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BIOGRAPHY OF MR. CHOUMMALY SAYASONE, PRESIDENT OF LAO PDR



He attended the Political School for High Ranking Cadres situated in Vietnam in 1964, and in 1978 attended the Military Academy in the Soviet Union. He also studied at the Political and Administrative School in Vietnam in 1983.

He joined the Lao revolutionary movement in 1954 and became a member of the Lao People's Revolutionary Party in 1955. From 1955 to 1956, he participated in the defense of

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His Excellency Mr. Choummaly SAYASONE was born on 6 March 1936 in Attapeu Province, Laos.

Mrs. Keosaychay SAYASONE

Mrs. Keosaychay SAYASONE, the spouse of Lao's President Mr. Choummaly SAYASONE, was born in Sepsone district on 11 September 1958. She obtained Bachelor of Medicine (B.M) and she adhered to the Revolutionary movement as a doctor in 1977. She served as a director of Childcare Department at Khammouane Province Hospital in 1985. In 1990, she joined Military Service and became head of Lao Women Union for Ministry of National Defense in 1994. In 1995, she



became a member of the Lao People's Revolutionary Party. At present, she is a Major in Lao People's Army and also deputy director and private doctor to the president.

Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker meets Indian President, Speakers of Rajya Sabha and Lok Sabha

NAY PYI TAW, 8 Dec — Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker U Khin Aung Myint and party paid tribute to Mahatma Gandhi at Raj Ghat in New Delhi on 5 December morning.

Next, the Speaker and party observed a Lok Sabha session at the Parliament of India and viewed round the parliament.

Then, he called on Indian President Shri Pranab Mukherjee at Rashtrapati Bhawan and said that Myanmar and India's bilateral relations are in a remarkable state and the two countries share a deep commitment to strengthening friendship, mutual understanding and cooperation

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Myanmar Wushu artists secure two gold, one silver, three bronze

NAY PYI TAW, 8 Dec — Wushu competitions of the 27th SEA Games continued today as the second day at Wunna Theikdhi Indoor Stadium.

Htet Han Kyaw and Thiha Aung from Myanmar stood first with 9.65 points in Men's DUILIAN (2) event, followed by Malaysia with 9.48 points and Singapore with 9.47 points.

Wai Phyong Aung from Myanmar swept gold medal with 9.7 points in Men's NANQUAN competition, Malaysian athlete the silver with 9.68 points and Soe Kyaw of Myanmar third with 9.67 points.

Indonesian athlete secured gold medal with 9.70 points in Men's GUNSHU contest, Malaysian athlete the silver with 9.67 points and Aung Sithu of Myanmar the third with 9.35 points.

Vietnamese Wushu

player bagged gold medal with 9.68 points in Women's CHAGOGUAN event, Singaporean athlete the silver with 9.60 points and Indonesian athlete the bronze with 9.59 points.

Indonesia stood first with 9.67 points in Women's TAIJIAN completion, followed by Malaysia the second with 9.67 points and Indonesia the third with 9.63 points.

Malaysian athlete took the second gold for her country with 9.67 points in Women's NANDAO contest and Myanmar's Eint Mei Mei the silver with 9.67 points and Indonesian athlete the bronze with 9.63 points.

After the morning competitions, Myanmar added two gold medals and one silver to its medal table. The next competitions will be held at 2 pm today.

Byline: Khin Su Su Hlaing; Photo: ALEZ



Myanmar player Eint Mei Mei seen in action of Nandao event of Wushu in the 27th SEA Games.

PHOTO: AMS

Thilawa Special Economic Zone, country's biggest industrial region

The first phase of Thilawa Special Economic Zone, covering 400 hectares of land approximately 20 km southwest of Yangon, has many economic prospects for becoming the biggest industrial region, Mr Kitagawa of Japan-based Mitsubishi Corporation said at its launching ceremony on 30 November.

Thilawa Special Economic Zone is a crucial one out of the government's prioritized projects. The project is located close to the consumers and has much workforce compared with

other Special Economic Zones across the country. Thanks to its strategic location, it can save transportation costs, said Chairman of Myanmar Thilawa SEZ Holdings Public Co., Ltd U Win Aung.

The Investment Law and other necessary laws have been enacted. And each economic zone has a one-stop service centre to assist companies interested in making investment. Japanese entrepreneurs are hesitating to invest in Myanmar even though they have keen interests in it. Dealing with these challenges and the inflow of

foreign investments mainly rely on the success of the project, said Mr Yasuhiko Kitagawa, Minister of Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry of Japan.

The project implementation might face loads of challenges and difficulties. But Penta-Ocean Construction Co., Ltd will use latest technologies and experienced staff in the project. Mr Yasuji Kakimoto, Director, Senior Managing Officer reaffirmed that the project will meet with success. The first phase (Class A) of Thilawa Special Economic Zone will start

in December, 2013 and is expected to be completed by early 2015. Altogether 121 Japanese companies

have invested in Myanmar. Trade volume between Myanmar and Japan has tripled this year, compared

with the year 2010. Myanma Alinn (2-12-2013) Trs: MT



Photo shows machinery being used in Thilawa Special Economic Zone.

Byline: Ye Khaung Nyunt and Myat Thanda Maung Photo: Ye Yint Thway

LOCAL NEWS

Construction

Sites for GSM tower, staff quarters surveyed



Departmental officials conduct survey of land plot for GSM tower and staff quarter in Thantlang.

THANTLANG, 8 Dec—Township Administrator U Kyaw Win, the Commander of Township Police Force, the Head of Township

Settlement and Land Records Department and the in-charge of Township Digital Auto-Exchange surveyed the land plot for the GSM tower and staff quarters in Ward 3 of Thantlang Township on 2 December morning.

They allotted 100 feet by 80 feet for the tower and staff quarter. Myanmar Padauk Co will build the GSM tower in Pharon Village of Thantlang Township spending K 4 million to cover communication works of 25 per cent from the township.

The construction of the tower and staff quarter has got the target date to complete by March 2014, according to the in-charge of the auto-exchange.

Kyemon-Township IPRD

Cash donated to fund for development of township

HSIPAW, 8 Dec—A ceremony to donate cash to the fund for development of the township was held in conjunction with the talks on cultivation and production of eucalyptus plantations for development of social economy of the rural people at the hall of Township General Administration Department on 4 December.

U Myo Tint Zaw, Township Administrator made a speech.

Responsible persons of Great Wall Co explained cultivation of eucalyptus plantations.

Next, U Tin Maung-Daw Nan Hla Sein of Great Wall Co donated K 3 million, U Khin Zaw



Aung and brothers K 1 million, New Star Light Co K 1 million, U Aung Kyaw Win (Mother Love Co Ltd) K 1 million, U Aye (Thein Gabar Gems Co) K 1 million and U Law Kyu (Nanyang Gems Co) K 1

million. Chairman of Township Development Affairs Supportive Committee U Aung Khin and officials accepted the cash donations.

Kyemon-Sai (Hsipaw)

Taking national census explained in Dabayin

DABAYIN, 8 Dec—A coordination meeting on taking census and households in 2014 was held at the meeting hall of the Township General Administration Department in Dabayin Township of Shwebo District in Sagaing Region recently.

Secretary of the Sagaing Region Census Taking Committee Head of Region Immigration and National Registration Department

Director U Khin Maung Kyaw explained the aim of taking national census from 30 March to 10 April.

Region Hluttaw representative, town's elders, departmental officials, and village supportive committees asked about matters related to taking census.

The secretary of the committee replied to their questions.

Kyemon-KK (Dabayin)

K 390 million allotted for development of Pakokku District

PAKOKKU, 8 Dec—A coordination meeting between the District Deputy Commissioner and the departmental officials at district and township levels was held at the hall of Pakokku District General Administration Department on 2 December.

The meeting focused on security measures, keeping the town clean and pleasant, sanitation along both sides of Pakokku-Yezagy Road and supply of water for agricultural purpose.

They discussed allotment of K 397.5 million on development of Pakokku District in this fiscal year, formation of committee for private sector development, inspection of supervisory committee for construction tasks spending the large amount of money, taking action against illegal fuel stations for prevention against outbreak of fire in the open season, the matters issued by the investigation commission, enforcement of traffic rules and participation of departments through one

stop service system. Departmental officials submitted reports on their respective sectors.

After reviewing the reports, the deputy

commissioner attended to the needs and called for emphasizing the security measures.

Kyemon-Aung (Mann Tekkatho)

Adulterated edible oil destroyed in PyinOoLwin

PYINOOLOWIN, 8 Dec—PyinOoLwin Township Development Affairs Committee and Township Health Department checked the edible oil sold at the Development Market on 5 December and sent the sample of edible oil to the lab of Food and

Drug Administration (Nay Pyi Taw). Due to the test answer of the FDA, Medical Superintendent Daw Su Su Dway of PyinOoLwin General Hospital and party and staff of Township DAC Market destroyed adulterated the oil.

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Agriculture

Cultivation of sugarcane demonstrated in Kyaukdaga



Workers demonstrate cultivation of high quality sugarcane in Kyaukdaga Township.

KYAUKDAGA, 8 Dec—Industrial Crops Development Department under the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation held a demonstration on cultivation of quality strain of sugarcane on three acres of model plot near the mile post 104/3 on Yangon-Nay Pyi Taw

Expressway in Kyaukdaga Township of Bago Region on 3 December.

The sugarcane strain can produce 60 tons per acre. The demonstration was attended by Township Administrator U Htet Aung Phy and members of Agricultural Development Committee, Head of

District Industrial Crops Development Department Daw Myint Myint Khaing, Head of Township ICDD Daw Toe Toe Than Naing, in-charge of Kyaw Tha Co sugarcane plantation U Thant Zin Maung and farmers.

Kyemon-Khin Ko (Kyaukdaga)

Adulterated edible oil being poured into a pitch for destruction in PyinOoLwin.



Fire drill held with participation of local people in Kyondoe

KYONDOE, 8 Dec—As now has come open season, talks on prevention of fire and fire drills were held in Kawkareik Township of Kayin State.

Recently, a fire drill was performed at Kyondoe Development Market of Kawkareik Township.

It was attended by

Kayin State Minister for Development Affairs U Than Daing, Kawkareik District Deputy Commissioner U Than Swe, Executive of Township Development Affairs Committee Assistant Director U Kyaw Kyaw Oo, the in-charge of Kyondoe Fire Station and members of Auxiliary Fire Brigade

and staff of the market participated in the fire drill.

State Minister U Than Daing and officials viewed the fire drill and cordially conversed with shopkeepers at the market. He stressed the need for officials to attend the needs of market families.—Kyemon-Naing Naing Tun (Kyondoe)

WORLD

Obama defends interim Iran deal, seeks to assure Israel

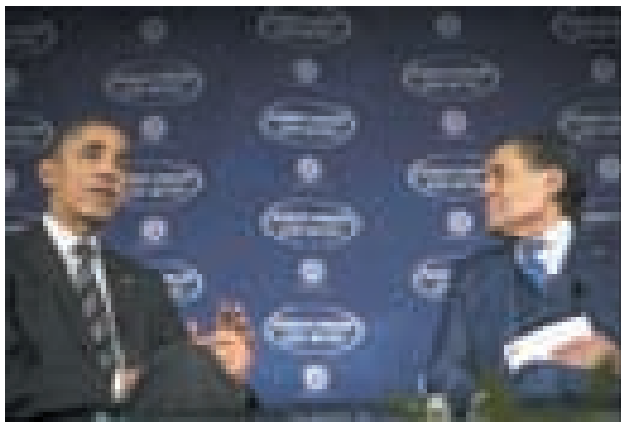
WASHINGTON, 8 Dec— President Barack Obama on Saturday defended an interim deal with Iran to curb its nuclear programme and, seeking to reassure Israel, pledged to step up sanctions or prepare for a potential military strike if Teheran fails to abide by the pact.

US relations with Israel have been strained by the interim agreement, reached between Iran and major world powers including the United States, which was designed to halt advances in Iran's nuclear programme and buy time for negotiations on a final settlement.

