

Myanmar, Belarus to cooperate in fight against terrorism and narcotic drug

NAY PYI TAW, 5 Nov—Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing and party met with State Secretary of the Security Council Mr Alexander Mezhev of the Republic of Belarus on Tuesday.

At the meeting, the senior general said that Myanmar has been practising multi-party democracy system and market-oriented economic system since 2011 to enhance living standard of the people. He expressed his belief

that the two countries in same background will cooperate in all aspects, especially in fight against terrorism and narcotic drug issues, adding that cooperation will continue studies of military technology and pursuing ed-

ucation between the two countries.

The state secretary said that Belarus and Myanmar are in same tradition to preserve their culture. The two countries can exchange culture affairs based on military

technology, he said. He recognized the endeavours of Myanmar in peace and stability and development tasks, and success will be achieved in cooperation between the two nations, he said.

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Local banks show no interest in buying credit guarantee insurance



Myanma Insurance Managing Director U Aye Min Thein, sitting beside Deputy Finance Minister Dr Maung Maung Thein, answers queries from local media at the Credit Guarantee Insurance announcement ceremony at the Myanma Insurance Building in Yangon on 28 June.—PHOTO: YE MYINT

By Ye Myint

YANGON, 5 Nov—Myanma Insurance has so far received no queries from lo-

cal banks about credit guarantee insurance, according to an official of the firm.

The state-owned insurer started selling credit

guarantee insurance four months ago for the development of the country's small and medium businesses.

"Up to now, Myanma

Insurance sees no application for credit guarantee insurance that was launched last July", U Aye Min Thein, managing director of Myanma Insurance, told The Global New Light of Myanmar during a recent interview at a conference in Yangon.

Regarding why the insurance is a hard-sell, he said banks seem to be hesitant in taking the risk of lending SMEs without appropriate collateral and providing the lenders with a loan rate higher than the prescribed percentage of loan for the value of the collateral.

The aim of the insurance service is to enable small and medium businesses who want loans from the banks but are without collateral to have financial access and for lenders to mitigate risks, said Depu-

ty Minister for Finance Dr Maung Maung Thein at the credit guarantee insurance announcement ceremony 28 June.

The first insurance piloted in Yangon Region has been on sale since 1 July, but submissions of expressions of interest from banks have not been seen yet.

"Myanma Insurance is ready to sell the product to banks and to research the performance of the businesses seeking loans from the bank", the managing director said.

According to sources, most SMEs with financial needs are struggling to grow their businesses at a time when only one year is left to go to the advent of the ASEAN Economic Community.

Local business leaders have said the type of insurance (See page 3)

MRTV refreshes agreements with private broadcasters

By Ye Myint

YANGON, 5 Nov—Myanmar Radio and Television under the Ministry of Information signed amended agreements with private broadcasters, increasing monthly total income from leasing its infrastructures to them from about K193.7 million to K 375.4 million.

Due to the new agreements, with two satellite television services and six FM radios using MRTV infrastructure, the ministry would find an increase of K 181.7 million per month, K 2,180.4 million per year, U Tint Swe, director-general of MRTV, said at a press conference in Yangon on Wednesday.

The previous agreements would not be in harmony with MRTV when the state-owned media is transited to a public service broadcaster when the Broadcasting Law is enacted in the country, he added.

Myanmar's first ever Broadcasting Bill has been approved by the Amyotha Hluttaw and it will be put forward to the Pyithu Hluttaw in an upcoming parliamentary meeting.

In his reply to a query on whether the law would create an unfair ground for competition between state-owned and private broadcasters, U Tint Swe said when the Broadcast Law comes into effect, all media can fairly compete each other and the law

would also guarantee preventing any one firm from "commercially monop-

olizing" the media market.

The two TV broadcasters signed with MRTV



U Tint Swe, Director-General of the Myanmar Radio and Television, clarifies the agreements between MRTV and private broadcasters.

PHOTO: AYE MIN SOE

are Forever Group Co Ltd, a joint venture with the Ministry of Information and Shwe Than Lwin Media, which also runs Shwe FM and Skynet, a subscriber-based satellite television service.

Mandalay FM Radio, run by the Forever Group Co Ltd, will have to pay K9 million per month for using three MRTV stations.

The remaining five FM radio stations—Pinsawady

FM run by Myanmar Online Co Ltd, Padamyar FM run by Thein Kyaw Kyaw Co Ltd, Cherry FM run by Myanmar Album Media Group, Shwe FM run by Golden Wave Co Ltd and Bagan FM run by Htoo Trading Co Ltd signed 32-year contracts with MRTV in July 2010 to use MRTV infrastructure, paying K 4.2 million per month to the ministry.

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Media Handbook on websites

NAY PYI TAW, 5 Nov—The 25th ASEAN Summit and related summits will be held at Myanmar International Convention Centre-1 in Nay Pyi Taw on 12 and 13 November.

The Media Handbook on facts about the summits has been posted at websites www.asean2014.gov.mm and www.moi.gov.mm as of today for local and foreign media who will cover the news of the summits.

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Cooperatives Ministry conducts refresher course for cooperative officials

YANGON, 5 Nov—Cooperative societies have disbursed over K200 billion to the people, said Union Minister for Cooperatives U Kyaw Hsan at the opening ceremony of Cooperative Refresher Course at University of Cooperative (Thanlyin) in Yangon on 3 November morning.

Microfinance tasks are to ease borrowing of loans at high interest rate and to stand on their own after four or five years, he said.

As the ministry has sold machinery to the people in installment, they own 793 machinery worth K252 million in their works, he said.

A total of 320 staff of Cooperative Department and Small-scale Industries Department, faculty members of University of Cooperative (Thanlyin) and Cooperative College (Phaunggyi) and executives of region and state cooperative societies attended the course.—MNA



MWEA team to attend Regional Policy Dialogue

YANGON, 5 Nov—Executives of Myanmar Women Entrepreneurs' Association Daw Hla Hla Myo and Daw Soe Amy Kyaw and member Daw Ei Phyu Phyu Tun left Yangon International Airport on Tuesday morning to attend the Regional Policy Dialogue on Empowering Women Entrepreneurs to be held in Bangkok, Thailand, on 5 November.—MWEA

Public notice

NAY PYI TAW, 4 Nov — During the ASEAN Summit, such security measures as scrutinizing, asking and searching will be taken as a security duty for the sake of security, stability and law

enforcement.

In this regard, people are requested to bring along National Scrutiny Card or the respective countries citizen cards, civil service cards or movement orders, other firm documents, and

vehicles licenses with them without fail.

The people are also requested to take the security measures conducted by officials willingly and make cooperation with them.—MNA

Myanmar journalists study US mid-term elections

A group of 15 Myanmar journalists studied the mid-term elections in the United States on 4 November.

The first official invitation for this programme was sponsored by the Department of State under the arrangement of the International Centre for Journalists. The two-week trip will finish on 8 November.

Myanmar journalists observed the electoral processes and reporting of newspapers, radios and TV channels in Washington

D.C, Riley in North Carolina and in the state of Louisiana.

Lyndsey Wajert, programme officer with the ICFJ, said in an interview with the members of Myanmar News Agency that the programme is intended to introduce Myanmar journalists to the electoral coverage of ICFJ.

She also said that international news organizations need to train journalists to be prepared for 2015 General Election in Myanmar.

About 50 journalists from 48 countries were invited to observe the 2012 US elections. ICFJ selected Myanmar journalists from various media platforms — TV, radio, online and print media — after making an announcement with the help of the US Embassy in Myanmar.

ICFJ will also send a trainer to Myanmar in early 2015 to assess the results of the programme and to give additional training on election coverage.

Myat Thanda Maung



Myanmar journalist takes photo on voting of people at mid-term elections in the United States of America.

PHOTO:
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MAUNG

MNHRC launches investigation into death of Pa Gyi (a) Aung Naing during skirmishes between Tatmadaw and KKO

NAY PYI TAW, 5 Nov — A team led by Vice Chairman of Myanmar National Human Rights Commission U Sit Myaing

arrived in Mawlamyine on 1 November. On 2 November, the team went to the jetty in Shin Saw Pu Ward-1 in Kyaikmaraw together

with the township administrator, the township police officer, village and ward administrators and leaders of people militia in the ar-

reas where the skirmishes broke out and made investigation and took photos of scene.

Then, the team continued to the place near the basic education middle school in Kayin Taw (Upper) Village in Kalai Kanai Village-Tract where the skirmishes broke out, the place stationed by Nai Balai Suen of Mon Peace Defence Force (Naing Shaung) and the jetty in Niton Village in Kyaikmaraw Township.

The team met with officials and local people there and took photographs of the surroundings and put on records the findings on the ground and of investigations.

In the afternoon, the team returned to Kyaikmaraw and met with officers of Myanmar Police Force, village administrators of the villages and

heads of 100-household groups at Kyaikmaraw Township General Administration Department and made detailed investigations into the movements of Tatmadaw columns and KKO troops.

On 3 November, the team briefed the commander of the local light infantry division and officials on the tasks of the commission and interrogated the officers and patrol soldiers from the regional command and the regiment concerned and took their witness accounts at the guest house of Mon State Police Force in Mawlamyine.

On 4 November, the team interrogated some members of Mon Peace Defence Force (Naing Shaung), the leader of People Militia of Shin Saw Pu Ward, the village administrator of Kalai Kanai Village, officials of Katonsi

village and those who related to Pa Gyi (a) Aung Naing at the Shwe Hinthla Hall of Kyaikmaraw Township GAD.

The team, together with officials and the widow of Pa Gyi (a) Aung Naing, Daw Thanda, left Kyaikmaraw at about 8 am on 5 November and arrived at the Shwewar-chung Monastery, where the skirmishes started, at 11.20 am and investigated along the places where the skirmishes continued. Afterwards, the team continued to the place where the body of Pa Gyi was buried and exhumed the body. The exhumation of the body completed at 1.40 pm and it was sent to Mawlamyine People's Hospital for autopsy and arrived at the hospital at 5 pm. The autopsy will be performed at the hospital.

Myawady



Local authorities and officials check graveyard of late Ko Pa Gyi in Kyaikmaraw Township.—MYAWADY

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The state secretary hosted a dinner to the senior general and party.

The senior general and party held a talk with Minister of Defence of Belarus Lt-Gen Yuri Zhadobin and party the Ministry of Defence on Tuesday, focusing on cooperation in further friendly relations between two armed forces and peoples, assignment of military attaches as liaison officers for ensuring better relationship between two armed forces and ministries of defence and co-operation in combating against global terrorism

issue and food security issue.

