Earth and survey the moon surface through radar. The lunar probe mission is of great scientific and economic significance, said Sun Zezhou, chief designer of the lunar probe.

The mission has contributed to the development of a number of space technologies and some of them can be applied in civilian sector, he said. Chang'e-3 is part of the second phase of China's lunar programme, which includes orbiting, landing and returning to the Earth.

Xinhua



The Long March-3B carrier rocket carrying China's Chang'e-3 lunar probe blasts off from the launch pad at Xichang Satellite Launch Center, southwest China's Sichuan Province, on 2 Dec, 2013. It will be the first time for China to send a spacecraft to soft land on the surface of an extraterrestrial body, where it will conduct surveys on the moon.—XINHUA

Amazon testing delivery with drones, CEO Bezos says

NEW YORK, 2 Dec — Amazon.com Inc is testing delivery packages using drones, CEO Jeff Bezos said on Sunday on the CBS television programme "60 Minutes."

Bezos said the drones, unmanned vehicles that fly through the air, could deliver packages that weigh up to five pounds (2.3 kg). That represents roughly 86 percent of packages that



Amazon delivers, he said. The drones, which would pick up items from Amazon's distribution centers and fly them to cus-

Amazon CEO Jeff Bezos (R) arrives at the annual Allen and Co conference at the Sun Valley, Idaho Resort on 12 July, 2013.

REUTERS

tomers' homes, probably won't be put into use for four or five years, Bezos said.

Reuters

Science, love needed to fight HIV/AIDS: Premier Li

BEIJING, 2 Dec — Chinese Premier Li Keqiang has stressed the need for scientific treatment and caring hearts in the fight against HIV/AIDS. Li made the comments in a letter he wrote to Beijing You'an Hospital. Vice Premier Liu Yandong visited the hospital on Sunday, World AIDS Day, and conveyed Li's letter. Beijing You'an Hospital is one of the country's leading medical facilities to receive and

treat HIV infected patients.

In his letter, Li said scientific prevention and treatment should be provided while discrimination against HIV carriers and AIDS patients should be eliminated to protect their legal rights and interests. He also encouraged more volunteers to take part in the country's HIV/AIDS control work to form a "network" and "firewall" in fighting the virus.

"Just like the untold

stars may light up the night sky, HIV/AIDS control needs not only the government authorities to perform their duties, but also the commitment of volunteers in society," Li said, adding that non-governmental organizations can play an irreplaceable role in communicating with the infected, intervening in high-risk exposures as well as giving consolation and advice to patients.

Xinhua

Samsung Galaxy S5 to come in two variants, ship alongside next Galaxy Gear

SEOUL, 2 Dec — Samsung's next flagship smartphone, expected to be called the Galaxy S5, might still be far from confirmed, but a new report suggests that the device will hit mass production in January 2014. The report

also expects the speculated successor of Samsung Galaxy Gear to be launched alongside the rumoured Galaxy S5.

Korean publication, ET News reports that the South Korean manufacturer plans to release two versions of

the alleged Galaxy S5. As per the report, there will be two variants of the Galaxy S5: a premium variant which will sport a metal chassis and a flexible OLED, and a variant which will come with the usual plastic body, as found on other Galaxy

smartphones.

Earlier this week, a new set of images purportedly revealing the supposed metal frames of the rumoured Galaxy S5 was spotted online.

Further, the report speculates that Samsung will initially manufacture around



8,00,000 to 1 million units of the alleged Galaxy S5 in January, and will increase the number up to 6 million units in February. Samsung

is likely to release the Galaxy S5 in March or April 2014, according to the report.

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BUSINESS & HEALTH

Japan corporate capex up in third-quarter but GDP seen little changed

TOKYO, 2 Dec — Japanese companies raised spending on factories and equipment in the July-September quarter, but the slow pace of increase casts some doubt on the strength of capital spending that is needed to help sustain economic growth.

The 1.5 percent year-on-year rise in capital spending followed a flat reading in the prior quarter and marked the first gain in four quarters, Ministry of Finance data showed on Monday, but the result disappointed some economists who were expecting stronger gains.

The reading suggests that Japan's gross domestic product growth for July-September is likely to be little changed, after preliminary data showed a 0.5



Japan's Prime Minister Shinzo Abe smiles during the Lower House plenary session of the parliament in Tokyo on 26 Nov, 2013. — REUTERS

percent expansion from the previous quarter, or an annualized rate of 1.9 percent. The capital spending data will be used to calculate revised third-quarter GDP data, which is scheduled for release at 8:50 am on 9 December (2350 GMT on 8 December).

"There is not likely to be much change to GDP data," said Shuji Tonouchi, a senior fixed income strategist at Mitsubishi UFJ Morgan Stanley Securities. "There are some worrying signs, as capital expenditure in the services sector is losing

some momentum."

Excluding software, corporate capital spending declined 0.5 percent on a seasonally adjusted basis in July-September from the previous quarter, down for the first time in four quarters, the Ministry of Finance data showed. Capital spending has been a weak spot in Japan as Prime Minister Shinzo Abe struggles to spur business investment and wage increases at many companies, which remain unconvinced that his reflationary policies will have a lasting impact.

Monday's data also showed that companies' recurring profits rose 24.1 percent in July-September from the same period last year, up for a seventh consecutive quarter.

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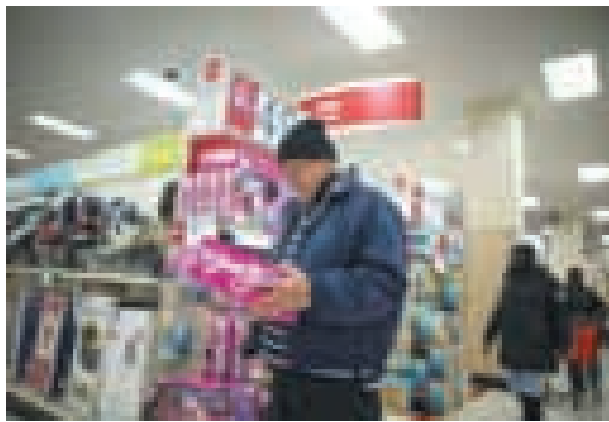
US retail sales up at start of holiday season

NEW YORK, 2 Dec — US shoppers visited more stores and spent more money at brick-and-mortar sites across Thanksgiving Day and "Black Friday" than they did in 2012 while online sales set records, data showed on Saturday. When compared with Thanksgiving on Thursday and "Black Friday" last year, research firm ShopperTrak estimated that traffic at brick-and-mortar stores increased 2.8 percent, to more than 1.07 billion store visits.

Retail sales increased by 2.3 percent as shoppers spent an estimated total of \$12.3 billion across the two days, ShopperTrak said in

a statement. Shoppers were drawn by deep discounts, promotions and extended store hours, it said. Adobe Systems Inc (ADBE.O), which provides digital marketing tools, said its data showed record online sales for "Black Friday" and Thanksgiving at \$1.93 billion and \$1.062 billion, respectively.

Friday sales were up 39 percent from the year before and rose 18 percent for Thursday, it said in a statement. The Adobe analysis is based on 400 million visits to more than 2,000 US retail websites over both days. ShopperTrak said that for "Black Friday," brick-and-



People shop at a Target store during Black Friday sales in the Brooklyn borough of New York, on 29 Nov, 2013. — REUTERS

mortar shopper traffic fell 11.4 percent and retail sales were down by 13.2 percent.

"The Black Friday shopping experience is changing with more shoppers choosing to go out on Thanksgiving Day," Bill Martin, ShopperTrak founder, said in the statement. Among the four

regions in the United States, the West had the greatest increase in traffic and sales at 6.9 percent and 6 percent, respectively, according to ShopperTrak estimates. The Northeast showed the only declines, with drops of 5 percent in traffic and 7 percent in sales. — Reuters

India's GDP growth seen improving in fiscal second half

MUMBAI, 2 Dec — After a marginal improvement in India's second quarter GDP readings, leading rating agencies have said the momentum is likely to continue into the second half with a likelihood of the economy faring better than the first half. On Friday,

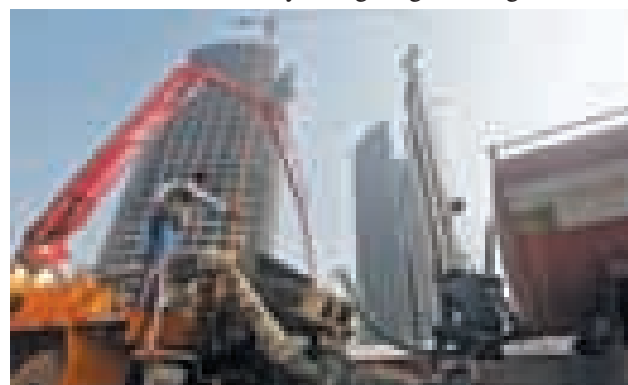
government data showed that the economy grew at a better-than-expected 4.8 percent in June-September, compared to 4.4 percent in the previous quarter. Credit rating agencies like Crisil and India Ratings have reasoned the possibility of higher growth figures in H2

on increasing consumption due to good monsoons coupled with spurt in exports, which for the many months have been clipping in high double-digit.

"We expect growth to be higher in the second half, boosted by a pick-up in consumption growth on the back of above-normal monsoons and strong growth in exports," Crisil said in a note. Similarly, India Ratings said it expects the economy to recover further from the current levels during the remaining two quarters. The rating agency, however, said "this improvement is likely to be only somewhat better than that of H1". While

Crisil maintained its full fiscal forecast at 4.8 percent, India Ratings estimated a 4.9 percent growth. Both the figures were marginally lower than government estimates of around 5 percent.

