

## President delivers speech at coordination meeting on holding 25<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Summit

NAY PYI TAW, 29 Oct — President U Thein Sein delivered speech Wednesday at the coordination meeting on preparation of the 25<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Summit which will be held in mid-November at Myanmar International Convention Center-1 in Nay Pyi Taw.

The central committee on the establishment of ASEAN Community and responsible for taking over the tasks of rotating chairmanship of the bloc held it's the mid-term meeting in 2014, discussing preparedness to host the summit.

In his opening speech at the meeting, U Thein Sein said that Myanmar has become a member of ASEAN in 1997, and this year is the first time taking the role of chairmanship and the country has successfully organized the 24<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Summit and related meetings, as well as the 47<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Foreign Ministers' Meeting



*President U Thein Sein views round preparations for hosting 25<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Summit and related meetings at Myanmar International Convention Centre.—MNA*

and ministerial level meetings in recent months.

The upcoming 25<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Summit, its relat-

ed meetings and the East Asia Summit would be the last events for Myanmar as a chairmanship of the bloc.

Dr Sai Mauk Kham also explained the completions 17 sub-committees to prepare for the

summit. Union ministers for the foreign affairs, the national planning and economic development and

the culture presented the preparedness of respective ministries.

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## Three new ferries donated by Japan arrive for Dala-Yangon ferry service

**By Aye Min Soe**

YANGON, 29 Oct — Three new ferries that will

replace the current two ferries between Dala and Yangon across the Yangon River have arrived at Thilawa Port Terminal.

The three ferries, Cherry 1, 2 and 3, will be offloaded from the vessel Paula beginning Thursday. Each ferry cost

around US\$4 million and has a seating capacity of more than 1,000 passengers. They are expected (See page 2)

## Outcome of ASEAN Financial Inclusion Conference to benefit “unbanked” Myanmar people

**By Ye Myint**

YANGON, 29 Oct — Through outcomes produced at ASEAN Financial Inclusion Conference, Myanmar will be able to explore appropriate ways and means of making access to financial services possible for people without access to banks in the country, Union Minister for Finance U Win Shein told local media at the conference in Yangon on Wednesday.

As this year's ASEAN Chair, Myanmar hosted the ASEAN Financial Inclusion Conference for enhancing access to finance for people in the ASEAN region. Key stakeholders in the region, including policy makers, academics, practitioners and officials from UN agencies and regional and global financial institutions, were brought together to the two-day regional conference for sharing of countries' experience and initiatives to ensure finan-

cial inclusion for low-income people in the region, particularly in the CLMV countries Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar and Vietnam.

“This conference was the outcome of the 18<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Finance Ministers Meeting 2014,” said the Union minister, adding it is aimed at seeking ways and means for extending financial services to the people with no access to banking services, through exchange of views, thoughts, experience and best practices that will be taking place at the conference.

In his welcoming remarks, the minister briefly highlighted the importance of financial inclusion, which is closely associated with poverty reduction in that most of 70 percent of the world's poor living in rural areas are excluded from financial systems. He pointed out 59 percent of the world's 2.5 billion adults with no access to (See page 9)



*The three new ferries which will be unloaded off Paula Vessel as from Thursday will be ready to operate ferry services before they are officially handed over to the Myanmar government on 15 November. —PHOTO: AYE MIN SOE*



## Representative discuss additional budget at Pyidaungsu Hluttaw

NAY PYI TAW, 29 Oct — Representatives discussed the additional budget for 2014-15 fiscal year at the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Session on Wednesday.

Member of Projects and Financial Develop-

ment Cooperation Committee proposed to reduce the budgets for Ministry of Agriculture, Ministry of Electric Power and the Nay Pyi Taw Council while Representative U Aung Lin Hlaing, on behalf of the Public Account com-

mittee of the Pyithu Hluttaw, to lower the budgets for Union Auditor-General Office and the Nay Pyi Taw Council.

Representative Daw Sanda Min pointed out that budget for construction of the stage for pres-

idential audience is not in accordance with the budget but she said she was not against it if it is necessary.

Pyithu Hluttaw Education Promotion Committee Chairman Dr Chan Nyein proposed raising budget for the Ministry of

Religious Affairs to support teachers at monastic education schools while Representative Dr Nay Lin and Representative Daw Tin New Oo discussed the budget for the Ministry of Health and spending for e-government respectively. Some representatives asked for more spending

for construction of regional roads and power lines in rural areas and representative Daw Nang Wah Nu proposed spending military operations on the peace process.

The additional budget bill will be approved by the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw on 10 November.—MNA

### Pyidaungsu Hluttaw

### Pyithu Hluttaw

## Pyithu Hluttaw raises questions on Lido road and castor oil plantations, discusses electoral system

NAY PYI TAW, 29 Oct — Pyithu Hluttaw representatives on Wednesday raised questions on upgrading Lido Road or Stilwell Road and castor oil plantations before discussing the appropriate electoral system for the country.

Concerning the question on Lido Road, Deputy Minister for Construction U Soe Tint said that the Northern Royal Jade Company has proposed upgrading the road into a 4-lane

asphalt road and the company will be permitted to do so if the proposal is in accord with the BOT system.

As for the castor oil plantations, Deputy Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Ohn Than said a pilot project in Thazi is being implemented to use castor oil for production of diesel in accordance with Kyoto Protocol to reduce carbon dioxide emission.

Then, representatives discussed the appropriate

electoral system for Myanmar.

Representatives Daw Khin Thanda and Dr Aung Moe Nyo supported the current FPTP system while Representative Lt-Col Kyaw Myint proposes surveying the wish of the public before changing the electoral system.

Representative Daw Than Ngwe proposed holding a national referendum and changing the electoral system.

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### Amyotha Hluttaw

## Amyotha Hluttaw convene its 25<sup>th</sup> day session

NAY PYI TAW, 29 Oct — The Amyotha Hluttaw (Upper House) continued for the 25<sup>th</sup> day session on Wednesday.

Deputy Minister for Energy U Aung Htoo said that No 1 Oil Refinery (Thanlyin) will be renovated upon completion of mutual cooperation tasks with foreign companies to build a new oil refinery so as to distribute ROM 92 advanced fuel for domestic consumption. Moreover, feasibility studies are being conducted for environment

and socioeconomic status of the people to be able to build an oil refinery that can distribute fuel RON 92 to central and upper Myanmar.

Deputy Minister for Finance Dr Lin Aung said that the E-Pension Card system was introduced at 298 branches out of 317 under the Central Bank in some districts and towns in 2012-2013 fiscal year, and this system has been extended to additional 16 local banks in 2014-2015 fiscal year.

Amyotha Hluttaw speaker announced approval of Pyithu Hluttaw (Lower House) without amendment on the bill of annulment of the Rural Economic Development Fund Act 1960.

Deputy Minister Major-General Tin Aung Chit discussed the suggestion of U Bo Rei, representative of Kayah State constituency, about the need of regional development programmes for the ethnic people in conflict areas as soon as internal peace has been made in the country.—MNA

## Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and Pyithu Hluttaw receives President of Exim Bank of China

NAY PYI TAW, 29 Oct — Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and Pyithu Hluttaw (Lower House) Thura U Shwe Mann held a talk with President of Exim Bank Mr Li Ruogu and party of the People's Republic of China at Zabuthiri Hall of the Hluttaw Complex in Nay Pyi Taw Council on Wednesday.

The talk was also attended by chairman of the Pyithu Hluttaw committees and commission and officials of the Hluttaw Office.—MNA

**Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann receives President of Exim Bank Mr Li Ruogu of China.**

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## Border development task contribute to forging national unity

NAY PYI TAW, 29 Oct — Border development task can uplift living standard of national races and contribute to forging national unity, Union Minister for Border Affairs Lt-Gen Thet Naing Win said at the coordination meeting on undertakings of border development in 2014-15 fiscal year and plans for regional development in 2015-16 fiscal year at the ministry on Tuesday.

The union minister stressed the need to implement the border region development tasks meeting

set standards and effectively spend the fund on development tasks yearly.

Plans for the necessary tasks are to be earmarked in respective regions in 2015-16 fiscal year, he added.

The union minister reviewed their reports on plans for 2015-16 fiscal years

The Ministry of Border Affairs is building infrastructures for socioeconomic development of the national races and development of human resources.

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## Three new ferries donated . . .

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to launch service before mid-November.

The three ships will be officially handed over to Inland Water Transport by Japanese officials on 15 November, said U Win Pe, managing director of Inland Water Transport under

the Ministry of Transport.

Before the ceremony to hand over the new ships to the IWT, all the new ferries will be ready to run, according to the IWT.

"The main reason we are replacing with new ships is for safety. All crew members who will work

on the new ferries have received training in Japan when the three ships were constructed there," U Win Pe said.

The current fee of K100 per person will not be increased.

Each of the two old ferries between Dala Jetty on Dala Bank and Pansodan Jetty on Yangon Bank

run 46 times per day taking about 20 minutes for a trip between the two destinations and carrying about 15,000 passengers a day in total, mostly from areas in the Ayeyawady Delta and southern parts of Yangon.

All three new double-deckers will run between the two jetties during the rush hour, but only two

will operate at other times, according to the managing director of the Inland Water Transport.

Two bridges for arrival and departure with pontoons have already constructed on the Dala Bank with the assistance of the Japanese government.

"The new three ships are faster than the exist-

ing old ferries, with better facilities and safety measures. Passengers will see more convenience and there will no need to wait at jetties to cross the Yangon River," U Win Pe said.

IWT plans to use the old ferries between two suitable destinations across the Yangon River in the future, he added.—GNLM



## President U Thein Sein and wife Daw Khin Khin Win offer Kathina robes and provisions

NAY PYI TAW, 29 Oct—President U Thein Sein and wife Daw Khin Khin Win offered meals, fruits, flower and water to the Buddha images at Sasana Beikman in the precinct of Nay Pyi Taw Uppatasanti Pagoda where the Kathina robe offering ceremony was held on Wednesday.

The president and wife donated offertories to Chairman of State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee Bhamo monastery Sayadaw Abhidhaja Maha Ratha Guru Abhidhaja Agga Maha Saddhammajotika Dr Bhaddanta Kumarabhivamsa and Kathina robes and alms to presiding abbot of NanU Monastery in Zabuthiri Township Bhaddanta Ujjota.

Vice Presidents and party offered alms to members of the Sangha.

After the ceremony, the president and party do-

nated meals to members of the Sangha.

Also present on the occasion were Vice President Dr Sai Mauk Kham and wife Daw Nan Shwe Hmon, Vice President U Nyan Tun and wife Daw Khin Aye Myint, Chief Justice of the Union U Tun Tun Oo, Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, Chairman of the Constitutional Tribunal of the Union U Mya Thein, Chairman of the Union Election Commission U Tin Aye, Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Soe Win, union ministers, the chief of the general staff (Army, Navy and Air), the commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command, deputy ministers and members of Nay Pyi Taw Council.

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President U Thein Sein and wife Daw Khin Khin Win offer Kathina robe to a member of the Sangha.—MNA

## Myanmar, China to cooperate in economic development tasks



President U Thein Sein cordially greets Mr Li Ruogu, President of Exim Bank of China.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 29 Oct—President U Thein Sein received Mr Li Ruogu, President of Exim Bank of China and party at the Presidential Palace in Nay Pyi Taw on Wednesday.

They discussed coop-

eration in further promotion of economy between Myanmar and China and participation in economic development tasks of Myanmar.

Also present were Union Ministers U Wun-

na Maung Lwin, U Kyaw Hsan, U Khin Maung Soe, U Zeyar Aung, U Win Myint and Dr Kan Zaw, Governor of the Central Bank of Myanmar U Kyaw Kyaw Maung and officials.—MNA

## Yongnam CAPE- JGC consortium wins Hanthawaddy International Airport contract

YANGON, 29 Oct — A consortium of Yongnam and Changi Airport Planners and Engineering (CAPE) from Singapore, and Japan's JGC Corporation won the tender for the contract to build Hanthawaddy International Airport in Bago Region, the Department of Civil Aviation announced Wednesday.

