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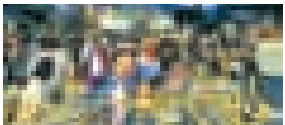
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## Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw receives Norwegian Ambassador, UNDP Resident Representative

NAY PYI TAW, 15 Jan—Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and Pyithu Hluttaw Thura

U Shwe Mann received Mrs. Ann Ollestad, Ambassador of Norway to Myanmar at Hluttaw

Complex, here at 9.15 a.m. today.

He also met with United Nations Resident

and Humanitarian Coordinator and United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) Resident Repre-

sentative Ms Renata Lok Dessalien at the same venue yesterday.

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Gold medalist winner Ko Than Hlaing.

PHOTO: SOE NYUNT

## Finals of shotput, long jump, discus and javelin events held

NAY PYI TAW, 15 Jan—Athletics event of the 7<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Para Games took place in Wunna Theikdi Sports Complex, here, today.

put, long jump, discus and javelin events and women's javelin, discus and long jump events were held at Athletics Training Ground.

Sports trial of men's

Finals of men's shot

and women's 100 meter

races and finals of men's and women's 100 meter races were also held there.

Another categories of athletics event will be held at the same venue.

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Warmia Makto (C) from Indonesia, Thi Thu Thuan (L) from Viet Nam and Tin Tin Khaing (R) from Myanmar celebrate victory with their medals.

PHOTO: MMAL

## Myeik to see islet and island resorts

Economic development of Myeik region has involved reliance on fishery and agriculture sectors, trading, construction, SMEs, real estate business. Thanks to the opening of Mawtaung border trade camp, trading and flow of commodities will become smooth and speedy in the region. Moreover, there will be a surge in tourist arrivals.

So, Myeik Public Corporation has a plan to make the Myeik region a perfect leisurely vacation for foreign visitors. Arrangements are being made to establish island resorts that will enable holiday makers to enjoy unexploited coral reefs, natural beauty of a string of islands and a set of mountain ranges.

Departmental officials together with responsible persons of Myeik District Chamber of Commerce

and Industry and Myeik Public Corporation carried out a feasibility study for the establishment of resort islands on Kunthee island (Kabuza island), East Sula

island, Langan islet and Taninthayi island from 8 to 10 January.

For the establishment of Islet and island resorts, it is scheduled to build

hotels and bungalows offering golf course, amusement park, shopping mall, swimming pool and speed boat service during the period from 2014-2015 FY to

2017-2018 FY.

The project will expand economic development and job creation and facilitate transportation in the region. It can also contribute towards improvement in socio-economic

development and poverty reduction tasks of the region, generating per capita incomes of dwellers.

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## Abbot gives advice to students to sit for matriculation exam in 2014



MANDALAY, 15 Jan—Dhammaduta Dr Ashin Chetinda gave words of advice to the students bound for the 2014 matriculation exam at the hall of Shine Hope Co on 80<sup>th</sup> Street between 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> Streets in Mandalay on 11 and 12 January.

It was attended by 1250 students of Basic Education High Schools and private tuitions of Mandalay on 11 January and 1250 more students from private high schools and teachers.

The Sayadaw explained mission and vision of the students for two months ahead

of examination, making studies and preparations for the examination.

The Sayadaw fed them with snack, coffee and soya milk. In addition, the Sayadaw gave them two ball-point pens.

MMAL-Aye Mya (Mandalay)

## Gonbo Bridge across Yaw Creek under construction on Pakokku-Pauk-Kyaukhtu Road

KYAUKHTU, 15 Jan—Bridge Constructon Special Group No 13 of Public Works of the Ministry of Construction is building Gonbo crossing Yaw Creek and it has been completed by

50 per cent.

The speedy current of the creek caused damaged to the bridge when water level of the creek rises.

The new bridge will be 690 feet long and 12 feet wide.

It can withstand 13 tons of loads. "We are implementing the project day and night. The new bridge will be 2 feet higher than the past facility. In the rainy season, the water surface of the creek rises and hits the bridge. The new one will be two feet higher than that of the old one in clearance. It is expected to complete the bridge in March 2014," said Daw Nyo Nyo San of the group.

MMAL-Me Cho (IPRD)

## Biker dies on spot at traffic accident

PADAUNG, 15 Jan—A passenger bus hit a motorcycle on Patheingyi Road between Taungbogyi Village and Myewagon Village in Padaung Township of Bago Region on 11 January.

Toe Yadana bus driven by Ko Tun Hla Kyaw and conductor Ko Zaw Oo bumped against a motorcycle driven by U Tin Win Aung of Nyaunggaing Village of Kanma Township.

The biker died on the

spot while the express bus overturned into the right side of the road.

Members of funeral service association, Okshitpin Red Cross Society members and those of Taungwingyi Township and local people rushed 36 patients of the bus to Okshitpin People's Hospital. The hospital is giving medical treatment to 23 injured persons.

MMAL



## HRD Shwehlan BEHS in Thazi Tsp Branch gets new building

THAZI, 15 Jan—A ceremony to open a multi-media school building was held at Shwehlan Basic Education High School Branch in Shwehlan Village of Phayagon Village-tract of Thazi Township, Mandalay Region, on 14 January.

The building is 60 feet by 30 feet worth K 12 million. Township Deputy Education Officer U Aung Naing Oo and officials cut the ribbon to open the school building.

Officials presented prizes to outstanding students who passed the matriculation examination for 2012-13 academic year.

Wellwisher U Chit Maung and Daw Thet Ti Oo handed over documents

## Jetropa Curcas plants increase income of people

SEIKPYU, 15 Jan—The people residing in Phalanma and Ainggyi villages in Seikpyu Township, one of townships in Magway Region are engaged in cultivation of crops as the township is teeming with hills and mountain ranges.

Whenever they had harvested paddy plantations, the farmlands have been shifted into Jetropa curcas plantations.

In December every year,

the farmlands are placed under Jetropa curcas plants bearing fruits and flowers.

One acre of such plants produced 50-60 baskets of Jetropa curcas and it can be sold at K 12000 per viss.

The local people formed groups to carry out cultivation of Jetropa curcas plants on 150-200 acres of farmlands to be able to earn increased income.

MMAL-Tin Tun Oo



related to the building to an officials of Ministry of Education.

Students of villages

from Meiktila and Thazi Township are attending the school.

MMAL-Chan Tha (Meiktila)



Opening ceremony of new school building in progress in Thazi Township.

## Transformers installed in Lashio to supply full electricity

LASHIO, 15 Jan—Power lines were installed in Lashio linking Mansangyi Sub-Power Station and Namhmyaw Hydropower Plant. After that, three 33KV power lines connected with Lashio Main Power Station are supplying electricity to local people through 11 power lines from 33KV/11KV (10000) KVA sub-power station in Ward 1, 33KV/11KV (5000+2500) KVA sub-power station in Ward 2 and Ward 5 and 33KV/11KV (5000) KVA sub-power station.

On 13 January, Electricity Power Enterprise changed transformers with new ones in the Ward 5, Ward 2, Ward 12 and Ward 1 with the assistance of Township Electrical Engineer Office.

An announcement has been issued that temporarily cutting out of power up to

7 pm while power lines and new transformers were installed. However, the

supply of electricity resumed at 5 pm.

MMAL-Han Htay (IPRD)





## WORLD

## Thai opposition leader's house attacked, politics in deadlock

BANGKOK, 15 Jan — A loud blast shook the house of a senior Thai opposition leader overnight, police said on Wednesday, as protesters trying to oust the government remained camped in central Bangkok with no end to the political deadlock in sight. Some hardline protesters have threatened to blockade the stock exchange and an air traffic communications facility on Wednesday if Prime Minister Yingluck Shinawatra does not step down.

But there were no early signs of trouble at either the bourse or at the central Bangkok offices of AeroThai, which is in charge of air traffic control for planes that use Thai air space. No one was hurt in the blast at the residence of Democrat Party leader and former Prime Minister

Abhisit Vejjajiva. "There was no one at home at the time. The explosion destroyed part of the roof of the house. It wasn't a bomb. We believe it could have been a big firework," said an officer at the nearby Thong Lor police station, declining to be named.

Abhisit and other Democrat leaders have joined

in the protest movement against Yingluck, and have refused to take part in an election she has called for 2 February. She has invited leaders of the protest movement and political parties to a meeting on Wednesday to discuss a proposal to postpone the election, but it looked like only her allies would turn up. The unrest

is the latest chapter in an eight-year conflict pitting the Bangkok-based middle class and royalist establishment against the mostly poorer, rural supporters of Yingluck and her brother, Thaksin Shinawatra, a former premier ousted by the military in 2006 who is seen as the power behind her government.—Reuters



An anti-government protester gives donation as others wake up in their encampment built between shopping malls in central Bangkok on 15 Jan, 2014.—REUTERS

## Israeli defence minister apologizes for remarks about Kerry's peace efforts

JERUSALEM, 15 Jan — Israeli Defence Minister Moshe Ya'alon apologized late Tuesday for his harsh remarks about US Secretary of State John Kerry's ongoing peacemaking efforts in the Middle East. In a statement issued just before midnight, Ya'alon apologized

for offending Kerry by calling him "obsessive and messianic" in pushing for an Israeli-Palestinian peace agreement. "The defence minister had no intention to cause any offense to the secretary, and he apologizes if the secretary was offended by words attributed to the

minister," said the statement.

"Israel and the United States share a common goal to advance the peace talks between Israel and the Palestinians led by Secretary Kerry. We appreciate Secretary Kerry's many efforts towards that end," it added. According to the website of the *Haaretz* newspaper, the apology was issued after a two-hour meeting between Ya'alon and Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu at the latter's residence in Jerusalem. The statement, composed together with Netanyahu, followed a lukewarm response from Ya'alon earlier in the day, which was rejected by the Obama ad-

ministration.

On Tuesday, Israel's biggest-selling daily *Yedioth Ahronoth* published comments attributed to hawkish Ya'alon, who said Kerry was "obsessive and messianic." "The only thing that can 'save' us is for Kerry to win a Nobel Prize and leave us alone," he was quoted as saying in private conversations with associates and US officials in recent months. "In effect, there have been no negotiations between us and the Palestinians during these past months, but between us and the Americans," Ya'alon said ahead of one of Kerry's 10 trips to the region since last July.

Xinhua



Israeli Defence Minister Moshe Ya'alon.

## US courts oppose reform proposals for secret surveillance court

WASHINGTON, 15 Jan — The US federal court system objects to key proposals by a presidential review panel to reform the secret court that supervises the classified electronic eavesdropping activities of the US National Security Agency, a former chief judge of that court said on Tuesday. Judge John Bates, the former head of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance (FISA) Court, sent the objections in a letter to Sen. Dianne Feinstein,

chairwoman of the Senate Intelligence Committee. He said he submitted it on behalf of the federal judicial system as a whole, through an entity called the Judicial Conference of the United States, of which he is secretary.

Bates, who is director of the Administrative Office of the US courts, said that Supreme Court Chief Justice John Roberts had asked him to represent the federal judiciary on matters concerning the Foreign

Intelligence Surveillance Act, under which the secret court operates. President Barack Obama is expected to announce his plan for reforming the NSA on Friday, and the objections could seriously undermine one option he was thought to be considering.

Bates strongly warned against a proposal by the review panel in December that Congress create a "Public Interest Advocate" to represent privacy and civil liberty concerns before



An illustration picture shows the logo of the US National Security Agency on the display of an iPhone in Berlin, on 7 June, 2013.

REUTERS

the court, which usually operates behind closed doors.

Reuters



United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon speaks during a joint news conference with Iraq's Prime Minister Nuri al-Maliki in Baghdad on 13 Jan, 2014.

REUTERS

## UN says South Sudan army, rebels stealing humanitarian aid

UNITED NATIONS, 15 Jan — UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon on Tuesday accused South Sudan's army and rebels led by former Vice President Riek Machar of stealing food aid and vehicles used to deliver humanitarian relief as the country teeters on the brink of civil war.

"(Ban) is alarmed by the rising number of fatalities resulting from the continuing fighting in South Sudan, including reports received on 14 January about the deaths of 200 civilians who drowned in the River Nile while fleeing hostilities in Malakal," the UN Press office said. A government spokesman said the people died as they took to the river to flee clashes in Malakal, a major transit point and administrative center of Upper Nile state.

"(Ban) strongly condemns the commandeering of humanitarian vehicles and the theft of food

stocks and other relief items by both Government and anti-Government forces," Ban's Press office said in a statement. The statement said Ban was also deeply concerned about the rising number of displaced people in South Sudan, which he said surpassed 400,000 this week.

