

We need to bravely distance ourselves from egoism to bring about development for nation and people as common goal

NAY PYI TAW, 11 Dec—Agga Maha Thayay Sithu, Agga Maha Thiri Thudhamma President U Thein Sein today sent a message to the ceremony to mark the Diamond Jubilee 1300 ME Oilfield Uprising which falls on 9th Waxing of Nadaw, 1375 ME.

The translation of the message is as follows:-

Esteemed national people,

Today is the diamond jubilee of 1300 Oilfield Uprising, a landmark moment along the course of the Independence Struggle which brought about the national unity. On the same day 75 years ago, the people bravely defied suppression with the anti-colonial rule and nationalist spirit. I wish all the people in every nook and corner of Myanmar both physical and mental wellbeings

on this diamond jubilee of the historic uprising.

The 1300 Oilfield Uprising which made the history in Myanmar's Independence Struggle is the historic moment when the workers, the peasants, the students, the persons of religious orders, and the people took to the street and walked a 400-mile-long march. The event raised the curtain of the dream of Independence which would free the country from colonialism.

The national unity and passion which resulted from the 1300 Uprising became the foundation for a long and uphill battle for Independence. As it could not be maintained after the Independence was regained, the country has witnessed the armed conflicts and the political divides and we are still trying to rebuild the national unity. Despite the unity before the Independence, we are falling

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Colourful opening ceremony of 27th South-East Asian Games in Nay Pyi Taw

NAY PYI TAW, 11 Dec— An opening ceremony of the 27th Southeast Asian Games that Myanmar hosted for the third time took place at Wunna Theikdi Stadium, here, this evening.

With the aim of fostering friendship among South-East Asian nations and letting each country make known each other's cultures, the SEA Games are held every two years.

It is also a biggest sporting event of the countries in the region not only to highlight the policy of peaceful coexistence but also to show the sporting spirit, quality and dignity of South-East Asian countries.

Before the opening ceremony to be held under 14 agendas, vocalists entertained audiences with songs. Next, presenters talked about the sporting event which is the last time Myanmar hosted in 1969, competitions that will be included and medals presented in the present SEA Games, the mean-

ing of the 27th SEA Games' motto, "Green, Clean & Friendship".

Together with guests, officials and athletes, totaling around 30000, President U Thein Sein and wife, Laotian President Mr Choummaly Sayasone and wife, Vice-President U Nyan Tun and wife, Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and Pyithu Hluttaw Thura U Shwe Mann and wife, Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker U Khin Aung Myint, the Chief Justice of the Union, the Chairman of Constitutional Tribunal of the Union, the Chairman of Union Election Commission, the Chinese Vice-Premier and the Deputy Prime Minister of Thailand, the Crown Prince of the Kingdom of Brunei, ministers of the People's Republic of China and ASEAN member countries, the Union ministers, the Chief Ministers of the regions and states, and the president of Asia Olympic Council attended the ceremony.

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President U Thein Sein and wife Daw Khin Khin Win salute National Flag in 27th South-East Asian Games hosted in Myanmar.—PHOTO: AYE MIN SOE



LOCAL NEWS

Work coord meeting on taking census in 2014 held

YANGON, 11 Dec— A work coordination meeting on taking a nationwide census in 2014 took place at the office of Yangon Region government, here, yesterday morning.

It was attended by Union Minister for Immigration and Population U Khin Yi, region ministers and officials concerned and representatives from 28 political parties and from 102 social organizations

and guests.

The Union Minister said in his speech that the country could not have taken national census for 30 years due to various reasons. From 30th March to 10 April, 2014, nationwide census taking process would be carried out in the country. To meet the target, four work processes are being implemented. The process of taking census gives accurate and detailed information on the state of

a country and helps carry out development tasks in futures. He continued saying that mass participation of people and giving accurate information lead to success in taking census.

Besides, he urged those present to cooperate in taking census.

The Union minister answered queries raised by those present after the meeting.—MNA

Winners awarded in Mandalay Region Football Federation Chairman's Cup

MANDALAY, 11 Dec— The final match between Yadanabon Football Academy and Ahman FC took place at Bahtoo Stadium, here, on 3 December afternoon.

In the U-20 men's football event, Yadanabon Academy clinched the title with 2-1 over Ahman.

Mandalay Region Minister for Social Affairs Dr Win Hlaing presented K 1 million and championship trophy to the winning team.

Deputy Director of

Mandalay Region Sports and Physical Education Department U Wai Zin and executives of Mandalay Region Football Federation gave best player awards to the winners in respective places, players of first, second and third teams and best player of the tournament award to Hsan Tun Oo (Yadanabon Academy).

*Kyemon-Tin Maung
(Mandalay)*



ASEAN Regional Forum on CBMs and PD kicks off

NAY PYI TAW, 11 Dec— The ASEAN Regional Forum Inter-Sessional Support Group on Confidence Building Measures and Preventive Diplomacy (ARF ISG on CBMs and PD) was held on 9th and 10th December 2013 at Chatrium Hotel in Yangon. The meeting was co-chaired by Myanmar and the EU. The meeting was attended by the delegates from (25) ARF participating countries

and ASEAN Secretariat. Myanmar delegation was led by Myanmar ARF SOM leader, U Aung Linn, Director General of ASEAN Affairs Department and officials as well as the Myanmar ARF Experts and Eminent Persons' representative and retired Ambassador, U Hla Myint.

The participants exchanged views on regional and international security issues, review and

consideration of CBMs and PD, consideration of ARF CBMs and PD Initiatives. The meeting also updated on the ARF Work Plan and preparation for ARF Activities in the Inter-Sessional Year 2013-2014 and deliberated on the future direction of the ARF.

This is the meeting of ARF for the 2013-2014 Inter-Sessional year of the ARF Calendar Year and the second meeting will be held by EU in

Brussels from 7th to 9th April in 2014. ASEAN Regional Forum is a major forum for security cooperation in the Asia Pacific region which composed of 10 ASEAN countries, 10 Dialogue Partners of ASEAN and Bangladesh, DPRK, Papua New Guinea, Mongolia, Pakistan, Sri Lanka and Timor-Leste. As Chair of the ASEAN Regional Forum, Myanmar will also host ARF Senior Officials' Meeting in May 2014 and Ministerial Meeting of ARF in August.

MNA

Maiden flight of Myanmar-Bangladesh route launched

YANGON, 11 Dec— The maiden flight of Myanmar-Bangladesh route

was launched at Yangon International Airport on 9 December evening.

It is Biman airlines that had been run between Yangon-Bangladesh last

six years. As Myanmar is in transparency way of all aspects, the airlines resumed for smooth transportation of passenger, said an official of the airlines.

"The airlines was launched last six years. But its operation mission failed due to lack of passengers. Now, the entry and exit of foreign passengers are increasing day by day, the airlines resumed. It will fly Monday and Thursday weekly. Later, the plan is underway to extend flights," said Ma Thazin of the airlines.

Biman Airlines was opened for the first one of airlines between Myanmar and Bangladesh.



Eight cars donated for 27th SEA Games

NAY PYI TAW, 11 Dec— A ceremony to donate eight vehicles by companies to the Ministry of Sports took place at Social Zone of Sports Village, here, yesterday morning.

Union Minister for Industry U Maung Myint explained the purpose of donation. And then responsible persons from Kyaw Enterprise Co., Ltd and MCM Pacific Pte Ltd

explained the purpose of donation and handed over the documents related to the vehicles.

Later, Chairman of Leading Committee for Organizing the 27th SEA Games Union Minister for Sports U Tint Hsan spoke words of thanks.

The Ministry of Sports will confer these car awards on the first-prize winners of the 27th SEA Games. Eight cars worth of USD 74100

are three Liebao Feiteng (Model Year.2013) vehicles (USD 16,000 per vehicle) donated by Hunan Leopard Motors Co., Ltd of China and Kyaw Enterprise and five Benni Mini vehicles (USD 5220 per vehicle) by CHANGAN International Corporation and MCM PACIFIC Pte Ltd. The companies made donations under the arrangement of the Ministry of Industry.—MNA

Sports

Business

Self-reliant library put into service in Pobbathiri Tsp

NAY PYI TAW, 11 Dec— As a gesture of honouring the XXVII SEA Games, Sarpay Alinyaung self-reliant library was put into service in Nawade Ward of Pobbathiri Township on 8 December morning.

Deputy Township Administrator U Soe Lin Kyaw of the township made a speech.

Member of Library Committee U Khin Maung Win explained emergence of the library.

Head of Township

Information and Public Relations Department Daw Theint Theint Myo explained durability of the library.

Officials presented certificates of honour to those who contributed to construction of the library.

The deputy township administrator, the head of Township IPRD and ward administrator U Maung Maung Tin formally opened the self-reliant library.

*MMAL-Thuzar Hlaing
(Industry)*



Agriculture

Seeds provided to farmers for flood-ravaged farmlands

LEWE, 11 Dec— A ceremony to provide seeds of crops for the farmlands that was ravaged by flood in last October was held in Lewe Township of Dekkhina Thiri District in Nay Pyi Taw Council Area on 9 December morning.

Member of Nay Pyi Taw Council U Myint Swe explained the purpose

The BG060 airlines can transport 162 passengers by Boeing 767 flight.

*Maung Sein Lwin
(MMAL): Photo: Than
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of providing the seeds to farmers by the government.

Next, the member of Nay Pyi Taw Council and Deputy Commissioner U Zaw Lwin Oo of Dekkhina District presented seeds of crops worth K 64,967,000 to farmers from nine villages for 2290 acres of flood-ravaged farmlands.

The member of Nay Pyi Taw Council inspected tasks of the mobile team that conducted collection of data and survey for rural development in villages of Lewe Township.

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WORLD

US 'nowhere near' decision to pull all troops out of Afghanistan

WASHINGTON, 11 Dec — The Obama administration is 'nowhere near' deciding to pull out all troops from Afghanistan at the end of 2014, a top US official said on Tuesday, despite mounting frustration President Hamid Karzai has not signed a security deal allowing the military to remain there after next year.

"I have no doubt that the (bilateral security agreement with Afghanistan) ultimately will be concluded," Ambassador James

Dobbins, US Special Representative for Afghanistan and Pakistan, told the US Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

While Dobbins said that an ongoing delay to finalising the deal — which US officials had hoped Karzai would sign weeks ago — would impose "damages and costs" on Afghans, he said the Obama administration was not on the verge of abandoning its effort to extend its troop presence.

"We're nowhere near a

decision that would involve our departing Afghanistan altogether," he said.

The administration has been urging Karzai to sign the bilateral security agreement (BSA) it negotiated with Karzai's government, which would permit it to keep troops in Afghanistan beyond the end of 2014 to support Afghan forces and conduct limited counterterrorism activities.

After Afghan elders and politicians endorsed the pact last month, Karzai



US Special Representative to Afghanistan and Pakistan James Dobbins speaks during a news conference in New Delhi on 27 June, 2013.—REUTERS

surprised Washington by introducing new conditions for his signature.

