

Chinese Premier to pay official visit to Myanmar after ASEAN Summit

NAY PYI TAW, 10 Nov — At the invitation of U Thein Sein, President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, His Excellency Mr. Li Keqiang, Premier of the State Council of the People's Republic of China, will be paying an official goodwill visit to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar after attending the 25th ASEAN Summit and the 9th East Asia Summit that will be held in Myanmar.—MNA

Press Release on 20/2014 Meeting of the Committee of Permanent Representatives to ASEAN (CPR)

The 20/2014 Meeting of the Committee of Permanent Representatives to ASEAN (CPR) was held at Myanmar International Convention Centre (1), Nay Pyi Taw on 9th November 2014. The Meeting was chaired by H.E. U Min Lwin, Ambassador/Permanent Representative of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar to ASEAN, and attended by the Permanent Representatives to ASEAN based in Jakarta, and delegates from ASEAN Member States, Deputy Secretary-General H.E. U Nyan Lynn and officials from the ASEAN Secretariat.

The Meeting discussed the draft ASEAN-United Nations (UN) Work Plan for 2015 which will be adopted by the ASEAN-UN Ministerial Meeting (AUMM), and will be submitted, for notation, to the 6th ASEAN-UN Summit to be held on 12 November 2014 in Nay Pyi Taw. The Meeting also deliberated the Joint ASEAN-Australia Leaders' Statement on the 40th Anniversary of ASEAN-Australia Dialogue Relations, which will be issued at the ASEAN-Australia 40th Anniversary Commemorative Summit to be held on 12 November 2014 in Nay Pyi Taw, and decided to submit the draft Joint Statement to the ASEAN Senior Officials Meeting which will take place on 10 November 2014 for further discussion.

The Meeting also discussed and endorsed the Annual Operational Budget (AOB) of the ASEAN Secretariat for Financial Year 2015 (FY 2015), proposed by the ASEAN Secretariat, and recommended to submit it to the 15th ASEAN Coordinating Council (ACC) Meeting to be held on 11th November 2014 in Nay Pyi Taw, for approval.

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Ministry of Foreign Affairs
9 November 2014

President U Thein Sein sends message of felicitations to Angolan counterpart

NAY PYI TAW, 11 Nov — U Thein Sein, President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr. Jose Eduardo

dos Santos, President of the Republic of Angola, on the occasion of the Independence Day of the Republic of Angola, which falls on 11 November 2014.—MNA

Myanmar, Tokyo-Mitsubishi Bank discuss further cooperation in banking, monetary sectors



Vice President U Nyan Tun poses for documentary photo with Vice President Takashi Morimura of Tokyo-Mitsubishi Bank UFJ Ltd of Japan.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 10 Nov — Vice President U Nyan Tun held talks with Takashi Morimura, Vice President of Tokyo-Mitsubishi Bank

UFJ Ltd of Japan, and party at the Credentials Hall of the Presidential Palace in Nay Pyi Taw on Monday. They discussed further

cooperation in the banking and monetary sectors of Myanmar.

Also present at the call were Deputy Minis-

ters U Tin Oo Lwin and Dr Maung Maung Thein and Deputy Governor of the Central Bank of Myanmar U Set Aung.—MNA

Health care services given to people of Bengali camps in Sittway



SITTWAY, 10 Nov — People of Bengali camps in Sittway were provided with health care services on Saturday.

Health staff led by Dr Kyaw Zin Oo of Rakhine State Health Department gave health education to expectant mothers and mothers of under-five children at Anauksanpya (Basara) camp in Sittway Township, Rakhine State. Moreover, a mobile health unit comprising health staff from the township health department, the Myanmar Health Assistants Association, the Mercy (Myanmar), the IRC and the WHO conducted a campaign for finding possible active case of diarrhoea at a Bengali house in Anauksanpya (Basara) village following a pregnant woman was discovered diarrhoea. The village is situated 20-minute drive from downtown Sittway in Rakhine State.—PHOTO: YE MYINT

A nurse accompanied by health staff from Myanmar Health Assistant Association and INGOs including World Health Organization on Saturday conducts a campaign for finding possible active case of diarrhoea at a Bengali house in Anauksanpya (Basara) village following a pregnant woman was discovered diarrhoea. The village is situated 20-minute drive from downtown Sittway in Rakhine State.—PHOTO: YE MYINT

Pyidaungsu Hluttaw approves Myanmar signatory in Basel Convention

NAY PYI TAW, 10 Nov—Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Monday approved Myanmar is to join the Basel Convention as a signatory like the other nine ASEAN member countries.

The Basel Convention on the Control of Trans-boundary Move-

ments of Hazardous Wastes and their Disposal was adopted in March 1989 by the Conference of Plenipotentiaries in Basel, Switzerland.

This international treaty was designed to reduce movements of hazardous waste between nations

and to prevent transfer of hazardous waste from developed to less developed countries.

During its 22th day session of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw also discussed allotment of additional union budget for 2014-2015 fiscal year, with explanation of

Union Minister for Finance U Win Shein on the projects which will need more budgets.

The union ministers also held discussions on the use of budgets for this fiscal year.

U Win Than, representative of Thabaung

Pyidaungsu Hluttaw

Township constituency submitted his objection to the release of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw on the announcement of treasury sanctions of the United States against Pyithu Hluttaw representative U Aung Thaung on 31 October.

U Win Than said that this Executive Order (E.O.) 13448 has tarnished the

efforts of Myanmar parliament and parliamentarians on peace-making efforts, national reconciliation and rule of laws, as well as the bilateral relationship between the two countries.

The Pyidaungsu Hluttaw accepted his objection, and decided to make further release on it.

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Pyithu Hluttaw

Union government sets aside K 100 billion annually for natural disasters

NAY PYI TAW, 10 Nov—The union government has set aside a budget of K 100 billion each year for rescue and resettlement efforts in natural disasters since the 2012-13 fiscal year, Deputy Minister for Finance Dr Lin Aung told the Pyithu Hluttaw (Lower House) on Monday.

The deputy minister was responding to a question raised by a representative on whether the Union government sets aside

reserve funds for natural disasters.

The union government is responsible for the reserve funds and will seek the approval of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw for the spending in each natural disaster at the nearest session, the deputy minister added.

Under the guidance of the National Level Natural Disaster Prevention Central Committee, the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and

Resettlement also proposes budgets for natural disasters including extreme weather conditions, floods, earthquakes and fire accidents every year.

Deputy Minister for Health Dr Win Myint told the Pyithu Hluttaw in his response to a question that the Ministry of Health and related ministries are cooperating for the longevity and health of the public.

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Amyotha Hluttaw

Supreme Court judge responds to legal questions in Amyotha Hluttaw

NAY PYI TAW, 10 Nov—The Amyotha Hluttaw (Upper House) session on Monday raised questions on two lawsuits concerning disputes over collective saving schemes.

Supreme Court judge of the Union U Soe Nyunt responded to the legal questions, saying that the collective saving schemes are based on contracts that all participants contribute a certain amount of money every month and that each partic-

ipant is entitled to take out the money in turn.

If one of the participants breaks the contract, those who suffer losses have the right to file civil suits against the persons who break the contracts, he added.

In the lawsuits against those in charge of the collective saving scheme, the accused failed to reimburse the savings entrusted to them and they were found to have breached Section 406 and 420 of the Penal Code.

Legal action was taken against them in accordance with the law, the Supreme Court judge said.

However, a breach of contract suit is required to be filed within three years from the incident under the Limitation Act. Therefore, the plaintiffs in the civil suit in Bhamo District lost their suit because they filed the case more than three years after the breach occurred, the chief justice explained.—MNA

Drafting Meeting of ASEAN-US Joint Statement on Climate Change held

NAY PYI TAW, 10 Nov—The Drafting Meeting for the ASEAN-US Joint Statement on Climate Change to be issued at the 2nd ASEAN-US Summit was held from 16:30 to 17:30 in Myanmar International Convention Centre-1 (MICC 1), Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar. The Meeting was co-chaired by U Aung Htoo, Deputy Director-General, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and Mr. Michael H. Fuchs, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the State Department of the

United States, and attended by delegates from ASEAN member states and United States of America as well as ASEAN Secretariat.

In the Joint Statement, ASEAN Member States and the United States of America will express their commitment to cooperate on addressing impacts of the global climate change and United States' intention to support ASEAN Member States in fighting against climate change.

Training must be given to recruited workers



Union Minister U Aye Myint meets responsible persons of overseas employment agencies.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 10 Nov—The Myanmar Overseas Employment Agencies Federation needs to supervise respective employment agencies to give full of rights to workers in labour affairs, Union Minister for Labour, Employment and Social Security U Aye Myint said at the coordination meeting between the ministry and MOEAF at the ministry on Monday.

The union minister said that the federation is responsible to give pre-job training on culture, tradi-

tions, regional knowledge and labour laws to the recruited workers who were assigned to Malaysia and Thailand.

He urged responsible persons of the agency to take permission from region and state Labour Departments for recruitment of workers and abide by laws and regulations in doing their work.

Officials of the ministry and employment agencies are focused on sending labourers to overseas countries.—MNA

Voices of workers at grassroots level on preparations for hosting ASEAN Summit and related meetings in Nay Pyi Taw

Su Myat Htwe (Cleaner at MICC-1)

I have to work for level 1. There are six cleaners, including me, at that floor. I will have to clean the corridor. I do not feel tired. I am now working from 7:30 am to 5 pm now, but our ordinary working time is from 8 am to 5 pm.



Su Myat Htwe,

Cleaner at

Myanmar

International

Convention

Centre-1 in

Nay Pyi Taw.

PHOTO: KYAW

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Thet Ko Win

(Cleaner of MICC-1)

I am a native of Taungdwingyi Myothit township. I have been working here one year as a cleaner. I have to make the floor clean and not to be strained with water and dirt. I am proud of my contributions for the ASEAN Summit. I will be pleased with seeing foreign leaders.



