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President U Thein Sein receives guests from ROK

NAY PYI TAW, 17 Jan—President U Thein Sein welcomed a delegation led by Mr. AHN, Hong-Joon, Chairman of the Foreign Affairs, Trade and Unification Committee of the Republic of Korea's National Assembly, at the Credentials Hall of the Presidential Palace, here, this morning.

During the meeting, they discussed sharing of Korea's development experiences, further investment of Korean companies in Myanmar, education and technical assistance, opportunity of Korean SMEs in Myanmar and matters of job opportunities.

Mr. AHN, Hong-Joon was accompanied by the Vice-Chairman and officials of Korea International Cooperation Agency (KOICA). The delegation plans to observe providing aids for development of rural areas and human resources and health sector.

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President U Thein Sein poses for documentary photo with a delegation led by Mr. AHN, Hong-Joon, Chairman of the Foreign Affairs, Trade and Unification Committee of the Republic of Korea's National Assembly.

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Aung Nyein Oo sets ASEAN record for the State in swimming event

NAY PYI TAW, 17 Jan—Aung Nyein Oo of Myanmar secured gold in event 307 men's 100 meter breaststroke of the 7th ASEAN Para Games at Wunna Theikdi Sports Complex, here, today.



He had set the record for the State in the 7th ASEAN Para Games and the 6th ASEAN Para Games.

After the morning matches, Myanmar took four gold, one silver and three

bronze.

May Htoo Mon won gold and Aung May San, bronze in event 308 women's 100 meter breaststroke while Thin Thin Khaing secured gold in event 310 women's 100 meter breaststroke and Aung Phone took gold in event 311 men's 100 meter breaststroke.

In event 302 women's 100 meter breaststroke, Aye Thu Aung won silver while Tin Myo stood bronze in event 305 men's 100 meter breaststroke and Khin Swe Oo, bronze in event 306 women's 100 meter breaststroke.

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Photo: May Moe The

Preparations for 7th Para Games' closing ceremony

NAY PYI TAW, 17 Jan—The Ministry of Culture is carrying out preparations for successfully holding the closing ceremony of the 7th ASEAN Para Games at the training camp (Ywataw).

Film stars, students of the Fine Arts Department under the Ministry of Culture, youth culture groups across the country, students from Mandalay BEHS and BEMS would stage performances at the closing ceremony. Singapore's wheelchair dance would also be staged. Famous singers and "Manaw" dance troupes of Kachin State will entertain the audience. Ko Zaw Myo Oo and Moe Sat Wine are the presenters.—MNA

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Members of Yadanabon Red Cross Brigade donate blood

TadaU Bridge expanded to both sides in Kalay Tsp

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Nine gold medals awarded to winners in power lifting event (second day)

NAY PYI TAW, 17 Jan—Third day events of the 7th ASEAN Para Games went on today at Wunna Theikdi Sports Complex. Out of 12 sports events, power lifting event kicked off at Wunna Theikdi Boxing Stadium this morning.

Women's 55 kg and 63 kg power lifting events take place in the morning and men's 59

kg and 65 kg events in the afternoon. Vietnam grabbed gold in women's 55 kg power lifting event and Thailand was satisfied with the silver. Thailand stood first in 61 kg event, followed by Malaysia the second and Laos the third.

A total of 12 athletes from Thailand, Indonesia, Malaysia, Vietnam, Laos, the Philippines and host

Myanmar will take part in power lifting event of the 7th ASEAN Para Games.

A total of 17 gold, 17 silver and 17 bronze will be presented to the winners in the event and 9 gold, 9 silver and 9 bronze have already been awarded to the winners till 17 January.

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Phyo Sanda Myint
(Kyemon)



Myanmar weightlifter Nyine Sanda Aung taking part in power lifting event.—PHOTO: PHYO SANDA MYINT

National Objectives of 66th Anniversary Union Day 2014

- For all the national races to cultivate the Union Spirit to perpetuate the Union
- For all the national races to live in unity and harmony
- For all the national races to build up the prevailing national reconciliation
- For all citizens to participate in tasks for tranquility and the rule of law
- For all the national races to join efforts for modern, developed and discipline-flourishing democratic nation

Members of Yadana Red Cross Brigade donate blood

MANDALAY, 17 Jan—Yadanabon University Red Cross Brigade of Higher Education Department (Upper Myanmar) under the Ministry of Education donated blood for the eighth time at the university in Pyigyidagun Township of Mandalay on 14 January.

Rector Dr Khin Maung Oo donated blood bags to the national blood bank of Mandalay General Hospital.

In-charge of the blood bank Dr Daw Khin Mya Mon presented brooches of blood donors.

Pro-Rector Dr Maung Maung Naing donated blood bags to Mandalay



Teaching Hospital (300-bed) and pathologist Dr Daw Win Min Than gave back brooches to the blood donors.

Refreshments were

presented to blood donors. At the ceremony, a total of 412 blood bags were donated to the hospitals.

*Kyemon-Thiha Ko Ko
(Mandalay)*

New Year market festival 2014 held

MANDALAY, 17 Jan—The 2014 New Year Special Market Festival took place at Gandamar Whole Sales

at No 903 Block at the corner of Yangon-Mandalay Highway and Sagaing Road in Chanmyathazi

Township of Mandalay as of 12 January.

Vocalists and film stars performed entertainments

Traffic rules knowledge disseminated to people in Mandalay

MANDALAY, 17 Jan—Talks on traffic rules was given at Lamin driving training school of Hsinbyugan Ground at the corner of Yangon-Mandalay Highway and Theikpan Street in Chanmyathazi Township of Mandalay on 14 January.

In-charge of the driving

school U Lwin Lwin Tun explained lectures on traffic rules.

Advocate-General of Mandalay Region U Ye Aung Myint explained enforcements of traffic rules, Vehicle Laws and tasks of Mandalay City Traffic Rules Supervisory Committee and Mandalay

City Development Committee Law.

Head of Mandalay Region Directorate of Road Administration U Thein Oo explained directives of traffic rules, issuance of driving licences and short-term courses of traffic rules.

Police Captain Myo Nyunt Tun of Traffic



Anti-Narcotic Drives

Narcotic drugs worth K 35.4 million seized at Kawlin Station

KATHA, 17 Jan—Stimulant tablets were seized on board No 4 coach of 37-up Mandalay-Myitkyina train at 12.40 pm.

They seized 6600 stimulant tablets from Daw Yan Kyein Kyin of Phaungphyek Ward in Kutkai and Ma Hlyo Kyin

Htwe of Naungphet Ward in Kutkai Township and

witnesses checked 37-up Mandalay-Myitkyina train at 12.40 pm.

the drugs believed to be heroin weighing 24 grams were worth K 35.4 million in total.

Kawlin Railways Police Station opened a file of lawsuit over the trafficking of drugs.

Kyemon-District IPRD

Trade promotion, consumer affairs discussed

MYINGYAN, 17 Jan—Mandalay Region Minister for Planning and Economic U Aung Zan met officials of brokerages from Myingyan and Taungtha at Popa Hall in Ward 2 of Myingyan of Mandalay Region on 14 January.

The region minister said that his trip was to develop

trade matters of brokerages in Myingyan and Taungtha and commercial affairs.

Head of Mandalay Region Trade Promotion Department U Myo Thu and Head of Commercial and Consumer Affairs Department U Swe Tint Kyu submitted the reports.

Local authorities and responsible persons of the

brokerage discussed trade and commercial affairs. The meeting was attended by Deputy Commissioner of Myingyan District U Hla Win Tin, Chairman of Myingyan Brokerage U Tin Hlaing and members and Chairman of Taungtha Brokerage U Aung Than and entrepreneurs.

*Kyemon-Zaw Min Naing
(Myingyan)*

Aviation

Plan to run Mandalay-Singapore direct flight

MANDALAY, 17 Jan—Singapore-based Silk Air will ply Mandalay-Singapore flights Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday three days a week as of the second week of June 2014.

If the number of tourists increases, the Singapore-Yangon-Mandalay flight will be extended.

Mandalay International Airport handles flight facilities at the ground station for Bangkok Airlines, Indian Airlines and Kunming Airlines of China.

At present, the airport is under renovation to meet the international standard.

Kyemon-Maung Pyi Thu

Tourists interested in world biggest books in Mandalay

MANDALAY, 17 Jan—The stone inscriptions plaques dabbed as world biggest book are located in the precinct of Kuthodaw Pagoda in Mandalay.

"Tourists arrived here to observe stone inscriptions in the precinct and asked us what they want to know. They took photo

and proceeded to Myanam Sankyaw Golden Palace," said a pagoda board of trustees.

There are 729 stone plaque and one historical stone inscription plaque made in 1222 ME and completed in 1230 ME. It is located in 13 acres of land.

Kyemon-Than Zaw Min

WORLD

Gov't describes economy as "recovering" for 1st time in 6 years



Jordanian King Abdullah II (L) talks with visiting Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu in Amman, Jordan, on 16 Jan, 2014. Israeli Prime Minister's office confirmed in a statement on Thursday afternoon that Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu made an unannounced visit in the morning to Jordan.

XINHUA

US urges DPRK to quit nuclear programme after Pyongyang's peace call

WASHINGTON, 17 Jan — The United States on Thursday renewed its call for the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK) to abandon its nuclear programme after Pyongyang's fresh appeal for ending hostilities on the Korean Peninsula. "Our core policy on North Korea remains unchanged," State Department spokeswoman Jennifer Psaki told reporters at a regular news briefing.

Washington and its al-

Blast wounds 36 anti-government protesters in Thai capital

BANGKOK, 17 Jan—An explosive device tossed at anti-government protesters wounded 36 in central Bangkok on Friday and other violence rippled through the Thai capital after several days of relative calm when the movement appeared to be running out of steam.

At least one protester was seriously hurt.

Police said the device was hurled at protesters marching with their leader, Suthep Thaugsuban, near Chulalongkorn University

in the city centre.

"When the incident happened and perpetrators threw the explosive, Suthep was 30 meters away," Akanat Promphan, a spokesman for the movement, told Reuters. Suthep was unharmed.

It was not immediately clear who was responsible and the nature of the device was unknown as forensic experts were prevented from entering the area.

"We have received 12 people who were injured in the blast. One person is

seriously injured and the other 11 have sustained various types of injuries, some minor," said an official at Ramathibodi Hospital.

The overall injury toll came from the Erawan Medical Centre, which monitors Bangkok hospitals.

The latest unrest flared in November and escalated on Monday when the demonstrators led by Suthep, a former opposition politician, brought parts of the capital to a standstill and forced many ministries to close.—Reuters

UN inspectors to visit Iran uranium mine on 29 January

ANKARA, 17 Jan — UN nuclear inspectors will soon visit an Iranian uranium mine for the first time since 2005 as part of Teheran's agreement to open its disputed nuclear programme to greater scrutiny, state television reported on Friday.