Reuters

New security plan to call for defence item exports, joint development

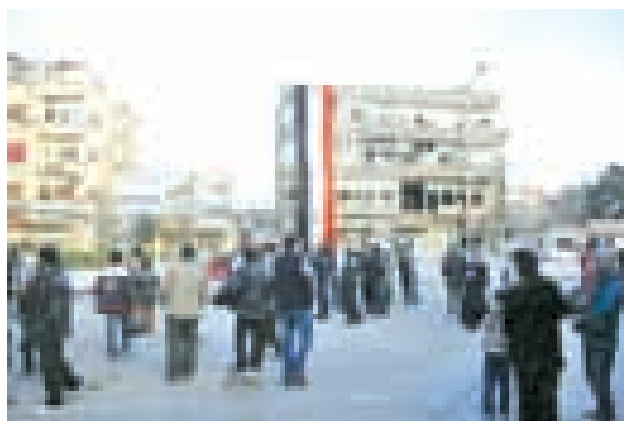
TOKYO, 11 Dec — Japan will push for exports of domestic defence equipment overseas and encourage joint development with other countries in its new security strategy, as Prime Minister Shinzo Abe tries to nurture the defence industry at home by making a review of the country's arms embargo, a government source said on Tuesday.

In what could be a policy shift toward promoting, rather than limiting, exports of weapons, the new national security strategy will likely state Japan will "engage further in contributing to global peace and international cooperation by making use of defence equipment and other (things)," a draft of the strategy showed.

Abe wants to enable Japan to play a greater security role internationally to become a proactive contributor to peace, and the new national security strategy is expected to reflect his views.

The government plans to seek Cabinet approval on Tuesday for the security strategy, the first of its kind for Japan, as well as new defence programme guidelines used to shape the country's longer-term defence strategy, according to the source. The date was moved from this Friday as it has taken time to gain approval from the ruling coalition of the Liberal Democratic Party and the New Komeito party.—Kyodo News

Syrian opposition head urges Gulf states to launch aid fund



A Syrian national flag hangs off a building as residents mill around in Nabek town, north of Damascus in the Qalamoun mountains, after forces loyal to Syria's President Bashar al-Assad took control of it from rebel fighters, in this handout photograph distributed by Syria's national news agency SANA on 9 Dec, 2013.

REUTERS

KUWAIT, 11 Dec — The head of the Syrian National Coalition (SNC) opposition group urged wealthy Gulf Arab states on Tuesday to set up an aid fund for millions of Syrians stricken by civil war.

Well over 100,000

people have been killed in the two-year conflict between President Bashar al-Assad and rebels. The United Nations says about 6.5 million people have fled their homes within Syria and 2.3 million sought refuge abroad.

SNC chief Ahmed Jarba issued the plea at a high-profile summit in Kuwait of leaders of the six Gulf Arab monarchies.

"The first step of aid is to support our people now with an aid fund ... and that will be under the supervision and management of the Syrian National Coalition," he said.

"You know the size of the tragedy for the refugees and the displaced people inside and outside of Syria." Kuwait's emir, Sheikh Sabah al-Ahmad al-Sabah, took up Jarba's appeal.

"(A) human catastrophe is still ongoing in Syria which calls on us to redouble our efforts and work with the international community, particularly the UN Security Council which unfortunately has remained unable to play its role and put an end to this human catastrophe," the emir said.

Reuters

Iran sees progress in talks with powers on nuclear deal implementation



Iran's ambassador to the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) Reza Najafi smiles as he arrives for a board of governors meeting at the IAEA headquarters in Vienna on 28 Nov, 2013.

REUTERS

VIENNA, 11 Dec — Senior Iranian officials indicated on Tuesday that progress was being achieved in expert-level talks between Teheran and six world powers over the implementation of a landmark nuclear deal.

But they added that the meeting, which began on Monday at the Vienna headquarters of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), the UN nuclear watchdog, would continue for a third day on Wednesday.

The goal is to work out details on implementing the 24 November interim

accord under which Iran will curb its disputed nuclear programme in return for some easing of sanctions that have battered its oil-dependent economy.

"The discussions are very smooth," Hamid Baeedinejad, head of the Iranian delegation, said after the second day of talks.

"We have made our views known to each other with regard to the implementation aspects of each and every measure. That has been a very good exercise," he told reporters. "We are trying to have unified understanding of each and every

measure."

Officials from Iran, the United States, China, Britain, France, Germany, Russia, the European Union and the IAEA attended the meeting in the Austrian capital. Asked whether good progress was being made in the discussions, Iran's ambassador to the IAEA, Reza Najafi, earlier told reporters: "Yes. We are going to continue tomorrow."

Last month's preliminary accord reached after marathon talks in Geneva is seen as a first step towards resolving a decade-old standoff over suspicions

Russia's Putin orders military complete Arctic plan by year end

MOSCOW, 11 Dec — President Vladimir Putin ordered Russia's military to increase its focus on the Arctic and finish plans by the end of the year to upgrade military bases in the resource-rich region where world powers jostle for control.

Speaking to Defence Minister Sergei Shoigu, Putin praised the military's work in the Arctic, where Canada said on Monday it was claiming the North Pole as part of a broader claim on the region.

The United States, Denmark and Norway are also pressing for control of what they consider their fair share of massive untapped oil and natural gas reserves.

"I request that you pay special attention to the deployment of infrastructure and military units in the Arctic," Putin said, speaking at a Defence Ministry board meeting.

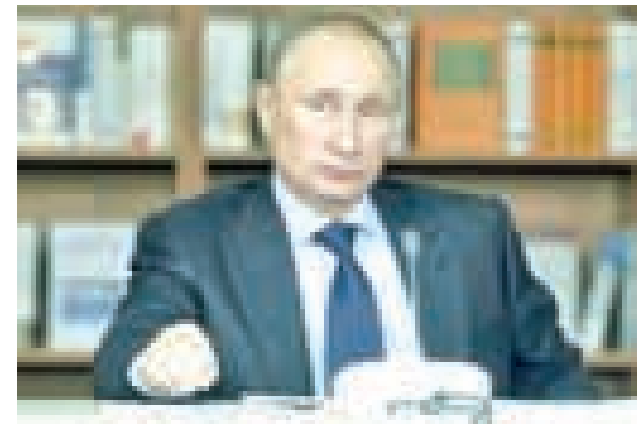
"By the end of the year

it is planned — and I expect it will be done ... the renewal of the Tiksi airfield and completion of construction work on the Severomorsk-1 airfield," he said in televised comments.

Russia has already completed work on renovating an airfield on the Novosibirsk Islands, Putin said, which was abandoned in 1993. Earlier this year Moscow sent 10 warships and four icebreakers to the islands in a show of force.

Underscoring Moscow's sensitivity over Arctic claims, Russia arrested 30 people on board a Greenpeace ship during a September protest against Russian offshore Arctic drilling. They now face charges carrying seven year jail sentences.

Putin said earlier this week that Russia's military presence in the Arctic was needed to protect against potential threats from the United States.—Reuters



Russian President Vladimir Putin attends a meeting with academics at the Moscow State University on 3 Dec, 2013.—REUTERS

Iran might be covertly pursuing a nuclear weapons "breakout" capability, a perception that has raised the risk of a wider Middle East war.

Western diplomats said detailed matters not addressed at the 20-24 November talks in Geneva must be ironed out before the deal can be put into practice. These include how and when the IAEA, which regularly visits Iranian nuclear sites to try to ensure there are no diversions of atomic material, will carry out its expanded role.

Reuters

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

India court seeks value of Nokia factory seized in tax dispute

NEW DELHI / HELSINKI, 11 Dec — An Indian court extended a hearing over local tax authorities' seizure of a Nokia factory by seeking information on the plant value, adding to concerns whether the company can transfer the property to Microsoft as part of the sale of its mobile phone business. Nokia has offered to pay a 270 million euro (\$369 million) deposit to Indian authorities to unfreeze assets in a tax dispute, according to sources familiar with the matter.

The Finnish firm has been trying to free up the assets, particularly its Chennai factory which is one of its biggest phone-making

plants, ahead of the sale of its mobile phone business to Microsoft. The Delhi High Court on Tuesday asked the tax authorities to submit the value of the Chennai factory on Wednesday, when it is due to hear the case again, amid growing uncertainty about Nokia's exact tax liabilities in India. A lawyer for the tax department said on Tuesday Nokia owed 78 billion rupees (\$1.28 billion) in tax payments.

The *Times of India* reported on Tuesday the tax department had informed the Delhi High Court that Nokia owned the authorities more than 210 billion rupees (\$3.4 billion), which included penalty for a

seven-year period beginning 2006. The final sum of tax liabilities are not yet known. But in March, it was served with a tax demand of about 20.8 billion rupees for five fiscal years starting from 2006/07, according to a 22 March notice on the Delhi High Court website. Nokia said it had not been served with any claim beyond that 20.8 billion rupee amount.

"In recent months we have seen and read about many claims from the tax authorities," the company said in a statement on Tuesday. "We feel they are without merit and will defend ourselves vigorously in court." While Nokia has said it does not expect the dispute to af-



Low-cost mobile handsets from Nokia on display at a store in the western Indian city of Ahmedabad on 4 March, 2013.—REUTERS

fect its 5.4 billion euro deal with Microsoft, which is expected to close in the first quarter of 2014, a lengthy

asset freeze could complicate matters by preventing the transfer of ownership in the Chennai plant. Nokia has

said it wanted the assets to be released by 12 December.

Reuters

China-Brazil satellite launch fails, likely fell back to Earth



Members of a local militia collect a component of the Long March 4B rocket, which was loaded with a CBERS-3 satellite, after it was found in Sanxi village of Suichuan county, Jiangxi Province on 10 Dec, 2013.

XINHUA

BRASILIA, 11 Dec — A Chinese-Brazilian satellite launched by China on Monday failed to reach its planned orbit and likely fell back to Earth, Brazil's Ministry of Science said. The satellite was the fourth in a series designed to monitor land use in Brazil, including forest cover in the Amazon basin. Brazil's space programme is seeking to reduce the country's dependence on US and European space equipment

and launch vehicles and expand the domestic aerospace industry, already the world's No 3 producer of commercial jet aircraft.

The government is also seeking to increase control over its long and largely unguarded land border and better manage forest, mineral, water and agricultural resources in its vast and thinly populated interior. The *CBERS-3* satellite developed by China and Brazil was carried to space on

Monday morning aboard a *Long March 4B* rocket from China's Taiyuan satellite launch center, the Brazilian ministry said in a statement. "There was a failure in the launch vehicle during flight and the satellite was not positioned in the right orbit. Preliminary evaluations suggest *CBERS-3* has returned to Earth," it said.

The ministry said the causes are being investigated, and Brazil and China have agreed to speed up plans to launch the next satellite planned in the series, *CBERS-4*. The misfire underscored Brazil's desire to establish its own launch capabilities. Brazilian planemaker Embraer SA and state telecom Telebras signed a deal last month to put a national defence and communications satellite in orbit for 1.3 billion reais (\$560 million) by the end of 2016. The satellite will be built by French aerospace supplier Thales and launched by space-transport company Arianespace from French Guiana.—Reuters

Mars One selects Lockheed Martin, SSTL to study first private Mars mission

WASHINGTON, 11 Dec — Mars One, a Dutch-based non-profit organization that aims to establish a permanent human settlement on Mars by 2025, on Tuesday announced its partnership with US aerospace giant Lockheed Martin and UK-based Surrey Satellite Technology Ltd (SSTL) for its first unmanned mission to Mars in 2018. "We're very excited to have contracted Lockheed Martin and SSTL for our first mission to Mars. Both are significant players in their field of expertise and have outstanding track records," Bas Lansdorp, Mars One co-founder and CEO, said in a statement.