Senior General Min Aung Hlaing and party enjoyed the opera songs of famous artists at National Academic Bolshoi and Ballet Theatre.—Myawady

**Senior General
Min Aung Hlaing
poses for documentary
photo with Minister
of Defence of Belarus
Lt-Gen Yuri Zhadobin
and party.**

MYAWADY



Deputy Minister receives ESC award for Yangon

NAY PYI TAW, 5 Nov — A Myanmar delegation led by Deputy Minister for Environmental Conservation and Forestry Dr Thet Thet Zin attended the 15th Informal ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on Environment and Related Meetings held from 27 to 31 October in Vientiane, Laos.

Deputy Minister Dr Thet Thet Zin attended the 15th Informal ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on Environment and Related Meetings with ASEAN Ministers.—MNA

Local banks . . .

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is positive for SMEs wanting to get loans from financial institutions and banks seeking risk sharing, but in Myanmar, where there are thought to be more than 80,000 businesses in still in a situation where it is hard to get a small business loan without putting up property or something else as collateral, the idea has yet to take off. Although no banks have shown interest in credit guarantee insurance, Myanmar Insurance is still planning to introduce two new products, health insurance and weather index insurance, during the 2015-2016 fiscal year.

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Roads to be closed temporarily

NAY PYI TAW, 5 Nov— With the aim of ensuring security and traffic safety during the ASEAN Summits in Nay Pyi Taw, Yazathingaha Road from Thabyegon roundabout to Gangaw flower roundabout, Tawwin Yadana Road from Shwekyabin traffic light to Tawwin Yadana Junction (Tungapuri traffic light) and Shwekyabin Road from Shwekyabin traffic light to Yazathingaha

ha Road junction will be closed temporarily from 8 to 15 November.

Highway buses, trucks and heavy machinery are to use Nay Pyi Taw Council Road turning from Sibin Guest house and Shwekyabin traffic lights and from Zizawa flower roundabout to Yangon-Mandalay expressway and Pyinmana-Taungnyo road.

Security Committee

Mathoe Robes weaving contest held at Shwedagon Pagoda

YANGON, 5 Nov — The Mathoe Robes weaving contest was took place at Shwedagon Pagoda, a prominent pagoda of Myanmar, on Wednesday (14th Waxing day of Tazaungmone) to offer the robes to Buddha images at the Pagoda including Padamy Myatshin Buddha image.

Female devotees from

nine religious teams of the pagoda participated in the contest. The contest was annually held at the Shwedagon Pagoda in Yangon and most significant cities. At the dawn of full moon day, pagoda board of trustees will lead a procession of carrying the Mathoe Robes to the Buddha Images on the platforms of the pagoda.—MNA

Libel suit against EMG adjourned for fourth hearing



Defendants Dr Than Htut Aung and party seen outside Pobbathiri Township Court.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 5 Nov — The third court hearing of the libel suit against the Eleven Media Group

sued by plaintiff Managing Director U Kyaw Soe of News and Periodicals Enterprise of the Ministry

of Information continued at the Pobbathiri Township Court on Wednesday. Township Judge U Khin

Win had summoned the plaintiff and the defendants to appear at the court.

Plaintiff U Kyaw Soe and defendants Dr Than Htut Aung, Dr Thein Myint, U Wai Phyo and U Nay Tun Naing appeared at the court with the lawyer of the plaintiff Township Law Officer U Ko Ko Maung.

However, one of the defendants U Myat Thit had applied for the leave of absence as he and his lawyer were not able to appear at the court and the hearing could not be started.

The court hearing was adjourned until 19 November for the fourth hearing so that the plaintiff can be questioned and all the plaintiffs may appear at the court.—MNA

Discussions focus on implementation of rural emerald project

NYAUNGLEBIN, 5 Nov — A meeting on rural emerald project was held in Thantada Village of Nyaunglebin Township in Bago Region on 3 November.

The meeting was aimed at implementing the rural emerald project so as to develop the rural areas under the arrangement of Ministry of Livestock, Fisheries and Rural Development.

Head of Township



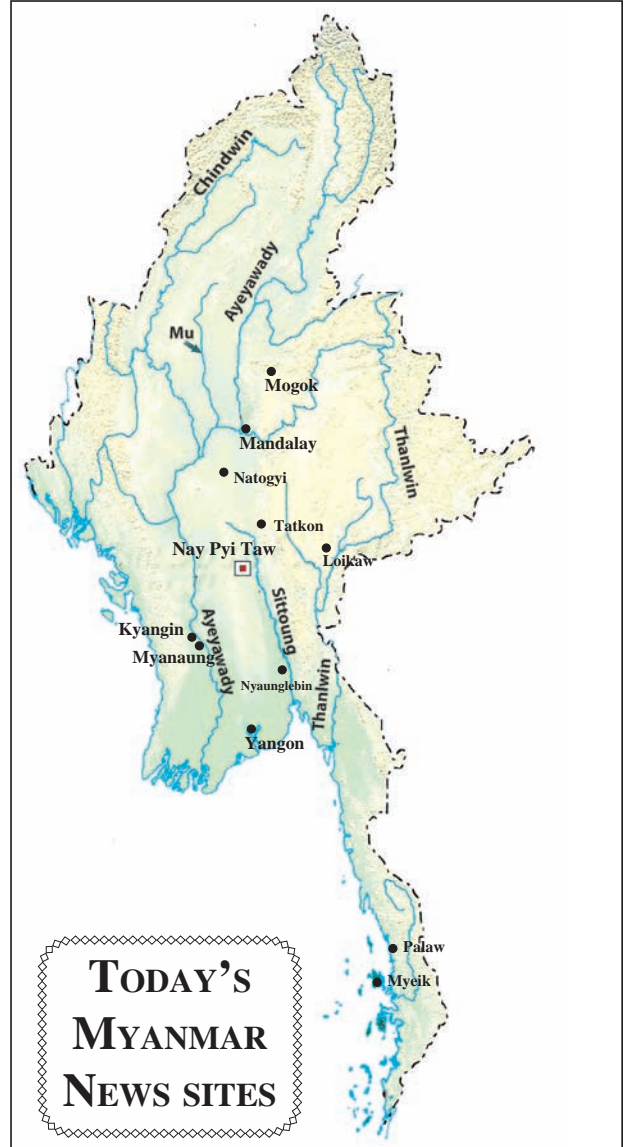
Rural Development Department U Than Lwin stressed the need to set up the emerald rural fund supervisory committee for the first phase to imple-

ment the project, adding that only when the committee has been formed, will they control the project systematically.

Head of Nyaunglebin Township Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department Dr Aung Than Htut explained aims of the project and ways to implement it.

Townsenders participated in the discussions.

Nay Lin
(Nyaunglebin)



Expressway police station, fire station put into service in Natogyi Tsp



NATOGYI, 5 Nov — opened on Yangon-Mandalay expressway in Natogyi township section of

Mandalay Region, said the head of Pyinsi expressway police station.

Two expressway police stations namely Pyinsi and Yedwingyi have been opened along the 14-mile Yangon-Mandalay Expressway section in Natogyi Township so as to give a helping hand to needy persons and prevent traffic accidents.

Servicemen of the police stations must discharge duties of traffic accidents and expressway security. Meanwhile, an expressway fire station has been opened near the expressway police station for preventing natural disasters and outbreak of fires at vehicles on the expressway.

Khin Zar Mon Myint
(Law)

Towers erected in Natogyi Township for better communications

NATOGYI, 5 Nov — With the aim of ensuring smooth communications for local mobile phone users, Telenor (Myanmar) made preparations for erection of one communication tower near Kyaungthit monastery in Ward 5 of Natogyi in Mandalay Region on 3 November.

Likewise, Myanma Posts and Telecommunications has erected one tower in its compound and Oore-

doo one tower in Ward 5 of the town. So far, MPT has erected two towers, Myanmar Economic Holdings Ltd one tower, Telenor one tower and Ooredoo one tower in urban of Natogyi.

Likewise, MPT has put up three towers, Ooredoo four towers, Telenor five towers and MEHL two towers in rural area of the township.

Khin Zar Mon Myint
(Law)

Delivery kits issued to midwives in Myanaung

MYANAUNG, 5 Nov 1/2014 conducted by — The midwifery course Township Health Depart-



ment of Myanaung Township in Ayeyawady Region concluded at the hall of Township People's Hospital on 4 November.

Township Administrator U Min Min Tun urged trainees to effectively give health care services to the people and Township Medical Officer Dr Maung Maung Chit explained rules and regulations of the midwives.

They presented certificates and delivery kits to the trainees.

The course was opened on 5 May, attended by 26 trainees from village-tracts.

Win Bo
(Township IPRD)

Mandalay Region High Court donates Kathina robes to Buddhist monks

MANDALAY, 5 Nov —The fourth communal Kathina robe offering ceremony of Mandalay Region High Court families was held at Maha Thunandarama monastery in Pyigyidagun Township of Mandalay on Monday.

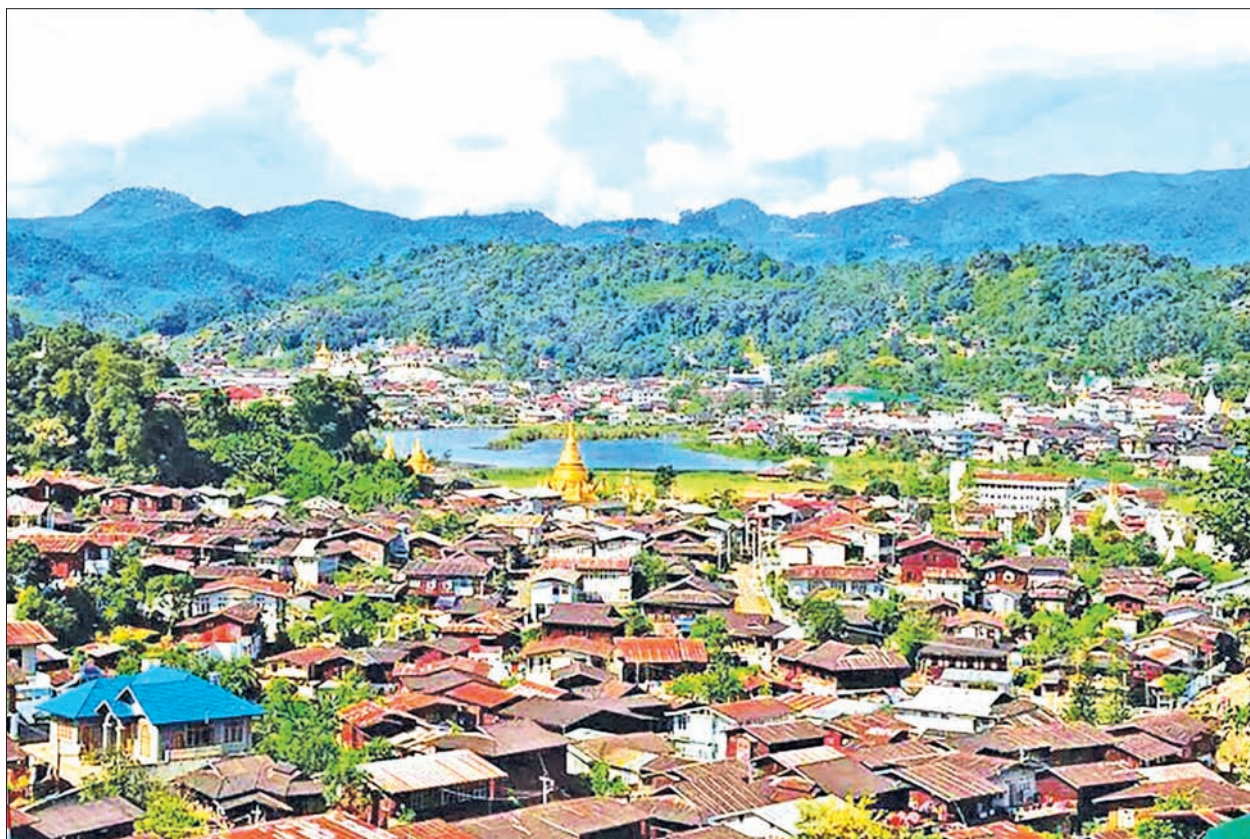
Chief Justice of the region U Soe Thein and wife and judges, the region judicial officers, judicial officers of the region high court and district and townships, staff and guests.