"Based on our agreement with the agency (IAEA), their inspectors will visit the Gachin mine in

southern part of the country on 29 January," Behrouz Kamalvandi, a spokesman for the Atomic Energy Organization of Iran, was quoted as saying.

The Vienna-based International Atomic Energy Agency had no immediate comment. It previously said it wanted to visit the Gachin mine uranium mine to acquire a better understanding of the nature of Iran's nu-

clear programme.

The West suspects Iran is trying to develop nuclear weapons capability behind the screen of a declared civilian atomic energy programme. The Islamic Republic denies this.

Iran and the IAEA struck a cooperation pact in November entailing six initial steps to be taken by Teheran over the following three months including

categories — consumption, business investment and business failures.

It was the first time for the government to specify the country's economy is "recovering" since January 2008, before it started to languish against a backdrop of the global financial crisis triggered by the collapse of US investment bank Lehman Brothers Holdings Inc. in September that year.

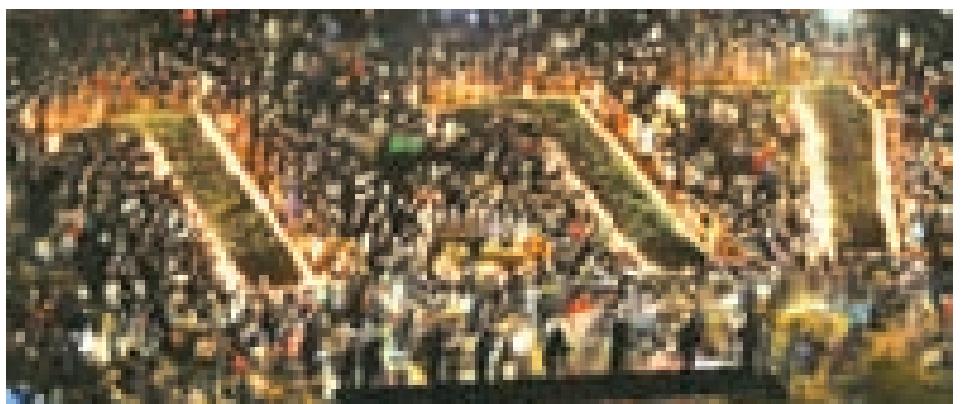
Prime Minister Shinzo Abe's 13-month-old administration — which is trying to beat nearly two decades

of deflation — also said in the report that prices are "holding firm," and it called on the Bank of Japan to achieve its 2 percent inflation goal "at the earliest possible time."

For three months until last month, the government left its basic economic assessment unchanged, saying Japan's economy "is on the way to recovery at a moderate pace." Last month, it dropped the word "deflation" from the report for the first time in more than four years.

In January, the Cabinet Office raised its views on consumer spending for the second straight month, saying it "is increasing, showing a last-minute rise in demand before a consumption tax increase in some sectors." But the government was concerned that the scheduled 3-percentage-point sales tax hike to 8 percent may make consumers reluctant to buy luxury goods such as cars, stifling the nascent economic recovery and hampering price rises.

Kyodo News



Lights forming 1.17 are seen at Higashi Yuenchi park in Kobe, Hyogo Prefecture, western Japan, on the early morning of 17 Jan, 2014, the 19th anniversary of the Great Hanshin Earthquake that claimed the lives of more than 6,400 people.

Kyodo News

19 years after deadly quake, Kobe calls for disaster vigilance

KOBE, 17 Jan — Memorial ceremonies marked on Friday the 19th anniversary of the Great Hanshin Earthquake which devastated the western Japanese city of Kobe and surrounding area, killing 6,434.

Survivors of the March 2011 Tohoku earthquake and tsunami disaster in the country's northeast joined locals at the ceremonies, observing a moment of silence at 5:46 am in honour of the victims of the 17 Jan, 1995 earthquake.

With people who did not experience the disaster accounting for more than 40

percent of Kobe's population, there are concerns the city may be falling behind in disaster preparedness.

"It is our duty as the rebuilders of Kobe to pass on the lessons learnt from the disaster," Mayor Kizo Hisamoto said in a statement.

Kobe is one of many areas likely to be affected by a predicted megaquake originating in the Nankai Trough off central and western Japan.

In central Kobe's Higashi-yuenchi park, where a monument is engraved with victims' names, bam-

boo lanterns were arranged to form the numerals 1.17 as attendees lit candles.

Isamu Uenishi, who lost his father Nisaburo, 95, in the quake, said he is visiting each monument built in the quake-affected area to mourn for the victims.

"I am thinking of the dreams both big and small that the victims, including my father, held dear before they died."

Mako Oikawa, 13, participated in the event from Ofunato, Iwate Prefecture, a town in the Tohoku region hit hard by the 2011 quake and tsunami.—Kyodo News



An Iranian operator monitors the nuclear power plant unit in Bushehr, about 1,215 km (755 miles) south of Teheran, 30 Nov, 2009. — REUTERS

Reuters

Taiwan shinkansen attendants begin training in Japan

FUKUOKA, 17 Jan — Five attendants on Taiwanese bullet trains built with Japanese technology started on-the-job training aboard Kyushu Railway Co. shinkansen trains on Thursday.

The attendants from Taiwan High Speed Rail Co. are seeking to acquire customer service skills based on Japan's culture of hospitality, according to JR Kyushu, which operates railway services on Japan's southern main island.

The eight-day training

is part of a personnel exchange program between the companies. Five JR Kyushu attendants received a similar on-the-job training course aboard Taiwanese bullet trains last December.

The training course on JR Kyushu bullet trains is also aimed at boosting the profile of Kyushu as a tourist destination among Taiwanese people, the company said. Chiu Shu-chuan, a 33-year-old attendant, told *Kyodo News* after her training session aboard a



Chiu Shu-chuan (L) is pictured during a training session aboard a bullet train between Hakata and Kagoshima-Chuo station of the Kyushu Shinkansen Line in southwestern Japan on 16 Jan, 2014.

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JR Kyushu bullet train from Fukuoka to Kagoshima prefectures, "I felt a bit nervous today, but I will practice more to give it my best shot." Taiwan High Speed Rail trains, based on JR's "700 Series" technology, entered service in 2007.

Kyodo News

Australia says breached Indonesian territory while blocking refugee boats

SYDNEY, 17 Jan — Australia will apologize to Indonesia on Friday after its navy breached Indonesian territorial sovereignty several times as part of the government's controversial policy of stopping boats carrying would-be asylum

seekers from entering its waters.

Immigration Minister Scott Morrison said he had been told earlier this week about the "inadvertent breaches" on multiple days and immediately informed the Indonesian navy.



A woman reads a newspaper containing an advertisement (R) publicising the Australian government's new policy on asylum seekers arriving by boat, in Sydney on 2 Aug, 2013.—REUTERS

2 dead after fishing vessels collide with freighter

WAKAYAMA, 17 Jan — Two fishermen were killed after two fishing vessels conducting a joint fishing operation collided with a 499-ton freighter 3 kilometers off Yura, Wakayama Prefecture, south of Osaka, early Friday morning, the Japan Coast Guard said.

All three fishermen on board were thrown into the sea after the collision, which caused the two boats to capsize. They were hunting whitebait.

The 69.4-metre freighter, the *Shinriki Maru*, was on its way to Amagasaki, Hyogo Prefecture, from Nagoya, according to the coast guard, which has launched an investigation.

Kyodo News

Portuguese president confident about Portugal's upcoming exit from adjustment programme

LISBON, 17 Jan — Portugal will "successfully" exit its adjustment programme in May, President Anibal Cavaco Silva said on Thursday.

"This is a crucial year for Portugal," he said in the Palace of Queluz in Sintra during a ceremony for the presentation of New Year compliments to diplomatic corps in Lisbon.

"As you all know, in mid-2014 the program of economic and financial assistance will come to an end. Despite being some months away from meeting this objective, there are reasons to believe that we will conclude this programme with success. It will be a decisive moment for our country."

Cavaco Silva added that 2013

hadn't been "an easy year for Portugal", but that the economy had shown some positive signs that enabled the country to face this year "with more hope," adding that the country's priorities were to create more jobs.

"2014 will be a year in which we cannot slow down our efforts to create a more solidary and cohesive Europe," he added. "We need to be committed to a more balanced growth in the Eurozone."

Portugal agreed to a bailout programme in 2011 with the European Commission, the International Monetary Fund and the European Central Bank when it found itself mired in an economic recession.

Xinhua

UN chief welcomes opening of Hariri murder trial

UNITED NATIONS, 17 Jan — UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon on Thursday welcomed the start of the trial of four suspects accused of killing former Lebanese Prime Minister Rafik Hariri in a blast.

"The secretary-general welcomes the opening of the trial of the Special Tribunal for Lebanon (STL), nearly nine years after the heinous terrorist attack which killed former Prime Minister Rafiq Hariri and 21 others," said a statement issued here by Ban's spokesperson.

"The secretary-general stresses the vital importance of combating impunity for the long-term stability and

security of Lebanon," the statement said.

"He notes with gratitude the continuing support of the Government of Lebanon, and of other Member States, for the work of the Tribunal," it added.

The trial began in The Hague on Thursday with opening statements by chief prosecutor Norman Farrell. A case has been brought against four suspects for the assassination of Hariri, who was killed in February 2005 when a bomb exploded in the Lebanese capital of Beirut. The explosion killed 22 individuals and injured 226 others.

Xinhua



Pro-European integration protesters attend a rally at Independence Square in Kiev on 16 Jan, 2014.—REUTERS

Ukrainian parliament pushes through sweeping anti-protest law

KIEV, 17 Jan — Supporters of Ukrainian President Viktor Yanukovich hustled a sweeping law through parliament on Thursday in an attempt to curb anti-government protests, sparking an outcry from the opposition and raising tensions on the streets.

The law, backed by deputies from Yanukovich's Regions Party and allies, also adopted a similar stance to Russia on registration of foreign non-governmental organizations (NGOs), insisting they should pay taxes on profit.

NGOs that were financed from abroad and took part in political activity in Ukraine would be categorized as "foreign agents", it said.

But the law, which ran to more than 100 pages, appeared directed mainly at preparing the ground for ac-

tion to end the street protests that have been taking place in the capital Kiev and some other cities since November.

Yanukovich's refusal at that time to sign a free trade deal with the European Union in favour of boosting ties with Ukraine's former Soviet master Russia brought hundreds of thousands onto the streets in protest.

Though numbers have dwindled since, several hundred people remain camped out on Kiev's central square of Kiev or are occupying public buildings such as City Hall. On Sunday, at least 50,000 people demonstrated against Yanukovich in Kiev. The law, which still needs Yanukovich's signature, bans any unauthorized installation of tents, stages or amplifiers in public places, on pain of a fine of up to \$640 or up to 15 days in detention.—*Reuters*

WORLD

Hundreds flee homes as heatwave fans Australia bushfires



US urges Syrian opposition to attend peace conference

US President Obama and First Lady Michelle attend an event on expanding college opportunity in the South Court Auditorium of the Eisenhower Executive Office Building, next to the White House in Washington DC, the United States, on 16 Jan, 2014. —XINHUA

US urges Syrian opposition to attend peace conference

WASHINGTON, 17 Jan — US Secretary of State John Kerry on Thursday urged the Syrian opposition to attend a key peace conference which aims at bringing an end to the three-year conflict in Syria. Kerry called on the Syrian Opposition Coalition to vote favourably at a meeting on Friday to participate in the much-anticipated peace conference in Geneva on 22 January.