Hanthawaddy Airport will be constructed on more than 9,000 acres of land where the Japanese army built an airport during World War II. The \$1.4 billion project is targeting completion within three to four years for commissioning into service in 2019, according to the DCA.

The consortium would seek up to \$706 million, 49 per cent of the estimated project cost, from Japan's ODA funding and acquire up to \$518 million from private sector initiative funding, while spending \$222 million from its own equity, said Director-General of the Department of Civil Aviation U Win Swe Tun to the press in Yangon on Wednesday.

The Hanthawaddy International Airport pro-

ject is the largest of three airport projects being undertaken to accommodate the growing numbers of foreigner travelers to Myanmar.

The number of tourist arrivals has also increased year by year, reaching 0.79 million in 2010, 1.06 million in 2012 and 2.04 million in 2013.

The Ministry of Hotels and Tourism is targeting 3 million visitors this year.

Located in the Bago region about 48 miles north east of Yangon, the international airport is projected

to handle up to 12 million passengers a year.

It takes about 90 minutes for passengers by car from Bago to Yangon.

Negotiation with a consortium led by Incheon International Airport Corporation of South Korea won the original contract last year, but talks broke down in January 2014 after disagreements between the DCA and the Incheon group over certain aspects of the South Korean proposals, prompting the government to reopen the tender in February.—GNLM



A conceptual design of the Hanthawaddy International Airport submitted by Yongnam CAPE-JGC Consortium.  
PHOTO: SUPPLIED BY DCA



## Rural health branch commissioned into service in Thaton Tsp



THATON, 29 Oct — A ceremony to commission branch building into service was held at the building in Theinseik Ward of Thuwunnawaty in Thaton Township of Mon State on 28 October.

On the occasion, Mon State Minister for Social Affairs Dr Hla Oo urged the local people to maintain the health branch building for its durability.

Managing Director U Aye Lwin of Shwe Nadi Phu Pwint Khin Construction Company handed over documents related to the building to an official of the Health Department.

The rural health branch was built in 2012-13 fiscal year, with the fund K60 million of the Ministry of Health.

It is the 29<sup>th</sup> facility of its kind in Thaton Township, according to the Township Health Department.—*Thet Oo (Thaton)*

## Farmers in Thaton difficult to hire farming workers for harvesting paddy

THATON, 29 Oct — Now is time to harvest monsoon paddy in Mon State.

In Thaton Township of Mon State, local farmers face shortage of farming workers as most of the farmers competitively hire the workers to harvest their paddy fields.

“We cost K4000 per workers for daily harvesting works last year. This year, we are difficult to hire the workers even we pay K5000 per worker or six baskets of paddy per acre. Some farmers hire the combine harvesters on their farmlands,” farmer



Ko Myint Than of Thaunggyikwin area said. The one-third of paddy plantations is early-monsoon

paddy strains in the villages. Although heavy rains hit the region this year, it did not harm the production rate of early-monsoon paddy strains.

—*Thet Oo (Thaton)*

## Combined team sends samples of goods to lab of FDA

MANDALAY, 29 Oct—Mandalay City Development Committee, Mandalay Region Commercial and Consumer Affairs Department, Food and Drug Administration branch, Health Department and market board of trustees have made a surprise check

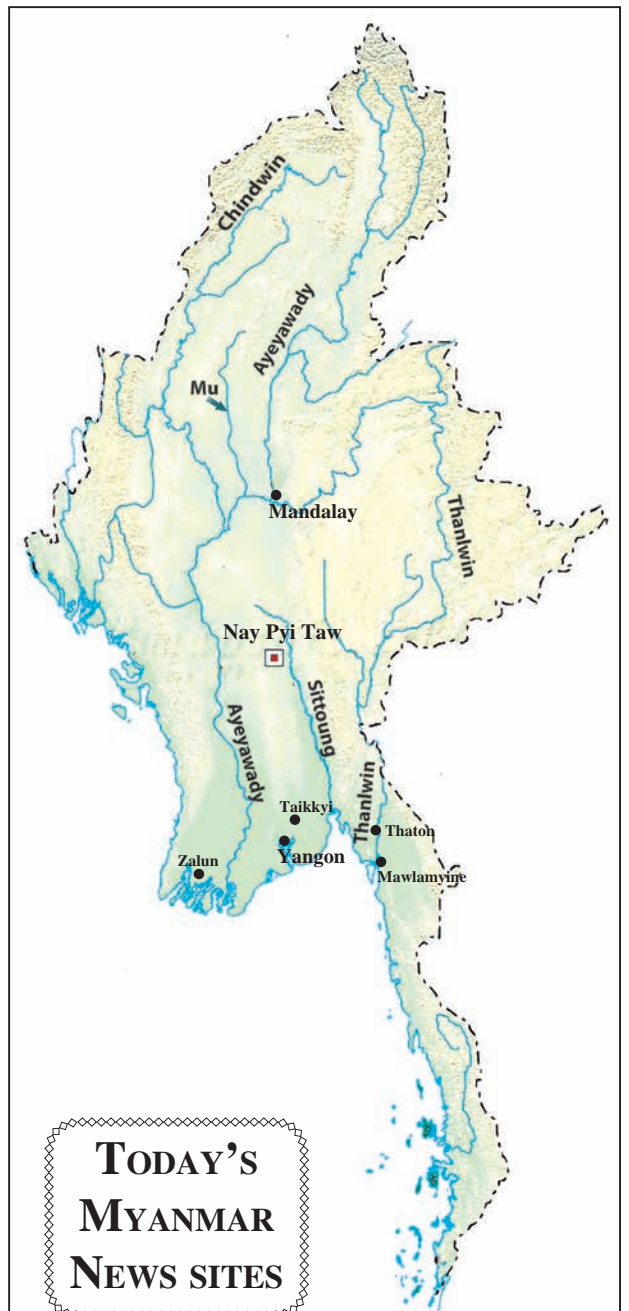


at the rows of shack shops, tea and pickled tea shops and chilli shops at Zaygyo Market in Mandalay.

They sent samples of 34 foods and foodstuff to the lab of the FDA for checking food security in the market.

As of 10 October, the combined team announced that the action will be taken against those who sell the inappropriate foods and foodstuffs again. Moreover, officials of the combined team carried out consumer educative works.

—*Thiha Ko Ko (Mandalay)*



## Buddhist culture course conducted for basic education students

MANDALAY, 29 Oct—The Buddhist culture course was opened at Pyinnya Yadana Hall of No 16 Basic Education High School in Chanayethazan Township of Mandalay on Tuesday morning.

About 2,000 students from seventh, eighth, ninth standards and matriculation attended the ceremony where Secretary of My-

anmar Buddhist Cultural Propagation Central Committee Chairman of Dhamma Yaungchi Dhammadana Foundation Saya U Hla Myo explained the disciplines of the course. Abbot Bhaddanta Vijayalankara of Dhammayanthi Monastery of Mandalay gave lectures on the Buddhist culture to the trainees.

—*Tin Maung (Mandalay)*





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## Buddhist culture instructor course

MANDALAY, 29 Oct — The Myanmar Buddhist Culture Propagation Central Committee and the course committee jointly conducted the opening of Buddhist culture instructor course at the hall of No 16 Basic Education High School on Monday.

Deputy Director (Admin/Finance) U Soe Myint Aung of Mandalay Region Education Department

made a speech and Chairman of Dhamma Yaungchi Dhammadana Foundation Saya U Hla Myo explained purpose of conducting the course and its disciplines.

A total of 220 teachers from basic education schools in five townships in Mandalay District attended the course on 26 and 27 October.

*Tin Maung (Mandalay)*



## Departmental officials carry out public welfare on their field trips

ZALUN, 29 Oct — Chairperson of Hinthada District Maternal and Child Welfare Supervisory Committee Daw Maw Maw Than and party and Chairperson of Township MCWA Daw Aye Aye Soe and party gave talks on nature of girls, prevention of human smuggling and trafficking in Maryland Village of Zalun Township in Ayeyawady Region on 26 October.

Moreover, Township Judge Daw Hlaing Hlaing Wai gave lectures on prevention of violence against women and Head of Township Health Department Dr Zaw Win Than disseminated health knowledge to the attendees.

After that, the township level departmental officials donated 100 books and publications to Lin Yaung Chi Library, ovaltine and medicines to pregnant women and medical treatment to the aged.

*Ngwe Than (IPRD)*

## Myayi Nanda low-cost housings completed for first phase



MANDALAY, 29 Oct — Under the arrangement of Mandalay Region Government, Mandalay City Development Committee has implemented the first phase of Myayi Nanda low-cost housings project in Chanmyathazi Township of Mandalay.

On 28 October, Union Ministers U Soe Thane, Dr Kan Zaw and U Win Shein and Region Chief Minister U Ye Myint inspected the low-cost housings.

At the briefing hall, the secretary of MCDC explained facts about the project, arrangements of power and water supply and transport for people of the housings, and plan to accept the applications for the housings.

Chief Minister U Ye Myint and Mandalay Mayor U Aung Moun reported on preparations for building the parks, sports grounds, schools, market, dispensary and administrative office in line with the town characteristics.

The Union ministers visited the construction project of the housings. A total of 27 eight-apartment four-storey buildings were constructed on 7.67 acres of land in Myayi Nanda Ward and 30 four-apartment four-storey buildings on 5.40 acres of farmlands in Aungthaya Ward. The construction started in September 2013.—*Thiha Ko Ko (Mandalay)*

## Fund presented to construction of library

NAY PYI TAW, 29 Oct — A ceremony to present the cash assistance for construction of a library in Lewun Village was held at the hall of Ottarathiri Township General Administration Department of Nay Pyi Taw Council Area on Tuesday.

Staff Officer Daw Swe Swe Moe of Ottara District Information and Public Relations Department presented K 1 million to Chairman of the vil-



lage-tract supportive committee U Win Thein.

The library will contribute to widening the

scope of the students and local people in general knowledge of the world.

*Shwe Ye Yint*

## Yangon Region Fisheries Department contributes to uplift of living standards of local fishermen

TAIKKYI, 29 Oct — Yangon Region Fisheries Department Head U Kyaw Min and staff and local fishermen released over 5,000 six-inch fish into the cage for doing research in Tawkhayan Lake of Taikkyi Township in Yangon Region on 26 October.

Of them, over 1,000 fish were released again into the cage at Tawkhayan Lake and 8,000 fish into the cage in Inchaung Creek.

The township fisheries department is not doing research on fish species for preservation of fishes.

With the aim of in-

creasing fish production and income of fishermen, the Head of Region Fisheries Department presented bamboo eel traps to local fishermen of Lauklaychaung village and Yin-taikkwin village.

*Tun Hlaing (Myaing)*

## Mon State Chief Minister oversees regional development tasks

MAWLAMYINE, 29 Oct — Mon State Chief Minister U Ohn Myint on 26 October met the principal and faculty members at University of Computer Studies (Thaton) and gave instructions on cultivation of vegetables, supply of water and keeping the campus clean.

He inspected progress

of the staff quarter at Thaton People's Hospital and instructed officials to construct the building meeting set standard.

At the briefing hall of Wahpa Dam, he called for arranging the supply of water to 500 acres of summer paddy plantations and local consumption.

The chief minister also discussed systematic land allotment for the highway bus terminal.

He viewed paddy seed production farm of Shwe Oo Wai Company in Thaton and construction site of Ahauk Creek Bridge in Paung Township.

*Mon State IPRD*





# Cambodia celebrates 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of King's coronation



Balloons are released during the celebration for the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Cambodian King Norodom Sihamoni's coronation in Phnom Penh on 29 Oct, 2014. Cambodia on Wednesday celebrated the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of King Norodom Sihamoni's coronation, urging people to continue uniting for national peace and development.—XINHUA

PHNOM PENH, 29 Oct — Cambodia on Wednesday marked the 10th anniversary of King Norodom Sihamoni's coronation, urging people to continue united for national peace and development.