They offered Kathina robes and alms to members of the Sangha.

Tin Maung
(Mandalay)



Foreigners allowed to visit Mogok under permissions of ministries concerned



MOGOK, 5 Nov — As Mogok region in Mandalay Region is a restricted area for foreigners, they will be allowed to visit there under permissions of the relevant ministries and local authorities.

The departments in cooperation with foreign experts make field trips to Mogok for undertaking regional development tasks. The departments concerned must hold coordination with Region Immigration and National Registration Department for ensuring smooth process of the visits of foreigners to do respective departmental tasks in Mogok region. As such, the foreigners can easily pass the checkpoints in the region.

“Mogok region has

been restricted in successive governments. At present, the government has eased many restrictions in various parts of the country, except Mogok. So, we have sent information letters to departments concerned and hotels for smooth process of foreigners’ visits organized by departments in Mogok region,” said director of Mandalay Region INRD.

The region INRD sent information letters to the departments concerned quoting the notification of the Ministry of Home Affairs that announced restricted areas for foreigners on lists of local tourist destinations.

*Min Htet Aung
(Mandalay Sub-printing House)*

Palaw Township auxiliary firefighters attend refresher course

PALAW, 5 Nov — With the aim of taking fire preventive measures and protecting people’s life and property, Palaw Township Fire Services Department conducted the refresher course for auxiliary fire bridge member at its of-

fice in Palaw of Taninthayi Township on Monday.

Deputy Commander of Palaw Township Police Force Police Captain Than Tun urged trainees to abide by disciplines of the training course and do their works with

team spirit.

In-charge of the township fire station U Kyaw Zin Htaik explained the purpose of training course.

Altogether 200 trainees are attending the course up to 28 November.

Palaw IPRD

Navy medics give health care services to locals

KYANGIN, 5 Nov — River gun boat 311 of Ayeyawady Naval Region Command Headquarters arrived in Kyangin, Ayeyawady Region, on 4 November.

Servicemen of the gun boat were welcomed by Township Administrator U

Phyo Min Htaik, members of Township Development Affairs Committee, departmental officials, students and local people.

Students and local people visited the gun boat where officers and servicemen explained matters related to the boat.

Medics gave health care services to the local people on board the gun boat. The naval servicemen plan to spend a night in Kyangin for providing health care services to the local people.

*Win Bo-Myanaung
IPRD*



Monsoon paddy harvested in Loikaw, Dimawhso Tsp



Local farmer harvest ripening monsoon paddy plantation with the use of combine harvester in Loikaw, Kayah State.

LOIKAW, 5 Nov — The government is striving for transform of manual to mechanized farming system across the nation.

Monsoon paddy plantations are ripening in the

second week of October in Kayah State.

With a view to minimizing loss and waste and possessing quality paddy, the local farmers use combine harvesters in harvest-

ing their farms. In Loikaw and Dimawhso townships of the state, local farmers manage harvesting of their paddy plantations with the use of 12 combine harvesters.—Township IPRD

Health staff give medical care to people at Kathina robe offering ceremony

TATKON, 5 Nov — Health staff Daw Thin Thin Hlaing and party assigned at the clinic at the 48th communal Kathina robes offering ceremony in Tatkon are giving health care services to the local people and checking inappropriate

foods at the food shops with the aim of preventing outbreak of any diseases.

Under the instructions of the head of Township Health Department, the health personnel gave talks on disadvantages of inappropriate foods for

the people to the vendors. The health staff and head of Township Traditional Medicine Department Daw Phyo Nanda and party gave health care services to 28 people who enjoyed the Kathina robe offering ceremony.—Tin Soe Lwin



Japan's Emperor Akihito and Empress Michiko (R) send off former Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh and his wife at the Imperial Palace in Tokyo on 5 Nov, 2014, after having lunch together. Singh received the Grand Cordon of the Order of the Paulownia Flowers from Emperor Akihito.

KYODO NEWS

Thai police take wind out of sails of festival goers with death threat

BANGKOK, 5 Nov — Thais releasing paper lanterns skyward to usher in good luck have been warned by police: anyone found releasing them near an airport could face the death penalty.

This week's annual Loy Krathong festival — which is sometimes translated as "to float a basket" festival — is seen as a time to reflect and ask for forgiveness from the goddess of water. Many Thais believe it is a time to literally 'float away' bad luck.

Families gather near lakes, rivers and canals around the country to float rafts decorated with candles, incense and flowers. Celebrated at the end of the so-called "rainy season", it also marks the end of the main rice harvest season.

Some festival-goers also believe that flying

floating lanterns during the festival will help to get rid of bad luck.

But past incidents involving floating lanterns impacting air travel and causing delays have resulted in police threatening to invoke the ultimate penalty.

"Releasing paper lanterns near airports can be very dangerous to the safety of aircraft and it is a criminal offence," Police Major General Amnuay Nimmano told *Reuters*.

"Those who violate the law will be dealt with accordingly and could face life in prison or the death penalty."

Thai Airways and Bangkok Airways say they have adjusted their flight schedules and cancelled some flights to avoid any potential danger from floating lanterns.—*Reuters*

Vietnamese, Slovak FM's discuss bilateral ties

HANOI, 5 Nov — Vietnam and Slovakia agreed to maintain high-level visits and continue close coordination in regional and international forums, said Vietnamese Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Pham Binh Minh on Tuesday. Minh made the remarks at a press briefing in Vietnam's capital Hanoi

on Tuesday after holding talks with Slovak Foreign and European Affairs Minister Miroslav Lajcak.

Amid slow recovery of global economy, Vietnam-Slovakia economic and trade relations have witnessed positive developments, said Minh.

Affirming that Vietnam welcomes and creates

Japan PM Abe to attend APEC, ASEAN, G-20 meetings

TOKYO, 5 Nov — Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe will visit China, Myanmar and Australia between Sunday and 17 November to attend a series of international meetings, the government said on Wednesday.

At a summit of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation forum in Beijing, Abe plans to explain Japan's efforts to contribute to sustainable growth in the region and strengthen economic cooperation, Chief Cabinet Secretary Yoshihide Suga said at a Press conference.

The prime minister is also scheduled to attend events involving the Asso-

ciation of Southeast Asian Nations in Myanmar's capital of Nay Pyi Taw and those of the Group of 20 major economies in Brisbane, Australia.

Asked about the prospect of a summit between Abe and Chinese President Xi Jinping on the occasion of the APEC conference, Suga said, "Nothing has been decided yet."

Abe and Xi have held no summit talks — a rare situation for the two Asian neighbours — as Japan and China remain at odds over territorial and historical issues.—*Kyodo News*

Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe



Beijing on high alert during APEC meetings



Police officers patrol on boats on 4 Nov, 2014, in an area near the venue for an upcoming APEC summit in Beijing. —KYODO NEWS

BEIJING, 5 Nov — Beijing is on high alert as it hosts a series of APEC meetings this month, mobilizing 60,000 police officers to maintain security and cutting by half the number of vehicles running in the Chinese capital to prevent air pollution.

The series of Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation forum meetings starting on 5 November will culminate in a two-day summit from 10 November. According to a Chinese newspaper, 1 million volunteers have been engaged for 24-hour patrols

of the city. All construction work in central Beijing ceased on 3 November as part of efforts to prevent air pollution. In Hebei Province adjacent to the capital, more than 800 construction projects will be halted during the period of the APEC meetings.—*Kyodo News*

Cambodia kicks off boat race suspended since deadly stampede in 2010

PHNOM PENH, 5 Nov — Cambodia kicked off its annual boat race in front of the Royal Palace on Wednesday, after it was suspended for three consecutive years following a deadly stampede in 2010.

A total of 248 boats with 17,062 oarsmen are joining this year's race on the waterfront where the Tonle Sap and Mekong rivers intersect, less than in 2010 when there were 429 boats. Kirt Chantharith, spokesman of Cambodian National Police said more than 10,000 security personnel, including police and military police, will be deployed during the three-day water festival.

Authorities anticipate that more than 2 million people, mostly from rural areas, will flock to Phnom Penh to enjoy the celebrations, despite some fears of a repeat of what happened in 2010. On 22 Nov, 2010, on the last day of festival, 353 people were trampled to death and nearly 395 others injured in a bridge stampede. Prime Minister Hun Sen then called it Cambodia's biggest tragedy in more than three decades since the fall of the Khmer Rouge regime, referring to the mass killings between 1975 and 1979.

Kyodo News

PHOTO GALLERY

Preparations for hosting 25th ASEAN Summit and related summits in Nay Pyi Taw



Preparations have been made to host 12th ASEAN-India Summit on 12 November at Myanmar International Convention Centre in Nay Pyi Taw.

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Modern devices installed at the gate to MICC to check vehicles for security measures of ASEAN Summit.

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Security personnel check personal equipment of staff and guests at X-ray machine in taking security measures for ASEAN Summit and related meetings at Myanmar International Convention Centre in Nay Pyi Taw.—MNA



Traffic police rehearse for piloting motorcade of ASEAN delegates to the 25th ASEAN Summit in Nay Pyi Taw.—MNA



Preparations have been completed for Meeting of the Committee of Permanent Representatives to ASEAN (CPR) at MICC in Nay Pyi Taw.—MNA

PERSPECTIVES

Thursday, 6 November, 2014

The Hluttaw, CSOs and the media

By Myint Win Thein

Hluttaw representatives are required to communicate effectively among themselves as well as with other major players in the country as information sharing among these players can enhance the performance of parliamentary functions. Therefore, strong mechanisms are needed for communication not only among representatives themselves but also

with other players including civil society organizations and the media.