Under the plan, Lockheed Martin will design the Mars One lander, which will be based on the successful 2007 Phoenix mission spacecraft the company designed, built, tested and operated for US space agency NASA. According to the companies, the

lander will have the ability to scoop up Martian soil with a robotic arm similar to the Phoenix mission, a water experiment to extract water from the Martian soil, a power experiment to demonstrate the deployment and operation of thin-film solar panels on the planet's surface, and a camera to make continuous video recordings.

"This is an ambitious project and we're already working on the mission concept study, starting with the proven design of Phoenix," said Ed Sedivy, civil space chief engineer at Lockheed Martin Space Systems. "Having managed the Phoenix spacecraft development, I can tell you, landing on Mars is challenging and a thrill and this is going to be a very exciting mission." SSTL will be in charge of designing an interplanetary communications satellite, which will provide a high bandwidth communications system in

a Mars synchronous orbit and will be used to relay data and a live video feed from the lander on the surface of Mars back to Earth.

"This study gives us an unprecedented opportunity to take our tried and tested approach and apply it to Mars One's imaginative and exhilarating challenge of sending humans to Mars through private investment," Martin Sweeting, executive chairman of SSTL, said in a statement. Mars One said it has decided to launch the lander and communications satellite in 2018, two years later than its original schedule. The Dutch organization aims to land its first four volunteer astronauts in 2025 and is inviting people who are 18 years or older to apply. Although the trip will be one-way, Mars One said it has received applications from more than 200,000 people from around the world so far.

Xinhua

Chang'e-3 probe moves closer to the moon

BEIJING, 11 Dec — China's lunar probe *Chang'e-3* entered an orbit closer to the moon on Tuesday night. Following an order from the Beijing Aerospace Control Centre, the probe descended from the 100 km-high lunar circular orbit to an elliptical orbit with its nearest point about 15 km away from the moon's surface, the State Administration of Science,

Technology and Industry for National Defence said in a statement. The administration said the transition was conducted above the dark side of the moon at 9:20 pm.

At 9:24 pm, it was confirmed that *Chang'e-3* had entered the new orbit. In the new orbit, the probe will prepare for a soft-landing on the moon's surface, ac-

ording to the statement. *Chang'e-3*, which is carrying moon rover "Yutu" (Jade Rabbit), was successfully launched on 2 December from the Xichang Satellite Launch Centre.

It is expected to land on the moon in mid-December, and will be China's first spacecraft to soft-land on the surface of an extraterrestrial body.—Xinhua



The panoramic camera has been installed on the moon rover "Yutu" (Jade Rabbit). *Chang'e-3*, which is carrying moon rover "Yutu", was successfully launched on 2 December from the Xichang Satellite Launch Centre.—XINHUA

Study shows air pollution more deadly than thought

THE HAGUE, 11 Dec — The effect of long-term exposure to air pollution is associated with increased mortality even when the pollution is below European Union limits, research conducted under the lead of the Utrecht University showed on Monday. The researchers, led by Utrecht professor Rob Beelen, used data

from the European Study of Cohorts for Air Pollution Effects (ESCAPE), which included data from 13 European countries and a total of 367,251 people.

With each increase of 5 micrograms per cubic meter of particulate matter, the risk that someone dies increases by 7 per cent, the study showed.—Xinhua

BUSINESS & HEALTH

Boeing must decide on F/A-18 production in March 2014

NAVAL AIR STATION PATUXENT RIVER, (Maryland), 11 Dec — Boeing Co (BA.N) must decide in March 2014 whether to invest tens of millions of dollars to continue production of the F/A-18 fighter jet, a senior Boeing executive said on Monday, underscoring his confidence that sufficient orders would emerge to keep the plane in production until beyond 2020.

“I know where my money is betting,” said Mike Gibbons, vice president of F/A-18 Super Hornet and EA-18 Growler programmes at Boeing, told reporters after a US Navy ceremony

at the headquarters of the Navy’s aviation command celebrating the 35th anniversary of the first flight of the original F/A-18 Hornet.”

We have been extremely bullish about how much of a future we think we have on Super Hornet and Growler production,” Gibbons said, noting that Boeing recently invested substantial amounts in new tools to reduce the cost of building the airplanes at its facility in St Louis, Missouri.

The fighter is currently scheduled to end production in 2016. Boeing and its backers have launched a

major campaign to press the US military to buy more Super Hornets at a cost of about \$51-52 million per plane, including engines, radars and electronic warfare equipment, especially since the Navy’s version of the Lockheed Martin Corp (LMT.N) F-35 fighter will not be ready for combat use on an aircraft carrier until 2019.

Production of fighter jets includes items like titanium that must be purchased well before production begins, which means Boeing may have to pay for those items itself until firm orders come in from the Navy or foreign



Logos of some Boeing 787 commercial airline clients are seen on a fuselage of the aircraft at the Singapore Airshow in Singapore on 14 Feb, 2012. — REUTERS

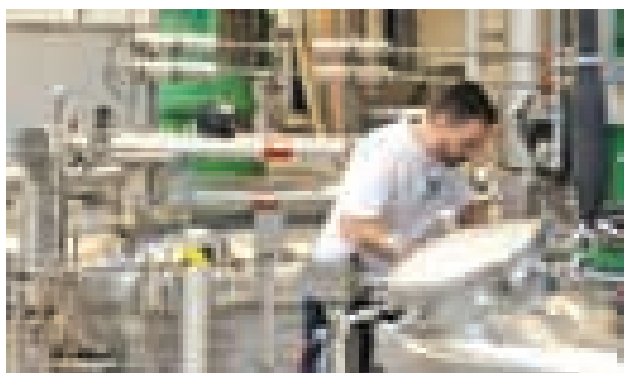
buyers to ensure that the planes can be built on time.

Boeing is also promoting foreign sales of the warplanes to Canada, Denmark, Brazil, Malaysia, Kuwait and several other

Middle Eastern countries, but executives concede that there is no current Navy budget for more planes and several of the foreign competitions have been delayed. Navy Captain

Frank Morley, who runs the programme for the Navy, told reporters that top US military leaders would decide the future of the programme over the next year.—Reuters

Novo Nordisk gets final EU approval for haemophilia drug



A Novo Nordisk employee controls a machine at an insulin production line in a plant in Kalundborg on 4 Nov, 2013. — REUTERS

COPENHAGEN, 11 Dec — Novo Nordisk received European Union marketing authorization for its

hemophilia drug NovoEight on 13 Nov, 2013, the Danish pharmaceutical company said on Monday.

The world’s biggest insulin producer confirmed that the European Medicines Agency (EMA) approved its marketing application after it had received a recommendation from the Committee for Medicinal Products for Human Use on 20 September. The approval appeared from EMA’s assessment report for NovoEight, which was

published on Monday.

The total market for the class of hemophilia drugs NovoEight belongs to, factor 8, is worth between 35 billion and 40 billion Danish crowns (\$6.44-7.36 billion), Novo said in September.

The company said it expected to launch the drug in Europe early next year. NovoEight has also been filed for marketing authorization in the United States, Japan, Australia and Switzerland.

Reuters

Teva bets on new therapeutic uses of known molecules

TEL AVIV, 11 Dec — Teva Pharmaceutical Industries, the world’s biggest maker of generic drugs, estimates its pipeline of so-called new therapeutic entities (NTEs) could generate revenue of \$1 billion to \$1.5 billion by 2018. This figure could jump to \$3 billion in 2020,

Adasuve is an inhaled therapy to control agitation in schizophrenic patients. Kogan said the NTE process had significant returns at lower costs than the process for new chemical entities. NTEs take three to six years to develop, at a cost of \$10 million to \$50 million, compared with new drugs



A sign bearing the logo of Teva Pharmaceutical Industries is seen in its Jerusalem oral solid dosage plant (OSD) on 21 Dec, 2011. — REUTERS

Elisabeth Kogan, Teva’s senior vice president of generic research and development, told reporters on Sunday. NTEs are based on known molecules that are formulated, delivered or used in new ways to address unmet patient needs. The NTE programme, launched a year ago, is a major element in Teva’s strategy for growth and the company has 15 such products in its pipeline.

One such product, called Adasuve, which it licensed from Alexza Pharmaceuticals, has been approved and is expected to be launched in the United States in about a month, Teva officials said.

that take 10 to 15 years and \$1 billion to \$2 billion.

Teva’s strengths as both a generic drugmaker and specialty R&D company give it an advantage in the NTE market, Kogan said. Israel-based Teva is bracing for a slump in sales of top-selling multiple sclerosis drug Copaxone, which is expected to face cheap generic competition from May 2014 or soon after. Among the products in its NTE pipeline are four abuse-deterrent opioids. While opioids are widely used to treat pain, the prevalence of their abuse has quadrupled since 2009 in the United States, Kogan said.—Reuters

Exercises helpful for people with dementia: study

NEW YORK, 11 Dec — Regular exercise can help people with dementia think a little more clearly, and care for themselves a bit more, a new study finds. If the person with dementia is living at home, there are usually exercise programmes offered at community day programmes for persons with dementia. I would encourage family caregivers to connect with these programmes and/or home care to learn about the available resources in their community,” said Dorothy Forbes, an associate professor at the Faculty of Nursing, University of Alberta in Edmonton, who led the study.

For patients with dementia who can no longer live at home, “Most residential settings should be offering exercise programmes for their residents,” Dr Zaldy Tan,

a dementia expert who was not involved in the new study, told Reuters Health.

“If not, family caregivers may wish to advocate for these.” People are considered to have dementia if their mental function is bad enough to interfere with daily activities. Alzheimer’s disease is the most common cause, accounting for about 60 to 80 percent of cases. The next most common cause of dementia is stroke.

Dementia leads to poorer quality of life for patients, and it also puts a burden on families and caregivers - as Forbes, who led the study, knows all too well. “For over 20 years I worked as a community health nurse where health promotion was my focus and in home care where I attempted to support and provide the needed resources with many family caregivers and persons

with dementia in rural and inner city homes,” Forbes told Reuters Health in an email. “My mother also had dementia and died in an acute care setting where the health care providers did not understand how to care for her dementia symptoms.” “These experiences made me realize how difficult it was to care for someone with dementia at home and in other care settings, especially with little knowledge about what was helpful in managing the symptoms and available resources,” Forbes said. “There is strong evidence regarding the benefits of exercise on older adults, but we did not know if there were benefits for persons diagnosed with dementia,” she explained.

In 2006, therefore, when “there was little research conducted in this area,” Forbes and her colleagues pooled the data

from four studies of the role of exercise for patients with dementia. Their new study, published online by the Cochrane Library, is an update of that earlier effort. “This updated review includes 16 trials,” Forbes said. “We plan to do another update in six months as additional trials have already come to our attention.

There is now a great deal of interest in this area of research.” The 16 trials altogether involved nearly a thousand elderly adults with dementia. Each trial tested the effects of exercise programmes on such outcomes as thinking skills, activities of daily living, challenging behavior, and depression. All 16 trials were so-called “randomized, controlled studies,” which means the research teams used the most dependable methods.