While manufacturing rose 1 percent during the September quarter, agriculture output soared 4.6 percent. Exports during the quarter grew a robust 16.3 percent on the back of rising global demand and fall in rupee. Also, investment activity measured by gross fixed capital formation picked up in the second quarter and grew by 2.6 percent against a deceleration of 1.2 percent in the preceding quarter. —PTI



UNSG's Message on The International Day of Persons With Disabilities

"Break Barriers, Open Doors: For An Inclusive Society For All"

3 December 2013

More than 1 billion of us live with disabilities. We must remove all barriers that affect the inclusion and participation of persons with disabilities in society, including through changing attitudes that fuel stigma and institutionalize discrimination.

In September, during the High-Level Meeting of the General Assembly on Disability and Development, United Nations Member States discussed the many ways that exclusion not only impacts the lives of persons with disabilities, but affects the development of communities and society as a whole. They re-committed to taking national and international action to support disability-inclusive development. The UN system will continue to support those efforts. We need to work harder to ensure that infrastructure and services support inclusive, equitable and sustainable development for all.

This includes guaranteeing meaningful participation in processes that affect the rights and interests of persons with disabilities by providing an enabling environment. To that end, we are inaugurating a UN Accessibility Centre at the UN headquarters. I call on the rest of the UN system and our partners to follow this lead.

On this International Day of Persons with Disabilities, I call on Governments, members of the UN system, businesses and civil society to break barriers and open doors of opportunity for all persons with disability. Together, let us build an inclusive society for all.

UNIC/Yangon

China's manufacturing growth remains flat in November

BEIJING, 2 Dec — China's purchasing managers' index (PMI) for the manufacturing sector remained flat at 51.4 percent in November, the highest since May 2012, the National Bureau of Statistics (NBS) said on Sunday. The figure was the same with that of October, which hit

for a fifth month to 54.5 percent, up 0.1 percentage point from October. As production picked up, companies bought more raw materials, driving the sub-index for material purchase up 0.9 percentage point to 53.6.

"Although the manufacturing PMI rose for a fifth month, forces that drove up



a 18-month high. China's manufacturing PMI has turned stable after rising for four consecutive months, showing a steady growth trend in manufacturing. A figure above 50 percent signals expansion.

Zhao Qinghe, a senior NBS statistician, attributed the strong PMI to expanded production, confidence boosted by government measures this year to stabilize growth and restructure the economy, and large-scale enterprises' active performances. The sub-index for production rose

the index were not balanced and the foundation not solid enough," Zhao said. The NBS sub-index for raw material inventories was 47.8 percent, dropping by 0.8 percentage point from last month, and that for small businesses fell for a fourth month, both of which were still under 50 percent.

The sub-index for new orders dropped 0.2 percentage points to 52.3 percent and business outlook was down by 2.6 percentage points from a month earlier to 54.9 percent in November. —Xinhua

TPP minister Amari hospitalized for checkups



Photo shows Akira Amari, Japan's minister in charge of the Trans-Pacific Partnership free trade negotiations. Amari, who doubles as economic and fiscal policy minister, was hospitalized on 2 Dec, 2013, for medical checkups for three or four days, the Cabinet Office said.

KYODO NEWS

TOKYO, 2 Dec — Akira Amari, Japan's minister in charge of the Trans-Pacific Partnership free trade negotiations, was hospitalized on Monday for medical checkups for three to four days, the government said.

Amari, who doubles as economic and fiscal policy minister, is slated to attend a four-day TPP ministerial meeting in Singapore from Saturday. The top government spokesman said it is now unclear whether he will join the gathering,

with his attendance dependent on the outcome of the checkups.

Officials declined to comment on Amari's conditions, citing his privacy.

Amari is also in charge of finalizing an economic stimulus package aimed at easing the negative impact of a planned sales tax hike next April. The government is planning to draw up the package on Thursday.

The TPP ministerial meeting in Singapore is expected to be the last major opportunity for the 12 negotiating members to try to achieve the proposed goal of securing a deal by the year-end.

On whether Amari will join the meeting, Chief Cabinet Secretary Yoshihide Suga said, "We will determine after seeing the results" of the medical checkups.

The top government spokesman added at a press conference that Amari "can make instructions from the hospital for now. So this won't affect" Japan's position at the TPP negotiations. As there are many contentious issues that would require political decisions to solve, a possible change in Amari's schedule could affect the prospects of the free-trade talks.

Kyodo News

Syrian helicopters drop "barrel bombs" on rebel town, killing 20

BEIRUT, 2 Dec — Syrian Army helicopters bombarded the northern rebel-held town of Al-Bab for a second day on Sunday, killing 20 people including four women when they dropped improvised barrel bombs on a market district, a monitoring group said.

The Syrian Observatory

for Human Rights said the death toll could rise because many people were severely wounded in the raid, which came a day after 26 people were killed in a similar attack on the same town by President Bashar al-Assad's forces.

The British-based Observatory said three rebels

Tax hikes, security dent Mexican President's approval rating

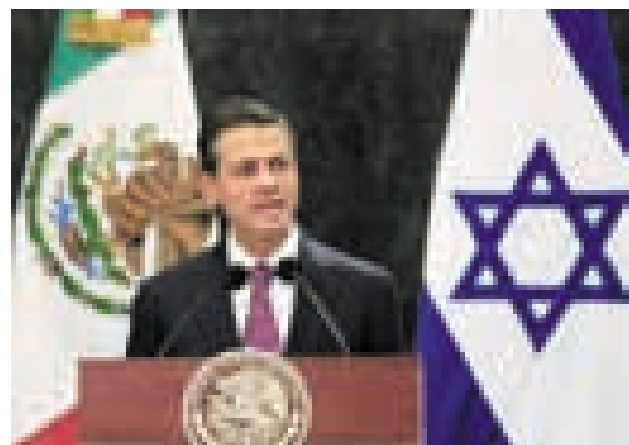
MEXICO CITY, 2 Dec — For the first time, more Mexicans disapprove of President Enrique Pena Nieto's performance than approve, partly because of his tax increases, according to a newspaper poll released on Sunday, the anniversary of his first year in office.

The Reforma survey of 1,020 people showed that while 48 percent disapproved of Pena Nieto's job performance, up from 30 percent in April, just 44 percent approved. The approval figure was down from 50 percent eight months ago and

marked the first time since taking office last December that it had been below the disapproval percentage.

Those surveyed mainly took issue with Pena Nieto's new tax scheme, which Mexico's Congress passed in October. The fiscal overhaul includes higher income tax rates for the wealthy as well as new levies on junk food, soft drinks and stock market gains.

The reform, signed into law by Pena Nieto, aims to raise revenue by almost 2.7 percent of gross domestic product by 2018. There also



Mexico's President Enrique Pena Nieto gives a speech next to Israel's President Shimon Peres (not pictured) during a news conference after an official welcoming ceremony for Peres at Los Pinos presidential residence in Mexico City on 27 Nov, 2013.—REUTERS

was concern about Pena Nieto's handling of organized crime with 58 percent of those surveyed saying he was doing a bad job and 21 percent approving.

Roughly 80,000 people have died since 2007 when former President Felipe Calderon sent in the army to tame Mexico's warring cartels.—Reuters

Suicide bomber kills 10 at funeral in northern Iraq



A victim of a suicide bomb attack lies on a bed at a hospital in the city of Baquba, about 50 km (31 miles) northeast of Baghdad, on 1 Dec, 2013.—REUTERS

BAQUBA, (Iraq), 2 Dec — A suicide bomber in northern Iraq blew himself

up at a funeral procession on Sunday, killing at least 10 people and wounding

25, as the country suffers its worst spate of violence for at least five years.

No group claimed responsibility for Sunday's attack but suicide bombers linked to al-Qaeda frequently target local Sunni Muslim leaders and followers considered supportive of Iraq's Shi'ite-led government. The bombing took place in Muqadaya, 80 km (50 miles) northeast of Baghdad, among mourners in a cemetery.

They were escorting the body of a prominent Sunni tribal sheikh, Mudher Ali al-Shalal, who was killed on Saturday by unknown gunmen.

"As we were heading to the grave, a stranger ran towards the crowd and blew himself up," said Firas Ahmed, a relative of the deceased who was wounded in the leg.

"I was lucky because I was not at the front. The bodies of the killed and wounded people were everywhere." Shalal was the son of another well-established tribal sheikh. His father had set up a local government-backed Sunni Sahwa militia opposed to al-Qaeda. This year has been Iraq's most violent since 2006-7, when tens of thousands died in strife between Sunnis and Shi'ites.

Reuters

Lack of cash and monitors add to Afghan election troubles



An Afghan woman gets her registration card done at a voter registration centre in Kabul on 26 Nov, 2013.

REUTERS

KABUL, 2 Dec — Organizers of Afghanistan's make-or-break presidential election next year say poor security, a shortage of monitors and funding holes are undermining their ability to safeguard the process from the widespread fraud that marred the last poll in 2009.

Another deeply flawed election would undermine the attempts of Washington

and its allies to foster democracy ahead of the withdrawal of foreign troops later in 2014.

"The foundation of the election due to technical issues was not done in the proper way," said Noor Mohammad Noor, spokesman for the Independent Election Commission (IEC). "We need measures to secure the process

through observers."

Western nations, who have spent hundreds of billions of dollars on a conflict that has failed to end the Taliban insurgency, have pledged about a third less cash to the United Nations (UN) fund that will cover most of the election's costs compared with 2009, official UN figures shows.

