

For this transition to succeed we have no alternative but to talk to one another Political stability is the basis to make elections a success

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NAY PYI TAW, 31 Oct—The political dialogue of leaders of five national political forces was held at Ngu Shwe Wah Hall of the Presidential Palace in Nay Pyi Taw on Friday.

President U Thein Sein delivered an opening address at the dialogue. He said: On behalf of the government and the people, I would first like to thank all of you for accepting my invitation to come to this meeting today. While I have met with some of you individually to discuss Myanmar’s political process, and despite my wish to have this kind of a gathering, this is the first time we are able to hold a meeting such as this. I am truly delighted about this and I would like to thank all of you again for making this happen.

Since my administration came into power, we have tried to implement a holistic set of reforms after carefully considering from all perspective the ways



President U Thein Sein shakes hands with NLD Chairperson Daw Aung San Suu Kyi at political dialogue.—MNA

to make the democratic transition take root. I have always believed that the current state of reforms and the political process are where they are at not only

because of what my administration has done but also because of the concerted efforts of the legislature, political parties, Tatmadaw and the people. While

there are successes in these reforms that we can be proud of, there still remain many challenges that we must overcome. This is the political reality of today.

We will attain success and overcome these challenges only if Myanmar’s political forces come together in a common purpose.

I also believe that

we will be able to come up with the solutions that will aid our current political process if the political forces present here today work together. That said, I want to discuss three main agendas today. I also want to invite all of you to discuss candidly other issue of interest to you during this meeting. First, I would like to talk about the continuation of the democratic transition and the political process, and how we can make sure that these reforms lead to democracy taking root and the overall development of a free society. Second, I would like to touch on the ways to strengthen the peace process so that the successes that we have achieved thus far can continue to form the basis for the national reconciliation

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Discussion underway to open Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights

YANGON, 31 Oct — A news crew from Myanma News Agency interviewed Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Thant Kyaw on the opening of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR). The following are excerpts from an unofficial translation of the interview. Ed

On signing an MOU to open the OHCHR, Deputy Minister for Foreign Af-

fairs U Thant Kyaw said that Matilda Bogner, regional representative for Southeast Asia based in Bangkok, and her assistant discussed the matter on 29 October, covering progress in a process that began in 2012. The OHCHR was formed in December 1993 and cooperation between Myanmar and OHCHR has since been made to promote human rights situation in Myanmar.

As to progress toward signing an MOU, the deputy minister said Myanmar expressed its willingness to open a OHCHR office in Myanmar in November 2012 and that Myanmar voluntarily made the proposal. He added there are only 13 countries hosting an OHCHR, but they did not open the offices of their own volition.

Making the proposal

on its own shows the Myanmar government’s serious attention to promoting human rights, U Thant Kyaw said, adding that early last year Myanmar received a draft MOU from the High Commissioner for Human Rights Madame Pillay and Myanmar modified the pact to be in conformity with Myanmar’s situation and returned it to the OHCHR on 18 September 2013.

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Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Thant Kyaw.

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President U Thein Sein poses for documentary photo together with leaders of the State and political parties at political dialogue.—MNA

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process that is needed for our country. Third, I would like to discuss about how to successfully carry out the 2015 elections which is critical for the democratic transition in our country.

In order for these three broad agendas to succeed, the challenges that we will have to overcome include: state building; socio-economic reforms; development of a democratic culture; national reconciliation based on the peace process; and democratic governance including rule of law. Some of these challenges and processes must be carried out immediately while some others need to be tackled during the short and medium term. Regardless, we will only succeed if all the political forces work together to overcome

these challenges and manage these processes in synchrony. Though we may each have different ideas on how best to move towards a democratic and prosperous society, I am confident that we all wish to see our democratic transition succeed. History teaches us that for this transition to succeed we have no alternative but to talk to one another. I hope this meeting will be the start of a conversation and will allow us to begin framing a common vision and a common path forward. I would like to invite all of you to work hand in hand to achieve that common vision. I would also like to stress that the current peace process has brought national reconciliation within reach and we will get to that destination if we can successfully hold

the political dialogues. That is to say, the political progress we have managed to achieve so far has allowed us to aim for a brighter future for the country.

In order to make sure that the democratic transition endures, the 2015 elections must be held in a free and fair manner. Not only that, it is our national duty to make sure that it happens. At the same time, we cannot disregard the fact that political stability is the basis to make these elections a success. In doing so, we also must not restrict the political activities of any organizations. Instead, we should try to promote mutual understanding among different political forces and this will allow us to adopt pragmatic approaches to face the challenges. Only then will we be able to manage the rather high expectations that the people have

from the political openness brought about by recent reforms. All political forces should also refrain from resorting to confrontational approaches so that these actions will not undermine

sure that the 2015 elections are held freely, fairly and successfully. I would like to affirm the executive branch's commitment to do everything necessary to bring about free and fair

we will be able to start the political dialogue process. We will also need to have both the short term and the long term plans to aid us in finding solutions. What we are trying to achieve is to



President U Thein Sein cordially greets Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and Pyithu Hluttaw Thura U Shwe Mann at political dialogue.—MNA



President U Thein Sein shakes hands with U Khun Tun Oo, representative of United Nationalities Alliance at political dialogue.—MNA

the political and peace processes. The reason that I am placing an emphasis on political stability during this time of transition is not because I want to restrict the rights of the people to organize political activities freely but because I want to make certain that the political reform process can move forward without any interruptions. I also want to note that we should take full advantage of the political openness we have achieved thus far to en-

elections.

I would like to emphasize again that this is a crucial time for all of us to work together to make sure that the reform process is successful. The success of the political reforms hinges on the ways in which the peace process evolves. As such, the government, the Hluttaw, the ethnic armed groups and the Tatmadaw should work together towards concluding the Nationwide Ceasefire Agreement (NCA). Only then,

leave behind a firm foundation of the peace process for the next democratically elected government to build upon. Only then will we be able to achieve a federal system that can guarantee equality among all ethnic peoples.

I hope that this meeting will help us find productive mechanisms which will allow us to work hand in hand to find durable solutions. I would like to suggest that all political

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forces work in concert to ensure that the political transition will be smooth, that the 2015 elections will be free and fair, and that there will be a peaceful transfer of power. I am convinced that this meeting will generate the outcomes that will contribute to a brighter future for the country and the people. I would like to invite all of you to express your opinions freely and openly.

The participants of the dialogue discussed solutions for political issues through political means, amendment of constitution in line with the constitution, emphasis to be placed on building trusts among the groups

for reform process, signing of nationwide cease-fire agreement at the end of 2014 or in the early 2015, laying down the frameworks for further political dialogues before 2015 general elections, holding of the 2015 general elections in a free and fair manner with the use of united strength of government, political parties, civil society organizations, media and international community, priority to be given to socioeconomic development and holding of dialogues for seeking the best ways.

Also present at the dialogue were Vice Presidents Dr Sai Mauk Kham and U Nyan Tun, Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and Pyithu Hluttaw



President U Thein Sein at political dialogue.

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Shwe Mann, Speaker of (Lower House) Thura U Amyotha Hluttaw (Upper

President U Thein Sein sends messages of felicitations to Algeria

NAY PYI TAW, 1 Nov — U Thein Sein, President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, has sent messages of felicitations to His Excellency Mr. Abdelaziz Bouteflika, President of the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria and His Excellency Mr Abdelmalek Sellal, Prime Minister of the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria, on the occasion of the National Day of the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria, which falls on 1 November 2014.—MNA

House) U Khin Aung Myint, Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, 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, Vice Chairman of the Union Solidarity and Development Party U Htay Oo, Chairperson of

the National League for Democracy Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, representative of the National Unity Party U Thein Tun, representative of United Nationalities Alliance U Khun Tun Oo, representative of Nationalities Brotherhood Federation (NBF) U Sai Aik Paung and representative of Federal Democratic Alliance U Khin Maung Swe.—MNA

Union Home Affairs Minister meets Thai Justice Minister

NAY PYI TAW, 31 Oct—Union Minister for Home Affairs Lt-Gen Ko Ko held a talk with Justice Minister of Thailand General Paiboon Koomchaya at his office on Friday.

They discussed cooperation matters between the two countries.

Also present at the call were Deputy Minister for Home Affairs Brig-Gen Kyaw Kyaw Tun and officials of the Myanmar Police Force, General Administration Department and Bureau of Special Investigation.

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Union FM sends message of felicitations to Algerian counterpart

NAY PYI TAW, 1 Nov—U Wunna Maung Lwin, Union Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr. Ramtane Lamamra, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria, on the occasion of the National Day of the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria, which falls on 1 November 2014.—MNA

Potential of railway industry discussed

NAY PYI TAW, 31 Oct — Union Minister for Rail Transportation U Than Htay received a French delegation to discuss potential of Myanmar Railways at his office on Friday.

The Union minister held talks with the delegation led by Mr. Philippe Lorand, managing director of French

National Railway Company (SNCF) on exploring business opportunities for cooperation in the railway industry.

Also present at the call were Deputy Ministers U Chan Maung and U Myint Thein, the directors-general and managing directors of the ministry.

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President U Thein Sein, Vice Presidents Dr Sai Mauk Kham and U Nyan Tun, state leaders and political leaders at political dialogue.—MNA

Coordination meeting on organizing 67th Anniversary Independence Day held

NAY PYI TAW, 31 Oct — Although State Flag-hoisting and saluting ceremonies will be held across the nation to mark the 67th Anniversary of In-

dependence Day as usual, the Independence Day Parade for the President will take place in Nay Pyi Taw this year in accord with its own program of the central

committee, Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham, chairman of the central committee for the 67th Anniversary Independence Day Celebration, said at a coordination meeting on Friday.

Speaking at the coordination meeting on organizing the 67th Anniversary Independence Day held at the Union Government Office in Nay Pyi Taw, the Vice President called on a subcommittee to take responsibility for setting up of billboards bearing objectives of the 67th Anniversary Independence Day at designated places. He also invited suggestions of the committee members for the successful holding of this year's celebration to mark the Independence Day.