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27th SEA Games today

XXVII SEA GAMES PHOTO GALLERY



Miss Universe Myanmar award winner Moe Set Waing waving miniature flag to athletes.
PHOTO: AMS



Sky above the Wunna Theikdi Stadium is lighted with colourful fireworks at the opening ceremony of XXVII SEA Games.—PHOTO: AMS



Myanmar female sports contingent with miniature flags happily attending opening ceremony of XXVII SEA Games.—PHOTO: AMS



A Myanmar belle attends opening ceremony of XXVII SEA Games.—PHOTO: AMS





The New Light of Myanmar

XXVII SEA GAMES SPECIAL

27th SEA Games



Yachting events kick off at Ngwehsaung Beach

NGWEHSAUNG, 11 Dec—Opening ceremony of Yachting events of the 27th SEA Games took place at Ngwehsaung Beach, here, this morning with an opening address by Ayeyawady Region Chief Minister U Thein Aung. Then, President of Myanmar Yachting Federation U Moe Myint extended greetings.

The chairman of Yachting Organizing Committee, the chief minister

of Ayeyawady Region, the deputy minister for Sports, Chairman of MYF cut the ribbon to open the ceremony. Then the entertainment programs followed.

Also present on the occasion were Union Minister for Environmental Conservation and Forestry U Win Tun, Union Minister for Hotels and Tourism U Htay Aung, Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Admiral Thura Thet Swe, deputy minis-

ters, officials and guests.

Athletes from Myanmar, Thailand, Singapore, Malaysia, Indonesia and the Philippines will participate in 13 yachting events as of 15 December. In Myanmar Yachting team, Myanmar's core players gold medalist Sithu Moe Myint and Phone Kyaw Thu, Su Myat Soe and Nan Kham Hsay, and Aung Myin Thu will compete in the matches.—MNA



Opening ceremony of Yachting events of 27th SEA Games at Ngwehsaung Beach in progress.—MNA

More bus lines for convenience of sports fans

NAY PYI TAW, 11 Dec—The special bus line services at reasonable bus fares have been provided for sports fans to go to the football matches, rowing, equestrian and other sports events in 27th SEA Games.

A total of 34 buses un-

der control of SEA Games Transportation Subcommittee in cooperation with All Bus Line Control Committee of Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana, and Tawwin, Shwemyodaw, Ahmanthit and Taungnyo Bus Lines are plying their routes since

9 December. More sports fans, more buses if necessary.

The buses are starting their route in front of Paunglaung Sports Ground in Pyinmana to sports venues at 6 am daily.

Phone Kyaw (Nay Pyi Taw)



Special bus line services ready for sports fans during the 27th SEA Games hosted in Myanmar.—MNA

27th SEA Games torch carried to Nay Pyi Taw

YANGON, 11 Dec—Torch relay for the 27th SEA Games from Yangon to Nay Pyi Taw was made at National Indoor Stadium (1) (Thuwunna) in Thimgangyun Township here this morning.

Chairman of the 27th SEA Games Organizing Committee (Yangon Zone) Yangon Region Chief Minister U Myint Swe lit the flame and handed over the torch to Region Planning and Economy Minister U

Than Myint.

Then, former selected athletes and torch relay teams from Air KBZ, MAI, Canon, 100 Plus and Samsung company carried the torch along Waizayanta Road.

Officials from 27th SEA Games Organizing Committee, departments, staff, students, members of Maternal and Child Welfare Association, Women's Affairs Organization, Red Cross and auxiliary fire bri-

gade cordially greeted the torch relay along the road.

Afterwards, leader of torch relay team from Samsung companies handed over the torch to instructor Col Kyaw Win Tin from National Defence College.

A special vehicle carried the torch to Nay Pyi Taw Wunna Theikdi Sports Complex via Parami road, Kaba Aye Pagoda Road, Pyay Road and Yangon-Bago Road and Yangon-Man-dalay Highway.—MNA

Many sports fans left without SEA Games tickets

NAY PYI TAW, 11 Dec—Many sports fans remained stranded at the SEA Games ticketing centre at the Gate (1) of Wunna Theikdi Sports Complex. Despite SEA Games tickets were available at designated places before the start of the sporting event, many fans are still left without tickets due to overwhelming demand and a small number of ticket counter staffs. Ticket buyers in-

clude those from various parts of the country including locals in the townships in Nay Pyi Taw Council Area and nearby villages, government employees and foreigners.

“Ticket sales centre is opened from 9 am to 4 pm. As tickets are in high demand when the opening ceremony is coming ahead, sometimes we all staffs including even our head of division missed our lunch,”

said a staff of the ticket sales centre.

“I have to spend the whole day to get a ticket. I arrived here early morning, but I arrived back home when the dark approached. I would like to suggest officials concerned to have more staff here. If no so, there would be unwanted situation between the sports fans and staff,” U Myo Htut of Nyaunglun village voiced.

Ko Myo-Shwe Paukkan

Myanmar women's Sepak Takraw team start competitions with victory over Indonesia

NAY PYI TAW, 11 Dec—The Sepak Takraw events of the 27th SEA Games took place at Wunna Theikdi Indoor Stadium (B), here, this morning.

Myanmar, Indonesia, Thailand and Malaysia competed in Women's Regu Team event and Myanmar and Indonesia played in Men's Regu Team contest.

Thai women's Sepak Takraw team beat Malaysian team in Women's Regu Team competition and Myanmar women team defeat Indonesia. Indonesian men's Sepak Takraw team won over Myanmar team in Men's Regu Team competitions.

Malaysian men's sepak takraw team will play against Thailand, Myanmar and Indonesian teams will compete with Thailand in Men's Regu



Photo shows Myanmar and Indonesian compete in Men's Regu Team contest.—MNA

Team event. Malaysia meet with Myanmar, Indonesia to play with Thailand and Malaysia compete with Indone-

sia in Women's Regu Team competitions that will be held on 12 December.

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Points to be considered in amending the 2008 Constitution

For a country, the constitution can be said the pillar of the State as well as the sovereign of the laws. Every global nation has its own constitution appropriate to its own situation.

The existing constitution is not the one that has come into being overnight but the one written carefully based on the history of Myanmar. As it was written by eight groups representing all strata of life through National Convention, it has historic value. The existing constitution was written by 54-member constitution drafting commission based on principles adopted at the National Convention and ratified through national referendum. In considering amending this historic constitution, comprehensive consideration is a must rather than focusing on individual view and wish. In addressing a problem, we should not look narrowly but try to identify the root-cause of the problem. It is found to be the only best practice to address the problem.

Representatives from all walk of life and parties held a conference from 1993 to 1996 to write the existing constitution. Representatives from all strata of life held comprehensive discussion at that stage, which can be said the birth of existing constitution.

The national convention could be reassembled from 2004 to 2007. As the constitution is crucial to the

future of the country, representatives from all strata of life took part in the national convention with each of eight groups focusing on detailed features of the constitution.

A participant in National Convention

Those eight groups were-

- representatives of political parties
- those who were elected in 1990 general elections
- representatives of ethnic nationalities
- representatives of farmers
- representatives of employees
- representatives of intellectuals and intelligentsia
- representatives of civil servants
- representatives of other concerned groups

The detailed discussions of those groups were submitted to the national convention (plenary session) which passed the basic principles. As the resolution of the national convention (plenary session) was general consensus of people, it is fair to say that it is the political will of people from the point of view of political science. Therefore, the constitution was drafted based on general consensus of people from all strata of life. Since those who played a part in adopting the basic principles were experienced

people from all strata of life, they could design the principles in the domestic context.

Since a constitution needs to be written based on the culture, tradition

and history of country concerned, constitutions of global countries cannot be identical. The constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar is not the duplicate of another country but written based on culture, tradition and history of the country. Constitutions of global countries were studied before writing the existing constitution of Myanmar which was tuned into local context.

Representatives who took part in the national convention to adopt basic principles are still alive and some of them are holding seats in the parliament. The basic principles adopted by those representatives general consensus should be taken into serious consideration in amending the constitution.

The 2008 national referendum law was also enacted to seek the public opinion on constitution (draft). Referendums were held in 278 townships on 10 May and 47 townships on 24 May 2008 and the constitution was ratified with 92.48 affirmative vote of overwhelming majority. The provisions in the constitution are not only the

general consensus of people from all strata of life but also the provisions supported by almost entire nation in the referendum. Therefore, the constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar is double political will of people.

Therefore, in considering amending the constitution, we need to take account its history. We need to take consideration the political will of representatives of people from all strata of life and the will of the people who gave overwhelming support to the constitution in the national referendum. I assume that constitution should be amended only after thoroughly studying those two important political will and their birthplaces.

The constitution is enshrined with deep and invaluable political essence and political will of people. In changing the constitution, it will not be appropriate to amend the original provisions, the bedrock of the constitution. Changes should be only introduced to appendices on legal rights by region/state governments and Union government making adjustments because we need to pay due respect to profound history of the constitution and political will of the people. It will not be appropriate to copy the constitution of another country. We should only include and practise the provisions that are suitable to the situation of our country.

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Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw & Pyithu Hluttaw meets President of Lao PDR



Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and Pyithu Hluttaw Thura U Shwe Mann meets with President of the Lao People's Democratic Republic Mr Choummaly Sayasone.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 11 Dec—Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and Pyithu Hluttaw Thura U Shwe Mann received President of the Lao People's Democratic Republic Mr Choummaly Sayasone and party at Zabuthiri Hall of

Hluttaw Complex, here, this afternoon.

Also present at the call were Chairpersons of Pyithu Hluttaw Committee Thura U Aye Myint, U Thein Zaw, U Thein Swe, U Hla Myint Oo, U Soe Naing and U Thurein Zaw, Secretary of the Committee U Saw Hla Tun and members of commission.

They had a cordial discussion on promoting bilateral cooperation in social and economic sectors, development of human resources between the two countries and further cooperation and amity between two governments and peoples. Moreover they exchanged frankly views on experience in nation-building endeavors.—MNA

PERSPECTIVES

Thursday, 12 December, 2013

That's Myanmar

The XXVII South East Asian Games has been launched with the grand opening. Myanmar is leading the SEA Games, the first major sports event to be hosted by Myanmar in 44 years, with encouraging number of gold medals.

There are still questions among SEA Games doubters what the Large organized sports event will bring to the country—the glory, the money, the gold medals, or something else. The optimists say the SEA Games will bring the new face to the country in democratization while the pessimists persist the outcome will be next to nothing.

Ordinary citizens simply expect gold medals only to say the words, “That’s Myanmar.” They have been swallowed the words for decades.

“That’s Myanmar.” And what’s Myanmar then? There would be many advantages to be the host of the games. We could field players as many as it could be. There will be audiences who will fill the stadium and wholeheartedly echo, “Myanmar!”

The sportsmen are supposed to bag gold medals for our country as much as they could and to show their sportsmanship. We have dedicated our time, money and efforts to the SEA Games. We could lose gold medals. We could lose money. We could also let go of time and money. But we could not lose our face in the Games.

The audiences are supposed to behave well and maintain their reputation for beautiful smiles while the athletes representing Myanmar are supposed to show their sportsmanship in the Games. If so, we will surely win the Games with really new face.

We need to bravely distance ourselves from egoism ...