Thet Ko Win,

Cleaner at

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Centre-1 in

Nay Pyi Taw.

PHOTO: KYAW

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Senior General Min Aung Hlaing presents professional skills shield to winning light infantry division

NAY PYI TAW, 10 Nov — Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing urged military personnel to be prepared to take part in international peace keeping troops, humanitarian missions and rescue operations in the events of natural disasters in his speech at the prize presentation ceremony of the Central Level Military Profession Skills Competition held at Military Advanced Training Depot in Ottwin Station on Monday.

As military concepts and principles have progressed with development of mechanical, electronic and information technologies, military personnel are required to study not only military professional skills but also latest developments in the international community, the senior general pointed out.

In his speech, the senior general reiterated that the defence policy of the

Myanmar is not to invade other countries but to defend itself and efforts are being exerted to build a standard army.

As the government is making strenuous efforts for national unity and internal peace, peace may be restored within an appropriate period, the senior general said, urging the military personnel to be prepared for international missions.

After the speech of the senior general, Chief of the General Staff (Army, Navy and Air) Gen Hla Htay Win presented prizes to the representatives of troops that won the first, the second and the their prizes in the skills competition for respective units.

Then, Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Soe Win presented prizes to representatives of troops that won the first, second and the their prizes in the



Senior General Min Aung Hlaing views skill demonstration of artillery unit at Central Level Military Profession Skill Competition at Military Advanced Training Depot in Ottwin Station.—MYAWADY

skills competition for light infantry troops.

Afterwards, the senior general presented the shield

for professional skills and cash award to the winning light infantry division.

After the prize pres-

entation ceremony, the senior general and senior military officers viewed the skill demonstration of en-

gineering, communication, artillery, light infantry, medical and anti-terrorist troops.—Myawady

Rural youths recruited for development tasks



Union Minister at the President Office U Soe Thane highlights recruitment of rural youths for development tasks.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 10 Nov — Youths are required to exert efforts for practical implementation of the objective of the state to build

a stable, modern and developed democratic nation on the ground and to develop creative ways and means to carry out regional de-

velopment tasks, Union Minister at the President Office U Soe Thane said at the opening ceremony of the Capacity Enhancement

Course for Rural Youths (Instructor) held in Nay Pyi Taw on Monday.

The Ministry of Livestock, Fishery and Rural Development is organizing the course to recruit rural youths for raising the living standards of rural people and to bridge the gap between rural and urban areas, according to Union Minister for Livestock, Fisheries and Rural Development U Ohn Myint.

A total of 120 staff members from the ministry are attending the five-day instructor course. The union government is recruiting rural youths to encourage them to participate in rural development tasks. A total of 168,544 youth members have been recruited so far, according to sources.—MNA

award and the Best of Nation award in the cookery event.

Seven Myanmar contestants took part in six events of the competition.

A total of 283 contestants from 10 ASEAN countries participated in 25 events of the competition.—MNA

Myanmar contestant wins two awards in ASEAN Skills Competition

NAY PYI TAW, 10 Nov — The Deputy Minister for Labour, Employment and Social Security honoured the participants of the Myanmar team led by Deputy Director-General U Saw

Naing of the Labour Department who participated in the 10th ASEAN Skills Competition in Hanoi, Vietnam, from 19 to 29 October.

The ceremony to honour the participants of the

competition took place at Parkroyal Hotel in Yangon where they were served dinner on 8 November.

Maung Min Su Paing of Myanmar team secured the Medallion of Excellence

Union FM sends message of felicitations to Angola

NAY PYI TAW, 11 Nov — U Wunna Maung Lwin, Union Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr.

Georges Rebelo Chicoti, Minister of External Relations of the Republic of Angola, on the occasion of the Independence Day of the Republic of Angola, which falls on 11 November 2014.—MNA

Cash assistance provided to social organizations in Taninthayi Region

NAY PYI TAW, 10 Nov — Cash assistance provided by Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement was aimed at implementing the poverty alleviation and rural development plans and contributing much to graduation of Myanmar from Least Development Countries status, said Union Minister Dr Daw Myat Myat Ohn Khin at the ceremony to deliver cash assistance to social organizations in Dawei, Myeik and Kawthoung districts at Dawei Education College on 7 November.

The union minister

shared K63.525 million to social organizations, philanthropic schools and homes from various townships in Taninthayi Region, the southern area of the nation.

On 8 November, she viewed the sites for construction of Dawei vocational training school and office of the Region Relief and Resettlement Department.

The next day, the union minister visited the temporary building for human trafficking victims donated by Japanese government and the people.

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Civil service training course to enhance capacity of government officers



MANDALAY, 10 Nov — Under the supervision of Mandalay Region Government, the Ministry of Infor-

mation and Konrad Adenauer Foundation jointly conducted the Civil Service Training course at the hall

of the region government at the corner of 62nd and 26th streets in Mandalay on Monday.

Mandalay Region Minister for Finance Dr Myint Kyu, the director-general of Information and Public Relations Department and course instructor Daw Saint Yi Htet made speeches.

Instructors are giving lectures on public relations, public administration and adoption of policy, leadership in reform process, drawing plans and e-Government subjects to the trainees.

Altogether 80 officers from departments in Mandalay Region are attending the six-day course.

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

Myanmar secures Miss Lwekahton Award

MYAWADY, 10 Nov — The Myanmar-Thai friendly Thaungyin River Lwekahton traditional culture festival 2014 was held in Mae Sot, Thailand, near the Thai-Myanmar Friendship Bridge, on 5 November.

Ten Myanmar women participated in the Miss Lwekahton Contest of the festival.

As part of the contest, the contestants posed and replied to queries raised by members of the panel of judges.

Thai officials presented the Miss Lwekahton Award to Ma Htet Shwe Sin Naing



of Myanmar.

Officials of both coun-

tries awarded second, third and consolation prizes to

respective winners.

Thuzar (Myawady Town)



Thanks to late monsoon rain, monsoon paddy plantation thriving on 17,700 acres of farmlands in Natogyi Township.

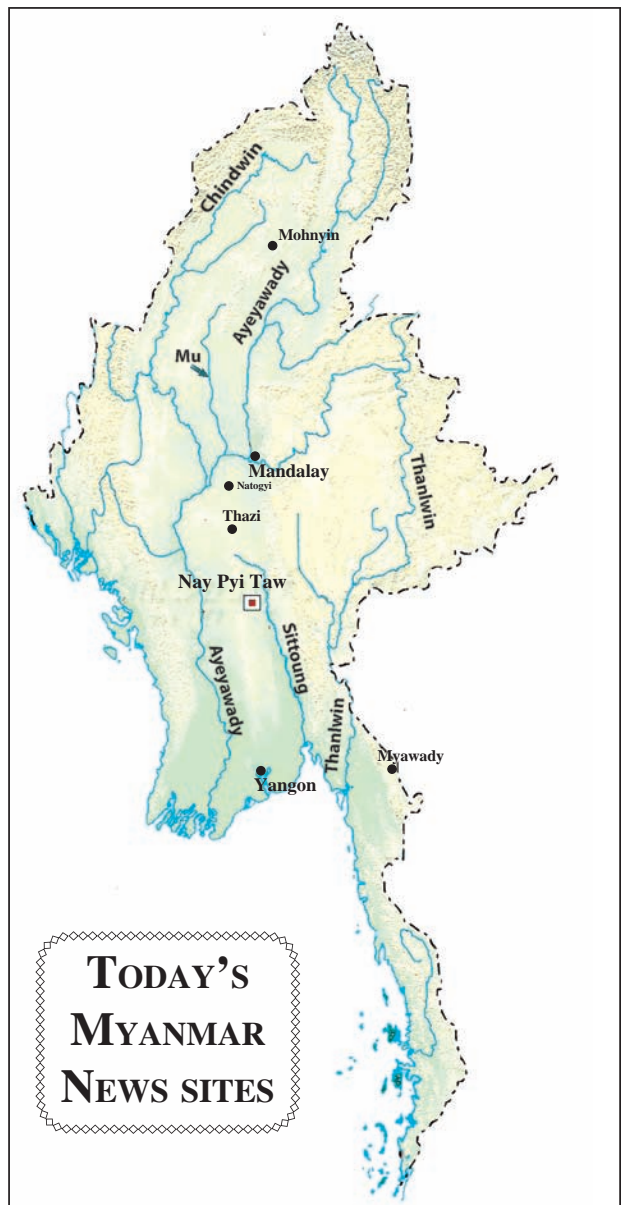
Rice paddies, crops get sufficient water from late monsoon

NATOGYI, 10 Nov — Due to recent monsoon showers, rice paddies, beans and pulses and cotton plantations are thriving in Natogyi Township, Mandalay Region.

The late monsoon supplied rainwater to over 17,700 acres in the township for successful thriving.

Likewise, beans and pulses, Ngwechi-6 and Mahlaing 5/6 cotton strain plantations got sufficient water for boosting production.

Htay Myint Maung



BEMS in Phakant to get new building

MOHNYIN, 10 Nov — A ceremony to drive a stake for construction of a new building was held at Basic Education Middle School in Mawwam Ward, Phakant, Kachin state, in early November, which included an address by the chairman of the School

Board of Trustees.

The government allotted K100.8 million for construction of a 140 feet long and 30 feet wide two-storey building.

The Phakant Township Education officer and officials drove stakes for the school.—GNLM-001



Over 600 acres of cow bean flooded in Thazi Tsp

THAZI, 10 Nov — Heavy rain caused by a storm hit that hit the Mandalay region on 7 November destroyed all cow bean plantations cultivated by over 180 local farmers residing in Pauktaw Village of Thazi Township.

The rainwater that

flowed down from Nathoe-phyu Hill and Natka Hill eroded all sprouts of bean plantations, resulting in damage of over K17 million.