Next, the commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command, the central committee secretary and chairmen of

subcommittees reported on preparations for the Independence Day Parade for the President and the Independence Day celebration respectively. The central committee members, then, made supplementary reports at the meeting.

The four objectives of the 66th Anniversary Independence Day are : All the national people to strive together for non-disintegration of the Union, non-disintegration of national solidarity and perpetuation of sovereignty All the national people to live together in the Union forever; All the national people to participate in efforts for ceasing armed conflicts and gaining genuine peace; and All the national people to work hard in building a developed and discipline-flourishing democratic nation.

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Vice President Dr Sai Mauk Kham delivers an address at 67th Anniversary Independence Day Organizing Committee Meeting.—MNA

27 out of 30 remaining political prisoners found out to have committed other crimes

NAY PYI TAW, 31 Oct —The Scrutinizing Committee for Remaining Political Prisoners held a total of 12 coordination meetings at Myanmar Peace Centre and brought about the release of 354 prisoners after reporting the committee’s findings to the President.

A total of 404 prisoners and 12 detainees have been released so far as 50 prisoners and 12 detainees were

included in the list of prisoners freed under Order No. 51/2013 of the President Office dated 30 December 2013.

The scrutiny of prisoners was carried out again as Assistance Association for Political Prisoners and Former Political Prisoners Society reported that there were still 30 political prisoners in imprisonment. It was found out that three of the prisoners have been released and the re-

maining 27 prisoners committed other crimes. Their sentences for political activities have been annulled under Order No. 51/2013 of the President Office and their remaining pris-

on terms are as they were handed down by courts of law concerned. –MNA

The crimes of the remaining 27 prisoners are stated on pages (4-12).

List of 27 persons serving prison terms											
No.	Original number	Jail registration number	Name	Age Sex	Race Religion	Section	Penalty	Date of Punishment	Case Number of Court	Remarks	
1.	1.	Kachin-3 Makana/13/01600/Ka/ (Myitkyina)	Bran Yong (U Gan Phan)	25, Male	Kachin, Christian	(1)-Explosive-4	3 years	05-6-2014	MaTaRa Myitkyina-128/13 KhaTaRa Myitkyina-201/13 KhaTaRa Myitkyina- 129/13 KhaTaRa Myitkyina- 40/13 MaTaRa Myitkyina-39/13		
						(2)-Explosive-3/6	5 years	19-12-2013			
						(3)-Explosive-3	5 years	05-6-2014			
						(4)-Explosive-4	3 years	05-6-2014			
						(5)-Explosive-4	3 years	05-6-2014			
					Total imprisonment 19 year						
		Case in Brief	Explosion at telecommunication office at Dukhadaung Ward, explosion at Bala Min Htin Bridge, explosion at Pharaw Bridge, explosion Kyeinkhram Bridge, explosion at Myitkyina-Mandalay railroad								
		Remarks:	His Two years’ prison term under section-17(1) of illegal organization act was anulled under Order No.51/2013 of President Office dated 30-12-2013.								
			450 days (a quarter of original 5 years prison term) was reduced under Order No.1/2014 of the President Office dated 2-1-2014								
2.	2.	Makana/13/01601/Ka/ (Myitkyina)	La Phine Gam, Son of U La Phine La	53, Male	Kachin, Christian	(1)-Explosive-3	5 years	19-12-2013	MaTaRa Myitkyina-201/13 KhaTaRa Myitkyina-62/13 KhaTaRa Myitkyina-63/13 KhaTaRa Myitkyina-129/13		
						(2)-Explosive-4	3 years	05-6-2014			
						(3)-Explosive-4	5 years	05-6-2014			
						(4)-Explosive-3	5 years	05-6-2014			
					Total imprisonment 18 years						
		Case in Brief	Explosion at telecommunication office at Dukhadaung Ward, explosion at Nat River Bridge, Myitkyina-Mandalay railroad explosion								
		Remarks:	His Two years’ prison term under section-17(1) of illegal organization act was anulled under Order No.51/2013 of President Office dated 30-12-2013.								
			450 days (a quarter of original 5 years prison term) was reduced under Order No.1/2014 of the President Office dated 2-1-2014								
3.	3.	B a m a / 1 4 / 0 0 2 8 1 / Ka(Bamaw)	Mali Tan (U Mali Gum)	52, Male	Kachin, Christian	(1)-LaNa-19(Ka)	5 years	10-6-2014	KhaTaRa Bamaw-46/2013 KhaTaRa Bamaw-47/2013 KhaTaRa Bamaw-47/2013		
						(2)-Explosive-3	10 years	10-6-2014			
						(3)-Explosive-4 (Kha)	7 years	10-6-2014			
					Total imprisonment 22 years						
		Case in Brief	He was searched on his way to Myint Myint Maw Company in Kyine Ni during his term of Amatkyigone Village Administrator, he was found by LIR-121 with a walkie-talkie and a village seal. On suspension of KIA link, He was taken to Kyaukkyi Villge. On the way, a landmine planted by KIA exploded, and arrested with photographs taken together with TNT mine of the regiment.								
		Remarks:									
4.	1.	ABSDF-3 HaThata/12/00882/Ka (Pathein)	Thant Ko Thu/ Than Ko Oo/ Min Zaw (U Saw Htet/ Phone Moe)	31, Male	Bamar, Buddhist	(1)-TaMaA-37	5 years	16-10-2012	Military Court, KhaLaRa(18), Hinthada 219/2012 KhaTaRa, Hinthada- 50/2012 KhaTaRa, Hinthada- 51/2012 KhaTaRa, Hinthada- 52/2012 KhaTaRa, Hinthada- 53/2012 KhaTaRa, Hinthada- 54/2012		
						(1)/50					
						(2)-Explosive 3	20 years	30-11-2012			
						(3)-Explosive 3	20 years	30-11-2012			
						(4)-Explosive 4	20 years	21-12-2012			
						(5)-Explosive 5	14 years	21-12-2012			
						(6)-Explosive 4	20 years	11-4-2012			
					Total imprisonment 40 years						
		Case in Brief	Absconded from army, SaSaTha(1) Meikhtila, run away from quarter, illegal contact with ABSDF, attempt to blow up the office of Union Solidarity and Development Party of Myan Aung Township, plots to blow up Hinthada Township Administrative Office and Microwave Tower, possession of remote control bomb(KMU/US), plot to explode Hinthada Posts Office.								
		Remarks:	His two years’ prison term under section-17(1) of the Illegal Organization was annulled under Order No. 51/2013 of the President Office dated 30-12-2013, leaving him to serve the remaining 99 years’ prison term.								
			His 5 years’ prison term under TaMaAh 37(1)/ 50, four 20 years’ prison term under section 3 and 4 of explosive act and fourteen years’ prison term under section-5 (14) of the explosive act were commuted to 2 years and 7 days, 8 years and 29 days each and 5 years and 7 months and 26 days respectively under Order No. 1/2014 of the President Office dated 2-1-2014. His total imprisonment of 99 years was commuted to 40 years.								

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No.	Original number	Jail registration number	Name	Age Sex	Race Religion	Section	Penalty	Date of Punishment	Case Number of Court	Remarks
10.	4.	TaNGa/09/01145/Ka (Toungoo)	Saw Yangon/Saw Yarto Father: U Saw Toe He	56, Male	Kayin, Christian	(1) - Y a r - 3 0 2 (2)/324 (2)-Explosives-3	28 yrs 25 yrs	24-11-2009 24-11-2009	Ka-Ta-ya Toungoo-91/08 Ka-Ta-Ya Toungoo-4/09	imprisonment was commuted to the 30-yrs imprisonment. The 28-yrs imprisonment under the (1) Yar-302 (2) 324 was commuted to the 15-yrs imprisonment. The 3-yrs imprisonment under section 17 (1) of the Unlawful Organization Act was commuted to the 1-yr 7 months 8-days imprisonment, the 25-yrs imprisonment was commuted to the 13-yrs 4-months-21-days imprisonment. According to the Announcement No. 51/2013 of the President Office dated 30-12-2013, the sentence he received under Section 17 (1) of the unlawful organization act was abolished. The 30-yrs sentence was commuted to the 28-yrs 4-months and 22-days sentence. According to the Announcement No. 1/2014 of the President Office dated 2-1-2014, he got 2555 days remission.
11.	5.	MaTaLa/12/00826/Ka (Thayet)	Aung Ko Latt (a) Aung Gyi Father: U Ye Aung	37, Male	Bamar, Buddhist	(1)-PaPaKa-6 (1) (2)-Explosive-3 (3)-Yar-326 (4)-Yar-324 (5)-Yar-324	3 yrs 5 yrs 3 yrs 1 yr 1yr	26-03-2012 26-03-2012 26-03-2012 26-03-2012 26-03-2012	KhaTaYa Nay Pyi Taw-42/11 KhaTaYa Nay Pyi Taw-38/11 KhaTaYa Nay Pyi Taw-43/11 KhaTaYa Nay Pyi Taw-43/11 KhaTaYa Nay Pyi Taw-43/11	Planted mines at Thane Video Centre, blasted mine at Thane Video Centre, killing two contacts with Daw Na of Battalion-9 of KNU. According to Announcement No. 28/2011 of the President Office dated 16-5-2011, he got 1 yr (365days) remission. According to the Announcement No. 1/2012 of the President Office dated 2-1-2012, the 56-yr imprisonment was commuted to the 30-yr imprisonment. The 28-yr imprisonment was commuted to the 15-yrs imprisonment; the 3-yr imprisonment was commuted to the 1-yr-7-month-8-day imprisonment; the 25-yrs imprisonment was commuted to the 13-yrs-4-month-21-day imprisonment. According to the Announcement of 51/2013 of the President Office dated 30-12-2013, the sentence he got under Section 17 (1) of the unlawful association act was abolished. The 30-yr sentence was commuted to 28-yrs-4-month-22-days sentence. According to the Announcement No. 1/2014 of the President Office, he got 2,555-days remission from the 28-yrs-4-month-22-days sentence.
12.	6.	Ma Ta La/11/01168/Ka (Mandalay)	Yan Naing Soe/ Thein Zaw Father: U Hmat Kyaw	25, Male	Bamar, Buddhist	T a M a A h - 3 7 (1)/53(Kha)/42 (Ka) 37 (1)/71/21 (Ka)	Life Imprisonment	16-12-2010	Kha-La-Ra (95) Military Court Mandalay-214/10	Blasted mine at a public toilet at Nay Pyi Taw Myoma Market at 9.45 pm 10-6-2011, damaging public building, injuring an anonymous man seriously and two other people injuries. Involved in KNU, an unlawful organization. According to letter No. 5/2012, 1049/10/1-A-Ya dated 26-5-2012 of the Ministry of Home Affairs, he was allowed to enjoy remission as from 1-6-2012. According to the announcement No. 50/2012 of the President Office dated 30-12-2013, the 3-year sentence he got for contacts with an unlawful organization was abolished. According to the Announcement No. 1/2014 of the President Office dated 2-1-2014, he got 720-day remission equivalent to the one fourth of the previous punishment.
13.	1.	Air Force-3 A-Sa/12/03983/Ka (Insein)	Chit Ko Father: U Win Myint	33, Male	Bamar, Buddhist	TaMaAh-71/ Electronic-33 (Ka)	10 years	24-12-2012	KhaMaRa (436) Court Martial-24/12	While serving as a pilot at the Myeik Airbase Headquarters, sent an email to the International Labour Organization asking how ILO could assist him to be able to leave the unit. Date of Birth; 22-2-1982, Air-2862, Ma-La-Kha, Myeik. According to the Announcement No. 1/2014 of the President Office dated 2-1-2014, he got 900-day remission, one fourth of his original sentence.
14.	2.	A-Sa/12/03979/Ka (Insein)	Min Thame Tun Father: U Tun Ye	40, Male	Bamar, Buddhist	Ta-ma-Ah-65	7 yrs	24-12-2012	KhaMaRa (532) Court Martial-2012	While working as an official for the Airplanes Maintenance Headquarters, he leaked the information related to the Air Force to others.