In a rare public appearance, Sihamoni stressed the importance of national solidarity and unification, which are the basic foundation for peace and development. "On this occasion, I'd like to appeal to the people in all walks of life to unite together solidly as one under the roof of the constitution and state laws in order to contribute to protecting and constructing our beloved motherland in all fields," he said to about 20,000 people in a ceremony,

which was held in front of the Royal Palace and was televised live.

The event was attended by Prime Minister Hun Sen, parliament chief Heng Samrin, opposition leader and lawmaker Sam Rainsy and other senior officials and foreign diplomats.

Meanwhile, the king commended Hun Sen for leading Cambodia to peace, political stability, solidarity and national unification.

Sihamoni, 61, ascended the throne as the King of Cambodia on 29 Oct, 2004 after his father late King Norodom Sihanouk abdicated due to health problems.

On the occasion, Prime Minister Hun Sen and opposition leader Sam Rainsy

highly spoke of the king's role in social development and national unification. "His Majesty the King has donated assets to build a lot of social achievements," Hun Sen said in a blessing message to the king. "These humanitarian activities have contributed to rehabilitating and developing the nation rapidly." "The king is the symbol of national unification, he always encourages all parties to show respect for each other and to seek solutions to conflicts peacefully for the sake of the nation," Sam Rainsy, president of the opposition Cambodia National Rescue Party, told reporters after attending the ceremony.

Xinhua

## India uncovers suspected plot to assassinate Bangladeshi PM

NEW DELHI, 29 Oct — India's top counter-terrorism agency has uncovered a suspected plot by a banned militant group to assassinate the prime minister of Bangladesh and carry out a coup, three senior Indian security officials told *Reuters* on Tuesday. India will hand over a dossier to Bangladesh with details of the plan by members of the Jamaat-ul-Mujahideen, which has carried out scores of attacks in India's eastern neighbour, the government and police officials said.

Bangladesh did not comment directly on the assertions that Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina had been the target of a plot, but said it had tightened security on the border with India.

Mainly-Muslim Bangladesh has suffered three major army coups and two dozen smaller rebellions since gaining independence from Pakistan in 1971 in a war that killed and displaced millions.

The alleged conspiracy was discovered after two members of the group were killed in an explosion while building homemade bombs at a house in West Bengal in eastern India earlier this month. Indian police say the militants were Bangladeshis and were using India as a safe haven to plan the attacks.

"The strategy was to hit the political leaders of the country and demolish the democratic infrastructure of Bangladesh," said a senior Indian Home (interior) Ministry official, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

"This was all being planned on Indian soil and we could have been blamed if there was an attack."

Indian National Security Adviser Ajit Doval on Monday

visited the house where the blasts took place and met West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee to discuss the situation.

The revelations come against a backdrop of political friction earlier this year between Indian nationalist Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Banerjee.

On one campaign stop in West Bengal before his general election victory in May, Modi said illegal immigrants from Bangladesh should get their "bags packed" if he came to power.

Analysts said the speech sought to mobilize Modi's Hindu support base against Banerjee, who leads a regional party in West Bengal that is backed by many of the Muslims who make up a quarter of the state's 90 million population. Asaduzzaman Khan, Bangladesh's junior home minister, said Dhaka had been tipped off about a possible militant plot.

"We have received this information unofficially from India about a terror threat to top politicians in Dhaka. This is the first time there has been such information," said Khan.

"We are always serious about curbing the activities of the militants. After the news from India our (security) efforts have been raised manifold." West Bengal Home Secretary Basudeb Banerjee declined to comment.

Modi reached out to leaders of neighbouring countries as soon as he was elected, inviting them to his inauguration as prime minister, and he sent his foreign minister to Dhaka to establish friendly relations. However, border disputes and water sharing remain unresolved issues between the two countries.—*Reuters*

## Thai court throws out defamation case against British rights activist

BANGKOK, 29 Oct — A Thai court on Wednesday dismissed on a technicality a defamation case brought against a British human rights activist by a Thai fruit company.

The case is the first of a series of criminal and civil lawsuits filed against rights activist Andy Hall, 34, by Natural Fruit Co Ltd.

The firm, a pineapple wholesaler that supplies to the European Union, accused Hall of libel over a report published in 2013 that he helped author for Finnwatch, a Finland-based watchdog group.

The report "Cheap Has a High Price" pointed to alleged ill-treatment of migrant workers at a factory owned by the firm, including low pay and the confiscation of workers' passports. Natural Fruit has denied the accusations.

Natural Fruit is Thailand's biggest producer of canned pineapples and is owned by Virat Piyapornpaiboon.

Hall's trial concerned defamation charges brought by Natural Fruit against him for an interview he gave to Qatar-based Al-Jazeera television, while he was in Myanmar, based on the report.

"Hall gave the interview outside of the Kingdom of Thailand therefore the investigation into the case had to include a team of police and officials from the attorney-general's office," a judge said in passing the verdict.

"However, there was only one police officer at the time of his interrogation therefore we deem the investigation to be incomplete."



British rights activist Andy Hall speaks to the media as he arrives for his trial at the Phra Khanong Provincial Court in Bangkok on 2 Sept, 2014.—REUTERS

The verdict comes as civil society groups voice increasing concern over the treatment of migrant workers in Thailand and a rise in the number of criminal defamation cases brought by the military against rights workers and journalists.

The military, which ousted an elected government and took power in May, has no connection to the cases against Hall.

Speaking before the trial, Hall said he was hopeful the case would be dismissed.

"Based on the witness lineup that we had I felt the evidence we presented was very strong and showed that I never had intent to defame," Hall told *Reuters*.

"We are very confident."

Sonja Vartiala, executive director of Finnwatch, said in an emailed statement: "We are relieved and glad that justice has prevailed in this case."

A lawyer for Natural Fruit said that the firm would appeal.

"We accept the court verdict today," Natural Fruit lawyer Somsak Torugsa told reporters. "But we will appeal and this will need to be done within 30 days."

A second, \$10 million civil defamation case brought by Natural Fruit against Hall will begin on Thursday.

Thailand is Southeast Asia's third-biggest importer of migrant labour after Singapore and Malaysia.

Workers from neighbouring Cambodia, Laos and Myanmar often do jobs that most Thais are unwilling to do such as farm hands, fishermen, construction workers and domestic helpers.

Determining the number of migrant workers in Thailand is difficult as there is no official data but most rights groups estimate there are between 2 and 3 million of them, most undocumented, which leaves them vulnerable to abuse.—*Reuters*



## WORLD

# For 23<sup>rd</sup> time, UN nations urge end to US embargo on Cuba

UNITED NATIONS, 29 Oct — The UN General Assembly on Tuesday voted overwhelmingly for the 23<sup>rd</sup> time to condemn the decades-long US economic embargo against Cuba, with many nations praising the island state for its response in fighting the deadly Ebola virus that is ravaging West Africa.

In the 193-nation assembly, 188 countries voted for the nonbinding resolution, titled “Necessity of Ending the Economic, Commercial and Financial Embargo imposed by the United States of America against Cuba.”

As in previous years, the only countries that voted against the declaration were the United States and an ally, Israel. The Pacific island nations Palau, Mar-

shall Islands and Micronesia abstained. The voting result was identical to last year’s.

In a speech on the UN podium, Cuban Foreign Minister Bruno Rodriguez appealed to the United States to change course on an embargo he said has caused great harm to the people of Cuba and caused cumulative economic damage amounting to more than \$1 trillion.

“We invite the government of the United States to establish mutually respectful relations,” Rodriguez said. “We can try to find a solution to our differences through respectful dialogue. “We can live and deal with each other in a civilized way despite our differences,” he said. “Cuba will never relinquish



Cuba's Foreign Minister Bruno Rodriguez Parrilla

our sovereignty.”

US envoy Ronald Godard dismissed the resolution, saying Havana uses the yearly General Assembly vote as an “attempt to shift blame” for economic problems that are its own creation.

Evoking former US President Ronald Reagan’s famous “tear down this

wall” speech at the Berlin Wall in 1987, Godard criticized the Cuban government’s restrictions on the Internet, saying “tear down the digital wall of censorship”.

While the General Assembly’s vote is nonbinding and symbolic, it serves to highlight US isolation regarding Havana. It is one

of very few issues where all of Washington’s Western allies part ways with the United States.

A number of countries lauded Havana for sending more doctors than any other country to West Africa to combat the biggest outbreak of Ebola since the disease was identified in 1976.

Among those praising Cuba’s contribution in the battle against Ebola were Iran, on behalf of the 120-nation bloc of non-aligned countries, and Bolivia, on behalf the Group of 77 plus China, a group of developing nations. Mexico, India and others echoed that praise.

Adoption of the resolution has become an annual ritual. When it first passed in 1992, it re-

ceived 59 yes votes and three votes against. But there were 71 countries that abstained and 46 that did not participate in the vote. The gradual shift to a near-unanimous vote in favour is a clear sign of the widespread disapproval of the US embargo on Cuba.

Washington broke diplomatic ties and imposed a comprehensive trade embargo on the Communist-run Caribbean island more than half a century ago during the Cold War. Its policy today appears to be influenced by domestic politics in Florida, where Cuban exiles have opposed any conciliation with former President Fidel Castro or current President Raul Castro, who took over for his brother in 2008.

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## In blow to PM Cameron, lawmakers criticize UK’s immigration ‘mess’



Britain's Prime Minister David Cameron

LONDON, 29 Oct — Britain’s border and immigration system is a “mess”, lawmakers said on Wednesday in a report which will increase pressure on Prime Minister David Cameron’s government to take a tougher line on migrants ahead of next year’s national election.

Opinion polls show immigration is a major concern for voters and it has fueled the rise of the UK Independence Party, which may scupper Cameron’s chances of staying in power after the May election by splitting the right-wing vote. UKIP backs more immigration curbs and Britain’s exit from the European Union.

In a damning report, parliament’s Public Accounts Committee said the government could not track people through the system

or check whether those refused the right to stay in Britain had actually left the country.

The government has also failed to tackle a long-standing backlog of tens of thousands of asylum applications and the number of new cases awaiting a decision is increasing, it said.

“The pressure is on and the Home Office (interior ministry) must take urgent steps to sort out this immigration mess,” said opposition Labour party lawmaker Margaret Hodge, chair of the committee.

At the end of the 2013-14 financial year there were more than 175,000 people whose applications to stay in Britain had been rejected, the report said.

“It is deeply worrying that the Home Office is not tracking those people ...

to ensure that they are removed from the UK,” said Hodge. “The department should, as a matter of urgency, take more steps to identify people who remain in the UK illegally and speed up their removal.”

The political debate in Britain around immigration has become increasingly heated as Cameron and other party leaders have hardened their stances on the issue in response to the rise in popularity of UKIP.

Defence Secretary Michael Fallon spoke on Sunday of some British towns being “swamped” by migrants. On Monday he apologized for his use of emotive language but said the thrust of his remarks about immigration was correct.

The new report said outsourcing group Capita had been hired in 2012 to check the records of more than 250,000 people who should have been removed from Britain and by the end of last year it was unable to trace more than 50,000 of them. The committee, made up of lawmakers from Labour, Cameron’s Conservatives and their junior coalition partner the Liberal Democrats, said it was “disturbing” that the government did not know where these people were.

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## Vucic, Hague discuss economic situation in Serbia and region

LONDON, 29 Oct — Serbian Prime Minister Aleksandar Vucic met in London with House of Commons Leader William Hague to discuss the political and economic situation in Serbia and the region and economic reforms carried out by the Serbian government.

“I want to use the economy as a nexus for regional connections,” said Vucic.

Hague welcomed Serbia’s fiscal consolidation

measures, stressing that the economy was of fundamental importance.

He pointed out that Britain had a lot of experience when it came to economic measures, stressing that it could be a great help to Serbia.

Since 2010, the United Kingdom has reduced the number of public sector employees by 400,000, which has led to an increase in the number of employees in the private sector over the next four

years by 2.1 million. This has led to the lowest unemployment rate in the last decade, Hague said.