The crisis erupted after South Sudan President Salva Kiir fired Machar and other ministers earlier this year. Machar's rebels are demanding the release of 11 of their political allies jailed after they were accused of attempting a coup. Fighting that erupted in mid-December has reopened ethnic faultlines. According to one estimate, the conflict may have killed as many as 10,000 people, although there is no official toll for those killed in the desperately poor nation. The United Nations has said that well over 1,000 people have died.—Reuters

## S Korea approves aid by private organizations to N Korea

SEOUL, 15 Jan — South Korea on Wednesday approved requests by private organizations to send aid for children in North Korea, South Korea's Unification Ministry spokeswoman said.

The aid by the three organizations totals 425 million won (about \$400,100) and mainly consists of food items such as bread and powdered milk, according to Park Soo Jin.

South Korea's civic and religious organizations need government approval to provide humanitarian assistance to the North, which

relies heavily on foreign aid.

Seoul stopped all large-scale government assistance to Pyongyang in 2010, following two deadly attacks by North Korea.

In March 2010, 46 South Korean navy personnel died after their ship was sunk by a North Korean torpedo. And in November that year, the North Korean military shelled the island of Yeonpyeong, killing four South Koreans and leading Seoul to suspend all aid to the North and cancel inter-Korean dialogue.

Kyodo News

## New Jersey's Christie in address again apologizes, looks ahead

TRENTON, 15 Jan — New Jersey Governor Chris Christie opened his State of the State Address on Tuesday with an apology and a vow to fully cooperate with “all appropriate” investigations of an apparent scheme to cause massive traffic jams as well as the use of federal money for a state ad campaign. Christie — a charismatic conservative and an early favourite in the Republican bid for the White House in 2016, was re-elected in a landslide victory last November — but the pair of scandals coming in the first weeks of the year have put him on the defensive.

“The last week has certainly tested this administration. Mistakes were clearly made. And as a result, we let down the people we are entrusted to serve,” Christie said. “Without a doubt, we will cooperate with all appropriate inquiries to ensure

that this breach of trust does not happen again.” Two sets of emails last week appeared to show that Christie’s aides had orchestrated lane closures for several days last September on a stretch of highway leading to the George Washington Bridge, which spans the Hudson River between New Jersey and Manhattan, and then lied about it.

Christie has denied any knowledge of the apparent orchestration to snarl traffic at the bridge as political payback against the Democratic mayor of the nearby city of Fort Lee, New Jersey, for his refusal to endorse Christie’s gubernatorial bid. But the governor’s speech mostly addressed the “Jersey Comeback,” which Christie has long claimed has resulted in private sector jobs and secured public-private investment in the Garden State, and his cooperation with the

Democrat-controlled state legislature. “No state in this country has shown more bipartisan cooperation and governance over the last four years than New Jersey and our people are proud of it. Let’s resolve today that we will continue to put those people first. We will do our jobs,” Christie said.

“These are our achievements: Four balanced budgets. Passed with bipartisan support. Pension reform and tenure reform. Passed with bipartisan support. A cap on property taxes. Passed with bipartisan support,” Christie said. “We acted and we acted together.” Christie also gave a nod to an issue that was at the top of his agenda in his first term — an across-the-board tax cut — though he said he will wait to announce specific ideas when he gives his budget address next month. The state’s economy has seen signs of



New Jersey Governor Chris Christie speaks during his annual State of the State address in Trenton, New Jersey on 14 Jan, 2014. — REUTERS

improvement over the last several months. Its unemployment rate experienced the largest monthly drop on record in November, dropping 0.6 percentage point to 7.8 percent, according to the state labor department.

Revenue has also been recovering steadily. In the first five months of fiscal 2014, which began on 1 July, New Jersey took in 7.9 percent more revenue — from income, sales, corporate and other taxes — than in the same period the prior fiscal year. But that is still 1.2 percent, or

\$98 million, under budget. Still, the state’s fiscal situation and Christie’s ideas for improving it could be overshadowed by his response to the scandals and speculation about his political future. Since taking office four years ago, Christie — a former federal prosecutor — has built a national reputation as a Republican capable of winning bipartisan support for his conservative priorities, like spending cuts, while repairing New Jersey’s reputation for corruption and graft.

Reuters

## Taxi company in nuclear plant town turns away anti-nuclear lawmaker

TSURUGA, (Japan), 15 Jan — A taxi company in a western Japan city home to a nuclear power plant refused service to Liberal Democratic Party lawmaker Masatoshi Akimoto last week due to his stance against nuclear power, the company said on Wednesday.

An employee at the company in Tsuruga, Fukui Prefecture, refused a request from Akimoto’s office for a taxi to take the House of Representatives member to a tour of the Tsuruga nuclear power plant and related facilities next Monday, saying many of the company’s customers rely on the plant.

The company said it is considering disciplining the call-taker, who it says acted on his own judgment.

Kyodo News

## Hollande announces “new stage” to fix economic troubles

PARIS, 15 Jan — Already on hot seat on failure to revive France’s economy, French President Francois Hollande on Tuesday raised the curtain on his new roadmap to “regain economic strength,” mainly based on spending cut and incentives to create more posts in the 66 million population. “There must be a new stage. It’s not to change the course, but to go faster and further. I have a conviction that if France wants to keep its influence in the world and if it wants to maintain control of its destiny, it must regain its economic strength,” Hollande said.

“That is why I proposed the responsibility pact whose principle is simple: reduce business costs and in return allow more jobs



French President Francois Hollande

creation and offer more social dialogue,” he detailed during a press conference. As he pledged to continue efforts to trim labor costs, Hollande announced the end of tax on employers that subsidize families by 2017 which will contribute to trim labor costs by 30 billion euros (41 billion US dollars). In order to encourage firms to open their doors to people

without work, the president also proposed more simplified administrative procedures and to eliminate several taxes “to spur investment and employment.”

“This pact is a great social compromise. It’s a chance and everyone must grasp... Everyone has to take his responsibility. There is no time to waste,” Hollande stressed. —Reuters

## Iraq supports Iran’s participation in Geneva II conference

BAGHDAD, 15 Jan — Iranian Foreign Minister Mohammad-Javad Zarif met on Tuesday with Iraqi top leaders who confirmed their support to Iran’s participation in Geneva II conference over the Syrian crisis. “We have discussed the Syrian crisis in details and the attitudes toward Geneva II conference. Our stance in Iraq is that we support the presence of all the concerned states and parties in this crisis, including the Islamic State (of Iran),” Iraqi Foreign Minister Hoshyar Zebari said at a Press conference with Iranian Zarif in the capital Baghdad.

“We think that the participation of all parties, based on the terms of Geneva I (conference), is the best way for this international political action (to succeed),” Zebari said. However, Zebari down-

played the importance of the participating parties, saying: “This conference is not for (other) countries; it is for the Syrians themselves. Perhaps the participation of (other) countries is rather a protocol nature. “For his part, Zarif said: “We have announced previously that if an invitation to Iran would respect the Iranian people, we would accept such an invitation, but unfortunately there are pressures exerted on some parties to put preconditions for us (to attend the meeting).”

The Iranian foreign minister later met with Iraqi Prime Minister Nuri al-Maliki on the latest development in the region and the Syrian crisis, in particular the Geneva II conference, according to a statement issued by Maliki’s office. “The prime minister stressed that all par-

ties without exception must take responsibility in finding a peaceful solution to the worsening crisis in Syria,” Maliki said. “The situation calls for the mobilization of efforts and the participation of all effective parties to resolve the crisis,” Maliki said, adding: “No crises in the region can be resolved without resolving the Syrian one.”

Earlier in the day, Zarif and his accompanying delegation arrived in Baghdad and were received by his Iraqi counterpart Zebari. Relations between the Shiite Muslim country of Iran and the Shiite-dominated government of Iraq have been picked up considerably since Iraqi former President Saddam Hussein’s Sunni-dominated regime was ousted in a US-led invasion in 2003. —Xinhua

## Russia denies visa to US journalist critical of Putin

MOSCOW, 15 Jan — Russia has barred a US journalist critical of President Vladimir Putin from the country for five years, in a move that could upset relations with the United States and has echoes of the Cold War. Moscow’s treatment of David Satter could fuel concern about freedom of speech before the Winter Olympics in Sochi next month, although Putin has

tried to appease critics by freeing former oil tycoon Mikhail Khodorkovsky and members of the Pussy Riot protest group in the run-up to the Games.

“I was expelled from the country,” Satter wrote on his personal website. “This is an ominous precedent for all journalists and for freedom of speech in Russia.”

The Foreign Ministry

said on Tuesday that Satter, author of three books on Russia and the Soviet Union, had been prevented from returning to Russia last month after grossly violating visa regulations. In a website entry, he dismissed the official version of events, saying he had followed all instructions, and he blamed the foreign ministry, which handles foreign journalists’ media

accreditation, for causing delays that led to his expulsion.

In Washington, the State Department said it was disappointed that Russia had denied Satter a visa and had raised the issue with the authorities in Moscow. “The US Embassy in Moscow has raised our concerns on this case and the treatment of journalists and media organizations

in general with Russian authorities,” State Department spokeswoman Marie Harf told a daily briefing. “We’ll continue to monitor the case.” Satter said that he had flown to Kiev to receive a new letter of invitation but instead received only a statement read to him by a Russian diplomat there declaring him persona non grata.

Reuters



David Satter is pictured in this 2012 Hudson Institute handout photo obtained by Reuters on 14 Jan, 2014.

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## WORLD

# Three years after uprising, Tunisians celebrate near-model transition

TUNIS, 15 Jan — Thousands of Islamist and secular Tunisians marked the third anniversary of autocrat Zine el-Abidine Ben Ali's downfall on Tuesday, celebrating in the closest the Arab world has to a model transition to democracy. Crowds jammed Habib Bourguiba boulevard in the capital, Tunis, waving flags and chanting in friendly rivalry near the interior ministry building where protesters once shouted "Leave" to Ben Ali.

Ben Ali's flight from the country on 14 Jan, 2011 inspired uprisings in Libya, Egypt, Yemen and Syria. But

while those countries remain in turmoil or outright war, Tunisia's Islamist Ennahda party will compete for power later this year with its secular opponents at the ballot box, not on the street.

Tunisia is close to full democracy after a rocky path to a compromise. Last week Ennahda, a pragmatic Islamist party which won elections two years ago, resigned under a deal to overcome months of deadlock with secular opponents.

This makes way for a technocrat administration which will govern until the new elections — only the second since Ben Ali's

fall — and the first with the country's new constitution and electoral board in place. "No one will question those results now," said Salem Bouzidi, a transport worker wrapped in a red and white Tunisian flag at a rally of the secular opposition.

"This is like a new start for everyone, so whoever wins the next election will be the real victor." As Tunisians celebrated, Egyptians voted on Tuesday on a new constitution after the military last year ousted Islamist president Mohamed Mursi, their only freely-elected leader, leading to heavy loss of life.



People cheer and wave national flags as they celebrate the third anniversary of autocrat Zine el-Abidine Ben Ali's downfall, in Habib Bourguiba boulevard in downtown Tunis on 14 Jan, 2014. — REUTERS

Neighbouring Libya faces widespread lawlessness, with its leaders struggling to control some of the militias which overthrew Muammar Gaddafi. Tunisia

still faces huge problems. Islamist militants are threatening attacks while public resentment over unemployment, the high cost of living and economic development may still undo the fragile progress. But compromise is working for now and an assembly is about to finish the new constitution that has mostly won praise for its inclusiveness.

In 2012 Ennahda won the most seats in the new National Assembly in Tunisia's first free election. Many of its Islamist leaders had spent years in jail or exile under Ben Ali.

Reuters

## Syrian government forces advance as rebel infighting rages



Syrian army soldiers loyal to Syria's President Bashar al-Assad walk with their weapons in the Aleppo town of Naqaren, after claiming to have regained control of the town, on 14 Jan, 2014. — REUTERS

BEIRUT, 15 Jan — The Syrian government has retaken territory around the northern city of Aleppo, the military said on Tuesday, after two weeks of rebel infighting that has weakened the insurgency against President Bashar al-Assad. The internecine conflict

among various rebel groups will allow Assad to portray himself as the only secular alternative in Syria to a radical Islamist regime when peace talks begin in Switzerland on 22 January.

His military advances will give the Syrian government delegation greater

leverage at the negotiating table.

An army statement said government forces had pushed out from their base at Aleppo's international airport, southeast of the city, and were moving towards an industrial complex used as a rebel base and the al-Bab road, needed by insurgents to supply the half of Aleppo under their control.