"We do so knowing that the Geneva peace conference is not the end, but rather the beginning," Kerry said. The top US envoy said the conference, known as Geneva II, is a process that is the best opportunity for the opposition to achieve the goal of a political solution "for this terrible conflict that has taken many, many, too many lives."

Kerry reiterated that the goal of the conference

is to establish a process to form a transitional governing body in Syria to bring about an end to the civil war. The war has triggered "one of the planet's most severe humanitarian disasters" and created the seed-ground for extremism, he noted.

He added that any names put forward for leadership of Syria's transition must be agreed to by both the government and the opposition, which is "the very definition of mutual consent." Kerry also expressed deep concern about the rise of extremism in Syria, which he said is the "strongest magnet for terror of any place today." Western governments have backed the opposition fighting against the Syrian government but are increasingly concerned about the growing influence of Jihadist groups in Syria.—Xinhua

Destruction of most dangerous Syrian chemicals may be delayed



Ahmet Uzumcu, head of the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons, speaks during an interview in Rome on 16 Jan, 2014. —REUTERS

a relatively small amount of chemicals — around 5 percent, according to a senior Western diplomat in New York — onto the Danish cargo ship *Ark Futura*. Ahmet Uzumcu, head

of the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW), said he was "confident" that all the chemicals could be destroyed by the end of June — the original deadline for

(104 degrees F), destroying or damaging houses.

Victoria was the hardest hit, with 70 bushfires burning out of control. Dozens of blazes are burning in South Australia, Western Australia and New South Wales. Authorities have issued seven emergency warnings to severely affected areas, prompting hundreds of residents to flee their homes.

Victoria Fire Services Commissioner Craig Lapsley said conditions were

"up there" as the worst since the Black Saturday fires that killed 173 people in 2009. Lapsley said the 21,000-hectare (81-square-mile) fire in the Grampians bushland was so intense it had "created its own weather", triggering lightning and spot fires.

Strong wind changes and thunderstorms forecast for later Friday could exacerbate conditions, he said. "There is a stronger southerly wind expected to come through there tonight

and that could create worse conditions for the fire and cause it to spread further," a spokeswoman for Victoria's Country Fire Authority told Reuters.

Australia's south and southeast have been in the grip of a heatwave for nearly a week, with climate experts warning of even longer and hotter heatwaves to come, raising questions about its long-term position as an agricultural powerhouse.

Xinhua

Japan envoy concerned as Virginia steps into Sea of Japan name row

WASHINGTON, 17 Jan — Japan's Ambassador to the United States expressed concern on Thursday about legislation being debated in Virginia to require school books to use the name "East Sea" as well as "Sea of Japan" for the waters between Japan and the Korean Peninsula.

"I wonder if it is fair in primary and secondary education to (only) back one side over a matter of international dispute," Kenichiro Sasae told a group of Japanese reporters in Washington.

The Japanese government maintains the Sea of Japan is the only internationally established name for the waters, while the South Korean government has demanded use of the

name East Sea.

"I'm concerned about this kind of move," Sasae said. "We will make efforts to make sure the move (in Virginia) does not spill over" to other parts of the United States.

Virginia is home to an increasing number of Korean Americans, mainly in northern areas close to Washington. Some counties in Maryland, neighbouring Virginia, have already decided to use textbooks with both the Japanese and South Korean names for the waters, despite objections from the Japanese government.

Both Democrat and Republican members of the Virginia legislature sponsored the bills

Kyodo News



Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh (R) shakes hands with South Korean President Park Geun-hye before a meeting at Hyderabad House in New Delhi, India, on 16 Jan, 2014. —XINHUA

Top leaders urge more efforts to promote "mass line" campaign

BEIJING, 17 Jan — Top leaders of the Communist Party of China (CPC) have called for more efforts to promote a campaign to boost ties between the Party and the people.

The "mass line" campaign was launched in June 2013, with aims to boost ties between CPC officials, Party members and the people, while cleaning up four undesirable work styles — formalism, bureaucracy, hedonism and extravagance.

President Xi Jinping and six other members of the Standing Committee of the Political Bureau of the CPC Central Committee are in charge of supervising campaign implementation in designated provincial-level regions.

They have attended provincial Party leadership meetings, conducted study tours and given instructions during past months, with achievement made, particularly in cleaning up undesirable work styles.

Official figures re-

leased on Thursday showed 22,457 official cars and 519 government building projects had been canceled in the seven provinces by the end of 2013.

Meetings held by provincial Party committees or governments have been reduced by 35 percent and official documents decreased 15 percent.

Public spending on official receptions, overseas trips, and vehicle purchases and maintenance in the seven provinces has decreased by 3.373 billion yuan (556.9 million US dollars).

A total of 6,820 officials in the provinces have been punished for violating the "eight-point" anti-bureaucracy rules as of the end of 2013.

Results in streamlining administration and delegating power to lower levels have also been seen in these provinces.

A total of 1,193 items of administrative approval have been canceled or delegated to lower levels.

Xinhua

ASEAN FMs discuss priorities of ASEAN for 2014

BAGAN, 17 Jan—ASEAN foreign ministers held talks over priorities of ASEAN for 2014 during the ASEAN Foreign Ministers' Retreat today in Bagan.

During the retreat, they discussed priorities include ASEAN's efforts to speed up community building and ASEAN integration and to move forward to the realization of Master Plan for ASEAN Community.

The ASEAN ministers also discussed to develop ASEAN Vision for Post 2015 ASEAN Community as guided by ASEAN Leaders' Statement at 23rd ASEAN Summit and explored ways to strengthening ASEAN external relations.

They also stressed the importance of upholding ASEAN's Centrality in the evolving regional and architectural in addressing the issues of common interest of ASEAN.

The foreign ministers

expressed their concerns on the recent developments in the South China Sea, calling on all parties concerned to resolve their disputes through peaceful means in accordance with universally recognized principles of international law, including the UN Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS) and urged continued self-restraint in the conduct of activities.

They further reaffirmed ASEAN's Six-Point Principles on the South China Sea and the importance of the maintenance of peace and stability, maritime security, freedom of navigation in and overflight above the South China Sea.

They also called on all parties to the Declaration to undertake the full and effective implementation of the DOC in order to build an environment of mutual trust and confidence.

They emphasized



Foreign Ministers pose for documentary photo at ASEAN Foreign Ministers' Retreat.—PHOTO: AMS

the need to expeditiously work towards early conclusion of the Code of Conduct in the South China Sea (COC).

Myanmar Union Min-

ister for Foreign Affairs U Wunna Maung Lwin chaired the ASEAN Foreign Ministers' Retreat which is the first in the series of ASEAN Foreign

Ministers' meetings under Myanmar's ASEAN Chairmanship in 2014 under the theme "Moving forward in Unity to a Peaceful and Prosperous Community".

NLM

Mandalay Region Chief Minister hosts dinner to ASEAN Foreign Ministers

NAY PYI TAW, 17 Jan—Mandalay Region Chief Minister U Ye Myint and wife hosted a dinner to the foreign affairs ministers who attended ASEAN Foreign Ministers' Retreat at Thiri Pyitsayar Hotel in Bagan this evening.

The dinner was attended by Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Wunna

Maung Lwin and wife, the foreign ministers from ASEAN countries and their wives and senior officers.

The wives of ASEAN foreign ministers, accompanied by the wife of Union Minister U Wunna Maung Lwin, observed religious buildings, pagodas, cultural museum and U Ba Nyein Lacquareware Industry in the morning. The Union minister's wife hosted a luncheon to the wives of ASEAN foreign ministers at Thiri Pyitsayar Hotel in the afternoon.—MNA



Dinner hosted by Mandalay Region Chief Minister U Ye Myint in progress.—MNA

Public Announcement

YANGON, 17 Jan—Yoma Yangon International Marathon 2014 will be launched at Thuwunna National Indoor Stadium-1 in Thingangyun Township, Yangon at 5:00 a.m. on 19 January. So the following roads and junctions will be temporarily closed on those days as they will be used as marathon routes.

1. Waizayanta Road (between Myitta and Thamthuma streets)
2. Thamthuma Road (between Waizayanta Road and poultry market)
3. Upper Pazundaung Road and Lower Pazun Road (between poultry market and Yazadirit Road)
4. Yazadirit Road (between Strand Road under Maha Bandoola Bridge and Linsadaung Road)
5. New Strand Concrete Road (between Linsadaung Road and Kyimyindine Holmes Road)
6. Old Strand Road (between Holmes Road and Kyaunggyi Road)
7. Kyaunggyi Road (between Upper Kyimyindine Road and Strand Road)
8. Upper Kyimyindine Road (between Kyaunggyi Road and central junction of Hanthawady Road)
9. Bahu Road (between Hanthawady Road and corner of Ywama)

10. Bahu Road (between corner of Ywama and MPF Road)
11. MPF Road (between Bahu Road and Insein Road)
12. Insein Road (between MPF Road and Aungtheikdi Road)
13. Aungtheikdi Road (between Insein Road and Mindhamma Road)
14. Mindhamma Road (between Aungtheikdi Road and Parami Road)
15. Hline University Campus Road (between Parami Road and Pyay Road)
16. Pyay Road (between the entrance to Hline University and in front of IBC)
17. Inya Road (between Pyay Road and University Avenue Road)
18. University Avenue (between Inya Road and Kaba-Aye Pagoda Road)
19. Kaba-Aye Pagoda Road (between University Avenue and Kanbe, Thitsar Road)
20. Kanbe, Thitsar Road (between Kaba-Aye Pagoda Road and Moegaung Road)
21. Moegaung Road (from Kanbe, Thitsar Road to North Horse Race Course Road)
22. East Horse Race Course Road (between North Horse Race Course Road and Laydauntkan Road)

23. Laydauntkan Road (between East Horse Race Course Road and Waizayanta Road)
24. Old Strand Road (between Pansodan Road and Shwedagon Pagoda Road)
25. Shwedagon Pagoda Road (between the corner of Strand Road and U Htaungbo Road)
26. U Htaungbo Road (between Shwedagon Pagoda and Lake circular Road)
27. Kanpat Road (between the circular of U Htaungbo and Setyon Road)
28. Setyon Road (between Lake circular Road and 15 feet high Overpass)

Public are requested to cooperate for taking part by the participants safety.