The reduced budget is partly because some land and equipment that had to be bought last time is being reused and fewer foreign advisers are needed, say the UN and IEC chief Yousuf Nooristani. "They were drawing good salaries out of this budget... but now there is very limited number of foreigners and everything will be done by the Afghans," said Nooristani of the advisers, whose number will drop from 160 last time to a maximum of 60.—Reuters



Free Syrian Army fighters prepare to fire shells from a tank in Aleppo on 30 Nov, 2013.—REUTERS

from the Tawhid Brigade were killed in Saturday's raid, which appeared to target their headquarters in Al-Bab. Sunday's attack may have been aimed at another rebel group, it said. However, barrel bombs — explosive-filled cylinders or oil barrels — are usually rolled out of the back of helicopters and are rarely delivered with any accuracy.

The Observatory said 212 people were killed across Syria on Saturday, bringing the death toll since Thursday to over 600.

There is little sign that diplomacy will end the conflict and the fighting has, if anything, escalated since the United Nations announced on Monday that a long-delayed peace conference would be held in Geneva on 22 January.

Reuters



The New Light of Myanmar

XXVII SEA GAMES SPECIAL



7 Days To The Opening Ceremony

Tuesday, 3 December, 2013

SEA Games on LED boards for Nay Pyi Taw dwellers



Photo shows LED board for broadcasting the sports events of SEA Games in Nay Pyi Taw.

NAY PYI TAW, 2 Dec— Council Area. Under the arrangement of the Ministry of Sports, the sports events of the 27th SEA Games will be broadcast live on LED Boards for the people of Nay Pyi Taw

A total of six LED boards have been installed in front of the City Hall, at Myoma market and Thabyaygon market, in Tatkon Township,

at the junction near the Sports Ground of Lewe and at the traffic light in downtown Lewe, said Director U Kyaw Moe Oo of Sports Ministry.

Than Naing (Zabuthiri)

Myanmar Cyclists undergoing intensive training

NAY PYI TAW, 2 Dec— Highway. After going for a ride passing Pynmana, they are learnt that Myanmar cyclists are undergoing intensive training to achieve success in upcoming 27th SEA Games.

The female cyclists from Myanmar Cycling Federation who will compete in 128 km cycling race started their training from Leinli Bridge and passed Kintha Junction and went along Yangon-Mandalay

Highway. After going for a ride passing Pynmana, they arrived in Lewe at 12.10 pm. They have already undergone intensive training for 11 times. This was the last time practice for taking part in the SEA Games and it took 4.49 hrs.

A total of 17 medals will be awarded to the winners in cycling. They had been trained for three times in China. Now they

are undergoing training at Nay Pyi Taw Gold Camp. The selected cyclists—17 men and 13 women are undergoing intensive training under Myanmar, China, Thailand and South Korea coaches. As Myanmar cyclists, they are trying to achieve good results in the SEA Games, said one of the retired assistant-directors.

Ko Myo (Shwe Paukkan)

Myanmar Chinlone players to clinch victory



NAY PYI TAW, 2 Dec— Myanmar, Thailand, Malaysia, Cambodia and Laos will take part in Chinlone tournament of the 27th SEA Games.

Chinlone is a game in which players are to use their feet and knees to control Chinlone. “Since February, 2013, Myanmar Chinlone players have been undergoing intensive training at the Gold Camp in Nay Pyi Taw. At present, they are ready to compete in the game. I am sure that they will clinch the victory,” said Coach U Khin Maung Win.

It is learnt that Thai team is one of Myanmar Chinlone team’s main rivals. The Chinlone tournament starts on 4 December.

Kyemon-Thagyan Moe

Myanmar cyclists undergoing intensive training to achieve success in 27th SEA Games.



Hailing 27th SEA Games, SEA Games flags and archway seen at downtown Lewe on 2 December.—KO MYO (SHWE PAUKKAN)



Forever Group’s SEA Games TV programme



Forever Group will broadcast SEA Games TV programme through four free-to-air channels. Two free-to-air analogue

channels, MRTV-4 and Channel 7, will mainly telecast daily sports news, highlight programs and edited sports programs. Two free-to-air digital channels, For Sports and 4HD, will mainly broadcast sporting events with

the largest fans and sporting events in which Myanmar teams are taking part and getting closer to win medals. But, only viewers with DVB-T Set Top box and DVB-T Set Top box will have free access to the sports programs through the two digital channels.

Sky Net’s SEA Games TV

programme

Sky Net will provide sports coverage through 10 free-to-air channels. Viewers with DTH Set Top box will have free access to the programs of sporting events with the largest fans and sporting events in which Myanmar teams are taking part and getting closer to win

medals through free-to-air (DTH) channel.

MWD’s SEA Games TV programme

MWD will telecast SEA Games TV programme through four free-to-air channels—one analogue MWD channel and three digital channels (MWD Variety, MWD Documentary and MWD Music). View-

ers with MWD Set Top box will have free access to live televised sporting events—Chinlone, Wushu, Football, Pencak Silat, Sepak Takraw, Badminton, Karate-do, Taekwondo, Body-building, Volleyball and Table Tennis. The remaining sporting events will be broadcast on delay.



PERSPECTIVES

Tuesday, 3 December, 2013

Start walking to get healthy

This simple activity that we do every day is really a great way to get healthy. Read on about the many surprising benefits of walking.

A new week is about to begin. Which means you can set new resolutions and get on that fitness program you've been putting off since the beginning of the year. And this weekend, if there's just one thing you should start doing to get fitter, let that be walking. Here are 10 reasons why!

It's great exercise. Walking at a steady pace for 30 to 45 minutes a day has been proven to be an excellent fat burner. Do this six times a week, along with following a healthy diet, and you will see a change in your weight. A good speed of walking is 6 km/hour. In other words, it should take you 10 minutes to cover a kilometre.

It's good for the heart. Walking is known to reduce blood pressure, improve blood circulation and all round cardiovascular functions.

It increases stamina. Walking regularly at a good speed also improves muscle strength and endurance and promotes mental health. Walking is a great stress buster. And if you're able to walk out doors, there's nothing like it. The combination of fresh air and exercise is an excellent mood booster and you'll definitely find yourself feeling happier as well as healthier.

Studies show that walking 150 minutes per week can reduce the risk of diabetes, which is why doctors highly recommend it to anyone who has a history of diabetes in their family.

It's free! Unlike most other forms of exercise, all walking requires is a pair of good walking shoes. Walk in the park; on the road; up the stairs; on a treadmill; in a long corridor, it really doesn't matter. You don't need expensive equipment or a partner to do this. So if you're in the mood for a good, safe workout, just start walking!

Member of MWEA leaves for India

YANGON, 2 Dec—Promoters Programme to be held from 2 to 24 December at International Institute of Entrepreneurship and small Business Development, Noida under the arrangement of ITEC, in India.



MNA

Businessmen need to ...

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In his address, the Vice-President called for participation of all in establishing a trade zone of international standards in Muse. Thanks to relaxation of licensing for import and

export activities, issuance of individual trading cards, food and drug registration process and checkpoints that were shut down between Muse and Mandalay, flow of commodities has become smooth and speedy and number of trade volumes has increased, thereby contributing towards better

opportunities for individual traders and stable commodity prices, he added.

He called on businessmen to do their cross-border trade activities in accord with rules and regulations, saying that commercial taxes are to be paid without fail. He stressed the need to try

hard for meeting ASEAN and international norms and standards ahead of 2015 ASEAN Economic Community.

In the evening, the Vice-President visited Muse training golf course and he put up in Lashio for the night.

MNA

Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker leaves for India

YANGON, 2 Dec—At the invitation of the Speakers of the Upper House and the Lower House of the Republic of India, a Myanmar delegation led by Speaker of Amyotha Hluttaw U Khin Aung Myint left here by air this morning to pay an official visit to the India.

The Myanmar delegation was seen off at Yangon International Airport by Pyithu Hluttaw Deputy Speaker U Nanda Kyaw Swa, Yangon Region Hluttaw Speaker U Sein Tin Win, the Indian Ambassador to Myanmar, Hluttaw representatives and officials from the Hluttaw Office.

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Speaker of Amyotha Hluttaw U Khin Aung Myint being seen off at Yangon International Airport by the officials.—MNA

SCG presents stipend to 100 students from Mon State



Ceremony to present stipend to high school students from Mon State in progress at Strand Hotel in Mawlamyine.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 2 Dec—A ceremony to present stipend to 100 high school

students from Mon State as the second time by SCG, a leading business conglomerate in ASEAN, took place at Strand Hotel in Mawlamyine yesterday morning,

with 512 kbps internet speed rate," said an official from Redlink.

Redlink offers free WiFi Internet access for SEA Games

YANGON, 2 Dec—Redlink Communications has spent about K 500 million on free WiFi Internet services to the users during the period of XXVII SEA Games. Free Internet services are available at the Sports Grounds and Ngwehsaung.

According to the Redlink, only a limited

number of users can have access to Free WiFi Internet at Theinbyu Sports Ground, National Indoor Stadium-1, Thuwunna Youth Training Centre and North Dagon Shooting Range and Ngwehsaung Beach during the period of the SEA Games.

"The number of users is limited. And we have arranged to offer services

with 512 kbps internet speed rate," said an official from Redlink.

The number of free WiFi Internet users is 32,000 in Thuwunna YTC, 10,000 at National Indoor Stadium-1, 2,000 at Myanmar Convention Center (MCC), 2400 in Theinbyu Sports Ground and 500 in North Dagon Shooting Range in Yangon and Ngwehsaung Beach.

Kyemon-Khin Yadana

with an address by State Chief Minister U Ohn Myint.