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No.	Original number	Jail registration number	Name	Age Sex	Race Religion	Section	Penalty	Date of Punishment	Case Number of Court	Remarks
15.	3.	Ahsa/12/03981/A (Insein)	Nay Lin Dwe, son of U Thar Dwe	40, Male	Bamar, Buddhist	TamaAh-71/65	20 years	2-3-2012	Khamaya (435), Military Prison-23/12	
						Total imprisonment -20 years				
		Brief Remark:	Found guilty on a count of posting articles on a website of how he, as an weapon officer in an airbase in Myeik, was excluded from promotion and of the plight of military personnel. Born on 22-6-1974, Air-2282 (Captain), Malakha, Myeik Tsp, Granted a 1,800-day remission of the 20-year sentence under presidential order 1/2014 dated 2-1-2014.							
16.	1.	VBSW-3 Ahsa/12/00431/A (Insein)	Sai Tin Min Tun, son of U Ye Win	33, Male	Bamar, Buddhist	(1)TamaAh-43	1 year	18-7-2006	No (7) Basic Army Training Depot-2006	
						(2)Yar-302 (2)	10 years	21-2-2007	Khataya, Magway 38/06	
						(3)Lawaka-13 (1)	5 years	23-3-2012	Mataya, North Okkalapa-258/12	
						(4)Paukkwe-4(B)	7 years	12-9-2012	Khataya, Yaka(Ya)-6/12	
						(5)Yar-224	1 year	21-9-2012	Mataya, Insein- 1419/12	
						Total imprisonment -24years				
		Case in Brief:	Charged with counts of defrauding the army, stabbing Nan Soe Aung to death, doing a course in explosives after joining VBSW in Mae Sot of Thailand, planning to plant two bombs at Myenigone junction, illegal detonation of those two bombs at his brother’s place in North Okkalapa Tsp, and trying to escape Thayet Prison. Remark: On escape for 3 years, 8 months and 5 days; born on 15-8-1981; Ta-338766 (Tatha); No(7) Basic Army Training Depot (Taungdwingyi); granted abolition of the 3-year sentence under presidential order 51/2013 dated 30-12-2003; granted a 2,160-day remission of the 24-year sentence under presidential order 1/2014 dated 2-1-2014.							
17.	2.	Ahsa/12/01742/A (Insein)	Zaw Thet Aung alias Gadon, son of U Win Myint	25, Male	Bamar, Buddhist	(1)Lawaka-13(1)	3 years	14-2-2012	M a t a y a / T h i n g a n g -yun-105/12	
						((2)Ya-302 (2)	10 years	29-7-2013	Khataya, Yaka(ya)- 8/12	
						(3)Ya-326	5 years	29-7-2013	Khataya, Yaka(ya)- 8/12	
						(4)Ya-324	2 years	29-7-2013	Khataya, Yaka(ya)- 8/12	
						(5)Explosive-3	10 years	29-7-2013	Khataya, Yaka(ya)- 26/12	
						(6)Explosive-4	7 years	29-7-2013	Kyataya, Yaka(na)- 84/12	
						(7)Explosive-4	7 years	29-7-2013	Khataya, Yaka(na)- 85/12	
						Total imprisonment -40years				
		Case in Brief:	Charged with counts of trespassing into Thailand through Myanmar; doing a course on explosives after joining VBSW in Mae Sot of Thailand; blowing up two taxis in Thingangyun Tsp killing a driver and injuring two passengers; planting a hand grenade in front of the town hall in Kyauktada Tsp; planting a time bomb at the bus-stop in front of Zinyaw Bakery on Sule Pagoda Road; Remark: Born on 12-7-1989, granted abolition of a 3-year sentence under presidential order 51/2013 dated 30-12-2013; granted a reduction of sentence from 44 years to 40 years under presidential order 1/2014 dated 2-1-2014.							
18.	3.	VBSW Ahsa/11/13763/A (Insein)	Zaw Min Than alias Kyaw Soe, son of U Han Oo	29, Male	Rakhine, Buddhist	(1)Explosive-3	10 years	16-12-2011	Khataya, Yaka(ma)- 67/11	
						(2)Explosive-5	5 years	16-12-2011	Khataya, Yaka(ma)- 67/11	
						(3)Association-7	3 years	16-12-2011	Khataya, Yaka(ma)-68/11	
						(4)Lawaka-13 (1)	5 years	16-12-2011	Khataya, Yaka(ma)- 69/11	
						Total imprisonment- 20 years				
		Case in Brief:	Case in brief: charged with counts of explosives in his bag which accidentally blew up in front of Aungzeyya Eastate in Insein Tsp on 17-2-2011, injuring four men and four women; trespass into Thailand in July 2007. Remark: Born on 5-12-1985; granted a reduction of sentence from 23 to 20 years under presidential order 1/2012 dated 2-1-2012; granted a 1,800-day remission of the 20-year sentence.							
19.	1.	Win Naing Kyaw Case-3 Asa/10/00168/A (Myingyan)	Thura Kyaw alias Aung Aung, son of U Kyaw Nyein	36, Male	Bamar, Buddhist	Electronic-33(B)	15 years (life sentence)	7-1-2010	Yaka(ma), Exclusive-134/09	
						Total imprisonment- 15 years - unlimited period				
		Case in Brief:	Charged with counts of illegally recording some information of government heads of international relations and their speeches from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Nay Pyi Taw on his return from Cambodia to Myanmar at the Yangon International Airport. Remark: Granted a reduction of imprisonment from death sentence to life sentence under presidential order 28/2011 dated 16-5-2011; granted a 1,350-day remission of sentence from his 15-year sentence under presidential order 1/2014 dated 2-1-2014.							
20.	2.	Tanga/10/00072/A (Taungoo)	Aung Kyaw Lin, son of U Pu	41, Male	Bamar, Buddhist	TamaAh-71/71/ 71/71/71	Life sentence	28-1-2010	L/R (411, Nay Pyi Taw-80/09	
						Total imprisonment- unlimited period				
		Case in Brief:	Charged with a count of informing Win Naing Kyaw, a former major, of the itineraries of head of State. Remark: Kapa-877473, second warrant officer, management department of the defence (army); granted a reduction of imprisonment from death sentence to life sentence under presidential order 28/11 dated 16-5-2011.							

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PERSPECTIVES

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Quality policy debates essential for democratic transition

By Myint Win Thein

Quality policy debates at the Hluttaw are essential for the democratic transition of Myanmar. It is, however, natural for a country just transforming itself into a democracy to experience challenges such as a shortage of skilled and

experienced Hluttaw staff for a parliamentary democracy. As a result, most representatives at the Hluttaw have to do research and draft bills by themselves and some of them cannot do as much as they wish for the country.

This is not to blame the Hluttaw staff, but to point out that they did not have any experience in parliamentary procedures before 2011 and they were recruited from various government departments to work in a new environment.

Compared to parliaments in other countries, the Hluttaw office does not have enough staff or skills, but capacity-building programmes are being carried out with international organizations including the National Democratic Institute, Open Society, German Foundation, Westminster Foundation, the DFID, Hanna Siedel Foundation,

the GIZ and the UNDP, according to a secretary of a Hluttaw committee.

Although the formation for the Hluttaw Office has 1,542 staff, it has to run its functions with only 464 staff at the moment. It is time to recruit more staff for the Hluttaw office and to train them to work in the interests of the people and the nation without racial, political, religious or personal bias.

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LIFE IS A HAZARDOUS JOURNEY

Khin Maung Myint

Most people think that wealth can provide absolute joy, pleasure or happiness, but that is wrong. Although a person may be very rich, he will not be happy if he does not have a good health or does not feel safe and is always worrying that he may one day lose his wealth. He may be able to enjoy life to great extents, which can be bought with his wealth, but those are not eternal happiness, just temporary or rather, illusions. As a Buddhist, I believe that there is no real *Sukha*, a Pali word, which can be loosely interpreted as a feeling of joy, pleasure, comfort, ease or satisfaction and has nothing to do with wealth. Our Lord Buddha in his teachings listed *Sukha* as *Dukkha*, which in ordinary usage means suffering, pain, sorrow or misery as opposed to the word *Sukha*, because of its impermanent nature.