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in the cycle of political conflicts due to the lack of national unity.

Now we have seen the light at the end of the tunnel to ensure the national unity for the first time after regaining Independence. Due to the disintegration of the national unity, Myanmar has lagged behind the neighbouring countries in the political, economic and social contexts. As the divides and criticisms have made the country a less developed one, we are now initiating a new political culture which will enable us to resolve differences peacefully.

All inclusiveness is important in creating a new democratic era of the country. We will fulfill the desire of the majority and respect that of the minority. We are working hard for the internal peace and national unity transparently. We are

also working hard today to ensure the rights of the workers and farmers in accord with the constitution. I would like to urge Three Estates of Power, the media and civil societies to work hand in hand with the government to bring about development together. It is important we bring an end to the history of disunity in successive eras. We are all obliged to create a better future for new generations. We need to bravely distance ourselves from egoism to bring about development for the nation and for the people which is our common goal.

If we ensure the national unity, we would surely build a nation of prosperity. I would hereby call for the concerted efforts for the good of 60 million people, giving a new life to the nationalist fervor which was once found in 1300 Uprising.

NATIONAL

President U Thein Sein meets Chinese Vice Premier



President U Thein Sein poses for documentary photo with a delegation led by Vice Premier Mme Liu Yandong of the member of the State Council of the People's Republic of China.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 11 Dec—President U Thein Sein received a delegation led by Vice Premier Mme Liu Yandong of the member of the State Council of the People's Republic of China at the Credentials hall of the Presidential Palace, here, this noon. Present on the occasion together with the President were Union Ministers U Wunna Maung Lwin, U Soe Thane, Dr Pe

Thet Khin and U Aye Myint Kyu and officials. The Vice Premier was accompanied by Ministers, Deputy Ministers, senior officers and the Chinese Ambassador to Myanmar. At the call, they ex-

tolled the opening ceremony of the 27th SEA Games as a good symbol out of bilateral cooperation and discussed further cooperation between the two countries.

MNA

Colourful opening ceremony...

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The 27th SEA Games Leading Committee and officials concerned have made the best possible preparations for the SEA Games and youth liaison volunteers are ready to offer the services to guests and sportspersons.

Those who come to the Games will see Myanmar's tradition and customs and the efforts for marching toward a peaceful, modern and developed nation.

In conclusion, he said he would like to express special thanks to those who get involved in the 27th SEA Games. Later, the Vice-President announced the opening of the 27th SEA Games.

Next, a torch relay of Myanmar former sports stars and Union Minister for Culture U Aye Myint Kyu followed.

Then, archer Maung Wai Lin Tun ignited the main torch by shooting an arrow at it. Afterwards, music and dance performances depicting cultures of ASEAN countries including scenic beauty of Myanmar were presented accompanied by lighting and sound effects. —MNA



Vice-President U Nyan Tun gives an account of the 27th SEA Games hosted in Myanmar.—MNA

**Republic of the Union of Myanmar
Union Election Commission
Nay Pyi Taw
Notification No. 37/ 2013
9th Waxing of Nadaw, 1375 ME
(11st December, 2013)
Kachin National Democracy
Congress Party allowed to
register as political party**

The Union Election Commission announced today that Kachin National Democracy Congress Party headquartered at No. 327, Dukahtaung Ward, Myitkyina Township, Kachin State, has been allowed to register as a political party as of 11 December, 2013 in accord with Section 9 of Political Parties Registration Law. The registration number of the party is 68.

By order,
(Myint Naing)
Member
Union Election Commission

Four objectives of 66th Anniversary Independence Day

- All the national people to live together in the Union forever in weal or woe;
- All the national people to strive together for non-disintegration of the Union, non-disintegration of national solidarity and perpetuation of sovereignty;
- All the national people to participate in efforts for ceasing armed conflicts and gaining genuine peace ;
- All the national people to work hard in building a developed and discipline-flourishing democratic nation.

Laotian President, wife visit Kaunghmudaw Pagoda in Sagaing

NAY PYI TAW, 11 Dec—President of the Lao People's Democratic Republic Mr Choummaly Sayasone and wife Mrs Keosaychay Sayasone visited Kaunghmudaw Pagoda in Sagaing Region at 8 am today.

They were welcomed by Chief Minister U Tha Aye and wife Daw Wai Wai Khaing and Region ministers and officials.

The Laotian President and wife paid homage to the Pagoda and offered

flowers, water and lights and donated cash to the funds of the Pagoda.

After that, they viewed utensils and crafts made of silver at Myanmar handicrafts showroom in Yah-taung Ward and value added jade goods and jade ornaments of Sagaing Township Jade Entrepreneurs Association. The Loation President and party arrived back at Nay Pyi Taw via Mandalay by special flight at 11:30 pm.

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Laotian President Mr Choummaly Sayasone views utensils and crafts made of silver at Myanmar Handicrafts Showroom.—MNA



Storm "Madi" not likely moving towards Myanmar coasts

NAY PYI TAW, 11 Dec—According to the observations at (18:30) hrs MST today, the cyclonic storm "Madi" over the West Central Bay of Bengal weakened into a

depression and centered at about (170) miles East-Northeast of Chennai, about (220) miles South-east of Machilipatnam, India and about (650) miles West-Southwest of Coco-

gyun, Myanmar. It is forecast to move Southwest wards.

Under the influence of the depression, squalls with moderate to rough seas are likely at times

off and along Myanmar Coasts. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (35) m.p.h.

The present stage of the depression is coded yellow stage and it is not moving towards Myanmar coasts, announced the Meteorology and Hydrology Department.—NLM

No 1 Mobile Public Relations Company performs entertainment

GANGAW, 11 Dec— Under the arrangement of Directorate of Public Relations and Psychological Warfare, the No 1 Mobile Public Relations Company performed entertainment in the ground near Sasana Beikman in Gangaw on 8 December.

The entertainment with over 30 items of performance could attract the applause of the audiences.

Kyemon-465

Construction

Stake driven for construction of station hospital



Township level officials drive stakes for construction of 16-bed station hospital in ChaungU Township.

CHAUNGU, 11 Dec— The stake driving ceremony for construction of Station Hospital was held at Thonpanhla Model Village of ChaungU Township in Monywa District of Sagaing Region on 6 December.

It was attended by Pyithu Hluttaw representative U Saw Hla Tun, Chairman of ChuangU Township Management Committee

Township Administrator U Hla Thein, Chairman of ChaungU Township Development Affairs Committee U Kyaw Myint Thein, Head of Township Health Department Dr Tint Swe, Thonpanhla Village administrator U Win Naing and local people.

Pyithu Hluttaw representative U Saw Hla Tun, Chairman of ChuangU Township Management

Committee Township Administrator U Hla Thein and Chairman of ChaungU Township Development Affairs Committee U Kyaw Myint Thein drove stakes for construction of the hospital that will be 128 feet long and 116 feet wide 16-bed hospital.

Later, a local people spoke words of thanks for construction of hospital.

Kyemon-Township IPRD

Placard bearer girls and cheers group students announced

NAY PYI TAW, 10 Dec— The opening ceremony of the 27th SEA Games will kick off as of 5.30 pm yesterday.

The Opening Ceremony Organizing Committee announced the list of girls holding placards and students of columns representing respective countries.

They are Ma Chaw Su Lin Phyu Thant of Yangon Region and Cheers schoolgirls group of Kachin State for Brunei, Ma Yun Yati Myat of Yangon Region and Cheers

schoolgirls group of Kayah State for Cambodia, Ma Poe Ei Tun of Mandalay Region and Cheers schoolgirls group of Kayin State for Laos, Ma Kyi Tayar Bo of Sagaing Region and Cheers schoolgirls group of Chin State for Indonesia, Ma Ei Set Mon of Bago Region and Cheers schoolgirls group of Mon State for Malaysia, Ma Swe Swe Aung of Taninthayi Region and Cheers schoolgirls group of Rakhine State for the Philippines, Ma Khin Oo Tha of Mandalay Region and Cheers schoolgirls

group of Shan State for Singapore, Ma Nang Htet Htet Aung of Kayin State and Cheers schoolgirls group of Taninthayi Region for Thailand, Ma Mi Kyawt Kyawt Khaing of Mon State and Cheers schoolgirls group of Yangon Region for Timor-Leste, Ma Myat Kyawt Khaing of Yangon Region and Cheers schoolgirls group of Yangon Region for Vietnam, and Ma Eindra Thiri Ko of Yangon Region and Cheers schoolgirls group of Ayeyawady Region for Myanmar.—MNA

Hospital equipment donated to Kawthoung People's Hospital

KAWTHOUNG, 11 Dec—Kawthoung Tactical Operations Command (Base) donated hospital equipment to Kawthoung People's Hospital in Kawthoung of Taninthayi Region at its hall on 9 December morning.

Kawthoung Base Tactical Operation Commander Col Thet Tun Oo handed over hospital equipment to Medical Superintendent Dr Daw San San Thi of District Hospital.



The commander Servicemen of the station designated places in the hospital. explained the purpose. kept the equipment at the

Kyemon-Kyaw Soe (Kawthoung)

Health Care Activities

Township level midwifery course kicks off

KAWTHOUNG, 11 Dec— With the aim of alleviating poverty, providing health care services to the rural people at full capacity, reducing mother and mortality rate and turning out qualified midwives, a ceremony to open the midwifery course at

township level was held at the hall of People's Hospital in Kawthoung Township on 9 December morning.

On the occasion, Deputy Commissioner of the district U Kyaw Swa Tun made a speech.

Next, Head of District Health Department Dr

San San Thi explained the purpose of conducting the training course.

The Health Department will provide health care course to local people who had passed the middle school examination from villages of the township.

The course instructor doctors and nurses will give theoretical courses to the trainees at Kawthoung Hospital three months and the practical works at respective rural health centres in their respective villages three months, totalling six months.

Kyemon-Kyaw Soe (Kawthoung)



Electrification

120 digital electric meters installed in Dala for full electrification

DALA, 11 Dec—Dala Township Electricity Supply Board and Same SkyCo Ltd jointly undertook electrification tasks in Dala on 9 December morning.

Electricians installed 120 electric metres on Dana Thukha Street and Myitta Thukha Street in Sapachaung/Kyaungsu Ward of Dala.

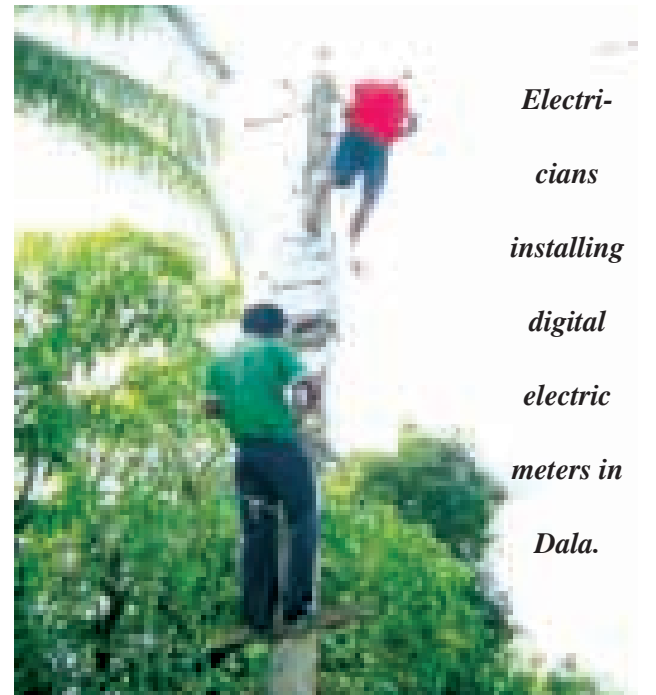
"We, the company take responsibility for installation of electric metres in Dala. Three groups of our company plan to install over 100 meters. Thanks to installation of digital meters, the loss of power will not occur. That is why, the power stations can adjust supply of electricity to the people for full consumption," said leader of installation group Ko Yan Naing of the

company.