It said that government forces, along with militia loyal to Assad, were in "complete control" of the Naqareen, Zarzour, Taaneh and Subeihieh areas along the eastern side of Aleppo, which was the major Arab country's commercial hub and most populous city before the conflict erupted in 2011.

Reuters

## Gunmen seize more areas in Iraq's Ramadi as battles continue in Anbar Province

RAMADI, 15 Jan — Gunmen on Tuesday regained control of more districts in Ramadi, the capital of the volatile Anbar Province in western Iraq, after fierce clashes with Iraqi army backed by Sunni tribes.

The gunmen, including al-Qaeda militants, fought the troops and the tribesmen in several districts in Ramadi, some 110 km west of the Iraqi capital of Baghdad, since Monday's evening. On Tuesday, they managed to retake control of most areas in central and northern city, a provincial police source told Xinhua. There are no immediate reports about casualties as the battles are still underway, the source said.

Meanwhile, clashes continued between al-Qaeda militants and the army

backed by the tribesmen near the town of Khaladiyah, some 30 km east of Ramadi, the source said without giving further details. The battles and sporadic artillery and mortar shelling forced dozens of families to leave their homes in Ramadi and Khaladiyah to safer places in other provinces, the source said.

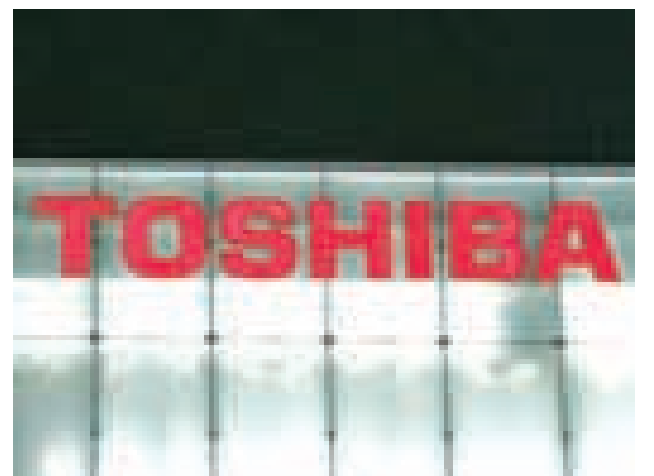
Elsewhere, mortar barrage struck the town of Garma near the restive city of Fallujah, some 50 km west of Baghdad, killing at least three people and wounding six others, the source said.

In addition, one soldier was killed and three others wounded in fierce clashes continued in Garma between the security forces and al-Qaeda militants.

Separately, Iraqi security forces clashed with gunmen near the city of Rutba, some 370 km west of Baghdad, killing three gunmen and arresting five others, the source said, adding that the troops seized three vehicles, including a booby-trapped one, in addition to several explosive vests.

Reuters

## Toshiba to buy 60% stake in British nuclear venture



TOKYO, 15 Jan — Toshiba Corp said on Wednesday it will buy a 60 percent stake in a British nuclear plant consortium from Spanish and French utility firms for around 100 million pounds, paving the way for the Japanese company to build three nuclear reactors in England.

The Tokyo-based electrical machinery manufacturer plans to complete the acquisition of NuGen, a joint venture between

Spanish utility Iberdrola and French utility GDF Suez, by June. Toshiba will buy a 50 percent stake from Iberdrola and a 10 percent stake from GDF Suez, it said.

With the acquisition, Toshiba is set to win orders to construct three nuclear reactors planned by NuGen at a site in West Cumbria, England, for around 1.2 trillion yen to 1.5 trillion yen, Toshiba officials said.

Kyodo News

## Before Olympics, Russians urged to help prevent attacks

MOSCOW, 15 Jan — Less than a month before the Winter Olympics in Sochi, Russian investigators appealed to civilians on Tuesday to be more vigilant and help avert the threat of "terrorist" attacks.

Insurgents who want to create an Islamist state in the North Caucasus mountains have threatened to attack the Games and suicide bombers killed at least 34 people in the southern city of Volgograd last month.

President Vladimir Putin, who has staked his personal and political prestige on next month's Games, has put troops on combat alert in Sochi and tightened security across the country but fears of an attack on the Olympics remains.

"You can't just count on the special services and heroic commandos," Vladimir Markin, spokes-

man for Russia's national Investigative Committee, which answers directly to Putin, told Izvestia newspa-

per in an interview.

"If our citizens are not ready to be vigilant, and to refrain from the shady business and corruption that create an environment for the terrorist underground, the intelligence services and — even more so — the investigators can only ... face the tragic consequences."

Markin did not specifically refer to the Olympics but that is currently the country's main security concern.

Markin said his agency had lost count of how many militants had been killed in Russia, which has fought two separatist wars in Chechnya in the North Caucasus since the Soviet Union's collapse in 1991.

Reuters



Russian Cossacks, who started regular patrols within the city in the wake of recent suicide attacks, check a woman's belongings in front of the Kazan Orthodox Cathedral in the southern Russian city of Volgograd, on 4 Jan, 2014.

REUTERS

## BUSINESS &amp; HEALTH

## China's Huawei says unaudited 2013 operating profit rose over 40 pct

BEIJING, 15 Jan — Huawei Technologies Co Ltd posted an over 40 per cent rise in annual operating profit as the Chinese telecom equipment maker expanded its presence in emerging markets, countering reduced revenue growth hit by accusations of cyber-espionage.

Huawei, the world's No 2 telecom equipment maker, has had a turbulent year in which it was shut out of multi-billion dollar network opportunities in the United States and Australia and drew the scrutiny of British authorities over cyber security issues.

To counteract this, the unlisted company has placed its hopes in developing markets and its business in Europe, where it has made headway building fourth-generation mobile networks.

Huawei, which has repeatedly said it has no spying links with the Chinese government, on Wednesday reported unaudited 2013 operating profit of 28.6 billion yuan to 29.4 billion yuan. That compared with an audited 2012 operating profit of 19.96 billion yuan — an increase of 43.3 per cent.

Revenue reached 238 billion yuan to 240 billion yuan, or an increase of 8 percent compared with a target of 10 percent, the company said.

Huawei, which ranks behind Sweden's Ericsson (ERICB.ST) in telecom gear sales, will release audited financial results for last year in the second quarter of this year.

Huawei, founded in 1987, is known for aggressively gaining sales in the telecom equipment sec-

tor by edging out rivals such as Cisco Systems Inc (CSCO.O), Alcatel-Lucent SA (ALUA.PA), Nokia Siemens Networks NOKI.UL and ZTE Corp (000063.SZ) (0763.HK).

The company's flagship carrier business, which accounted for almost three quarters of revenue in 2012, sells equipment to telecom operators.

In the US, the company is trying to stake a claim to the country's mature smartphone market following its highly politicised forced retreat from network construction, but it will face a tough battle against established competition such as Apple Inc (AAPL.O) and Samsung Electronics Co Ltd (005930.KS). Huawei said smartphone shipments reached 52 million units worldwide last year compared with the company's 60 million unit target.

Huawei was the third-largest smartphone maker globally in the third quarter of 2013, according to Strategy Analytics, with a 5.1 percent market share. However, the company is dwarfed by Samsung and Apple, which have a 35.2 percent and 13.4 percent share respectively.

The company's third area of operations — its enterprise segment — builds and sells communications equipment to businesses and institutions.—Reuters



A multi-chassis cluster router is shown inside the exhibition hall at Huawei's headquarters in the southern Chinese city of Shenzhen, Guangdong province, in this on 16 Oct, 2013 file photo.—REUTERS

## GM to pay first quarterly dividend in almost six years

DETROIT, 15 Jan — General Motors Co (GM.N) will pay the first quarterly dividend on its common stock in almost six years, marking another step in the US automaker's recovery from its bankruptcy in 2009 and sending shares up 3.2 percent in after-hours trading.

The No 1 US automaker, which last paid a dividend in June 2008 before it moved to save money during the US recession, said it will pay shareholders a quarterly dividend of 30 cents a share, payable on 28 March to shareholders of record on 18 March. In 2008, its quarterly dividend was 25 cents a share.

"This return to shareholders is consistent with our capital priorities and is an important signal of confidence in our plans for a continuing profitable future," Chief Financial Officer Dan Ammann said in a statement.

Ammann, who said on Sunday that GM was closer than ever to paying a dividend, will become GM's president on Wednesday.

GM also named Chuck Stevens as the company's new CFO, effective on Wednesday. He had been CFO of GM North America. Investors have been pushing GM to return cash to them in the form of a dividend or a stock buyback, especially since the US Treasury sold the last of its stake in the company last month.

The dividend reintroduction by GM, which is showing new cars and trucks this week at the Detroit auto show [ID:nL2N0KJ1OI], is likely to attract investors who buy stocks that generate income.

Weak industry demand drove GM to seek bankruptcy protection in 2009 and it emerged as a leaner opera-

tion with more cash on hand with the help of a \$49.5 billion US taxpayer bailout.

GM already pays a dividend on preferred stock. Rival US automaker Ford Motor Co (F.N) resumed paying a common dividend in March 2012 after suspending it for more than 5-1/2 years. Last week, Ford boosted its quar-

## Tesla demand surges, stock rises 16 percent

DETROIT, 15 Jan — Electric car maker Tesla Motors Inc said on Tuesday deliveries of its Model S sedan in the fourth quarter blew past what the company had forecast, sending shares up nearly 16 percent.

Tesla delivered almost 6,900 Model S sedans in the quarter, 20 percent above what the company had forecast, Jerome Guillen, vice president of global sales and service, said at the Detroit auto show.

This year looks to be strong, he added.

"We look forward to 2014 with anticipation," Guillen told a news conference at the show. "On the sales and service side, of which I'm responsible, it's reckless growth." He later said that he misspoke and meant to say "relentless growth."

He said the company this year expects to double its global sales and service locations, which currently total almost 150 combined. He also said Tesla was working "feverishly" on the Model X crossover vehicle, which the company previously said would debut in the second half of 2014.

Analysts said California-based Tesla continues to perform strongly despite the specter of a safety probe by US safety regulators related to two road fires of Model S sedans.

"Tesla seems capable

terly dividend by 25 percent to 12-1/2 cents per share.

GM ended the third quarter last year with total automotive liquidity of \$37.3 billion. GM stock rose to \$41.29 in after-hours trading on Tuesday, compared with the closing price of \$40.02 on the New York Stock Exchange.—Reuters



A Tesla model S car is displayed during a media preview day at the Frankfurt Motor Show (IAA) on 10 Sept, 2013.—REUTERS

of shrugging off news that would hamper most auto manufacturers. Today the electric car maker reported its best sales quarter ever," Kelley Blue Book senior analyst Karl Brauer said. "As the brand begins global deliveries the potential for further growth remains high."

Diarmuid O'Connell, Tesla's vice president of business development, said later that the company has no plans to work with a partner to develop a new family of compact cars,

known internally as Gen III and slated for production in 2017. He said

Chief Executive Elon Musk was committed to developing the cars alone.

"None of our plans have ever assumed help from outside," O'Connell said.

"We are assuming independence; Elon is committed to independence," he added. "We already have the capacity internally to engineer the vehicle. There are no plans for partnership on that project."—Reuters

## FDA asks doctors to limit acetaminophen in combination drugs

WASHINGTON, 15 Jan — US health regulators recommended on Tuesday that healthcare professionals stop prescribing combination drugs that contain more than 325 milligrams of acetaminophen per tablet, capsule, or other dosage unit, citing the risk of liver damage.

Limiting the quantity per dosage unit will reduce the risk of inadvertent overdose, which can lead to liver failure, liver transplant and death, the Food and Drug Administration said.

It cited the fact that no available data showed that taking more than the recommended dose provided benefits that outweighed the added risks.

Inadvertent overdose from combination drugs containing acetaminophen, also known as paracetamol in most countries outside the United States, accounts for nearly half of all cases of acetaminophen-related liver failure in the United States, the agency said. Combination acetaminophen products are com-



A view shows the US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) logo at the lobby of its headquarters in Silver Spring, Maryland on 14 Aug, 2012.—REUTERS

monly prescribed to patients to treat pain from acute injuries, post-operative pain, or pain following dental procedures.

In January 2011, the FDA asked manufacturers of combination drugs containing acetaminophen, sold globally under trade names such as Tylenol and Panadol, to limit acetaminophen doses to no more than 325 mg in each tablet or capsule by 14 January, 2014.

Some of these products still remain available, the agency said.