Thus, it is evident that there is no real *Sukha* in life, but only *Dukkhas* that one has to endure throughout one's lifetime. *Dukkhas* stem from the hazards that are abundant since the time of conception in the mother's womb until the time of death. According to Buddha's teaching—conception, birth, old age, sickness, death, association with unpleasant persons and conditions, separation from beloved ones and pleasant conditions, not getting what one desires, grief, lamentation, distress—all such forms of physical and mental suffering, which are universally accepted as sufferings or pains are included in *Dukkha*. All *Dukkhas* are in one

way or another, related to dangers, hazards or obstacles that are abundant in life.

Again, if we look at life, not from the religious point of view but from the worldly perspective, the above statements are proved to be true. Let us start observing life from the time of conception, which can be deemed the beginning of life. The embryo is subjected to all forms of dangers. The fetus is vulnerable to miscarriage, intentional abortion due to various reasons, inheriting diseases from the parents, malformation, accidents involving the mother, just to cite a few common examples of dangers human beings are exposed to, even before birth.

There is also danger at the time of birth, both for the mother and the child. Even if there is no trouble at delivery, the child is exposed to numerous viruses and bacteria that can be seriously infectious, which are prevalent in this modern age, once it emerged from the mother's womb. As it grew up, he or she is further exposed to more hazards. The hazards are caused either by natural or manmade disasters. Natural disasters are such as—deaths, earthquakes, storms and flooding—to cite a few. Manmade disasters are—wars, nuclear tests, accidents, contamination of foods by overuse of chemical fertilizers, pesticides, preservatives and colorings, unhealthy lifestyles, excessive timber extractions and unsystematic mining, which led to the

deforestations and destructions of the eco-system that resulted in excessive carbon emissions, air pollution, water pollution, depletion of the ozone layers and weather changes—to mention just a few. However, as these hazards, dangers or obstacles, whether natural or manmade are so numerous I will not attempt to list all of them.

During a lifetime, a person may be able to accumulate much wealth and enjoy life more than the other not-so-fortunate ones, but that person is not invulnerable or immune to the hazards that can strike any time. The wealthier a person, the more hazards he encounters and the more worrisome he gets, depriving him of the peace of mind, so where is the joy of being rich. Thus, it can be

summed up that there are more hazards than joy, pleasure, comfort, ease and satisfaction in life. In other words, there are more *Dukkhas* than *Sukhas* in life.

Our Buddhist belief is that by possessing a body or a physical structure, one must unavoidably encounter the sufferings of aging, sickness and finally death, which are *Dukkhas*. As human beings are led on from one stage of life to another in conditions of the utmost hazards, dangers and obstacles, there is a universally accepted saying that "life is a struggle", which almost everyone irrespective of race or religion, rich or poor agrees.

To be free from these *Dukkhas*, the only mean for us Buddhists is to get rid of them by following the teachings of our Lord Buddha. Other religions may also have their own way of

ridding them, but as a Buddhist, I would like to advise my fellow Buddhists to study and practice "The Four Noble Truths", which our Lord expounded in his very first sermon soon after his enlightenment to his old colleagues, the five ascetics, at *Isipatana* near *Benares* in India.

The First Noble Truth is *Dukkha*, in which he explained the different aspects of *Dukkha*. The Second Noble Truth is *Samudaya*, the arising or origin of *Dukkha*. The Third noble Truth is *Nirodha*, which dealt with the cessation of *Dukkha*. The Fourth Noble Truth is *Megga*, which shows the path that lead to the cessation of *Dukkha*, known as the "Middle Path", because it avoids two extremes. One extreme is the search for happiness through the pleasures of senses, which

is "low, common, unbeneficial and the way of the ordinary people" and the other is the search for happiness through self-mortification in different forms of asceticism, which too is "painful, unworthy and unbeneficial". If these "Four Noble Truths" are practiced correctly, one can attain *Nirvana*—free from all forms of *Dukkha*—which is the ultimate goal of every practicing Buddhist.

Whatever approaches different religions may take, I believe that the ultimate goal of every religion is to be free from sufferings, pains, sorrows or miseries that every human being must encounter throughout a lifetime. Thus, in conclusion I would like to urge all human beings, irrespective of their religions or beliefs, to strive for that goal.

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Japan grants school project in Bago Tsp

YANGON, 31 Oct—The Japanese Government, under its Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects (GGP) Scheme, has extended the assistance of US\$ 95,785 for humanitarian assistance program entitled "The Project for Construction of Shwedaung Monastic Post Primary School in Bago Township, Bago Region."

The handover and opening ceremony of the Shwedaung Monastic School was held in Bago Township, Bago Region on 29 October 2014. Mr. Taro WATANABE, Second Secretary of the Embassy of Japan, U Nyan Win, Chief Minister of Bago Region,

Bago Region Minister for Development Affairs, District Education Officer, Township Administrator, Head Monk, teachers and students, committee chairman and committee members of the construction

project and local residents attended this ceremony.

The Shwedaung Monastic Post Primary School was opened in 1993 and the number of students has increased year after year. The Japanese Government de-

cided to support construction of a two-storey RC building with lavatories, water supply, electrical lighting and full furniture. This support will benefit about 300 students of the school.—GNLM

School children are happy with new desks at new school building of Shwedaung Monastic Post Primary School in Bago Township.



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Photo gallery on leaders of State and political parties in political dialogue



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Representative of FDA U Khin Maung Swe.—MNA



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Information Ministry briefs on talks of five national political forces

NAY PYI TAW, 31 Oct — A press conference was held in relations to the political dialogue by five national political forces, sources said.

The conference took place at the Ministry of Information here on Friday, officials said.

Union Minister for Information U Ye Htut gave briefings on what came under discussion at the political dialogue, responding to queries raised by the media.

The press conference drew 89 local and foreign journalists. —MNA



Union Minister for Information U Ye Htut clarifies discussions of State leaders and political party leaders at political dialogue.—MNA



Representative of NBF U Sai Aik Paung.—MNA



Representative of NUP U Thein Tun.—MNA

Winners in Life-time Achievement National Literary Award announced

YANGON, 31 Oct—The National Literary Award Scrutiny Committee of the Ministry of Information selected writers Dr Khin Aye (Maung Khin Min-Danubyu), Sithu U Tin Hlaing (Ledwinthar Saw Chit) and U Myint Kyi (Tekkatho Myat Soe) as Life-time

Achievement National Literary Award winners for 2013. The winners will be awarded K2.5 million as cash as award.

The prize presentation will be held at the National Theatre on Myoma Kyaung Street on 22 November.

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Discussion underway to ...

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Based on these two drafts, discussions are continuing.

U Thant Kyaw said the government is now engaged in promoting human rights in the country, a National Human Rights Commission was formed in accord with the law and the commission is discharging its duties independently to promote and protect human rights. He added the UN Special Rapporteur on human rights in Myanmar was allowed to visit the country and was allowed to meet

the persons she wanted to meet and he noted that her reports were presented to the UN General Assembly and Human Rights Council through the OHCHR.

As to cooperation with the OHCHR, Myanmar has said it hopes for technical assistance through close cooperation with the office to promote human rights situation and enhance capacity building, which is needed for Myanmar to sign major UN human rights conventions.

U Thant Kyaw said Myanmar has already

signed three main international conventions and one protocol and it is now preparing to sign the International Convention on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights and the Convention Against Torture and Other Cruel Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment and the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the involvement of children in armed conflict.

To help Myanmar move toward signing the conventions and protocol, the OHCHR provided assistance to enhance the capacity of staff from the respective departments by holding workshops and other organizations and countries are also cooperating in workshops on human rights, the deputy minister said.

On future cooperation on human rights, U Thant Kyaw said that in addition to the discussions underway to open the branch of a resident representative office of the OHCHR in Yangon, Myanmar has already allowed five representatives of the office to visit Rakhine State regularly to collect data on human rights there.

He added that the OHCHR is the only organization engaging in promoting human rights in Rakhine while other international organizations are focusing on humanitarian assistance.

Daniel Collinge, Sarah Toner, Elaine Chan, Raja Nor Azwa Petra and Matilda Bongner, all Bangkok-based representatives of the OHCHR regularly get visa to visit Rakhine State,

OHCHR is one and only organization engaging in promoting human rights situation in Rakhine State while other international organizations are focusing on humanitarian assistance.

Local people get new asphalt road in Dekkhinathiri Township

NAY PYI TAW, 31 Oct—Member of Nay Pyi Taw Council U Saw Hla and member of Nay Pyi Taw Development Committee U Min Min Zaw attended the inauguration of Ywama-Kyargu asphalt road in Dekkhinathiri Township of Nay Pyi Taw Council Area on Friday.

Member of Nay Pyi Taw Council U Saw Hla explained development

tasks in Dekkhinathiri Township.

Director (Engineer) of Nay Pyi Taw Development Committee reported on construction of repaved Ywama-Kyargu road.

They formally opened the repaved road and strolled along it.

The newly-opened road is 5,386 feet long and 10 feet wide.

District IPRD

U Thant Kyaw added.

In cooperating with the OHCHR, Myanmar has not only shown political will but is also engaging in practical work, the deputy

minister continued, adding he believes there is a good atmosphere in cooperation between the government and the non-resident members of the OHCHR.