He continued, "One box contains four digital electric meters. The boxes

will be installed at the lamp-posts with the connection of service cables."

Kyemon-Tham Htay (Dala)



Electricians installing digital electric meters in Dala.

REGIONAL

Thai 'red shirts' prepare rally to back PM against protesters

BANGKOK, 11 Dec — The red-shirted supporters of Thai Prime Minister Yingluck Shinawatra said on Wednesday they could take to the streets to protect the government from protesters who have forced her to call a snap election, setting the scene for a possible confrontation.

The warning by the "red shirts" highlights the risks ahead as anti-government protesters keep pushing to eradicate the political influence of Yingluck's brother, former premier Thaksin Shinawatra, a hero in the rural north and northeast who was toppled by the military in 2006.

Protest leader Suthep Thaugsuban, a former deputy prime minister in the previous government that Yingluck's ruling party beat by a landslide in 2011, has ignored her call for a snap election to be held on 2 February.

He wants Thailand to be governed by an unelected "people's council" made up of appointed "good people". Such an unprecedented move alone would potentially spark conflict with Yingluck's red-shirted supporters in the country of 66 million.

The United Front for Democracy Against Dictatorship (UDD), as the red



Thai Prime Minister Yingluck Shinawatra talks to the media after attending a cabinet meeting in Bangkok on 10 Dec, 2013. Thai caretaker Prime Minister Yingluck Shinawatra on Tuesday morning pledged to continue to perform caretaking duties in accordance with the constitution until a new prime minister is elected.

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shirts are known, could rally to protect the government, said Jatuporn Promphan, one of its leaders.

"It is the UDD's job to bring together en masse the red shirts and those who

love democracy and don't agree with Suthep's methods. There will be many more people than Suthep managed to gather," he told Reuters in an interview.

Reuters

Minicar ownership tax set to be increased by 50%

TOKYO, 11 Dec — Officials of the government and ruling coalition are set to decide on a plan to raise the tax on home ownership of minicars by 50 percent to 10,800 yen per year, and the tax on businesses using minitrucks by 25 percent to 3,750 yen, sources familiar with the plan said on Tuesday.

The plan would affect those buying new cars in April 2015 and after and the owners would be required to pay the raised taxes starting April 2016, the sources said.

The implementation is being delayed to reduce its impact on household finances, which are likely to suffer after the consumption tax hikes in April 2014 and

October 2015, according to the sources.

Ownership tax rates on minicars and minitrucks with engine displacements of up to 660 cc are being kept substantially lower than those on larger cars, which cost at least 29,500 yen per year.

The officials have been considering increases in the minicar tax rates, saying they are no longer differ much from regular cars in driving performance.

Car acquisition taxes are expected to be curbed to 3 from 5 percent for regular cars and 2 from 3 percent for minicars when the consumption tax is raised to 8 from 5 percent in April.

Kyodo News

Helicopter crash in New Zealand's North Canterbury

WELLINGTON, 11 Dec — A helicopter crashed in New Zealand South Island's North Canterbury region on Wednesday morning.

A police spokesperson said the crash happened just 9:30 am, inland from State Highway One near Domett, south of Cheviot, Radio New Zealand reported.

Initial reports indicate the helicopter was on fire on the ground.

Police, the Fire Service, ambulance staff and the Westpac Rescue Helicopter are on their way to the scene, which is in rough country accessible only by four wheel drive.—Xinhua

Rare Singapore riot forces soul searching over foreign workers



The burnt shells of vehicles are pictured along Race Course Road following a riot near Singapore's Little India District on 9 Dec, 2013.—REUTERS

SINGAPORE, 11 Dec — Singapore's first major riot in four decades is forcing the wealthy island to confront a stubborn but vexing question: how to treat low-paid foreign workers whose muscle underpins much of the economy but whose presence increasingly riles its citizens.

Images of rioters overturning police cars, throwing garbage bins and burning an ambulance in Singapore's Little India on Sunday night shocked the orderly Southeast Asian nation and stirred debate over whether foreign workers should be better integrated or see their numbers

reduced. "This is just a tip of the iceberg," said Gayathiri, 30, an engineer who lives near the scene of the riots and goes by one name. "I hope the government will take it as a wake-up call. We need foreigners to boost our economy, but not at the expense of our security," she added, echoing a widely held sentiment.

Police charged 24 Indian nationals with rioting, which carries a maximum penalty of seven years' prison and caning. They were among an estimated 400 people who rampaged after a private bus fatally struck construction worker Sakhivel Kumaravelu, 33. The number of arrests could rise.—Reuters

Robbers dressed as police loot 23.1 m rupees in Nepal

KATHMANDU, 11 Dec — A vehicle carrying 23.1 million Nepali rupees (231,000 US dollars) was robbed in broad daylight en route to Dhangadi from Mahendranagar in Nepal's far-western district on Tuesday, police said.

According to a police report, a group of men dressed as policemen robbed the vehicle that belongs to Nabil Bank when the bank was ferrying the cash to a branch of Nepal's state bank at Dhangadi, 62 km away from

Mahendranagar.

Ramesh Pandit from the district police headquarters said that the robbers took control of the vehicle and tied up the four bank employees on board and looted the cash at around 11:30 am local time. The robbers also took away mobile phones and other valuable things of the employees.

The police have started investigation into the incident and have launched massive manhunt for the robbers.—Xinhua

Western Australia declares war on killer sharks

SYDNEY, 11 Dec — Western Australia's proactive Premier Colin Barnett on Wednesday declared war on man-eating sharks announcing new measures to tackle the growing risk of sharks attacks after an unprecedented string of deadly encounters.

Despite criticism from environmental activists, Barnett is imposing a raft of measures in response to a spate of fatal attacks that have earned the state an unwelcome reputation as the world's deadliest coastline.

Six people have been killed and several more

attacked in WA waters since September 2011. The most recent death was just last month, when on 23 November, teen Chris Boyd was attacked off Gracetown by a tiger shark that mauled the experienced bodyboarder who died from blood loss at the scene.

The premier announced that the WA government would immediately set baited drum lines to catch large sharks 1 km from shore, with vessels monitoring the drum lines.

These drum lines will be set along heavily used beaches in the metropolitan area and the South-West,

and will be deployed 24 hours a day initially from January 2014 through until April 2014.

Barnett said the new measures would improve public safety and build on the State Government's strong approach to shark hazard management.

"These new initiatives come on top of a raft of measures the State Government already has in place to protect beachgoers, like increased aerial surveillance, beach patrols, shark tagging and a trial of a shark enclosure in the South-West," the premier said.

Xinhua



A 9-month-old male white tiger, which is kept at Tobu Zoo in Saitama Prefecture, undergoes surgery on its right back knee at an animal hospital at the College of Bioresource Sciences, Nihon University, in Fujisawa, Kanagawa Prefecture, on 10 Dec, 2013. The white tiger had trouble walking due to a displaced patella. Veterinarians said the five-hour operation was a success.—KYODO NEWS

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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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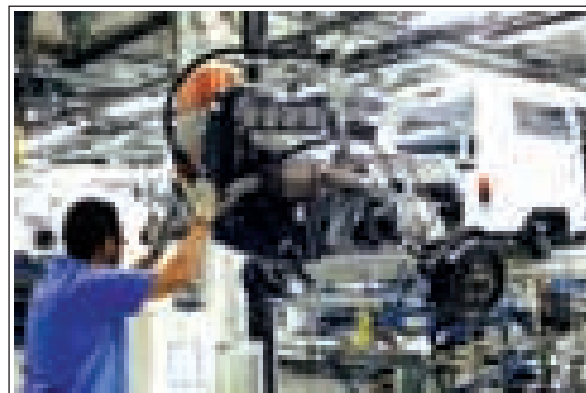
11 pilgrims killed in road mishap in northern India

NEW DELHI, 11 Dec — Gujarat, the official said, At least 11 pilgrims were killed in a road mishap in the northern Indian state of Rajasthan on Wednesday, a senior police official said.

"The mishap happened when the vehicle in which the victims were travelling collided head-on with a truck coming from the opposite direction in the state's Baleswar town in the wee hours. All the 11 on the vehicle died on the spot," he said on condition of anonymity.

The pilgrims were from the neighbouring state of

Gujarat, the official said, adding overspeed could have led to the accident. A probe has been ordered into the incident, he added.—Xinhua



A staff member works in the production line of the vehicle VW "Combi", abbreviated name of the German word "Kombinationsfahrzeug", at the Volkswagen plant in San Bernardo do Campo, south of Sao Paulo, Brazil, on 9 Dec, 2013. Brazil is the last place in the world still producing the iconic vehicle, but VW says production will end 31 December.—XINHUA

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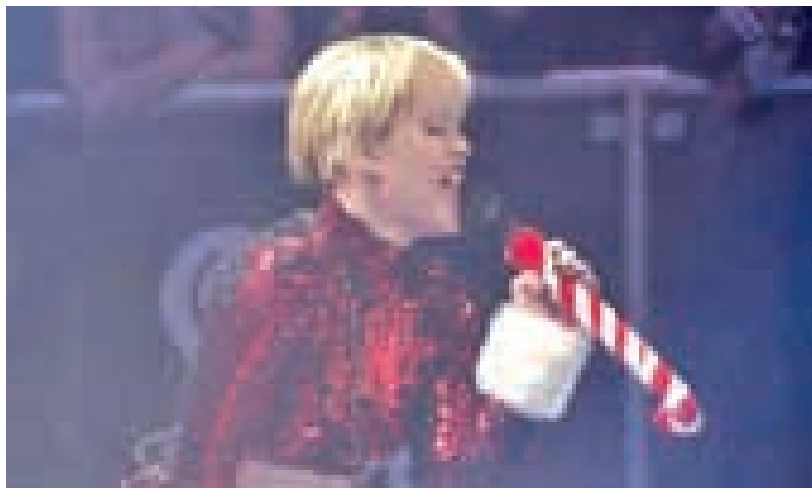
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ENTERTAINMENT



Singer Miley Cyrus performs during KIIS FM's Jingle Ball concert at the Staples Centre in Los Angeles, California, on 6 Dec, 2013. REUTERS

Pop singer Miley Cyrus named MTV's best artist of 2013

NEW YORK, 11 Dec — Miley Cyrus, the pop star who caused a sensation with her raunchy performance at this year's MTV Video Music Awards, was named best artist of 2013 by the cable TV network on Tuesday. MTV said the singer dominated the music charts and the headlines with the release of her album "Bangerz," her jaw-dropping performances at awards shows and her hosting stint on the television sketch show "Saturday Night Live."