It is learnt that needy and outstanding student and who actively takes part in social environment was chosen to receive K 200,000 (about US\$ 206).

Siam Cement Group presented stipend to 100 high school students last year. There is a plan to present stipend to the needy students from rural areas.

Then, the chief minister inspected construction site of Sports and Physical Education Institute (Mawlamyine) near Min Village on Mawlamyine-Kyaikmaraw Road.

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Myanmar's first-ever PACES ...

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have to sit part I and II to get globally-recognized MRCP and then the MRCP will be conferred only on those who pass PACES. Myanmar has introduced part-I in the 1970s and part-II in 2008. PACES can be introduced this year. Successful holding of the PACES can bring a credit to the people and the country.—MNA

Union Spirit needs to be fostered...

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After the meeting Senior General Min Aung Hlaing presented gifts and his wife cash assistance to those present at the meeting.

During the visit to Thandwe, the Senior General and party donated of-fertories to the members of

the Sangha at Maha Vihara Monastery and cash assistance to 25 elders aged 70 and above.

They also contributed K 2 million to funds of the Zigon Village Basic Education Primary School to spend on extending the school building. — *Myawady*



Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Deputy Speaker U Nanda Kyaw Swa shakes hands with Mr Chong Quan, Vice-Chairman of the Foreign Affairs Committee of Chinese National Congress. (News on page 16)—MNA

Agriculture, Livestock and Feed Production Equipment and Technology Exhibition kicks off

YANGON, 2 Dec — An opening of Agriculture, Livestock and Feed Production Equipment and Technology Exhibition, jointly-organized by AMB Events Group of Malaysia and Myanmar Livestock Federation, took place at Tatmadaw Convention Hall, here, this morning.

Yangon Region Chief Minister U Myint Swe, the president of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry, the president of Myanmar Livestock Federation and Director Mr. Andrew Siow of ABM Events Group of Malaysia formally opened



Yangon Region Chief Minister U Myint Swe visits booths at Agriculture, Livestock and Feed Production Equipment and Technology Exhibition.—MNA

Senior General Min Aung Hlaing and wife Daw Kyu Kyu Hla present cash and kind to those present.

MNA



Myanmar, China to cooperate in fishery sector



Union Minister U Ohn Myint holding talks with Deputy Minister for Agriculture of PRC Mr Niu Dun and party.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 2 Dec — An agreement on cooperation in fishery sector

the ceremony. They then viewed round the booths on display at the exhibition.

Agriculture and livestock equipment, feedstuff and medicines will be displayed at 86 booths of 215 local and foreign companies at the exhibition up to 4 December. — *MNA*

was signed between Myanmar and China today.

Union Minister for

Livestock, Fisheries and Rural Development U Ohn Myint and Deputy

Minister for Agriculture of the People's Republic of China Mr Niu Dun signed the agreement at Ministry of Livestock, Fisheries and Rural Development here.

Under the agreement, the two sides will cooperate in fish breeding and processing and livestock breeding.

During the meetings, they also discussed strengthening the bilateral friendship and win-win cooperation in livestock breeding and fishery sector.

During the 18th central committee meeting in China, resolutions were made to promote the transparency in relations between Myanmar and China and investment in Myanmar.—*MNA*

Follow-up news

In the news under the heading "Over 170 doyen literati honoured at ceremony to mark Sarsodaw Day" which appeared on page 9 of this daily issued on 2 December, it was reported that 171 doyen literati each were presented with Skynet receivers.

In fact, 150 literati were presented with Skynet receivers at last year's ceremony. In this year's ceremony, the receivers went to just 21 doyen literati who were the newcomers.

MNA

Chairperson of Pyithu Hluttaw Rule of Law and Tranquility Committee back from Australia

NAY PYI TAW, 2 Dec— Chairperson of Pyithu Hluttaw Rule of Law and Tranquility Committee Daw Aung San Suu Kyi who left for Australia on 26 November arrived back in Yangon by air this evening.

During the visit, she accepted honorary doctor-

ates conferred by the universities from Canberra and Melbourne, held talks with the Australian Prime Minister and the Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia and met with Myanmar families in Australia.

MNA

Van donated to Shwe Thanlyin free funeral service

YANGON, 2 Dec— A ceremony to donate a van and a cordless telephone with a base and ten handsets to Shwe Thanlyin free funeral service was held at No (1384), Dhamma Yadana street in ward-88, Dagon Myothit (Seikkan Township), here, yesterday. Wellwisher U Nyan

Win and wife Daw Tin Tin Nyo and family handed over documents related to their donation to U Aung Naing Win, chairman of the service.

It is learnt that the donor family will provide wood to be used in making funerary boxes to the service through their life.

Kyemon-515 (U Kyin Maung)

Development

Land plots allotted to victims in Meiktila

MEIKTILA, 2 Dec—Due to the riots that occurred on 20 March 2013, a total of 1594 houses in Chanayethaya Ward of Meiktila where the majority of the people were Muslims were reduced to ashes in the outbreak of fire.

A total of 7845 victims were accommodated at five relief camps.

A coordination meeting to allot land plots to the victims was held at the hall of Meiktila District General Administration Department in Meiktila on 30 November.

It was attended by Mandalay Region Minister for Planning and Economic U Aung Zan, Meiktila District Deputy Commissioner U Tin Maung Soe of Meiktila District, Head of Township Settlement and Land Records Department

U Thein Tun Zaw, departmental officials, members of Township Development Affairs Supportive Committee and fire victims.

The meeting decided to allot the land plots to 93 victims for the first time. The land plots will be 30 feet x 40 feet one.

Once more issuance of the land plots will be given to 77 fire victims.

The residence quarters will be built for allotment of 193 victims who have no guarantee.

A total of 443 land plots of 637 have been allotted to the people in Chanayethaya Ward. The Meiktila District Deputy Commissioner Office plans to allot land plots to the victims from Thiri Mingala Ward under scrutiny.—U Tin Hlaing (Meiktila)



Vehicles small and large passing the already-inaugurated Shwegondine Overpass in Bahan Township of Yangon West District on 1 December noon.—KYEMON-TUN WIN

CSCs issued free of charge in Pyinmana

PYINMANA, 2 Dec—A ceremony to issue Citizenship Scrutiny Cards was held at Laytha Monastery in Taungtha Ward of Pyinmana on 29 November.

The cards were issued to citizens between 10 and 18 years old.

Under the supervision of Daw Win Win Thi, town's elder of Pyinmana

Township, Staff Officer U Aung Naing Oo of Pyinmana Township Immigration and National Registration Department and staff, together with ward administrator

U Than Tun Aung and officials, health assistant (1) Daw Pearl Oo and responsible persons issued cards to the students free of charge.

Action taken against traffic rule offenders

BAGO, 2 Dec—Under the close supervision of Commander of Bago Region Police Force Police Col Mya Win and in-charge of Traffic Police Corps in the region Police Htein Win, members of Traffic Police Corps and local police members on 1 December took action against traffic rules offenders without helmets, licences, number plate and three seaters.

The police stationed at the clock tower traffic lights, Kyauktwingon Junction, Bago Hospital Junction, 20th Street in Market and Mahamyang Traffic Light.

In other townships of Bago District, pamphlets

Anti-Narcotic Drives

Over 1200 stimulant tablets, heroin worth over K 6 million seized in Lanmadaw

NAY PYI TAW, 2 Dec—Members of No 42 Anti-Drug Squad and policemen from Lanmadaw Myoma Police Station, together with witnesses, raided the house of Aung Thein Tun, 41, on Kaingdan Street in Ward 2 of Lanmadaw Township on 29 November night.

They saw Aung Tun Thein at his house together with 1273 stimulant tablets

with WY brand worth K 6,365,000 and 0.1 gram of white powder believed to be heroin worth K 10000.

Lanmadaw Police Station opened a file of lawsuit against Aung Tun Thein under Sections 15/19(a) of Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.

Min Min Latt (Mann Tekkatho)

Irrigation

Irrigation facilities of diversion weirs inspected in Pwintbyu, Salin Tsps



MAGWAY, 2 Dec—Magway Region Minister for Agriculture and Livestock Breeding U Aung Naing, accompanied by Director of Magway Region Irrigation Department U Thaug Htaik, Assistant Director (Civil) U Win Ko Ko of Irrigation Department and Staff Officer U Ye Htut Aung of Pwintbyu Township Irrigation Department, inspected Linzin Diversion Weir in Salin Township and Mezali Diversion Weir in Pwintbyu Township on 28 November.

The Region Minister

looked into inflow of water at Linzin and Mezali diversion weirs, function of the sluice gate, thriving paddy plantations along the tributary canal, the site for generation electricity at Linzin Diversion Weir, communication roads and maintenance

of diversion weirs. He made an inspection tour of irrigation facilities in Salin and Pwintbyu townships for minimizing water at farmlands and availability of adequate water for cultivation of monsoon and double cropping.—U Tin Hlaing (Meiktila)

Gambler arrested in Yinmabin Village of Thazi Tsp

THAZI, 2 Dec—SIP Zaw Tun Min and party together with witnesses searched Sai Zaw Zaw, 25 of Yinmabin-Nyaungbintha Ward near the house of U Tin Maung

in Yinmabin Myoma Ward on 30 November night.

They seized football match fixtures and five voucher books, K 314,000 gambling money.

Crime

Yinmabin Police Station opened a file of lawsuit against Sai Za Zaw under Sections 13(a)/14(a) of Gambling Law.—U Tin Hlaing (Meiktila)



“There are about 350 children between 10 and 18 years old. For the first phase, we will issue the cards to 150 students. A plan is underway to issue more cards to the

local people between 10 and 18 years old of the wards for the second phase,” said ward administrator U Than Tun Aung.