Internal communication among the representatives will strengthen the functions of the Hluttaw such as law making, oversight and representation while the external communication with other players served for the representative function of the Hluttaw.

The relations between the Hluttaw and the public is essential as the representatives are elected by the public. For the relations between the Hluttaw and the public, there are two sectors that can contribute to the functions of the Hluttaw, the civil society organizations and the media. The Hluttaw has a responsibility to incorporate the voices of the public into the decision making process. In this regard, CSOs can help the Hluttaw by providing the representatives with facts, docu-

ments and opinions of the public.

The media can serve as an effective channel for the relations between the Hluttaw and the public. The media can disseminate knowledge about the Hluttaw among the public and how it influences their lives. Therefore, it is important to establish good relations between the Hluttaw and CSOs and the media.

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ALTRUISM

Kyí Mun

Altruism means: The fact of caring about the needs and happiness of other people more than your own.

- Oxford Dictionary

Now, Let us analytically capture the essential meaning of the word ALTRUISM as follows:-

A = Attitude
L = Love of Life & People
T = Trust & Trustworthiness
R = Relationships
U = Unwavering Sense of Service
I = Integrity of Character
S = Simple Living & High Thinking
M = Mental Culture
ATTITUDE

Attitude means way of feeling, thinking or behaving. Attitudes can be characterized as: GOOD OR BAD, POSITIVE OR NEGATIVE, RIGHT OR WRONG, HONEST OR WICKED/CROOKED, WIN-WIN OR WIN-LOSE, LOFTY OR LOWLY, SIMPLE OR COMPLEX, SOFT OR HARD, HUMBLE OR PROUD/HAUGHTY, etc.

Attitude is a matter of the heart, a manifestation of emotional quality. A piece of poem that portrays human attitude is:

"I've the blues, because I've no shoes;

Until I saw in the street, a man with no feet".

LOVE OF LIFE & PEOPLE

The question is: TO LOVE OR NOT TO LOVE. If you love life and people, you are sure to exert yourself to be able to **"Love All, Serve All; Hurt Never, Help Ever"**. Living, moving and having your being is a **CARING AND SHARING MATTER**. With the power of altruism, you will be able **"To do the most good for the most people"**.

TRUST & TRUSTWORTHINESS

An altruistic person trusts people and is trusted by people. Trust has four Characteristics and two aspects:

CHARACTER	COMPETENCE
* Integrity	* Capability
* Intent	* Results
(Trustworthiness)	(Reliability)

RELATIONSHIPS

Generally, human relationships are characterized by: LIKE & DISLIKE, LOVE & HATE, PRIDE & HUMILITY, GIVE & TAKE, CARING & NEGLECT, etc. The spirit of altruism nurtures, cultivates and builds and cements the interpersonal relationships. Human relationships should be handled with intelligence/common sense strategically; but with emotions/feelings tactically.

UNWAVERING SENSE OF SERVICE

To live and move and have your being is:

To serve oneself

To serve others

To serve spiritually

To serve or to provide service is to take care of the needs of oneself and those of others. It is said that a service is only as good as the service provider. So, the service you give should be imbued with sincerity, sense of friendliness and disinterestedness.

INTEGRITY OF CHARACTER

Integrity means you have the quality of honesty and uprightness on the one hand, and you have wholeness and completeness of character, on the other. To have integrity means to talk the good TALK and to walk the good WALK. (And, of course, to think the good THOUGHTS.)

SIMPLE LIVING & HIGH THINKING

I would like to characterize the word, ALTRUISM with the following qualities:

- * Plain Living and Hard Struggle
- * Diligence and Frugality
- * Living in Loving kindness, and
- * Doing the Most Good for the Most People.

MENTAL CULTURE

Mental Culture is the product of:

- * Being Stainless
- * Letting Go, and
- * Seeing Through
- ✓ Being Stainless means Spotless Character
- ✓ Letting Go means Emptying all the distractions of thought from the mind, and
- ✓ Seeing Through means having the insight into:
 - * Impermanence
 - * Imperfection, and
 - * Impersonality/Insubstantiality

CONCLUSION

Altruism means selfless service to others and disinterested dedication to the welfare of the less fortunate people. Altruism means not being Ego-centric, not be Egoistic and not being Self-serving. Altruism is equal to serving the people.

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GOLD PRICE, FE RATE (5-11-2014)

Yangon Gold Price

Buying K637,500 per tical: Selling K638,500

Mandalay Gold Price

Buying K636,700 per tical: Selling K637,700

FE RATE

USD Buying K1008: Selling K1017

SGD Buying K784: Selling K794

Euro Buying K1,255: Selling K1,280

Never-Never Land or Utopia

By: Tommy Pauk

In this 21st century, utopian ideals are the only descriptions in the book. People are inclined to take interest in reality rather than imaginary. We humans naturally and fervently wish to see and enjoy harmony, peace, justice, equity, liberty, freedom, human rights, warmth, comfort and humanity. Sir. Thomas Moore's utopianism had been popular for those who aspired to the perfectibility in human society. It will be a blissful life if people are in a society like a utopia. We are inspired by his imaginary world or place.

Sadly speaking, in reality, the standard of perfection does not flourish in varied communities and societies due to inefficient capacity which cannot meet the principles of utopianism. We find how Sir Thomas Moore's goodwill and philosophical ideals are great and helpful for human societies on earth. He wished to get rid of inequalities in human societies and imagined a human society with ideal governments, ideal laws and ideal social standards. So, his utopianism is visionary, strategic and necessary for pleasant, peaceful and harmonious world. Naturally, humans prefer to enjoy peace, fairness and happiness rather than misery and chaos. A utopia should be existent in every human society on earth. Now, this seems like just a wish-

ful-thinking because some countries in the world lead dehumanized and often fearful lives. Besides, everything is unpleasant due to conflict, inequity and unlawfulness. So it is called dystopia, meaning a society characterized by human misery, as squalor, oppression, disease and overcrowding.

It is very hard to find a place in which the government, laws and social conditions are perfect. Actually, man usually creates these things for mankind and peace on earth. The ideal persons are normally admired by ordinary people who love goodness, integrity, honesty, selflessness and simplicity. The more ideal persons lead their societies, the better the conditions prevail for them. Nowadays, the public usually demand for clean governments in line with democratic processes. This sort of demand is extremely common in every nation in the world. The governments in the world are listening to the demand and voice of their people respectfully. They do not deviate from what the people aspire or want to do. This shows that the governments in the world are trying to perform their duties and responsibilities as perfect as they can. In addition, they treat their people with due deference. Democracy becomes the world's favorite ruling system and certain people get human rights and they feel happy. Subsequently, (See page 9)

The Auspicious Occasion of Tazaungmon: the Kathina Festival

Tun Myint Aung

Tazaungmon, corresponding to November, is the 8th month of the Myanmar lunar calendar. It is usually an opportune time to experience that the merry-making songs and music accompanied with the Myanmar orchestra consisting of drums, gongs, oboe, clappers, etc are echoing in the sky throughout the country; all the people are celebrating the Kathina Festivals. The nearer the Fullmoon Day of Tazaungmon is getting, the louder the echo becomes because it is during only 29 days between the first waning day of Thadingyut and the full-moon day of Thazaungmon that the Kathina festivals are held in accordance with the set period and strict rules governed by the Vinaya of the Buddha. All the people without any distinction of age, sex, wealth, status, etc have opportunities to take part in the celebration process of the festival by their own bits. The essence of the Kathina festival is the offering of new sets of robes to the monks, for most of their wearing may be drenched and worn out during the monsoon as they have to go on daily rounds every morning, rainy or sunny, to receive alms food from the devout lay persons and give blessings for their donation. In fact, it is a good idea that the donors anonymously offer the Kathina robes to all monks as Sangika or Sanghas in the Buddhist Order, not to individual monk personally, in consonance with the Buddhist canonical law.

The pious groups are formed apropos, with their free consent, and set their separate optional duties according to their own desire to collect some contributions from the devout donors in town or in village or in various social communities. Such groups are mushrooming everywhere; almost every junction, ward, market, school, office and so on. It is really a daunting task to collect charity money or other offerings or the requisites for the monks. They have to assist and urge

people to contribute pocket money as much as they can, by using loud-speakers or sound-boxes. The assistants may announce the names of the donors and the amount of their contribution in detail. It is funny that a boy can contribute some pocket money to the charity-box and ask for the assistants to announce the names of the donors as spouses by using the names of girls he likes. If the girls know the truth about the boy and reprove him for the matter, he can say that sometimes names are common and may be identical. Sometimes, the assistants may announce many times the name of the donor who contributes much money. Sometimes, various announcements and cacophonous blaring music amplified through loudspeakers and modern hi-tech sound-boxes may be unbearable to ear-rending decibels.

It is amusing to listen to some traditional songs rhyming choruses which can reflect the social life of the Myanmar. However, popular songs concerning the Kathina festivals are not very many. Instead, the hit nat-songs are favourable to the youths. The most common nat-song can be 'Ko Gyi Kyaw', which can stimulate the people to be active very easily and have a potency to make people dance at once to the song and music at any time. However, it has nothing at all to do with the Kathina Festival.

In addition, various forms of dance can be seen at every contribution centre as rehearsal for going round. The special one can be the performance of pairing U Shwe Yoe and Daw Moe. Each may have been widowed at an early age. The former is an old gangling guy wearing a suit of checked longyi and black Myanmar jacket as well as a nice Myanmar turban in a gentle man style of old ages. The latter is a short plump woman dressed in out-dated spruce fashion. Their courtship manner to the rhythmic beat of Myanmar music can be so funny that the audience watching them can't help smiling or laughing nonstop all the way. Sometimes, huge toys caricatured in the figure of a hermit or a lay

attendant to a monastery can be found in some groups collecting charity offerings. They can be used for the purpose of drawing the attention of the public, especially of the children who may insist upon watching the toys moving to the lively music. Sometimes, the collectors running recklessly along the street for the notes given away by the donors on the vehicles may pose serious accidents. This type of accident is regarded as one of the most accident-prone cases.

It is also enjoyable to watch groups of participants in line going round in town with their padethapins or plenty trees (tree-shaped stands where various offerings are hung) full of different notes of Myanmar currency money and the requisites for the monks and other offertories needed for the monastery, accompanied by orchestral bands of Myanmar music and dance until they get to the monastery where all the offerings are to be left. Of course, a small amount of pocket money or a piece of offerings donated by individual person can make a series of trees of plenty. The Kathina robe offering ceremony cannot be done by individual but only the collective effort of the public. Everyone has no set duties in the process of the ceremony but can take part in it and make contributions of his or her own as he or she desires, taking social responsibility. This type of donation shows a sign of unity of the social communities consisting of the Myanmar people.