Committee for holding 2014 Yoma Yangon International Marathon

Archer Min Tun Aung content with silver

NAY PYI TAW, 17 Jan—As Malaysia snatched gold, Myanmar was satisfied with silver in the men's individual compound archery events of the 7th ASEAN Para Games. Semi-final and final recurve archery events continue at Wunna Theikdi Archery Ground.—MNA

The New Light of Myanmar

7TH ASEAN PARA GAMES SPECIAL



7th ASEAN Para Games

MPF draws participants, attention in 7th ASEAN Para Games



Myanmar Police Force members helping athletes at Wunna Theikdi Sports Complex at 7th ASEAN Para Games.—PHOTO: ZAW MYO NAING

NAY PYI TAW, 17 Jan—The 7th ASEAN Para Games continued at the designated sporting venues, here, today.

Athletes from host country Myanmar,

Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam are

taking part in 12 kinds of sports events. A total of 339 gold, 339 silver and 359 bronze medals will be presented to the winners.

Member of Myanmar Police Force, Fire Brigade and Red Cross Society not only took security duty but also helped the

participants and sports fans in the event encouraging them to enjoy the events.

An official of Myanmar Police Force said, "Over 20,000 security forces are carrying out their duties for the convenience of all".

Zaw Myo Naing

Myanmar, Singapore advance to final of football 7-a-side competition



Myanmar player passing Thai player in football 7-a-side event.—PHOTO: SOE NYUNT

NAY PYI TAW, 17 Jan—Myanmar won over Thailand (3-0) at round robin match of football 7-a-side events of the 7th ASEAN Para Games at Wunna Theikdi Sports Complex here, today.

Myanmar, Thailand, Singapore and Malaysia take part in the football 7-a-side competition.

While Myanmar trounced Malaysia 4-3 and Thailand 3-0, Singapore beat Thailand 5-1 and Malaysia 3-2 in the round robin matches.

At final matches on 19 January, Myanmar will compete against Singapore for gold.

Thailand will play against Malaysia for third place.

MNA

Table tennis event of 7th ASEAN Para Games continues

NAY PYI TAW, 17 Jan—Table tennis event of the 7th ASEAN Para Games continued for the third day at Wunna Theikdi Sports Complex, here, today.

Altogether 110 ath-

letes from eight countries including nine from Myanmar are taking part in the event and 71 gold, 71 silver and 82 bronze medals will be awarded to the winners.

Yesterday matches,

Myanmar stood bronze.

A total of 24 gold, 24 silver and 28 bronze were awarded the winners yesterday and 13 gold, 13 silver and 32 bronze went to the winners today.

Kyemon-Phyo Zin



Athletes taking part in table tennis event for the third day.

PHOTO: PHYO ZIN

Myanmar Vs Thailand in volleyball sitting final match

NAY PYI TAW, 17 Jan—The Volleyball Sitting competition of the 7th ASEAN Para Games took place at Wunna Theikdi Sports Complex, here, today.

Thailand will play against Myanmar in the final match after beating Cambodia 3-0 in men's volleyball sitting event.

Indonesia won over

Myanmar with 3-0 in women's event. In final match, Myanmar will also compete with Indonesia as there are just two teams in women's volleyball sitting event.

The final matches will be on 19 January.

Kyemon: Phyo



Myanmar women vigorously competing in volleyball sitting against Indonesian women.—PHOTO: SOE NYUNT

PERSPECTIVES

Saturday, 18 January, 2014

Toward global citizenship

Despite all the peace efforts, violence and unrest still persist in many parts of the world. Though the last decade saw fewer hostilities, the growing threat of terrorism, extremism, and sectarian violence sounds alarming bells to the global population with tensions running high in certain places.

So, there arises a question—what is the key to secure peace? The answer is simple. Humanity. There would be no more war if only we saw each other as human beings equal and same. Except for the colors, we all are the same made of flesh and blood. But in real world, the global citizenship is just a concept which has never been embraced. We still think we are different.

Tolerance and mutual respect are vital for building peaceful societies. Every man is born equal and no one should be discriminated on the grounds of his color, race, and religion. Diversity is surely an asset and not a threat. Peace will not prevail as long as we refuse to embrace diversity. It takes all sorts to make, but not to kill, the world.

We believe that the power of diplomacy, dialogues and engagement will be able to conquer the violence and silence the guns across the world. Lasting peace cannot be achieved through the barrel of a gun; it can only be attained through understanding. The global ceasefire is a thousand miles journey, but to reach this goal, all we need to do is to accept that we belong to each other.

The close interrelationship between peace and prosperity is obvious and undeniable. The future of the world largely depends on the present situation of younger generation. How we let them grow up would shape the future of the world. Shall we let them grow up in peace or with daily trauma and pain of war atrocities? Shall we let them see bright side or dark side of the life? It is up to you.

"If we have no peace, it is because we have forgotten that we belong to each other," said Mother Teresa.

More employment in the time of new government

- According to Section 31 in Chapter (1) of the Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar that says "The Union shall, to the extent possible, assist to reduce unemployment among the people," the Ministry of Labour, Employment and Social Security is striving for implementation of the concrete employment policies aimed at enabling the working-age population among the citizens to have access to decent jobs at home and abroad.
- While initiating sweeping reform processes for translating the nation into a modern, developed and democratic one by the new government after its assumption of power, the country has seen improvements in employment service. According to statistics in Labour Exchange Offices of the Department of Labour, the number of workers has increased 1,133,234 during the three-year period from 2011 to 2013 compared to the eight-year period from 2003 to 2010 when 947,015 workers were employed. A yearly comparison report revealed that employment rate increased by 31.33 percent as the number of workers who got employed has risen to 417,678 in 2013 from 318,017 in 2011.
- Overseas employment has been on the rise, reaching

Pyidaungsu ...

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Also present at the call were Pyithu Hluttaw Committee Chairmen U Maung Maung Thein, U Thein Swe and U Hla Myint Oo and commission member Daw Aye Aye Mu and officials from the Hluttaw Office. The Korean delegation was accompanied by the Korean Ambassador to Myanmar.—MNA

Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann receives chairman of Foreign Affairs, Trade and Unification Committee of Korea's National Assembly Mr AHN Hong-Joon.—MNA



2nd Yangon Mega Expo 2014 organized



Yangon Region Chief Minister U Myint Swe visits 2nd Yangon Mega Expo 2014 at Myanmar Convention Centre in Yangon.—MNA

YANGON, 17 Jan— Exhibition Limited and Jointly organized by Dagon Distributors Association, Myanmar Publishers and the opening of 2nd Yangon

Myanma Airways to extend its wings in February

NAY PYI TAW, 17 Jan— Grand Caravan Cessna 208 B aircraft of Myanma Air-

ways with a facility of 11 passengers plies daily on its flight schedules to NyaungU, Heho, Kalay, Loikaw and Bhamo from Chanmyathazi Airport as the centre.

labour exchange offices under the Department of Labour of the Ministry of Labour, Employment and Social Security—is dealing with employment. Moreover, mobile teams are being sent to remote areas that lack labour exchange offices, local/overseas employment agencies given licences to operate their businesses, job fairs jointly-organized by the department and agencies under the supervision of the ministry and one-stop service for employment undertaken.

6. As reforms sweep over various sectors in the country, the ministry has carried out the employment of citizens at home and abroad to a certain extent and the country is predicted to create more job opportunities with the massive influx of foreign direct investments that could help establish more factories, plants and workshops.

Condition of local and overseas employments

Sr	Year	Local	Overseas	Total
1	2011	318017	18280	336297
2	2012	397539	68439	465978
3	2013	417678	66841	484519
	Total	1133234	153560	1286794

Ministry of Labour, Employment and Social Security

NATIONAL

Environmental conservation programmes discussed

NAY PYI TAW, 17 Jan—Union Minister for Environmental Conservation and Forestry U Win Tun met British Ambassador to Myanmar Mr. Andrew Patrick at his office here today.

The meeting focused on environmental conservation and preservation of biodiversity, prevention of wildlife smuggling, arrangement for climate change and global warming issues to be tackled during Myanmar's term of the ASEAN Chairmanship, priorities for environmental conservation and prospects of Britain's further assistance. They stressed utilizing natural resources without impact on environment.

They also discussed human resources development and capacity enhancement programme for more preservation of natural resources and ecosystem.—MNA

**Republic of the Union of Myanmar
Union Election Commission
Nay Pyi Taw
Announcement No. 5/ 2014
2nd Waning of Pyatho, 1375 ME
(17th January, 2014)**

Twenty-four representatives of Armed Forces substituted

According to a request made in accordance with Section 33 of Regions and States Hluttaw Election Law to substitute twenty-four representatives of the Armed Forces who are parliamentarians, the Union Election Commission scrutinized and substituted the following twenty-four Regions and States Hluttaw representatives under the Notification No.3/2011 of the commission dated 20-1-2011, the Notification No.35/2012 of the commission dated 11-7-2012, the Notification No.44/2012 of the commission dated 5-11-2012, the Notification No.48/2012 of the commission dated 15-11-2012, the Notification No.4/2013 of the commission dated 11-1-2013, the Notification No.14/2013 of the commission dated 12-6-2013, the Notification No.20/2013 of the commission dated 1-8-2013 and the Notification No. 30/2013 of the commission dated 11-10-2013.

The Regions and States Hluttaw representatives to be substituted were nominated by the Commander-in-Chief of the Defence Services in the first multi-party general election held on 7 November 2010.

Kachin State Hluttaw

- (1)BC 28714 BC 32346 Major Aung Zin Major Myo Thu Aung
- (2)BC 23978 BC 32788 Major Aung Khin Oo Major Thant Zin

Kayah State Hluttaw

- (3)BC 33095 BC 22603 Major Toe Htet Kyaw Major Nay Tun

Kayin State Hluttaw

- (4)BC 30579 BC 36217 Major Myint Win Shwe Officiating Major Tayza Aung

Taninthayi Region Hluttaw

- (5)BC 24930 BC 30668 Major Kyaw Moe Major Hla Tun

Bago Region Hluttaw

- (6)BC 33177 BC 29699 Major Tin Myo Naung

Major Myo Thura Aung

- (7)BC 28687 Major Myo Kyaw

Magway Region Hluttaw

- (8)BC 22110 BC 36502 Lt-Col Nyi Zaw Officiating Major Zaw Oo Latt

- (9)BC 31366 BC 36048

NAY PYI TAW, 17 Jan—Union Ministers U Hla Tun, U Ohn Myint and Dr Pe Thet Khin and Region Chief Minister U Tha Aye together with Sitagu Sayadaw Ashin Nanissara flew to Lahe from Leshi on 12 January. They viewed round medical treatment given by the specialists from Belgium and Sitagu Eye Specialist Team to the patients at people's hospital and gave words of encouragement to them. They inspected construction of extended school building, staff quarter and religious building, attended opening of BEHS two-storey school building on 13 January. They presented cash and kind for the regional development fund and Sky Net receivers to responsible persons.