The local farmers plan to re-grow cow beans on that area after taking one month's break.—NLM-018

LOCAL NEWS

Mandalay BEPS No 20 gets two-storey school building

MANDALAY, 10 Nov —The opening ceremony of a two-storey building was held at No 20 Basic Education Primary School in Kinsanamahi Ward between 79th and 80th streets in Chanayethazan Township, Mandalay, on Sunday. Pyithu Hluttaw (Lower House) MP Dr Kyaw Myint, Amyotha Hluttaw (Upper House) MP Dr Soe Tun and officials cut the ribbon to open the new building.

They presented certificates of honour to donors who sponsored the expense in construction of the building that is a two-storey building measuring 120 feet long and 30 feet wide.

The Pyithu Hluttaw (Lower House) funded K5 million and local donors K31.8 million on construction of the school building.

Thiha Ko Ko (Mandalay)



Game machines set on fire in Myawady

MYAWADY, 10 Nov — A ceremony to incinerate game machines and equipment seized by Myawady District Police Force was held at Deikhtanaung sports ground in Ward 4 of Myawady, Kayin State, in late October.

Commander of District Police Force Police Lt-Col Aung Myint explained the purpose of incinerating the seized equipment.

Township officials torched the game machines and equipment. At the ceremony, they destroyed 235 game machines worth K374 million.—*Htein Lin Aung (IPRD)*

Students join hands washing festival in Mandalay



Officials present hand washing champion award to Ma Nanda Kyaw of BEHS No 16.

MANDALAY, 10 Nov —Mandalay Region hand washing festival took place at the hall of No 16 Basic Education High School in

Chanayethazan Township, Mandalay, on Sunday.

Mandalay Region Minister for Social Affairs Dr Win Hlaing and region level departmental officials attended the ceremony.

The region minister explained the disadvantages of failure to wash hands.

Daw Khaing Khaing Shwe of UNICEF Mandalay Office talked about the emergence of the hand washing festival and its purposes.

Vocalist Dr Ni Ni Khin Zaw and the Wash Specialist of UNICEF explained the advantages of hand washing. Later, students participated in the hand washing festival.

Tin Maung (Mandalay)

Knowledge about dealing real estate shared to enthusiasts

MANDALAY, 10 Nov — The Mandalay Region Real Estate Agents Development Association conducted a real estate short-term course 1/2014 at its office in Chanayethazan Township of Mandalay from 8 to 10 November.

Course instructor U J Kyaw Moe gave lectures on public relations, U Kan Hla lectured on farmland

law and contracts, retired Head of the department of MCDC U Aye Kyaw Myint lectured on rules and regulations of land and buildings at the Mandalay City Development Committee, and Chairman of the association U Tin Maung lectured on real estate services.

Thiha Ko Ko (Mandalay)



Mandalarians get chance to take part in open football tournament

MANDALAY, 10 Nov — A coordination meeting to organize the Yadanabon FC Chairman's Cup inter-club open football tournament was held at the hall of Mandalay Region Sports and Physical Education Department on Sunday.

It is aimed at turning out outstanding footballers from the tournament to be chosen as selected players representing Mandalay Region so as to take part in the 2015 Inter-State/Region Football Tournament and Futsal Tournament.

An official explained the disciplines for the men's open football tournament to be held in the third week of November and the Futsal tournament in the second week of December.

In the sport trials for choosing selected players, the first prize winning team will secure K1 million and the second prize winning team, K700,000. Moreover,

officials will pick out the five best players.

The football teams are to contact the Mandalay Region Football Subcommittee near Bahtoo Gymnasium, not later than 20 November. Due to disciplines, players of Myanmar National League-1 and League-2 and those selected as players of region football teams will not be allowed to take part in the football tournament.

Tin Maung (Mandalay)

Geologists pay respects to faculty members

MANDALAY, 10 Nov — Families of Upper Myanmar Universities and Mandalay University's Geology Department held a respect-paying ceremony at the prayer hall of Mandalay University on Sunday.

Both old and new generations of students paid respect to U Ko Lay, Dr Tha Hla and U Thein Maung who established the Geology Department at Mandalay University.

Professors Dr U Myint

Thein and Dr U Thein presented prizes to doctorate course students.

Myanmar Geosciences Association Chairman U Soe Myint donated K4 million to the Upper Myanmar Geosciences Association

and K2 million to the Mandalay Branch.

Professor Dr U Myint Thein accepted donations from other donors and returned certificates of honour to them.

Tin Maung (Mandalay)



Japan, Indonesia to launch working-level talks on maritime cooperation

BEIJING, 10 Nov — Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe and Indonesian President Joko Widodo agreed on Monday in Beijing to launch working-level talks to explore ways to cooperate over maritime security, Japanese officials said.

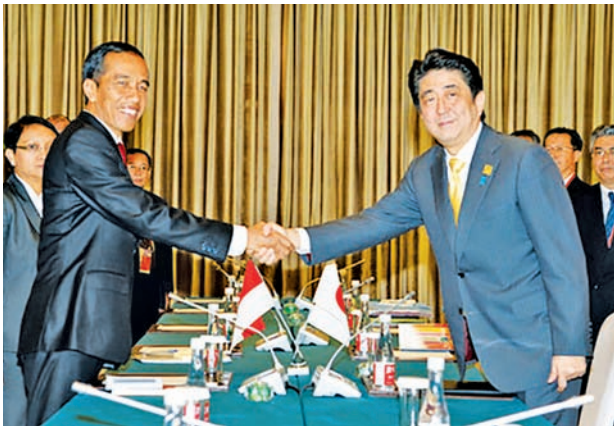
During their first meeting since Jokowi assumed office last month, Abe proposed that the two countries take concrete steps to work together in upgrading their abilities to ensure that seas are safe, and in the development of port and other infrastructure facilities in Indonesia, the officials said.

The meeting between Abe and the president, popularly known as Joko-

wi, came at a time when Beijing is stepping up its military presence in the East and South China seas. China has overlapping territorial claims in those seas with Japan and some Southeast Asian nations.

Abe said he wants to see more Japanese firms invest in Indonesia especially in infrastructure building, and Jokowi, in response, expressed his strong hope for further investment from Japan and help in his country's infrastructure building, the officials said.

During the meeting, Abe asked Jokowi to visit Japan, and the Indonesian president expressed his intention to do so at an early date, according to the officials.—Kyodo News



Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe (R) and Indonesian President Joko Widodo shake hands before their talks in Beijing, China, on 10 Nov, 2014. They agreed to launch working-level talks to explore ways to cooperate over maritime security.—KYODO NEWS

Japanese PM Abe, Chinese President Xi agree to ease tensions in 1st meeting

BEIJING, 10 Nov — Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe and Chinese President Xi Jinping agreed on Monday in their first meeting to improve bilateral relations badly damaged by historical and territorial disagreements.

"I believe Japan and China made the first step in improving relations by going back to the original point of a strategic relationship of mutual benefit," Abe told reporters after the meeting, lasting about 25 minutes at Beijing's Great Hall of the People.

Abe and Xi agreed to ease maritime tensions stemming from the stand-off over the sovereignty of a group of small islands that has raised regional security concerns that accidents or miscalculations could precipitate a wider conflict.

Abe, who took office in December 2012, said senior officials of the two countries will start working toward the early establishment of a crisis management mechanism to avert unforeseen circumstances in the East China Sea.

Abe told Xi that "China's peaceful development is a favourable opportunity for the international community and Japan," when they met several hours before the start of the two-day summit of the Asia-Pacific

Economic Cooperation forum, according to Japan's Deputy Chief Cabinet Secretary Katsunobu Kato.

Abe also promised that Japan will continue to be a "peaceful country," according to Kato.

The last formal meeting between a Japanese prime minister and a Chinese president was in December 2011.

The Abe-Xi meeting materialized after Japan and China agreed on Friday to work on improving relations and jointly released a statement consisting of four basic points of consensus reached in the negotiations leading up to the APEC summit.

Abe had insisted for some time that a meeting with Xi needed to be held, but without any conditions attached.

Abe's visit in late 2013 to Yasukuni Shrine, seen by many as a symbol of Japan's past militarism, put already cool bilateral relations into a deep freeze.

Since then, for Abe to meet with Xi, China had demanded the prime minister not only acknowledge that the islands' sovereignty is in dispute, but also promise not to visit again the Shinto shrine that honors convicted Japanese World War II war criminals along with other war dead.

The vaguely word-



Japan's Prime Minister Shinzo Abe shakes hands with China's President Xi Jinping (R) during their meeting at the Great Hall of the People, on the sidelines of the Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) meetings, in Beijing on 10 Nov, 2014.—REUTERS

ed statement, the wording of which is not identical in each version, now says both sides have recognized their "different views" over the emergence of tensions in recent years in the East China Sea, where the Japan-controlled Senkaku Islands are located.

While Japanese officials said after the issuance of the statement that Japan's stance that no territorial dispute exists over the Senkakus is unchanged, the document, at least concedes they have different positions on the Chinese-claimed uninhabited islands. The statement also says the two countries, in the spirit of squarely fac-

ing history and advancing toward the future, shared "some" recognition on overcoming political difficulties affecting their present relations.

There is no mention of Yasukuni, but some, particularly in China, suggest what is written in the document connotes Abe will not visit the Tokyo shrine.

A day after the four-point agreement, the foreign ministers of Japan and China held formal talks, the first between the two countries since September 2012, and agreed to work toward the early resumption of various high-level governmental talks.

Kyodo News

With an eye on economy and defence, India's Modi expands cabinet

NEW DELHI, 10 Nov — India's Prime Minister Narendra Modi beefed up his cabinet on Sunday, appointing a separate defence minister to spur military modernization and free Finance Minister Arun Jaitley to focus on the budget and reforms to revive the economy.

Jaitley had run both defence and finance since Modi took office six months ago, leading to criticism that neither of the key departments could be properly led.