In fact, the Kathina festival is based on religious rites but largely blended with social customs and marry-making spirit of the people. Actually, it can be easily known to all that Myanmar is a heaven of fun-seekers because they can have something enjoyable in various ways in every part of the country in any circumstance all the year round, the twelve months of the Myanmar lunar calendar. It is taken for granted that the genuine spirit embodied in such sorts of beautiful tradition and culture will exist in the blood of the Myanmar people, marking as public memory or an aspect of making our history in perpetuity.....

Never-Never Land or...

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the rule of law prevails and people as well as governments obey and adhere to the prescribed or enacted laws in the democratic states. Then bench and bar are credible for people there. People have right to remove the ineffectual and corrupt government. At the same time, people concerned must abide by laws and pay taxes correctly and regularly in due course. They change their mindsets, which are inappropriate to perfect societies.

Thus, a certain place or a country is pleasant and people are happy all the time. Therefore, the actual conditions of human societies can be seen like a utopia in the world at present. Obviously, we have learnt that human beings are in capacity of creating better societies and comfortable dealing among themselves. In fact, there is no man who does not wish the world to be pleasant and beautiful.

We all do not want to see the world being destroyed. If there are conflicts, tensions, disputes, quarrelling, fighting and destroying each other, the miserable, desperate and weary conditions will prevail in the world. These conditions are caused by the lack of justice and equity among the human societies

People must have strong-will to overcome barriers and obstacles to attain better human societies. Blessings and prosperities lie in the hearts of human beings. If they are aggressive and crooked, they will certainly encounter man-made disaster. Man has imagined doing things for better society and more pleasant conditions. Consequently, humans are the ones who are responsible for maintaining sustainable peace and sound justice. Otherwise, we humans will see the sad and terrible events in the world. Instead of saying a single word 'im-

possible', we humans ought to find the possible ways to build the society with concerted efforts. We must transform the virtually perfect human society to real perfect human society on earth. It is a sort of transformation from 'dream' to 'reality'.

We human beings must be obliged to nurture or cultivate the talent of subsequent generation to be able to practically create a real utopian world. The implementation of an idealistic scheme for political or social perfection is undoubtedly led by the passion or burning-desire of the certain people or community. Thus, perfect government, perfect laws and perfect social conditions can be visualized or materialized. Why not the best? We human beings have already landed on the moon and Information Technology has made numerous achievements for mankind. Since human beings have reached highly-civilized stage, there must be possible ways and means to attain a utopian

world. We must get rid of despondent-nature or despondent-mindset, if we really wish to gain the standard of perfection for human societies in the world. Despondency hinders any attempts and efforts in human life. Some despondent people might say that a utopian world is impossible. That saying seems to be agreeable to some degree.

However, we must make an attempt to reach human-paradise flawlessly. On the other hand, we humans can enjoy our life peacefully and happily. Basically, we humans must hold our burning-desire for creating a utopian world. In world history, human dignity and achievements in sciences, technology, space-exploration, medicine, politics, industries are recorded or archived. As we can see and witness, many humanists, philosophers, philanthropists, well-wishers have been trying to create or work for the benefits of humanity worldwide regardless of race and faiths.

Actually, they are not doing for their fame, glory and power, but doing for the great achievement for all mankind. We have to assist them in doing meritorious deeds willingly and supportively. As we all know that "Man is a social animal", so the tasks of social welfare are in-born-duties of humans. Absolutely, it is an obligation for all mankind to upgrade and safeguard human societies.

Man should not hesitate to save and help human lives and human crises wherever he is. To be able to tackle challenges and struggle, we humans must have solidarity so that we could gain freedom and prosperous society. A utopian world is possible only when there are ideal persons in the governments, in the politi-

cal parties, in the civil societies and in the legal professions. Similarly, people's morale and morality must be perfect. Good governance, clean government and very moral citizens are essential to build a utopian nation indeed.

We all are human beings so we want to live in humane society with human rights, freedom, comfort, equity, security and humanity. We look for a better world like a utopia. It is time to idealize our societies with much effort. Also, we must bear in mind that misappropriation, corruption and bribery disrupt our noble goal. These malpractices can tarnish and make the image of society disgraceful.

May the earth, reigned by human beings, be free from chaos and crises!!!

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Republicans seize control of Senate in US midterm elections

WASHINGTON, 5 Nov — Republicans rode a wave of voter discontent to sweeping midterm election wins on Tuesday, seizing control of the US Senate in a punishing blow to President Barack Obama that will limit his political influence and curb his legislative agenda in his last two years in office.

Republicans won in places where Democrats were favored, like a Senate race in North Carolina, pulled out victories where the going was tough, like a Senate battle in Kansas, and swept a number of governors' races in states where Democrats were favored, like Obama's home state of Illinois.

They also strengthened their grip on the House of Representatives and when the new Congress takes power in January, will be in charge of both chambers of Congress for the first time since elections in 2006.

Obama, first elected in 2008 and again in 2012, called Democratic and Re-



Mitch McConnell looks at his ballot after voting at a polling station in Louisville, Kentucky.—REUTERS

publican leaders of Congress to the White House on Friday to take stock of the new political landscape.

He watched election returns from the White House, and saw little to warm his spirits.

Republican Senator Mitch McConnell of Kentucky, who won a tough re-election battle against

Democrat Alison Lundergan Grimes, will replace Democrat Harry Reid as Senate majority leader.

"Some things don't change after tonight. I don't expect the president to wake up tomorrow and view the world any differently than he did when he woke up this morning. He knows I won't either. But we do have an obligation

to work together on issues where we can agree," McConnell said in his victory speech in Louisville.

Republicans needed six seats to win control of the 100-member Senate, and by late evening they had seven. The winning margin came when Iowa Republican Joni Ernst was declared the winner over Democrat Bruce Braley

and Republican Thom Tillis defeated incumbent Democratic Senator Kay Hagan in North Carolina.

Republican Senate candidates also picked up Democratic seats in Montana, Colorado, West Virginia, South Dakota and Arkansas.

The Republican surge will force Obama to scale back his legislative agenda and limit his ambitions to either executive actions that do not require legislative approval, or items that might gain bipartisan support, such as trade agreements and tax reform.

It will also test his ability to compromise with newly empowered political opponents who have been resisting his legislative agenda since he was first elected.

But Republicans, hoping to win the White House in 2016, will also be under pressure to show Americans they are capable of governing after drawing scorn a year ago for shutting down the government in a budget fight.

"Tonight was a terrific night for Republicans. It was a powerful repudiation of the Obama agenda, and the Obama economy, which isn't working," Republican Senator Ted Cruz, a conservative firebrand, told CNN.

"The American people, they're frustrated with what's happening in Washington, but now the responsibility falls on us to lead," he said.

Partisan battles could erupt over immigration reform, with Obama poised to issue executive actions by year's end to defer deportations of some undocumented immigrants, and over energy policy, as Republican press the president to approve the Keystone XL pipeline (TRP. TO) carrying oil from Canada.

The Republican victory had been widely predicted ahead of Tuesday's voting to elect 36 senators, 36 state governors and all 435 members of the House of Representatives.

Reuters

CIS security, intelligence chiefs set for talks on terrorism threat from Afghanistan

MOSCOW, 5 Nov — Heads of security and intelligence services from the member states of the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS) will gather for a session on Wednesday in Astana, the capital of Kazakhstan, to discuss global anti-terrorism measures, with a particular attention to be paid to the terrorism threat from Afghanistan, the press service of the Russian Federal Security Service (FSB) said.

"The session will focus on the issues of cooperation development between security and intelligence services of the CIS member states in the fight against the threat of terrorism posed by international terrorist organizations, which are active on the territory of Afghanistan," the FSB press service said.

The session will in particular focus "on joint measures against the possible expansion of terrorism-related activities on the territory of the CIS member states after

the complete withdrawal (from Afghanistan) of troops from the International Security Assistance Force in 2014."

The US-led International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) have been fighting Taliban militants in the Central Asian state since 2001 and was scheduled to pull out from Afghanistan by the end of this year, passing the responsibility for the security provision in the country to local Afghani military and police forces.

Upon an initiative from Russia's FSB, participants in the session will also discuss measures of providing security at transportation infrastructure facilities and their protection from possible terrorist attacks.

Afghanistan remains the world's main heroin producer and the drugs produced in the Central Asian country are considered to be the major source for financing international terrorist organizations.

Russia is one of the largest destinations for drugs from Afghanistan. The drugs from Afghanistan are smuggled to Russia and Europe via neighboring Tajikistan, which also borders Kyrgyzstan.

Last year, Russia seized 2.6 metric tons of Afghan heroin, which was a 20% increase on the previous year.

Speaking earlier in the year, Viktor Ivanov, the chief of the Russian Federal Drug Control Service, said that the scale of poppy plantations in Afghanistan reached its historic maximum in 2013 and, according to UN estimations, spanned a record of 209,000 hectares.

Itar-Tass

Serbia among Interpol's top 10 partners



Serbia's Interior Minister Nebojsa Stefanovic (C).

BELGRADE, 5 Nov — Serbia's Interior Minister Nebojsa Stefanovic has said at a meeting of the Interpol General Assembly in Monaco that Interpol data indicates that Serbia is among that organization's 10 most desirable partners, the Interior Ministry has stated.

Partner countries have said the same thing, each of the 190 countries, which is an indication of how serious Serbia is and of the efforts the Serbian police makes in international relations, Stefanovic said on Monday, during the first day of the 83rd session of the Interpol General As-

sembly, held to mark the 100th anniversary of the organization.

He stressed the significance of cooperation within Interpol, supporting this by listing several successfully solved tough cases in Serbia.

The job of the Serbian police is to work better with other police forces in the region, but also at Interpol level, and that is what the Serbian police will do, because crime knows no borders, Stefanovic noted, adding that criminals were joining together and that strong protection for the people was required.

Serbia's police chief Milorad Veljovic and head of the department for international police cooperation Milan Dimitrijevic accompanied Stefanovic at the meeting.

Tanjug

Japan-US ties remain strong regardless of election results

TOKYO, 5 Nov — Japan-US relations remain strong regardless of US midterm election results, Tokyo's top government spokesman said on Wednesday.

"The election results will not have a (negative) effect on Japan-US relations," Chief Cabinet Secretary Yoshihide Suga told a morning press conference when asked how

he evaluates media reports that Republicans were on course to control both chambers of Congress.

"The cornerstone of our diplomacy is the Japan-US alliance,"

Suga said.

"There is no change in our policy of boosting cooperation and coordination with the United States based on the alliance."

Kyodo News

Taleban group threatens to attack India following border blast

ISLAMABAD, 5 Nov — A Pakistani Taleban group behind this week's devastating suicide bombing on the Pakistani-Indian border has said the attack was as much aimed at India as Pakistan, suggesting that Indian targets might be next.