The discussion also touched on regional cooperation and the need for joint projects to ensure progress for the Western Balkan countries.

Vucic is on a visit to London, during which he will also meet with British Foreign Minister Philip Hammond and London Mayor Boris Johnson.

The Serbian Prime Minister will also take part participate in an economic summit.

Vucic held a lecture at the London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE) last night, where he said that the Western Balkans would no longer be defined by politics, but rather by economics.—Tanjung



## Teenager arrested for alleged attempt to blow up HK police station

HONG KONG, 29 Oct — A teenager carrying a box of explosives and a lighter was arrested by police officers late on Tuesday in Hong Kong after visiting a police station and telling officers on duty that he would detonate it, local media group RTHK said.

The officers sub-

dued the boy, 15, at the Aberdeen police station on Hong Kong Island and found sticks of white powder inside the box he had, assistant commander Fung Ka-ying said. Bomb squad experts identified the powder as high explosive TATP, or triacetone triperoxide, and

detonated it safely.

“No one was injured in the case,” Fung said. “The arrested person said he learned from books on how to make a bomb. The motive is under investigation.”

The report said the boy was jobless and has a history of mental illness.

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## PERSPECTIVES

Thursday, 30 October, 2014

## A brain drain is like rain

By Aung Khin

**A** brain drain is like rain.

As a Myanmar saying goes, rain falls more heavily on areas with an abundance of water resources. Drought areas have few water resources, and average rainfall is also very low there. However, regions with many water resources have seen regular precipitation, sometimes, floods.

This phenomenon would be a perfect example to compare with the situation of brain drains

from many developing countries across the world. Skilled workers from these countries might be attracted by better rates of pay and working conditions in developed countries. As a result, the developing countries face a shortage of skilled labour, and it becomes harder to break the cycle of losing effective workers.

The brain drain problem has many consequences, including less tax revenue and loss of potential entrepreneurs for the development of country. Developed countries can attract intelligent, well-educated individuals with better pay or conditions.

And for many reasons, a country with low economic growth will unavoidably suffer the increasing rate of brain drain. In some cases, Asian parents send their children to more developed countries for education. Due to the efforts and intrinsic nature of determined efforts, these children and adults are gaining success in education

or works of their destination countries.

It is almost sure they would not come back their own countries, though they love their homelands, after comparing incomes and living conditions between the two economies. If the original countries could not improve education or working conditions, then these economies will encounter an unstoppable loss of human resources. Although developing countries could not get back their precious work forces, a systematic plan must be adopted for “conservation of the precious generation”.

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## Letter to the Editor

Dear Sir

I totally agree to the facts (U) Khin Maung Myint presented in his letter to the Editor which appeared in your Daily on 28 October, 2014. Even though I haven't contributed an article of substance and style, I have been a regular reader from the time of The Working People's Daily since this is the only paper published in English locally. Frankly speaking, I deliberately omitted local news. And easily switched to international news – political, social and sports—usually sent by the Reuters or AFP. I sincerely believe that I learn something from reading a news report: authenticity of a language and a reliable source of information.

I am happy to express my feelings that more and more freelance writers have contributed valuable articles; at the same time foreign correspondents should be welcome to send their reports or at least valuable articles from international newspapers should be reproduced in the paper as they are printed in the Straits Times of Singapore and the Bangkok Post of Thailand to upgrade its image or at least to the satisfaction of learned readers like (U) Khin Maung Myint. Managing an English newspaper is never easy in a country like Myanmar because of scarcity of efficient writers in English; it requires a good command of the language and an enormous amount of background knowledge both international and local. After all, mastering English is a never-ending process because it is not only a living language but also an official language of international organizations—UN, IMF, ADB, WORLD BANK, ASEAN, etc;

even a vast accumulation of a wide range of knowledge cannot meet the urgent needs of daily needs.

I am going to highlight some mistakes which irritated most of your readers; some belong to the public and the others to authorities concerned. You made a headline on the page by dubbing the former British Prime Minister as Tony Blare (Blair). A few more examples such as “merit gained”, “give knowledge”, “A wild cat claps when the forest is on fire.” (A wild cat will surely run away ---); a foreigner didn't get the meaning even if the sentence is grammatically correct but Myanmar readers can easily get the sense. They cannot send a clear message to foreigner readers, actually. More examples are given to your delights; Myanma Five Star Line (Five-Star), Forever Group (forever is an adv), 88 Generation Group (‘88 Generation Group), Peace and Open Society (Peace-making and Open Society), Global World Insurance (redundant) Successive Employment Agency (Successive— a-coming one after the other without a break), Oversea calls available (oversea is not a word), robbed off five tickles (ticals) and finally Tiger Woods is on trial (trail). The above examples obviously show that they require a combination of a language skill and a wide range of general knowledge to get them corrected. They of course are of sub-standard English and cannot send a clear message to readers. Yet I still stick to subscribing the Global NLM because a copy of International New York Times on sale in Innwa Bookstore cost me K.4000, an equivalent of two-month subscribing fees to your semi-state-owned daily.

The author, Arakan Sein Hla Maung (Arakan Sein) is one of the compilers of the Student's Eng-Eng/Myanmar dictionary published by then Ministry of Trade in 1993. He is a private teacher-cum-translator.

## Do we really comply with words of wisdom and practice to achieve the essence?

By Tommy Pauk

**H**uman beings have highly been civilized for thousands of years. They have been passing through numerous socio-economic events and revolutions in order to gain betterment for humanity in the history. Throughout the history, up till Information Technology Age, man has learnt a great deal of sayings of philosophers as well as wise and prominent people. They also learn religious teachings from their respective religions in which they believe. These wise, noble, ideal, realistic sayings, proverbs, maxims and teachings do have their own invaluable essence for humans to comply and practice properly. These sayings and teachings have not been taught or said for humans to barely appreciate them. To be able to achieve essence we must practice and comply with what we have been taught by religious teachings or what we have learnt from these invaluable sayings.

We human beings desire a series of cravings and never ever satisfy with their lives. We humans are obliged to comply and practice to achieve essence of both secular conduct and spiritual values because we humans are the most intelligent and superior animal on earth. At the moment, man is conquering the world and his tremendous discovery of sciences and new technologies are making progress in humanity. Therefore, man is capable of complying and practicing to achieve essence of the words of wisdom as well as religious teachings.

Through learning and practice, we can find not only the absolute truth but also enlightenment in these teachings, proverbs and sayings. If we really comply

and practice, we will attain a great achievement in human life. Moreover, we can manipulate our life safely and successfully, if we comply and practice the knowledge from proverbs, sayings and religious teachings. Otherwise, it is of no use to learn and appreciate the striking words. Consequently, we cannot enjoy peace of mind in our lives.

Good moral behavior and principles are to be practiced and bad moral behaviors are to be avoided. e.g., bad moral behaviors or unethical behaviors such as committing homicide, stealing, scamming, cheating, malpractice, bribery and corruptions are to be avoided all the time. We should control our mind for not letting us commit these sins in life and comply with the noble religious teachings as well as ethical conduct firmly.

Besides, we must not associate with those who are bad guys or hypocrites so that we can possess and enjoy clean and peaceful human life. Some unscrupulous persons do not care and comply with the noble guidelines. They ignore the values of it because they are overwhelmed by sinful deeds. Actually, those who do not comply and practice cannot achieve essence of human life. Their misconduct and guilty conscience always threaten them and they cannot enjoy real happiness and peace in their life. Everyone on earth demands peace, but few people enjoy peace due to their compliance and practice to the sayings, proverbs, maxims and religious teachings. No one can coerce you to do good things, but you must be mindful to choose good things for your life. The practices must be in conformity with the principles, norms and teachings laid down by virtuous persons or ideal persons. Actually, they are sorts of

training and exercises for us to become genuine human beings. The sayings or words of philosophers, writers, poets, learned persons, religious leaders, sage and some national leaders are very helpful guidelines for all mankind. We respect and regard their goodwill and fraternity towards all mankind. They said and wrote proverbs, maxims and ethical codes of conduct in order to create the peaceful, pleasant and harmonious human societies. Since they are philanthropic, kind, prominent, famous, honest, humane and well-versed, we can have chances to learn good and bad things from their knowledge and wisdom indeed. Furthermore, the essence of such invaluable thoughts, sayings and teachings can be applied and utilized for the benefit and interests of humanity. Each and every race has its own proverbs, words of wisdom, religious teachings which enlighten them to prosper within their society with peace, joy and dignity. If each and everyone complies and practices to achieve essence, they will certainly reach the peaceful paradise. The traditional proverbs can be found in the respective clans, tribes, ethnic groups, national races. They are derived from their own culture, custom and lifestyles. The people concerned have to heed and practice the proverbs in line with the model guiding words or teachings.

The following proverbs and maxims are helpful for us to acquire knowledge, guidelines and reasoning power. (For secular conduct)

1. ‘A fool and his money are soon parted’.
2. ‘A man of words not of deeds is like a garden full of weeds.’
3. ‘A stitch in time saves nine.’
4. ‘A word is enough for a wise man’.

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## NATIONAL

## Outcome of ASEAN Financial...



**Union Minister U Win Shein is seen surrounded by local media during a coffee break at ASEAN Financial Inclusion Conference at Sedona Hotel in Yangon on Wednesday.—PHOTO: YE MYINT**

(from page 1)  
formal financial systems are from East and Southeast Asia and some 200 million SMEs in emerging markets also lack access to finance.

"It is partly correct to say making access to finance easier for poor people serves as part of poverty reduction, but appropriate use of the credit is imperative and, for example, it is required to facilitate farmers to invest in their farms," he replied to a question on how to make financial services easier for the poor.

"If not so, they will get into debt," he warned.

Financial inclusion alone will not be "a silver bullet" and will not be "a

magical medicine" for poverty reduction, but it is an important ingredient for the future growth of this country, said Thomas Foerch, head of project at Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ), who is one of the paper presenters at the conference.

During the two-day conference, two key papers focusing on the critical role of financial inclusion in sustaining equitable economic development in ASEAN and women's economic empowerment in the role of finance will be presented. Presentation of 13 papers by specialists will also take place.

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## Do we really comply with words...

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5. 'All is not gold that glitters.'
6. 'Beauty is but skin deep.'
7. 'Barking dog seldom bite.'
8. 'Blood is thicker than water.'
9. 'Bread is the stuff of life.'
10. 'Business is business'.
11. 'Call no man happy until he dies.' (Because anything may happen in life)
12. 'Careless shepherds make many a feast for the wolf.'
13. 'Charity begins at home'
14. 'Confession is good for the soul'.
15. 'Censure and scandal are not the same'.
16. 'Dexterity comes by experience.'
17. 'Destiny leads the willing, but drags the unwilling'.
18. 'Eat to live; don't live to eat'.
19. 'Every man is the architect of his own fortune'.
20. 'Faint heart never won fair lady'.
21. 'Fortune knocks once at every man's door'.
22. 'Good masters make good servants'.
23. 'History repeats itself'.
24. 'Hypocrisy is the homage that vice pays to virtue'.
25. 'If at first you don't succeed, try, try, try again!'
26. 'Jeerers must be content to taste of their own broth'.
27. 'Knotty timber requires sharp wedges'.
28. 'Knowledge is a treasure, but practice is the key to it'.
29. 'Knowledge is power.'
30. 'Lazy people take most pains'.etc,

We must find the essence of the sayings by ourselves for our lives to be smooth and comfortable in secular societies.

The Buddha had taught the practice to lay- people or layman as well as to Buddhist monks to attain both secular success and spiritual merit.

## Myanmar-ERIA-Harvard Symposium kicks off

NAY PYI TAW, 29 Oct — The Myanmar-ERIA-Harvard Symposium: Maximizing AEC benefit towards a Peaceful and Prosperous Community took place at Thingaha Hotel in Nay Pyi Taw on Wednesday morning, with addresses by Union Minister for National Planning and Economic Development Dr Kan Zaw, ERIA CEO Professor Hidetoshi Nishimura and ASEAN Secretary-General Le Luong Minh.