The larger cabinet was welcomed by business groups impatient for the Modi government to fulfil campaign pledges to get the economy out of a long slowdown by fixing India's power crisis and overloaded infrastructure.

"The cabinet expansion sends out a strong signal that the government under

Prime Minister Modi is serious about accelerating the reforms process," said Ajay Shriram, president of the Confederation of Indian Industry.

Even though Modi relieved Jaitley of defence, the media-savvy lawyer will still have to juggle three ministries, since he now has the additional portfolio of information and broadcasting.

Including junior ministers, Modi added a total of 21 new names into his team including one woman — bringing to eight the number of women in his 65-strong council of ministers.

Former Goa chief minister Manohar Parrikar was made defence minister.

Jayant Sinha, a Harvard Business School graduate and investment fund manager who is the son of a former finance minister,



(From L to R) India's President Pranab Mukherjee, Prime Minister Narendra Modi, new cabinet ministers Manohar Parrikar and Suresh Prabhu pose after a swearing-in ceremony at the presidential palace in New Delhi on 9 Nov, 2014.—REUTERS

was brought in as a junior to Jaitley. The list combined first-timers and veterans, and included a popular singer and an Olympic sportsman.

The newcomers are from a wider range of India's states, increasing regional representation ahead of state elections.

The expansion went

some way towards addressing Modi's reliance on a small group of overworked ministers, but several posts remain vacant.

Jaitley was hospitalized for several weeks in August and September after an operation to treat diabetes. Doctors blamed his workload for delaying his recovery. The opposition Congress party had criticized Modi for turning defence and finance into "part-time jobs."

An ambitious \$9.5 billion privatisation target is well behind schedule, partly because of delays in getting a new team in place in the finance ministry. Jaitley now has a new bench of officials in the ministry, including one of the world's leading economists, Arvind Subramanian, as an adviser.

Together they must revive investment, growth

and job creation in a country that adds some 10 million people to the workforce every year. The next budget is due in February and investors are hoping for bold decisions on the economy.

"Some reforms are easily possible, some are possible with a consensus, and some are more challenging. I have clearly prioritised most of them... and for the next few months we have our plates reasonably full," Jaitley said on Sunday.

The government has so far taken a series of steps to make life easier for businesses and has reduced subsidies on fuel, spurring a rally in stocks and bond markets after the longest period of low growth since the 1980s. But investment in the economy has not picked up, and industrial output is flat.

Reuters

WORLD

Russia supplied over 500 aircraft to Asia-Pacific region over past 15 years

BEIJING, 10 Nov — The Asia-Pacific region is a major market for supplies of Russia military aircraft, the president of Russia's United Aircraft Corporation (UAC), Mikhail Pogosyan, said in an exclusive interview with TASS on Monday.

"Speaking on the market of the Asia-Pacific region, over the past 15 years more than 500 aircraft have been delivered and manufactured upon license in the Asia-Pacific countries," Mikhail Pogosyan said.

"We have managed to achieve these results due to constant improvement of products we supply to the market," he said.

Russia is ready to offer Su-35 (NATO reporting name: Flanker-E), a 4++ generation aircraft employing technologies of the fifth generation, to China, the company's CEO said.

"We believe that it has good prospects both on the Chinese market and also on the market of other countries of the Asia-Pacific region," Pogosyan said.

The first experimental Su-35, designed by Russia's Sukhoi aircraft maker and built by Komсомolsk-on-Amur Aircraft Production Association (KnAAPO), appeared at Russia's MAKS-2007 air show.—*Itar-Tass*



The president of Russia's United Aircraft Corporation (UAC), Mikhail Pogosyan.—*Itar-Tass*

China, Vietnam willing to handle maritime issues through dialogue

BEIJING, 10 Nov — China and Vietnam have agreed to handle maritime disputes through dialogue, Chinese state media reported on Monday, months after ties between the two countries hit a three-decade low in a row over a Chinese oil rig in disputed waters.

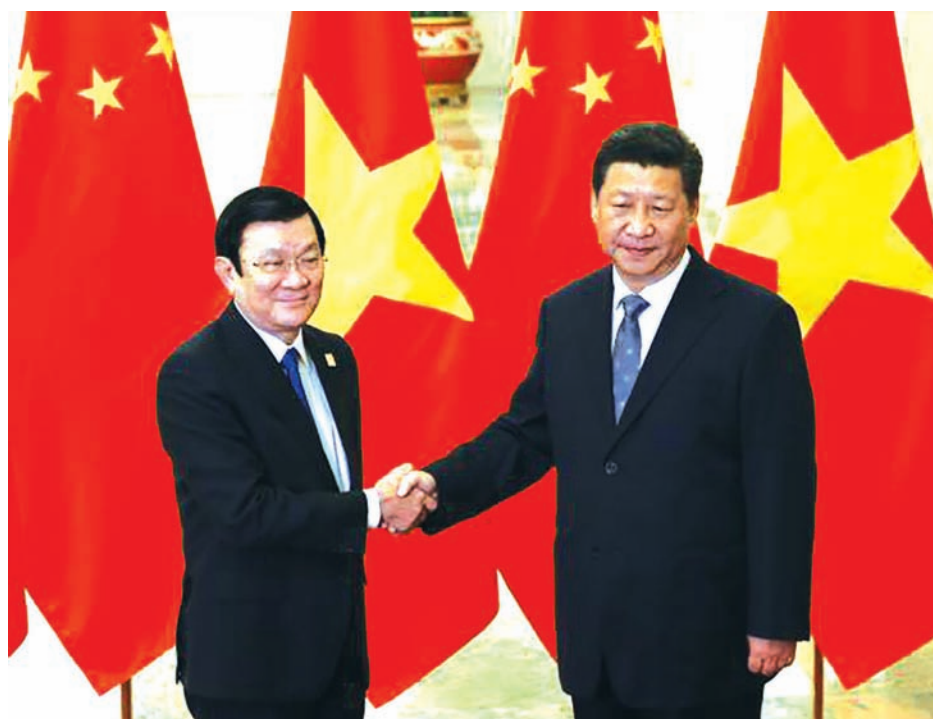
The two Communist neighbours must respect each other and focus on long-term interests, President Xi Jinping said, according to the official *Xinhua* news agency.

"Sino-Vietnamese relations have been advancing continuously since the two nations established diplomatic relations, despite some twists and turns," he said.

Vietnamese President Truong Tan Sang said his country was ready to "properly deal with maritime issues through friendly consultation so that the issues will not affect its relations with China", according to *Xinhua*.

Sang said Vietnam was ready to step up high-level contacts and non-government swaps to strengthen its links with China.

The two countries



Vietnam's President Truong Tan Sang shakes hands with China's President Xi Jinping (R) during a meeting at the Great Hall of the People, on the sidelines of the Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) meetings, in Beijing, on 10 Nov, 2014.

REUTERS

agreed to "address and control" maritime disputes, state media reported last month, in the wake of the row sparked by China's 2 May deployment of a \$1 billion-oil rig to disputed waters that straddle a key shipping lane.

Defence leaders from the two countries held talks last month in Bei-

jing, and both sides agreed to "gradually resume" military ties, *Xinhua* reported.

Vietnam has reacted with alarm at China's military rise and increasingly assertive posture, broadening military ties with the United States as well as with Cold War-era patron Russia.

Territorial disputes in the potentially oil-rich South China Sea have roiled ties between China and many neighbours. Brunei, Malaysia, the Philippines, Taiwan and Vietnam also have claims in the waters, crossed by \$5 trillion of ship-borne goods every year.

Reuters

Catalan independence hopes high after symbolic vote on split from Spain

BARCELONA, 10 Nov — Millions of Catalans voted on Sunday in a symbolic referendum on independence from Spain that supporters hope will propel the issue further despite opposition from Madrid.

The "consultation of citizens" in the wealthy northeastern region follows a legal block by the central government against a more formal, albeit still non-binding ballot which regional leaders had been pushing for originally.

Because of the legal restrictions set on it, the ballot was set up and manned by grassroots pro-independence organizations, and Spanish unionist parties argue that, even for that reason alone, it could not legitimately reflect the wishes of anyone.

The restrictions on the vote also means that the turnout number, more than 2 million of 5.4 million potential voters according to the regional government head Artur Mas, will likely be

considered more important than the results of the vote itself, expected on Monday.

"We have earned the right to a referendum," Mas told cheering supporters. He qualified the vote as a historic success, setting the stage for a full referendum.

"Once again Catalonia has shown that it wants to rule itself."

Rafael Catala, Spain's Justice Minister, accused Mas of organizing "an act of pure political propaganda with no democratic validity. A sterile and useless event." He said the government might take further legal measures against the vote.

The ballot comes after two years of escalating tension between the central and the regional government. The government argues that Catalonia, which makes up about 16 percent of Spain's population, cannot decide something which affects Spain as a whole on constitutional grounds.

Opinion polls show that



Volunteers make preparations at a polling place for the 9N consultation in Sant Feliu de Llobregat, near Barcelona, on 8 Nov, 2014.—REUTERS

as many as 80 percent of Catalans back voting on the issue of Catalonia's status, with about 50 percent in favor of full independence.

"If they don't understand us, they should respect us and each of us go on their separate way," said Angels Costa, a 52-year-old shopkeeper who voted in Barcelona.

"We would have liked to have been a federal state but that is no longer possible.

They've trampled on us too much."

Pro-independence organizations campaigned vigorously for a big turnout from the wealthy region's 7.5 million population, and more than 40,000 volunteers helped set up informal voting stations.

Pro-secession politicians hope a high turnout will prompt central government to sit down with them and negotiate more tax and

political autonomy, or even convince Madrid to accept a full-blown independence referendum in the future.