At least 57 Pakistanis were killed during a popular flag-lowering ceremony on Sunday when a bomber tried to get as close as possible to the border in a possible attempt to cause casualties on the Indian side as well.

In a tweet issued after the attack, the splinter group, Tehreek-e-Taleban Pakistan Jamaat Ah-rar (TTP-JA), said it was determined to attack both sides.

"This attack is an open message to both governments across the border," TTP-JA spokesman Ehsanullah Ehsan said in an Urdu-language message. "If we can attack this side, the other side could also be attacked."

He also tweeted in

English: "You (Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi) are the killer of hundreds of Muslims. We will take the revenge of innocent people of Kashmir and Gujarat" (sic).

Kashmir is a disputed Himalayan territory over which India and Pakistan have fought two of their three wars. Gujarat — misspelled in the tweet — is a western Indian state where more than 1,000 people, most of them Muslims, were killed in inter-religious rioting in 2002, when Modi was its chief minister.

The authenticity of the tweets could not be immediately verified and then did not show on Ehsan's Twitter page as of Wednesday morning.

India has long accused Pakistani militants of trying to attack its targets, particularly after the 2008 Mumbai attacks in which 166 people were killed when Pakistani gunmen went on a three-day rampage in India's financial capital.

TTP-JA is a new outfit that broke away from the mainstream Taleban movement in September and has announced its support for the Middle Eastern group Islamic State, whose belligerent anti-Western ideology has begun to inspire militants across South Asia.

TTP-JA's openly anti-Indian rhetoric differs from that of the mainstream Pakistani Taleban, who are mainly focused on their insurgency against Pakistani security forces in the volatile tribal northwest of the country.

A successful attack on an Indian target would severely affect the already frosty relations between the nuclear-armed rivals.

Shelling on their disputed Kashmir border is an almost daily occurrence, a constant reminder that a full-blown conflict is always a threat.

Further unnerving India, al-Qaeda chief Ayman al-Zawahiri, said to be close to TTP-JA, has



Indian paramilitary troopers stand guard during curfew like restrictions in Srinagar, summer capital of Indian-controlled Kashmir, on 4 Nov, 2014. Authorities imposed curfew like restrictions in most parts of Srinagar to prevent protest and clashes after two youth were killed and two others wounded on Monday evening after Indian army troopers fired on a car at Chattergam in Budgam district, about 14 km south of Srinagar, officials said. —XINHUA

announced the creation of a South Asia wing of al-Qaeda, threatening to stage attacks on countries across the subcontinent.

The new group's first

major attack was a botched attempt in September to hijack a Pakistani warship and attack a US navy vessel at a base near the port city of Karachi. On Tuesday,

India's navy withdrew two warships from the eastern port of Kolkata after intelligence agencies warned of an attack on the port and the city.—Reuters

New Zealand vows to stop citizens joining Islamic State



New Zealand's National Party leader John Key and Prime Minister-elect celebrates a landslide victory at the National election party during New Zealand's general election in Auckland, on 20 Sept, 2014.

REUTERS

WELLINGTON, 5 Nov — New Zealand will beef up steps to monitor and prevent its citizens from joining Islamic State (IS) fighting in Iraq and Syria, but has ruled out any military involvement in the conflict, Prime Minister John Key said on Wednesday.

Key said the country had to acknowledge that the risks it faced from the rise of IS have increased, with New Zealand citizens involved directly in the fighting, raising funds, or

promoting the militants.

Key said the government would extend powers to suspend or cancel passports, while the security service would be given added funding and powers of surveillance of suspected IS supporters.

He said between 30 and 40 New Zealanders people were "of concern in a foreign fighter context" and were on a watch list compiled by government agencies.

"These are people in,

or from New Zealand who are in various ways participating in extremist behaviour," Key said in a speech, adding that as many as another 40 people would be investigated further.

He said there were individuals who might "turn their minds to terrorist acts at home".

New Zealand would increase its humanitarian aid to those displaced by the conflict in Iraq and Syria. However, he said the country would not be involved in fighting in the region.

"I'm ruling out sending SAS (Special Air Squadron) or any troops into combat roles in Iraq, though our military can and may well help with building capacity and capability of Iraqi forces," Key said.

Military planners would be sent to the Middle East to gather information and assess training options.

New Zealand was part of the NATO-led coalition in Afghanistan, sending special forces and a reconstruction team, but refused to be directly involved in combat in the US-led war in Iraq, instead sending engineers to help with reconstruction.

Reuters

Britain, France, US ask UN to blacklist Libya's Ansar al-Sharia

UNITED NATIONS, 5 Nov — Britain, the United States and France have proposed that Islamist extremist group Ansar al-Sharia in Libya be blacklisted under the United Nations al-Qaeda sanctions regime, diplomats said on Tuesday, speaking on condition of anonymity.

If all 15 members of the UN Security Council's al-Qaeda sanctions committee agree, the group will be added to the list on 19 November and subjected to an arms embargo and a global travel ban and asset

freeze, the diplomats said.

Australian UN Ambassador Gary Quinlan, president of the Security Council this month, told reporters that council members would be looking in general at the possibility of broadening UN sanctions to target those undermining stability in Libya.

"One of the issues ... is sanctions," Quinlan said after a council discussion on Libya and other issues. He added that the idea was to possibly extend the scope of already existing measures "to take into ac-

count people who might want to spoil the political transition."

Ansar al-Sharia is blamed by Washington for a 2012 attack on the US consulate in the city of Benghazi that killed the American ambassador.

Western powers worry that Libya is heading toward civil war as authorities are too weak to control former rebels who helped oust Muammar Gaddafi in 2011 but now defy state authority to grab power and a share of oil revenues.

Libya is divided between rival tribes and political factions with two governments vying for legitimacy since an armed group from the western city of Misrata seized Tripoli in August, forcing the internationally recognized Prime Minister Abdullah al-Thinni to move east.

The UN Security Council has had an arms embargo and other sanctions measures in place since 2011, when Gaddafi was using his security forces to crack down on pro-democracy demonstrators. Gaddafi was toppled and killed during a UN-backed NATO intervention in the same year.

Reuters



Demonstrators celebrate after burning a car they say was full of ammunition as they stormed the headquarters of the Islamist Ansar al-Sharia militia group in Benghazi on 21 Sept, 2012.—REUTERS

Australian warplanes strike 14 IS targets

CANBERRA, 5 Nov — The Australian Defence Force confirmed on Wednesday that its fighter jets have hit 14 facilities of the Islamic State (IS) in Iraq since their deployment last month, destroying 11 targets. The targets are believed to include IS logistic bases and equipment storage facilities. RAAF strikes against IS militants were sanctioned in early October, with the chief of joint operations, Vice Admiral David Johnston, updating figures on Australia's involvement. Australia has six Super Hornets based in the United Arab Emirates, carrying out missions throughout Iraq, in addition to 200 Special Forces members and 400 air force personnel.

On 8 October, the F/A-18F Super Hornets launched their first combat mission in northern Iraq, followed by more operations.

"They've employed 27 laser or GPS-guided 500-pound bombs, striking

a number of (IS) targets," Johnston said.

"Twenty five of those bombs have been dropped over the last month. 14 targets have been hit by Australian aircraft 11 confirmed destroyed and three assessed as damage."

The Federal attorney general, George Brandis, said earlier in the week that 15 Australians had been killed in either Iraq or Syria after fighting alongside IS groups. However, Johnston refused to confirm that Australian air strikes had led to their fatalities, nor was he aware of any civilian casualties that had occurred during the attacks.

But he did suggest that the 200 Australian Special Forces units would be entering Iraq imminently as they continue to wait for official clearance. The Special Forces members have been stationed in the United Arab Emirates since September following a delay on formal legal protections from Iraq.—Xinhua

Israel, US say it's business as usual as warplane plant unveiled



Israeli Defence Minister Moshe Yaalon

LOD, (Israel), 5 Nov — Israel and the United States used the inauguration of a joint warplane project on Tuesday to stress it was business as usual in an alliance hit by acrimony over Israeli settlement building and strategy against Iran.

At a ceremony at the Israeli manufacturer of wings for Lockheed Martin Corp's F-35 jet fighter, Israeli Defence Minister Moshe Yaalon described his country's participation in the project as evidence that bilateral ties were bulletproof.

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and US President Barack Obama have often been at odds over how to respond to Palestinian statehood demands or balance diplomacy and the threat of force in curbing Iran's disputed nuclear programme.

Those tensions have boiled over at times, most recently with vigorous US condemnation of a surge in

Israeli settlement building in occupied East Jerusalem and, last week, an anonymous Obama aide's reported smear of Netanyahu as "chickenshit".

"The special relationship between the United States and Israel is stronger than any disagreement," Yaalon said in a speech at the new wings factory in state-owned Israel Aerospace Industries' (IAI) campus, near Tel Aviv.

"And there is no dispute on the gratitude that the people of Israel owe the United States for supporting our strength and security," said Yaalon, whose scorn for Palestinian peace talks has raised hackles in Washington.

In a sign of the US displeasure, Israeli media reported that when Yaalon visited the United States last month, he was denied meetings with Vice Presi-

dent Joe Biden, Secretary of State John Kerry and national security adviser Susan Rice.

However, he did get to see Defence Secretary Chuck Hagel.

IAI is scheduled to make more than 800 sets of F-35 wings, while another Israeli company, Elbit Systems Ltd, will produce helmets for the pilots. Susan Ouzts, vice-president of international programmes at Lockheed, put the value of Israel's contribution to the F-35 project at \$4 billion.

Israel has bought 19 F-35s for \$2.75 billion, with deliveries expected to begin in 2016, and could soon order between 25 and 31 more of the planes, defence sources said.

They said Yaalon was expected to decide on that purchase on Wednesday at a meeting of Israeli officials kept low-key because of Finance Ministry misgivings about the large defence budget.—Reuters



Damages caused by the battle between Iraqi and Kurdish security forces and so-called Islamic State militants is seen on the Mosul Dam on the Tigris River, about 70 km north of the city of Mosul, northern Iraq on 3 Nov, 2014. Iraqi and Kurdish security forces in August jointly took control of Mosul Dam, Iraq's largest dam, in the country's northern province of Nineveh after battles with so-called Islamic State militants who have been trying to regain the control of this important strategic location. —XINHUA

Blast wounds five Afghan children

TALUQAN, (Afghanistan), 5 Nov — Five Afghan children sustained injuries as a bomb went off in Rustaq district of the northern Takhar Province on Wednesday, police said.

"A number of children were busy on a ground in Rustaq district this morning when an explosive device went off injuring five innocent children," provincial police spokesman, Abdul Khalil Asir told Xinhua.