School building, bridges for Naga self-administered zone

Union Minister U Hla Tun presents gift to a Naga national. MNA



In meeting with the chairman of Naga Self-Administered Zone Leading Body and party, Un-

ion Minister U Hla Tun highlighted cooperation of locals in implementing regional development tasks, calling for systematic use of budget and fund provided by the State. In Htanpakhwe Sub-Township and met local and presented cash assistance, solar pan-

els, clothing and exercise books to national race representatives. Afterwards, they visited BEHS. They attended openings of Yaungkon creek bridge and Kyarwun creek bridge in Lahe-Donhee road section.

MNA

Ancient Myanmar cities to be put into World Heritage List

NAY PYI TAW, 17 Jan—Experts from UNESCO's World Heritage Centre and from International Council on Monuments and Sites (ICOMOS) are examining the ancient Myanmar cities Hanlin, Vishnu and Srikestra to inscribe them on the World Heritage List, after the UNESCO's World Heritage Committee received nomination dossier. In collaboration with experts at home and

abroad, regional organization members and locals, the Ministry of Culture is making concerted efforts in carrying out research works in those cities, general maintenance, museum displays, sharing knowledge with locals and students and accommodations.

Deputy Minister for Culture Daw Sanda Khin yesterday met with locals and students from Hanlin.—MNA



Bengalis seen at the market of Kanyintan Village of Maungtaw Township.—MNA

raped. The exact number is unknown so far — figures we received vary between 10 and 60. The victims had been killed by stabbing, rather than shooting," said The Irrawaddy News Agency likewise.

"The joint forces and (Arakan) villagers figures looted many houses in the village. Women and children were brutally killed (as many men had already fled) and some were allegedly

unrest," said Police Brig-Gen Tin Ko Ko who is taking responsibility for security of Maungtaw region answered the query about the reports of the agencies.

It is found that the reports of killings caused by racial and religious conflicts by AP and The Irrawaddy news agencies seemed to instigate unrests.—MNA

AP, Irrawaddy...

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committed by Buddhist Rakhine villagers, rather than the police or army", reported AP News Agency as a follow-up news report regarding the news report about a police sergeant who had gone missing in Maungtaw

Township in Rakhine State on 13 January.

"The joint forces and (Arakan) villagers figures looted many houses in the village. Women and children were brutally killed (as many men had already fled) and some were allegedly

62nd Kayah State Day observed in Demawhso Tsp



DEMAWHSO, 17 Jan—A ceremony to mark the Kayah State Day which falls on 15 January 2014 was held at the people's sports ground in Demawhso Township, Loikaw District, Kayah State on 15 January.

Haka MEB sells revenue stamp

HAKA, 17 Jan—With the aim of easily using the revenue stamps at necessary issues, Myanma Economic Bank in addition to Township Internal Revenue Department started sales of stamp duty to the people in Haka of Chin State as of 1 January.

The bank sells eight

types of stamps ranging from K 100 to K 1000, one K 5 stamp, seven stamps ranging from K 100 to K 1000, and another nine types of stamps ranging from K 100 to K 1000.

If everybody buys the stamp more than the fixed value, the buyer may make

complaint at the respective departments, it was learnt.

"Two sale sections are better than that of one. We are convenient in buying the stamps when we draw salary from the bank," said a township level official.

KYEMON-PAN MAN (IPRD)

Construction

TadaU Bridge expanded to both sides in Kalay Tsp



KALAY, 17 Jan—TadaU Reinforced Concrete Bridge located on Bogyoke Street in

Kalay was 80 feet long and 24 feet wide. So, it was narrow for vehicles large and small

and people transportation.

As of 12 December 2013, the bridge is being expanded to both sides with 6 feet in width.

The Union fund was spent K 52 million on expansion work in 2013-14 fiscal year. At present, District Public Works is taking responsibility for construction of the bridge.

Upon completion, the vehicles running into Kalay will have easy access to the various places.

Kyemon-Ju Nine

Environmental Conservation

Environmental conservation talked

MINBU, 17 Jan—Ministry of Environmental Conservation and Forestry and Ministry of Education jointly held the talks on environmental conservation at basic education schools

in Magway and Myothit townships of Magway District, and Minbu Township of Minbu District of Magway Region from 6 to 14 January.

Staff officers of Forest

Department and writer Zarni Hein organized the educative talks to share knowledge about environmental conservation to the students.

Kyemon-Thura Tun

Entries invited for ASEAN song composing contest

NAY PYI TAW, 17 Jan—To perform entertainment at the ASEAN Summit and related meetings, entries were invited for ASEAN song composing contest.

The works must be created inline with the themes of ASEAN's vision—one

vision, one identity and one community—and ASEAN Motto of the year 2014—Moving Forward in Unity to a Peaceful and Prosperous Community. The entries must depict "warmly welcome to Myanmar" in both Myanmar and English

languages. It must comprise solo and chorus paragraphs in its 4-6 minutes. Lyric and melody of the song must be own creation of the composer. Winner will win K 2 million for honorarium, and Ministry of Culture will manage all the matters of the

The ceremony was rallied with 1500 people including Township Administrator U Tin Hlaing, township level departmental officials, social organization members, teachers and local people.

On the occasion, Township Administrator U Tin Hlaing read the Kayah State commemorative message sent by Chief Minister U Khin Maung Oo of Kayah State.

KYEMON-TOWNSHIP IPRD

MYANMAR RED CROSS SOCIETY

72nd Central Council Meeting

23-24 January, 2014
Assembly Hall

Myanmar Red Cross Society (Headquarters), Nay Pyi Taw

Midwifery course opened for second time in Katha

KATHA, 17 Jan—Jointly organized by Sagaing Region Government and Health Department, the midwifery course was opened for the second time at the hall of District People's Hospital in Katha of Sagaing Region on 14 January.

After Chairman of Township Management Committee U Zaw Min Htaik, Head of District Health Department Dr Sein Aye explained purpose of conducting the training course. Chairman of District Maternal and Child Welfare

Association Dr Htay Htay Win, on behalf of District/Township MCWAs donated cash to the fund of the training to a trainee.

A total of 10 trainees are attending the course that will last six months.

Kyemon-District IPRD

National Sports

Inter-Subject Football Tournament kicks off at Meiktila University

MEIKTILA, 17 Jan—The Meiktila University's Inter-Subject Football Tournament kicked off at Paukchaung Sports Ground in Meiktila of Mandalay Region on 11 January and it will come to a close on

20 January.

Under the leadership of Rector Dr Maung Thin, the football subcommittee of the university led by Professor Dr Htay Aung of Geology Department managed the tournament.

A total of eight men's football teams and six women's football teams are taking part in the tournament.

The men's football tournament will be held on 20 January.

Kyemon-Chantha



selected song.

The composer are to send Demo CD and song lyric not later than 14 February to the Office No. 35, ASEAN Summit and related meetings organizing sub-committee, Ministry of Culture, Nay Pyi Taw. Anybody may dial 067-408 441, 067 408 421, 09 5 172 385 and 09 49 20 94 17.

MNA

Transformer installed at Nyaungngabin Village of Tatkon Tsp

TATKON, 17 Jan—A 200 KV (400 volt) transformer, lamp-posts and power lines are being installed on a self-reliant basis in Nyaungngabin Village of Okshitgon Village-tract of Tatkon Township, Nay Pyi

Taw Council Area. The village will be illuminated in the near future, and the local people from 160 houses in the village will enjoy better economic, health, social and education status.

Tin Soe Lwin (Tatkon)

REGIONAL

Abe planning to attend Sochi Olympics opening, meet with Putin

TOKYO, 17 Jan — Prime Minister Shinzo Abe is planning to visit Russia to attend the 7 February opening ceremony of the Sochi Winter Olympics, responding to requests from Russian President Vladimir Putin as the two countries address long-standing territorial talks, government sources said on Friday.

Abe is expected to hold a summit with Putin during the visit, but the timing and location are not yet known. His plan to attend the opening of the sports event comes after decisions by other countries, including the United States and

Germany, not to send their leaders in opposition to Russia's antigay legislation.

The talks between Abe and Putin would be a further sign of an improving relationship between their countries since Abe took office in December 2012. He has shown his eagerness to address a decades-old territorial dispute that has prevented the two countries from signing a peace treaty following World War II. They directly met four times last year, including when Abe visited Moscow in April, with the agenda also including bilateral economic cooperation aimed at boosting Japanese

investment in developing Russia's Far East, where abundant oil and gas reserves have been confirmed.

Putin initially asked Abe to visit Russia for the Olympics when they met in October on the sidelines of an international conference.

As Japan annually holds a government-sponsored rally on 7 February to seek the return of the Russian-administered islands off Japan's northernmost prefecture, Abe initially decided to pass on joining the ceremony, the Japanese sources said. But he has changed his mind out of a desire to further enhance his personal

relationship with Putin in the hope of giving momentum to the territorial talks, the sources said.

Abe is considering leaving for Sochi after joining a rally to be held in Tokyo to remember the 7 February, 1855, conclusion of a Japan-Russia treaty on commerce and navigation, under which Russia accepted that the islands, called the Northern Territories in Japan and the Southern Kurils in Russia, are part of Japan.

The islands were seized by the Soviet Union in 1945 following Japan's surrender in World War II.

Kyodo News



Kaoruko Himeno, 55, speaks with reporters at a hotel in Tokyo on 16 Jan, 2014, after winning the Naoki Prize for popular literature for her story "Showa no Inu" (Dog in the Era of Showa).

KYODO NEWS

Xinhua

China unveils regulation on freezing terrorist assets

BEIJING, 17 Jan — China on Friday announced a regulation for freezing terrorist assets to cut off funds for terrorist activities as part of the country's efforts to fight terrorism.

The regulation, jointly issued by the People's Bank of China, the country's central bank, Ministry of Public Security and Ministry of State Security, comes into force with immediate effect, according to a statement on the central bank website.

Xinhua

Gov't OKs plan to seek World Heritage status for old industrial sites

TOKYO, 17 Jan — The government on Friday approved a plan to recommend old industrial facilities in eight prefectures for inclusion on UNESCO's list of World Heritage cultural sites in 2015.

The government plans to submit its recommendation to the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization by the end of this month, government officials said.

The plan to recommend the "Sites of Japan's Meiji

Industrial Revolution" was approved at a Cabinet meeting.

The sites comprise a total of 23 facilities, including the Hashima coal complex in Nagasaki, which represents Japan's industrialization from the late 19th to the early 20th centuries. Some of the facilities, such as the Nagasaki shipbuilding yard, are still partly in operation. The facilities are located in Iwate, Shizuoka, Yamaguchi, Fukuoka, Saga, Nagasaki, Kumamoto and

Kagoshima prefectures.

Members of an advisory body to UNESCO are expected to visit the facilities from the summer to autumn this year for on-site inspections, and the World Heritage Committee is expected to decide whether to list them at its meeting in 2015, the officials said. South Korea has asked Japan to reconsider seeking the listing of industrial facilities where Koreans were pressed into slave labor during World War II.—Kyodo News



Photo taken on 16 Jan, 2014 shows a view of sunrays passing through cloud at Hanumandhoka in Kathmandu, Nepal.—XINHUA

Rahul Gandhi will not run for PM, says India's Congress party

NEW DELHI, 17 Jan — India's Nehru-Gandhi scion Rahul Gandhi will not run for the post of Prime Minister as the ruling Congress party's candidate in the upcoming general elections, the party said on Thursday. "Sonia Gandhi has taken a decision that Rahul Gandhi will not be the party's prime ministerial candidate. He will, however, lead the poll campaign," the party spokesperson Janardan Dwivedi told the media.