Reuters



(L-R) Dave Leone, Chief Engineer for Cadillac; Mark Reuss, GM President of North America; and Ed Welburn, VP of GM Global Design, attend the Cadillac presentation during the press preview day of the North American International Auto Show in Detroit, Michigan on 14 Jan, 2014.—REUTERS



# 7<sup>TH</sup> ASEAN PARA GAMES SPECIAL



## 7<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Para Games

### Men's and women's long jump events kick off



An athlete in long jump event.

NAY PYI TAW, 15 Jan—Men's and women's long jump contest of Athletic event in 7<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Para Games took place at Wunna Theikdi Sports Complex at 8:30 am today.

The athletes from host Myanmar, Thailand, Vietnam and Indonesia participated in the events.

Kyemon-Than Naing (Zabuthiri)

### Myanmar earn silver medal in swimming contest



An official presents award to a winner in swimming contest.

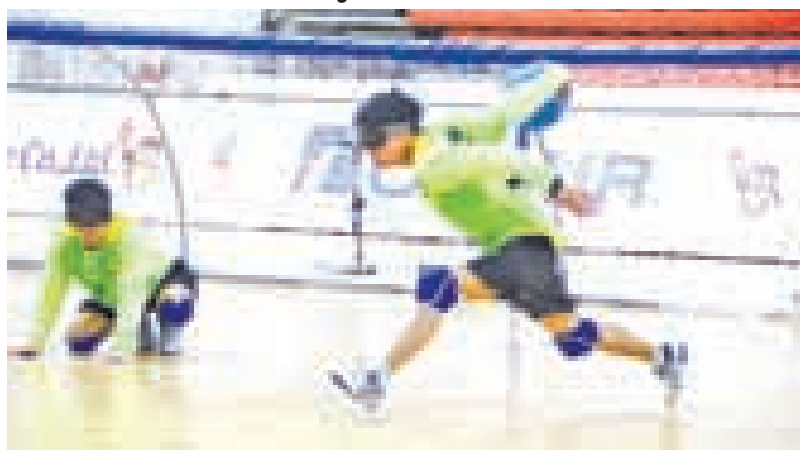
NAY PYI TAW, 15 Jan—The 7<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Para Games continues at Wunna Theikdi Sports Complex, here, in conjunction with prize-awarding ceremony today.

In men's 50-m swimming event, Malaysia secured gold medal, followed by Myanmar, silver and Thailand, bronze among four countries—Myanmar, Thailand, Indonesia and

Malaysia.

President of Myanmar Paralympics Federation Maj-Gen Nay Lin presented prizes to three prize winners in the event.—Kyemon-Than Naing (Zabuthiri)

### Laotian women, Thai, Indonesian men win today's Goal ball event



Athletes taking part in the goal ball event at Wunna Theikdi Indoor Stadium (C).

NAY PYI TAW, 15 Jan—Goal ball event of the 7<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Para Games kick off at Wunna Theikdi Indoor Stadium (C), here, this morning.

In women's event, Laos defeated Myanmar with 13-3 while Thailand

won over Brunei with 11-1 and Indonesia beat Myanmar with 12-4 in men's event.

Athletes from Myanmar, Thailand and Laos are taking part in women's event while Myanmar, Brunei, Indonesia, Malaysia,

Timor-Leste and Thailand, in men's event. Men's and women's goal ball events are holding at the same venue from 15 to 19 January.

Kyemon-Myo Sanda Maung: Photo: Khin Maung Win

### Wheelchair basketball event kicks off

NAY PYI TAW, 15 Jan—Wheelchair basketball event of the 7<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Para Games took place at Wunna Theikdi Indoor Stadium (B), here, this afternoon.

Myanmar played against Malaysia in morning match and Thailand with the Philippines in evening match.

Athletes from Myanmar, Malaysia, Thailand and the Philippines are taking part in this event.

Semi-finals will be held on 18 January and finals, on

19 January.—Kyemon-Myo Sanda Maung Photo: Khin Maung Win



### Myanmar men defeat in volleyball sitting round-robin event

NAY PYI TAW, 15 Jan—Volleyball sitting event of the 7<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Para Sports Games took place at Wunna Theikdi Indoor Stadium (A), here, this morning.

At today's round-robin matches, Myanmar won over Thailand with 3-2 in

Men's event while Indonesia beat Myanmar with 3-0 in Women's event.

Cambodia will play with Malaysia and Myanmar with Thailand in men's volleyball event tomorrow.—Kyemon-Phyo Sanda Myint; Photo: Than Naing (Zabuthiri)



## PERSPECTIVES

Thursday, 16 January, 2014

## Mom! I love you!

The Mothers' Day of Myanmar, the Full-moon Day of Pyatho, hit the beloved social network Facebook in a new style. The Myanmar people hardly express their love. On Facebook, many reveal their love and say thanks to their mothers, highly respected in the Myanmar society as the first teacher of one's life, although their moms would not hear or see what they say on the most popular social network.

Like many Asian countries, mothers are regarded as the second god in Myanmar. But, they are not supposed to be treated well and highly respected all the year round. There are age-old mothers counting their last days in solitude in a Home for the Aged, rejected by her sons and daughters. A few unlucky ones are on the road, begging for food.

There are mothers who are struggling alone to make the ends meet for their children. There are also some unfulfilled mothers who do not afford quality education or reliable health care for their children.

There are also some expectant mothers who do not get enough health care or enough care from the communities and their husbands for various reasons.

There are some mothers who do not have enough education how to manage their family and how to cultivate their children well. Most of them lost the love of their sons and daughters.

Everyone loves his/her mother. The superficial love is not still enough for our society. We need to love and take a great care of all the mothers and mothers-to-be on this planet. The future of this country and of this world will not be written by politicians or economists or someone else. It will be written by mothers who have our very future in their hands.

K 30 million donated to 7<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Para Games athletes

NAY PYI TAW, 15 Jan—Families of Defence Services of (Army, Navy, Air) and Union of Myanmar Economic Holdings Ltd. presented cash awards for the athletes of 7<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Para Games at Training Sports Ground here today.

Chairman of 7<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Para Games Organizing Committee Union Minister for Sports U Tint Hsan, Vice Adjutant-General Maj-Gen Than Soe of Office of the Commander-in-Chief (Army), joint secretary and President of Myanmar Paralympics Federation Maj-Gen Nay Lin and officials from UMEHL attended the ceremony.

On behalf of the families of Defence Services of (Army, Navy, Air), Vice Adjutant-General Maj-Gen Than Soe presented K 10

million and officials K 20 million by UMEHL. Union Minister U Tint Hsan accepted the cash donations.

Families of Defence Services donated 270 eggs per day for the athletes up to concluding of the Games.

Myawady

Athletics, football 7-A-side, volleyball sitting, swimming event of 7<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Para Games commence

## Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw receives ...

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Present at the calls together with the Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and Pyithu Hluttaw were Chairman of Pyithu Hluttaw Interna-

tional Relations Committee U Hla Myint Oo, commission members Daw Myat Myat Soe, Daw Aye Aye Mu and officials of Hluttaw Office.—MNA

*Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and Pyithu Hluttaw Thura U Shwe Mann receives Mrs. Ann Ollestad, Ambassador of Norway to Myanmar.—MNA*

## U Zaw Tun presents Credentials to Slovakian President

NAY PYI TAW, 16 Jan—U Zaw Tun, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar to the Slovak Republic, presented his Credentials to His Excellency Mr. Ivan Gašparovič, President of the Slovak Republic, on 16 December 2013, in Bratislava.—MNA

## Meeting to review Myanmar Rouge Gems and Utility Jade Sale held



Meeting to review Myanmar Rouge Gems and Utility Jade Sale in progress.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 15 Jan—A meeting to review the Myanmar Rouge Gems and Utility Jade Sale took place

at Mani Yadana Jade Hall, here, this afternoon.

Patron of the Central Committee for Holding

Myanmar Gems Emporium Union Minister for Mines Dr Myint Aung stressed the need to assess strengths and

weaknesses of the sale and to put them under review for the success of next sales.

Next, those present made clarifications on their respective works and the chairman and vice-chairman of the central committee supplementary reports.

After the meeting, the Union minister and Deputy Minister U Than Tun Aung met with the vice-chairman and CEC members of Myanmar Gems Entrepreneurs Association. They held discussions on upgrade of Mogaung-Kamaing-Phakant road.

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## Myanmar, Bangladesh agree to boost bilateral trade

NAY PYI TAW, 15 Jan—The seventh meeting of Myanmar-Bangladesh Joint Trade Commission concluded successfully in Nay Pyi Taw today. The meeting focused on holding of trade exhibitions in the two countries, exchange of trade delegations, import of prospect goods from Myanmar,

cooperation in agriculture sector, bilateral flights and maritime matters and wider use of ASEAN Clearing Unit (ACU) and bilateral investments.

The Myanmar delegation led by Deputy Minister for Commerce Dr Pwint Hsan and Bangladeshi delegation led by Commerce

Secretary Mr. Mahbub Ahmed attended the two-day meeting that began yesterday.

As trade information were exchanged, trade barriers resolved and trade matters under discussions during the 7<sup>th</sup> JTC meeting, there will be an increase in bilateral trade between the

two countries. Myanmar and Bangladesh established the Joint Trade Commission in 2003 and agreed to host the meeting alternatively. The annual bilateral meeting has been held since 2004, aiming at boosting bilateral trade and ensuring trade facilitation.

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NAY PYI TAW, 15 Jan—Deputy Minister for Sports U Zaw Win enjoyed athletics event, football 7-A-side event, volleyball sitting event and swimming event of the 7<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Para Games at Wunna Theikdi Sports

Complex, here, today.

The Deputy Sports Minister, Deputy Minister at the President Office U Thant Shin, the Presidents of ASEAN Paralympics Federation and Myanmar Paralympics Federation presented prizes and gifts to the swimmers for first, second and third places in 400 m Freestyle men's S8, S9 and S10 event and 50 m Breaststroke men's SB3 event.

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*Volleyball sitting event in progress at Wunna Theikdi Sports Complex.—MNA*



## NATIONAL

## Culture Ministry to build Fine...

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of cultural museums and libraries, construction of National Museum (Nay Pyi Taw) and National Library (Nay Pyi Taw).

The tasks to be implemented by the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement are opening of child care center in Sittway, extended opening of five pre-schools in Aungpan, Myaungmya, Bago, Tounggo and Kalay, Early Child Care and All round Development Main Center, knowledge dissemination on land mines and child and youth rights and women's rights, gender equality, opening of vocational training schools, taking care of human trafficking victims and day care center for the aged, capacity building courses and the disable rights Under the budget, the ministry will provide more aids and funds with volunteering organizations. It also includes, construction of stores for relief aids, repairs to cyclone shelters, construction of staff quarters and natural disasters management Training Schools, said Union Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Dr Daw Myat Myat Ohn Khin.—MNA

## Myanmar, India coordinate to boost counternarcotics efforts

YANGON, 15 Jan — High-ranking officials of Myanmar and India held a meeting on bilateral counternarcotics efforts at Sedona Hotel, here, this morning.

It was attended by counternarcotics officials from both sides led by Myanmar Police Force Chief Police Maj-Gen Zaw Win, secretary of Central Committee for Drug Abuse Control, and Director-General Mr. Shri Rajiv Mehta of Narcotics Control Bureau of India.

They held discussions on cooperation in control of flowing flu and nausea prevention medicines that contain pseudoephedrine used for production of stimulant tablets via illegal entry/exit along Myanmar and India border, exchange of information, training sessions for Myanmar counternarcotics officers, opening of Border Liaison Office to curb smuggling of narcotics, appointment of liaison officers and exchange of communication techniques. MNA



High-ranking officials of Myanmar and India attend bilateral counternarcotics efforts at Sedona Hotel, Yangon.—MNA

## Audiences requested to enjoy 7<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Para Games

NAY PYI TAW, 15 Jan—After opening ceremony of the 7<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Para Games, the sports events namely athletics, boccia, blindfold chess, football (7-a-side), goalball, swimming, table tennis, volleyball sitting and wheelchair basket-

ball were held at Wunna Theikdi Sports Complex, here. Athletes from ASEAN countries took part in the events in order for hosting their flags atop as a way of showing their ability and their countries' pride.

Audiences are re-

quested to enjoy not only the 7<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Para Games but the closing ceremony as Myanmar prepared for holding the 7<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Para Games.

On 20 January, the closing ceremony of the 7<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Para Games will be held.—MNA

## Meeting on Constitution Review Joint Committee (2/2014) held

NAY PYI TAW, 15 Jan—Meeting on Constitution Review Joint Committee (2/2014) was held at Pyidaungsu Hluttaw, here this afternoon.