Dr Than Tun of Myanmar Development Resource Institute-MDRI presided over the symposium. Senior policy coordinator Mr Yoshifumi Fukunaga of ERIA discussed suggestions on fourth stage of AEC assessment, economist Dr Jayant Menon of Asia Development Bank, achievements of AEC and challenges and managing director Dr Titik Anas of Presisi Indonesia Research, experience of Indonesia in preparation for AEC.

Moreover, Deputy Director-General Dato' Abdul Latif of Malaysia Productivity Commission focused on experiences on uplift of SME industries in Malaysia, Prof George Abonyi, adviser to the Ministry of National Planning and Economic Development, more participation of SMEs in AEC, and Professor Shandre Tangavalu of Adelaide University of Australia, regional policy on innovation and technical transfer for SMEs.

Senior Researcher Dr Ponciano S. Intal of ERIA explained post-2015 ASEAN situation, Ms Yumiko Murakami of Japan's OECD, emergence of ASEAN with sustainable development, senior economic officer Daw Than Than Lin of Myanmar, actual situation of Myanmar and Prof Thomas Valley of Harvard University and U Bo Bo Nge of Myanmar, efforts of Myanmar to graduate from LDC status.

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## International film heritage festival launched

YANGON, 29 Oct—The first international film heritage festival was opened at Nay Pyi Taw Cinema in Yangon on Tuesday, attended by Deputy Minister for Information U Pike Htway.

Before the ceremony, Deputy Minister U Pike Htway and French Ambassador Mr Thierry Mathou discussed cooperation in development of film industry between the two countries.

Nine ancient films from the US, Mongolia, France, Japan and England are being presented to the movie-lovers from 28 to 2 November.

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**Deputy Minister for Information U Pike Htway attends opening ceremony of first international film heritage festival.—MNA**

## 38 Blessings for Auspiciousness taught by the Buddha are as follows:-

1. Not to associate with the fool
2. To associate with the wise
3. To pay homage to those worthy of it
4. To reside in a suitable place
5. To have done meritorious deeds in the past life
6. To keep oneself pure
7. To acquire knowledge
8. To learn a trade
9. To learn and adopt ethical ways
10. To speak genially
11. To care and provide for one's parents
12. To cherish and provide for one's wife and children
13. To do the uncomplicated work
14. To do acts of charity
15. To observe and practice good deeds
16. To support one's kin and relatives
17. To do things free from sins and harm
18. To avoid evil thoughts and intentions
19. To avoid evil deeds and words
20. To abstain from taking liquors and intoxicants
21. To be mindful of doing good deeds
22. To pay respect to those worthy of it
23. To be humble
24. To be contented
25. To acknowledge and return one's gratitude
26. To hear Dhamma on proper occasions
27. To be tolerant
28. To heed to the guiding words and advice of elders
29. To pay respect and offerings to monks
30. To discuss the Dhamma on proper occasions
31. To practice ascetically
32. To observe and practice the Noble Virtues
33. To know the noble truths
34. To realize Nibbana
35. Not to be affected by vicissitudes of life
36. To have no worries

37. To be free from passions

38. To be free of the existence cycle

We need to emphasize our conduct for complying with the noble path in human life and whether we achieve the essence of the Buddha teachings or not. In fact, these blessings must be attained by our practice and compliance. Only learning, appreciating and comprehending are not good enough to achieve essence.

\*\*\*\*The following compilation is from The Buddha's teachings in the Dhammapada—a practical guide to right living.

"The evil-doer suffers here and hereafter; he suffers in both the worlds. The thought, "Evil have I done," torments him, and he suffers even more when gone to realms of woe.

"The doer of good here and hereafter; he delights in both the worlds. The thought, "Good have I done," delights him, and he delights even more when gone to realm of bliss.

"The foolish and ignorant indulge in heedlessness, but the wise one keeps his heedfulness as his best treasure."

"Wisdom never becomes perfect in one whose mind is not steadfast, who knows not the Good Teaching and whose faith wavers.\*\*\*\*"

We speak proverbs. We utter maxims. We recite verses of religious teachings. We comply with the directions and guidelines from them. We gain benefits from practice. Eventually, we attain essence of them.

Live in life with essence pertaining to the absolute truth on earth !!!

**Tommy Pauk is the pseudonym of U Thein Swe, who is B.A (English) and (Registered Law) R.L.I. degrees holder. He has English Teaching experience at Yangon University English Department and Workers' college in Yangon, and now is working as freelance writer and English Teacher cum Translator/Interpreter for foreign firms.**



# Iraqi security forces advance in new bid for Baiji refinery

BAGHDAD, 29 Oct — Iraqi security forces said they advanced to within 2 km (1.2 mile) of the city of Baiji on Wednesday in a new offensive to retake the country's biggest oil refinery that has been besieged since June by Islamic State militants.

Backed by Shi'ite militias and army helicopters, government forces have swept through a desert area to the west of Baiji, aiming to recapture the city 200 km (130 miles) north of the capital.

They hope to cut off supply lines to militants encircling the refinery and gain control of a road leading to the city of Mosul, an army colonel told *Reuters*.

Islamic State fighters swept through northern Iraq in June, seizing the city of Baiji and surrounded the sprawling refinery.

Since then, government forces inside the refinery complex have been surrounded by the Sunni insurgents who have failed to take it despite frequent attacks and suicide bombings.

"We have made good advances. We have taken over six villages and now we are only 2 km away from the city of Baiji," said the colonel, who requested anonymity.

Islamic State has used roadside bombs and snipers to slow down the government forces' progress.

"Since yesterday morning we have defused 300 roadside bombs planted by the terrorists to delay our advance," the colonel said.

The Baiji refinery was producing around 175,000 barrels per day before it was closed, a senior Iraqi official said in June. Iraq's domestic daily consumption is estimated at 600,000-700,000 bpd.

Iraqi security forces said they had gained momentum elsewhere over the last week, retaking the town of Jurf al-Sakhar, just south of Baghdad.

Government troops also retook parts of the Himreen Mountains overlooking Islamic State supply lines north of the capital, said another army colonel.

These accounts of government advances could not immediately be independently confirmed.

Kurdish peshmerga fighters have also been battling Islamic State in the north, where they have made progress backed by US air strikes.

Iraqi peshmerga arrived in southeastern Turkey early on Wednesday ahead of their planned deployment to the Syrian town of Kobani to help fellow Kurds repel an Islamic State advance which has defied US-led air strikes.

*Reuters*

*An explosion following an air-strike is seen in the Syrian town of Kobani from near the Mursitpinar border crossing on the Turkish-Syrian border in the southeastern town of Suruc, in Sanliurfa Province on 29 Oct, 2014.—REUTERS*



## Iraqi Kurds to bring anti-tank weapons to Syria's Kobani

BEIRUT, 29 Oct — Iraqi Kurdish fighters are expected to bring anti-tank and anti-armour weapons when they enter the Syrian town of Kobani on Wednesday to aid fellow Kurds in their fight against Islamic State militants, a Syrian Kurdish official said.

Saleh Moslem, co-chair of the Syrian Kurdish Democratic Union Party (PYD), said the Iraqi "peshmerga" fighters were ex-

pected to enter Kobani - known as Ayn al-Arab in Arabic — later on Wednesday. "They're supposed to bring ... mainly anti-armour weapons, anti-tank," he said. "Of course, more than that they have some weapons ... to defend themselves also. But mostly it's mainly artillery, or anti-armour, anti-tank weapons."

He said the weapons should help the Syrian Kurdish fighters

of the YPG armed group fend off Islamic State fighters who have used armoured vehicles and tanks in their assault on the town.

"The YPG, they're just defending. They can do it. But these armoured vehicles and tanks were making problems for them ... The YPG forces could not do it with the weapons they have. So now this will give support," he said.

*Reuters*

## Mastermind of failed Australia beheading plot killed in Middle East

SYDNEY, 29 Oct — A former Sydney bouncer said to have masterminded a failed plot by Islamic State militants to behead a random member of the public in Australia is believed to have died in the Middle East, Australian media reported on Wednesday.

Mohammad Ali Baryalei, who was believed to be one of the group's most senior members and a top recruiter of foreign fighters, was thought to have died in fighting in Syria or Iraq four or five days ago, the Australian Broadcasting Corporation reported.

"We are currently seeking to verify those reports, so I can't confirm them at this stage," Foreign Minister Julie Bishop told reporters.

A spokesman for Attorney General George Brandis declined to comment on reports of his death. Abdul Salaam Mahmoud, who belonged to the same street-proselytizing group

as Baryalei in Sydney, wrote on Facebook of Baryalei's death, the *Sydney Morning Herald* newspaper reported.

"I've just received the news that our beloved brother Mohamed Ali who was recently strongly attacked by Australian media has been martyred," Mahmoud said.

More than 800 police raided homes in Sydney and Brisbane in September as part of a sweeping counter-terrorism operation aimed at stopping what the government said was a plot to kidnap and publicly behead a random Australian citizen.

Australia is concerned over the number of its citizens believed to be fighting overseas with militant groups, including a suicide bomber who killed three people in Baghdad in July and two men shown in images on social media holding the severed heads of Syrian soldiers.—*Reuters*



*Police talk outside a house that was involved in pre-dawn raids in the western Sydney suburb of Guilford on 18 Sept, 2014. REUTERS*

## Kerry says Canadian parliament attack clearly 'terrorist act'

OTTAWA, 29 Oct — US Secretary of State John Kerry said on Tuesday that an attack on the Canadian parliament and the country's National War Memorial last week in which a soldier was killed was clearly a terrorist act.

"Clearly, anybody who walks up in a premeditated way with a loaded rifle and attacks someone in uniform then purposely goes to a parliament, is committing, by common sense standards, a terrorist act," Kerry told a news briefing after talks in Ottawa with his Canadian counterpart, Foreign Minister John Baird.

Two days before the attack in Ottawa on 22 October, a car driven by a man described by police as a homegrown radical ran down two soldiers, killing one in Quebec.

Since then Canadians have debated whether the attackers were motivated by Islamist ideology and a desire to sow terror or whether they were merely mentally unstable and marginalized individuals.

Baird echoed the Canadian government's view that whatever the mental state of the attackers, their acts were terrorism.

Kerry came to Ottawa on his first visit to Canada since becoming secretary of state last year to show solidarity and discuss security issues following the attacks.



*US Secretary of State John Kerry and Canadian Foreign Minister John Baird (L) talk as they walk from a wreath laying ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at the National War Memorial in Ottawa on 28 Oct, 2014. — REUTERS*

Kerry also said Canada and the United States would work to intensify their close security ties, including border security and intelligence sharing.

"Canada and the United States are now in discussions, not with any sense that things weren't done or that there was some information that we didn't somehow share or have, but rather with a view to making certain that every possible stone is turned over and every possible policy is reviewed, because our obligation obviously is to protect our citizens," he said. Kerry said he was confident that in the coming days and months

the two countries would come up with "some tweaks, some changes, some additions that will promote even greater security than we have today."

The United States and Canada share the world's largest undefended border and for decades have also exchanged information about people deemed to be high risk. However, a Canadian official said on Saturday that Canada did not share some intelligence with the United States about the two men who carried out the attacks last week because of a 2013 court ruling limiting the transfer of personal data.—*Reuters*



## US regulators to vote on treating Internet TV like cable

WASHINGTON, 29 Oct — The US Federal Communications Commission in coming weeks will vote on whether Internet TV should have the same access to television programming as cable and satellite TV providers, which could shake up competition in the video industry.

FCC Chairman Tom Wheeler on Tuesday said he has asked his fellow commissioners to vote on a proposal that would help Internet TV services, such as ones being developed by Dish Network Corp, Sony Corp and Verizon Communications Inc, to compete with traditional pay-TV for digital rights to major network programming.

The potential regu-

latory change concerns online subscription video services that offer scheduled programming similar to traditional pay-TV providers, and not online video services such as Netflix Inc that stream content on demand. Satellite provider DirecTV is another company that has indicated plans for an Internet video service and CBS Corp this month revealed a plan for an Internet streaming service that would include scheduled programming.