The latest announcement came just hours after Indian Road Transport Minister Oscar Fernandes said that Rahul Gandhi was Congress party's natural choice for prime ministerial candidate. It also put to rest speculation about the Congress party planning to nominate Rahul Gandhi as the prime ministerial candidate at a meeting in the national capital Friday.—Xinhua

Cambodian, Laotian FMs to meet next week on ties

PHNOM PENH, 17 Jan — Cambodian Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Hor Namhong would meet with his Laotian counterpart Thongloun Sisoulith next week to explore possibilities to further boost bilateral ties, the Cambodian Ministry of Foreign Affairs said on Friday.

The two top diplomats would co-chair the 12th meeting of the Cambodia-Lao Joint Commission for Bilateral Cooperation, to be held from 23 to 24 Jan

in the cultural city of Siem Reap Province in northwestern Cambodia, said a press statement from the ministry.

"The Joint Commission will discuss a number of issues of bilateral cooperation including political and security, economic and cultural cooperation, and sub-regional economic cooperation," the statement said.

At the end of the talk, both sides will sign the agreed minutes of the

meeting, it said.

Cambodia shares about 504 km of border with Laos to the northeast. Trade and investment ties between the two neighbors remain low.

On tourism side, Laos is the 4th largest source of tourists to Cambodia. According to the data of the Cambodian Tourism Ministry, during the first ten months of last year, Cambodia received 339, 000 Laotian tourists, up 68 percent year-on-year.

Xinhua

13 victims of E China shoe plant fire identified

HANGZHOU, 17 Jan — Thirteen out of 16 victims in a shoe factory blaze in east China's Zhejiang Province have been identified through DNA tests by police, local government said on Friday.

The dead include nine workers from Guizhou Province, one each from Yunnan Province and

Chongqing Municipality and two from Anhui Province. The remaining three who were killed have not been identified.

The fire broke out on Tuesday afternoon at Taizhou Dadong Shoes Co., Ltd. in Wenling City. Sixteen people, including six men and 10 women, were killed, and five others in-

jured. More than 20 people were rescued.

Two owners and one manager of the shoe factory were detained on Wednesday. The cause of the fire is being investigated. The Wenling government launched a thorough work safety overhaul on Thursday to prevent similar industrial accidents.—Xinhua



A steward serves at Beijing South Railway Station in Beijing, capital of China, on 16 Jan, 2014. The 2014 Spring Festival travel rush of China started on the wee hours of Thursday. About 3.62 billion trips will be made during the 40-day Spring Festival travel rush, according to Lian Weiliang, deputy head of the National Development and Reform Commission at a Press conference.—XINHUA

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE**MV JOSEFA VOY NO (5)**

Consignees of cargo carried on MV JOSEFA VOY NO (5) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 18.1.2014 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of M.I.T.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 BRIGHT SAIL SHIPPING**

Phone No: 256916/256919/256921

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE**MV ESM CREMONA VOY NO (089)**

Consignees of cargo carried on MV ESM CREMONA VOY NO (089) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 18.1.2014 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 ORINET OVERSEAS
CONTAINER LINES**

Phone No: 256908/378316/376797

New Zealand sends more cyclone relief supplies to Tonga

WELLINGTON, 17 Jan — Murray McCully said in a statement. "We will also make a further 300,000 NZ dollars (250,459 U.S. dollars) available to New Zealand non-government organizations working with partners on the ground," said McCully.

"Following a request from the Tonga government, New Zealand will supply 300 emergency shelter kits, which can provide interim shelter to over 2,000 people, and assist the New Zealand and Tongan Red Cross with the provision of clean water on the islands of Ha'apai," Foreign Affairs Minister

Xinhua

armed conflict in Colombia, and called on the FARC, which is in peace talks with the government, to stop its attacks and end five decades of fighting in the country.

"If there are peaceful talks, both sides must try their best to prevent the conflict from continuing to cause violence against civilians,"

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE**MV BANGLARKA KOLI VOY NO (107B)**

Consignees of cargo carried on MV BANGLARKA KOLI VOY NO (107B) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 18.1.2014 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of S.P.W(1) 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 BAY LINE**

Phone No: 256916/256919/256921

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE**MV E.R TURKU VOY NO (035)**

Consignees of cargo carried on MV E.R TURKU VOY NO (035) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 18.1.2014 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 HANJIN SHIPPING LINES**

Phone No: 256908/378316/376797

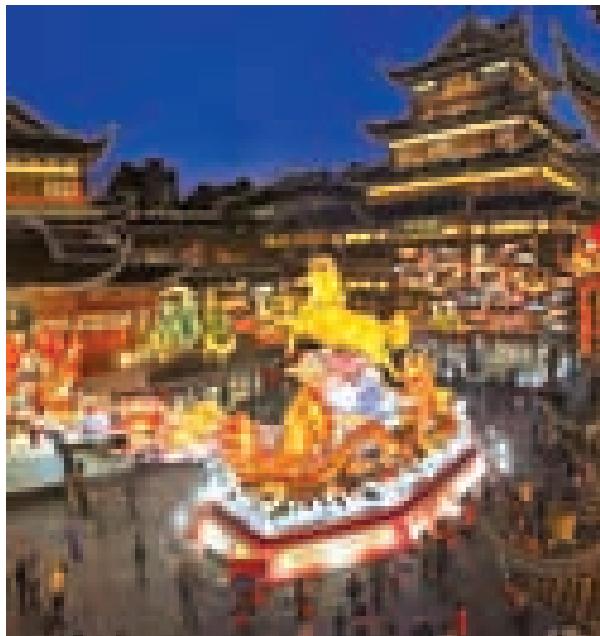


Photo taken on 16 Jan, 2014 shows the lanterns during the trial of a lantern festival in Yuyuan Garden in east China's Shanghai.—XINHUA

UN envoy condemns alleged FARC attack in Colombia

BOGOTA, 17 Jan — A UN envoy on Thursday condemned a deadly motorcycle bomb blast that Colombian authorities blamed on the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC) guerrilla group. Fabrizio Hochschild, the UN representative in Colombia, said civilians were bearing the brunt of the

said the envoy in a statement.

The blast, which killed a woman and wounded 25 others, took place early Thursday morning in front of the city hall in the town of Pradera -- Colombia's southwest department of Valle del Cauca. At that time, Colombian President Juan Manuel Santos was having a Council

of Ministers meeting in Popayan -- a city near Pradera.

Condemning the attack, Santos said via Twitter that "we consider the attack to be a vile terrorist action." "The Defence Ministry is moving to the site. What irrational and contradictory behavior on the part of the FARC!" Santos said.—Xinhua

MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT**MYANMA AIRWAYS****GROUND HANDLING EQUIPMENT****TENDER**

1. Myanma Airways would like to buy a new Main Deck Loader (15 tons) for Wide Body Aircraft. Sealed Tender must be submitted to Myanma Airways. The tender closing date and time is (1600) hrs on (21.1.2014).
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CLAIMS DAY NOTICE**MV BLPL BLESSING VOY NO (1401)**

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Emergent water supply policies unveiled as extreme drought hit central Kosovo

PRISTINA, 17 Jan — The mayor of Pristina Shpend Ahmeti approved on Thursday a restriction water policy regulation,

as the capital is mostly hit by the consequences of the drought.

Central Kosovo is facing an unusually dry winter, with two water reservoirs declining to extreme minus 13 metres.

"Because of the actual lack of water supply in the public system, the municipality is forced to undertake emergent measures, in order to provide enough drinking water for the population during the emergent period", said Ahmeti.

Among the restrictions "drinking water is not allowed for washing cars, roads, paths, for construction, gardens", reads the regulation which is in effect from Thursday until September 2014.

Ahmeti warned that based on this regulation the inspectorate will in-

crease monitoring checks in line with the emergent measures.

"Individuals could be fined with 150 euros (204 US dollars), while institutions with up to 300 if found abusing the drinking water", warned Ahmeti.

Arieta Mjeku, a spokeswoman of the "Pris-tina" regional water supply company, told local media that strict reductions must be imposed if the winter drought continues.

According to her some districts already are experiencing water supply reductions.

The beds of two lakes, Batllava and Badovc, which supply almost half a million people in and around capital Pristina have declined to a record minus 13 meters below the normal level.

Kosovo and the region are experiencing an unusually warm winter with lack of snow and rain.

Xinhua

ENTERTAINMENT

Complete list of Oscar 2014 nominees

NEW DELHI, 17 Jan — A still from American Hustle Oscar nominations were announced on January 2014, by Rush actor Chris Hemsworth. American Hustle and Gravity lead the field with 10 nominations each. The complete list of nominees:

Best Film
12 Years A Slave
American Hustle
Philomena
Gravity
Her
Captain Phillips
Nebraska
The Wolf Of Wall Street
Dallas Buyers Club
Best Director:
Alfonso Cuaron (Gravity)
David O Russell (American Hustle)
Alexander Payne (Nebraska)
Steve McQueen (12 Years A Slave)
Martin Scorsese (Wolf Of Wall Street)
Best Actor:
Chiwetel Ejiofor (12 Years A Slave)
Matthew McConaughey (Dallas Buyers Club)
Leonardo DiCaprio (The Wolf Of Wall Street)
Bruce Dern (Nebraska)
Christian Bale (American Hustle)
Best Actress:
Cate Blanchett (Blue

Jasmine) Sandra Bullock (Gravity)
Judi Dench (Philomena)
Meryl Streep (August: Osage County)
Amy Adams (American Hustle)
Best Supporting Actress:
Lupita Nyong'o (12 Years A Slave)
Jennifer Lawrence (American Hustle)
Julia Roberts (August: Osage County)
Sally Hawkins (Blue Jasmine)
June Squibb (Nebraska)
Best Supporting Actor:
Barkhad Abdi (Captain Phillips)
Jared Leto (Dallas Buyers Club)
Michael Fassbender (12 Years A Slave)
Bradley Cooper (American Hustle)
Jonah Hill (The Wolf Of Wall Street)
Best Adapted Screenplay:
Before Midnight
Captain Phillips
Philomena
12 Years A Slave
The Wolf Of Wall Street
Best Original Screenplay:
American Hustle
Blue Jasmine
Dallas Buyers Club

Her Nebraska
Best Animated Film:
The Croods
Frozen
Despicable Me 2
The Wind Rises
Ernest & Clementine

Dallas Buyers Club
Gravity
12 Years A Slave
Best Make-up And Hair:
Dallas Buyers Club
Jackass Presents: Bad Grandpa

Mandela: Long Walk To Freedom
Best Production Design:
American Hustle
Gravity
The Great Gatsby
Her