"Banning democracy is always a big mistake," the head of Catalan independence party ERC, Oriol Junqueras told *Reuters* at a polling station. ERC is currently ahead in opinion polls in the region. "We hope this becomes ... the decisive step to obtain a pro-independence majority in the Catalan parliament that allows us to proclaim Catalan independence," he said.

Officials from Catalonia's two main parties, including Mas' centre-right Convergencia i Union (CiU), had suggested that backing from more than 1.5 million citizens would help build momentum for their cause.

The vote has raised hackles in a country in which the memory of Francisco Franco's 1939 to 1975 dictatorship and the suppression of the Catalan and

Basque cultures underpins sensitivities.

Those who are not in favor of separation were not expected to have taken part in Sunday's informal poll.

One such was Roberto Ruiz, a 30-year-old out jogging. "No, I'm not voting. This will not make any difference and I'm against (independence) anyway. I'm Catalan but I'm Spanish too," he said.

A long-standing breakaway movement in Catalonia, which accounts for one-fifth of Spain's economic output and has its own distinct culture and language, grew in strength during the recent years of deep recession.

In early September, buoyed by a Scottish independence campaign which ultimately lost out in a referendum, hundreds of thousands of Catalans dressed in the yellow and red of their regional flag packed the streets of Barcelona, forming a huge "V" to demand the right to vote.—*Reuters*

PERSPECTIVES

Tuesday, 11 November, 2014

Cheating is not a right

By Aung Khin

Some surveys conducted in neighbouring countries have shown that a large number of youths have presumed 'cheating is a birthright'. In recent report by the Bangkok-based Khon Thai foundation, 81 percent of youths admitted they cheat in exams and 63 percent said they signed a class attendance form for an absent classmate.

Such dishonest practices were very common among Myanmar students some years ago from high school levels to post graduate levels. These students might feel that they have the right to

cheat. However, education authorities have taken serious actions on the improper manner with punishments such as suspending some academic years.

The action is quite effective as cheating booklets have totally disappeared at photocopy shops as education authorities are tightening the roll-call system, in which students are invalid if they do not attend 75 percent of classes.

Even in some democratic economies, cheating has not totally disappeared, and corruption and cheating are very common in university exams. Students bribe to gain admission and get good results. Research students get professors to write dissertations, and then the professors lift articles from other sources. This is also a trend of cheating. Therefore, experts should consider the inter-connection of cheating and corruption in many cases.

To eradicate cheating, educational reform should include the promotion of curriculums and

effective teaching of teachers. The young generation should not carry on the practice of cheating to their adult years. Society should severely punish cheaters.

Cheating is not a democratic right as some modern students are wrongly accepting. Educational policies should ensure a better understanding about the responsible citizenship. Academic professionals should make policies that can motivate young the generation to see dishonesty as a shameful manner.

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Can Smoking Kill?

Khin Maung Myint

Of course it could! It's the number one killer in the world. Smoking harms every organ in the human body and is the cause of many diseases, which result in the reduction of the smokers' health in general, resulting in premature deaths in majority of the cases. It is the leading preventable cause of death. Quitting it lowers the risk for smoking-related diseases and add years to your life. This is the sole reason why I'm trying, ardently, to discourage smoking. Some are reluctant to hear me out, when I told them about the hazards and adverse consequences of smoking and advice them to quit. So I turned to another tactic to give them the message in writing.

In my previous article "Should Smoking at Public Places be Banned?" I used some harsh expressions, purposely, to intrigue the smokers and get their attentions. At one point in that article, I wrote "they should have some etiquette to abstain from smoking at public places" and in another place "if they cannot quit smoking let them smoke themselves to death, but should safeguard the non-smokers against involuntary suicides". My expressions may seem harsh, but no one can deny the fact that the secondhand smokers are at more risk than the smokers themselves.

Let us find out how smoking can affect our health. The following is a synopsis of the impacts of smoking on humans, based on the facts and data available from the web pages of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention:-

Smoking and Death

1. Smoking causes more deaths per year than all the following causes combined:-

- HIV
- Illegal drug use
- Alcohol abuse
- Motor vehicle accidents
- Firearm-related incidents

2. Smoking-related premature deaths of all US citizens is more than 10 times the deaths caused by all the wars fought by the US throughout its history.

3. More than 480,000 deaths each year in the US are caused by smoking, about one in five deaths.

4. Smoking caused about 90% or (9 out of 10) of all lung cancer deaths in men and women in the US.

5. About 80% or (8 out of 10) of all deaths from chronic pulmonary disease are caused by smoking in the US.

6. Smoking increases risk for death from all causes in men and women.

7. The risk of dying from smoking has increased over the last 50 years in the US.

Though the figures quoted above are from the US, the only reliable source I could easily access, I mentioned it

here to make my point in making the readers aware of the relation between smoking and death.

Smoking and Increased Health Risks

A Smoker is more likely to develop heart disease, stroke, and lung cancer than nonsmokers.

1. Smoking is estimated to increase the risk :-

- for coronary heart disease by 2 to 4 times
- for stroke 2 to 4 times
- of men developing lung cancer by 25 times
- of women developing lung cancer by 25•7 times

2. Smoking causes diminished overall health.

Smoking and Cardiovascular Disease

Smokers are at greater risks than nonsmokers for diseases that affect the heart and blood vessels (cardiovascular disease):-

◦ Smoking causes stroke and coronary heart diseases—the leading causes of deaths.

◦ Even those who smoke fewer than five cigarettes a day can have early signs of cardiovascular disease.

◦ Smoking damages blood vessels and can make them thicken and grow narrower. This makes the heart beat faster and the blood pressure goes up.

Clots can also form by smoking:-

◦ A heart attack occurs when a clot blocks the blood flow to the heart, when this happens the heart cannot get enough oxygen. This damages the heart muscles and can cause part of them to die.

◦ A stroke occurs when a clot blocks the blood flow to a part of the brain or when a blood vessel in or around the brain bursts.

◦ Blockage from smoking can also reduce flow of blood to the legs or skin.

Smoking and Respiratory Disease

Smoking can cause lung diseases by damaging the airways and the small air sacs found in the lungs causing:-

- Chronic bronchitis.
- Lung cancer.
- Triggering attack if you have asthma.

Smoking and Cancer

Smoking can cause cancer anywhere in the body:-

- Bladder
- Blood
- Cervix
- Colon and rectum
- Esophagus
- Kidney and ureter
- Larynx
- Liver
- Oropharynx (includes part of the throat, tongue, soft palate and the tonsils)
- Pancreas
- Stomach
- Tracheas, bronchus and lung

Smoking increases the risk of dying from cancer and other diseases in cancer patients.

Smoking and Other Health Risks

Smoking harms nearly all organs of the body and affects a person's overall health:-

1. Smoking can cause harder for women to conceive, and affect the baby's health before and after birth.

2. Smoking can also affect men's sperm, which can reduce fertility.

3. Smoking can affect bone health in women.

4. Smoking can increase the risk of cataracts,

5. Smoking can cause type 2 diabetes mellitus and can make it harder to control.

6. Smoking can cause general adverse effects on the body.

7. Smoking is a cause of rheumatoid arthritis.

8. Smoking can cause impotency.

Benefit of Quitting Smoking

Quitting smoking will reduce the risks of all the above mentioned adverse effects of smoking, which is evident from the followings:-

1. Quitting smoking can cut cardiovascular risk. Just 1 year after quitting smoking, the risk for a heart attack drops sharply.

2. Within 2 to 5 years after quitting smoking, the risk for stroke could fall to about the same as that of non-smoker's.

3. By quitting smoking, the risks for cancers of the mouth, throat, esophagus and bladder drop by half within 5 years.

4. Risk of lung cancer drops by half, 10 years after quitting smoking.

These statics are very encouraging, why not start trying to quit smoking and save yourself from death or even if death did not descend on you soon, the miseries of becoming invalid. With a strong will and a firm determination, I guarantee that you can do it. Start right now?

Looking forward to a tobacco smoke-free environment.

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GOLD PRICE, FE RATE (10-11-2014)

Yangon Gold Price

Buying K640,000 per tical: Selling K641,000

Mandalay Gold Price

Buying K639,600 per tical: Selling K640,600

FE RATE

USD Buying K1015: Selling K1024

SGD Buying K785: Selling K795

Euro Buying K1,255: Selling K1,280

NATIONAL



NAY PYI TAW, 10 Nov — In preparation for the 25th ASEAN Summit, ASEAN Senior Officials' Meeting was held on 10th November 2014 at the Myanmar International Convention Centre-1 in Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar. The Meeting was chaired by Myanmar SOM Leader, U Aung Lynn, Director-General of ASEAN Affairs Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and attended by ASEAN Senior Officials, Deputy Secretary-General of ASEAN,

ASEAN SOM held

Permanent Representatives to ASEAN and delegations from ASEAN Member States and ASEAN Secretariat.

The Meeting discussed the matters related to the agenda and tentative programme of the 25th ASEAN Summit, status of ASEAN Community Building, pro-

motion ASEAN Centrality and Strengthening ASEAN's External Relations. The Meeting also discussed the finalization of the declarations and documents to be issued at 25th ASEAN Summit and Related Summits to be held in Nay Pyi Taw, from 12 to 13 November 2014.

Later in the evening, Director-General U Aung Lynn hosted a dinner in honour of ASEAN Senior Officials, Permanent Representatives to ASEAN, ASEAN Directors-General from ASEAN Member States at the Lake Garden Hotel in Nay Pyi Taw.

MOFA

Health care services given to Rakhine ethnic victims in Sittway

SITTWAY, 10 Nov—A total of 22 housing units have been built for Rakhine victims at Setyonsu (Detsitan) relief camp in Sittway, Rakhine State. Now, 176 families of Rakhine ethnic groups are residing at the units. Among the victims are 25 children under one year old and 198 under five and 12 pregnant women. There was no outbreak of a major disease at the camp.

of Rakhine ethnics were resettled at 699 houses in Hsatyoekeya housing. The housing was opened as a relief camp but it has been upgraded to a housing estate for the families concerned.