He also said that the device might have been left

from the past wars.

Millions of mines and unexploded ordnances had been left from the past more than three decades of war and conflicts which still claim the lives of people including children.

The relatively peaceful Takhar Province with Taluqan as its capital 245 km north of Kabul had been the scene of bloody conflicts between warring sides some 15 years ago.—Xinhua

Senior al-Qaeda operative killed in US strike in Yemen

SANAA, 5 Nov — A senior al-Qaeda official wanted by the United States and a local leader of the militant group's affiliate, Ansar al-Sharia, were killed in a drone strike in central Yemen overnight, tribal sources said on Wednesday.

Nabil al-Dahab, leader of Ansar al-Sharia in Yemen's al-Bayda province, was killed along with four other al-Qaeda members, including Shawki al-Badani, the sources said. Badani is a leader of al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula who is wanted by the United States.

The US State Department has designated Badani as a "global terrorist", saying he was linked to at least two plots against the US embassy in Sanaa and a 2012 suicide bombing in the Yemeni capital that killed more than 100 soldiers.

A 17 June, 2014, posting on the State Department website says the Yemeni government had offered a \$100,000 reward for information about Badani. It also reports Yemeni authorities describing him as one of "the most dangerous terrorists affiliated with al-Qaeda".

The United States acknowledges using drones in Yemen but does not comment publicly on the practice. Sunni Islamist al-Qaeda and its affiliates in Yemen are among the most active wings of the network founded by Osama bin Laden.

US drone strikes killed at least 10 suspected al-Qaeda militants on Tuesday in central Yemen, where fighting between members of Ansar al-Sharia and rebel Shi'ite Muslim Houthis fighters also killed 10 people, tribesmen said.

Fighting has flared in different parts of Yemen since the Houthis rose to dominance in recent months, threatening the fragile stability of a country that borders Saudi Arabia, the world's biggest oil exporter.

Houthi forces took over Sanaa in September and fanned out into central and western Yemen. That antagonised Sunni tribesmen and al-Qaeda militants, who regard the Houthis as heretics.

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New generation R1 tram from Ekaterinburg was presented during ExpoCityTrans 2014 exhibition in Moscow. This futuristic looking low floor tram is planned to be tested next year. — ITAR-TASS

Egypt bus accident kills 16

CAIRO, 5 Nov — A total of 16 people were killed and 18 others injured on Wednesday in a bus accident in Egypt's Beheira province, the state-run media *MENA* reported.

The accident took place when a bus collided with a truck and a private vehicle while running on Cairo-Al-

exandria agriculture road, causing a big fire. The ambulances rushed to the scene and firefighters put out the fire.

On Sunday, a total of 10 university students were killed and four others injured in a car accident in Upper Egypt's Sohag governorate.

Since mid-August, over

110 Egyptians were killed and more than 120 others injured in road accidents across the country.

Lack of highway monitoring systems, poor road maintenance and negligence of traffic rules are behind the high rate of traffic accidents in the most populous Arab country.—*Xinhua*

Cuba sentences seven to jail for selling college entrance exam papers

HAVANA, 5 Nov — A Cuban court sentenced six teachers and an employee of the Higher Education Ministry to prison terms ranging from 18 months to eight years for stealing and selling university entrance exam papers, state daily *Granma* reported on Tuesday.

The case, originally reported in early June, forced education authorities to cancel the results of a 6 May entrance exam in mathematics for students in Havana province and hold new exams, and to modify Spanish and History tests.

The cheating scandal

cost the Ministry of Higher Education more than 28,000 convertible Cuban pesos (CUCs) and the University of Havana more than 1,000 CUCs, *Granma* said.

During the process of printing and packaging the exams, the investigation showed, an employee of the printing house run by the ministry stole copies of the tests and sold them to the teachers for 180 CUCs each. The teachers, in turn, charged students between 40 and 50 CUCs for access to the exams.

The court handed down the stiffest eight-year

sentence to the employee of the printing house. Two university teachers were sentenced to four years in jail, and the rest, including one professor who used the information to secure an advantage for his own children, to shorter jail terms.

The court also ruled that the defendants had to compensate the ministry and the University of Havana for the incurred costs of around 30,000 CUCs, and barred them from teaching. The defendants' actions "undermined the prestige of our educational system," *Granma* said.

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A visitor views a section of wall remains at a Berlin Wall memorial site in Berlin, Germany, on 4 Nov, 2014. Germany will commemorate the 25th anniversary of the fall of Berlin Wall on Sunday, 9 Nov.—XINHUA

Richard Gere ends business partnership with estranged wife?



Hollywood superstar
Richard Gere

LOS ANGELES, 5 Nov — Hollywood superstar Richard Gere and his estranged wife Carey Lowell are reportedly separating in term of business too. The pair who co-own their the

Bedford Post, are no longer working together.

Gere, 65, and Lowell, alongside developer Russell Hernandez, opened the inn, restaurant and yoga studio in 2009. Chef Michael White, who has been managing the food service since March, apparently only mentioned Gere's name as the owner of the Bedford Post when announcing the opening of Italian eatery Campagna earlier this week.

Gere's camp has not responded to request for comment. The 'Time Out of Mind' star and Lowell, who have been married for 11 years and share a son named Homer, divorced in late October.

PTI

Beyonce highest paid woman in music in 2014 with \$115 million

NEW YORK, 5 Nov — Beyonce is the highest paid woman in music in 2014, with estimated earnings of \$115 million (71.87 million pounds), more than double what she pulled in last year, *Forbes* magazine said on Tuesday.

The huge sum, most of which was from her world tour, propelled Beyonce, 33, from fourth place last year and put her firmly ahead of pop star Taylor Swift, 24, with \$64 million, who jumped up one spot from last year to No 2. Pop singer Pink, 35, climbed up from No 8 in 2013 to third with \$52 million. "Beyonce played 95 shows during our scoring period, bringing in an average of \$2.4 million per city," said *Forbes*, citing data from the Pollstar



Beyonce

trade magazine. The R&B singer's self-titled album released last December and endorsement deals pushed her earnings up further assuring her the top spot. Bar-

bados-born Rihanna, 26, with \$48 million and Katy Perry, 30, who earned an estimated \$40 million, rounded out the top five on the annual list.

Madonna, 56, ranked No 1 last year, failed to make the top 10 in 2014.

Lady Gaga, 28, slumped from No 2 in 2013 to ninth place this year with estimated earnings of \$33 million. *Forbes* compiled the list after estimating pre-tax income calculated for the 12 months from June 2013 to 2014 based on record sales, concert tickets, touring information merchandise sales and interviews with concert promoters, lawyers and managers. It also looked at data from the Pollstar, the RIAA (Recording Industry Association of America) and tracking firm Nielsen SoundScan.—*Reuters*

Anne Hathaway believes aliens exist

LONDON, 5 Nov — Oscar-winning actress Anne Hathaway has revealed that she starred in new science fiction film 'Interstellar' because she loves astronomy.

The 'The Devil Wears Prada' star said she believes there are other life forms in the universe, but is unsure of what

they would look like, reported Femalefirst. "I've never had any problem with the idea that there is other life in the universe. "Does that life look exactly like us? Probably not. In fact, I couldn't even imagine what these other life forms might look like, or what set of values they might hold or knowledge they might under-

stand," she said. The 31-year-old actress features in new science fiction film as one of four astronauts, and revealed that while she dreamed of exploring the solar system as a youngster.

"I did want very much to go into space when I was little, but I was very bad at both maths and science when I was at school so I could never even dream about making that journey.

"Then, when I was older, I started to watch a lot of nature documentaries, which later led to documentaries about science, about physics, about the universe," she said.—*PTI*



Anne Hathaway

I am bipolar: Amanda Bynes

LONDON, 5 Nov — Actress Amanda Bynes says she has been diagnosed with bipolar disorder. Bynes, 28, was released from a psychiatric hospital last week after being committed involuntarily for 17 days, reported Contactmusic.

The revelation comes after 16 months of erratic behaviour, several stays in hospital, and even a denial from her own mother that the actress was suffering any kind of mental illness. "I was diagnosed bi-polar and manic depressive (sic) so I'm on medication and I'm seeing my psychologist and psychiatrist (sic) weekly so I'm fine," Bynes posted on Twitter.

The star's troubles began last year, when she was arrested in New York on a drugs charge and was subsequently placed on a psychiatric hold in July same year after starting a fire on the driveway of a neighbour's home in California.

She was later moved to a rehab unit until her release in December, and in April this year her mother issued a statement insisting, "Amanda has no mental illness whatsoever" and blaming the actress' problems on smoking marijuana. Bynes returned to a psychiatric hospital last month after accusing her parents of abusing her, and she was freed last week after officials ruled she was fit for release providing her parents maintain their legal conservatorship over her finances.—*PTI*



Amanda Bynes

Supreme Court says Bollywood must allow female make-up artists — paper

NEW DELHI, 5 Nov — A nearly six-decade ban on women being employed as make-up artists in India's film industry is set to end after the Supreme Court said it was gender biased and should not continue for a day longer, the *Indian Express* said on Tuesday.

India's \$2-billion film industry is the largest in world by ticket sales. It produces between 300 to 325 movies a year and, although there are no official figures, trade analysts say the Hindi-language industry alone employs more than 250,000 people, most of them contract workers.



A television journalist sets his camera inside the premises of the Supreme Court in New Delhi on 18 Feb, 2014.—*REUTERS*

While women work in most areas including as technicians and hairdressers, the industry does not allow women to work as make-up artists. Trade unions say this is to ensure men are not deprived of work. But in a court case brought by a group of female make-up artists against the Cine Costume Make-up Artists and Hair Dressers Association (CCMAA), a two-judge bench said on Monday it would not permit this type of discrimination, the newspaper reported. "Why should only a male artist be allowed to put make-up? How can it be said that only men can be make-up artists and women can be hairdressers? We don't see a reason to prohibit a woman from becoming a make-up artist if she is qualified," the *Indian Express* quoted Justices Dipak Misra and UU Lalit as saying.

"You better delete this clause on your own. Remove this immediately. We are in 2014, not in 1935. Such things cannot continue even for a day," they told the CCMAA. The *Indian Express* said the petition was brought by make-up artist Charu Khurana and other qualified female artists whose applications for make-up artist identification cards were rejected by the CCMAA because they are women.

Reuters

US soccer star Hope Solo's domestic violence trial delayed

KIRKLAND, 5 Nov — The domestic violence trial of US women's soccer star Hope Solo was delayed on Tuesday after a judge in Washington state ruled that her attorney had not had adequate interview access to the two family members she is accused of assaulting.

Solo, a goalkeeper for the US women's soccer team, has pleaded not guilty to striking the family members — her sister and nephew — during a June dispute at her home in the Seattle suburb of Kirkland.