The United States says

the agreement will give the international community time to see if Teheran is serious about curbing its nuclear ambitions, while providing some relief from sanctions that have crippled its economy.

Israel believes any sanctions relief is a dangerous gift to a country that threatens its very existence, and Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has called the deal reached in Geneva a "historic mistake." Obama, speaking at a forum hosted by Haim Saban, a major political donor, made a point of referring to Netanyahu as "my friend Bibi," while



US President Barack Obama (L) speaks with Israeli-American media tycoon Haim Saban about negotiations with Iran in Washington on 7 Dec, 2013. —REUTERS

acknowledging they occasionally had "significant tactical" disagreements.

Obama said the interim deal, negotiated with Iran by the United States, China, Russia, Britain, France and Germany, would provide space for a longer-ranging agreement to curb Iran's

nuclear ambitions, which Teheran says are peaceful.

The president said he viewed the likelihood of a satisfactory "end state" as a 50/50 proposition, and repeated that all options remained on the table if Iran did not follow through with its obligations.—Reuters

Japan, US remain apart over contentious TPP issues



Ministers from the countries involved in the Trans-Pacific Partnership free trade talks begin a meeting in Singapore on 7 Dec, 2013. —KYODO NEWS

SINGAPORE, 8 Dec — Japan and the United States still need to bridge gaps

on controversial issues in the ongoing Trans-Pacific Partnership free trade talks,

Venezuelans vote in local polls that test Chavez legacy

CARACAS, 8 Dec— Venezuelans vote in municipal elections on Sunday that are the biggest political test yet for President Nicolas Maduro as he tries to halt an economic slide and preserve the radical socialist legacy of his late mentor Hugo Chavez.

The outcome of the ballots to choose 337 mayors and 2,523 councilors will be seen as a sign of Maduro's strength, nine months after Chavez died from cancer and he narrowly beat opposition leader Henrique Capriles to win the presidency.

The opposition portrays Maduro as a buffoonish autocrat with none of his predecessor's political savvy, and says his economic policies have been a disaster for the OPEC nation. Maduro, a burly 51-year-



Venezuela's President Nicolas Maduro arrives at a meeting with ministers and lawmakers of the National Assembly at Miraflores Palace in Caracas on 4 Dec, 2013. —REUTERS

old former bus driver, says his "treasonous" rivals are colluding with US financiers to try to drive him from power, but that "Chavismo" is stronger than ever.

"They have allowed themselves to be influenced by foreign forces ... They've made a mistake and I think they are going to pay dearly," he said ahead

a Japanese senior vice minister said after meeting with the US trade representative on Sunday.

Yasunori Nishimura met with US Trade Representative Michael Froman on the sidelines of a 12-country TPP meeting being held in Singapore. The two sides likely discussed issues including how to deal with Japanese tariffs on key farm products that Tokyo seeks to protect. Japan is facing tough negotiations in tariff-cutting talks, one of the most contentious fields, as

the United States and other TPP peers are putting strong pressure on it to open up its agricultural sector.

"There are still differences between us," Nishimura told reporters, adding that he and Froman are planning to meet again during the four-day ministerial meeting through Tuesday.

Kyodo News

Bomb attacks across Iraq kill 30, wound nearly 100

BAGHDAD, 8 Dec—Car bombs killed at least 30 people across Iraq on Sunday and wounded nearly a hundred, with attackers mainly targeting busy commercial streets in the capital, police sources said.

The deadliest attack took place in the predominantly Shi'ite Muslim district of Bayaa in Baghdad when a bomb in a parked vehicle detonated near car workshops, killing seven and wounding 14, the sources said.

Violence in Iraq is at the highest level in at least five years and the capital has been targeted almost daily. More than 8,000 have been killed this year, the United Nations says.

Sunni insurgents, mostly with links to al Qaeda, have claimed several large bombings in Iraq this year. The last large set of bombings was on November 21 north of the capital. Since then, there has been a steady flow of smaller attacks.

No group immediately

Ukraine opposition seeks million-strong rally in Kiev

KIEV, 8 Dec— Organizers hope one million protesters will turn out in Kiev on Sunday to pile more pressure on Ukraine's President Viktor Yanukovich as he seeks closer ties with Russia after dumping a trade pact with the European Union. The rally will further heighten tension in the weeks-long standoff between the Yanukovich government and its opponents.

The confrontation has raised fears for political

the main transit route for Russian gas to Europe.

"We want to send a message that we don't want to live in a police state. We want to live in a modern state and we will achieve this," said Vitaly Klitschko, an opposition leader who says Yanukovich wants to turn the clock back to the Soviet past.

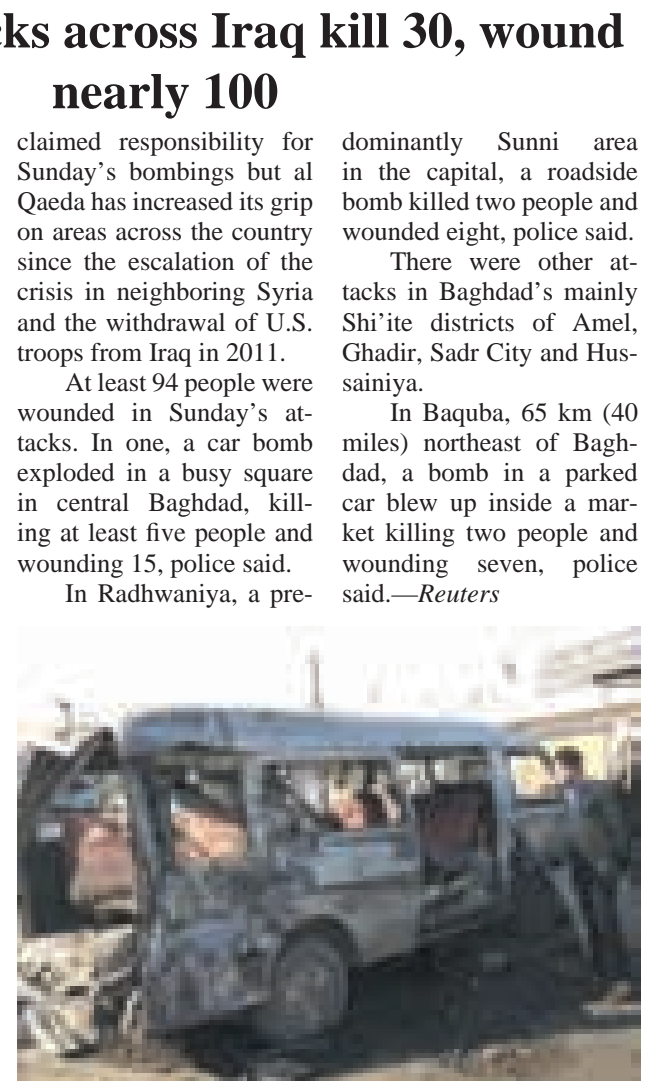
Klitschko, a 2-metre (6 foot 7-inch) tall world heavyweight boxing champion who is increasingly viewed



Vitali Klitschko, heavyweight boxing champion and UDAR (Ukrainian Democratic Alliance for Reform) party leader, walks past supporters and police outside the parliament in Kiev on 3 Dec, 2013. —REUTERS

and economic stability in Ukraine, a sprawling ex-Soviet republic of 46 million people which borders four EU countries and is

as a national leader-in-waiting, urged all Ukrainians who back a European future for their country to join the rally at 12 pm.—Reuters



A man looks at a damaged vehicle after a car bomb attack at Bayaa District in Baghdad 8 Dec, 2013.

REUTERS

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

Supreme Court to decide on patent protections for software



People walk outside the US Supreme Court in Washington on 3 Dec, 2013.—REUTERS

WASHINGTON, 8 Dec — The Supreme Court agreed on Friday to rule on the divisive issue of what kinds of software are eligible for patent protection in a case being closely watched by the technology industry. The court's decision may

prove key to deciding under what circumstances companies can be sued for using certain software in their products. The court said in a one-line order that it would hear a case brought by Alice Corporation Pty Ltd, which holds a patent for a

computer system that facilitates financial transactions. The patent is challenged by CLS Bank International.

The court took no action on another case raising the same issue involving a patent dispute between WildTangent Inc and Ultra-commercial Inc. The deep interest that the software industry and patent experts have in what is a threshold issue in patent litigation was underscored by the number of companies and industry groups that asked the court to decide the issue. Companies including Google Inc, Hewlett-Packard Co, Facebook Inc and Netflix Inc had already signaled their interest in the issue by asking the court to hear the WildTangent case. Many

also filed briefs in lower courts.

With the rise of computer-based products in recent years, courts have struggled to apply patent law. Some legal experts, including the Electronic Frontier Foundation, a digital civil liberties group, say that courts are too keen to uphold patents on ideas that are too vague to deserve protection. Such vague patents can be used against big tech companies, which say they are forced to spend money defending lawsuits instead of investing in research and development. Technology companies are particularly concerned about litigation brought by so-called "patent trolls," defined as companies that

hold patents only for the purpose of suing other companies seeking to develop new products.

Companies differ over what type of patent protections software products should receive. While some, like Google, favour looser protections, others, like International Business Machines Corp would prefer that most software be patent eligible. The US Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit, which has primary responsibility for interpreting patent law, has struggled to adopt a test that judges can use to review software patent claims, with various judges reaching different conclusions. "Hopefully, the case will accomplish at the Supreme Court what

it could not at the Federal Circuit: greater clarity in the law," said Alice's attorney, Carter Phillips. CLS's attorney, Mark Perry, declined to comment.

The legal question boils down to how innovative an invention should have to be to receive legal protection.

The law in question is the US Patent Act, which states that anyone who "invents or discovers a new and useful process, machine, manufacture, or composition of matter," or an improvement of an existing one, can get a patent. An invention related to an abstract idea can be patented, but it must include a way of applying the idea.

Reuters

"Trust intuition, try new things" are keys to success: Nobel laureate Arieh Warshel

STOCKHOLM, 8 Dec — "Trust your intuition, and try new things" are the keys to success, said Arieh Warshel, 2013 Nobel laureate in chemistry, in an exclusive interview with *Xinhua* on Friday. Warshel met with *Xinhua* journalist in central Stockholm, where a busy Nobel week just started and will culminate in the Nobel Prize Award Ceremony and the Nobel Banquet on Tuesday. As an Israeli, Warshel is proud of his national identity which nurtured him the unique Israeli intuition: "knowing there is a way to do things and finding out how to do it."

Warshel pointed out that Israelis also like to improvise, "if they don't have all the parts of something, they would take it apart from something else — they could build an airplane from a tractor." It

is essentially his "way of thinking and doing things with intuition and improvisation" that has contributed to his success. "My style of doing things has mostly been the Israeli style of improvisation, trying to guess how to do something and go and do it," said Warshel. In retrospect of his research career to the great design of powerful programs that are used to understand and predict chemical processes, Warshel emphasized that being "rebellious" is help-

ful in doing science.

Classical and quantum physics, both with systematic advantages and disadvantages, have been applied separately to chemistry for decades. It is Warshel, together with his colleagues, who pursued something different, taking the best from both worlds and devised methods that use both classical and quantum physics. The Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences decided to award the 2013 Nobel Prize in Chemistry to Warshel,

Martin Karplus and Michael Levitt, for their joint "development of multiscale models for complex chemical systems".

"Successful people are those who usually do the opposite of what everyone else is doing," said Warshel, "because you could be the best in doing what everybody else is doing, but then it would not be new." Talking about young people who are inspired by his success and who are determined to contribute scientifically to the welfare of human kind, he said being creative, with independent thinking and willingness to take risks are the key to success. "Try to do new things, not to get discouraged when told what you are doing is wrong, just trust your intuition, like the intuition that has guided me so far!" said Warshel. —*Xinhua*



Apple's iPhone 5 (top) and Samsung Electronics' Galaxy S4 are seen in this picture illustration taken in Seoul on 13 May, 2013.—REUTERS

Apple spent over \$60 million on US lawyers against Samsung

SAN FRANCISCO, 8 Dec — Apple Inc has paid its leading outside law firm approximately \$60 million to wage patent litigation against Samsung Electronics Co Ltd in a California federal court, according to Apple legal documents filed late on Thursday. Apple and Samsung are engaged in global litigation over each other's intellectual property. The two mobile technology rivals have gone to trial twice in the last two years in a San Jose, California federal court, and juries have awarded Apple a total of roughly \$930 million.