Min Min Latt (Mann Tekkatho)

Traffic Rules Enforcement

were distributed to the people to abide by traffic rules.

In addition, educative talks on traffic rules were given to the people severally.

Therefore, the local people drive motorcycles under discipline.

A shop owner on Min Street in Bago said, “I saw

a lot of motorbike accidents in the past. It was because there was no traffic lights. Now, all the junctions have been installed traffic lights in Bago. So, the local bikers abide by the traffic rules.”

Kyemon-Min Htet Naing



As part of undertaking traffic rules enforcement, traffic police corps members check a motorcycle in Bago.

REGIONAL



Cambodian Prime Minister Hun Sen (R) shakes hands with visiting Managing Director of International Monetary Fund (IMF) Christine Lagarde at the Peace Palace in Phnom Penh, Cambodia, on 2 Dec, 2013. Lagarde on Monday praised Cambodia for high economic growth and pledged continued support for the country's financial reform.—XINHUA

10 dead, 35 injured in bus accident in Nepal

KATHMANDU, 2 Dec—Ten people were killed and 35 injured after a bus they were travelling in left the road and fell 300 metres down a ravine in a mountainous district in western Nepal on Sunday morning, police said.

The night bus was travelling from Bajura to

Dhangadhi district when the accident occurred in Dadeldhura district around 5 am, Deputy Superintendent of Police Krishna Prasain told *Kyodo News* from the district by phone. Dadeldhura is located about 500 kilometres west of Kathmandu.

Prasain said prelimi-

nary investigations suggest the driver's drowsiness led to the accident.

"Of the dead, two are women and eight are men. All the injured have been taken to hospitals. The conditions of 10 of the injured are serious," he said.

Kyodo News

Malaysian PM calls for open politics and effective governance

KUALA LUMPUR, 2 Dec—Malaysian Prime Minister Najib Razak on Monday called for a more open and transparent politics, effective and stable governance in facing common changes across the world.

Speaking at the Umno international forum hosted by the ruling United Malays National Organization (UMNO), in which Najib holds the president post, he said changes in demographics, technology and development have made it incumbent upon governments to modernize and keep up with the times.

"More information is more accessible to more people than at any time in history," he said. "Voters are better informed and more discerning; free to

compare and contrast their political systems like never before."

Najib said governments should respond to this change with greater transparency.

The prime minister said governments must be able to provide young people a stake in society and greater opportunities, and cautioned that the Arab Spring serves as a warning to leaders.

He added that developing countries are facing a growing sense of economic inequality that could also undermine social harmony, calling for better growth that is economically, environmentally and socially sustainable.

The forum, attended by participants from 25 countries and more than

30 political parties, will be followed by the annual UMNO general assembly, when Najib is expected to outline the future direction of Malaysia's ruling party since its independence.

The UMNO-led ruling coalition retained power in a closely contested general election in May with a reduced majority, and Najib retained his post as prime minister and UMNO president.

"This year's general election was hard fought, and hard won... My party was returned to office with a mandate, but the result betrayed increased polarization in the country," Najib said. "I acknowledge it. But I want to heal these wounds and achieve national unity."

Xinhua

Singapore invited to take part in G20 summit next year

SINGAPORE, 2 Dec—Singapore has been invited to take part in the Group of 20 nations (G20) Summit in Brisbane, Australia in late 2014, the Singapore government said on Sunday.

"As a major financial centre and investment hub, Singapore looks forward to contributing to discussions in the G20 on global financial reforms, infrastructure investment financing and the multilateral trading system," the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Ministry of Finance said in a joint statement.

The G20 Summit next year will take place on 15 Nov to 16 Nov, with the leaders expected to discuss the challenges facing the global economy and the policies needed to promote strong, sustainable and balanced growth.

The Singaporean government said it appreciates Australia's efforts to reach out to non-G20 members.

It added that as a member of the Global Governance Group, Singapore will work closely with Australia to promote greater engagement between G20 and the wider United Nations membership.

Xinhua

Citizens visit Ugrasen ki Baoli, one of the stepwells in New Delhi, capital of India, on 1 Dec, 2013. Stepwells are wells or ponds in which the water may be reached by descending a set of steps. They are most common in western and north India. Some of the stepwells are covered and protected and often of architectural significance.—XINHUA



Fireworks to sparkle Sydney Opera House on New Year's Eve

SYDNEY, 2 Dec—The city of Sydney announced Monday that more than 1,000 fireworks will be launched from the sails of Sydney Opera House this New Year's Eve.

The fireworks were developed specifically for the event so they do not damage the building's tiled exterior by using specially designed pyrotechnics.

It is the first time in over a decade that fireworks will be launched from the tops of four

sails of the Sydney Opera House and they will be installed by a specially-trained fireworks crew, working 67-metre above the ground.

The Mayor of Sydney Clover Moore said the event's creative style and "Shine" theme was led by artist and musician Reg Mombassa, who was working closely with the fireworks team to develop the event.

Mombassa said the Sydney Opera House was

an inspiring building for artists and pyrotechnicians.

"Apart from the fact the Sydney Opera House is a distinctive and iconic structure, it's interesting from the view point of an artist in that it totally changes shape according to where you're observing it from," Mombassa said.

The mayor also said she expected this year's event to have one of the most creative fireworks display Sydney has seen.

Xinhua

Foreign visitors to Indonesia up 4.6 pct in October

JAKARTA, 2 Dec—The number of offshore tourists visiting Indonesia in October rose by 4.59 percent on a yearly basis to 719,900 persons, the national statistic bureau said here on Monday.

More specifically, the number of foreign visitors to Bali, the center of Indonesia's tourism industry,

increased by 5.44 percent to 266,500 people in October against the same period last year, Suryamin, head of Statistics Indonesia, told a press conference held at the bureau.

Indonesia expects 9 million foreign tourists to visit the country this year, up from 8.04 million re-

corded last year.

The government is attempting to lure more overseas holiday makers by encouraging more Muslim tourists and boosting health tourism, as most of Indonesia's 238 million population are Muslim, with the majority of them moderate.

Xinhua

Sri Lanka keen on obtaining oil from Iran

COLOMBO, 2 Dec—Sri Lanka is keen to get oil from Iran once again and is studying a recent deal signed between six world powers with the Iranian government, a senior government official told the local media on Monday.

Petroleum Resources Minister Anura Priyadharshana Yapa said that his ministry is monitoring the situation and a decision will be made once all the required information is gathered on if Sri Lanka can look to importing more fuel from Iran again.

He said the government has sought information from the US embassy in Colombo on the deal signed between the six countries and Iran.

"We are still not sure what sanctions will be lifted but our refineries are built to suit Iranian oil so if things go well we will

consider the option of importing oil from Iran once again," Minister Yapa said.

The initial agreement reached recently after more than four days of negotiations between Iran and the United States, France, Russia, China, Britain and Germany, was designed to buy time for negotiations on a final settlement of the decade-old nuclear dispute.

However, Yapa noted that apart from the US sanctions imposed on Iran there are also sanctions imposed by the EU which Sri Lanka needs to take into consideration when deciding if to buy Iranian oil.

The US State Department last week extended a waiver from US sanctions to Sri Lanka for another six months for not purchasing crude oil from Iran.

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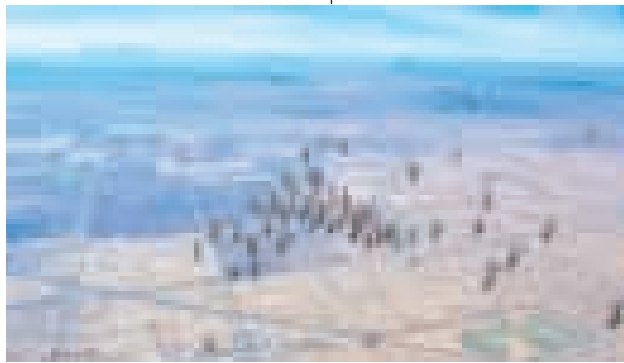
Visitors crowd Tokyo Big Sight in Tokyo on 1 Dec, 2013, the final day of the 43rd Tokyo Motor Show. KYODO NEWS

Yemen bans motorcycles in capital after drive-by assassinations

SANAA, 2 Dec — The Yemeni Interior Ministry on Sunday imposed a temporary ban on motorcycles in Sanaa as consecutive drive-by shootings underscored the capital's worsening security situation.

The ministry said the ban will last until 15 Dec in line with the supreme security committee's order announced last week, which aims to prevent assassination attempts.

On Tuesday, two Belarussians were shot down outside their hotel by gunmen on a motorcycle. Hours later, Colonel Ahmed Ismail al-Jahdary, director of the training department in the police college, was shot dead also by motorcycle gunmen.—Xinhua



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Over 60 women from around the world linked hands as they jumped out of planes from 18,000 feet towards Arizona desert on Saturday.
 XINHUA

Over 2,000 policemen injured in Bahrain in two years

MANAMA, 2 Dec— Eight policemen were dead and an additional 2,300 were injured in clashes with protesters in the past two years in Bahrain during the regional uprising known as "the Arab Spring."

The report described some of the policemen's injuries as "very serious" and others as "involving amputations."

These findings were revealed in the third report issued by the Bahrain Independent Commission of Inquiry (BICI) on Sunday to highlight government reforms.

The high level commission was formed to probe the unrest that occurred in February and March 2011. The commission made 26 recommendations to the government, which stated that 19 were

fully implemented and that remaining seven were in progress.