Time Warner Inc's HBO will also launch a standalone online streaming product but its details are unclear.

Traditionally, the FCC has ensured that cable and satellite TV providers such



**US Federal Communications Commission Chairman Tom Wheeler testifies before a House Energy and Commerce Communications and Technology Subcommittee hearing on oversight of the FCC on Capitol Hill in Washington on 20 May, 2014. — REUTERS**

as Comcast Corp could negotiate for rights to retransmit network programming. Online video services have not had the same regulatory

backing because they rely on a different technology and do not have their own video distribution facilities.

Now, the FCC will

vote on levelling the playing field with a technology-neutral definition of a "multichannel video programme distributor," with the goal of encouraging new competition in the video market.

"Twenty-first century consumers shouldn't be shackled to rules that only recognise 20th-century technology," Wheeler said in a blog post on Tuesday.

"Consumers have long complained about how their cable service forces them to buy channels they never watch. The move of video onto the Internet can do something about that frustration, but first Internet video services need access to the programmes."

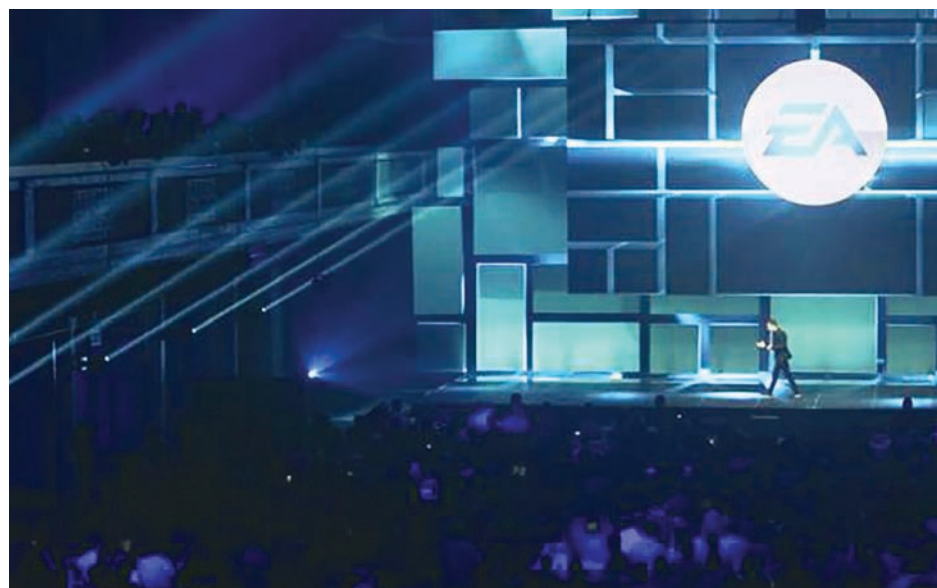
A draft of the propos-

al tentatively concludes that online TV services should have the same access to cable and local TV programmes as traditional pay-TV services and seeks comments on whether the obligations imposed on the two types of video services should also be the same.

If adopted, some analysts see the proposal as potentially also creating a new opening for Aereo, a video streaming company whose business model was questioned by a Supreme Court ruling in June that said the company had infringed broadcasters' copyrights by capturing live and recorded programs through antennas and transmitting them to subscribers. —

Reuters

## Electronic Arts raises 2015 forecast, profit beats estimates



**Electronic Art's CEO Andrew Wilson presents at the Electronic Arts (EA) World Premiere: E3 2014 Preview press conference at the Shrine Auditorium in Los Angeles, California, on 9 June, 2014. — REUTERS**

SAN FRANCISCO, 29 Oct — Videogame publisher Electronic Arts Inc raised its 2015 forecast and reported stronger-than-expected second-quarter results on

Tuesday, on cost controls and strong digital sales from titles including "FIFA" and "Madden." The Redwood City, California-based company said it expects \$4.18

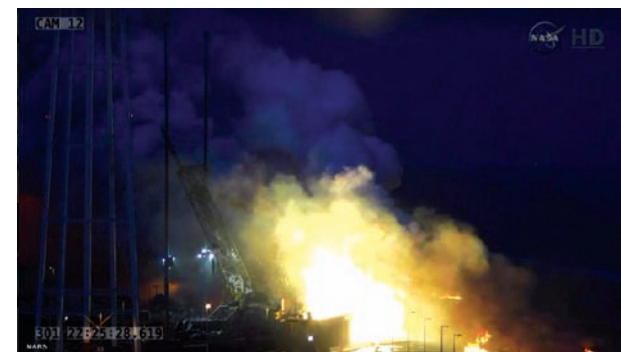
billion (2.59 billion pounds) in non-GAAP revenue and non-GAAP net income of \$2.05 per share in fiscal 2015. It had previously forecast \$4.1 billion in rev-

enue and \$1.85 per share in profit. Electronic Arts is seeing "continued growth of generation 4 console (Xbox One and PlayStation 4) and still solid results in our older console business as well," Chief Financial Officer Blake Jorgensen said in an interview.

"The digital side of the business, full-game downloads as well as digital services around those businesses like 'FIFA Ultimate Team' and 'Madden Ultimate Team' are continuing to perform well above our expectations."

For the three months ended 30 September, the company posted non-GAAP revenue of \$1.22 billion, compared with \$1.04 billion a year ago. Wall Street analysts had estimated revenue of \$1.16 billion, according to Thomson-Reuters I/B/E/S. — Reuters

## US cargo rocket explodes seconds after launch



**The video grab image from NASA TV shows the rocket carrying a spaceship explodes over the launch complex at Wallops Island, the United States, 28 Oct, 2014. An unmanned rocket operated by private US firm Orbital Sciences Corp. exploded Tuesday seconds after its launch, NASA TV showed. XINHUA**

WASHINGTON, 29 Oct — An unmanned rocket operated by private US firm Orbital Sciences Corp exploded on Tuesday seconds after its launch, NASA TV showed.

The Antares rocket carrying the company's Cygnus spacecraft blew up six seconds after its lift-off at 6:22 pm EDT (2222 GMT) from US space agency NASA's Wallops Flight Facility in eastern Virginia.

TV footage showed flames rising into the sky.

There were no casualties and property damage on the ground was limited to the south end of Wallops Flight Facility, Orbital said. The Virginia-based company has formed an anomaly investigation board, saying it will work in close coordination with all appropriate government agencies to

determine the cause of the mishap.

"It is far too early to know the details of what happened," Frank Culbertson, Orbital's executive vice president said in a statement. "We will conduct a thorough investigation immediately to determine the cause of this failure and what steps can be taken to avoid a repeat of this incident."

Cygnus is carrying 5,050 pounds (2,290 kg) of supplies for its third cargo resupply mission to the International Space Station. It's also the first nighttime launch of the spacecraft.

One of the new experiments on board is the so-called Drain Brain investigation, a study that will try to determine how blood flows from the brain down to the heart in the absence of gravity. —Xinhua

## Japan's Rakuten Inc launches cheap smartphone service

TOKYO, 29 Oct — Japanese e-commerce giant Rakuten Inc said it will offer a cut-rate smartphone service for about a third of the monthly fees charged by the country's three dominant operators, adding to increasing price competition in the sector.

Japan's smartphone services for light users are particularly expensive compared with other developed markets, prompting Rakuten and other firms such as retail giant Aeon and Internet Initiative Japan to offer new services by pairing with or becoming mobile virtual network operators



**A man walks under a logo of Rakuten Inc during a news conference in Tokyo on 14 Feb, 2014. —REUTERS (MVNOs).**

Rakuten's new MVNO service will offer a combined voice and basic data plan for an average month-

ly fee of 2,200 yen (12.39 pounds), excluding the cost of the phone.

That compares with about 6,500 yen a month

for a basic voice and data plan at all three of Japan's leading wireless carriers — NTT DoCoMo Inc, KDDI Corp's au and SoftBank Corp. Unlike Rakuten's basic plan, however, users can make as many calls as they want.

Aeon said in March its basic voice and data plan would cost 2,980 yen per month, including the cost of the phone for a two-year contract. MVNOs, which rent access to other companies' networks, currently account for about 5 percent of the mobile market, according to a government report. —Reuters



## Russian plane with European satellite departs for Baikonur after emergency landing



The An-124-100 plane cut short its flight from Moscow to Baikonur on Tuesday and made an emergency landing in the city of Ulyanovsk because of technical problems.—ITAR-TASS

Moscow, 29 Oct — A Russian transport plane Ruslan carrying a European communications satellite Astra 2G departed for Baikonur, in Kazakhstan, early on Wednesday, the head of the Volga-Dnieper company's PR group of the foreign relations department Taisia Nikitenko said. The An-124-100 plane cut short its flight from Moscow to Baikonur on Tuesday and made an emergency landing in the city of Ulyanovsk, on the Volga River, because of an increase of temperature in the plane's fourth engine.

The crew of the plane, owned by the Volga-Dnieper Airlines, decided to switch off the engine and made an emergency land-

ing following consultations with the customer. The company later said the plane underwent maintenance and several parts of the engine have been replaced. The company stressed the launch of the European satellite, scheduled for late November, is unlikely to be postponed due to the emergency landing. Ruslan has a dual redundant system and could have continued the flight. The Astra 2G satellite is due to be launched by a Proton-M carrier rocket from the Baikonur space center in the end of next month to provide communications services to a number of countries in Europe, Central Africa and Asia.

Itar-Tass

## Japan to require phone carriers to lift SIM locks from next May

TOKYO, 29 Oct — The Japanese communications ministry plans to require mobile phone service operators to remove carrier-specific restrictions, or SIM locks, on phone handsets from models to be launched from next May, a source close to the matter said on Wednesday. The move is expected to spark price competition by enabling them to switch to a different carrier with lower-fee services without replacing their handsets. The ministry will make a final decision by the end of the year after collecting and reviewing public comments on a proposal it plans to release this week, according to the source. Under the new rule, the government will issue a business improvement order if mobile carriers refuse to remove the locks without reasonable grounds. In Japan, mobile phone subscribers have to buy expensive handsets when they change carriers, while many countries in Europe and the United States have already abolished SIM locks. Apple Inc. of the United States will also be subject to the rule, likely from a new iPhone model it is expected to launch in autumn next year.

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Kyodo News

## Serbian citizens are most optimistic in region

BELGRADE, 29 Oct — Forty percent of Serbian citizens expect the economic situation to improve, while in Croatia that percentage is 11, in Montenegro 26 and in Macedonia 37, according to a survey by Ipsos Strategic Marketing.

The survey states that 33 percent of Serbian people expect their personal financial situation to improve, the daily *Politika* has reported.

However, although they are the most optimistic in the region, the Serbian people are also fairly pessimistic, with 41 percent of those sur-



veyed stating that they do not expect the economic situation in the country to improve, but to actually deteriorate.

Every third household in Western Europe has felt the effects of the economic crisis. In countries undergoing transition, every second household has been affected. Three quarters of households in Serbia has had its members lose their job or their income drop. The phone survey was ordered by the European Commission, conducted in September and included a sample of 1,000 people.

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## Australia reaches climate policy compromise

SYDNEY, 29 Oct — Australia's government has reached a compromise with independent senators and a key opposition party to secure support for a A\$2.5 billion (\$2.2 bln) fund to cut greenhouse gas emissions, media reports said on Wednesday.

The ruling Liberal party has secured backing from the Palmer United Party (PUP) and independent senators Nick Xenophon and John Madigan, with details to be released later on Wednesday, accord-

ing to the *Guardian* and the *Australian Financial Review*.

A compromise would put an end to a years-long debate on how Australia can meet its target of cutting greenhouse gas emissions to 5 percent below 2005 levels by 2020.

In August, the government dismantled a broad carbon pricing scheme put in place by the previous Labour government, saying it was too expensive.

Under the policy, known as the Direct Action Plan, the government would set up a \$2.5 bln

Emissions Reduction Fund that would pay big polluters to cut their emissions.