In court filings, Apple asked US District Judge Lucy Koh to order Samsung to pay \$15.7 million of the total amount Apple has spent in legal fees. "Awarding fees to Apple 'flows quite naturally' from the jury's willfulness verdict as well as Samsung's

extensive record of willful, deliberate, and calculated decisions to copy the iPhone, in blatant disregard for Apple's IP," Apple's attorneys said in its filing. Apple could not immediately be reached for comment, and Samsung declined to comment.

In its fee motion, Apple said it has paid the Morrison & Foerster law firm approximately \$60 million through last month, not counting lawyers who had billed less than \$100,000 on the case. Apple received "a significant discount" on Morrison & Foerster's standard rates, it said, because of its longtime client relationship with the firm. In addition, Apple expected to pay its other main outside firm, WilmerHale, approximately \$2 million in fees for a week-long damages retrial that took place last month. — Reuters

Group charged in PayPal cyber attack pleads guilty

SAN FRANCISCO, 8 Dec — A group of 13 defendants who had been charged in a cyber attack on PayPal's website pleaded guilty and admitted to the December 2010 attack over PayPal's suspension of WikiLeaks accounts.

The pleas took place in a California federal court on Thursday and were announced on Friday by the US Attorney's Office in San Francisco.

Following the release of a large amount of classified documents by WikiLeaks, PayPal suspended its accounts so that the anti-

secrecy website could no longer receive donations. In retribution, the group "Anonymous" coordinated and executed denial-of-service attacks against PayPal.

The group of defendants who pleaded guilty were composed of 11 men and two women. Ten of them pleaded to a felony charge, but will be allowed to change that to a misdemeanor next year if they do not violate terms of their agreement before sentencing, according to the US attorney's statement. The three other defendants agreed to misdemeanor

charges.

EBay's PayPal unit is a service that facilitates the

electronic transfer of money between parties.

Reuters



A PayPal card sits at a cashier station at a Home Depot store in Daly City, California, on 21 Feb, 2012.

REUTERS

BUSINESS & HEALTH

Cuba drops veto at WTO meet, enabling global trade deal



Director-General Roberto Azevedo shakes hands with Conference Chairman Gita Wirjawan after presenting him with a ceremonial hammer during the closing ceremony of the ninth World Trade Organization (WTO) Ministerial Conference in Nusa Dua, on the Indonesian resort island of Bali on 7 Dec, 2013. — REUTERS

NUSA DUA, (Indonesia), 8 Dec — The World Trade Organization cleared the way for its first ever worldwide trade reform on Saturday after Cuba dropped a threat to veto the package of measures, sources involved in the talks said. Cuba had raised a last-gasp objection to the deal, which some estimates say could be worth \$1 trillion to the world economy, forcing an overnight halt to talks.

But Cuba later reached an agreement on compromise language with the United States, and a deal was expected to be announced imminently, sources said. Cuba had earlier refused to accept a

deal that would not help pry open the US embargo of the Caribbean island.

It wanted language in the WTO deal to challenge the embargo, which has been in place for half a century and been condemned 22 times by the United Nations. President Barack Obama said last month it may be time to revise the US policy.

The agreement marks WTO's first global trade agreement since it was created in 1995. It also rescues the WTO from the brink of failure and will rekindle confidence in its ability to lower barriers to trade worldwide, after 12 years of fruitless negotiations. —Reuters

Florida researcher to study high-altitude dust for health risks

ORLANDO, (Florida), 8 Dec — A Florida researcher is preparing to test massive dust storms in the upper atmosphere that roll in from Africa to see whether pathogens raining down on the state could be responsible for plant, animal or human disease. University of Florida aerobiologist Andrew Schuerger said his air sampling device mounted under the wing of an F-104 Starfighter jet is the first capable of capturing particles directly from the clouds which drop 50 million metric tons of dust a year on US soil.

"It's plausible that some of our previous notions of how pathogens have moved into or been introduced into an area might be overturned," Schuerger told Reuters on Friday. The effort will be the most in-depth yet to test the health

risks of the dust clouds which cross the Atlantic in summer, according to Schuerger. He said the goals are to identify bacterial, fungal and viral particles, look for viable pathogens not normally found in the state and model the risks. A few previous studies of small samples collected at ground level suggest the presence of *Bacillus megaterium*, *Serratia liquefaciens*, and species of *Streptomyces* and *Pseudomonas*, all of which are potential plant or human pathogens.

But Schuerger said they never been tested to see if the suspected pathogens cause disease symptoms in susceptible hosts. A full sampling program, in which microbes are collected at altitudes up to the maximum cloud altitude of 25,000 feet, is planned for 2014 when the dust storms

AT&T aims to sidestep shareholder request on surveillance data

BANGALORE, 8 Dec — AT&T has asked regulators to let it ignore a shareholder request for details of its customer-information sharing with government agencies, a move that could forestall a heated debate at the telecommunications giant's annual meeting. The No 2 US mobile operator made the request in a 5 December letter to the US Securities and Exchange Commission in response to shareholder activists pressing it on the matter. Among them is New York State Comptroller Thomas DiNapoli, who is the trustee of the state retirement fund.

DiNapoli and other shareholders of AT&T and its biggest rival Verizon Communications Inc last month sought details on sharing of personal data and communications from

the two companies following revelations from former US National Security Agency contractor Edward Snowden. The shareholders cited media reports of intelligence agencies' involvement with the companies and criticism from foreign leaders and others. The activists said the companies could lose credibility

with customers and asked them to schedule a vote on a measure calling for the publication of semi-annual reports with details such as how often customer information was shared with US or foreign government agencies, and what type of information was shared.

In its letter, AT&T outlined arguments about why

the agency should grant its request to exclude the activists' measure from the agenda of its 2014 annual meeting. AT&T said the matter relates to "ordinary business operations" and should not be controlled by shareholders, according to the letter obtained by Reuters. The more significant public debate is about government surveillance practices, AT&T said, and noted it and other carriers are obliged to comply with court orders.

AT&T also said it faces at least one lawsuit that contends it violated customer privacy rights by providing information to government agencies. It said any information it were to provide in response to the shareholder measure could interfere with its legal strategy. —Reuters



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

Smoking after cancer diagnosis ups death risk

WASHINGTON, 8 Dec — Men who continued to smoke after being diagnosed with cancer had an increased risk of death compared with those who quit smoking, US researchers said on Friday.

The new research, published in *Cancer Epidemiology, Biomarkers & Prevention*, a journal of the American Association for Cancer Research, showed it is not too late to stop

smoking after cancer diagnosis, the researchers said.

They used data from a study investigating the association between lifestyle characteristics and risk of cancer among middle-aged and older men in Shanghai, China. Between 1986 and 1989, over 18,000 men aged 45 to 64 were enrolled in the study.

They determined more than 1,600 participants had developed cancer by 2010.

Of these participants, 340 were nonsmokers, 545 quit smoking before their cancer diagnosis, and 747 were smokers at diagnosis. Of the 747 smokers at diagnosis, 214 quit after diagnosis, 197 continued smoking consistently, and the remaining 336 smoked intermittently.

Compared with men who did not smoke after a cancer diagnosis, those who smoked after diagnosis had

a 59 percent increase in risk of death from all causes, after adjusting for factors including age, cancer site, and treatment type, the researchers said.

When limited to men who were smokers at diagnosis, those who continued smoking after diagnosis had a 76 percent increase in risk of death from all causes compared with those who quit smoking after a diagnosis, they said. —Xinhua

GSK, Theravance asthma drug shows improved lung function in study

BANGALORE, 8 Dec — GlaxoSmithKline and Theravance Inc said on Friday that their combination therapy met the main goal of improving lung function in asthma patients in a late-stage trial.

The therapy consists of the corticosteroid, fluticasone furoate, which reduces inflammation, and a long-acting beta-agonist, called vilanterol, which is designed to open the airways.

The drug, already approved in the US to treat chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) under the brand name Breo, proved more effective than fluticasone furoate alone for patients with moderate

to severe asthma at the end of a 12-week treatment period.

The drug is inhaled through a palm-sized device called Ellipta. It is approved for both COPD and asthma in Europe, where it is sold as Relvar.

The most common side effects reported in the treatment period included headache, upper respiratory tract infection and influenza.

The drug is one of two new medicines GSK is relying on to reinvigorate its respiratory business as the company's \$8 billion-a-year blockbuster Advair faces the threat of generic competition in the years ahead. —Reuters

hit Florida typically in July, August and September. Test flights of device, the Dust at Altitude Recovery Technology, are underway this week and next at the Kennedy Space Centre in Cape Canaveral, Florida. The idea of health threats from the sky is not far-fetched.

Reuters



This image released by NASA on 4 April, 2011, from its Terra satellite shows a thick wall of dust that blew across the Arabian Peninsula on 25-27 March, 2011, had thinned into an ethereal plume that extended across the Arabian Sea by the time the Moderate Resolution Imaging Spectroradiometer (MODIS) on NASA's Terra satellite captured this image on 30 March. — REUTERS



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Goh of Singapore vie for the ball with Jantuma of Thailand during the match between the two countries at Zeyar Thiri Indoor Stadium on 8 Dec, 2013. Thailand defeats Singapore 69-59. PHOTO: AYE MIN SOE



Ing En Valerie of Singapore takes part in Women's Taijijian event at Wunna Theikdhi Indoor Stadium on 8 Dec, 2013. PHOTO: AYE MIN SOE



Wushu medalists pose for photo after presentation ceremony at Wunna Theikdi Indoor Stadium on 8 Dec, 2013. PHOTO: AYE MIN SOE



Myanmar Wushu medalists pose for photo at Wunna Theikdhi Indoor Stadium on 8 Dec, 2013. PHOTO: AYE MIN SOE

Myanmar light weight boxer Maung Nge (L) fights with Indonesian boxer Julio Bria (R) during a light weight event of the 27th SEA Games at Wunna Theikdhi Stadium on 8 Dec, 2013. PHOTO: AYE MIN SOE



School children leave Wunna Theikdhi Stadium after watching Wushu contest of the 27th SEA Games on 8 Dec, 2013. PHOTO: AYE MIN SOE





The New Light of Myanmar

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1 Day To The Opening Ceremony

Myanmar men's Chinlone team ready to sweep third gold medal

NAY PYI TAW, 8 Dec—Men's Chinlone competitions of the 27th SEA Games took place at Wunna Theikdhi Indoor Stadium, here, this morning and Myanmar Chinlone team advanced to the final.

men's Chinlone teams played as the second match and Myanmar won over Thailand with 183-137 points. Thai men's Chinlone team also sailed to the final together with Myanmar and the two teams will play the final match at

the same venue tomorrow morning.

Myanmar men's Chinlone team has already secured two gold medals in the primary level and they are preparing to sweep third gold medal.

Myint Maung Soe



Sinma Living Mall was inaugurated at the corner of Yazahtani Road and Thiri Yadana Road in Ottarathiri Township of Nay Pyi Taw Council Area as a gesture of hailing the XXVII SEA Games on 6 December.

Yan Naing Soe hopes for gold in Judo

NAY PYI TAW, 8 Dec—Nine participant countries—Singapore, Thailand, Malaysia, Vietnam, Philippines, Indonesia, Laos, Cambodia and host Myanmar—compete in Judo event of the 27th SEA Games.



Lwin, U Nyan Soe, U Sithu Zaw and Daw Khin Mu Mu of Myanmar Judo team are training Myanmar Judo athletes who are going to partake in not only fighting but also demonstration events.