Best Documentary Short:
CaveDigger
Facing Fear
Karama Has No Walls
The Lady In Number 6: Music Saved My Life
Prison Terminal: The Last Days Of Private Jack Hall
Best Animated Short:
Feral
Get A Horse!
Mr Hublot
Possessions
Room On The Broom
Best Live Action Short:
Aquel No Era Yo
Avant Que De Tout Perdre
Helium
Pitaako Mun Kaikki Hoitaa
The Voorman Problem
Best Sound Editing:
All Is Lost
Captain Phillips
Gravity
The Hobbit: Desolation Of Smaug
Lone Survivor
Best Sound Mixing:
Captain Phillips
Gravity
The Hobbit: Desolation Of Smaug
Inside Llewyn Davis
Lone Survivor
Best Visual Effects:
Gravity
The Hobbit: Desolation Of Smaug
Iron Man 3
The Lone Ranger
Star Trek Into Darkness.—PTI



Best Cinematography:

The Grandmaster
Gravity
Inside Llewyn Davis
Nebraska
Prisoners
Best Costume Design:
American Hustle
The Grandmaster
The Great Gatsby
The Invisible Woman
12 Years A Slave
Best Film Editing:
American Hustle
Captain Phillips

The Lone Ranger
Best Original Score:

The Book Thief
Gravity
Her
Philomena
Saving Mr Banks
Best Original Song:
Alone Yet Not Alone
from Alone Yet Not Alone
Happy from Despicable Me 2
Let It Go from Frozen
The Moon Song from
Her
Ordinary Love from

12 Years A Slave
Best Foreign Language Film:

The Broken Circle Breakdown
The Great Beauty
The Hunt
The Missing Picture
Omar
Best Documentary Feature:
The Act Of Killing
Cutie And The Boxer
Dirty Wars
The Square
20 Feet From Stardom



Arjun and Alia entered together in the pre-Filmfare Awards party.

Arjun Kapoor: I'm single and happy

MUMBAI, 17 Jan — Arjun Kapoor, who has been linked to his 2 States co-star Alia Bhatt, says he is single and happy.

"I am very happy being single right now. I should concentrate on my career right now. Let me reach a good position in my career and gain clarity in life, only then would I be able to keep a stable relationship," the 28-year old actor said on 15 January at the pre-Filmfare Awards party.

"I am young enough to figure things out as time

progresses. So I haven't planned anything yet nor do I have any girl in my life," he added.

Arjun is currently promoting Yash Raj Films' production Gunday, in which he stars alongside Ranveer Singh and Priyanka Chopra.

While Gunday, directed by Ali Abbas Zafar hits theatres 14 February, 2 States, the onscreen adaptation of Chetan Bhagat's 2 States: The Story of My Marriage is slated to hit the screens on 18 April.—PTI

Beyonce writes essay on gender inequality

LOS ANGELES, 17 Jan — Beyonce Knowles-Carter has taken up the issue of gender inequality by writing an essay on it.

The 32-year old singer wrote the essay titled 'Gender Equality is a Myth' for 'The Shriver Report', a media initiative led by Maria Shriver that seeks women empowerment in US.

"We need to stop buying into the myth about gender equality. It isn't a reality yet. Today, women make up half of the US workforce, but the average

working woman earns only 77 per cent of what the average working man makes.

"But unless women and men both say this is unacceptable, things will not change," Beyonce wrote.

Beyonce has also urged for working together to provide 100 per cent equal opportunities to women.

"Women are more than 50 per cent of the population and more than 50 per cent of voters. We must demand that we all receive



Beyoncé

Elli Avram not doing item song in Oh Teri, clarifies director



Elli made her Bollywood debut with the movie Mickey Virus.
PTI

MUMBAI, 17 Jan — Filmmaker Atul Agnihotri has rubbished reports that Elli Avram will do an item song in his production venture Oh Teri, saying he has roped in a new girl for the song.

"These are just rumours. Elli is not doing any item number in Oh Teri. I have already roped in

a new girl for the song, but at the moment I can't reveal her name. I shall make an announcement soon but it is not Elli for sure," Atul Agnihotri said.

Featuring Anupam Kher, Vijay Raaj, Manoj Pahwa, Mandira Bedi, Sarah Jane Dias and Bilal Amrohi, Oh Teri, a political satire, is directed by Umesh

Bhisht.

It was also reported that Salman Khan and Katrina Kaif will do a song for Oh Teri. Asked if Salman will also be part of the item number, Atul said, "There is altogether a different song planned for Salman. This is an item number, which will not have Salman in it."—PTI

Double for Messi but Neymar injured in Barca win

BARCELONA, 17 Jan — Quicksilver Lionel Messi scored twice as Barcelona beat Getafe 2-0 and qualified 6-0 on aggregate for the King's Cup quarter-finals but they lost Neymar to injury midway through the first half.

Messi and Neymar were returning to the starting lineup but the Brazil forward lasted less than 25 minutes as he twisted his ankle turning awkwardly by the touchline and was taken away on a stretcher.

However, after the match Barca coach Gerardo Martino told reporters: "The injury to Neymar isn't as serious as it seemed and he'll be back playing soon."

It was Argentina captain Messi's first start since he injured his hamstring last November and the diminutive forward looked sharp in front of goal.

After slotting home his first in the run-up to half-time, Messie struck again after the break following a trademark mazy run when



Barcelona's Lionel Messi (C) is surrounded by Getafe's players before scoring his second goal during their Spanish King's Cup soccer match at Colisseum Alfonso Perez stadium in Getafe on 16 Jan, 2014.—REUTERS

he hurdled several challenges and a dive by goalkeeper Jordi Codina before tucking the ball into the net.

Midfielder Xavi came on as a second-half substitute for a landmark 700th appearance for Barcelona.

Real Sociedad also progressed with a 1-0 win at Villarreal, having drawn 0-0 in the first leg of their last 16 tie.

"We had the right intensity and pressured well. We didn't give Getafe many chances to get into

the game and then when Messi scored it appeared as though the tie was over," Martino told a news conference.

"Leo showed that he was ready to play 90 minutes. That was the plan for Neymar, (Cristian) Tello and other players to have a full match. Messi was accumulating minutes in previous games and at some point we would decide that he should start.

Barca rested several players, including Sergio

Busquets and Jordi Alba who were left behind in Catalonia.

Messi has been brought back slowly to allow him to build up his hamstring and he started in attack alongside Neymar and Tello.

The Argentine fired narrowly wide in the opening minutes having been found by Neymar, and then Tello blazed past the post moments later.

At the other end, Juan Rodriguez, given a rare chance in Getafe's lineup, volleyed straight at Barca keeper Victor Valdes from six metres.

Alexis was brought on for the injured Neymar and, as Barca stepped up the pressure, Messi gave them the lead when he side-footed a Tello cross into the corner of the net.

He added another midway through the second half with a fine run that left several Getafe defenders, and Codina, in his wake before calmly finding the back of the net.—Reuters

Moyes is the right man for United, says Van Persie

LONDON, 17 Jan — Manchester United striker Robin van Persie believes manager David Moyes must be given time to sort out the club's problems after a difficult start to the season.

United are seventh in the table with little chance of retaining their Premier League title and went out of the FA Cup at their first hurdle after an erratic beginning under Moyes, who replaced Alex Ferguson in the close season.

"Moyes needs time, he's new," Netherlands international Van Persie was quoted as saying on the



Arsenal's Mathieu Flamini challenges Manchester United's Robin van Persie (L) during their English Premier League soccer match at Old Trafford in Manchester, northern England, on 10 Nov, 2013.

REUTERS

romped to a 20th domestic title by 11 points.

That success was the final act in Ferguson's trophy-laden reign before the gauntlet was passed to fellow Scot Moyes, who did

not win any silverware in 11 years in charge of Everton. "We lost too many points this year, but we are doing everything we can to change that," Van Persie added.—Reuters

Li Na rallies to beat Safarova in third round of Australian Open



Li Na of China serves to Lucie Safarova of the Czech Republic during their women's singles match at the Australian Open 2014 tennis tournament in Melbourne on 17 Jan, 2014.—REUTERS

MELBOURNE, 17 Jan — Two-time finalist Li Na saved a match point before clawing back to record a three-set victory over Czech Lucie Safarova in the third round of the Australian Open here on Friday.

The Chinese fourth seed, a finalist in 2011 and last year, won 1-6, 7-6 (7-2), 6-3 in two and a half hours to set up a clash with Russian 22nd seed Ekaterina Makarova for a place in the quarter-finals.

Li served inconsistently and failed to take advantage of key break-point chances for much of the first two sets.

But she dominated the tiebreaker, then broke the 24th-seeded Safarova in the eighth game of the deciding set before serving out.

"In the beginning she played very nice, very good and it was tough to find any rhythm," Li said of her opponent.

"I'm happy I was able to fight and win the match. I just tried to play at the baseline and move the ball around the court."

Xinhua

Australian Open men's singles round 3 results

MELBOURNE, 17 Jan — Results from the Australian Open Men's Singles Round 3 matches on Friday

19-Kevin Anderson (South Africa) beat Edouard Roger-Vasselin (France) 3-6, 4-6, 6-3, 7-6(5), 7-5.

7-Tomas Berdych (Czech Republic) beat Damir Dzumhur (Bosnia and Herzegovina) 6-4, 6-2, 6-2.

3-David Ferrer (Spain) beat 29-Jeremy Chardy (France) 6-2, 7-6(5), 6-2.

Florian Mayer (Germany) beat 20-Jerzy Janowicz (Poland) 7-5, 6-2, 6-2.

8-Stanislas Wawrinka (Switzerland) beat 28-Vasek Pospisil (Canada) WO.

Tennis-Australian Open women's singles round 3 results

MELBOURNE, 17 Jan — Results from the Australian Open Women's Singles Round 3 matches on Friday

Casey Dellacqua (Australia) beat Zheng Jie (China) 6-2, 6-4.

4-Li Na (China) beat 26-Lucie Safarova (Czech Republic) 1-6, 7-6(2), 6-3.

30-Eugenie Bouchard (Canada) beat Lauren Davis (US) 6-2, 6-2.

22-Ekaterina Makarova (Russia) beat Monica Niculescu (Romania) 6-4, 6-4.

1-Serena Williams (US) beat 31-Daniela Hantuchova (Slovakia) 6-3, 6-3.

28-Flavia Pennetta (Italy) beat Mona Barthel (Germany) 6-1, 7-5.

9-Angelique Kerber (Germany) beat Alison Riske (US) 6-3, 6-4.—Reuters

Ferrer wears down Chardy to reach fourth round

MELBOURNE, 17 Jan — Third seed David Ferrer wore down Frenchman Jeremy Chardy in blistering heat to reach the fourth round at a 15th consecutive grand slam with a 6-2 7-6 (7-5) 6-2 victory at the Australian Open on Friday.