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List of 27 persons serving prison terms										
No.	Original number	Jail registration number	Name	Age Sex	Race Religion	Section	Penalty	Date of Punishment	Case Number of Court	Remarks
21	3	A h s a / 1 0 / 0 0 1 6 9 / A (Thayawady)	Win Naing Kyaw, son of U Kyaw Tint	59, Male	Bamar, Buddhist	(1)Naing/Ngwe-24(1) (2)Secret-6(3) (3)Electronic-33(b) Total Imprisonment 20 yrs/ unlimited period	3 years 2 years 15 years	7-1-2010 7-1-2010 7-1-2010	Khataya, Yaka(ma)-132/09 Khataya, Yaka(ma)-135/09 Khataya, Yaka(ma)	
		Case in Brief	On his return from Cambodia on 29-7-09, he was caught with illegal copies of international relations records and conversation of senior officials from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Nay Pyi Taw and US\$ 8,442 at the Mingaladon International Airport.							
		Remarks-	Under Order No. 28/2011 of the President Office dated 16-5-2011, his death sentence was commuted to life sentence and under Order No 51/2013 of the President Office dated 30-12-2013, he was freed from his life sentence serving under section-3 of the 1950 Emergency Provision Act. Under Order No. 1/2014 of the president office dated 2-1-2014, he was allowed to enjoy the remission of one-fourth of his original sentence which amounted to 1,800 days.							
22.	1.	SNLD-5 L a Y a / 0 6 / 0 0 4 1 4 / a (Shwebo)	SaiTu(a)Tartu, son of U Tun Shwe	43, Male	Shan/ Buddhist	(1)-Section 19 (a)/ Section 22 (b) of the Narcotic and Psychotropic Substances Law (2)-Section 15 of of the Narcotic and Psychotropic Substances Law (3)-Section LaNa 19 (a) (4)-Section Telecommu- nication 6(1) (5)-Section Ra-crime 302-(1)(b)/34 (6)-Section LaNa (Emer- gency)-2 (1)(a) (7)-Section Central Bank-89 Total Imprisonment- unlimited period	40 yrs sentence 5 yrs sentence 7 yrs sentence 3 yrs sentence Life sen- tence Life sen- tence 10 yrs sentence	23-2-2006 23-2-2006 23-2-2006 23-2-2006 23-2-2006 23-2-2006 23-2-2006	PaTaRa Shan/North-1/06 PaTaRa Shan/North-1/06 PaTaRa Shan/North-3/06 PaTaRa Shan/North-5/06 PaTaRa Shan/North-7/06 PaTaRa Shan/North-8/06 PaTaRa Shan/North-9/06	
		Case in Brief	- possession and distribution of narcotic durgs, abuse of 0.005 tical of heroine, possession of a .38 pistol and a walkie-talkie, murder and destroying the corpse. Possession of 54 bullets, one M-22 and 30 bullets, four counterfeited K 1,000 notes, discharging as a second lieutenant in SSA in an attempt of high treason.							
		Remarks-	Mandalay High Court rejected his appeal under letter no 6330/crime(U) 44/06 thayet 4/06 dated 17-8-2006. Mandalay High Court replied that it has been scheduled to hear the special appeals under letter no 98/crime/2011 of Mandalay High Court dated 2-11-2010 and under criminal general application (special) No.133/2010-134/2010-135/2010 but no decision has been made. His death sentence was commuted to life sentence under Order No. 28/2011 of the President Office dated 2-11-2010. He was freed from his life sentence serving under section 122(1) under Order No.28/2001 of the President Office dated 16-5-2011. He was freed from his life sentence serving under section 122(1) under Order No. 51/2013 of the President Office dated 30-12-2013. His unlimited sentences serving under section 19 (a)/22 (b) was commuted to 40 years' sentence under Order No.1/14 of the President Office dated 2-1-2014. He was allowed to enjoy the remission of one-fourth of his original sentence serving under section 15 of narcotic drug act, section 19 (a) of weapon act, section 6 (1) of the telecommunication act and section 89 of the central bank act totaling 25 year which amounted to 2250 days under Order No. 1/14 of the President Office dated 2-1-2014.							
23.	2.	SNLD-5 LaRa/06/00412/A Tharawaddy	Than Chaung (a) Sao Khun Kyaw (a) Myint Soe Son of U Nyo Maung	49, Male	Shan/ Buddhist	(1)-Section 15 of the Narcotic and Psychotropic Substances Law (2) - S e c t i o n 19(a)/22(b) of of the Narcotic and Psychotropic Substances Law (3)-Section 19 (a) of LaNa(tempo- rary) (4)-Section 6(1) of Telecommuni- cation act (5)-Section 24 (1) of Naing/Ngwe (6)-Section 302 (1)(b)/34 of crim- inal act (7)-Section 2(1) (a) of LaNa (tem- porary) (8)-Section 89 of central bank act (9) - S e c t i o n 302(1)(b) of crim- inal act Total Imprisonment- unlimited period	5 yrs sentence 40 yrs sentence 7 yrs sentence 3 yrs sentence 3 yrs sentence Life sen- tence Life sen- tence 10 yrs sentence Life sen- tence	23-2-2006 23-2-2006 23-2-2006 23-2-2006 23-2-2006 23-2-2006 23-2-2006 23-2-2006 23-2-2006	PaTaRa Shan/North-1/06 PaTaRa Shan/North-1/06 PaTaRa Shan/North-3/06 PaTaRa Shan/North-5/06 PaTaRa Shan/North-6/06 PaTaRa Shan/North-7/06 PaTaRa Shan/North-8/06 PaTaRa Shan/North-9/06 PaTaRa Shan/North-10/06	

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No.	Original number	Jail registration number	Name	Age Sex	Race Religion	Section	Penalty	Date of Punishment	Case Number of Court	Remarks
24.	3.	Case in Brief	Drug abuse, caught leading 50 SSA troops with one 64 weapon, 100 bullets, two walkie-talkies,murder of Hl-wan Moe (a)KoMyint (Moekaung) after financial abuse and accusing him of rebellion, high treason, ordering to beat, kill and bury Police Corporal Htanki, Police Lance Corporal Htein Lin and Policeman KyawShwe, possession of counterfeited K 1,000 notes. (ABSDF/SSA).							
		Remarks-	His death sentence was commuted to life sentence under Order No. 28/2011 of the President Office dated 16-5-2011. He was freed from his life sentence serving under Section 122(1) of High Treason under Letter No. 51/2013 dated 30-12-2013. His unlimited sentence serving under Section 19 (a)/22 (b) of narcotic drug act was commuted to 40 years’ sentence under Order No. 1/2004 of the President Office dated 2-1-2014. He was allowed to enjoy one-fourth remission of 28 years’ sentence which amounted to 2520 days.							
		LaRa/06/00413/A Thayet	SaiPhone(a)Sai	53,	Shan/ Buddhist	(1) Section 15 of of the	5 yrs	23-2-2006	PaTaRa Shan/North-1/06	
			Tint(a) Phone	Male		Narcotic and Psycho-	sentence			
			Tint			tropic Substances Law				
			Son of U Saw			(2) Section 19 (a)/22	40 yrs	23-2-2006	PaTaRa Shan/North-	
			Hlaing			(b) of of the Narcotic	sentence	23-2-2006	PaTaRa Shan/North-3/06	
						and Psychotropic Sub-				
						stances Law				
						(3) Section 19 (a) of	7 yrs	23-2-2006	PaTaRa Shan/North-5/06	
		LaNa	sentence							
		(4) Section 6(1) of Tel-	3 yrs	23-2-2006	PaTaRa Shan/North-7/06					
		ecommunication Act	sentence							
		(5) Section 302(1)	Life sen-	23-2-2006	PaTaRa Shan/North-8/06					
		(b)/34 of Criminal Act	tence							
		(6) Section 2(1)(a) of	Life sen-	23-2-2006	PaTaRa Shan/North-9/06					
		LaNa	tence							
		(7) Section 89 of Cen-	10 yrs							
		tral Bank Act	sentence							
			Life sen-							
			tence							
			Total imprisonment- unlimited period							
25.	4.	Case in Brief	Caught as commander of Battalion 702 of SSA Division 2 Penalty was changed from death sentence to life imprisonment in accord with the Order 28/11 dated 16-5-2011 of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and Yar-302-(1)(b)/34. The penalty was changed again from the death sentence to life imprisonment in accord with the Order (28/2011) dated (16-5-2011) of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and La Na-2 (1) (a). The penalty was changed again from the death sentence to life imprisonment in accord with the Order (28/2011) dated 30-12-2013 of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and and Yar-122 (1). The section changed from death sentence to life imprisonment was cancelled according to the Order No. 52/2013 of the President Office dated 30-12-2013and Yar-122(1).							
		A S a / 1 5 / 0 0 3 3 3 / a (Thayawady)	Yaw Pha Li/	55,	Kokang/ China Buddhist	(1)-Drug Law-19(a)/21/	40 years	20-11-2002	Ta Ta Ya, Yangon-1/02	
			Kyaw Hlaing	Male		22(a)				
			Lauk San, son of			(2)-Drug Law-19(a)	40 years	14-02-2002	Ta Ta Ya, Yangon-44/01	
			U Yaw Kya Yin			(3)-Drug Law-19(a)/21/	40 years	20-11-2002	Ta Ta Ya, Yangon-1/02	
						22(a)				
						(4)-Drug Law-20(b)/21/	Life sen-	20-11-2002	Ta Ta Ya, Yangon-1-02	
						22(a)	tence			
						Total imprisonment- unlimited period				
		Case in brief	The case was filed that 240 kilos of heroin blocks and 65 stimulant tablets were transferred from Shwe Ngar Gyi motorboat to a trawler of Thailand.							
Remarks	According to the amnesty under President Office Order No. (28/2011) dated 16-5-2011, the penalty was reduced from the death sentence to life imprisonment. (a) An appeal was submitted to the Supreme Court of the Union under Letter 1008/3/Staff-1 of the Jail dated (26-11-2002). (b) The appeal was cancelled under the letter No. 5195/appeal228/02 of the Supreme Court of the Union dated (11-2-2003) and the approvals of death sentence No 13/02. (c) A special appeal was submitted to the Supreme Court of the Union under the letter No 1044/4/Staff-1 of the Jail dated (28-10-2003). (d) The appeal was cancelled under the letter No. 6477 (general crime-special) 215, 219, 227, 228 and 229/03 of the Supreme Court of the Union dated (2-12-2003). (e) An appeal was submitted to the Head of State through the directorate of the director-general under letter No. 1010/412/Staff-1 of the Jail dated (28-3-2005). According to the President Office Order No. (1/2014) dated 2-1-2014, the person was granted to enjoy the rights of reducing the unlimited imprisonment of (1) Drug Law-19(d)/21/22(a), (2) Drug Law-19(a), (3) Drug Law-19(b)/21/22(a) to the 40-year imprisonment.									
26.	5.	Ma La Ma/15/00264/a Insein	Sai Lon/Lon The	55,	Shan Budhdist	(1)-Drug law-19(a)/21	25 years	07-09-2001	Pa Ta Ya, Kayin-9/01	
			Son of U Shauk	Male		(2)-Drug Law-10(b)/21	40 years	07-09-2001	Pa Ta Ya, Kayin (Penal-	
			Chin			(1 and 2) combined				
			Total imprisonment-40 years							
		Case in brief	Involvement in trafficking 1.8 million stimulant tablets							
		Remarks	Penalty of unlimited imprisonment was reduced to 40 years imprisonment under the President Office Order No. (1/2014) dated 2-1-2014.							