“Since 1st February, 2012, Myanmar Judo team has been undergoing intensive training. The team is competing in events (-100 kg). The team took joint-training in Japan,” said Yan Naing Soe, Myanmar Judo athlete who won three silvers and one bronze and hopes for gold this time.

He assured that he will secure gold medal in Judo events because this is his farewell game. Judo events will start on 18-21 December.—*Three Stars*

U Than Maung (head coach), coaches U Zaw

Myanmar Traditional Muay expects five gold medals

NAY PYI TAW, 8 Dec—Myanmar Traditional Muay event of the 27th SEA Games will be held in Nay Pyi Taw Wunna Theikdhi Sports Complex from 17 to 21 December. Myanmar selected athlete Saw Nga Man (a) Aung Myint Win is going to partake in the Muay event.

He said that traditional “Muay” mainly relies on legs. Three punches get same scores with one kick. Myanmar Muay team expects five or six gold medals. He will compete in the 75-kilo event among the seven kinds of Muay events. Indonesia, Malaysia, Thailand and Myanmar include in the 75-kilo Group. Thailand is the main rival. I expect to secure the goal medal in the event. I will try my best to get the gold medal, he said.—*Three Stars*

Cyclist U Pyu arrives in Nay Pyi Taw

NAY PYI TAW, 8 Dec—As a gesture of honouring the 27th SEA Games, U Pyu aged 87 is going one-man cycling arrived in Nay Pyi Taw. He was a selected sprinter in his young age. To honour the completion of Sittway motor road in

Tin Tin Sein, who acrossed the world by motorbike in 1953, at the Sittway scout meet in 1956. He will stay in Nay Pyi Taw during the SEA Games period to enjoy sports events there.

May Thingyan, Aye Aye Myint, Khin Su Su Hlaing



Marine Police's patrol boats to be deployed to Ngalike Dam



NAY PYI TAW, 8 Dec — Marine police of Myanmar Police Force, in its part, will deal with necessary security measures for successful holding of the 27th SEA Games in Myanmar.

According to MPF, Marine Police will be stationed at Ngalike Dam where Canoeing, Rowing and Traditional Boat Race will be held.

Inflatable patrol boats

of Marine Police will be deployed to Ngalike Dam in order to ensure the safety of rowers who will be competing in 500-metre, 1000-metre and 1500-metre boat race.—*Zaw Myo Naing*

Max Myanmar assists in successfully holding SEA Games

NAY PYI TAW, 8 Dec—A total of 193 employees including 12 engineers and

19 staff of Max Myanmar Co., are giving service for the score boards, lightings,

sound effects, water supplying system, installation of CCTVs, fire alarm system and electronic sectors at Zeyathiri Sports Stadium.—*Yamanya*



PERSPECTIVES

Monday, 9 December, 2013

The way to prosperity

A person who can grab a golden opportunity well will get rich. But the important thing here is we should know and see whenever an opportunity comes. In many cases people miss the opportunity as they fail to aware its presence. Opportunity has no doors or portals, and never gives notice in advance. So opportunity is not a thing every one can notice. But people who wait for it and grab it can get the golden opportunity.

But getting an opportunity is not the end goal. We must know how to use it wisely and correctly. People who lack courage and determination may lose opportunity even though they may realize its occurrence.

A forward if uses the lightning opportunity well will make a difference. Here the footballer needs quick decision and fast action to score the goal. But he will lose the opportunity if he fails to do so.

Most opportunities do come, but very quickly and at an unexpected moment. Every time an opportunity comes we must be wise enough to see its emergence, fast enough to grab it, and clever and bold enough to use it well. We could not get much time for pros and cons or weighing from all angles at that moment. But we do not mean hasty and stupid actions. We must be prudent and intelligent; so that we can make a swift and right decision every time Lady Luck smiles on us. And this is one of the best ways to prosperity for every person.

Myanmar chess players ready for SEA Games chess competition with good concentration

NAY PYI TAW, 8 Dec—Zabuthiri Hotel will host the chess tournaments of 27th SEA Games from 11 to 21 December.

There will be 18 events in three chess tournaments—traditional, ASEAN and international—and 18 gold medals presented to winners of each event.

“Myanmar national team comprising 23 athletes will take part in the chess event. Thailand will be strong rival for Myanmar. Myanmar team was satisfied with only silver and bronze medals in previous events in which chess became medal sports in 2003, 2005 and 2011. Our chess players were given special training, focusing on good

concentration and thinking skill for a competitive chess game. We aim to sweep gold medals in this SEA Games,” said President of Myanmar Chess Federation.

He commented on being host country that the regional sporting event will draw attentions of the youth and help promote national sports that has fallen behind in ASEAN.

According to rules of the chess tournament, anyone making noise in the hall where chess competitions are in progress will have to pay a fine of USD 500 and a chess player who failed to silence his phone will have to receive a loss in the game.—*Zeyar (Mirror)*

Myanmar defeats Indonesia in boxing event of SEA Games

NAY PYI TAW, 8 Dec—Myanmar boxer Maung Nge won over Indonesian boxer in the first round of 52-Kilo class boxing event of the

SEA Games at Nay Pyi Taw Wunna Theikdhi Stadium (B) today.

Thailand defeated Singapore in the same class



Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker meets Indian ...

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throughout the successive years.

He highlighted inter-parliamentary relations is fostering bilateral relations.

In meeting with Indian Vice-President and Speaker of the Rajya Sabha Shri Mahd Hamid Ansari, the Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker

Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker U Khin Aung Myint shakes hands with Indian Vice-President and Speaker of the Rajya Sabha Shri Mahd Hamid Ansari.

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expressed thanks for providing personnel of Hluttaw Office with parliamentary courses and India's assistance to the development of health and transport sectors in Myanmar.

In meeting with Speaker of the Lok Sabha Smt Meira Kuma, he explained ongoing peace process and constitution review.

Next, the Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker and party enjoyed a cultural show at the theatre hall of the Parliament and attended a dinner hosted by the Lok Sabha Speaker at the banquet hall.

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BIOGRAPHY OF ...

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the revolutionary bases and liberated zones. He became a Deputy Chief of unit in 1959, he served as an officer for political affairs of the 5th Battalion in 1962 and he promoted to Commander of the 2nd Battalion in 1964. From 1968 to 1975, he backed the liberation of the whole country for the founding of the Lao People's Democratic Republic as Chief of Joint Staff in Xieng Khuang Region. From 1980 to 1982, he was appointed as Depu-

ty Chief of the General Staff Department of the Ministry of National Defense.

He was elected as a Member of the Lao People's Revolutionary Party Central Committee (LPRPCC) at the 3rd Party Congress held in 1982 and in 1986 he was elected as an Alternate Politburo Member of the LPRPCC at the 4th Party Congress and also appointed as First Vice-Minister at the Ministry of National Defense. In 1991, he was elected as a Politburo Member at the

5th Party Congress and appointed as Minister of National Defense. At the 6th Party Congress held in 1996, he was re-elected as a Politburo Member and also re-appointed as Minister of National Defense. In 2001, he was re-elected as a Politburo Member at the 7th Party Congress and appointed as Vice-President of the Lao People's Democratic Republic.

In 2006, he was elected as General Secretary of the Lao People's Revolutionary Party Central Committee at the 8th Party Congress and then appointed as

President of the Lao People's Democratic Republic at the preliminary session of the 6th Legislative of the National Assembly. Mr. Choummaly SAYASONE was re-elected as General Secretary of the Lao People's Revolutionary Party Central Committee and President of the Lao People's Democratic Republic for the 2011-2015 at the 9th Party Congress held in 2011.

Mr. Choummaly SAYASONE is married to Mrs. Keosaychay SAYASONE and they have three sons and five daughters.

Union Hotels and Tourism Minister looks into accommodation facilities of SEA Games athletes

YANGON, 8 Dec—Union Minister for Hotels and Tourism U Htay Aung expressed words of thanks to the director and members of Unilever Thai Services Limited who are in collaboration with Myanmar Restaurant Association in preparation of foods in hygienic conditions for SEA Games athletes at Sports village, here, yesterday.

At the stake-driving ceremony of Shangrila Lakeside Hotel construction on Kanyeiktha Road in Mingalar Taungnyunt Township, the Union Minister, Yangon Region Chief Minister U Myint Swe, Yangon Mayor U Hla Myint, Director Mrs. Kouk Oon



Stake-driving ceremony of Shangrila Lakeside Hotel construction in progress.

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Kwong of Shangrila Yangon Co Ltd and Vice President of Shangrila Bangkok Mr. Kierian Twomey drove stakes of the construction. Afterwards, the Union Minister inspected Hotel Yangon where he left hotel manager and staff necessary instructions on accommodation of SEA Games

athletes from Cambodia, Thailand and Timor-Leste.

Likewise, Deputy Minister Dr Tin Shwe looked round Central Hotel, Park Royal Hotel and Excel Treasure Hotel where SEA Games athletes are staying.—MNA

ARTICLE

A Study on the Life of Venerable Dhammavilasa and His Dhammasat Kyan

Ven. Dhammavilasa was an eminent learned Mon monk who in the middle part of Bagan Period revived Buddhism of Lower Myanmar, which then encountered its retardation due to King Anawratha's attack against Thaton in 1054 A.D. However, unlike other missionary Buddhist monks, he was more reputed for his Dhammasat Kyan (Treatise on Code of Law) than for his fervent contributions to revitalization of Buddhism. He stood at the forefront of the succession of known compilers of Pali and Myanmar Buddhist law-texts throughout Myanmar history (Although the Duttabaung Dhammasat compiled in the 5th century B.C, the Atitya Dhammasat in the 1st century A.D and the Pyuminhti Dhammasat in the 2nd century A.D are earlier than the Dhammavilasa Dhammasat, their writers' names are unknown). In recognition of his assiduous efforts for religious and secular affairs, King Dhammaceti, who promoted and purified the teachings of the Buddha in Ramannadesa during the latter part of the 15th century, recorded his life account in the Kalyani Stone Inscription, which was engraved in A.D. 1476.

Ven. Dhammavilasa was born in A.D 1166 of U Taik and Daw Lone Male at Patippajeyya Village in Dala Township, which was then an important town in Lower Myanmar. His childhood name was Maung Thant Zin. When he came to the age of five years, his parents moved up to Htee Hlaing Village in Bagan and settled down there. *The Bagan Sasanavamsa* (Chronicle of Bagan Religion) compiled by Ashin Kelasa mentions that when Maung Thant Zin reached the age of seven years, his parents committed him to the charge of the presiding Sayadaw of Htee

Hlaing Village Monastery and had him enter the Holy Order as a novice and that his preceptor named him "Sariputta". The same reference continues that he then proceeded to Bagan and learnt mundane and supramundane treatises under the tutelage of the Shwe Kyaung Sayadaw and that when he was aged 20 years, he was ordained as a monk under the same preceptor.