Chairman of Constitution Review Joint Commit-

tee Deputy Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw U Nanda Kyaw Swa, Secretary U Aye Mauk and committee members attended the meeting.

After delivering address by the deputy speaker, the secretary elaborated on com-

pletion tasks of solutions over Constitution Review Joint Committee (1/2014) and the five committees explained reviews on the meeting and work tasks.

The secretary, after hearing the reports, fulfilled

the needs.

The meeting on Constitution Review Joint Committee is held on every Tuesday and Thursday and group work meetings are also held soon after Hluttaw meeting.—MNA

## Use of LNG discussed



Workshop on LNG Supply for Myanmar in progress at Hotel Amara, Nay Pyi Taw.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 15 Jan—Ministry of Energy, Ministry of Electric Power and Shell Integrated Gas Co jointly organized the Workshop on LNG Supply for Myanmar at Hotel Amara,

here, yesterday morning.

Union Minister U Khin Maung Soe discussed seek the ways for sustainable availability of various energy and fuel and fulfilling of LNG in demand of natural gas to contribute drawing the short and long term

plans for development of electrification.

Union Minister U Zeyar Aung explained use of oil, natural gas and coal in addition to renewable energy. Myanmar will consume LNG in the future for reducing environmental dete-

rioration. It is necessary to build terminals of the port for docking of vessels to be able to penetrate into the world LNG market.

Responsible persons of Shell Co explained cost of building gas power plants and use of LNG and its demand and supply prospects, technological data on fix onshore terminal and floating storage & regasification unit.—MNA

## 72<sup>nd</sup> MRCS Central Council meeting on 23 Jan

NAY PYI TAW, 15 Jan—The 72<sup>nd</sup> Central Council Meeting of the Myanmar Red Cross Society will be held at the assembly hall of its Headquarters, here, on 23 and 24 January.

Officials from the Ministry of Health, members of MRCS and invited guests will attend the meeting. MNA

## Danube River Development Workshop held

YANGON, 15 Jan—The Danube River Development Workshop took place at Summit Parkview on Ahlon Road, here, on 13 January.

Speaking on the occasion, Union Minister for Transport U Nyan Tun Aung said that the objective of this workshop is to bring together Austria experts, Myanmar Expert Group and government officials from water related agencies to study and discuss how the Danube River has been developed to assist transportation and economy of the regions along the river and how its experience and lessons can be applied for Myanmar. At present, Myanmar needs to step up its water conservation measures and extend water supply coverage to ensure water security and availability across the country.

In the dry central region of Myanmar, people suffer from water scarcity

and related social problems. River channel improvement and sustainable development of the Ayeyawady are also essential to facilitate the smooth flow of cargo and passengers and to supply water for domestic, agriculture and industrial uses all the year round. But the present river training performance by river bed regulation is insufficient due to the gap between work load and budget availability.

The effective utilization of the rivers will not only provide sufficient water in surrounding areas but also support multi-modal development in areas such as agriculture, domestic use of water, mitigation of floods, improvement of navigation and green growth for environment.

However, we have to take into account the fact that in many cases of human efforts to overcome the nature,

benefits are overestimated while economic, environmental, and social costs are underestimated.

Myanmar has established the National Water Resources Committee and Expert Group to monitor and give support in the development of the water sector and for integration of all water related Ministries and agencies for effective Integrated Water Resources Management in Myanmar with public participation.

I sincerely hope that together we will succeed more in implementing Integrated Water Resources Management in Myanmar base on the experience and lessons learned from Danube River Development.

Leader of the team Mr Gernot Grimm of Austrian Ministry of Transport made a speech. Next, the workshop followed on the agenda. MNA



*On behalf of Mahasi Sayadaw, Daw Nang Thi Thi Oo accepts K 10 million for offering gold painting at Ananda Sekkyawala Pagoda, K 3.5 million for the archway and K 1.5 million for the cave of the pagoda donated by Daw Rudani of Bangkok of Thailand, K 40 million by Daw Nang Thi Thi Oo and family of Myawady (Chanthagyi Automobile Parts Shop) for two prayer halls, K 3.5 million by Daw Nang Cho Cho Myint and family of Myawady recently. The pagoda is built in the precinct of Wisarindayama Mahasi Sasana Medication Centre in Myawady Township of Myawady District in Kayin State, the border of Myanmar and Thailand.—TUN TUN OO (MYAWADY)*

## Departmental officials focus on development tasks in Mohnyin District



MOHNYIN, 15 Jan— District Livestock Assistant Director Dr Win Breeding and Veterinary Oo, Head of Mohnyin Department on 10 January

met about 345 local people of Taungin Village and Nantsawlaw Village in Mohnyin Township and discussed rural development tasks.

The departmental officials heard reports on requirements of the region and people presented by local people.

The discussions highlighted vaccination for reducing the death rate of animals, breeding of milk cow for feeding milk to school children,

raising of Dyl pedigree pig for increasing income in a short time, feeding the farming cattle with feedstuff, and artificial insemination to domestic cows.

Assistant Director U Aye Naing, Head of Rural Development Department, explained construction of rural road, availability of safe water, rural electrification and construction of fly-proof latirines at basic education schools.

NLM-001

*A ceremony to lay foundation for construction of the two-storey staff quarter for Law Officer of Myawady Township in Myawady District was held at the venue on 10 January. Kayin State Judicial Officer U Ohn Thaung and District and Township Judges, and U Soe Min Aung of Aung Zeya Co (Myawady) concreting the slap for the quarter. The government allotted K 687 million on construction in 2013-14 fiscal year.*

TUN TUN OO (MYAWADY)



## KBZ Bank donates cash to older persons

KYAUKME, 15 Jan—A ceremony to donate cash was held at Aged Care Centre in Kyaukme of Shan State on 12 January afternoon.

On behalf of Chairman of KBZ Bank U Aung Ko Win, Deputy Manager Daw Cho Cho Zin of the Kyaukme branch presented K 5 million to the Aged Care Centre through Daw Win Kyi (Kyaukme Store & Star Gold Shop).

U Ye San (Kaung Thant Store) spoke words of thanks.

Construction of Aged Care Centre will cost K 500 million.

MMAL-Thein Than (IPRD)



## Community-based Development Course opens in Palaung Self-Administered Zone

KYAUKME, 15 Jan—The Community-based Development Course was opened in Kyaukme District of Shan State North on 13

January morning.

Experts from Myanmar Egress will give lectures to the trainees with the assistance of Livelihood Governance Project (SwissAid) and Network Activities Group (NAG) of Mangtung.

It will last from 13 to 16 January.

The ceremony was

attended by local authorities, Township Development Committee, Ta-aung (Palaung) Literature and Culture Troupe of Namsang and Mangtung townships, members of social organizations and local people totalling 35.

MMAL-Thein Than (IPRD)

## Nation-building Endeavours



*People take three hours along 30 miles long route from Mohnyin to Indawgyi due to curves, bends and corners. Thus, local people from Ohnsanhsaung and Nantmon villages are constructing the inter-village road as one hour drive to Indawgyi Lake on a self-reliant basis as of first week of January 2014.—NLM-001*

## Kanmye Lake, dug by King Anawarahta in Taungtha Township

TAUNGTHA, 15 Jan—Kanmye Village is located 16 miles west of Taungtha, Myingyan District of Mandalay Region. It is adjacent to Zachan Village. 99 acres area of Kanmye Lake is near the village, and it was dug by King Anawrahta.

At present, the lake area is shrinking and shrinking due to extension of residences and silting in addition to lesser rainfall. Now, the lake is about 50 acres of land, said local people.

In the monarchical period, King Anawrahta established one village, one pagoda, one lake and one

paddy granary in each 12 miles distance along its route to the frontier area. Kanmye Lake is one of the villages dug by the king.

An ancient pagoda and one ordination hall can be seen in the east of the village.

In the year when rainfall

was high, the creek upstream the lake flows into the lake which benefit the local people for consumption and agricultural purposes in Kanmye, Zachan and Myoma villages, said a local people.

MMAL-Chan Tha (Meiktila)





## REGIONAL

## Indonesia's politics heat up as elections approach

JAKARTA, 15 Jan — Indonesia's political atmosphere is heating up as national and regional legislative elections slated for April approach, to be followed in July by a presidential election.

The once-every-five-years democratic festivity on 9 April will see more than 6,600 candidates compete for 560 seats in the House of Representatives, as well as for legislative seats at the provincial, municipal and regency levels.

Particular attention is focused on three of the 12 political parties contesting at the national level, namely the Indonesian Democratic Party of Struggle (PDI-Perjuangan) led by former President Megawati Sukarnoputri, the Golkar Party that was once the political machine of the late dictator Suharto, and the Gerindra Party championed by Prabowo Subianto, a retired general notorious for his poor record on human rights.— *Kyodo News*



*Jakarta Gov Joko Widodo (L front) and Indonesian Democratic Party of Struggle leader and former Indonesian President Megawati Sukarnoputri (R front) are pictured during a party event in Jakarta on 10 Jan, 2014. — KYODO NEWS*

## Thai caretaker PM refuses to resign



*Thai caretaker Prime Minister Yingluck Shinawatra*

BANGKOK, 15 Jan — Thai caretaker Prime Minister Yingluck Shinawatra on Tuesday insisted that she would not resign from the caretaking post as anti-government protesters have

demand.

Yingluck said she would continue to perform her duties as a prime minister because she was obliged to protect democracy that belongs to Thai people.

According to Yingluck, she will take part in a meeting scheduled on Wednesday morning to discuss whether the Feb. 2 general election will be postponed to 4 May as proposed by the Election Commission (EC).

The government needs to solicit opinions from various sides before taking further action, Yingluck insisted.

The government will invite about 70 people from all sides to the discussion, but it remains unsure if representative of the Democrat Party and the anti-government People's Democratic Reform Committee (PDRC) would turn up.

Protest leader and secretary-general of the PDRC Suthep Thaugsuban earlier categorically refused to join the discussion.

EC member Somchai Srisuthiyakorn said all five EC members would not attend Wednesday's meeting, but a representative would be sent instead.

According to Somchai, the EC does not believe the discussion, which involves a large number of people with conflicting opinions and interests, will yield anything but more conflict.

Somchai said the EC had asked PM's secretary-general Suranand Vejjajiva to set up a meeting between the EC and Yingluck on Thursday and was now awaiting a reply.

He said should Thursday's meeting be arranged, all EC members would show up and a decision on whether to delay the election could be made that day.

*Xinhua*

## MSDF vessel sinks fishing boat, 2 in critical condition

TOKYO, 15 Jan — A leisure fishing boat capsized and sank on Wednesday morning after colliding with the Japan Maritime Self-Defence Force transport vessel *Osumi* in the Seto Inland Sea off Otake, Hiroshima Prefecture, leaving two of the four on board the boat in critical condition, the Defense Ministry and the Japan Coast Guard said.

The four — the captain and three anglers — were thrown into the sea following the collision, which occurred at around 8 a.m., but were rescued by the 180-meter *Osumi*. One of the two in critical condition is the leisure boat's captain, according to the authorities. The remaining two are not injured. One of the rescued men was quoted as telling its coast guard officials investigating the incident that the leisure boat must have collided with the left-hand



*File photo taken in November 2013 shows the Osumi, a transport vessel of the Japan Maritime Self-Defence Force. — KYODO NEWS*

side of the *Osumi*. The coast guard detected traces of the

collision on the MSDF vessel's hull.— *Kyodo News*

## Japan says it will approve Fukushima operator's revival plan

TOKYO, 15 Jan — Japan's trade ministry said it would approve on Wednesday a revival plan for the utility responsible for the Fukushima nuclear disaster, Tokyo Electric Power Co, its second attempt at restoring battered finances. The plan hinges on Tokyo Electric (Tepco) restarting its Kashiwazaki Kariwa nuclear plant to cut fossil fuel

and forming partnerships with other utilities, as well as upgrading fossil fuel plants, the *Nikkei* newspaper reported on Wednesday.

The company is majority owned by the government after an earlier bailout. Tepco's previous revival plan revolved around a Kashiwazaki restart in early 2013. The new plan envisages a restart of two reactors



*Tokyo Electric Power Co's (TEPCO) Kashiwazaki Kariwa nuclear power plant, which is the world's biggest, is seen from a seaside in Kashiwazaki, on 12 Nov, 2012.*

*REUTERS*

costs, a contentious issue staunchly opposed by the local governor. An earlier plan by Tepco outlining a revival after its Fukushima plant was hit by a massive earthquake and tsunami in 2011, triggering triple meltdowns at the site, had to be torn up because it could not restart Kashiwazaki.