Dr Kyaw Soe Hlaing and health staff provide health care services to the local people from the housing at the dispensary.

Zeyar (Mirror)

A doctor and a nurse make medical checkup on a local as part of efforts to give health care services to local national races in Sittway Township, Rakhine State.

PHOTO: ZEYAR (MIRROR)



Hsatyoekeya housing in Sittway Township, Rakhine State, where victims of relief camp have been resettled for uplifting their living standards.

PHOTO: ZEYAR (MIRROR)

Health care services ...

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active cases of diarrhoea at the village following an outbreak of diarrhoea at some relief camps. Bengali people are being accommodated at 398 houses in Anauksanpya (Basara) camp, which is situated near Anauksanpya village with 615 Bengali houses.

A rural health centre is being kept open at Thetkalpyin village to provide 24-hour health care services to Bengali people living in both the village and the camp, said Dr Thwin Htoo, adding that the centre has

11 inpatients and most of them were found with symptoms of diarrhoea.

He went to say that the centre with a maternity room is providing necessary health care to two patients who gave birth recently.

Apart from the rural health centre, a clinic of the Ministry of Health is being kept open near the relief camp with 542 Bengali households accommodated at 123 eight-roomed buildings.

Likewise, Bengali people from a camp near

Dahpaing village of Bumay village-tract are being provided with health services with the establishment of Dahpaing hospital situated not far from Thetkalpyin village. Dahpaing and Thetkalpyin villages are home to most of the Bengalis in Sittway, and Thechaung market near Dahpaing village is thus always busy with sellers and buyers. — Zeyar (Mirror)

A doctor attends to patients' needs with the help of an interpreter at a clinic near Thetkalpyin Bengali camp.

PHOTO: YE MYINT



Syrian air force raids kill 21, wound at least 100 in north

BEIRUT, 10 Nov — At least 21 people were killed and around 100 wounded overnight when Syrian government war planes bombed a town in northern Syria controlled by Islamic State militants, a group monitoring the war said on Sunday.

The attack came hours before a United Nations mediator met senior Syrian officials in Damascus to discuss ways to ease the war, which has entered its fourth year, killed around 200,000 people and since September drawn in the United States and allies in air strikes against the Sunni militant group Islamic State.

The government of President Bashar al-Assad has stepped up its campaign against Islamic State and other enemies in the weeks since US-led strikes began.

Washington, which is also bombing the fighters in territory they control in Iraq,

says it opposes both Islamic State and Assad's government. In Syria it supports what it calls moderate rebel groups who are fighting against both in a complex, multi-sided civil war.

But some rebels complain that the US air strikes help Assad by hurting his enemies. The government has not complained about the US action and has concentrated its firepower on the western parts of the country while US forces bomb the east.

Fighting between Assad's government and rebels has intensified across northern Syria in recent days in areas close to the Turkish border in and around the northern city of Aleppo and in the Damascus countryside close to Lebanon.

Syrian helicopters dropped "barrel bombs" — steel drums full of shrapnel and explosives — while



An explosion following an air strike is seen in central Kobani on 9 Nov, 2014. — REUTERS

warplanes launched strikes on al-Bab town northeast of the city of Aleppo, the Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights said.

One of the 21 killed was a child and the death count was expected to rise as some of the wounded were in a serious condition, said the Observatory, which gathers information from a variety of sources in Syria.

There was no immediate report on the latest strikes on Syrian state media. The Syrian army previously hit an area near al-Bab in September, saying it had "eliminated a number of terrorists" shortly after the US-led strikes started.

At four least strikes by the US-led coalition hit the predominantly Kurdish border town of Kobani on Sun-

day, according to a Reuters correspondent on the Turkish side of the border.

The town, known as Ayn al-Arab in Arabic, has been besieged by Islamic State fighters since September, becoming one of the highest-profile battlefields of the war.

Iraqi Kurdish fighters known as peshmerga, who have been drawn into the battle to back up their Syrian kinsmen, fired volleys of rockets towards Islamic State positions in villages around the town. Machine-gun fire rang out through the centre of Kobani, where several mortars also landed.

After losing scores of men in the weeks-long assault, Islamic State has now called on dozens of its fighters in the northeast of Aleppo Province to head west towards Kobani, the Observatory also said on Sunday.

Reuters

78 students killed as blast rocks gov't college in Nigeria

ABUJA, 10 Nov — Seventy-eight students were killed and 45 others were injured as an explosion rocked a government college in northeastern Nigeria, a hospital source said on Monday.

The huge explosion went off in Potiskum, a commercial hub of northeastern Nigeria's restive Yobe State, killing dozens of students and wounding several others, National police spokesperson Emmanuel Ojukwu told Xinhua.

The spokesperson said the number of casualties could not be immediately confirmed as security personnel have surrounded the scene to secure the school.

Xinhua

Iraqi military reach Baiji



Military vehicles of the Iraqi security forces are seen during an intensive security deployment against Islamic State militants in the Hamrin mountains of Diyala Province on 8 Nov, 2014. — REUTERS

BAGHDAD, 10 Nov — Iraqi military forces reached the centre of the northern city of Baiji on Sunday in an effort to break an Islamic State siege of the country's biggest refinery, triggering

fierce clashes with the militants, according to an army colonel and a witness.

Separately, contradictory reports emerged over the fate of Islamic State leader Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi after

US-led air strikes against the group in at least two locations in Iraq on Friday night.

The United States said it had no information to indicate Baghdadi had been hit. State television cited reports that Baghdadi had been wounded.

It gave no further details. Baghdadi's fighters seized much of northern Iraq five months ago in a lightning offensive which also saw them capture the city of Baiji and surround its oil refinery, halting production and besieging a detachment of government troops there.

The colonel said Iraqi troops entered Baiji, a city of about 200,000 people, from the south and west and took over the al-Tamim neigh-

bourhood and city centre.

Islamic State had placed bombs along roads in Baiji and deployed snipers to keep government forces from advancing, tactics used in other cities held by the ultra-hardline Sunni group, which controls swathes of both Iraq and Syria. "The areas taken so far are 6 km (4 miles) away from Baiji's refinery," the colonel said, adding 12 militants had been killed.

Baiji resident Sultan al-Janabi told Reuters by telephone from his house that clashes had been raging since the advance, the first time security forces reached the city centre since launching a new encirclement strategy at the end of last month.

Reuters

Aide to Islamic State's Baghdadi killed near Falluja

BAGHDAD, 10 Nov — An aide to Islamic State leader Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi has been killed in an air strike near the city of Falluja, Iraqi state television reported on Monday.

State television identified the man as Abu Huthaifa al-Yamani. It did not say when the strike took place or give further details. It was not immediately possible to confirm the death or whether Yamani was an aide to Baghdadi.

Contradictory reports have emerged over the fate of Islamic State leader Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi after US-

led air strikes against the group in at least two locations in Iraq on Friday.

Major Curtis Kellogg, spokesman at the US military's Central Command, said it had no information to corroborate media reports that Baghdadi was wounded in any strike on the city of Mosul in the north and al-Qaim to the west. The strikes could have killed or wounded some of his aides, who Iraqi officials said were in gatherings targeted by the strikes.

Falluja is an Islamic State stronghold to the west of Baghdad. — Xinhua

Four nuclear engineers assassinated near Damascus

DAMASCUS, 10 Nov — An armed militant group assassinated four Syrian nuclear power engineers in an ambush near the capital Damascus, a pro-government paper said on Monday.

The armed group on Sunday ambushed a bus carrying the engineers while en route to their work at the Scientific Research Centre in the Damascus' neighborhood of Barzeh, said the report. It said the attack took place on the road between the Damascus suburbs of Tal and Barzeh, citing sources as speculating that the al-Qaeda-linked Nusra Front may have been behind the incident. The paper didn't specify whether the attack was carried out by an explosive device or shooting.

The oppositional Syrian Observatory for Human Rights also reported the assassination, saying however that the attack killed five engineers and that the assailants shot dead all of the bus passengers.

In July 2013, six people working at the same center were killed in a mortar attack carried out by anti-government militants. — Xinhua

Bomb explodes in Libyan town as UN envoy meets PM Thinni

BENGHAZI (LIBYA), 10 Nov — A bomb exploded on Sunday in an eastern Libyan town where a UN special envoy was due to meet Prime Minister Abdullah al-Thinni, but there were no casualties, officials said. One government official said at least one car bomb went off in front of the security headquarters in the eastern city of Shahat.

Thinni and UN envoy Bernardino Leon were due to meet in a different building, and a security official said the blast had been near the venue of a meeting of other government officials.

"Leon, and a delegation from the United Nations

"It's impossible to say right now who was the intended target. What we can say is that UNSMIL will continue in its efforts to assist the Libyan people in the search for a political solution to the crisis in the country."

Libya is in turmoil as two governments and parliaments allied to armed groups who helped toppled Muammar Gaddafi three years ago vie for power and control of the country's oil wealth.

Thinni, the country's internationally recognized premier, has worked out of Bayda near Shahat since former anti-Gaddafi rebels led from the city of Misrata



The burnt-out remains of a car is removed from a road at the site of a bomb blast in Shahat, eastern Libya, on 9 Nov, 2014. — REUTERS

Support Mission in Libya, which he heads, were meeting Libyan PM Abdullah al-Thinni in the eastern Libyan city of Shahat earlier today when they heard an explosion," said Jose Luis Diaz, spokesman for the UN Department of Political Affairs. "The UN delegation has returned safely to Tunis," he added in an email.

seized the capital Tripoli and installed a rival government and parliament. In the main eastern city of Benghazi 300 people have been killed in three weeks of clashes. The recent turmoil has also lowered Libya's oil exports to below 500,000 barrels per day, based on previously published figures.