However, *the Kalyani Stone Inscription, the Sasanavamsa and the Sasanankara Sardan* are silent on the shifting of his family to Htee Hlaing Village but just contend that, at the age of 20 years, Sariputta received the Upasampada ordination at the hands of Venerable Anandathera, an erudite Ceylonese monk who had accompanied Venerable Chapada to Bagan from Ceylon (Sri Lanka) in A.D. 1190, and studied both the Dhamma and the Vinaya together with their commentaries under him. Being thus well-versed in the Dhamma and the Vinaya, the fame of his erudition spread far and wide. In the year A.D. 1173, Narapatisithu became king of Bagan. Like his predecessors, he tried to be a patron of Buddhism. So he looked for a learned monk to fill the office of the Royal Tutor which had been vacant. When he, therefore, heard of the fame of Sariputta, he thought that if Venerable Sariputta was learned, well-informed, knowledge-seeking, wise and able and if the members of his body were perfect, it would be appropriate for him to appoint him his preceptor. So thinking, he sent messengers to institute enquiries about the monk. In the course of their enquiries, the messengers found one of his big toes too short. Then, the king contented himself with lavishing on the monk a great many offerings and conferring on him the title of

"Dhammavilasa", meaning "One Who Delights in Buddhist Scriptures". Then, the king entreated him to return to Ramannadesa (Lower Myanmar) to propagate the teachings of the Buddha. So he went back to Dala and taught the Dhamma and the Vinaya to many monks there. The *Sasanavamsa* written by Ven. Pannasami and the *Pali Literature of Burma* by Mabel Haynes Bode say that Ven. Dhammavilasa represented the

Dr. Saw Mra Aung

Ceylonese Samgha in the southern part of Myanmar and passed down the Mahavihara tradition of Ceylon (Sri Lanka) to his pupils and that the establishment of the Ceylonese school in Ramannadesa dated from that time. U Thein Maung (Journalist) in his book "*A History of Yangon*" describes that a votive tablet bearing the signature of Dhammavilasa, together with an assemblage of Buddha images, votive tablets, copper plates, mirrors, rings, etc belonging to between the 5th and 12th centuries A.D., was discovered while digging a small mound near Nagahlaingu in Tadargalay, Mayangon Township in 1920. This votive tablet serves as a testament that Ven. Dhammavilasa actually survived and lived in the environs of Dala, which is on the other bank of Yangon, during the 12th century as has been recorded in the Kalyani Stone Inscription.

It is found that Ven. Dhammavilasa had been honoured by three consecutive Bagan kings- King Narapatisithu, King Htilominlo and King Kyaswa up to his death at the age of 80 years in A.D. 1246. Although King Narapatisithu did not appoint him his mentor, Dr. Than Tun in his book titled "*Old Myanmar Chronicle*" says that king

Htilominlo called King Nadaungmya conferred the title of Dhammarajaguru (Dhamma Teacher of King) upon a Mon monk, a native of a village to the east of Dala. The *Tilokamanguir Stone Inscription included in the Ancient Myanmar Stone Inscriptions mentions Mahadhammavilasa as the mentor of King Htilominlo. So on the strength of these two extracts, Ven. Dhammavilasa can be assumed to have been chosen the*

mentor of King Htilominlo. When King Htilominlo passed away in 1234 A.D, King Kyaswa, his successor, continued to hold Ven. Dhammavilasa in high esteem.

It is said that Ven. Dhammavilasa, aside from the Buddhist scriptures, had a deep interest in codes of law. So he used to advise the royal officials who approached him to discuss religious and secular affairs to amend the laws in accordance with the changing times and to reveal and maintain the Dhammasats (Codes of Law) which had been lost. Dr. Htin Aung mentions in his book titled "*A History of Burma*" that King Narapatisithu continued the work of his predecessor Alaungsithu in the establishment of a common system of law, the Myanmar customary law, for the whole kingdom. Accordingly, he begged Ven. Dhammavilasa to compile a work on Myanmar law to supplement the book of judgments written by Alaungsithu, which was known as Alaungsithu Pyathton. Therefore, to satisfy the king, he wrote a book of law, which was subsequently called Dhammavilasa Dhammasat after his name. It is described that he wrote

this book in two versions, one in Pali and the other in Mon. Both versions are had been at large for many years but a Myanmar translation of the Pali version by an unknown hand still exists. At the close of the 19th century, Forchhammer looked for the original Pali version but in vain. But he found a commentary composed in 1656 A.D. and a Myanmar version translated by Ven. Nandamala at Amrapura in 1768 A.D.

It is found that Ven. Dhammavilasa compiled his Dhammasat based on the Mon Buddhist Manu. However, to give authority to his treatise, he borrowed the Hindu myth of Manu with which the Mons were familiar and gave it a Myanmar and Buddhist colouring. As in the Manu Dhammasat Kyan, Ven. Dhammavilasa included eighteen divisions in his law text with the rise of Manu from a cow-herd to a royal judge of King Mahasamata and an authoritative legislator and some changes in the introductory chapter to suit local conditions. The eighteen divisions are on the topics of debts, bailment of chattels, altering the appearance of the chattels and selling them without the consent of the owner, resumption of gifts, partnership, wages of labourers, and fees for professional services, breach of undertakings and promises, owners and hirers of cattle, carts and boats, purchase and sale, boundaries of land, false accusation, malicious prosecution and defamation, theft and robbery, assault, including damage and destruction of property, homicide, husbands and wife (their duties, rights, marriage and divorce), slaves, inheritance and wagers. As Ven. Dhammavilasa had mastered the Manu Dhammasat Kyan,

undoubtedly, its contents would have echoed in the Dhammavilasa Dhammasat Kyan. But the definitions of some words used in the Manu Dhammasat Kyan, for example, assault, son, etc are different from those used in the Dhammavilasa Dhammasat Kyan due to difference in the customs of Hindus and Mon and Myanmar Buddhists.

In conclusion, through the study of the life of the Ven. Dhammavilasa, it is found that during the 12th century A.D., Bagan had frequent contacts with Sri Lanka especially for the cause of religion, that Bagan kings were interested in compiling the Dhammasat Kyans, that they recognized the important role of learned Mon monks in the endeavours for the religion, that Dhammavilasa Dhammasat was the earliest authoritative Mon-Myanmar law text in Myanmar history and that Ven. Dhammavilasa was the pioneer in the establishment of the Ceylonese Samgha school in Lower Myanmar.

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Nay Pyi Taw Mayor enjoys Wushu tournament

NAY PYI TAW, 8 Dec— Wushu tournament continued its second day at Wunna Theikdhi Indoor Stadium (A) here today.

Nay Pyi Taw Mayor U Thein Nyunt, Deputy Minister for Sports U Thaung Htike, the President of International Wushu Fed-

eration (WUF) and VIP guests enjoyed the today's match.

Kyaw Thura (Nay Pyi Taw)

Myanmar, Thailand advance to final

NAY PYI TAW, 8 Dec— Myanmar women's team will play against Thai women's team in the final match of Chinlone event (Prelimi-

nary) at Wunna Theikdhi Indoor Stadium, here, tomorrow. In the group matches, Thai women's team beat Laotian women's team (109-

101) while Myanmar women's team defeated Cambodian team (148-49).

Maung Shwe Yo-Photo Kyaw Thu Win

Myanmar basketball players to give their best in every match

NAY PYI TAW, 8 Dec— The basketball competition of the 27th SEA Games began with a match between Thailand and Singapore at Zeyathiri Indoor Stadium today. Thai national basketball team secured a 69-59 win over Singaporean team.

In an interview with one of Singaporean basketball players before the start of the game, he expressed

his excitement about the opening game that his team is poor in experience and formed with young players, but Thai team is consisted of three star players and talented young players.

Next, men's and women's basketball matches followed. Indonesia fell to a 53-61 defeat by Malaysia and Myanmar to a 60-75 defeat by Cambodia in the

men's tournament. Indonesia beat Myanmar 104-39 in the women's tournament. Among the spectators enjoying the match between Myanmar and Indonesia were Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and Pyithu Hluttaw Thura U Shwe Mann and wife. The remaining round-robin matches will be held at Zeyathiri sports complex. Myanmar men's basketball team will play against Indonesia tomorrow evening.—Thura-Toungoo

People participate in mass walk activity of December in Myeik

MYEIK, 8 Dec—The mass walk activity of sports activities of December was held in Myeik on 7 December morning.

The participants started their walks from Myoma Sports Ground in Myeik at 5.30 am and walked along Bogyoke Street, Jetty, Strand Road, Clock Tower and then Bogyoke Street. They took physical exercises at the Myoma Sports Ground.

It was participated by Taninthayi Region Minister for Transport Dr Kyaw Hsan, Region Minister for Forestry Mining U Tin Soe, Deputy Commissioner of Myeik District U Lwin Ko Oo and district and township departmental officials, students and sports enthusiasts totalling about 4290. After the mass



Taninthayi Region Ministers and officials participate in mass walk activities of December in Myeik.

walk activities, officials of Myeik District Sports and Physical Education

Committee presented prizes to the winners in the track and field events at the Myoma Sports Ground in Myeik.

Kyemon-Myeik District IPRD

Alternative development tasks for the region discussed

MONGHSAT, 8 Dec—US Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Derek J Mitchell, EU Ambassador Mr Roland Kobia, Mr Juson Elige of UNODC and Senior Consultant Mr Jochen Wrese and Police Col Myint Aung of Central Committee for Drug Abuse Control of Myanmar Police Force met Hluttaw representatives, departmental officials, town's elders, members of Shan, Lahu and Akha

Cultural Committees, members of social organizations, local authorities, members of Development Affairs Committee and local people at Thiri Yadana Hall of Monghsat on 5 December afternoon.

They discussed transport, supply of drinking water, education and health for alternative development.

Kyemon-Than Zaw (IPRD)

Waterway of Nankalein Creek in Kalay

KALAY, 8 Dec—The approach structures on both sides of Nankalein Bridge collapsed in the erosion of Nankalein Creek in the rainy season.

The bridge is located in Aungmingala Ward of Kalay of Kalay District in Sagaing Region. It is

stretching on the Asian Highway.

At present, the bridge has been repaired.

With the aim of preventing erosion of the creek at the approach structures on its both sides, the waterway of the creek was straightened with the

Development

Development of Mongyawng Township inspected

MONGYAWNG, 8 Dec—Speaker of Shan State Hluttaw U Sai Lon Hsai and Shan State Minister for Development Affairs U Sai Hla Win met members of Mongyawng Township Management Committee, members of Township Development Affairs Committee, Township Development Supportive Committee, departmental officials, town's elders and local national race people at Bala Min Htin Hall of

the town on 5 December afternoon.

The Speaker of the State Hluttaw explained tasks of the Hluttaw and development of the townships in the district.

The State Minister for Development Affairs explained progress of tasks being undertaken by Township Development Supportive Committee, departmental officials, town's elders and future tasks.

Kyemon-District IPRD

Police carry out sanitation at Indaw People's Hospital



INDAW, 8 Dec—A total of 30 police members led by Commander of Indaw Township Police Force Police Major Ye Myint and Commander of Indaw Police Station Police Captain Myo

Nyunt Than carried out sanitation in the compound of Indaw Township People's Hospital on 7 December morning.

Kyemon-Ko Min (Indaw)

Fire

Fire breaks out in Myitkyina

MYITKYINA, 8 Dec—A fire broke out in Tatkon Ward of Myitkyina Township, Kachin State, at 4 pm on 6 December.

The fire started from the power line of the house of U Zon La, 65, son of U Chan Zon.

Members of Fire Services Department of Myitkyina Township and local people put out the fire with the use of three fire engines from Township Fire Station, one from Rampu Ward and another one from Township Development Affairs Committee at 4.40 pm.

In the incident, the fire engulfed the building worth K 550,000.

Kyemon-Kachin State IPRD



The Plays and Physical Skill Contest was held at No 2 Pre-Primary School of Social Welfare Department in Ward 5 of Hline Township on 6 December. Ward administrator U Hlaing Myint Aung presents prizes to the winner children.

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Talks on World AIDS Day observed in Yangon



YANGON, 8 Dec—The Consuling Talks in commemoration of the World AIDS Day was held at the Yangon HIV/AIDS Hospital in Latha Township of Yangon on 6 December morning.

It was attended by specialists from the Yangon HIV/AIDS Hospital, responsible persons Yangon Region HIV/AIDS control project, responsible persons of NGOs, nurses,

departmental officials and families of the HIV/AIDS patients.

At first, Dr Tin Maung Zaw made an opening address.

Assistant Director Dr Kan Oo of NAP explained the purpose of holding the ceremony, HIV/AIDS infection process, treatment of patients with ART medicines and consulting works.

Kyemon-Kyaw Bo Win



REGIONAL



The International Dialogue on the Chinese Dream convenes from 7 to 8 December in Shanghai, drawing up to one hundred scholars from home and abroad.
XINHUA

Japan defence minister visits SDF relief team in Philippines

TACLOBAN, (Philippines), 8 Dec — Japanese Defence Minister Itsunori Onodera on Sunday visited Self-Defence Forces personnel engaged in relief activities in Tacloban City, which was hard hit by Super typhoon Haiyan a month earlier on Leyte Island, central Philippines.