"Overall, the commission affirms that the government of Bahrain is fully committed to the implementations of the BICI recommendations based on an agenda prepared in advance to ensure full and proper implementation," the report that was publicly released on Sunday stated.

Xinhua

Turkey to brief Iraq on energy cooperation with Iraqi Kurds

ANKARA, 2 Dec— Turkish Energy Minister Taner Yildiz will have talks with Iraqi energy officials in the Iraqi capital of Baghdad on Sunday in order to brief the Iraqi government on a package of energy deals agreed between Ankara and Iraq's autonomous northern region that the central

government says are illegal.

Yildiz will meet Iraq's deputy prime minister for energy, Hussain al-Shahrastani, and deliver the message that Turkey wants to carry the energy projects with three party cooperation including the central government of Iraq, a Turkish official told Xinhua.

Last week, Turkey and Prime Minister of Iraqi Kurdish Regional Government (KRG) Nechirvan Barzani signed some trade deals for exploration and purchase of multi-billion-dollar hydrocarbon resources of the northern Iraq, Turkish media reported.

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Iranian students participate in an earthquake drill in Shahr-e-Ray, southeast Teheran, Iran, on 1 Dec, 2013. Iran held nationwide drills in schools simulating earthquake occurrence on Sunday. In the drills, some 13 million students from 114 educational centres practiced the basics of quakeproof skills.—XINHUA

ENTERTAINMENT

One Direction top British album chart for second time

LONDON, 2 Dec — Anglo-Irish boy band One Direction secured their second number one in the UK album chart with their new release “Midnight Memories”, sales figures showed on Sunday. The five-strong band’s third studio album beat Take That singer Gary Barlow’s latest solo offering, “Since I Saw You Last”, in the race to the top spot.

The Official Charts Company, which compiles the figures, said “Mid-

night Memories” had sold 237,000 copies in the last week, making it the fastest selling album of 2013. One Direction have enjoyed global success since coming third in the 2010 series of “The X Factor”, the British television talent show on which Barlow is currently a judge. Their debut album, “Up All Night”, reached number two in Britain in 2011 and their follow-up, “Take Me Home”, went to number one last year. Both topped the US album chart.

Barlow had to settle for second place, while his Take That partner Robbie Williams slipped from first position to third with “Swings Both Ways”. In the singles chart, Scottish singer Calvin Harris and Swedish DJ Alesso were a new entry at number one with “Under Control”, a collaboration with the English band Hurts. Last week’s number one, “Somewhere Only We Know”, by English singer Lily Allen, slipped to fourth place.—Reuters



Members of the band One Direction, (L-R) Niall Horan, Harry Styles, Liam Payne, Zayn Malik, and Louis Tomlinson, stand together during their performance on ABC’s Good Morning America inside Central Park in New York, on 26 Nov, 2013.

REUTERS



SRK featured on NDTV-Vedanta’s Our Girls, Our Pride fundraising telethon.—PTI

Shah Rukh Khan: Ladies first, heroine’s name before mine no big deal

NEW DELHI, 2 Dec — It takes a superstar to make a super gesture. Actor Shah Rukh Khan’s announcement that his name would be preceded by his heroine’s name in his films — starting with Chennai Express and Deepika Padukone — was met with delight some months ago. But SRK himself says it was an easy decision to make and no big deal.

On NDTV—Vedanta’s Our Girls, Our Pride fundraising telethon, SRK said he didn’t consider it a very big gesture and that, as a believer in ‘ladies first,’ it was a natural step for him to take. He said, “I don’t think it’s a huge gesture. When I started out, I had some really wonderful ladies like Madhuri, Juhi and Sridevi helping me out with my work and as the years passed they started giving me star status and it became very embarrassing. So I decided to put my name at the end and the lady’s before mine.”

Shah Rukh, who spoke to telethon co-hosts Pri-

yanka Chopra and Vikram Chandra via satellite from Dubai, also said how unfortunate it was that there are still people in India who do not want girls to be born into their families: “It is an extremely unfortunate thought process. A child is a child and I don’t think any woman or boy is better than the other. Each person has his or her own circumstances and education. I truly believe girls look after their parents much better.”

Shah Rukh also named mountaineer Bachendri Pal, boxer Mary Kom and sprinter P T Usha as among those women he looks upto, and confessed that his personal heroine was his late mother who worked hard to bring him and his sister up after their father died. SRK was just one of a large number of Bollywood stars who joined NDTV to pledge their support in educating India’s young girls. Others included Aamir Khan, Karan Johar, Anushka Sharma, Imran Khan, Karisma Kapur, Alia Bhatt and Varun Dhawan.—PTI

Deepika Padukone: Can’t recreate Nagada song without Sanjay Leela Bhansali

NEW DELHI, 2 Dec — Deepika Padukone’s fluid and energy-packed dance in the Nagada Sang Dhol song from Ram-Leela has been widely appreciated but she doubts if she can recreate the grandeur of the number sans the film’s director Sanjay Leela Bhansali.

She says the song’s popularity was the “least expected of the lot.” “There

were other songs in the album which we thought would become popular, this was the underdog,” Deepika told IANS. “In fact, I am doing a show where I am expected to recreate that magic but I don’t think I’ll be able to do that if I don’t have Sanjay to direct,” she said. Deepika is slated to perform at the Temptation Reloaded show in Dubai on

Sunday with stars like Shah Rukh Khan and Madhuri Dixit.

On the Bollywood front, she has completed Homi Adajania’s English film Finding Fanny Fernandes. “It should be ready to release soon,” she revealed. “I am also doing Happy New Year with Abhishek Bachchan and Shah Rukh Khan, all fun boys to work with. I am also looking forward to starting Intiaz’s film with Ranbir,” said Deepika, who has been on a roll with her box office successes this year.

Speaking about her holiday plans, Deepika, who had recently taken out time to attend a friend’s engagement in her hometown Bangalore said, “I am sure I can squeeze in some family time, it’s always welcome.”

PTI



Sanjay Leela Bhansali directed Deepika in Ram-Leela. PTI

Priyanka Chopra on why she’s absent from Gunday teaser



MUMBAI, 2 Dec — Actress Priyanka Chopra, who is missing from the teaser of Gunday, says it’s obviously a promotional strategy for the movie. However, she guarantees that the theatrical trailer of the film will have much more.

“Obviously it’s a promotional strategy. The film is Gunday and the boys play Gunday which is why the introduction for them was important,” the 31-year-old

said here at a GUESS store where she was unveiled as the new GUESS girl.

“This is a teaser and in the theatrical, rest of the characters — me, Irrfan Khan and the boys will be there, and you will get to know about the film,” she added. A Yash Raj Films’ production, Gunday stars Arjun Kapoor and Ranveer Singh in the lead. Directed by Ali Abbas Zafar, it is slated to release on 14 Feb, 2014.—PTI

Priyanka will be seen with Arjun Kapoor and Ranveer Singh in Gunday.— PTI

Will.i.am: Britney Spears most focussed, disciplined

LOS ANGELES, 2 Dec — Singer Will.i.am, who has worked with pop star Britney Spears, says she is the most “focussed and disciplined” singer in the industry. The Black Eyed Peas band member worked as executive producer on the singer’s latest album, Britney Jean and he can’t stop praising her.

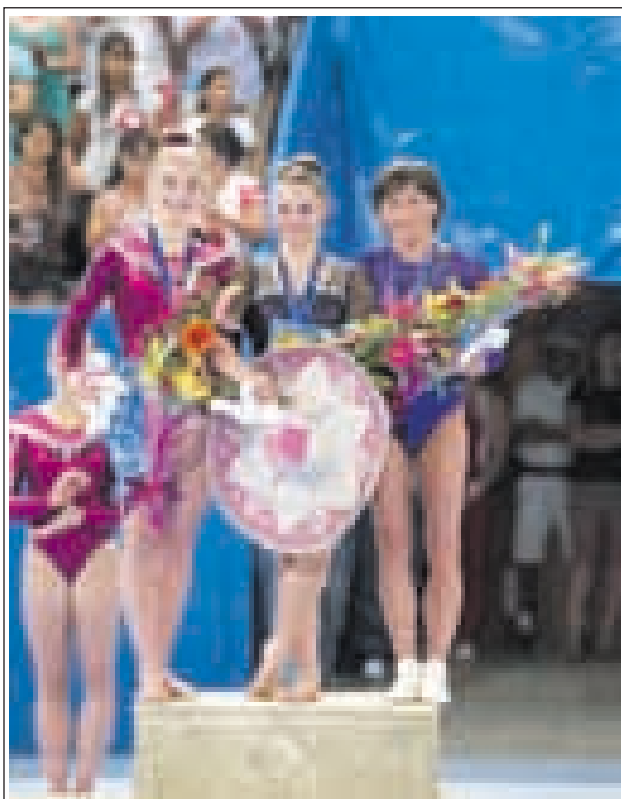
“I like Britney. I just love her dedication and love for music. That is just the way it is. I love how sweet she is, and how genuine she is. Shy, but fierce,” contactmusic.com quoted Will.i.am as saying. “Most artists are not like that. I don’t want to name artists, but Britney is the most focussed and disciplined of all the artists in the industry,” he added. The 38-year-old went on to explain how hardworking Britney is in the studio and how she is always professional when laying down tracks.

PTI



Will.i.am worked as executive producer on Britney’s latest album. PTI

SPORTS



(FROM L to R) Margaret Nichols of United States, Roxana Popa of Spain and Uzbekistan's Oksana Chusovitina, silver, gold, and bronze respectively, react in the awarding ceremony of the women's All Around during the Mexican Gymnastics Open in Acapulco, Guerrero, southern Mexico, on 30 Nov, 2013. —XINHUA

Rooney scores twice in Manchester United 12-game unbeaten streak

LONDON, 2 Dec — Wayne Rooney scored twice to earn Manchester United a point at the Tottenham Hotspur and the Premier League 2-2 draw also extend the Red Devils unbeaten run to 12 matches in all competitions on Sunday.