According to the *Guardian*, the government has accepted proposals by Senator Xenophon to put in place a "safeguard mechanism" to ensure emissions in the coal-dependant nation do not rise under the new scheme. Details of the safeguard mechanism will be panned out later, but is expected to include some form of penalty for companies that fail to meet government-set benchmarks.

But according to the

reports, the government has rejected proposals to set aside A\$500 million to buy UN-issued carbon offsets from abroad to ensure the target is met.

The Palmer United Party has backed the compromise because the government has agreed to review its plan to design an emissions trading scheme that would only enter into force when other large emitters, such as China and the United States, have similar policies in place, the *Guardian* reported.

Reuters



Registered electors cast ballots at a polling station in Fairfax County, Virginia, the United States, on 28 Oct, 2014. Early voting of US midterm elections was held at Fairfax County Government Centre on Tuesday.—XINHUA



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- (4) Tender Closing Date and Time is 1<sup>st</sup> December, 2014 (15:30) hrs.
- (3) Tender document are available from the Procurement Department, No. (1) Mining Enterprise, Ministry of Mines, Office Building No. (19). Nay Pyi Taw and Details can be asked to +95-(0)67-409012 and 409383 within the office hours.

Tender Invitation Committee,  
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THE REPUBLIC OF THE UNION OF MYANMAR  
MINISTRY OF TRANSPORTAnnouncement of Successful Tenderer for  
Hanthawaddy International Airport Project

1. The Department of Civil Aviation had announced Incheon Airport Consortium and Yongnam-CAPE-JGC Consortium as the successful tenderer and back up tenderer respectively for the Hanthawaddy International Airport Project on 10 August 2013.
2. Subsequently, the Tender Evaluation Committee formed by the Ministry of Transport held tender negotiations with both the successful and back up tenderers from September 2013 to August 2014 including the revised proposals submitted by both tenderers for final selection. After seeking required guidance from the concerned authorities, submitted a recommendation to the Tender Selection Committee of the Ministry of Transport.
3. The Tender Selection Committee has duly considered the recommendation of the Tender Evaluation Committee and hereby announce the following consortium as the successful tenderer for the Hanthawaddy International Airport Project as follows:

Reg. No.	Consortium Name	Consortium	Country
001	Yongnam-CAPE-JGC	JGC Corporation	Japan
		Yongnam Holdings Limited	Singapore
		Changi Airport Planners and Engineers Pte, Ltd.	Singapore

Many feared  
killed, 250 remain  
missing in Sri  
Lankan landslide

COLOMBO, 29 Oct — Many people are feared dead after being buried alive on Wednesday following a massive landslide in Hal-dammulla, located between the central and southern parts of Sri Lanka, reporters in the area said adding that rescue operations were now underway. The Sri Lankan Disaster Management Centre said that over 250 people are reported missing after their homes were buried during the landslide.

Security Forces Head Quarters Commander, Central, Major General Mano Perera said that the security forces are now involved in a massive rescue operation in the area. Several bodies have been recovered with some houses buried in over 30 feet of mud following heavy rains in the area overnight.

Xinhua

## US Fed begins policy meeting, likely to end asset-buying stimulus

WASHINGTON, 29 Oct — The US Federal Reserve began its two-day policy meeting Tuesday with speculation that the central bank is likely to end the asset purchase stimulus on the back of the improvement in labour market.

The Federal Open Market Committee, the Fed's policy-setting panel including Fed chief Janet Yellen, already said last month it will terminate the quantitative easing program this month if economic data permits.

The Fed introduced the programme in September 2012 that provided a massive amount of money by buying financial assets in the market to help prop up the sagging US economy, saying it would continue with it until the job market

improves "substantially."

The jobless rate last month sank to a six-year low of 5.9 percent, compared with 7.8 percent which was logged when the Fed launched the stimulus.

Even if it ends the liquidity injection program, the Fed is expected to keep the ultralow short-term interest rate through the policy-setting meeting that will end on Wednesday.

The Fed kept the market guessing about when it will raise the interest rate, which is currently set at zero to 0.25%, in FOMC meetings earlier this year, simply saying, it will maintain the level "for a considerable time" after the asset purchase programme ends.

The Fed introduced the asset purchasing program in September 2012

as a third round of quantitative easing, dubbed QE3.

It first purchased \$40 billion of federal agency mortgage-backed securities each month and ratcheted up the size of the accommodative easing program three months later, decid-

ing to additionally buy \$45 billion of US government bonds.

The Fed has scaled back the program in steps since January and the amount of asset purchase fell to \$15 billion this month.—Kyodo News



Chinese Navy holds the largest-ever air combat exercise with the most competitive fighters on 27 Oct, 2014.—XINHUA

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## WEATHER REPORT

**FORECAST VALID UNTIL EVENING OF THE 30<sup>th</sup> October, 2014:** Rain or thundershowers will be fairly widespread in Taninthayi Region, scattered in Lower Sagaing, Mandalay and Magway Regions, Chin and Shan States and isolated in the remaining Regions and States. Degree of certainty is (80%).  
**STATE OF THE SEA:** Sea will be moderate in Myanmar waters.

**OUTLOOK FOR SUBSEQUENT TWO DAYS:** Likelihood of slight decrease of night temperatures in the Upper Myanmar areas.



# Marvel expands with Dr Strange, female Captain Marvel films

LOS ANGELES, 29 Oct — The Marvel cinematic universe is expanding with new characters Doctor Strange, Black Panther and Captain Marvel, who will be the first female superhero to anchor her own Marvel film, the Walt Disney Co-owned studio said on Tuesday.

Marvel's new slate of eight superhero films announced at a fan event includes both sequels to its stream of box office hits and new franchises, with

"Doctor Strange" kicking off the newcomers in 2016.

Doctor Strange is a former neurosurgeon who loses the ability to perform surgery and turns to magic. Despite widespread reports that he would be played by British actor Benedict Cumberbatch, Marvel did not confirm casting.

"We are excited to tap into what excites us the most, which is the supernatural," Marvel studio presi-



Robert Downey Jr poses as he arrives at the screening of the film 'Marvel's The Avengers' for the closing night of the 2012 Tribeca Film Festival in New York on 28 April, 2012. —REUTERS

dent Kevin Feige said.

"If (casting) were confirmed, we would have introduced him today. Every single actor of a certain age has been rumoured to be Doctor Strange," he added.

Feige also said there is plenty of time to find an actress to play Captain Marvel, the alter-ego of a character named Carol

Danvers, for the film that will be released in July 2018.

While Marvel has female superheroes like Black Widow played by Scarlett Johansson, this is the first time a woman will anchor a film in what is widely seen as an effort to bring more women and girls to the fanboy heavy Marvel universe.

Feige said there are

no plans for a stand-alone Black Widow film, but that Johansson's character will continue to be featured prominently in the other Marvel films. Black Panther, the superhero alter-ego of T'Challa, will premiere in 2017 and will be played by "42" actor Chadwick Boseman, who will also appear in "Captain America: Civil War," the third instalment of the

"Captain America" franchise starring Chris Evans.

Boseman and Evans were joined by "Iron Man" Robert Downey Jr at the event held where fans erupted in screams and cheers while the actors bantered on stage for a few minutes.

Disney has had a succession of blockbuster hits from its recently acquired Marvel Studios, from Downey Jr's "Iron Man," Evans' "Captain America" and Chris Hemsworth's "Thor."

Hemsworth and Tom Hiddleston, who plays popular supervillain Loki, will return in "Thor: Ragnarok" in July 2017, and Feige said the film will set a new timeline of events that will be followed in future Marvel films, which are often interconnected.

"Avengers: Infinity War," the third instalment of the ensemble superhero franchise, will be split into two parts, with part one released in May 2018 and part two in May 2019.

Reuters

# Shakira to release own range of toys

LONDON, 29 Oct — Pregnant singer Shakira is set to release her own collection of baby products, including a bouncer which plays music, alphabet blocks and a musical soccer ball.

Shakira, 37, who has 21-month-old son Milan with boyfriend Gerard Pique, has teamed up with Fisher-Price on the First Steps collection of baby products, and has co-developed six items, reported Contactmusic.

"I saw how important developmental milestones are and how toys can help babies reach them, including with my own son. I wanted to design a line of toys that stimulated development in the crucial early stages of life, the stages in which learning can be achieved through supervised play, fostering the development of psychological, social and motor skills," she said.

The items will go on sale next month and all proceeds will go towards Shakira's Barefoot Foundation, which helps provide education and nutrition to disadvantaged children in her native Colombia.

As part of the venture, Shakira will also star in a 12-part web series for the company, and some of the three to five minute-long episodes will feature her son.—PTI

Pregnant singer  
Shakira



# Megan Fox misses 'Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles' Beijing premiere

LOS ANGELES, 29 Oct — Hollywood beauty Megan Fox skipped 'Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles' Beijing premiere after developing skin allergy. Fans hoping to spot Fox on the red carpet were left disappointed after the 28-year-old actress's skin allergy forced her to stay at home, reported *Us* magazine.

Chinese actress Fan Bingbing attended the special event in her place. Chinese media outfits speculated that Fox's allergy could have been caused by the polluted air. Fox's people, however, insisted that that was not the case. "She had an allergic reaction but not because of the pollution," a spokesperson said.

The adventure comedy, which was released in the United States this past August, is based on the popular franchise that features a fictional team of four teenage turtles.—PTI



Hollywood beauty Megan Fox

# I joined 'Hunger Games' for kids: Julianne Moore



LOS ANGELES, 29 Oct — Actress Julianne Moore has revealed that she opted for 'The Hunger Games: Mockingjay – Part 1' because her kids are obsessed with the sci-fi film series. Moore, 53, is mother to son Caleb, 16, and daughter Liv, 12, with husband Bart Freundlich, reported *People* magazine.

"Most of the films I make are not for kids. My son was in line for the midnight show when The Hunger Games first came out. They both loved the books. For them, my being in Mockingjay was fairly meaningful," she said. Although many actresses fear aging and slow down, the 'Carrie' star says she is energized by the clarity the years have given her.—PTI



## GENERAL

## CSKA Moscow have UEFA suspension modified on appeal

Moscow, 29 Oct — UEFA have modified CSKA Moscow's punishment for trouble by their fans at their Champions League match away to AS Roma on appeal, European soccer's governing body said on Tuesday.

CSKA were originally ordered to play their next three European home games behind closed doors after incidents involving their supporters, including racist behaviour, crowd trouble and setting off flares at the 17 September. Group E match.

That ban now applies to two matches, UEFA said on its official website.

"The latest (of the three matches) is suspended for a probationary period of five years," it added, referring to the modification.

The Russian Premier League champions have already played the first of the two matches of the original suspension, a 2-2 draw against Manchester City in Moscow last week. Their next visitors will be Roma.

The Army Men also had their fine reduced from 200,000 euros (\$254,920) to 100,000. Their prohibition from selling tickets for their next two Champions League away games stands.

CSKA would not comment with their press



*CSKA Moscow's coach Leonid Slutski (L) reacts during their Champions League Group E soccer match against Manchester City at the Arena Khimki outside Moscow, on 21 Oct, 2014.*

REUTERS

officer Sergey Aksenov saying: "We are not ready to make any comments until we receive the official reasoning for their decision. We expect to receive it within a week."

The team's draw with City gave them their first points after three group matches. They lost 5-1 in Rome and 1-0 at home to unbeaten group leaders Bayern Munich. — Reuters

## CBC wins Canada broadcast rights for 2018 and 2020 Olympics



*A sign is seen at the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation building in Toronto, on 25 March, 2009.— REUTERS*

TORONTO, 29 Oct — Canada's public broadcaster has won the rights to cover the 2018 and 2020 Olympics with the help of the two rival private broadcasters that have wrestled its most popular professional sports assets away from it.

The Canadian Broadcasting Corp (CBC) said on Tuesday it will broadcast action from the 2018 Winter Olympics in Pyeongchang, South Korea, and the 2020 Summer Olympics in Tokyo, in partnership with telecom and media companies Rogers Communications Inc and BCE Inc.