“The SDF has acquired

various types of knowledge in the Great East Japan Earthquake. This deployment is a key test to make use of it,” Onodera told senior SDF officers.

During a visit to an area where the SDF is helping to control epidemics, Onodera told reporters, “The damage causes me heartache. The government will consider

the shape of medium- to long-term assistance.”

Earlier in the day, Onodera exchanged views with Australian Foreign Minister Julie Bishop, who was also visiting the Philippines, about China’s recently established air defence identification zone over the East China Sea, Japanese officials said.—Kyodo News

Indian opposition BJP leads in 3 states in early vote counting

NEW DELHI, 8 Dec — India’s opposition Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) is leading in official vote counting for the legislative elections in the capital Delhi, as well as the states

of Rajasthan and Madhya Pradesh, while running shoulder-to-shoulder with the Congress in the state of Chhattisgarh, said local TV reports on Sunday.

Xinhua

Singapore, Malaysia to form joint work group for KL-Singapore high speed rail link

SINGAPORE, 8 Dec — Singapore and Malaysia agreed to form a joint work group to discuss and jointly recommend requirements for the proposed High Speed Rail (HSR) link between Kuala Lumpur and Singapore, the city-state’s Ministry of Transport said on Saturday. The ministry said the work group, formed under the purview of the Joint Ministerial Committee for Iskandar Malaysia, will “submit its recommendations to both

Governments for the next phase of the HSR.”

The agreement was reached after the committee held a meeting on Friday at the Horizon Hills Golf and Country Club at Nusujaya in Malaysia.

The transport ministry said that the work group is a follow-up to the joint announcement on the HSR link made by the two prime ministers of the two countries in February.

The HSR link would “facilitate seamless travel

between Kuala Lumpur and Singapore, enhance business linkages, and bring the peoples of Malaysia and Singapore closer together,” the ministry added.

The ministerial committee also reviewed the progress made by the transportation work group on the Singapore-Johor Bahru Rapid Transit System link. The committee also agreed to identify an option for the rapid transit system by the end of next year.

Xinhua

Thai PM offers to hold referendum to end political crisis

BANGKOK, 8 Dec — Thailand’s Prime Minister Yingluck Shinawatra offered Sunday to hold a national referendum in a bid to defuse a political crisis set off by waves of antigovernment protests.

Yingluck’s proposal, made during a televised address, came as the opposition camp geared up for a “final battle” on Monday by marching to government agencies across the country in a bid to shut down the government.

Yingluck also called for a dialogue with the opposition camp led by former Deputy Prime Minister Suthep Thuagsuban and

reiterated that she is ready to step down or call a fresh general election if it would help break the political deadlock.

“All groups, including the protesters, should discuss first and if we cannot reach a conclusion, we should let the majority of people decide by referendum,” Yingluck said.

Suthep has rejected Yingluck’s proposals, calling instead for political reforms through the estab-

lishment of a “People’s Council” that would replace elected officials.

The protests started in early November after the lower house of parliament passed an amnesty bill that critics said was designed to benefit former Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra, Yingluck’s brother. The bill was later voted down in the Senate but antigovernment protests have continued.

Kyodo News

Thai Prime Minister Yingluck Shinawatra speaks in an interview with Japanese media at a police facility in Bangkok on 30 Nov, 2013.
KYODO NEWS



Five coal miners killed in NE India

NEW DELHI, 8 Dec — Five coal miners were crushed to death when the cables of a crane they were riding in fell into a coal pit on Friday in the northeast Indian state of Meghalaya, said police on Saturday.

The incident took place in Meghalaya’s East Jaintia Hills district about 80 km from Shillong, the state capital, police said.

“Five migrant coal miners from Assam died at Briwar when cables of a crane snapped midway in the coal pit,” M K Dkhar, the district police chief of East Jaintia Hills, told the media.

The tragedy was not reported until Friday evening by villagers.

Labour incident in India occurs frequently due to a lack of enough safety measures, running down infrastructure, bad conditions of equipment and machines, and negligence.

Xinhua

Nepal’s two largest parties sign consensual deal

KATHMANDU, 8 Dec — The Nepali Congress (NC) and CPN-UML, which emerged as first and second largest party of Nepal, have agreed to move ahead in unison.

The two parties signed a deal on Saturday evening, agreeing to move ahead through a consensus and cooperation.

“We two parties have agreed to move ahead through mutual understanding and consensus to full the political responsibility,” the agreement signed by top leaders of two parties reads.

The two parties are engaged on dispute over the term of President Ram Baran Yadav who was

elected in 2008.

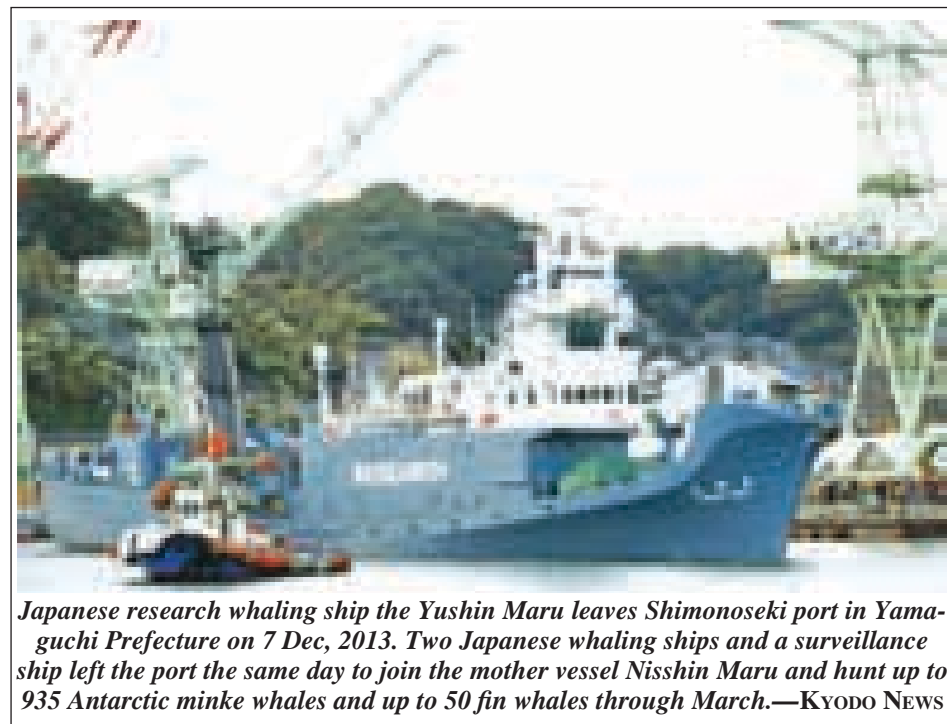
NC, which is known as centrist party, emerged as the largest party, want the continuation of president, while CPN-UML which emerged as second largest party want to elect a new president.

The two parties decided to hold talks with UCPN (Maoist), which emerged as

the third largest party from the constituent assembly election but demands to form a probe panel, saying that there have been irregularities in the polls.

The two parties are preparing to form a coalition government which is expected to provide a new constitution within a year.

Xinhua



Japanese research whaling ship the Yushin Maru leaves Shimonoseki port in Yamaguchi Prefecture on 7 Dec, 2013. Two Japanese whaling ships and a surveillance ship left the port the same day to join the mother vessel Nisshin Maru and hunt up to 935 Antarctic minke whales and up to 50 fin whales through March.—KYODO NEWS

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Sr.No	Tender No	Description	Qty	Remark
(1)	IFB-120(2013-2014)	4 1/4" & 3 1/2" Square Kelly with Bushing	(3) Items	US\$
(2)	IFB-121(2013-2014)	(5) Ton Air Winch for EMSCO, Oil Well, D3T2SR-1 & 2	(4) Nos	US\$
(3)	IFB-122(2013-2014)	Submersible Pump (440 IGPM, 450 Ft Head, 75 KW (100 HP), 400 V	(1) Lot	US\$
(4)	IFB -123(2013-2014)	Derrick Shaker Unit Flow Line Mud Cleaner FLC - 504	(2) Sets	US\$
(5)	IFB-124(2013-2014)	Safety Harness & Flexible Steel Tail Ropes for Drilling Rigs	(3) Items	US\$
(6)	IFB-125(2013-2014)	Insert Pump	(48) Items	US\$
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(8)	IFB-127(2013-2014)	Tubing and Casing Swab Cups	(4) Items	US\$
(9)	IFB-128(2013-2014)	Magna Dewax & Wild Cat 441(AMC)	(2) Items	US\$
(10)	IFB-129(2013-2014)	Stuffing Box	(4) Items	US\$
(11)	IFB-130(2013-2014)	Sucker Rod, Pony Rod	(17) Items	US\$
(12)	IFB-131(2013-2014)	Plastic Valve Cups and Plastic Seating Cups	(8) Items	US\$
(13)	IFB-132(2013-2014)	2", 3" Flow Line Pipes	(2) Items	US\$
(14)	IFB-133(2013-2014)	Sucker Rod Elevator	(5) Items	US\$

- Tender Closing Date & Time 6-1-2014, 16:30 Hrs

Tender Document shall be available during office hours commencing from 9th December, 2013 at the Finance Department, Myanma Oil and Gas Enterprise, No(44) Complex, Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar.

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"Shangri-la Asia" Limited is refurbishing the Traders Hotel and developing the Shangri-La Residences serviced apartments in Yangon, Myanmar.

The International Finance Corporation has completed the environment and social due diligence of this project. Further details are publicly available at:

The Shangri-la Residences Yangon Site, No. 150/150 (A) Kan Yeik Thar Road, Mingalar Taungnyunt Township, Yangon

Traders Hotel Yangon, corner of 32nd street (upper block) and Bogyoke Road, Pabedan Township, Yangon.



A Yemeni army officer receives treatment at a hospital after he was injured in the defence ministry attack one day ago, in Sanaa, Yemen, on 6 Dec, 2013. Al-Qaeda claimed responsibility for Thursday's attacks on Yemen's defence ministry, which has left 52 people killed and more than 167 injured. —XINHUA



Two scuba divers dressed as Santa Claus feed sharks and other sea fishes in an aquarium called Tropicarium Budapest as part of Christmas celebration in Budapest, Hungary on 5 Dec, 2013. —XINHUA

Venezuela, Gambia to strengthen energy, agriculture, education ties

BANJUL, 8 Dec —Venezuela and Gambia will to strengthen their bilateral cooperation in education, agriculture and energy, Venezuelan Ambassador to Gambia Eduardo Medina Rubio told Xinhua on Friday. "Our cooperation is fruitful and we will continue to cement the already existing bilateral cooperation that exists between Venezuela and the Gambia," the envoy said.

"Gambia is a nice coun-

try which is doing well in terms of development, although I am new in the country but I can see, and for the past years, Venezuela is helping Gambia in their energy, education and agricultural sector for development which we will continue to do that for them to achieve their goals," the ambassador said. "We will consolidate our cooperation and this will go from strength to strength," said the diplomat.—Xinhua

THE HAGUE, 8 Dec — A combination of spring tide and a northwesterly storm has raised the water in Dutch coast province Zeeland to the highest level since the devastating 1953 North Sea flood, local media reported on Friday.

The force 9 storm entered the Netherlands on Thursday afternoon from the Northern Wadden Islands. Weather alarm code red was issued around the

provinces of North-Holland, Friesland, Groningen, the Wadden Sea and the IJsselmeer.

The water level near the southwestern harbor city of Vlissingen reached 3.99 meters above sea level at 4 am on Friday, while the Oosterschelde storm defense in Zeeland, one of the construction projects created after the flood, was closed on Thursday for the first time in six years.

So far, no dangerous

security watchdog Rosaviatsia, which supervises aviation training centers responsible for issuing flight certificates for new pilots, following last month's crash of a Boeing-737 passenger jet at the airport of Kazan, capital of the Tatarstan republic.

Fifty people, including six crew members, were killed in the crash on 17 November.