Kyle Walker put Tottenham in front in the 18th minute and Rooney leveled the score from close range in the 32th minute. Sandro restored Spurs' lead with a superb strike in the 54th minute and it's Rooney again that converted a penalty for the Manchester United three minutes later.

The defending champions Manchester United now

trail Premier League leaders Arsenal by nine points. Tottenham are lagging 10 points behind the Gunners and the lackluster season performance put Spurs manager Andre Villas-Boas under fire.

Xinhua



Wayne Rooney

Teenager Meyer receives five-year extension at Schalke 04

BERLIN, 2 Dec — Max Meyer, 18, was given a five-year contract extension at the German Bundesliga club Schalke 04 on Sunday. The talented midfielder has gained breath-taking progress in the past few months and won the credential from the club. "It is excellent news for the club," said Schalke general manager Horst Heldt.

"Many professionals in the game have predicted a great career in football for him." The extension will keep the attacking midfielder to serve Schalke 04 until 2018. Mayer joined the



Max Meyer

Schalke youth team from Duisburg in 2009. He came up to pitch as a substitute for the final 15 minutes in Schalke's 3-0 win at home to VfB Stuttgart on Saturday, which propelled the club to fifth in the league.

Xinhua

Liverpool wait to know extent of Sturridge injury

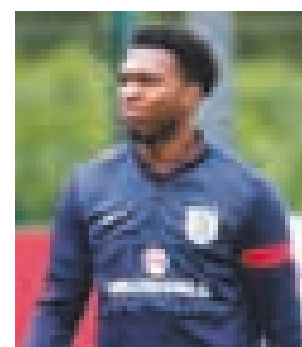
LONDON, 2 Dec — Liverpool face an anxious wait to learn the extent of Daniel Sturridge's ankle injury after the in-form striker was hurt during training and appears certain to miss the Merseyside club's trip to Hull City on Sunday. The 24-year-old England international has scored nine league goals this season and has been instrumental in helping the club make a bright start to the campaign in which they sit second in the standings after 12 matches. "Liverpool Football Club can confirm Daniel Sturridge will be assessed by the club's medical staff today (Saturday) after the striker rolled his ankle in training," the club said in a statement on their website.

"Sturridge returned to training at Melwood this week; however, he sustained an ankle sprain which will

require further assessment."

In his last appearance for Liverpool, Sturridge came off the bench to score an 89th minute equaliser in the thrilling 3-3 draw against neighbors Everton last weekend. Liverpool are scheduled to play seven matches this month in what could be a crucial period in their bid for a top-four finish that would secure a return to the Champions League for the first time since 2009.

Reuters



Daniel Sturridge

Bale crowned 'Prince of Goals' after first La Liga treble

MADRID, 2 Dec — Real Madrid's record signing Gareth Bale was hailed as the "Prince of Goals" after his hat-trick and assist in Saturday's 4-0 La Liga win at home to Real Valladolid. With prolific Portuguese Cristiano Ronaldo sidelined by injury, Bale stepped up to net his first treble since his 100 million-euro (\$136 million) move from Tottenham Hotspur and coach Carlo Ancelotti suggested the Wales winger's adaptation period was over.

"He is in good shape, he is confident and he is a very important player for us," Ancelotti told a news conference. "He performed very well today." Bale's pre-season preparations were disrupted by the protracted negotiations over



Real Madrid's Gareth Bale (L) celebrates his goal against Real Valladolid with teammate Marcelo during their Spanish First Division soccer match at Santiago Bernabeu stadium in Madrid on 30 Nov, 2013.

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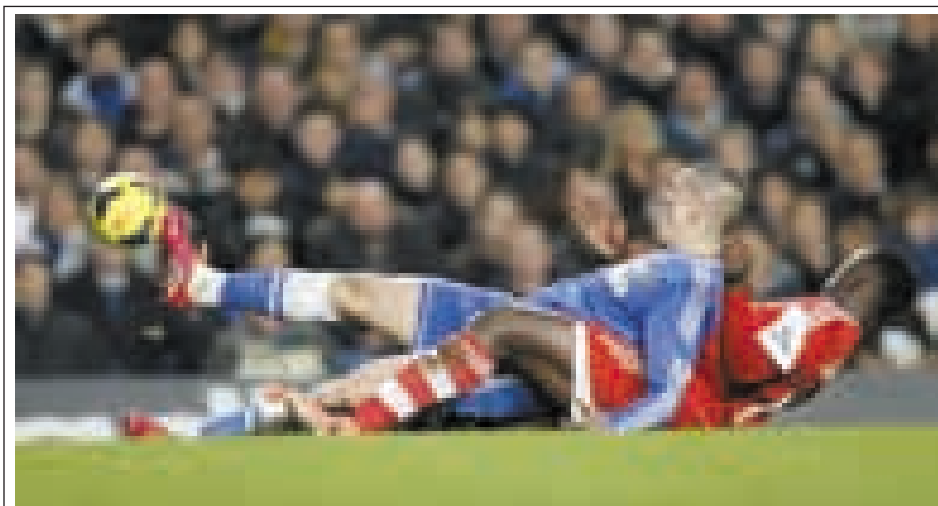
his transfer and he then picked up a minor muscle strain but now appears to be back to full fitness and eager to impress the Real faithful.

Saturday's haul was a

so-called "perfect hat-trick" — a header and a goal scored with each foot — and was only the second La Liga treble by a Briton after Gary Lineker's for Barcelona in 1987. Sports daily

As acclaimed Bale on their front page on Sunday as "Prince of Wales" (Principe de Gales), while rival newspaper Marca went for the headline "Prince of Goals" (Principe de Goles).

"It is always a pleasure to score but even more when you are able to score a hat-trick at the Santiago Bernabeu," Bale told reporters after grabbing a match ball and soaking up a post-match ovation from the Real faithful. "I am very happy here," added the 24-year-old. "I needed time to adapt after not having a proper pre-season but now I am improving. "I want to continue improving and working hard in the matches and in training and learn from the best like Cristiano Ronaldo." — Reuters



Fernando Torres (L) of Chelsea vies with Victor Wanyama of Southampton during the Barclays Premier League match between Chelsea and Southampton at Stamford Bridge Stadium in London, Britain on 1 Dec, 2013. Chelsea won 3-1. — XINHUA

Matsuyama becomes 1st rookie to win JGTO money title

GEISEI, (Japan), 2 Dec — Hideki Matsuyama became the first rookie to win the JGTO money title after capturing the Casio World Open for his fourth victory on Sunday.

Matsuyama, who has turned heads since turning pro in April and began his US PGA career last month, held on to his overnight lead with four birdies and two bogies to finish at 12-under-par 276 — one



Japan's Hideki Matsuyama raises a board congratulating him on becoming the first rookie to win the JGTO money title, at Kochi Kuroshio Country Club in Kochi Prefecture on 1 Dec, 2013.

KYODO NEWS

stroke ahead of Yuta Ikeda at Kochi Kuroshio Country Club in Kochi Prefecture.

Komei Oda finished three strokes off the pace in third. — Kyodo News

GENERAL



Northern Ireland's Rory McIlroy holds aloft the trophy after winning the Australian Open golf tournament at Royal Sydney Golf Club on 1 Dec, 2013.—REUTERS

McIlroy breaks title drought but learns from frustrations

SYDNEY, 2 Dec — Rory McIlroy buried his 2013 title drought in the most dramatic fashion at the Australian Open on Sunday and said he thought a largely frustrating season might just make him a more complete player. The Northern Irishman had a brilliant 2012 but a change of equipment and some off-course legal distractions coincided with a slump in form that saw him slide from number one in the world down to number six.

On Sunday, though, the 24-year-old re-entered the winners' circle when he birdied the 18th hole to snatch the title away from US Masters champion and home favourite Adam Scott with the final stroke of the tournament. "I think I'm more experienced, more patient," he said when asked what he had learnt this year. "Not getting as down on myself or not being as hard on myself because golf is a long career and you can't have too many highs and lows in terms of emotions." "You've just got to try and keep it on an even keel and I feel like I've done a better job of that this year as the months have

gone past.

"You know you have to go through the lows," he added. "And I'm not saying it was a low this year, it's not like I plummeted off the face of the earth. "I'm still sixth in the world so it's not too bad. It's not the level that I feel like I can play to but I feel I'm getting back there, so it's very pleasing." McIlroy admitted to a little guilt at the manner of his victory, which came when Scott bogeyed the last to give up a one-shot lead in a tournament he had dominated.

Reuters

UAE national day sees gigantic grant for social, economic projects

DUBAI, 2 Dec — The president of the United Arab Emirates ordered 20 billion Dirham (5.45 billion US dollars) worth of grant for social and economic projects ahead of the country's national day, WAM news agency reported Sunday. UAE President Khalifa Bin Zayed Al-Nahyan announced the decision in his address for the national day, which falls on 2 December.

The president also decided to increase the housing assistance a citizen gets from the Zayed Housing Programme from 500,000 Dirham (136,351 dollars) to 800,000 Dirham (218,161 dollars).

He congratulated the UAE citizens on the marking of the 42nd national day, which he said happens at a time of economic strength and joy as the emirate of Dubai just won the bid to host the World Expo in 2020.