Japan's trade minister Toshimitsu Motegi is scheduled to meet Tepco president at 1700 JST on Wednesday to officially approve the plan. Tepco is also pledging to cut costs by reducing fuel spending

at the station in July and the utility hopes all seven reactors will go online by fiscal 2016.

The disaster at Fukushima, the worst nuclear crisis since Chernobyl in 1986 eventually brought about the halt of all nuclear power plants in Japan so they could be vetted under tougher new standards. Opposition to atomic power remains strong in the country and is set to become a major issue in an election next month for governorship of metropolitan Tokyo, which owns a stake in Tepco.—*Reuters*

## Communist Party expels former executive at China Mobile parent

HONG KONG, 15 Jan — A former senior executive at China Mobile Ltd's state-owned parent has been expelled from the Communist Party amid a company-wide probe into suspected corruption. China's new leadership has made fighting graft a priority to assuage rising public anger over the scale of corruption in the world's second-biggest economy.

Xu Long, who was general manager of China Mobile Communications Corp's Guangdong office, was expelled from the party due to "severe discipline violations," according to a statement posted on

Wednesday on the website of Guangdong province's disciplinary committee. "During Xu Long's posting at China Mobile Communications Corp's Guangdong office, he took advantage of his senior position to seek profits for others," the statement said.

Xu "took multiple bribes that involved an enormous amount of money," it said. He will be sent to court and his illegal income would be seized, the statement added. China Mobile, the world's biggest mobile operator by subscribers, said in May its parent was beefing up its internal supervision after a government

audit highlighted problems in accounting practices and internal management. Xu was taken away by the provincial government's disciplinary committee in August due to "severe discipline violations."

Shares of Hong Kong-listed China Mobile were down 0.8 percent on Wednesday, lagging a 0.5 percent gain for the benchmark Hang Seng Index. China's anti-corruption campaign has led to the detention of some senior government officials as well as senior executives in major state firms, including PetroChina Co Ltd.

*Reuters*

## ADVERTISEMENT &amp; GENERAL

**Invitation for Prequalification**

Myanmar Electric Power Project (IDA-53060-MM)  
Thaton Combine Cycle Gas Turbine (CCGT)  
Power Plant  
(ICB MEPE-G-01)

This invitation for prequalification follows the general procurement notice for this project that appeared in Development Business of October 22, 2013 on-line. The Republic Of The Union Of Myanmar has received a credit from the International Development Association (IDA) toward the cost of the Myanmar Electric Power Project, and it intends to apply part of the proceeds of this credit to payments under the contract for Thaton Combine Cycle Gas Turbine (CCGT) Power Plant at the existing Thaton gas station (GT) in Mon State with a new combined cycle gas turbine (CCGT) power plant. The Myanmar Electric Power Enterprise (MEPE) intends to prequalify contractors for supply and installation of a gas power plant which will generate and supply as much electricity as possible to the grid, limited by the available fuel gas up to 25MM CFD. Power export shall be at 66kV and 230 kV. The power station shall primarily generate base load power to Myanmar National grids. The main specifications include: the overall capacity of the power plant to be constructed is in the range of 105-110 MW, the minimum capacity of gas turbine and steam turbine is 35-45MW/unit and 20-40 MW/unit respectively.

It is expected that invitations for bid will be made in April 2014.

Prequalification will be conducted through the procedures specified in the World Bank's Guidelines: Procurement under IBRD loans and IDA Credits, January 2011, and is open to all bidders from eligible source countries, as defined in the guidelines.

Interested eligible Applicants may obtain further information from and inspect the prequalification document from 10:00 -15:30 hrs. at

Thermal Power Department  
Myanmar Electric Power Enterprise,  
Bldg No. 27, Nay Pyi Taw  
Myanmar  
Phone : + 9567410228  
E-mail: gtceoffice@gmail.com

A complete set of the prequalification document in English language may be obtained free of charge by sending a request to the above email address. A copy of the prequalification document will be sent to the interested eligible Applicants as the attachment to the email. Applications for prequalification should be submitted in sealed envelopes, delivered to the address below by 24.2.2014, 14:00 Hr and be clearly marked "Application to Prequalify for Thaton Combine Cycle Gas Turbine (CCGT) Power Plant (ICB MEPE-G-01)"

Material Planning Department  
Myanmar Electric Power Enterprise,  
Ministry of Electric Power  
Bldg No. 27, Nay Pyi Taw  
Myanmar

## Seibu set to apply for TSE relisting on Wednesday

TOKYO, 15 Jan — Seibu Holdings Inc is set to submit applications to relist its shares on the Tokyo Stock Exchange on Wednesday, according to sources close to the matter.

The move by the hold-

ing company of Seibu Railway Co and the Prince Hotel chain comes nearly a decade after Seibu Railway was delisted in December 2004 for falsifying financial statements.

Kyodo News

THE REPUBLIC OF THE UNION OF MYANMAR  
MINISTRY OF ENERGY  
MYANMA OIL AND GAS ENTERPRISE  
(INVITATION FOR OPEN TENDER)  
(1/2014)

Open tenders are invited for supply of the following respective items in United States Dollars and Myanmar Kyats.

Sr.No	Tender No	Description	Qty	Remark
(1)	IFB-164(2013-2014)	7" Liner Hanger and Accessories	(2) Sets	US\$
(2)	IFB-165(2013-2014)	Ariel Compressor JGK-4 with Waukesha L-7042 GSI Spares	(14) Items	US\$
(3)	IFB-166(2013-2014)	Ariel Compressor JGE-2 with Waukesha F-2895 GSI Spares	(23) Items	US\$
(4)	IFB-167(2013-2014)	Ariel Compressor JGK-4 with Waukesha P-9390 GL Spares	(11) Items	US\$
(5)	IFB-168(2013-2014)	Cooper MH64 with Waukesha P-9390 GL Spares	(20) Items	US\$
(6)	IFB-169(2013-2014)	Cooper MH64 with Waukesha 12 VAT 27 GL Spares	(27) Items	US\$
(7)	IFB-170(2013-2014)	AJAX DPC 600 Engine Spares	(16) Items	US\$
(8)	IFB-171(2013-2014)	H 2475 G Waukesha Engine Spares	(22) Items	US\$
(9)	IFB-172(2013-2014)	NKK/Kobelco Compressor KJB-2& KB-2 Spares	(24) Items	US\$
(10)	IFB-173(2013-2014)	Spares for Hydraulic Mobile Grove Crane	(1) Item	US\$
(11)	IFB-174(2013-2014)	Geological Survey Instrument	(1) Item	US\$
(12)	IFB-175(2013-2014)	Industrial Chamber Oven and Core Plug Drilling Machine for Applied Research Center	(2) Items	US\$
(13)	DMP/L-051(2013-2014)	Mechanical Spares for ZJ70L SR I&II	(1) Lot	Ks
(14)	DMP/L-052(2013-2014)	3.25 MM, 4.0 MM & 5.0 MM Welding Electrode	(3) Items	Ks

- Tender Closing Date & Time - 10-2-2014, 16:30 Hr

Tender Document shall be available during office hours commencing from 13 January, 2014 at the Finance Department, Myanma Oil and Gas Enterprise, No(44) Complex, Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar.

Myanma Oil and Gas Enterpris  
Ph . +95 67 - 411097 / 411206

## CLAIMS DAY NOTICE MV LIZSTAR GLORY VOY NO ( )

Consignees of cargo carried on MV LIZSTAR GLORY VOY NO ( ) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 16.1.2014 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of S.P.W(7) where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11:20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm to Claims Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the Vessel.

No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

**SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT  
MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY  
AGENT FOR: M/S LIZSTAR LINE**  
Phone No: 256916/256919/256921

## CLAIMS DAY NOTICE MV LANGELAND VOY NO ( )

Consignees of cargo carried on MV LANGELAND VOY NO ( ) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 16.1.2014 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of B.S.W(3) where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11:20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm to Claims Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the Vessel.

No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

**SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT  
MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY  
AGENT FOR: M/S TRANGLE INVEST APS**  
Phone No: 256916/256919/256921

## Invitation to Open Tender for Tender 2013-C-OVS

1. Myanma Posts and Telecommunications (MPT), Ministry of Communications and Information Technology invite open tender for following Task that are described in the below table with Myanmar Kyat currency.

Sr.	Description	Qty
1	Pathein - Ngwe Saung UG Fiber Link	1 Lot
2	Store Building;	2 Nos
3	Room Renovation	1 Lot

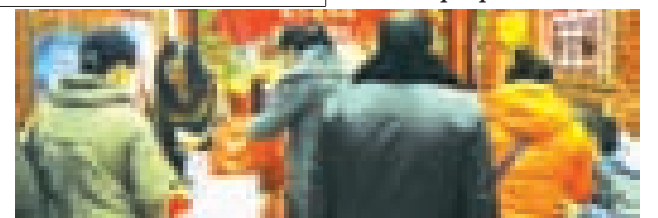
2. Bidder should submit the open tender (Technical and requirement Proposal) on January, 31, 2014 during 09:30 to 16:30 at Head Office Building of Overseas Department, Myanma Posts and Telecommunications, Near 8 mile junction, KaBaAye Pagoda Road, Yangon, Myanmar and MPT will deny the tender that is submitted over the assigned period as above. Tender documents are available from Head Office Building of Overseas Department and detail can be asked to telephone number +95 1 650118 and +95 9 450000142 during office hours.
3. Bidder should submit the price proposal when we call you the day of price bargaining.

Tender Evaluation & Selection Committee

### To be Awarded

I, Phyo Min Thike, holding of Myanmar passport (No. M 644444) Lost my passport on 11 Jan, 2014. Please Contact my below phone number if you found it. 09 43152130

*People buy Chinese date in a trading centre in Tai-yuan City, capital of north China's Shanxi Province, on 13 Jan, 2014. With the Spring Festival approaching, special purchases for the lunar new year with a fair price attracted the Chinese people.—XINHUA*





## ADVERTISEMENT & ENTERTAINMENT

### CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

#### MV KOTA RAJIN VOY NO (835)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV KOTA RAJIN VOY NO (835) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 16.1.2014 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of H.P.T where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11:20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm to Claims Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the Vessel.

No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

**SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT  
MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY  
AGENT FOR: M/S ADVANCE CONTAINER  
LINES**

Phone No: 256908/378316/376797

### CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

#### MV NOBLE BREEZE VOY NO (033)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV NOBLE BREEZE VOY NO (033) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 16.1.2014 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of A.W.P.T where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11:20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm to Claims Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the Vessel.

No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

**SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT  
MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY  
AGENT FOR: M/S INTERASIA LINES**

Phone No: 256908/378316/376797

### CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

#### MV ORA BHUM VOY NO (358)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV ORA BHUM VOY NO (358) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 16.1.2014 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of M.I.P where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11:20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm to Claims Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the Vessel.

No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

**SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT  
MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY  
AGENT FOR: M/S CMA CGM**

Phone No: 256908/378316/376797



*Jennifer and Courteney have been good friends since they did F.R.I.E.N.D.S together.*

## The workout tip that Jennifer Aniston gave Courteney Cox

LONDON, 15 Jan — Courteney Cox says her former F.R.I.E.N.D.S co-star Jennifer Aniston gave her a workout tip that proved very effective.

The 49-year old actress once had a problem with

selecting some workout machine, which Jennifer Aniston solved for her.

"I did Pilates three times a week until recently, when I tripped and broke my fall with my bony little wrist. It meant I needed

two operations and couldn't exercise for about three months," Courteney Cox said. "Jen turned me on to use an elliptical trainer to work out with, so I now use that too," she added.

Reuters



*Chris Martin bought the painting, by street artist Banksy, at an event hosted by Sean Penn.*

## Chris Martin spends 400,000 pounds on Banksy painting

LOS ANGELES, 15 Jan — British rock band Coldplay frontman Chris Martin has reportedly spent a huge amount for one-of-a-kind design by famed street artist Banksy at a fundraiser for Haiti earthquake victims.

Martin bought a picture by street artist Banksy

for 400,000 pounds at actor Sean Penn's Haiti Home Gala charity event on 11 January, reports femalefirst.co.uk.

He was accompanied by his actress-wife Gwyneth Paltrow at the high-profile event held here.

PTI

## Robin Wright on engagement: Couldn't be happier

LOS ANGELES, 15 Jan — Actress Robin Wright, who got engaged to Lone Survivor star Ben Foster and won the Golden Globe, is happy and contented.

She confirmed her engagement to Foster on 10 January, after she stepped out showing her engagement ring at Diane von

Furstenburg's 'Journey of a Dress' exhibition here.