Markin said the IC had also been searching flight training centers across the country, adding the captain of the crashed Boeing had obtained his certificate through one of these

centres.

The IC was doubtful about how thoroughly Rosaviatsia conducted inspections of pilots' flight certificates, he said.

Russia's commercial aviation sector has been growing rapidly over the last decade, which has created a shortage of experienced pilots.

The Russian government has said only about 200 pilots graduate from training centers in the country every year, whereas the industry needs more than 1,000 new pilots annually.

Xinhua

Water level in Dutch province highest since 1953 flood

situations or severe damage is apparent, although some dunes along the coast have been affected and the fire department took over 4,000 calls on storm damage. Traffic has been affected and train travel in the north has been shut down. On Thursday, Schiphol Airport canceled 50 scheduled flights to Europe due to the storm.

Zeeland consists of a number of islands with large parts below sea

level. On 1 Feb, 1953, the water level in Zeeland rose to 4.55 meters above sea level. Large areas in the Netherlands were flooded and 1,836 people were killed, with the majority of fatalities in Zeeland.

On Friday, the northern parts of the Netherlands are expected to still suffer from the storm, but the wind will not be as strong. The water level is also expected to drop.

Xinhua

ENTERTAINMENT

Jennifer Lopez wants her last name restored after divorce

Jennifer Lopez parted ways with Mark Anthony in 2011. — PTI



LOS ANGELES, 8 Dec — Singer Jennifer Lopez, who is still finalising her divorce from ex-husband Marc Anthony, has asked to drop his surname in order to legally restore her last name to Lopez.

Even though the former couple parted ways in 2011 and Anthony filed divorce papers last year, Lopez, 44, only filed a response recently, reported *People* magazine.

Lopez has asked for joint legal and physical custody of their 5-year-old twins, Max and Emme and seeks to terminate the court's ability to award spousal support to Anthony, 45. The singer earlier this year admitted that "her whole world fell apart" when her seven-year marriage to Anthony ended. But now she has moved on with dancer and choreographer Casper Smart. —PTI



Sonakshi Sinha in a still from R... Rajkumar. — PTI

Sonakshi Sinha thanks the audience for appreciating R... Rajkumar

MUMBAI, 8 Dec — Actress Sonakshi Sinha has thanked the audience for appreciating her latest release R... Rajkumar, and says she is dancing with joy. "Your appreciation and pyaar have us dancing with joy. Thank YOU guys for all the love," she tweeted. The high on action movie released on Friday,

6 December. On Friday, Sonakshi watched the first half of the movie at Chandan Cinema in Mumbai. "Just watched first half of R... Rajkumar in Chandan ka stall. The claps, the hoots, the whistles...this is what we live for! Yeh hota hai AUDIENCE ka review bossss," she posted. PTI

Jennifer Lawrence to take a break from acting



Jennifer Lawrence won an Oscar for her role in *Silver Linings Playbook*. PTI

LONDON, 8 Dec — Actress Jennifer Lawrence is planning to take a short break from acting to focus on her personal life.

The Hunger Games star, whose career is in full swing after winning an Oscar for *Silver Linings Playbook*, said she is craving to spend a little time away from the

spotlight, reported Contactmusic.

"I've built my career. I need to build my human life. I need to get a house and connect to the people around me and not work for a little while" said Lawrence.

She will next be seen in four films, including *X-Men: Days of Future Past* and *The Hunger Games: Mockingjay — Part 1*.

The actress has been dating on-and-off boyfriend Nicholas Hoult since 2011. — PTI



Kajol says *Bigg Boss* compels to get the worst reaction out of everyone. —PTI

NEW DELHI, 8 Dec — Actress Kajol says she completely supports her sister Tanisha Mukherjee, who is currently participating in *Bigg Boss*, despite the reality TV show putting inmates in an "unnatural situation" and "bringing out the worst" in them. Tanisha, 35, has been grabbing eyeballs with her increasing closeness to co-participant

Armaan Kohli on the show. Kajol says she watches *Bigg Boss* regularly and feels the show's format is such that it brings out the worst in the person.

"I watch it regularly and I will support her because she is my sister. I don't think I have any advise for her because that place is such. It puts you in an unnatural situation and

compels to get the worst reaction out of you," said Kajol. She was accompanied by her husband Ajay Devgn to the event. The couple chatted at length about their love story and how their marriage has worked because they are completely opposite.

"We dated for almost four years before getting married and we are best friends. I think our relation has worked only because I speak a lot and he quietly listens. I can go on for hours and he can stay mum for hours... So the secret to our happy married life is that Ajay doesn't say much," said Kajol. Adding to this, Ajay joked, "I sometimes listen and sometimes I just pretend to listen." The couple tied the knot on February 24, 1999 and together raise two kids — Nysa and Yug. PTI

Beyonce pays tribute to Paul Walker during concert

LOS ANGELES, 8 Dec — Pop star Beyonce Knowles paid tribute to *Fast and Furious* actor Paul Walker, who was killed in a car crash last week, during a concert.

The 32-year-old singer, who is on her Mrs

Carter tour dedicated a song to the actor during a concert at Los Angeles' Staples Center recently, reported MTV news.

"I dedicate this song to Paul Walker," Beyonce told the crowd which included stars Khloe Kardashian,

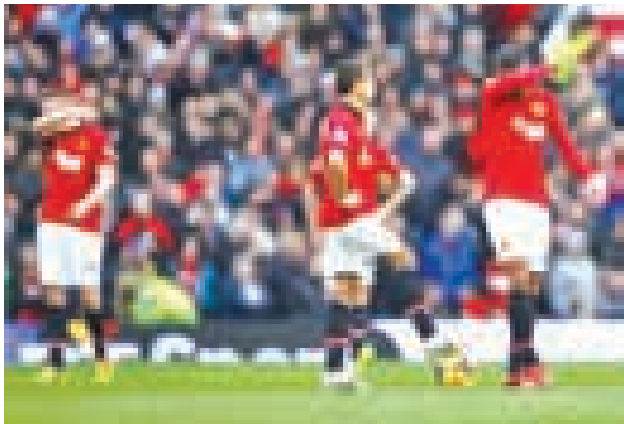
Zoe Saldana and Kelly Osbourne.

She then delivered a touching song of late singer Whitney Houston's *I Will Always Love You* before singing her own hit, *Halo*. Fans took to Twitter to praise the singer. — PTI

Beyonce sang late singer Whitney Houston's *I Will Always Love You* and her own song *Halo*. PTI



United and Chelsea beaten as Liverpool go second



(L to R) Manchester United's Phil Jones, Javier Hernandez and Robin van Persie react during their English Premier League soccer match against Newcastle United at Old Trafford in Manchester, northern England on 7 Dec, 2013.—REUTERS

LONDON, 8 Dec — Saturday while Jose Mourinho's Chelsea suffered a shock 3-2 loss at Stoke City. Luis Suarez-inspired Liverpool climbed to second with a 4-1 romp over West

Ham United at Anfield and Manchester City slipped one place to fourth after being held 1-1 at Southampton.

Tottenham Hotspur rekindled their challenge by winning 2-1 at Sunderland while leaders Arsenal, who still have a four-point lead at the top, entertain Everton at The Emirates on Sunday.

Arsene Wenger's side have 34 points ahead of Liverpool and Chelsea on 30, Manchester City (29), Everton and Tottenham (27) and Newcastle (26). Sunderland stay bottom with eight points. Norwich City won 2-0 at West Bromwich Albion while Crystal Palace picked up their second successive victory under new manager Tony Pulis with a 2-0 home win over Cardiff City.—Reuters

Barclays Premier League Standings

Position	Team	Played	Goal Difference	Points
1	Arsenal	14	19	34
2	Liverpool	15	16	30
3	Chelsea	15	13	30
4	Man City	15	26	29
5	Everton	14	9	27
6	Tottenham	15	-1	27
7	Newcastle	15	-1	26
8	Southampton	15	5	23
9	Man Utd	15	3	22
10	Aston Villa	14	0	19
11	Swansea	14	1	18
12	Stoke	15	-5	17
13	Hull	14	-6	17
14	Norwich	15	-14	17
15	West Brom	15	-4	15
16	Cardiff	15	-11	14
17	West Ham	15	-6	13
18	Crystal Palace	15	-12	13
19	Fulham	14	-14	10
20	Sunderland	15	-18	8

Woods two ahead after testing day at Sherwood

THOUSAND OAKS, (California), 8 Dec — Tiger Woods stayed on track for his sixth victory of the year as he maintained a two-shot lead after a brutally difficult day for scoring at the Northwestern Mutual World Challenge on Saturday.

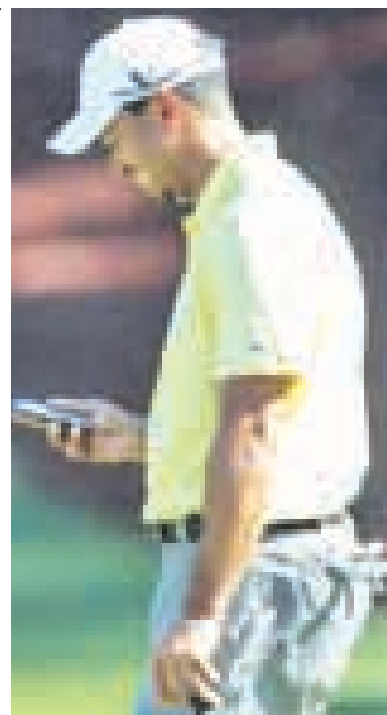
The American world number one ground out a level-par 72 in blustery winds with several tough pin positions at Sherwood Country Club to end the third round of the tournament which he hosts at 11-under 205.

In glorious late afternoon sunshine after a rainy start to the day, Woods rolled in a 12-foot birdie

putt at the par-four last to retain control of an event he has won a record five times.

"It was a tough day," Woods, who frequently backed off shots as the breezes shifted, told reporters after offsetting four birdies with four bogeys.

"The wind was all over the place. It was really tough to pull clubs and the greens were softer. They were still pretty quick, and unless you got (the ball) above the hole, there are some really difficult pins out there.



Reuters

Tiger Woods

Kansas City win Cup final after penalty shootout

KANSAS CITY, 8 Dec — Sporting Kansas City won their second MLS Cup title in dramatic fashion on Saturday, coming from a goal down before beating Real Salt Lake 7-6 in a pulsating penalty shootout following a 1-1 tie after extra time.

Aurelien Collin, who scored Sporting's equaliser in the second half, broke the deadlock in sudden-death with a thunderous shot inside the right post to beat Real goalkeeper Nick Rimando.

Lovel Palmer, aiming to extend the sudden-death shootout, then hit the crossbar to send the home crowd

into rapturous celebration on a freezing night at Sporting Park in Kansas City.

Salt Lake opened the scoring in the 52nd minute after Kyle Beckerman found Alvaro Saborio with a pinpoint pass and the Costa Rican chested the ball down before beating Kansas City goalkeeper Jimmy Nielsen with a powerful low shot.

Sporting, previously hoisting the giant silver cup in 2000, levelled in the 76th minute when Collin headed the ball inside the far post after a corner kick from Graham Zusi.

Reuters

Japan's Asada wins women's gold medal in ISU GP Finals

TOKYO, 8 Dec — Japanese Mao Asada on Saturday won the gold medal of women's figure skating in the International Skating Union Grand Prix Finals, marking her second straight ISU Grand Prix Final championship and the fourth of her career.

With a 3.98-point lead after short program on Thursday, Asada gained 131.66 points in the free skating and held 204.02 points in total to claim the champion.

Russian skater Julia Lipnitskaia won silver with 192.07 points after starting the day fourth, while US Ashley Wagner took the bronze with 187.61 points.—Xinhua



Mao Asada (R) of Japan greets to the audience after her performance during the women's free skating of the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final in Fukuoka, Japan, on 7 Dec, 2013.—XINHUA

Napoli in six-goal thriller, Balotelli saves Milan

ROME, 8 Dec — Two goals in three minutes from Napoli's Goran Pandev were not enough to secure victory as his side threw away a two-goal lead to draw 3-3 at home to Udinese in an end-to-end Serie A thriller on Saturday.