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27.	1.	295-1 Ma Ta La/10/00613/a (Myitkyina)	Shin Moe Pyar/ Shin Nyana Son of U Mya Din	76, Male	Bamar Buddhist	(1)-Criminal Law-295	2 years	11-03-2010	Ma Ta Ya, Patheingyi-54/10	
						(2)-Criminal Law-295(a)	2 years	1-03-2010	Ma Ta Ya, Patheingyi-54/10	
						(3)-Vinaya-10	5 years	08-04-2010	Ma Ta Ya, Patheingyi-82/10	
						(4)-Sangha/Organization-12	3 years	08-04-2010	Ma Ta Ya, Patheingyi-83/10	
						(5)-Sangha/Organization-13	3 years	08-04-2010	Ma Ta Ya, Patheingyi-83/10	
						(6)-Association-6	5 years	15-07-2010	Ma Ta Ya, Patheingyi-63/10	
		Total imprisonment 20 years								
		Case in Brief		He was arrested for his preaching to discredit the Buddha to about 200 people in the precinct of Pitsupankamawada Buddhawada Dhamma monastery at the foot of Yankin Hill in Mandalay, for formation of Moepyar Group without permission in the compound of Moepyar at the foot of Yankin Hill and for giving training against the Theravada.						
		Remarks		Date of Birth (12-9-1938), (a) He enjoyed the rights of one year (365 days) remission of imprisonment under President Office Order No. 28/2011 dated 16-5-2011. (2) He also enjoyed the rights of 1,800 days remission of imprisonment which was the one-fourth of original 20 years imprisonment under President Office Order No. 1/2012 dated 2-1-2012. He then enjoyed the rights of 1,800 days remission of imprisonment which was the one-fourth of original 20 years imprisonment under President Office Order No. 1/2014 dated 2-1-2014.						
		Remarks								
1 Ma Ka Na/14/01056/a			Ma La/La Rein	released under Criminal Procedure-401(1) on 7-10-2014						
2 Ma Ta La/10/00167/a			Maung Lwin	released under Criminal Procedure-401(1) on 7-10-2014						

Italy’s tallest building to be completed in 2015

MILAN,(Italy), 31 Oct — The reconstruction of Italy’s tallest building Isozaki Tower, located in downtown Milan, is scheduled to be completed in March 2015, joining new buildings and areas there re-developed for the Universal Exposition (Expo), according to industry sources. Japanese architect Arata Isozaki, designer of 202-metre-high tower, told reporters this week in Milan that his aim was not to transform the architectural language of the city. “I think Milan will be ready next year (for Expo 2015), and will continue into the future,” Isozaki said when he presented the 50-story building.

Isozaki Tower is currently under reconstruction in the former area of the trade fair in Milan, where a larger more modern structure was built in preparation for hosting Expo 2015.

The tower is part of the project called CityLife, a mix of residential areas, offices, parks and commercial facilities which include a number of innovative buildings. Milan is in a phase of feverish activity due to the approach of Expo 2015, which has brought a major investment to transform the city over the past five years. *Xinhua*

Germany’s new road toll to cost foreign drivers up to 130 euros

BERLIN, 31 Oct — The German government introduced a controversial road toll on Thursday which will force foreign car drivers to pay up to 130 euros (102.4 pounds) a year for using Germany’s Autobahn motorways. The plan, intended to help Germany fund the upkeep of its transport infrastructure which is used by millions of foreign vehicles, may yet face a legal challenge in Brussels for discriminating against foreign motorists.

After months of heated debate between Chancellor Angela Merkel’s Christian Democrats (CDU) and their Bavarian sister party Christian Social Union (CSU),



German Transport Minister Alexander Dobrindt addresses the media in Berlin on 30 Oct, 2014. REUTERS

Transport Minister Alexander Dobrindt dropped an original idea to raise the fee on all roads.

However, the minister stuck to the plan that the toll will not lead to extra

costs for German drivers by allowing them to offset the levy against an already existing motor vehicle tax.

Dobrindt, a leading member of the CSU, said he was convinced that his

draft law does not discriminate against foreign motorists and therefore would stand if challenged in court.

“The infrastructure fee is sensible, fair and just,” the minister said, adding that the revenues of the toll would only be used to modernize Germany’s motorways and main roads.

The toll is expected to be introduced in 2016. Motorists have to pay it by registering their license plates via the internet. Foreigners can also pay the levy at gas stations.

The fee will take into account the cylinder capacity and environmental compatibility of the car with a maximum toll of 130 euros

a year. Foreign drivers can pay a 10-day levy for 10 euros or two month for 22 euros. The minister expects revenues of 3.7 billion euros of which around 3 billion euros will come from domestic drivers. With estimated introduction costs of nearly 200 million euros, the net revenue might shrink to just 500 million euros a year.

Dobrindt’s CSU wants foreign motorists to pay tolls on motorways because they think it is unfair that foreigners travel for free in Germany while German drivers have to pay tolls in neighbouring countries like Austria, Switzerland and France.—Reuters

Australian Senate endorses gov’t scheme to cut greenhouse emissions

SYDNEY, 31 Oct — Australia’s Senate narrowly passed legislation on Friday on reducing greenhouse emissions, with the government scheme to replace a polarizing carbon tax abolished three months ago on grounds it made Australian businesses less competitive.

The new legislation championed by Prime Minister Tony Abbott, who was a fierce opponent of the carbon tax, is expected to pass easily through the House of Representatives in which the ruling Liberal-National coalition has a majority.

“It is a cost-effective and practical approach that will reduce our national emissions without a multi-billion dollar carbon tax,” Environment Minister Greg Hunt said in a statement, adding that the scheme will help Australia to meet its emissions reduction target of 5 percent below 2000 levels by 2020.

The scheme is opposed by the opposition Labour and Greens parties, claiming the emissions reduction target will be unreachable.

Under the scheme, major polluters will be provided financial incentives to

reduce emissions, with the government entering into contracts to buy emissions reductions from successful bidders at competitive auctions.

For that purpose, a A\$2.55 billion (US\$2.3 billion) Emissions Reduction Fund will be created as the centerpiece of the government’s so-called “direct action plan” to reduce carbon dioxide emissions. Abbott, a climate change skeptic, was elected in 2013 on a platform of a scrapping the carbon tax.

The tax, introduced in July 2012 by a Labour-led

government, required polluters to pay A\$23 per ton of carbon emissions, increasing annually, which partly resulted in higher electricity bills for households and businesses.

He has denounced it as a A\$9 billion-a-year hit

on the Australian economy that delivered no meaningful reductions in emissions, though Labour points out that emissions in the energy sector dropped by over 10 percent while the tax was in effect.

Kyodo News

People harvest big cabbages, measuring 50-60 centimetres in diameter and weighing 10-15 kilograms, in Sapporo, Hokkaido, Japan’s northernmost main island, on 30 Oct, 2014. KYODO NEWS



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WEATHER REPORT

FORECAST VALID UNTIL EVENING OF THE 1st November, 2014: Weather will be partly cloudy in Sagaing and Magway Regions, Kachin State, rain or thundershowers will be fairly widespread in Taninthayi Region, scattered in Shan States and isolated in the remaining Regions and States. Degree of certainty is (80%). **STATE OF THE SEA:** Sea will be slight to moderate in Myanmar waters.

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

TEPCO removes part of reactor building cover at Fukushima plant

TOKYO, 31 Oct — The operator of the disaster-hit Fukushima Daiichi nuclear plant on Friday tentatively removed part of the cover shrouding the No 1 reactor building installed in the wake of the 2011 disaster to keep radioactive materials from dispersing.

Dismantling the cover is a first step toward removing spent fuel rods stored in a cooling pool sitting above the reactor, which suffered a meltdown in the disaster, and eventually extracting the melted fuel, Tokyo Electric Power Co said.

On Friday morning, plant workers removed a huge panel using a crane to see whether antidispersal agents, inserted last week to prevent radioactive dust from being scattered, are taking effect. No changes in radiation levels have been observed around the plant so far, the company



Photo taken 31 Oct, 2014 from a Kyodo News helicopter shows the No 1 reactor building of the crippled Fukushima Daiichi complex in northeastern Japan, after its operator Tokyo Electric Power Co removed a panel from the roof of the cover shrouding the building, which is a first step toward removing spent fuel rods stored in a cooling pool in the building.—KYODO NEWS

said.

TEPCO will continue observing for a month to make sure radioactive

materials are not dispersing and put the panel back again. The utility plans to begin full-fledged work on

dismantling the cover next March.

Once the whole cover is removed, TEPCO hopes

to first clean debris covering the upper side of the building resulting from a hydrogen explosion in 2011. The company then plans to begin taking out spent fuel rods from the pool in the first half of 2019 at the earliest, which is to be followed by the challenging work of extracting melted fuel inside the reactor.

The No 1 reactor building cover was installed in October 2011 as an emergency measure to keep radioactive dust from scattering. TEPCO initially planned to begin preparatory work for removing it by the end of last March, but the company was forced to delay the schedule after local residents voiced concern that the decommissioning work at the plant may have contaminated rice crops in nearby areas.