The CBC has been forced to walk away from much of its sports coverage

in the face of federal government budget cuts and fierce bidding for content by Rogers and BCE.

Rogers owns the Sportsnet network and recently won a long-term deal for National Hockey League (NHL) games. BCE owns the TSN network. They jointly own a majority stake in the company that owns the Toronto Maple Leafs NHL team and the Toronto Raptors of the National Basketball Association.

Financial terms for the Olympics deal were not disclosed, but executives from the three broadcasters later told reporters that production resources would be shared and that the most

popular events would have the broadest possible reach.

"It is a CBC-led games, I want to be clear about that," said Phil King, president of sports programming at BCE's Bell Media.

"The CBC put us together, the CBC had the vision to bring all three of us (together) and have been very open about wanting to use some of our people."

Priority coverage would be done by the CBC and would be available on free-to-air television. That would be followed first by coverage on TSN and then on Sportsnet, both of which are available on most basic cable-TV packages, and finally by coverage on

BCE and Rogers' secondary sports channels, which are available only on more extensive cable packages.

The broadcast partnership model is "fiscally responsible," CBC Chief Executive Hubert Lacroix said in a statement.

The CBC has said it must "reimagine itself" in a drastically changing media landscape in which viewers increasingly turn to streaming and other online alternatives and in which competitors pay more for premium live sports rights than the CBC can afford.

When the CBC said in April it would no longer bid for professional sporting rights as it tightens its belt, it made an exception for the Olympics and other events deemed of national importance.

Rogers signed a C\$5.2 billion (\$4.65 billion) deal last year for 12 years of NHL broadcasts, elbowing aside BCE's TSN sports channel and the CBC, whose most popular programme for decades has been its Saturday night "Hockey Night in Canada" broadcasts.

As part of that deal, Rogers agreed to sub-license some hockey games, including the NHL playoffs and the Stanley Cup championship series, to the CBC for four years.

Reuters

## EU on track so far with green energy goals, 2030 a challenge

BRUSSELS, 29 Oct — EU nations have work to do to meet new green energy goals agreed last week, as increased fossil fuel burning last year drove up pollution in some countries, although the bloc is on track to meet its earlier targets, official data showed on Tuesday.

The figures from the European Environment Agency (EEA) showed the European Union's overall emissions fell by 1.8 percent in 2013 versus 2012, meaning it has already met a 2020 goal to cut pollution by 20 percent versus 1990.

In 2013, the continued decline coincided with a slight rise in economic activity, countering arguments from some in business that the EU's green goals are at odds with expansion and that economic collapse was the biggest cause of lower emissions. However, German emissions rose by 1.2 percent as more fossil fuel was used for heating.

Denmark also emitted 3.1 percent more greenhouse gases year-on-year, as a fall in imports from the Nordic power market drove it to use more coal, while Estonia's emissions leapt by 10 percent because of coal-burning and an increase in the amount of energy it exported generated from oil shale, the EEA said.—Reuters

## Rocker Phil Collins brings Alamo collection 'back home' to Texas



*The David Crockett Pouch - Powder Flask - Musket Balls that Davy Crockett carried from his home in Tennessee into Texas, then a part of the Republic of Mexico, and the Alamo are shown in this photo courtesy of Texas General Land Office released on 28 Oct, 2014. — REUTERS*

SAN ANTONIO, 29 Oct — British rock legend Phil Collins brought his massive collection of Alamo

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artifacts on Tuesday to the San Antonio site those in the Lone Star State call the "Shrine of Texas Liberty" for a museum that will be named in his honour.

"This completes the journey for me," Collins said in front of a building across the street from the Alamo that will temporarily house the collection while a planned \$100 million centre to display the Phil Collins Alamo Collection is being built. "These artifacts are coming home," said Collins, 63, who became fascinated by the Alamo while watching Fess Parker star as "Davy Crockett, King of the Wild Frontier," while he was a small child growing up in suburban London.

Reuters



# Balotelli inspires Liverpool, Chelsea tame Shrews

LONDON, 29 Oct — Mario Balotelli enjoyed a rare moment of ecstasy in a Liverpool shirt by inspiring a 2-1 win over Swansea City in the League Cup on Tuesday while Chelsea had to call for reinforcements to see off Shrewsbury Town.

On a night when Premier League West Bromwich Albion were dumped out by second tier Bournemouth, both Liverpool and Chelsea flirted with danger before reaching the quarter-finals.

Liverpool fans have seen precious little in Balotelli's performances this season to convince them he could ride to the rescue when the chips were down but he came off the bench to turn the clash with Swansea on its head.

Entering the fray on 79 minutes, the Italian took seven minutes to level the scores as he stole in front of his marker to prod home a cross from compatriot Fabio Borini after Marvin Emnes had put Swansea ahead midway through the



Chelsea's Petr Cech keeps warm during their League Cup fourth round soccer match against Shrewsbury Town at Greenhous Meadow in Shrewsbury, central England on 28 Oct, 2014. —REUTERS

second half with a superb volley.

A sustained roar erupted around Anfield as Balotelli's effort found the net, as much in celebration of the goal as it was grounded in relief that the misfiring striker had finally found his range at a crucial time.

It was the start of a dramatic finale that saw Swansea's Federico Fernandez sent off for a late tackle and Dejan Lovren head home the winner after four minutes of stoppage time, to leave eight-times winners Liverpool well-placed to launch another assault on a trophy they last

won in 2012.

Premier League leaders Chelsea will also fancy their chances of getting their hands on a cup they have won four times but they needed a wake-up call before ousting fourth tier Shrewsbury 2-1.

"I wasn't expecting anything but a difficult

match. I was ready for extra-time," Chelsea manager Jose Mourinho told Sky Sports television, and he was not wrong.

Didier Drogba gave them the lead, with his third goal in three games, but the match seemed headed for extra-time when Shrewsbury's Andy Mangan swivelled to fire past keeper Petr Cech with 13 minutes to play.

Nemanja Matic and Willian were promptly summoned from the bench to help quell the uprising, the latter's superb cross causing panic in the defensive ranks and Jermaine Grandison turning the ball into his own net.

"I don't say relieved with the result. I am happy with my players' approach. You're playing a World Cup final because that is what it is for Shrewsbury," Mourinho added.

West Brom probably thought they had done enough to force extra-time when a Tommy Elphick own goal with five minutes

to go at Bournemouth levelled the scores at 1-1.

But it was the hosts who progressed thanks to Callum Wilson's late strike, capping a superb few days for the south coast club after they thrashed Birmingham City 8-0 in the Championship at the weekend.

Bournemouth almost went bust in 2008 and only avoided relegation from the Football League on the last day of the following season having been docked 17 points for going into administration.

Elsewhere on Tuesday, Derby County came from 2-0 down to beat Championship rivals Fulham 5-2 and Sheffield United downed Milton Keynes Dons 2-1 in an all-League One encounter.

On Wednesday, holders Manchester City face Newcastle United while Tottenham Hotspur take on Brighton and Hove Albion and Stoke City host Southampton.

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## Relief for Dortmund as they cruise through in German Cup

BERLIN, 29 Oct — Borussia Dortmund bounced back after slumping to their fourth straight Bundesliga defeat against Hanover 96 at the weekend, cruising past second tier St Pauli 3-0 on Tuesday to reach the German Cup third round. Ciro Immobile, under-fire for his lack of goals this season, tapped the visitors in front after 33 minutes before Marco Reus rifled in the second goal after a cut-back by the Italian a minute before the break.

Apart from two early chances for the hosts, the second half was a subdued affair with Dortmund focused on holding on to their lead rather than adding to their goal tally. They made



Borussia Dortmund's Shinji Kagawa celebrates after scoring a goal during their German soccer cup (DFB Pokal) match against FC St. Pauli in Hamburg on 28 Oct, 2014. —REUTERS

it 3-0 when a bad clearance by keeper Philipp Tschauner fell straight to Shinji Kagawa and the Japanese made no mistake as he gave his side a boost of self belief

ahead of Saturday's league game with Bayern Munich. "It was important to advance after the few weeks we have had," Dortmund captain Mats Hummels told ARD

television. "It is a matter of confidence for us but we can get it back." Dortmund, last season's Bundesliga and German Cup runners-up, have suffered six defeats in nine games to slide to fourth from bottom in the table.

Werder Bremen coach Viktor Skripnik made a winning start as his new club eased past third tier Chemnitz 2-0.

Ukrainian Skripnik replaced the sacked Robin Dutt on Saturday, with the former champions anchored in last place in the league. Fin Bartels put them ahead in the first half and Franco Di Santo drilled in the second goal after a fine through ball from Clemens Fritz after the interval. —Reuters

## Champion Djokovic breezes through at Paris Masters

PARIS, 29 Oct — World number one Novak Djokovic began his Paris Masters title defence with a routine 6-3, 6-4 win over German Philipp Kohlschreiber in the second round on Tuesday.

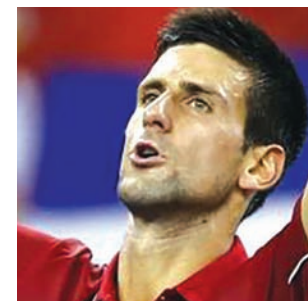
The top seed, who had a first-round bye, next faces 13th-seeded American John Isner or Frenchman Gael Monfils for a place in the quarter-finals.

Djokovic, who is in a race with Roger Federer to end the season on top of the rankings, quickly opened a 3-0 lead playing some aggressive tennis at the Bercy arena.

Kohlschreiber pulled a break back but his opponent held firm to bag the opening set with a service winner. Djokovic then broke in the first game of the second set as the German struggled to focus.

Kohlschreiber produced a series of beautiful backhand winners but could still not manage to unsettle the Serb.

Djokovic, who became a father for the first time last week, wrapped up victory on his first match point. "It was a very good match considering the fact that I didn't play indoors for a year (since last year's



Novak Djokovic of Serbia

ATP World Tour Finals). I struggled a little bit physically. It was a pretty tough couple of weeks," Djokovic told reporters.

The Paris Masters will decide who travels to London next month for the Tour Finals with Djokovic, Federer, Stanislas Wawrinka and Marin Cilic already qualified.

Czech Tomas Berdych, the fifth seed who currently sits eighth in the Race to London, reached the third round with a 6-4, 6-7(3), 6-2 defeat of French wild card Adrian Mannarino.

A Berdych defeat would have ensured Briton Andy Murray qualified for the Tour finals, but the Czech regained his composure after losing a second set tiebreak, and never looked back after a decisive break in the third game of the decider. —Reuters

## Putin says needs effective, yet subtle World Cup security

MOSCOW, 29 Oct — Russian President Vladimir Putin said on Tuesday security at the 2018 World Cup would be "effective but not intrusive", underlining to his security chiefs the need for subtle measures that will not scare off fans.

At a meeting of Russian and FIFA officials, Putin won support from FIFA president Sepp Blatter for Russia's staging of the football championship despite calls by some Western officials to move it elsewhere because of Moscow's role in Ukraine.

Putin urged the security services to work together to make sure the tournament, to be staged in 12 stadiums in 11 Russian cities at a cost of 664 billion roubles (9.6 billion pounds), passes off without problems.

"Here there should be complete cooperation, coordination of work of all services and departments. It should be marked for personal responsibility," Putin told a meet-

ing of Russian, regional and FIFA officials.

"Security measures should be effective, but not intrusive, not excessive," he said. "Do not create problems, or discomfort for athletes and fans."

Although winning the right to host the World Cup stirred national pride, Moscow has faced calls for the finals to be played elsewhere because of its role in the Ukraine crisis and some Western officials have suggested a boycott.

Blatter said it was impossible to boycott football.

"FIFA firmly supports holding this championship in Russia," he told the same meeting. For Putin, the World Cup, like the Winter Olympics Russia staged in February, are projects aimed at showing how Russia has developed since Soviet days into a modern state worthy of a seat at the table of top nations.

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