Reuters

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

Three space station crewmen return safely to Earth in Kazakhstan

CAPE CANAVERAL, 10 Nov — A veteran Russian cosmonaut and two International Space Station crewmates, one from the United States and one from Germany, returned safely to Earth on Sunday with a parachute landing of their Soyuz capsule in Kazakhstan, ending 5-1/2 months in orbit.

Maxim Suraev of the Russian space agency, who was commander of the station during the mission, climbed into the Soyuz craft with NASA astronaut Reid Wiseman and German flight engineer Alexander Gerst from the European Space Agency and departed the orbital outpost at 7:31 pm EST.

About 3-1/2 hours later, the capsule descended through cold, windy and overcast skies to touch down on the frozen steppes northeast of Arkalyk.

Early-morning temperatures in Kazakhstan registered just 23 degrees Fahrenheit (minus-5 degrees Celsius), mission commen-

tator Rob Navias said on a live NASA Television broadcast of the landing.

Recovery teams were standing by to help Suraev, Wiseman and Gerst out of their capsule, the same spacecraft they rode to reach the station on 28 May.

The crew's last few weeks in orbit were among the busiest of their mission, with the departure of a *Dragon* cargo capsule sent to the station by private launch company Space Exploration Technologies and the arrival of a Russian freighter.

The Russian cargo ship docked with the station less than a day after an unmanned Orbital Sciences Corp rocket carrying another supply capsule bound for the space station exploded seconds after liftoff from Virginia.

"It's been an honour and a privilege to spend 165 days up here. With that said, I'm looking forward to heading home," Wiseman said during a change-of-



The International Space Station (ISS) crew of Alexander Gerst of Germany (L-R), Maxim Surayev of Russia and Reid Wiseman of the US rest after landing in a remote area near the town of Arkalyk in northern Kazakhstan on 10 Nov, 2014.—REUTERS

command ceremony carried live from the space station on NASA Television. Two other Russian cosmonauts and the newly named station commander, NASA astronaut Barry "Butch" Wilmore, remained aboard the orbital outpost, a \$100-bil-

lion research laboratory that flies about 260 miles (418 km) above Earth.

They will be joined on 23 November by cosmonaut Anton Shkaplerov, NASA astronaut Terry Virts and Italy's Samantha Cristoforetti, who will fly

aboard another Soyuz capsule launching from the Baikonur Cosmodrome in Kazakhstan. The space station, which has been permanently staffed since 2 Nov, 2000, is owned and run by a partnership of 15 nations.

"They say this is the

most complex machine that humanity has ever built," Gerst said on Saturday. "Even after half a year on board, it is impossible for me to fathom how complex it is to actually operate this machine."

Reuters

Breakthrough Prizes in science, math earn winners \$3 million each

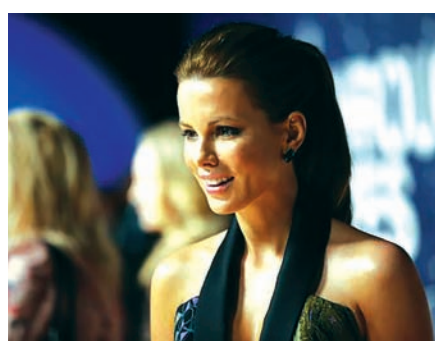
SAN FRANCISCO, 10 Nov — Academia doesn't usually bring rich financial rewards. But that changed on Sunday for recipients of a record 12 Breakthrough Prizes, the award created two years ago by Russian billionaire venture capitalist Yuri Milner, Facebook founder Mark Zuckerberg, Google co-founder Sergey Brin and other tech industry luminaries. Each prize is worth \$3 million, almost three times the cash a Nobel Prize winner receives.

This year is the first to honour mathematicians. Five won for work ranging from algebraic geometry to analytic number theory. In future, just one prize a year

will go to a mathematician, organizers say; the large number on Sunday celebrates the inaugural year for math.

Six prizes went to researchers in life sciences for discoveries in areas ranging from bacterial immunity to genetic regulation. The physics prize went to a group that showed the expansion of the universe was accelerating, not slowing as assumed. The prizes' funders aim to generate a sense of excitement around scientific accomplishment, Milner said in an interview.

"We are trying to use all means available, including money, to get the message across," he said in an



Actress Kate Beckinsale arrives on the red carpet during the Breakthrough Prize Award in Mountain View, California on 9 Nov, 2014. REUTERS

interview. Milner, a one-time physics PhD student in Moscow who dropped out to move to the United States in 1990, has backed some of the world's biggest technology companies, including Facebook.

Organizers threw some Hollywood razzle-dazzle into the mix. At the cere-

mony, Tesla chief executive Elon Musk chatted with actress Kate Beckinsale, while Twitter chief executive Dick Costolo sat by singer Christina Aguilera. Thomas Keller, chef of famed restaurant French Laundry, catered a meal including caviar appetizers and black-truffle lasagna.—Reuters

Cellebrite sees sales boost from smartphone remote repair tool

TEL AVIV, 10 Nov — Israel's Cellebrite, a provider of mobile forensic software, expects a sharp boost in sales in the next two years after it launched a diagnostic tool that can fix smartphones remotely.

Cellebrite, a subsidiary of Japan's Sun Corp, has its revenue split evenly between two businesses: a forensics system used by law enforcement that retrieves data hidden inside mobile devices and technology for mobile retailers.

"We expect the diagnostics tool to more than double revenue stream in our retail business unit within two years," Executive Vice President Amir Lehr told Reuters.

"Cellphones are becoming a more critical part of our life," he said, noting consumers are becoming more dependent on their smartphone, which in turn have become more complex.

Other companies offer solutions to remotely fix smartphones, but Lehr said Cellebrite is unique in that it is cloud based and covers call centres, end users and repair labs.

Many common problems, like batteries that drain too fast, sluggish response

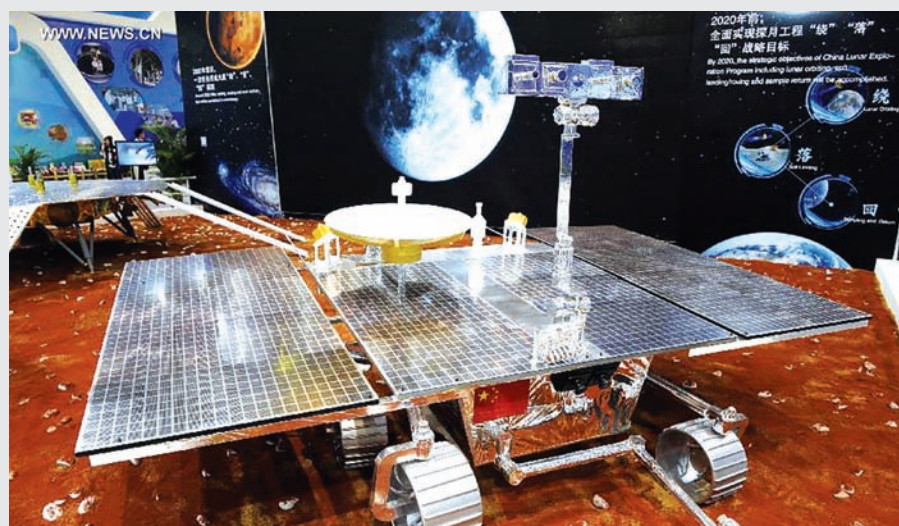
and poor audio or video quality, can be caused by poorly written applications or a mismatch of hardware and software.

Typically the phone must be shipped to a repair lab at a cost of \$60-\$180 in the United States. Often the cause is not found because the lab checks the hardware and operating system but not applications running on the phone, Lehr said.

Cellebrite's diagnostics, Lehr said, is more thorough. It puts "lab capability close to the customer at the point of sales and as an application running on the smartphone".

It has three channels of access to the phone — retail salespeople can operate the system, call centres can remotely access the phone and show users how to change settings or remove apps and in some cases the end user can self diagnose. The company sells its mobile retail technology to over 200 wireless carriers and retailers ranging from Verizon and Vodafone to PhoneHouse Netherlands. It has begun selling its diagnostics product to Cricket in the United States, Claro in Argentina and Orange in Luxemburg, among others.—Reuters

10th China Int'l Aviation and Aerospace Exhibition held in Zhuhai



A model of the Mars rover is seen ahead of the 10th China International Aviation and Aerospace Exhibition in Zhuhai, south China's Guangdong Province on 9 Nov, 2014. Some 700 exhibitors at home and abroad will attend the six-day airshow from 11 to 16 November. XINHUA

INVITATION FOR OPEN TENDER (Tender No. 5(T)MPE/ JET A1(1)/2014-2015)

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Restored WWII Zero fighter returns to Japan



Parts of a Mitsubishi A6M Zero fighter are shown to the media in Ayase west of Tokyo on 5 Nov, 2014, following the return of the restored decades-old aircraft to Japan from the United States in September. The legendary fighter was a symbol of Japan's aeronautical engineering might during World War II. — KYODO NEWS

Coldest air of the season set to blast 42 US states — forecasters

NEW JERSEY, 10 Nov — The coldest air of the season is set to reach into some 42 states this week as an Arctic blast drops temperatures from the Canadian border down to the Gulf of Mexico, forecasters said.

Some 200 million people are expected to be affected by the cold, with only Florida, Hawaii, and the Southwest being spared, according to Accuweather.com forecasters.

First to see the frigid temperatures this week will be states along the Canadian border and in the northern Rockies late Sunday and early Monday, including the coldest night in Montana since March and temperatures around 33 degrees F (18 C) below average in South Dakota, Accuweather forecasters said.

Winter storm warnings are in effect for Montana, North and South Dakota, Wyoming and Minnesota as they braced for a major snowstorm forecast for the leading edge of that Arctic blast, according to the National Weather Service.

The storm is set dump up to two feet (61 cm) of snow in parts of Minnesota, Michigan and Wisconsin by Tuesday, according to the service.