"She is the third artist to receive the distinction of

being named MTV's Best Artist of the Year with past honorees including Katy Perry (2012) and One Direction (2011)," MTV said in a statement announcing the results. Cyrus, 21, was also ranked MTV.com top artist, based on fan visits to the site, and had the most watched video of 2013 with her live performance with singer Robin Thicke at the VMAs.

In an MTV documentary released in October, the "We Can't Stop" singer admitted that she was out to shock and to push the boundaries. She said she

was unapologetic for her provocative performance with Thicke. Cyrus, the former Disney Channel star who shot to fame in the show "Hannah Montana," has made a concerted effort to shed her good-girl teen image with her suggestive performances and revealing outfits.

Hip-hop artists Macklemore and Ryan Lewis came in second on the MTV list of best artists for 2013, with Justin Timberlake, rapper Kanye West and British boy band One Direction rounding out the top five.—Reuters

Newly found Johnny Cash recordings to be released 30 years later

LOS ANGELES, 11 Dec — A dozen newly discovered recordings made by late American country singer Johnny Cash three decades ago will be released next year as an album, Sony Music's Legacy Recordings said on Tuesday. "Out Among the Stars" will be released on 25 March, the record label said, marking the first time the recordings will be available to the

public. The 12 songs, which include two written by Cash, were recorded for Columbia Records in Nashville, Tenn, in 1981 and in 1984, but the record company passed on releasing them before dropping Cash from the label in 1986.

The recordings were found in 2012 when Cash's son, John Carter Cash, and Cash experts were cataloging the "Folsom Prison

Blues" singer's song archive.

The album will feature three duets, two with his wife June Carter Cash and one with Waylon Jennings. Cash, who died in 2003 at the age of 71, became an American folk figure over the course of his 49-year career by cultivating an outlaw persona and famously performing at US prisons. Reuters

Reuters



Country music singer-songwriter Johnny Cash and his wife June Carter Cash wave to fans at the end of a tribute in his honour in New York in this file photo taken on 6 April, 1999.—REUTERS

Madhuri Dixit: Liked Begum Para's multilayered character

MUMBAI, 11 Dec — Actress Madhuri Dixit, who plays Begum Para, an attractive yet dangerous woman in Dedh Ishqiya, says the various facets of the character attracted her the most. This is her first full-fledged role in six years post the box office damp squib Aaja Nachle. "The best thing I liked about the role is that Begum Para is a multilayered character," Madhuri said here. "What kind of woman Begum Para is, will be revealed at the end in the film," she added.

A sequel to the 2010 hit Ishqiya, which starred Vidya Balan, Naseeruddin Shah and Arshad Warsi, Dedh Ishqiya sees Naseer and Arshad reprising their respective roles. Directed by Abhishek Chaubey, who had helmed the original, Dedh Ishqiya is a romantic saga of individuals who are caught amidst love, compassion and deceit. The actress says the film has an entertainment quotient and hopes the audience enjoys watching the film as much as she did while shooting for it.—PTI



Madhuri in a still from Dedh Ishqiya.—PTI

'Blackfish' director 'inspired' by artists canceling SeaWorld shows

ORLANDO, (Florida), 12 Dec — The director of "Blackfish," a documentary that raises questions about the treatment of whales used in performances at SeaWorld, said on Tuesday she was heartened by a number of musicians canceling shows at the Florida theme park over the film. "I'm very inspired by it," director Gabriela Cowperthwaite told Reuters. "Blackfish," which aired nationally on CNN in October, makes a case against keeping orcas in captivity for entertainment. SeaWorld has called the film "inaccurate and misleading."

Rocker Joan Jett on Monday became the fourth musician or musical group to show support for a campaign led by animal-rights activists by asking SeaWorld to stop using her 1981 hit "I Love Rock 'n Roll" as opening music for the theme park's "Shamu Rocks," an evening version of the killer whale show. Jett's demand followed decisions by country singer Willie Nelson and rock bands Barenaked Ladies and Heart to withdraw from the theme park's Bands, Brew & BBQ event on weekends starting on 1 February.—Reuters

Ben Affleck slams paparazzi for clicking pictures of his children

LOS ANGELES, 11 Dec — Actor Ben Affleck has hit out at paparazzi, who clicked photographs of his children, saying it is unacceptable as they didn't

choose to be famous.

The 41-year-old understands that since he and his actress wife Jennifer Garner are movie stars, they attract attention. But

he believes it is unfair that their children — Violet, eight, Seraphina, four and 21-month-old Samuel — have to face media scrutiny, reports femalefirst.co.uk. "There are a couple of guys outside right now. Terrific. That's part of the deal. But it's wrong and disgusting to follow children around and take their picture and sell it for money," *Playboy* magazine quoted him as saying.

"My kids aren't celebrities. They never made that bargain. As their father it's my job to protect them from that stuff. I try my very best, and sometimes I'm successful. The tragic thing is, people who see those pictures naturally think it's sweet," he added.—PTI



Ben Affleck says his children didn't choose to be famous.—PTI

Miranda Kerr: Orlando and I respect each other

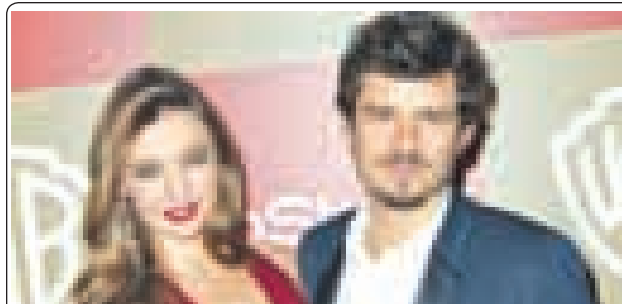
LONDON, 11 Dec — Supermodel Miranda Kerr may have split from actor Orlando Bloom, but says they respect and understand each other. The 30-year-old, who is on the cover of January-February edition of Harper's Bazaar Australia magazine, opened up about her

friendship with former husband, reports mirror.co.uk.

"It's difficult for anyone to go through a separation, whether it's on a public scale or not. It was important for us long-term to preserve our friendship and the dynamic of being loving parents to Flynn (their two-

year-old son), so we dealt with everything openly and honestly," she said.

"We respect each other and with respect comes understanding. When there's understanding, I guess everything is a little more harmonious," she added.—PTI



Miranda reveals she is still friends with Orlando. PTI

SPORTS

Jones goal lifts United and eliminates Shakhtar

MANCHESTER, 11 Dec — Manchester United midfielder Phil Jones grabbed the winner to ensure his already-qualified team finished top of Champions League Group A as they eliminated Shakhtar Donetsk 1-0 at Old

Trafford on Tuesday. England international Jones cracked home a low volley in the 67th minute to secure the victory for United, top of their group before kick-off but having lost their last two Premier League home matches, and ease the

pressure on manager David Moyes.

Ukraine champions Shakhtar, who needed to match Bayer Leverkusen's result at Real Sociedad to progress, finished third and go into the Europa League after the Bundesliga side held on for a 1-0 win in Spain that took them into the knockout phase. Shakhtar's Brazilian trio of Taison, Alex Teixeira and Luiz Adriano gave vulnerable United a torrid time early on, but Mircea Lucescu's side could not convert any of their chances and they fell away after utility man Jones broke the deadlock.

Moyes said United, who finish with 14 points from their six group games, should still be viewed as a strong Champions League contender, but he was keen to add a proviso. "I think we could be classed as one

of the favourites, but we'll have to improve if we're to keep progressing in the Champions League," he was quoted as saying on the BBC. "We wanted to top the group and we have. The win helps us, it improves our form. We didn't play well for 30 minutes and they had two or three opportunities, but in the second half it was much better.

"I was tough with them at halftime but we needed to be, we need to win games ... we weren't close enough to them (in the first half). To be fair the players responded well. "A club like Manchester United has to be trying to win the trophy, that's their job. You have to get better as the tournament goes on. It's a tough competition, a hard one but we will take it one game at a time." Moyes had taken responsibility for his side's poor results in the



Manchester United's Phil Jones (R) shoots to score during their Champions League soccer match against Shakhtar Donetsk at Old Trafford in Manchester, northern England, on 10 Dec, 2013. — REUTERS



Manchester United's Shinji Kagawa (R) is challenged by Shakhtar Donetsk's Yaroslav Rakitskiy during their Champions League soccer match at Old Trafford in Manchester, northern England, on 10 Dec, 2013.

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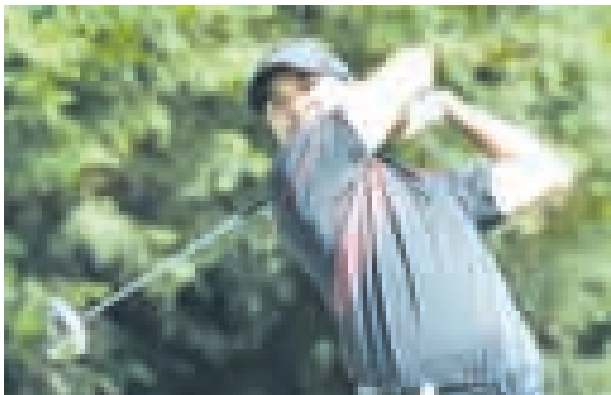
Day draws strength from roller-coaster year

LOS ANGELES, 11 Dec — Jason Day has been torn between golfing joy and personal grief over the past two months but he believes the experience has strengthened his resolve and character as he aims to build on a "good year" in 2014. Aged just 26, the Australian has established himself as one of the game's most exciting players and, with a rare ability to perform at his best when the pressure is at its most intense, has set his sights on landing a maiden major title.

Day has recorded six top-10s in golf's blue rib-and events, including three this year, and proved in stunning fashion that he is

well equipped to overcome adversity by completing an emotional double triumph at the World Cup of Golf last month. Despite just days earlier having lost eight relatives who were killed in the Philippines by Typhoon Haiyan, he went on to win the World Cup of Golf by two strokes at Royal Melbourne, along with the team title in partnership with Adam Scott.

"That was obviously a very emotional week and to win the World Cup the way we did and then win the individual (title) on top of that, plus to have my family in town, was pretty special," world number 11 Day



Australia's Jason Day plays a tee shot during the final round of the World Cup of Golf at The Royal Melbourne Golf Club in Melbourne on 24 Nov, 2013.

REUTERS

told Reuters. "I have played some pretty solid golf over the last three weeks so overall it's been an up-and-down roller-coaster, as you would think. But I am very happy with how I have handled myself, through the good and the bad. "It would have

been the easiest thing for me to just go ahead and pull out of the tournament with what had been going on ... but I really wanted to play with Adam and try to win the World Cup, and we achieved that which was great." — Reuters

Trumbo joins Diamondbacks in three-team trade



Los Angeles Angels' Mark Trumbo hits a three-run home run against the Toronto Blue Jays in the fourth inning during their MLB American League baseball game in Anaheim, California on 4 Aug, 2013.

REUTERS

LOS ANGELES, 11 Dec — The Arizona Diamondbacks have beefed up their batting by acquiring former All-Star outfielder Mark Trumbo from the Los Angeles Angels in a three-team trade also involving the Chicago White Sox, the Diamondbacks said on Tuesday. The 27-year-old Trumbo, who has blasted 95 home runs during his first three full seasons in the majors, will join the Diamondbacks along with two players to be named later, one from the Angels and the other from the White Sox. Trumbo, an All-Star in 2012, hit .234 with 34 home runs and 100

RBI's for the Angels this year.