Even the super-fit Spaniard, whose brick-wall playing style should suit the conditions, was troubled by the hot weather as he prowled the baseline for 132 minutes in temperatures higher than 42 degrees Celsius (108 Fahrenheit) on Rod Laver Arena. "I won in three sets, so it's good," said the 31-year-old, a semi-finalist at Melbourne Park for two of the last three years.

"I know today maybe was the last day with this heat, with these conditions, and it's good for your body, because is very difficult to play with these conditions.

"Maybe it was my best match this week." Ferrer was not able to entirely keep his cool for the whole match and took his frustrations out on his racket after losing his only service game of the match to give Chardy a 5-3 lead in the second set.

After recovering to stave off two set points and move 2-0 ahead following a tiebreaker, Ferrer rattled through the third set in con-



David Ferrer

vincing fashion.

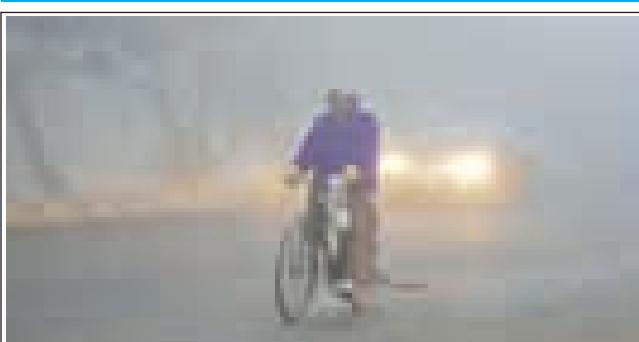
"I was angry in this moment, and I was a little bit nervous," he said of the racket-smashing. "The key was sure in the second set. In the important moments I got lucky and not him, no? It was a miracle I won the second set." Ranked third in the world after Andy Murray missed the back end of last season, Ferrer is probably the least fancied third seed at Melbourne Park since Nikolay Davydenko in 2007 and a 66-1 outsider with the bookmakers.

Ferrer's relatively easy draw, though, means he could easily go deep into the second week at Melbourne Park despite his next opponent Florian Mayer defeating the Spaniard at last year's Shanghai Masters. One thing for certain is that if and when he loses, Ferrer will not go down without a fight.

"I am a fitness player I need to run every point," he said. "I am a fighter, no? I try to fight every point."

Reuters

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A man rides a bicycle in a heavy fog in eastern Pakistan's Lahore on 16 Jan, 2014. Lahore and its surrounding areas were completely blanketed by thick fog, minimizing visibility and disturbing flight, train and bus schedules.

XINHUA

China to implement standardized training for medical graduates in 2015

BEIJING, 17 Jan — China will set up standardized training in 2015 for medical graduates before they become resident doctors, according to the National Health and Family Planning Commission on Friday.

According to a guideline issued by seven departments, including the commission, health organs at all levels should stipulate concrete policies and set up guarantee systems to pave the way for

standardized training nationwide. Wang Chen, vice head of the science and education division of the commission, said that, drawing from world experience, a graduate must receive strict training before he or she becomes a clinical doctor.

However, China does not currently have a national standard for training, and training to become resident doctors depends on the hospitals where they are

employed, leading to differential medical levels across regions, Wang said.

Wang explained that graduates of the same medical class may develop different professional levels just because they enter different hospitals after their graduation. Standardized training will provide professional skills equally, which is conducive to balancing medical treatment in different regions, said Wang.—Xinhua

Zheng Jie fails to reach the fourth round at Australian Open



Zheng Jie of China hits a return during the women's singles third round match against Casey Dellacqua of Australia at 2014 Australian Open tennis tournament in Melbourne, Australia, 17 Jan, 2014. Zheng Jie lost 0-2.

XINHUA

But the Chinese took a five-minute medical timeout to be treated for heat stress after the seventh game.

Though she dropped her serve immediately after the resumption, 28-year-old Dellacqua broke straight back and then served the match out.

"I think she adapted better to the hot weather," said Zheng. "And I played my worst match of the tournament today."

Xinhua

UN urges international efforts to tackle successive crisis in Mali

UNITED NATIONS, 17 Jan — The top UN official in Mali on Thursday called for active international efforts to tackle the successive crisis in the West African country and build a durable basis for peace and reconciliation.

Bert Koenders, the Special Representative of the Secretary-General, made the call while briefing the Security Council on the work of the UN Mission in Mali (MINUSMA).

Noting the country was able to move forward despite challenges, he said "free and transparent" presidential and legislative elections, which took place over the summer, prompted

a "full return to constitutionality" in the country.

Koenders said President Ibrahim Boubacar Keita sorted out such priorities as national reconciliation, the fight against impunity and corruption, reform of the security sector and the reinforcement of institutional capacity and development, including the northern regions, to stabilize and economically revitalize the country.

The special envoy urged the government to quickly implement the goals, with support from the international community, which stands ready to assist.

As the head of the MI-

NUSMA, Koenders said the mission will continue to carry out human rights protection activities, including combating sexual violence.

Mali held a successful presidential vote in August to end a crisis unleashed by a military coup in March 2012.

Al-Qaeda's branch in North Africa AQIM and other rebels had swept through northern Mali after the coup before being routed by French and African troops in January 2013.

The West African country has restored control of its northern part, but is grappling with a situation where rebels are capable of sporadic attacks.

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| 6:45 am | 4. Documentary |
| 7:00 am | 5. News/Weather Report |
| 7:20 am | 6. Business News |
| 7:45 am | 7. Hyper Sports |
| 8:00 am | 8. News/ International
News |
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| 7:00 pm | 25. News |
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| 8:35 pm | 29. Business News |
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Serena into fourth round after easy win over Hantuchova

MELBOURNE, 17 Jan — Serena Williams powered past Daniela Hantuchova 6-3 6-3 at the Australian Open on Friday to advance to the fourth round.

The world number one had lost their only other encounter at Melbourne Park, in the third round in 2006

when the Slovakian beat her in straight sets, but she made no mistake this time around.

Williams looked as if she was conserving energy and doing just enough to get through the match as the temperature touched 38 Celsius (100 Fahrenheit), and relied on her booming serve and blistering forehand to get her out of trouble on crucial points against the 31st seed.—Reuters

Serena Williams of the US eyes the ball during her women's singles match against Daniela Hantuchova of Slovakia at the Australian Open 2014 tennis tournament in Melbourne on 17 Jan, 2014.—REUTERS



Vice-President U Nyan Tun enjoys sport events of 7th ASEAN Para Games



Vice-President U Nyan Tun presents souvenir to winners in table tennis event of the 7th ASEAN Para Games.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 17 Jan—Vice-President U Nyan Tun together with Union Ministers U Thein Nyunt and U Tint Hsan and President of Myanmar Paralympics Federation

Maj-Gen Nay Lin enjoyed events of 7th ASEAN Para Games here this morning. They observed heats for women's (200-m) T52 and men's (200-m) T37, semi final match of

boccia event (individual), women's volleyball sitting match between Myanmar-Indonesia and table tennis event.

The Vice-President awarded Indonesian and

Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker receives ROK guests

NAY PYI TAW, 17 Jan—Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and Pyithu Hluttaw Thura U Shwe Mann received Chairman of the Foreign Affairs, Trade and Uni-

fication Committee of the Republic of Korea's National Assembly Mr AHN, Hong-Joon and party at the Hluttaw Complex here this afternoon.

They discussed

strengthening of bilateral ties and amity between the two countries and further cementing cooperation and friendship between the two parliaments.

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Queen's granddaughter Zara Phillips gives birth to a girl



LONDON, 17 Jan—The Queen's granddaughter, Zara Phillips, gave birth to a girl on Friday who becomes 16th in line to the British throne, Buckingham Palace said.

It is Phillips' first child with her rugby-player husband Mike Tindall and the Queen's fourth great grandchild.

The pair are known in Britain for their sporting

success with Phillips, 32, the 15th in line to the throne, winning an equestrian silver medal at the London Olympic Games in 2012 and Tindall, 35, the former captain of the England rugby union team.

Phillips is the only daughter and second child of Princess Anne, Queen Elizabeth's only daughter. Anne married Olympic equestrian Mark Phillips in 1973 but they divorced in 1992. She is now married to retired naval officer Timothy Laurence.

Phillips and Tindall met in Australia during England's Rugby World Cup campaign in 2003 and married in 2011 in Edinburgh.—Reuters

Pyidaungsu Hluttaw approves Myanmar Special Economic Zone Bill, Bill amending Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Law

NAY PYI TAW, 17 Jan—The fourth day session of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw continued today.

Pyidaungsu Hluttaw approved the message sent by the President on the signing of border cooperation agreement between Myanmar and India. Daw Khin Hmwe Lwin of Minkin Constituency showed her support for the President's message, saying that the objectives of the agreement are high priorities for ensuring border security, cooperation between the two armed forces, mutual respect, exchange of information and border patrol and combating terrorism, narcotics smuggling and human trafficking.

U Win Htun of Meiktila Constituency also advocated the signing of the agreement, expressing his belief that border crossing problems could be resolved through bilateral coopera-

tion and calling for the border demarcation as soon as possible.

Today's session discussed the Myanmar Special Economic Zone Bill that was sent back to the Parliament with the President's comments and approved it. Two Defence Services Personnel Representatives took part in the discussions on the bill.

Likewise, a Pyithu Hluttaw Representative and two Defence Services Personnel Representatives held discussions on the Bill amending the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Law with the President's comments. The Pyidaungsu Hluttaw decided to approve the Bill.

Moreover, the appointment of Dr Daw Thida Oo, B.A (Law), LL.B, LL.M, Ph.D (Retired Head/Professor) as a member of the Constitutional Tribunal of the Union was approved at the today's session.—MNA

Myanmar-Malaysia Joint Commission Establishment Agreement signed

NAY PYI TAW, 17 Jan—Signing ceremony for the Agreement between the Government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and the Government of Malaysia on the Establishment of the Joint Commission for Economic, Scientific and Technical Cooperation was held at Banquet Hall, Au-

reum Palace Hotel, Bagan, on 17th January 2014.

The Agreement was signed by U Wunna Maung Lwin, Union Minister for Foreign Affairs, and Dato's Sri Anifah Aman, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Malaysia.

Under this Agreement, Myanmar and Malaysia will

establish Myanmar-Malaysia Joint Commission to facilitate consultation and cooperation in the areas of economic, scientific and technical between the two countries to expand and enhance bilateral relations and cooperation on a lasting and long term basis.

MNA



Union Minister U Wunna Maung Lwin and Minister for Foreign Affairs of Malaysia Dato's Sri Anifah Aman sign the Agreement.—MNA

AP, Irrawaddy falsely reports violence occurred in Rakhine State

NAY PYI TAW, 17 Jan—"Rohingya women and children had been hacked to death in Maungtaw Region; but the numbers varied

widely. Some sources put the toll as low as five or 10, but a Maungtaw resident said it is widely believed 40 died. That some of vic-

tims appeared to have been stabbed with knives, not shot or beaten would clearly indicate the massacre was

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