Her trial, scheduled to begin this month, was continued until 20 January after a judge found that her attorney should be allowed to interview the family members with a court stenographer present. Solo's sister and

nephew had refused to be questioned if a court stenographer was there.

Prosecutors maintained the "highly emotional" nature of the case necessitated some limits on how the interviews were recorded.

Solo, 33, said nothing during the brief hearing. She was accompanied in court by her husband, Jerramy Stevens, who played nine seasons for the National Football League's Seattle Seahawks and Tampa Bay Buccaneers.

Solo has been able to continue playing on the US women's national soccer team and with her professional Seattle team, Reign FC, while the legal proceedings continue.

Both organizations have defended their deci-



USA goalkeeper Hope Solo

sions not to bench Solo, even as prominent players with the NFL have been suspended amid domestic violence allegations.

Solo's attorney, Todd Maybrown, says Solo was

the victim in the June altercation and that she was hit over the head with a broom handle by a family member.

Police said that during incident Solo appeared to be upset and intoxicated, while her adult sister and her 17-year-old nephew had visible injuries.

Officers present when Solo was booked into jail have been subpoenaed to testify at her trial on two counts of fourth-degree domestic violence, gross misdemeanors.

She faces up to six months in jail if convicted.

Solo has appeared as a contestant on ABC television's popular "Dancing with the Stars" and has played on two women's soccer teams that won Olympic gold medals.—Reuters

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Paris 2024 bid could be boosted by public funding

PARIS, 5 Nov — Although France has not decided if it will bid to host the 2024 Olympic Games, the country's Olympic Committee (CNOSF) is already planning a public funding operation to finance a possible candidacy for Paris.

The CNOSF will say in January whether it wants to enter the race for the 2024 Games before French president Francois Hollande makes the final decision before September.

The French Committee for International Sport (CFSI) is currently carrying out a study into the possibility of a French Olympic bid. Paris was stunned to lose out to London in the race for the 2012 Games.



France's Isabelle Yacoubou is seen during the women's preliminary round Group B basketball match against Canada at the Basketball Arena during the London 2012 Olympic Games on 1 Aug, 2012.

REUTERS

"There are strong possibilities (that we want to run)," CNOSF president Denis Massegia told reporters on Tuesday.

It will, however, be the government that decides if Paris is to be a candidate.

Whether the United States bids could also be

a factor but Massegia believes the key is to secure the support of the French people. "We'll listen to the conclusions of the (CFSI) study in January and then we'll have about five months until the end of June to trigger the excitement of the French people," Massegia said, adding that a televised fund-raising program could help. "We can imagine that over 24 hours ... all the sports friendly people in France contribute to the dream," he said.

Whether the public funding operation helped secure the estimated 50-80 million euros (\$63-100 million) that a bid would cost is not essential, according to Massegia.—Reuters

South Korean children finish last in happiness survey

SEOUL, 5 Nov — South Korean children are the least happy in study among developed countries, the government said on Tuesday, citing the stress of the country's educational pressure cooker.

South Korea ranked at the bottom among 30 countries in terms of children's satisfaction with their lives, the country's health ministry said, followed by Romania and Poland.

"The most relevant factor to the children's life satisfaction is academic stress, followed by school violence, internet addic-

tion, negligence and cyber violence," the ministry said of its survey of more than 4,000 households with children younger than 18.

World Bank chief Jim Yong Kim, himself born in South Korea, said the educational system put a heavy burden on children, with its focus on competition and long hours of work.

South Korea's survey results were measured against those of 27 members of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) grouping of 34 wealthy countries, plus Romania,

Latvia and Lithuania.

The survey, the first such exercise by the South Korean government, comes as around 600,000 students gear up for the annual college entrance exam, with places in prestigious schools and a pathway to a secure job at a top corporation on the line. When the test is held on 13 November, the country's stock market will open an hour later, office openings will be delayed to ensure students don't get stuck in traffic, and the central bank will delay its interest rate-setting meeting by one hour.—Reuters



Students retaking the college entrance exams use a public computer during recess at a school in Kwangju, some 40 km (25 miles) southeast of Seoul in this 30 Oct, 2012 file photo. — REUTERS

Real down Liverpool 1-0 to reach knockout round

MADRID, 5 Nov — Holders Real Madrid breezed into the last 16 of the Champions League with two games to spare when a Karim Benzema strike secured a 1-0 win in their Group B match at home to a toothless Liverpool on Tuesday.

Benzema clipped a Marcelo cross high into the net from close range in the 27th minute, the France forward's fifth goal in this season's competition, to maintain Real's perfect record in the section with 12 points from four games.

It was the record 10-times European champions' 12th win in a row in all competitions and followed their 3-0 success against Liverpool at Anfield last month.

"We have done our homework and we can now focus on La Liga, the King's Cup and the Club World Cup," Real captain and goalkeeper Iker Casillas said in an interview with Spanish television.

"We are very pleased," added the Spain interna-

tional, who was making a record 144th Champions League appearance.

"We have had some very tough and difficult matches recently and once we went 1-0 ahead we controlled the game."

A major surprise was the fact that Cristiano Ronaldo failed to get on the scoresheet and he remains one goal short of the Champions League scoring record of 71 set by former Real and Schalke 04 forward Raul.

FC Basel are well placed to join Real in the knockout round after they beat Ludogorets 4-0 to move onto six points, with Liverpool and the Bulgarian champions on three each.

Real were close to full strength for the clash at a chilly and breezy Bernabeu, while Liverpool coach Brendan Rodgers made a host of changes from the team that lost to Newcastle United in the Premier League at the weekend.

Captain Steven Gerrard, Coutinho, Raheem



Real Madrid's Sergio Ramos (top) heads the ball during their Champions League Group B soccer match against Liverpool at Santiago Bernabeu stadium in Madrid on 4 Nov, 2014.—REUTERS

Sterling, Jordan Henderson and Mario Balotelli were all on the bench, while Gareth Bale, who is coming back from injury, was among the Real substitutes.

Real had an early chance when James Rodriguez forced a good save from Simon Mignolet in the fourth minute before

the visitors settled and started to play some neat football without threatening the home goal.

A mistake by Liverpool captain Martin Skrtel in the 10th minute gifted possession to Benzema and he set up Ronaldo, but Mignolet pulled off another fine stop to deny the Por-

tuguese. A well worked move yielded Real's opening goal. Isco sent Marcelo clear on the left and his pinpoint cross was turned high into the net by Benzema as the Liverpool players appealed for a non-existent offside.

Liverpool failed to muster a shot in the first

half to Real's 13 and the European champions continued in the second period where they had left off with Ronaldo going close in the 49th minute.

Alberto Moreno had Liverpool's first effort when he forced Casillas into a save in the 56th minute and Adam Lallana fired wide two minutes later.

Bale, who had replaced Rodriguez nine minutes earlier, turned a Marcelo cross onto the bar in the 71st and although the introduction of Sterling with about 20 minutes left gave Liverpool extra zip they did not come close to an equaliser.

"I knew what I was doing with the team selection and we are disappointed with the result but it was a good performance," Liverpool coach Brendan Rodgers, whose side host Chelsea in the Premier League on Saturday, said on UEFA.com.

"We showed great composure and a courage to want to play," he added.

Reuters

Anderlecht stage thrilling escape act at Arsenal

LONDON, 5 Nov — A remarkable late collapse scuppered Arsenal's hopes of qualifying early for the Champions League last 16 as Aleksandar Mitrovic's 90th-minute goal earned Anderlecht a deserved 3-3 draw in Group D on Tuesday.

A win would have ensured a place in the knockout rounds for the 15th season in succession and Arsenal appeared home and dry with fine goals by Alexis Sanchez and Alex Oxlade-Chamberlain building on Mikel Arteta's 25th-minute penalty.

But Anderlecht, deprived of three points a fortnight ago when Arsenal struck twice late on for a 2-1 victory, produced a late sting on a rainy night in north London, scoring three times in the last 29 minutes to keep alive their remote hopes of progressing.

Anthony Vanden Borre began the salvage job in the 61st minute before he converted a penalty to induce jitters in the home crowd. Substitute Mitrovic's late header then completed an astonishing comeback for Besnik Hasi's youthful side.



Arsenal's Per Mertesacker (R) is challenged by Anderlecht's Cyriac during their Champions League soccer match at the Emirates stadium in London on 4 Nov, 2014.—REUTERS

After seeing the door to the knockout rounds slammed shut, Arsenal can now realistically only hope for the runners-up spot as they have seven points to the 12 of Borussia Dortmund with two games remaining.

Belgians Anderlecht have two and Galatasaray prop up the table with one.

"We showed today we come from a small competition but we showed for the second time we can compete with these type

of teams and in two games we deserve more than one point," coach Hasi told reporters after spending time on the pitch saluting his celebrating fans.

Arsenal boss Arsene Wenger accused his side of assuming the job had been done.

"We had some bad luck, the first goal was offside, but we had a lack of concentration and thought the game was won," the Frenchman said.

"Overall we were poor

defensively from the first to the last minute. At 3-2 you have to secure yourself and we were not cautious enough.

"It was very poor defending. Am I angry or disappointed? Both," said Wenger.

On a chilly, damp night it was Anderlecht who enjoyed the better of the opening stages with their quick interchanges causing several anxious moments in the home rear-guard.—Reuters

Scott, Kaymer ready to pounce in absence of McIlroy in Shanghai

SHANGHAI, 5 Nov — World number two Adam Scott is ready to take advantage of the absence of Rory McIlroy at the \$8.5 million WGC-HSBC Champions tournament starting here on Thursday.

Australian Scott is part of a stellar field that includes 40 of the top 50 players in the world at the only World Golf Championships event played outside the United States.

The 2013 Masters champion has only played once since the American season ended in mid-September, a jet-lagged tie for 38th at the Japan Open last month which followed a surfing holiday in Costa Rica.

But after a week of dedicated practice back home in Queensland last week, Scott is raring to go again.

He acknowledges that McIlroy's late withdrawal — to prepare for a court case over a dispute with his former management company — is a blow to the event, but understands that every player has to deal with off-course issues from time to time.

After all, Scott himself skipped this event last year to recharge his batteries for a busy end-of-year campaign in Australia.

"I know HSBC and everyone involved understands that's the way this game is," Scott told reporters at Sheshan on Wednesday.

Scott, who was surpassed at the top of the world rankings by McIlroy in early August, acknowledges that his chances of victory are helped without the presence of the Northern Irishman.

"Selfishly, (his missing) opens up the field a little bit this week," he said.

US Open champion Martin Kaymer agreed.

"It's definitely a loss for the golf tournament, but it's still a very, very strong field to beat," said the German.

"One player, usually it doesn't make a difference, but when you talk about number one in the world, of course you think, OK, one player less to beat and a good one less to beat."—Reuters