To complete the three-way deal, Arizona will shift outfielder Adam Eaton to Chicago and left-handed pitcher Tyler Skaggs to Los Angeles. Also on Tuesday, three-time All-Star outfielder Curtis Granderson officially became a member of the New York Mets after signing a four-year contract worth \$60 million. "A lot of the people I've met in New York have always said that, 'True New Yorkers are Mets fans'," Granderson told a news conference in Orlando, Florida after donning his No 3 jersey. — Reuters

Ronaldo sets record, Leverkusen, Olympiakos into last 16

LONDON, 11 Dec — Real Madrid's Cristiano Ronaldo set a Champions League group phase scoring record on Tuesday as Bayer Leverkusen and Olympiakos Piraeus reached the last 16 and snow forced Galatasaray's match with Juventus to be abandoned.

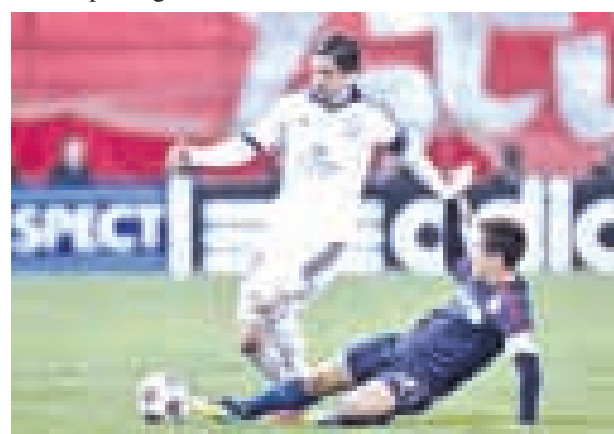
Holders Bayern Munich's record-breaking run of 10 consecutive Champions League wins came to an unceremonious end after Manchester City staged a memorable fightback after conceding two early goals to win 3-2 at the Allianz Arena. However, Bayern still won Group D with City finishing in second place. Prolific Ronaldo took his tally to nine for the campaign in Real's 2-0 win at FC Copenhagen, with the

nine-times champions also setting an all-time record in European competitions by netting in 31 successive matches.

Ronaldo, in his first game back since sustaining a muscle strain on 23 November, scored with a simple close-range finish three minutes after the break, Real's second after Luka Modric's delightful opener.

Bayern manager Pep Guardiola suffered only his second loss in 25 matches since taking over from Jupp Heynckes. "When you go 2-0 ahead, you have to play better than that," Bayern captain Philipp Lahm told Sky Sports Deutschland. "But we can live with the defeat, we are still group winners."

Reuters



Olympiakos' David Fuster (R) tackles Anderlecht's Guillaume Gillet during their Champions League Group C soccer match at Karaiskaki stadium in Piraeus near Athens on 10 Dec, 2013. — REUTERS

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“To Allah we belong and to Him we shall return”.

The Bereaved Family



Young men roll snow balls on the west lawn of Capitol Hill in Washington DC, capital of the United States, on 10 Dec, 2013. Snow is falling on Tuesday in much of US East Coast, impacting at least 50 million people living in this region, with schools and federal offices closing their doors for the day.—XINHUA

Dutch couple kidnapped in Yemen released

SANAA, 11 Dec —The Yemeni defence ministry said on Tuesday that a Dutch couple who were kidnapped in the capital Sanaa in June were released.

The couple snatched by tribal kidnappers were released under mediation of the Yemeni authorities, the ministry said.

Chief of Yemen’s national security and other officials met with the Dutch ambassador to Yemen after Netherlands’ embassy received the couple who had been working in a private university in Sanaa, it added. Foreigners are frequently kidnapped in Yemen by al-Qaeda militants or tribesmen who asked for ransoms for the release of their jailed fellows. Most of the kidnapped have been freed unharmed.

A Finnish couple and an Austrian man kidnapped by al-Qaeda militants in Yemen last December were released in May.—Reuters

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Nicaraguan congress votes to scrap presidential term limits

MANAGUA, 11 Dec — Nicaragua’s National Assembly voted on Tuesday in favour of eliminating presidential term limits, a top lawmaker said, paving the way for President Daniel Ortega’s reelection in 2016. The reform would be

passed a second time in a new legislative session in January 2014, before it becomes law, president of the National Assembly, Rene Nunez, was quoted by local reports. The proposed reform was approved by a vote of 64 to 26, with zero

abstentions, said Nunez. The proposed changes would eliminate term limits on the presidency and allow active duty police and military officials to hold government offices currently reserved for civilians. Xinhua

Egypt frees detained Syrian, Palestinian refugees

CAIRO, 11 Dec — Egypt has granted temporary residence permits to 171 Syrian and Palestinian refugees who were detained for illegally travelling across the Mediterranean to European countries, Foreign Ministry Spokesman Badr Abdelatty said Tuesday.

The months-long detention triggered outcry by right groups which accused Egypt of deporting Syrian refugees by force. Abdelatty said in a press conference that Egypt has granted 171 of 206

Syrian and Palestinian immigrants three-month residence permits, denying that the Syrian refugees had been forced to leave the country. “Egypt didn’t force the Syrian refugees to leave the country,” Abdelatty said, adding that none of the 206 immigrants had asked for permanent residence in Egypt.

He stated that priority was given to women and children and the cases of the remaining refugees are under review.—Xinhua

Battling City shatter Bayern air of invincibility

MUNICH, 11 Dec — Bayern Munich’s air of invincibility was blown away as they squandered a 2-0 lead and bungled their way to a 3-2 Champions League defeat against Manchester City in front of their own incredulous fans on Tuesday. James Milner won a penalty and side-footed the winner in a three-minute second-half spell as City recovered impressively from an awful start to avenge their 3-1 defeat at home earlier in Group D.

Although both teams had already qualified, it was still a humbling evening for Bayern, who had won their last 11 games in all competitions, were unbeaten in their last 23,

and had thrashed Werder Bremen 7-0 away at the weekend. The titleholders’ record-breaking run of 10 consecutive Champions League wins was also stopped in its tracks as coach Pep Guardiola suffered only his second defeat in 25 matches since taking over. “It was a terrible start from us. They looked like they were going to walk away with it,” Milner told UEFA.com. “To come back after that shows a lot of the character in the dressing room.”

City coach Manuel Pellegrini told the BBC: “We wanted revenge for the first game and to show it was not that different between Bayern and our team.” Bay-

ern shrugged off the defeat and still finished top of the group on their better head-to-head record after both teams finished level with 15 points.

“When you go 2-0 ahead, you have to play better than that,” Bayern captain Philipp Lahm told Sky Sports Deutschland. “But we can live with the defeat, we are still group winners.” City gifted Bayern a head start by conceding two soft goals in the opening 12 minutes, yet it was last season’s treble winners who ended the evening a collective nervous wreck.

With Vincent Kompany, Pablo Zabaleta and Sergio Aguero starting on the bench and Yaya Toure



Manchester City’s Edin Dzeko (L) celebrates with David Silva (R) a goal on penalty against Bayern Munich’s goalkeeper Manuel Neuer during their Champions League Group D soccer match in Munich on 10 Dec, 2013.—REUTERS

suspended, City began in kamikaze mode when Jo-leon Lescott’s backpass left goalkeeper Joe Hart hugely relieved to see it go out for a corner. Bayern were in front in five minutes when

Dante sent a long, raking diagonal ball out of defence and Thomas Mueller got behind his marker to chest down and place the ball beyond Hart. The hosts were in complete control as Hart

diverted a Franck Ribery shot on to the post before they scored again in the 12th minute, helped by woeful City defending at a corner.

Reuters



President U Thein Sein and wife, and the Laotian President giving their waves to Myanmar sports contingent at opening ceremony of 27th SEA Games.—PHOTO: AYE MIN SOE

Colourful opening ceremony...

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The President and wife presented gifts to the Laotian President, the vice premiers of China and Thailand, the Crown Prince of Brunei, ministers of ASEAN countries and the Chairman of Olympic Council of Asia.

Before the firework displays, a total of 1499 students entered the stadium and made performances. Likewise, Myanmar traditional musical performances were also presented at the opening ceremony.

After athletes from 11 countries entered the stadium behind the State band and took their designated places, the flag of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar was hoisted followed by the flag-raising of SEA Games federation and participants to the SEA



Myanmar win bronze medal in 50-m Rifle Prone Men's Team

YANGON, 11 Dec—The shooting events of the 27th SEA Games kicked off today at International Shooting Range in Dagon

Myothish (North). Thailand stood first in 50 m Rifle Prone Men's Team shooting event with 1841 points, second with 1837.6 points and Myanmar the third with 1835.1 points.

A total of 24 shooters including Lin Aung, Aung



Rifle Prone Men's Team shooting event at International Shooting Range in Dagon Myothish (North) in progress.—MNA

Games.

First, Chairman of Myanmar National Olympic Committee Chairman of the leading committee for organizing the 27th SEA Games Union Minister for Sports U Tint Hsan gave an account of the 27th SEA Games.

On behalf of the President, Patron of the leading committee Vice-President U Nyan Tun made an opening address.

Vice-President U Nyan Tun said Myanmar takes pride for hosting the 27th SEA Games again after a 44-year pause since the host for 2nd SEAP Games in 1961 and 5th SEAP Games in 1969.

Amnesty granted

NAY PYI TAW, 11 Dec —The President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar granted amnesty to 41 prisoners who were in the list of the committee for scrutinizing remaining political prisoners and have served their terms to a certain extent in prisons/work camps. This is aimed at enabling them to serve the national interest hand in hand with the people. The amnesty is granted in accord with Section 204 (a) of the Constitution and Section 401, subsection (i) of the Code of Criminal Procedures as of today.

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All global countries know that sports is a more effective diplomatic channel and the best way to showcase country's high integrity.

The South East Asian Games Federation (SEAGF) holds the SEA

Games with the aims of having regional amity, healthy and fitness, love of sports and sport spirits among the regional countries. The motto of the 27th SEA Games is "Green, Clean and Friendship".

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Thura and Yai Yan Min Thu from Myanmar, Thailand, Singapore, Malaysia, Indonesia, Vietnam, Laos and the Philippines participated in the competition.

In the competition, Nguyen Thanh Dat of Vietnam secured gold with 201.3 points, Tortungpanich Napis of Thailand the silver with 200 points and Lim Wen Yi Abel from Singapore the bronze with 180.3 points.

In the evening, eighteen shooters from Myanmar, Singapore, Malaysia, Vietnam, Indonesia and Thailand practiced preparatory shootings for tomorrow's 50 m Rifle Prone Women's Team event.

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Medal Tally

Country	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
Myanmar	18	8	10	36
Vietnam	10	5	7	22
Thailand	6	10	4	20
Indonesia	5	9	10	24
Malaysia	5	5	12	22
Philippines	3	5	3	11
Cambodia	2	4	7	13
Singapore	2	2	5	9
Laos	1	5	8	14
Brunei	1	0	1	2
Timor-Leste	0	0	0	0