Kyodo News

Flooding traps 12 in NW Colombian coal mine

BOGOTA, 31 Oct — Twelve miners were trapped underground after their coalpit in northwestern Colombia was flooded on Thursday afternoon, and rescue efforts were under way.

The mine, located in the rural area of Antioquia department, has a depth of 450 metres and some 5,000 cubic metres of water might have entered the pit, according to the *El Tiempo* daily. Local authorities said 12 miners were working in the coalpit when the flooding happened. "Two rescue experts went into the mine and gave a report on the conditions, and we are now programming the rescue operations," Carlos Maria Usma, a local mining official, was quoted as saying. "We need to activate the electricity and a 2,100-metres hose," added the official. Local authorities said the coal mine has all the legal permits valid and the workers are insured.

Xinhua

Minister to explain nuclear plant restart policy in Kagoshima on Monday

TOKYO, 31 Oct — Economy, Trade and Industry Minister Yoichi Miyazawa said on Friday he will visit Kagoshima Prefecture on Monday to explain to local leaders the government's plan to restart a nuclear plant in the southwestern Japan prefecture.

He made the remark as Kagoshima Gov Yuichiro Ito asked the minister in Tokyo to explain the government's policy in the prefecture, amid final arrangements for Kyushu Electric Power Co to resume operation of its Sendai nuclear plant in the city of Satsumasendai.

Miyazawa plans to meet with representatives

of the Kagoshima prefectural assembly and inspect the Sendai plant, which is expected to be the first facility to be brought back online under new safety regulations adopted after the March 2011 Fukushima nuclear plant disaster.

After the Nuclear Regulation Authority certified the nuclear plant as meeting the new safety regulations in September, the municipal assembly and mayor of Satsumasendai approved the restart earlier this month. After Miyazawa's visit to Kagoshima, the prefecture's assembly and governor are expected to give the green light for the restart expected early next year.—*Kyodo News*

German national kidnapped in Nigeria released

LAGOS, 31 Oct — A German national, who was abducted a week ago in southwestern Nigeria, has been released, the authorities confirmed on Thursday.

Ogun State police spokesperson Abimbola Oyeyemi said the hostage was "rescued" on Thursday and reunited with officials of his German company in Lagos.

He was kidnapped by unknown gunmen on 24 October in the Ogbere area of the state.

Foreigner-targeted abductions are rampant in southern Nigeria.

Xinhua



People visit an exhibitor's booth during the Vietnam International Baby and Kid Fair 2014 in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam, on 30 Oct, 2014. The exhibition runs from 30 Oct to 1 Nov, 2014.—XINHUA

I wasn't prepared for marriage when it happened: Anne Hathaway

LOS ANGELES, 31 Oct — Actress Anne Hathaway says she was not ready for the changes marriage brings in, when she tied the knot with husband Adam Shulman.

The 31-year-old actress, who just celebrated her two-year wedding anniversary, said married life is more than she ever imagined, reported E! Online.

"When we got married, I thought it was a great party. I honestly thought we were doing it more for tradition. I wasn't prepared for the radical shift my heart was going to have," she said.—PTI

Anne Hathaway

Sandra Bullock rescues collapsed actress on movie set



LOS ANGELES, 31 Oct — Oscar-winning actress Sandra Bullock helped a fellow actress, who collapsed from apparent heat stroke on the set of her current movie, 'Our Brand Is Crisis'.

Bullock helped the actress by giving her water and fanning her until an ambulance arrived, reported TMZ.

The woman was brought to a local hospital. Bullock's co-star Billy Bob Thornton was there, too, but was 'mostly watching', according to a source.

The heat stroke may have been the result of the warm clothes the actors were required to wear as costumes for the flick. New Orleans' temperature on Monday, when the incident occurred, topped out at 82 degrees. Filming was shut down for the remainder of Monday but was up and running by Tuesday.—PTI

One Direction lead Billboard Touring Awards nominations



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LONDON, 31 Oct — One Direction, Justin Timberlake, Katy Perry and the Rolling Stones are among the headliners who will compete for major prizes at the 2014 Billboard Touring Awards.

The British boyband and Timberlake, 33, will compete with the Eagles for the Top Tour trophy, while the two acts will battle country star Luke Bryan for the coveted Top Draw award when the prizes are handed out in New York on 20 November, reported Contactmusic.

Arcade Fire, Florida Georgia Line, Paul McCartney and Jason Aldean are also up for top trophies. Arcade Fire and Florida Georgia Line will take on OneRepublic for the Breakthrough Award, while Lollapalooza in Chicago, the Coachella Music

and Arts Festival in Indio, California and the Austin City Limits Music Festival in Austin, Texas will compete for Best Festival.

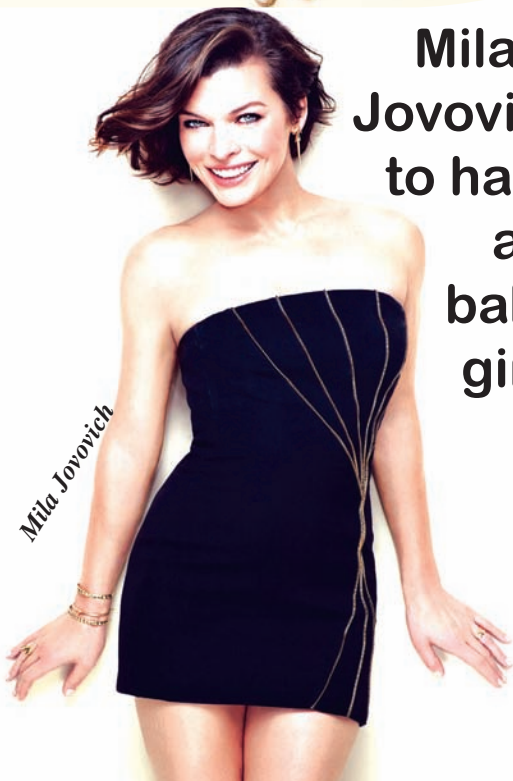
The most interesting category of all is the fight

for this year's Top Box-score title as it features old rivals McCartney and the Rolling Stones, who sold out the Tokyo Dome in Japan over three nights in November, 2013 and Feb-

ruary and March (14), respectively. They will battle One Direction, who packed out Dublin's Croke Park in Ireland in May, for the prize.

PTI

Mila Jovovich to have a baby girl



Mila Jovovich

LOS ANGELES, 31 Oct — Actress Mila Jovovich has revealed she is expecting a baby girl with husband Paul W S Anderson.

Jovovich, who already has daughter Ever Gabo Anderson, revealed the sex of her second child yesterday at an event, reported E! Online.

"We found out. We're having a girl," she said, adding that their daughter was hoping she was going to get a little sister. I don't know what we would have done if the baby was a boy," Jovovich said.

Jovovich, 38, announced her second pregnancy on Facebook in August by telling fans that she will not be travelling to film the latest instalment of 'Resident Evil' just yet. "This was originally going to be a post to tell you how excited I am about flying to Cape Town, South Africa to begin working on 'Resident Evil: The Final Chapter'. But... My husband Paul and I just discovered that we are expecting another baby!!!" she posted online.—PTI

Robert Pattinson moving to London for girlfriend?



'Twilight' star Robert Pattinson

LONDON, 31 Oct — 'Twilight' star Robert Pattinson is reportedly moving to London to live with his rumoured girlfriend FKA Twigs.

The 28-year-old actor has been living in the US but could move to London, away from the mutual circles of his and ex-girlfriend Kristen Stewart's, reported the Daily Mirror.

"She is behind Rob's

decision to move back. He's serious about her. They are really happy and he seems keen to make a fresh start, away from the mutual circles he shared with his ex-girlfriend Kristen (Stewart) in LA. They've both got busy schedules but they're planning to move to London together in the foreseeable future," a source said.

PTI

Two shot, dozens arrested in San Francisco following Giants win

SAN FRANCISCO, 31 Oct — Two people were shot, one was stabbed and around 40 were arrested as celebrations in San Francisco for the Giants victory in the World Series turned violent overnight, police said on Thursday.

A number of police officers were struck by bottles while responding to the mayhem and three were taken to local hospitals, one with severe lacerations to his hand, Sergeant Monica Macdonald of the San Francisco Police Department said.

Giants fans took to the streets on Wednesday night after the team won its third championship in five years by beating the Kansas City Royals, 3-2, in Game 7 of the World Series, behind the superb relief efforts of pitcher Madison Bumgarner.

Hundreds of people, many clad in the team's orange and black, flooded Valencia Street in the city's Mission District after the final out, perching on bus stops, setting off fireworks and toasting the Giants with beer or champagne.

"Bumgarner blew my mind tonight!" said San Francisco native Beau Adams, who sports a Giants tattoo. "The balance of superstition



Police officers disperse a crowd in the Mission District, in San Francisco, California on 29 Oct, 2014.—REUTERS

and belief and pride and confidence makes it all come together."

But as the impromptu street party dragged on late into the night, revelers began setting fires in the streets and vandalizing buildings and police cars with graffiti, Macdonald said. Police turned out in riot gear to break up the more unruly celebrations.

The San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency suspended bus service late Wednesday due to safety concerns.

A passerby was struck in the arm by a bullet fired during an argument between two people, while a second man arrived at San Francisco General hospital with a gunshot wound he said he had sustained in the pandemonium. Another fight ended with one person stabbed, Macdonald said.

She said 29 people were arrested for public intoxication, two on gun charges, four on outstanding warrants and three for aggravated assault. She said police could make

further arrests after studying videotapes of the scene and interviewing witnesses.

The destruction prompted concerns ahead of a parade scheduled for Friday in San Francisco to honour the team.

"We just hope that as the parade comes tomorrow and Halloween tomorrow night people maintain their composure out there, celebrate and not cause problems," Macdonald said. "If that's what they want to do we want them to stay home."

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New Uniqlo flagship store opens in Osaka, targets foreign tourists

OSAKA, 31 Oct — The Uniqlo casual clothing chain opened its second Osaka flagship store on Friday just outside the Hankyu Umeda Station, employing a multi-lingual staff to target foreign

tourists.