When people.com asked her about the engagement and wedding plans, Wright said: "It's still new. We're still talking about where, when, how, but couldn't be happier."

The 47-year-old won Best Performance by an

Actress in TV drama series award at the 71st Golden Globe awards here on Sunday (12 Jan, 2014). She won it for her role in House of Cards.

For the award, she said: "I'm in shock right now. I don't know what's going on exactly."

PTI



*Robin Wright is engaged to actor Ben Foster.*

## Julia Roberts: My life after 30 has been bliss

LOS ANGELES, 15 Jan — Actress Julia Roberts says she had the best time since leaving her 20s behind her.

The 46-year-old says the last 16 years have been the best of her life, as she doesn't have the hang-ups that she had in her 20s, reports femalefirst.co.uk. "On my 30th, every person I loved and adored in the world was with me. I was excited and could not understand the tone of doom about leaving my youth behind," she said.



*Julia Roberts says she could not understand the doom of leaving youth behind.*

"Since then, my life has been bliss. If I knew that 30 was going to be so much fun I would have done it at 22!" she added. Roberts got married to Daniel Moder in 2002 and they have nine-year-old twins Hazel and Phinnaeus and six-year-old Henry.

PTI

## Leonardo DiCaprio: I'd love to work with Amitabh Bachchan again

LOS ANGELES, 14 Jan — If Hollywood's ace actor Leonardo DiCaprio had his way, he would love to team up with Indian megastar Amitabh Bachchan on screen again after having shared screen space with him in The Great Gatsby. He finds the veteran an impressive talent and

a "gentleman".

Recently, while DiCaprio was being interviewed for his latest film The Wolf Of Wall Street, he was questioned whether if an opportunity to work with Mr Bachchan would come up again, what would he do. He expressed an interest in it, read a statement.

The Titanic star said: "Mr Bachchan impressed me immensely by not just his talent and his ability to act, but what a gentleman he was. I was honoured to work with him. It was great seeing that enthusiasm he brings to even the smallest of roles and I'd love to work with him in the future."

Amitabh, 71, made his international debut with The Great Gatsby, directed by Baz Luhrmann. Big B plays the role of Meyer Wolfsheim in the \$125 million 3D project, an adaptation of F Scott Fitzgerald's novel of the same name.

PTI

*Leonardo DiCaprio featured with Amitabh Bachchan in The Great Gatsby.*



## SPORTS

## Australian Open order of play on Thursday

MELBOURNE, 15 Jan — Order of play on the main showcourts at the Australian Open on Thursday (play starts at 0000 GMT on all courts, prefix denotes seeding):

### Rod Laver Arena

Karin Knapp (Italy) v 3-Maria Sharapova (Russia)  
Christina McHale (US) v 10-Caroline Wozniacki (Denmark)

Not before 0300 1-Rafa Nadal (Spain) v Thanasi Kokkinakis (Australia)

From 0800

Barbora Zahlavova Strycova (Czech Republic) v 2-Victoria Azarenka (Belarus)

4-Andy Murray (Britain) v Vincent Millot (France)

### Hisense Arena

Olivia Rogowska (Australia) v Elina Svitolina (Ukraine)

10-Jo-Wilfried Tsonga (France) v Thomaz Bellucci (Brazil)

5-Agnieszka Radwanska (Poland) v Olga Govortsova (Belarus)

Not before 0600

Blaz Kavcic (Slovenia) v 6-Roger Federer (Switzerland)

### Margaret Court Arena

25-Alize Cornet (France) v Camila Giorgi (Italy)  
13-Sloane Stephens (US) v Ajla Tomjanovic (Croatia)

Jack Sock (US) v 25-Gael Monfils (France)

From 0800 27-Benoit Paire (France) v Nick Kyrgios (Australia) —Reuters

## David Ferrer qualifies for third round at Australian Open

MELBOURNE, 15 Jan — Third-seeded Spaniard David Ferrer overcame a slow start to beat Frenchman Adrian Mannarino in the second round of the Australian Open here on Tuesday.

Ferrer trailed 0-3 in the opening set but managed to force a tiebreak, in which he won by 7-2. He then lost the second set 5-7 before taking control back in the final two sets at 6-0, 6-3. The Spaniard reached Australian Open semifinals in 2013 and quarterfinals in 2012, both lost to three-time defending champion Novak Djokovic.

Ferrer is the Serb's main threat in the bottom half of the draw, with top-seed Rafael Nadal, Andy Murray and Roger Federer all playing in the other half.

Xinhua

## Serena Williams storms into third round at Melbourne Park

MELBOURNE, 15 Jan — Top seed Serena Williams of the United States took just 63 minutes to reach the third round of the Australian Open here on Wednesday.

The five-time winner eased to a straight-set victory against her Serb opponent Vesna Dolonc at 6-1, 6-2.

As the oldest player to ever rank No 1, Williams

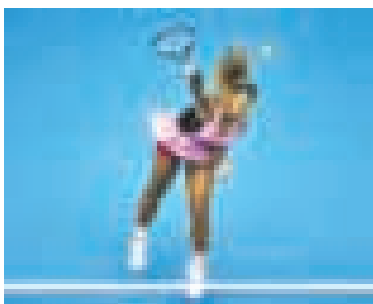
went 78-4 and won 11 titles in 2013. She also beat Maria Sharapova and Victoria Azarenka back-to-back the week before last to win in Brisbane without dropping a single set.

Williams will match former world number ones Chris Evert and Martina Navratilova by winning an 18th Grand Slam title to open her 2014.

Xinhua

*Serena Williams of the US serves to Vesna Dolonc of Serbia during their women's singles match at the Australian Open 2014 tennis tournament in Melbourne on 15 Jan, 2014.*

REUTERS



## Fulham find form to knock out Norwich in FA Cup

LONDON, 15 Jan — Fulham forgot their Premier League struggles to sweep into the FA Cup fourth round with a 3-0 victory over fellow top-flight strugglers Norwich City in a third-round replay on Tuesday.

Fulham, thrashed 4-1 at home by relegation candidates Sunderland on Saturday, cast off the shackles of their league form to hit top gear with a performance full of attacking intent on a cold night at a half-empty Craven Cottage.

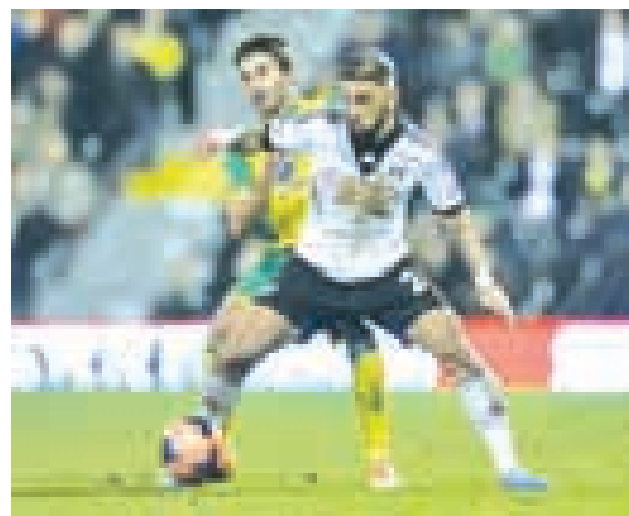
They opened the scoring after 16 minutes through former England striker Darren Bent, who found the net from Pajtim Kasami's cross for his second goal in three games having failed to get on the scoresheet in the previous 10.

Ashkan Dejagah fired into the roof of the net to

double the London side's lead four minutes before the break and Steve Sidwell made the result safe with a header in the second half to set up a fourth-round clash at Sheffield United.

Holders Wigan Athletic, who shocked Manchester City to win the Cup last season before being relegated from the top flight, were 11 minutes away from a third-round replay exit at third tier MK Dons before forcing extra time and winning 3-1.

Wigan substitute and Manchester United loanee Nick Powell scored after 79 minutes to cancel out former United midfielder Luke Chadwick's opener. Powell then grabbed a second goal in extra time and Marc Antoine Fortune added the third. Wigan are at home to Premier League strugglers Crystal Palace in the fourth



*Fulham's Ashkan Dejagah (R) challenges Norwich City's Javier Garrido during their English FA Cup soccer match at Craven Cottage in London on 14 Jan, 2014. —Reuters*

round later this month.

Bournemouth beat Burton Albion 4-1 to set up a home tie with Liverpool in the next round while there were also wins for Birmingham City, Kid-

derminster, Port Vale, Preston North End, Sheffield Wednesday and Watford. Charlton Athletic and Oxford United drew 2-2 in their third round tie and will face a replay. —Reuters

## Li Na makes into third round at Australian Open

MELBOURNE, 15 Jan — Fourth seed Li Na won 7-5 in the tiebreak of the second set to beat Swiss qualifier Belinda Bencic in straight sets and advanced into the third round here on Wednesday at the Australian Open.

The two-time runner-up dominated the first set, playing only 22 minutes to win 6-0 without dropping a game and conceding only 10 points.

Bencic put up more of a challenge in the second set and broke Li twice to force a tiebreak. But Li prevailed to win 7-5.

"She played exactly like Martina Hingis, and it's very tough to play a decent player I have never seen before," said Li. "I think today she gave me very tough time in the second set. But I was really happy in the end

I can use my experience to win the match."

The 2011 French Open champion defeated 16-year-old Ana Konjuh, the youngest player in the tournament, by dropping just two games in the first round. After Wednesday's victory over Bencic, the Chinese completed back-to-back wins over the two youngest players in the draw. Konjuh and Bencic split the four junior majors in 2013.

"Both players are pretty good. If they play more tournaments on the tour, for sure they would be very good," she said.

Li will play against the 26th seed Lucie Sfarova on Friday's third round for a place in the top 16, who beat qualifier compatriot Lucie Hradecka in three sets.

Xinhua



*Li Na of China celebrates after winning her women's singles second round match against Belinda Bencic of Switzerland at the 2014 Australian Open tennis tournament in Melbourne Australia, on 15 Jan, 2014. Li Na won 2-0.*

XINHUA



*David Ferrer of Spain celebrates during the men's singles second round match against Adrian Mannarino of France at 2014 Australian Open tennis tournament in Melbourne, Australia, on 15 Jan, 2014.*

Ferrer won 3-1. —XINHUA

## Doping-Weightlifter Robles handed two-year ban for failed drugs test



*Sarah Robles of the US competes in the women's +75kg group A clean and jerk weightlifting competition at the ExCel venue during the London 2012 Olympic Games on 5 Aug, 2012. —REUTERS*

TORONTO, 15 Jan — Weightlifter Sarah Robles, a member of the US team at the 2012 London Olympics, was handed a two-year suspension after testing positive for steroids, the United States Anti-Doping Agency (USADA) said on Tuesday.

Robles tested positive for the presence of an exogenous androgenic anabolic steroid in an out-of-competition and two in-competition urine samples collected

by both USADA and the International Weightlifting Federation, the US drug agency said in a statement.

Called the strongest woman in America, Robles placed seventh in the +75 kilogram super-heavyweight division in London but gained attention for her story of perseverance living on \$400 a month while trying to secure a spot on the US Olympic squad

Reuters



## GENERAL



A child views an ice carving on Central Avenue, downtown Harbin, capital of northeast China's Heilongjiang Province, on 14 January 2014. Since the month-long Harbin International Ice and Snow Festival kicked off on 5 Jan, squares and avenues in the capital city have been decorated by colourful lights and illuminated ice carvings.—XINHUA

## Nine killed in clashes as Egypt votes on constitution

CAIRO, 15 Jan — Nine people were killed during Egypt's first day of voting on a new constitution on Tuesday, as clashes erupted between police and supporters of the Muslim Brotherhood in different parts of the country. According to a statement issued by the Egyptian Ministry of Health, clashes between supporters of the Muslim Brotherhood and security forces led to the death of four people in Sohag, four in Giza and one in Beni Suef. The statement added that two other people died of natural causes in Cairo and 28 people were injured during the day.

However, a statement from the Supreme Electoral Committee said that the first day of voting had not been affected by the incidents and that the referendum process was unaffected overall. The committee also denied reports that the voting may be extended to a third day. According to the statement, no results will be revealed until the end of the counting process and checking of all the voters lists. Egyptians started casting their votes Tuesday on the country's new draft constitution, which is widely seen as a milestone for Egypt's political transition after Islamist President Mohamed Morsi

was ousted last July.

The two-day referendum opened at 9 am local time (0700 GMT) in the country's 27 governorates and closed at 9 pm (1900 GMT). The new constitution, to replace the one written largely by Morsi's Islamist allies in late 2012, is a first step in the country's future military-backed roadmap.