In the day's other game, a stunning late free kick by Mario Balotelli, his second goal of the match, helped AC Milan snatch a 2-2 draw at Livorno.

Rafael Benitez's Napoli stay third with 32 points from 15 games, two points behind AS Roma and eight adrift of leaders Juventus, who beat Bologna 2-0 on Friday and look an even stronger bet for their third consecutive league title.

"We have to improve," said Benitez. "We scored two goals and had control of the game before making a

mistake at a corner.

"We're the ones who have to improve and stop making mistakes. If we manage to score as many goals as we did tonight we need to be better at the back."

Pandev tapped in the opening goal in the 38th minute after showing delicate control.

He quickly made it 2-0 when Gonzalo Higuain charged to the byline and pulled the ball back for the Macedonian forward, who spun well before guiding in his sixth league goal of the season.

Napoli defender Federico Fernandez let Udinese back into the game with an embarrassing own goal seconds before halftime when he clipped in a tame Thomas Heurtaux header.

Bruno Fernandes then

deservedly drew Udinese level with a dipping shot that confused Napoli keeper Rafael with 21 minutes left.

Napoli went back in front seconds later when Blerim Dzemali tapped in the rebound following a curling effort from Higuain, but Udinese refused to give



Udinese's Dusan Basta (L) celebrates with his teammates after scoring against Napoli during their Italian Serie A soccer match at San Paolo stadium in Naples on 7 Dec, 2013.—REUTERS

up and equalised with 10 minutes to go when Dusan Basta scored after a goal-mouth scramble. The visitors then almost snatched victory when Brazilian Maicon burst through on goal, only for Christian Maggio to thwart him with a superb sliding tackle.—Reuters

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Laureate of the 2013 Nobel Prize in Chemistry Michael Levitt attends the Press conference of winners of Nobel Prize in Economics, Chemistry and Physics in Stockholm, Sweden, on 7 Dec, 2013. XINHUA

US backs peaceful end to Thailand's political turmoil

BANGKOK, 8 Dec — The United States believes peace talks are the best means to resolve the political conflicts in Thailand, US Ambassador Kristie Kenny said on Friday.

She made the remarks after a meeting between Samuel Locklear, chief of the US Pacific Command, and Prime Minister Yingluck Shinawatra at Government House.

The ambassador said the US is keeping close watch on the political situation in Thailand and would like to see the crisis solved through peaceful means.

Locklear told Yingluck that the US will maintain good relationship and cooperation with Thailand, its "oldest ally" in Southeast Asia.

Meanwhile, Thai military Supreme Command

Thanasak Patimaprakorn said Friday that he and the commanders of the armed forces jointly assess the political situation on a daily basis.

Thanasak supported the "people's forum" proposed by Yingluck, saying that it would be a good opportunity for all parties to join hands to help move the country forward.—Xinhua

Chinese weightlifter wins IWF Grand Prix in Azerbaijan

BAKU, 8 Dec — Chinese weightlifter Wang Shuai captured the overall crown in the women's 58kg category on the final day of the 2013 IWF Grand Prix International Baku Cup on Saturday.

Wang, who had never before registered an

international competition result, vied against Romanian Loredana Elena Toma, who was the first winner of the day: with 96kg she took the snatch gold medal.

In clean and jerk, Wang managed to lift 118kg for a winning total

of 212kg, beating Toma to the silver on 211kg, and Ukraine's Yuliya Kalina took the bronze medals.

Some 70 athletes from 23 countries participated in the IWF Grand Prix & 2nd Baku International Cup that started on December.—Xinhua

China sets up 440 Confucius institutes

BEIJING, 8 Dec — China has established 440 Confucius institutes in 120 countries and regions amid efforts to promote the Chinese language and culture around the world, according to the Confucius Institute Headquarters.

Confucius institutes, named after the ancient Chinese philosopher Confucius, serve as non-profit public institutions to help foreigners better understand China through language teaching and culture introduction in universities overseas.

There are also 646 Confucius Classrooms operational at middle and

primary schools, according to the headquarters.

About 850,000 students have registered in these institutions and more than 20,000 cultural activities have been held since the first institute was established in 2004.

With the influence of these institutions, the world is seeing renewed enthusiasm for the Chinese language. Seven countries including Britain, Sweden and Ireland issued government orders to include Chinese teaching into the national education programme in 2012, bringing the figure of such countries to more than 40.

Xinhua

Floods in Libya leave six dead, 400 houses damaged

TRIPOLI, 8 Dec — Heavy rain killed six people and caused material damage to 400 houses in the Libyan western city of Zawiya on Saturday.

In a statement obtained by Xinhua, Zawiya Social Affairs Committee's head Imad Faitouri said that Zawiya, 50 km west of the capital Tripoli, suffered heavy rain on Friday overnight until Saturday early morning, followed by partial flooding in several areas of the city.

The floods left six citizens dead and damaged 400 houses in Anjarafat area, he added.

The death toll of the recent heavy rain in Libya went up to 10 dead.

In the first week of December, Libya witnessed the heaviest rain in 40 years.

Xinhua

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| 3. Documentary | 20. Go For Gold (EQUESTRIAN) |
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| 4. SEA Games Songs | 21. SEA Games Songs |
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AC Milan's Mario Balotelli celebrates scoring against Livorno during their Italian Serie A soccer match in Livorno, Italy, on 7 Dec, 2013. The match ended with a 2-2 draw. XINHUA



Stake driven for anti-snake venom manufacturing plant

NAY PYI TAW, 8 Dec— A stake-driving ceremony for construction of anti-snake venom manufacturing plant was held at Pharmaceuticals Factory No. 1 (Yangon) in Insein Township, today.

Union Minister U Maung Myint and officials drove stakes at the designated places.

On the occasion, the Union Minister stressed the need to produce anti-snake venom through GMP methods for interest of the nation in the future.

The anti-snake venom manufacturing plant is aimed at satisfying the domestic demand and manufacturing the vaccine made



Union Minister U Maung Myint views displays at stake-driving ceremony for construction of anti-snake venom manufacturing plant.—MNA

of freeze dryer system in line with WHO standards and norms. The plasma from the horse farm (Hmawby)

will be sent to the plant by coal storage van.—MNA

Union Commerce Minister holds talks with ITC Executive Director

NAY PYI TAW, 8 Dec— Union Minister for Commerce U Win Myint held discussions with Executive Director Ms. Arancha Gonzalez of Geneva-based International Trade Center (ITC), a subsidiary organization of World Trade Organization (WTO), in Bali, Indonesia on 6 December.

During the discussion, the Union minister thanked ITC for providing Myanmar with technical assistance at the time when the country is formulating a national export strategy. He continued that ICT's assistance to Myanmar is needed to boost

export of rice, bean, marine products, clothes and rubber.

Ms. Arancha Gonzalez said that priority will be given to providing assistance to Myanmar. She continued that Myanmar should contact ITC after expressing its interest on prioritized sectors to relevant countries. She expressed her belief that benefits would be brought to Myanmar through the national export strategy. In addition, she pledged to come to Myanmar to discuss promotion of Myanmar's trade sector.—MNA

Women's Forum-2013 concludes

NAY PYI TAW, 8 Dec— Women's Forum-2013 on "Women in a fast-opening society" concluded yesterday at Chatrium Hotel in Yangon.

On the occasion, Union Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Dr Daw Myat Myat Ohn Khin gave a concluding speech.

A total of 400 participants including female leaders from 27 countries participated in the discussions on topics about nurturing women's entrepreneurship, new path to education for the young and the lost generations, women as a change agents-Driving growth in emerging market, how to be

international investor in Myanmar, transforming health in Myanmar, women in peace building equation and freedom of expression at the forum from 6 to 7 December.

On the second day of the forum, the Union minister took part in a roundtable discussion of the forum.

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Thai King's grandchild arrives in Nay Pyi Taw to take part in equestrian event

NAY PYI TAW, 8 Dec— Princess Sirivannavari Nariratana, a grandchild of Thai King, arrived at Nay Pyi Taw International Air-

port at 1 pm today to take part in the equestrian event of the 27th SEA Games.

She was welcomed at the airport by Chairman of

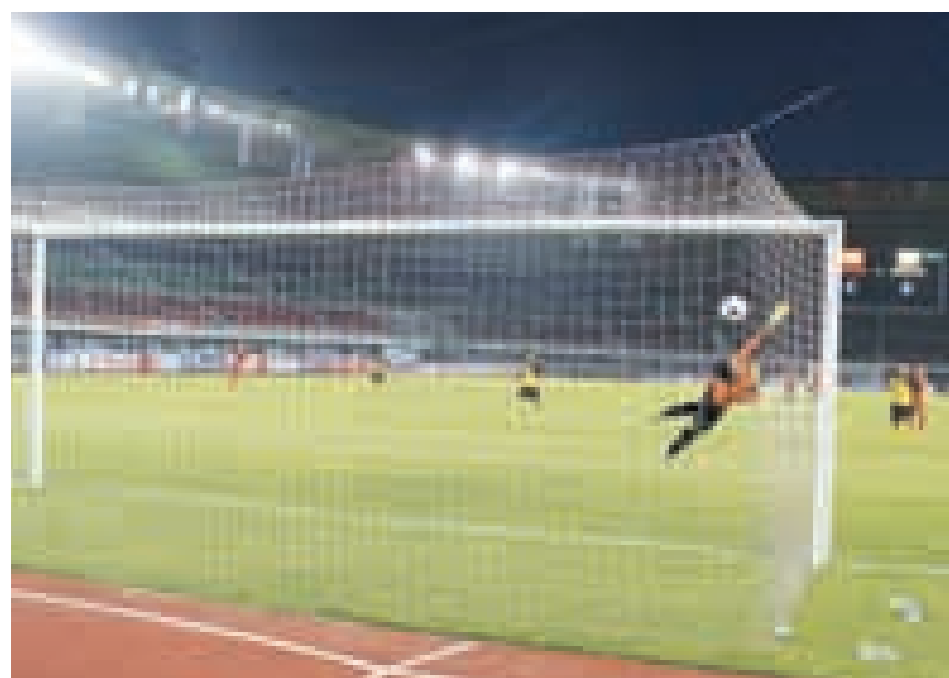
Myanmar Sports Victory Committee Deputy Minister for Sports U Thaug Htaik and officials and Thai Ambassador to Myanmar Mr. Pisanu Suvanajata.

The princess will compete in individual dressage competition of the equestrian event.—MNA



Myanmar players defending attacks of Cambodian players in basketball event of XXVII SEA Games. Cambodia beat Myanmar 75-60.—PHOTO AMS (News on page 9)

Vietnamese U-23 thrash Brunei 7-0; Singapore held 1-1 draw with Laos



Brunei goalkeeper misses the football kicked by Vietnamese player into the net.—PHOTO AMS

NAY PYI TAW, 8 Dec— Vietnamese and Brunei U-23 teams played the first match of Group (A) of the men's football event of the 27th SEA Games at 4 pm today at Zeyathiri Stadium. Vietnamese youths thrashed Brunei U-23 7-0 at the opening match to lead the group.

Vietnamese U-23 team controlled the match with much ball possession and took an easy win over the rival. Vietnamese players scored the opener at the beginning of the first half, the second goal at 25th minutes and the third at 43rd minutes. In the second half, the Vietnamese players added another goals at 52nd, 65th, 68th and 81st minutes.

The second match between Singapore and Laos ended at a 1-1 draw.

May and Aye



Medal Tally				
Country	Gold	Silver	Bronze	
Myanmar	8	2	3	
Malaysia	2	4	8	
Thailand	2	2	1	
Indonesia	2	1	2	
Vietnam	2	1	1	
Cambodia	0	2	2	
Laos	0	2	2	
Singapore	0	1	2	
Philippines	0	1	0	
Brunei	0	0	0	
Timor-Leste	0	0	0	