The International Monetary Fund said last month that the UAE economy would grow by 4 percent this year and by 3.9 percent in 2014 as the politically stable Gulf state was witnessing a boom amid a revived real estate market, economic diversification and a rise in tourism, trade and manufacturing activities.—Xinhua

France looks into relaxing rules on Sunday shopping

PARIS, 2 Dec — France's labour minister called for local authorities to have more say on a proposed reform of restrictions on Sunday opening for shops, just hours before a government-commissioned report on the issue was to be released.

The report, expected to clarify which sectors will be allowed to do business on Sunday and under what conditions, will be presented to Prime Minister Jean-Marc Ayrault on Monday.

In an interview with BFM TV, Labour Minister Michel Sapin called for a "controlled relaxation" of the ban on Sunday work, saying it should be organized on a "regional basis".

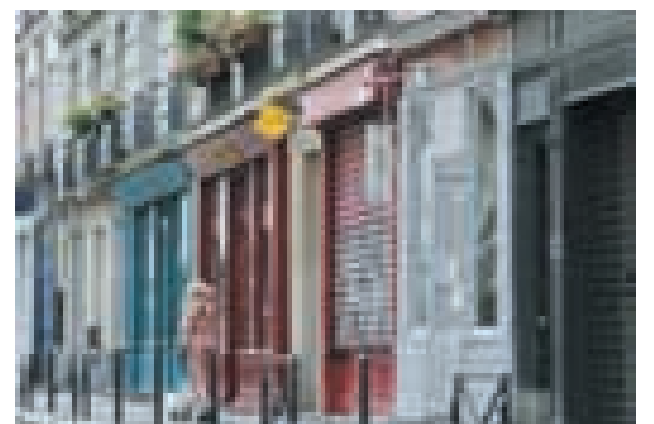
He said local authorities were best-placed to gauge

residents' shopping needs and habits.

"On one side of the road, it is open. On the other, it does not have the right to open. You have employees who are paid twice as much on Sunday, others nothing more. Of course today one must put some order in this mess," Sapin said.

Several DIY chains, including Bricorama, Castorama and Leroy Merlin, have been pressing the government to allow them to do business on Sunday to preserve jobs and fight competition from Internet retailers working seven days a week.

France's unemployment rate, now at 10.9 percent and close to the all-time high of 11.2 percent set in 1997, is a thorn in the side of



A woman makes her way past closed shops in a non-designated tourist area during a Sunday morning walk at the Butte Montmartre in Paris, on 28 July, 2013

REUTERS

President Francois Hollande, who has staked his credibility on turning around the euro zone's second-biggest economy and lowering the jobless total. Last week Hol-

lande backed away from his pledge to bring unemployment down by the end of the year, saying instead that it would take as long as necessary.—Reuters

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- * Kyeik Paw Law Pagoda

Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker meets Kamakura mayor of Japan

NAY PYI TAW, 2 Dec—A Myanmar delegation led by Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and Pyithu Hluttaw Thura U Shwe Mann yesterday met Mr Matuso Takashi, Mayor of Kamakura and attended a lunch hosted by the mayor.

The Myanmar delegation led by the Speaker visited Tokyo Gas company and coal-fired power plant of J-Power Company. Later, they paid homage to Kamakura Buddha Image, visited Gotemba Jukuu no Mori Park and enjoyed the beautiful view of Mt. Fuji from Gotemba Jukuu no Mori Park view point.—MNA

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Myanmar's first-ever PACES for MRCP held

NAY PYI TAW, 2 Dec—Myanmar's first-ever Practical Assessment of Clinical Examination Skills (PACES) for MRCP, jointly conducted by Medical Science Department under the Ministry of Health and Royal Collages of Physicians of UK, took place at teaching hospital of University of Medicine (1) (Yangon) from 25 to 27 November.

Examiners from Universities of Medicine 1 and 2, Universities of Medicine (Mandalay) and (Magway) and the Defence Services Medical Academy (DSMA) supervised the assessment in cooperation with six

examiners from Edinburg University, London and the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Glasgow. Altogether 45 examinees sit for the exam. Exam pass list will be sent back from UK two weeks after the exam. The doctors (See page 8)

Union Spirit needs to be fostered for Union Tatmadaw

NAY PYI TAW, 2 Dec—The Union spirit should be fostered among the members of the Union Tatmadaw as it is formed with all national races, said Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing in meeting with officers and other ranks of Thandwe Station yesterday.

During the meeting, he also stressed the importance of unity officers, other ranks and their families to achieve success in sharpening the capacity of the Tatmadaw.

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Dy Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker meets Chinese guests

YANGON, 2 Dec—A Chinese delegation led by Mr Chong Quan, Vice-Chairman of the Foreign Affairs Committee of Chinese National Congress paid a call on Deputy Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and Pyithu Hluttaw U Nanda Kyaw Swa, at Hluttaw Branch Office (Yangon) here this afternoon.

peoples and the governments of the two countries and boosting economic cooperation between the two countries.

The meeting focused on further cementing amity between the two countries, cooperation between two parliaments of both countries, further promoting relations between the

The call was attended by Pyithu Hluttaw Judicial, Legal Affairs, Complaints and Petition Vetting Committee member U Soe Win, Reform and Development Scrutinizing Committee member U Than Sein, Pyithu Hluttaw Legal Affairs and Special Case Assessment Commission members U Myint Swe, U Win Thein, U Nay Win and U Win Myint.

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J & M Steel Solutions Co Ltd founded

NAY PYI TAW, 2 Dec—J & M Steel Corporation Co Ltd, the joint-venture business between Public Works of the Ministry of Construction and Japan's JFE Engineering Corporation, started work on construction of the mill in Thakayta Township yesterday.

Chairman of JFE Engineering Corporation Mr S Kishimoto and Managing Director Mr Takashi Ishii of J & M Steel Solutions Co Ltd sprinkled scented water on the stakes and responsible personnel drove them into the ground.

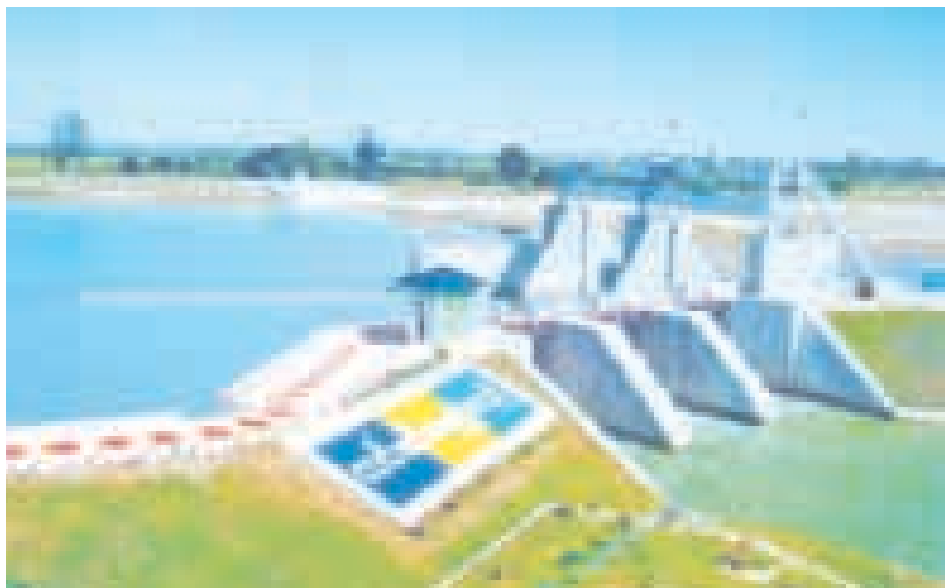
A ceremony to sign an agreement on founding of J & M Steel Solutions Co Ltd was held at Sedona Hotel and Managing Director of Public Works U Kyaw



Lin and Chairman of JFE Engineering Corporation Mr S Kishimoto signed the agreement and exchanged the notes. MNA

Officials of Public Works and Japan's JFE Engineering Corporation seen at J & M Steel Solutions Establishment Ceremony.—MNA

Linzin Diversion Weir benefits farmers



MEIKTILA, 2 Dec—Thanks to the repairing of Linzin Diversion Weir in Magway Region, a total of 32980 acres of monsoon paddy could be grown in 2012. It is expected that a total of 34321 acres of

monsoon paddy could be grown in 2013.

Irrigated water system of Linzin Diversion Weir would be well maintained for water sufficiency of 12788 farmers from 42 village-tracts and 116 vil-

lages. Due to Linzin Diversion Weir, farmers earn higher income from growing of monsoon and summer paddy and other crops.

U Tin Hlaing (Meiktila)

Myanmar youth golfers leave for Malaysia

YANGON, 2 Dec—Myanmar youth golf team left here by air this morning to take part in US Kids Golf World Championship Malaysia 2013 to be held at Palm Resort Golf Club of Malaysia from 3 to 5 December.

They were seen off at Yangon International Air-

port by the officials of Myanmar Golf Federation and their relatives.

With a view to achieving success in the 27th SEA Games and international youth golf championships, MGF sends Myanmar youth golfers to this tournament to get experience.—NLM



SEA Games tickets available till 20 Dec

Tickets for the sports matches of the 27th SEA Games are currently available at Paunglaung Sports Ground in Pinyinmana, Nay Pyi Taw Council Area.

It costs K 2500 per ticket. Some 300 tickets are daily sold out as they are much wanted.

Individually, sports enthusiasts are to bring their citizenship scrutiny cards to purchase the tickets, but for ticket agents, they are to bring a copy of ticket buyer's citizen-



ship scrutiny card and two photos.

Tickets are being sold

from 10 am to 4 pm daily till 20 December.

Ko Myo (Shwe Paukkan)