If the draft document is approved, Egypt will go through parliamentary and presidential elections, and the post-Morsi transitional period will come to an end in mid-2014, six months at most after the referendum.—Xinhua

## Djokovic advances into third round at Australian Open



Novak Djokovic

MELBOURNE, 15 Jan—Three-time defending champion Novak Djokovic reached the third round at the Australian Open here on Wednesday after beating Argentine Leonardo Mayer in straight sets.

The second seed stayed on track for his fifth Australian Open title and ex-

tended his winning streak at the Melbourne Park to 23 matches with a 6-0, 6-4 and 6-4 victory.

The second round match was also the Serb's 26th consecutive win but Djokovic got a brief scare while serving at 3-0 in the first set when he turned over on his left ankle and tumbled to the court.

But it appeared not so serious as he took the opening set in 22 minutes, just conceding eight points.

Djokovic is attempting to win his fifth Australian Open title, the first man to achieve that feat in the Open Era.

Xinhua

## Australian Open men's singles round 2 results

MELBOURNE, 15 Jan — Results from the Australian Open Men's Singles Round 2 matches on Wednesday

19-Kevin Anderson (South Africa) beat Dominic Thiem (Austria) 6-4, 6-3, 6-4.

Sam Querrey (US) beat 23-Ernest Gulbis (Latvia) 6-2, 6-3, 6-4.

Edouard Roger-Vasselin (France) beat Guillermo Garcia-Lopez (Spain)

7-6(1), 6-4, 4-6, 6-1.

17-Tommy Robredo (Spain) beat Julien Benneteau (France) 6-3, 6-7(4), 6-1, 7-6(6).

Denis Istomin (Uzbekistan) beat 30-Dmitry Tursunov (Russia) 7-6(3), 4-6, 6-1, 6-4.

29-Jeremy Chardy (France) beat Alexandr Dolgoplov (Ukraine) 7-5, 7-6(5), 6-7(3), 7-6(5).

20-Jerzy Janowicz (Po-

land) beat Pablo Andujar (Spain) 4-6, 7-6(3), 7-6(5), 6-3.

3-David Ferrer (Spain) beat Adrian Mannarino (France) 7-6(2), 5-7, 6-0, 6-3.

2-Novak Djokovic (Serbia) beat Leonardo Mayer (Argentina) 6-0, 6-4, 6-4.

Florian Mayer (Germany) beat 14-Mikhail Youzhny (Russia) 6-4, 3-6, 6-3,

3-6, 6-3

Damir Dzumhur (Bosnia and Herzegovina) beat 32-Ivan Dodig (Croatia) 4-6, 4-6, 6-3, 4-1 (Dodig retired)

9-Richard Gasquet (France) beat Nikolay Davydenko (Russia) 7-6(3), 6-4, 6-4.

7-Tomas Berdych (Czech Republic) beat Ken-

ny De Schepper (France) 6-4, 6-1, 6-3.

Reuters

## Argentine poet, political critic Gelman dies in Mexico

MEXICO CITY, 15 Jan—Juan Gelman, the celebrated Argentine poet and fierce critic of the South American nation's "dirty war" against leftists, died on Tuesday in Mexico City, Mexico's national art council said.

Gelman, who was born in Buenos Aires but lived in the Mexican capital for more than 20 years, died after being hospitalized, the council said in a statement.

Local media reported that he suffered from myelodysplastic syndromes

(MDS), a group of bone marrow and blood diseases.

The poet and political analyst's writings won some of the highest awards given to Spanish writers, including the lifetime achievement Miguel de Cervantes Prize.

Gelman fought against

impunity and injustices under Argentina's military junta, which "disappeared" thousands of suspected leftists from 1976 to 1983. One of Gelman's own sons was kidnapped and murdered during the so-called "dirty war."—Reuters

## MYANMAR TV

(16-1-2014, Thursday)

<b>6:00 am</b>	(Volleyball)
1. Paritta By Hilly	(Indonesia & Myanmar) (Women)
Region Missionary Sayadaw	<b>2:40 am</b>
<b>6:25 am</b>	14. India Drama Series
2. Physical Exercises	<b>3:10 pm</b>
<b>6:35 am</b>	15. Shwe Yin Khone Than
3. Song of Yester Years	<b>3:40 pm</b>
<b>6:45 am</b>	16. Kyae Pwint Myaye Yin Khone Than
4. Documentary	<b>4:00 pm</b>
<b>7:00 am</b>	17. News
5. News/Weather Report	<b>4:20 pm</b>
<b>7:20 am</b>	18. Sing & Enjoy
6. People Talks	<b>4:50 pm</b>
<b>7:30 am</b>	19. Fine Arts-Bosom of Dramatic Performance
7. Documentary (ASEAN Para Games)	<b>5:30 pm</b>
<b>8:00 am</b>	20. India Drama Series
8. News/ International News	<b>6:00 pm</b>
<b>8:45 am</b>	21. News/Weather Report
9. 7 <sup>th</sup> ASEAN Para Games (Live) (Volleyball) (Timorleste & Indonesia) (Women)	<b>6:20 pm</b>
<b>10:00 am</b>	22. Approaching Science Discovery World
10. News	<b>7:00 pm</b>
<b>10:45 am</b>	23. News
11. 7 <sup>th</sup> ASEAN Para Games (Live) (Volleyball) (Cambodia & Myanmar) (Men)	<b>7:20 pm</b>
<b>12:00 pm</b>	24. Documentary
12. News/International News/Weather Report	<b>8:00 pm</b>
<b>12:45 am</b>	25. News/International News/Weather Report
13. 7 <sup>th</sup> ASEAN Para Games (Live)	<b>8:35 pm</b>
	26. People Talks
	<b>8:50 pm</b>
	27. Documentary
	<b>9:00 pm</b>
	28. News
	29. Clever
	30. Teleplay

## MYANMAR INTERNATIONAL

16-1-14 07:00 am ~ 17-1-14 07:00 am) MST

- \* Local News
- \* Myanmar Invites You
- \* World News
- \* School for the Blind
- \* Local News
- \* Myanmar Traditional Instruments (MYANMA DRUM)
- \* World News
- \* Myanmar Traditional Art Bronze Casting
- \* Local News
- \* A Tea Business: Pank wan (Part-2)
- \* World News
- \* A Girl Guide
- \* Local News
- \* Making of Nawarat Rings
- \* World News
- \* Moving Meditation: A kido
- \* Local News
- \* Lucrative Businesses of Tanintharyi Region
- \* World News
- \* Will you feed the pigeons
- \* Local News
- \* To The Land of Countless Temples - Bagan Trip (EP-1)
- \* Myanmar Masterclass: Fantastic Art
- \* Myanmar Movie Impact "So Cool-2"
- \* The Photographer: Kyaw Kyaw Winn
- \* Myanmar Beauty And His Creations (Ep-1)
- \* World News
- \* In the Studio "Na Di Htike"

## Culture Ministry to build Fine Arts College in Nyaungshwe of Shan State

NAY PYI TAW, 15 Jan—Union-level bodies explained the facts about the National Planning Bill (2014-2015 FY) at third-day session of Pyidaungsu Hlut-

taw today.

Union Minister for Information U Aung Kyi explained that the Ministry's budget will be spent on digitalization process, installa-

tion of FM Radio transmitters, distribution of set-top boxes, installation of necessary equipments for new extended channels, setting up of International Broad-

casting Center and Main Press Center (MPC), establishment of village libraries and mini book corners, installation of free wifi access and public digital library

services, transformation from Sarpay Beikman into Semi-government Organization for translation services, purchase of new offset and Computer-To-Plate (CTP) and live broadcast.

The ministry will open sub-printing houses in Mawlamyine, Kalay and Myitkyina to carry out the circulation of colour newspapers in national races languages in addition to Myanmar language. The New Light of Myanmar Daily will be commercialized to become an international one after

making joint venture with a private company. It also includes digitalization and upgrade of cinemas, drafting of the Film Law and promoting film market, the Union Minister said.

Union Minister for Culture U Aye Myint Kyu said that the Ministry's budget includes performance of dances and songs, construction of Fine Arts College in Nyaungshwe of Shan State, researches and conservation and renovation of ancient cultural heritages, upgrades

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## C-in-C pays homage to 14<sup>th</sup> Shwegyin Gana Sangharaja Sayadaw



**Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing donates offertories to 14<sup>th</sup> Shwegyin Gana Sangharaja Sayadaw.—MYAWADY**

NAY PYI TAW, 15 Jan—Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing paid homage to the 14<sup>th</sup> Shwegyin Gana Sangharaja Sayadaw Abbot of Zayamedani Waso Monastery of Mandalay State Ovadaçariya Abhidhaja Maha Rattha Guru Abhidhaja Agga Maha Saddhammajotika Bhaddanta Agghiya and supplicated on religious affairs before he donated offertories to the

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Sayadaw.

He also paid homage to the body of late Vice-Chairman of State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee Abbot of Masoeyein Monastery of Mandalay Abhidhaja Maha Ratta Guru Agga Maha Pandita Bhaddanta Tejosarabhivamsa at Masoeyein Monastery.

On behalf of the mili-

tary families, the Senior General and party also donated offertories to the Sayadaws of Mosoeyein Monastery. The Senior General supplicated on arrangements of the final rites for the late Vice-Chairman of SSMNC.

The Sayadaw, aged 89 and 69 vasa, passed away on 9 January afternoon. The final rites of the Sayadaw will be held on 18 January noon at Ayeyeiknyein cemetery in Mandalay.

The Sayadaw passed Dhammaçariya exam and Pariyati Sasanahita Thetkyathiha Dhammaçariya exam. So, the Sayadaw was presented Sakkasiha Dhammaçariya Abhivamsa title. The Sayadaw shared Buddha's knowledge to the monks at Nikaryanayupa Monastery since 1322 ME and wrote many treatises.

The Senior General was accompanied by Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Admiral Thura Thet Swe, Commander-in-Chief (Air) Lt-Gen Khin Aung Myint, senior officials from the Commander-in-Chief (Army) Office and Commander of Central Command Maj-Gen Nyo Saw.

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## Athletes from ASEAN countries enjoy opening of 7<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Para Games comfortably

NAY PYI TAW, 15 Jan—Para athletes from ASEAN countries attended the opening ceremony of the 7<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Para Games at Wunna Theikdi Sports Complex here yesterday.

Members of security and fire brigade and re-

sponsible persons of the games warmly welcomed the athletes and lent a helping hand to the athletes with facilities of transport, giving seats and accommodation with the use of wheelchairs.

Police Information



## Boy, 12, opens fire at New Mexico school, wounds two students



**Students are reunited with families at a staging ground set up at the Roswell Mall following an early morning shooting at Berrendo Middle School in Roswell, New Mexico, 14 January, 2014.—REUTERS**

NEW MEXICO, 15 Jan—A 12-year-old boy armed with a shotgun opened fire at a middle school in on Tuesday, seriously wounding two students before a staff member persuaded him to put down the firearm, authorities said.

The shooting at Berrendo Middle School in Roswell took place in a gym where students had gathered to stay warm from the frigid weather outside before the start of class, Governor Susana Martinez told reporters.

The wounded children were an 11-year-old boy, who students said had been shot in the face, and a 13-year-old girl, whose condition was serious but improved after surgery. The boy underwent two rounds of surgery and was in critical condition.

The boy's motive remains unclear, police said, but student Monique Salcido, a friend of the two children who were shot, told CNN he had been bullied at the school.

It comes amid a contentious national debate on gun control that intensified after a gunman shot dead 20 students and six staff members at Sandy Hook Elementary in Newtown, Connecticut, in December 2012. Following that attack, President Barack Obama called for sweeping new gun control measures.—Reuters

## Bomb attacks kill 59 in Iraq, PM seeks world's support

BAGHDAD, 15 Jan—Bombs hit Iraq's capital Baghdad and a village near the northern town of Baquba on Wednesday, killing at least 59 people, police and hospital sources said, as Prime Minister Nuri al-Maliki warned that mili-

tants were trying to set up an "evil statelet."

In the deadliest incident, a bomb blew up in a funeral tent where mourners were marking the death two days ago of a Sunni Muslim pro-government militiaman, police said.

It killed 18 people and wounded 16 in Shatub, a village south of Baquba. Two years after US troops left Iraq, violence has climbed back to its highest levels since the Sunni-Shi'ite bloodshed of 2006-2007, when tens of thousands of people were killed.

Reuters



**Policemen look at the site of a car bomb attack in Baghdad, 15 January, 2014. REUTERS**