Of the store's roughly 360 employees, one in 10 can speak English, Chinese or Korean, operator Fast Retailing Co said.

The opening of the

3,000-square metre store on the first four floors of a renovated building was moved up by around 15 minutes in the morning to accommodate some 2,300 customers who queued out-

side the shop.

It is Fast Retailing's third Uniqlo flagship outlet in Japan following ones in Tokyo's Ginza and Osaka's Shinsaibashi neighbourhoods.—Kyodo News

Rio 2016 says it will offset 3.6 mln tonnes of emissions at Games

RIO DE JANEIRO, 31 Oct — The Rio 2016 local organizing committee set a target on Thursday to offset the total amount of greenhouse gases estimated to be produced by the world's largest multi-sport event.

The Olympic Games are expected to generate 3.6 million tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent (CO₂e), mostly due to travelling and accommodation of spectators, the local organizing committee (LOC) said.

That number is slightly larger than what was released by the London 2012 Games, at around 3.4 million tonnes of CO₂e.

Rio 2016 LOC said,

however, that it has no intention to tap carbon markets for their neutralization programme. Instead, they will use a combination of projects from the public and private sectors.

Organizers of large sports events such as the Olympics and the soccer World Cup have tried to reduce their carbon footprints in a response to criticism from environmental groups.

The London Games had its emissions partially neutralized, while the Sochi Winter Olympics and the Brazil World Cup this year already reached full compensation.

Rio's committee said

Dow Chemical will be its official carbon partner, in charge of offsetting 2 million tonnes of CO₂e.

Dow plans to reach the emissions reductions by implementing programmes such as a fuel switch at power installations in its plants in Brazil.

It will also calculate the reductions achieved with the use of some of its products in the agriculture and the food processing sectors in the country.

Rio's government will complement the Games' carbon footprint offsetting with a reforestation programme for degraded areas of the Atlantic Rainforest.

Reuters



Members of the media visit the Joao Havelange Olympic Stadium, undergoing renovation to stage athletic competitions during the Rio 2016 Olympic Games, during the 2nd world press briefing for the games in Rio de Janeiro on 6 Aug, 2014. —REUTERS

Murray in Tour Finals, Djokovic and Federer win

PARIS, 31 Oct — Andy Murray's recent resurgence continued when the Briton qualified for the ATP World Tour Finals by reaching the Paris Masters quarter-finals with a 6-3, 6-3 win against Bulgarian Grigor Dimitrov on Thursday.

After dropping outside the world top 10 following his US Open quarter-final exit, Murray began a late push for a spot in the London showpiece event, which features eight of the best players this season.

The eighth seed showed he was up to the task by seeing off ninth-seeded Dimitrov, who is now eliminated from the race for the 10-16 November event at London's O2.

Murray will take on

world number one Novak Djokovic for a semi-final spot after the Serbian beat Frenchman Gael Monfils 6-3, 7-6(2) after 92 minutes in Thursday's late match.

"There were no downs really in the match," Murray told reporters after becoming the fifth player to book his place in the season finale.

"Some of the matches that I've had against the top, top players I had some periods in the match where my level had dropped off a little bit, and the best players capitalize on those moments.

"I didn't have any of them today. I played well from start to finish and I made it very difficult for Grigor."

Second seed Roger

Federer dismissed French qualifier Lucas Pouille 6-4, 6-4 and now faces Milos Raonic, who can still qualify for the Tour Finals after the Canadian fired 23 aces in his 7-5, 7-6(7) win over Spain's Roberto Bautista Agut.

Federer, who has won five of his 10 finals this year, extended his current winning run to 14 matches as he kept his eye firmly on the world number one spot, which he can achieve by winning in Paris if Djokovic does not reach the final.

However, third seed Stan Wawrinka was knocked out in the third round when he lost 6-7(2), 7-5, 7-6(3) against South African Kevin Anderson, suffering his fourth defeat

in five matches.

The Swiss, who has already booked a place in the Tour Finals, had lost his opening matches in the three previous tournaments he had entered.

A solid performance in the second round in Paris against Austrian Dominic Thiem was followed by an erratic display against the 14th seeded Anderson, who served 18 aces.

Wawrinka saved two match points to force a tie-break in the decider, but was unable to match Anderson, who upped his level to book a quarter-final spot against Czech Tomas Berdych.

Berdych kept his Tour Finals hopes alive with a 7-5, 6-3 win over Spain's Feliciano Lopez as did



Andy Murray of Britain returns a shot during his men's singles tennis match against Grigor Dimitrov of Bulgaria in the third round of the Paris Masters tennis tournament at the Bercy sports hall in Paris, on 30 Oct, 2014.—REUTERS

sixth seed Kei Nishikori who beat Jo-Wilfried Tsonga 6-1, 4-6, 6-4.

The Japanese can make the season-ending event if he beats fourth seed David

Ferrer in the Paris quarter finals, with the Spaniard having thrashed compatriot Fernando Verdasco 6-1, 6-2.

Reuters

Eto'o can help Lukaku bloom, says Everton hero Latchford

LONDON, 31 Oct — Bob Latchford, one of the most popular players ever to don the blue shirt of Everton, says the arrival of Samuel Eto'o at the club will help turn Romelu Lukaku into a worthy centre forward successor.

Particularly deadly in the air, Latchford scored 138 goals in 289 appearances for the Toffees from 1974 to 1981, also winning 12 England caps, and takes a keen interest in his former club.

He feels Eto'o's experience will accelerate the progress of Lukaku, who became the club's record signing when he joined for 28 million pounds from Chelsea this year after a successful season on loan.

"We all know Samuel's quality — he's been around a long, long time," Latchford told the club's website (www.evertonfc.com).

"When you've got an

older striker who's been around and played at the very highest level, it's good for you, because you're seeing what he does and you can only learn from that.

"That benefits Romelu's development and I thought it was a good signing to bring Samuel in. Romelu has got a lot to learn because he's only a young lad but he's big, he's strong, he's powerful and he'll not only link up the play for you, he'll run at defences.

"And if you get enough quality balls into the box to him in dangerous areas, then he knows how to score goals." Both strikers were on target in Sunday's 3-1 win at Burnley, Eto'o getting two, as Everton continue to edge up the table after a sticky start to the season.

They are expected to feature again against Swansea City, another former club of Latchford, on Saturday,

though not necessarily at the same time.

Manager Roberto Martinez is also delighted about Eto'o's impact both in matches and around the training ground.

"Having Samuel Eto'o here is like a gift from the footballing Gods for us," he said of the 33-year-old, who he nabbed from under the noses of several other interested Premier League clubs at the start of the season.

"He is the perfect ingredient for our young players, a phenomenal example.

"The way he has been working to get his fitness is pristine and the way he took his finishes at Burnley was like the old days. He has that stimulation to win things.

"He comes in every day with the highest standards and he wants more work. I think Everton can give him an important chapter in his career."—Reuters

Nishikori reaches q'finals to inch toward ATP Finals berth

PARIS, 31 Oct — Japan's Kei Nishikori took a big step toward qualifying for his first ATP Finals after seeing off local favourite Jo-Wilfried Tsonga in three sets to reach the quarter-finals of the Paris Masters on Thursday.

Nishikori, the No 6 seed, defeated the 10th-seeded Tsonga 6-1, 4-6, 6-4 to reach the final eight. The Japanese ace, who reached the US Open final this year, can book a



Kei Nishikori

spot in the eight-man field for the 9-16 November ATP Finals by making the semifinals here. Nishikori will battle it out against No 4 seed David Ferrer of Spain in the quarterfinals

in a bid to claim one of the three ATP Finals spots still up for grabs.

"Because I was able to play with patience a chance came for me in the final set," said Nishikori, who pumped his fist after breaking Tsonga in the 10th game of the third set to finish off the match.

"Ferrer will be a tough opponent. I want to give all my effort to play my brand of tennis," he said.

Kyodo News



Argentina's Lionel Messi scores on a free kick during the 2014 World Cup Group F soccer match against Nigeria at the Beira Rio stadium in Porto Alegre on 25 June, 2014. —REUTERS

Nigeria set to avoid FIFA suspension after court case is dropped

CAPE TOWN, 31 Oct — Nigeria look like avoiding a FIFA suspension after a court case involving a battle for the leadership of the Nigerian Football Federation (NFF) was withdrawn from the High Court on Thursday.

Dropping the case paves the way for FIFA-backed NFF president Amaju Pinnick and his executive to resume their duties after they had been ousted from office by an interim ruling last Thursday by Justice Ambrose Allagoa, who placed Chris Giwa in charge.

Judge Allagoa ruled that the elective congress that brought Pinnick to power on 30 September was invalid but that ruling is no longer being supported by Giwa and is being dropped.

There was also some conjecture that Stephen Keshi, who left his job as national team coach earlier this month could return.

Keshi, who led Nigeria to the African Nations Cup title in 2013, has left his job but the country's president Goodluck Jonathan is a big fan of Keshi and Nigeria media say he would be delighted if the charismatic "Big Boss" returned.

FIFA wrote to the NFF on Tuesday and placed a deadline of mid-day on Friday (31 October) for the court to strike the

matter off the roll and for Giwa to relinquish control.

Giwa asked for the matter to be withdrawn on Thursday following an intervention from President Jonathan, who met with the warring factions on Tuesday.

He instructed them to find a solution to the crisis that threatened to rule the Super Eagles out of attempting to reach next year's finals in Morocco to defend the title they won under Keshi in 2013.

Nigerian media suggested that Keshi had been recalled to his position at the personal request of President Jonathan.

Although there was no confirmation from the NFF, current coach Shaibu Amidu backed Keshi's return on the Nigeria national team's official Twitter account (@NGSuperEagles).

"I believe Keshi should be allowed to complete the qualifying race he started. I think the mission to qualify is not an impossible task," Amidu was quoted as saying.

Nigeria will most likely have to win both of their remaining Nations Cup qualifiers next month away in Congo and at home to South Africa to stand a chance of reaching the finals in Morocco in January.

Reuters