Monday also marks



The One World Trade Centre is seen in the background as a woman pushes a cart in Exchange place, New Jersey on 1 Nov, 2014. — REUTERS

the start of two weeks of subfreezing temperatures in the Midwest, including Illinois and Missouri, forecasters said.

The cold is expected to dip into the Central Plains states by Tuesday, dropping the mercury by nearly 30 degrees (17 C) overnight in Oklahoma.

"The arctic blast will have the greatest shock over the central states," said Accuweather.com Chief Meteorologist Elliot Abrams.

For the Rockies and the plains, Tuesday and Wednesday will see low

temperatures dipping below zero (-18 C), forecasters said.

By Wednesday, Texas and other southern and eastern states, including those along the I-95 corridor, will see some of the harshest winter-like conditions of the season, said AccuWeather.com Senior Meteorologist Alex Sosnowski.

"Freezing temperatures are possible in parts of the South and East that have not yet had such temperatures this season," Sosnowski said.

The weather shift can

be blamed on what forecasters call a polar vortex reaching into the United States from the north.

"The polar vortex is a large pocket of very cold air, typically the coldest air in the Northern Hemisphere, which sits over the polar region," Sosnowski said. Adding to the cold weather woes is an anticipated storm set to hit the Pacific Northwest later in the week, building on the frigid temperatures to produce icy, dangerous conditions in Oregon and Washington coastal areas.—Reuters

Woman creates school to foster world-changing leaders

NAGANO, 10 Nov — A 40-year-old mother of two who used to work for a UN organization helping children has decided to create a new international school to foster leaders who can change society for the better. "The road was far rockier than I had expected," Rin Kobayashi said at a ceremony to celebrate the opening of International School of Asia, Karuizawa in the summer resort town of the same name in Nagano Prefecture, central Japan, in August.

The boarding school, which offers a three-year senior high school curriculum, aims to educate students to be open to diverse values, discover their own challenges and act without fear of failure.

"If trained, anyone should be able to acquire these abilities," Kobayashi said during an interview.

From 2006, Kobayashi worked as a programme officer for the UN Children's Fund in the Philip-

pines, providing education and vocational training to homeless children.

Kobayashi said that her experience in the Philippines made her realize that "helping impoverished people is not enough to solve fundamental problems." She instead decided to build a school to foster leaders who can bring about major change in society. After returning to Japan in August 2008, her project soon stalled amid the global financial crisis triggered by the bankruptcy of Lehman Brothers Holdings Inc. All major investment plans were scrapped.

Kobayashi paid visits to company managers, asking them for donations to back the school project.

After exchanging business cards with more than 3,000 people, she managed to collect a total of 1.4 billion yen.

For the initial year, 49 of the 233 applicants won admission to the school. Of the total, 31 students are

foreign nationals from 14 economies mainly in Asia, including Thailand and Malaysia.

The annual school tuition and dormitory fees amount to 3.5 million yen in total, much higher than those at public senior high schools in Japan.

But the school offers scholarships to over 50 percent of the first-year students in line with Kobayashi's desire to diversify the socioeconomic backgrounds of its students and not to make the school a place for only children from wealthy families.

Since the opening in August, teachers and educators from across Japan have continued to visit the school to study its unique educational methods. Deciding to devote herself to school management for the rest of her life, Kobayashi has moved to Karuizawa with her husband and their two children. She uses the Shinkansen bullet train when she has work to do



Rin Kobayashi, founder of an international boarding high school in Karuizawa, a mountain resort in Nagano Prefecture, central Japan, speaks about education to produce globally minded young people in this file photo taken on 24 Aug, 2014. — KYODO NEWS

at the school's office in Tokyo's Minato Ward.

Expressing deep gratitude to her husband who never complains about taking care of the children or doing housework, Kobayashi said, "My marriage with him is probably the biggest success of my life."—Kyodo News

Bill toughening penalties for production of counterfeit drugs introduced in State Duma

MOSCOW, 10 Nov — A bill toughening criminal liability for the production, manufacture, storage, transportation and sale of counterfeit drugs and medical devices is introduced to the State Duma.

The author of the initiative is Senator Anton Belyakov. The explanatory note available to Tass says that according to independent experts, Russia, along with China has moved into first place in the production and trafficking of counterfeit drugs, ahead of India, Brazil and Turkey, traditionally considered the major producers and consumers of fake medicines. "According to the World Health Organization, the share of counterfeit drugs in Russia accounts to 12% of the total number of drugs. According to experts, the market for counterfeits in Russia is about 20 billion rubles," — the document says.—Itar-Tass



The author of the initiative Senator Belyakov stressed that Russia and China share the first place in the production and trafficking of counterfeit medicines.—ITAR-TASS

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

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

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**GENERAL PROCUREMENT NOTICE**

The Government of Japan has extended a grant to the Government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar for the procurement of services for implementation of the Project for Electrification of Rural Villages in the Republic of the Union of Myanmar. Utilizing part of the Grant, the Tender will be carried out for the supply and installation of Solar Power Generators in the Republic of the Union of Myanmar.

Japan International Cooperation System is acting as the implementation agent on behalf of the Government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar for the procurement of services to the said project.

Further information is available on JICS' web-site (http://www.jics.or.jp/jics_html-e/).



A vendor arranges tofu on her stall as she waits for customers at a market in Huaibei, Anhui Province, on 15 Oct, 2012. — REUTERS

WEATHER REPORT

FORECAST VALID UNTIL EVENING OF THE 11th November, 2014: Weather will be scattered in Taninthayi Region and Mon State, isolated in Bago, Yangon and Ayeyawady Regions and Kay-in and Shan States and partly cloudy in remaining Regions and States. Degree of certainty is (80%).

STATE OF THE SEA: Squalls with moderate to rough sea are likely at times Deltaic, Gulf of Mottama, off and along Mon - Taninthayi Coasts. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (35-40) m.p.h. Seas will be moderate elsewhere in Myanmar waters.

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Honoree singer and social activist Harry Belafonte speaks after receiving the Oscar statuette for the Jean Hersholt Humanitarian Award, at the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences Governors Awards in Los Angeles, California on 8 Nov, 2014.—REUTERS

Oscar in hand, Harry Belafonte exhorts Hollywood on human rights

LOS ANGELES, 10 Nov — Octogenarian actor and singer Harry Belafonte, accepting a top Hollywood human rights award, asked fellow artists and the entertainment industry to use their powerful platform to show the better side of humanity.

Before a star-studded audience and next to a long-time friend, actor Sidney Poitier, the 87-year-old Belafonte re-

ceived the Jean Hersholt Humanitarian Award, an honorary Oscar from the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences for his lifelong fight for civil rights and humanitarian causes.

Honorary Oscars were also bestowed upon three prolific artists and creators who deeply influenced Hollywood: Irish actress Maureen O'Hara, who appeared on stage at

94, Japanese animator Hayao Miyazaki, 73, and French screenwriter Jean-Claude Carrière, 83.

The Academy's Governors Awards gala has become the kick-off to the film awards season, bringing some of the most powerful people in Hollywood under the same roof, gathering stars from a dozen films with potential to win Oscars in February. "To be rewarded by my peers for my work, human rights, civil rights, peace, let me put it this way: It powerfully mutes the enemy's thunder," said Belafonte.—Reuters

LOS ANGELES, 10 Nov — Queen of Pop Madonna's dress which she wore at her wedding to Sean Penn was among memorabilia which were auctioned off at the Icons & Idols: Rock n' Roll auction.

The 56-year-old singer's wedding dress was one of items sold at high price at the auction. It was bought at USD 81,250, while her dress which she wore in 'Material Girl' music video was sold at USD 73,125, reported Ace Showbiz.

According to Julien's auctions, a jacket she wore in 'Desperately Seeking Susan', however, was sold with the highest price at USD 252,000.

An earring from the movie additionally fetched USD 34,375. A gown from the movie 'Evita' fetched in USD 15,000 and a uniform featured in 'A League of Their Own' went to a buyer at USD 31,250.

Another gown which she wore on 'Who's That Girl' tour was bought at USD 50,000 at the two-day auction which took place in Beverly Hills.

In addition to items which belonged



Madonna's clothes from films, wedding auctioned

to Madonna, the auction which eventually raised USD 3.2 million featured lots from John Lennon, Elvis Presley, James Brown and more. Lennon's round glasses fetched USD 25,000 while the 'Love Me Tender' hitmaker's ring was sold at USD 57,600.

Brown's sequined cape reached as high as USD 41,000 in the bid. Another item featured in the auction was a 1940 Gibson J200 guitar owned by Stephen Stills of Crosby, Stills, Nash and Young. It was sold at USD 43,750.

PTI



LONDON, 10 Nov — British singer Cheryl claimed number one spot in the singles chart on Sunday, setting a record for the number of chart-topping songs by a solo female artist, the Official Charts Company said.

"I don't care" became Cheryl's fifth number one, pushing Ed Sheeran's "Thinking out loud" into second place and Meghan Trainor's "All about that Bass" into third. "All of me" by John Legend charted in fourth, ahead of Taylor Swift's "Shake it off". Sheeran, however, returned to the top of the album charts with "X", 20 weeks after it was first released, holding off the challenge of new-entry "Motion" from Calvin Harris, which ended up in second place.

PTI

One Direction don't show despite big win at MTV's top European awards

GLASGOW, 10 Nov — Boy-band sensation One Direction were among the big winners that failed to turn up to collect their prizes at one of Europe's top music events on Sunday, after they scooped three MTV Europe Music Awards in Glasgow.

Justin Bieber and Katy Perry were among other notable no-shows, though the firework-filled ceremony was lit up by charismatic and popular rapper Nicki Minaj, who hosted, performed and won an award. Rock veterans Ozzy Osbourne, U2 and Slash all also made appearances, giving the show a grizzled edge.

Fans in the arena were most vocal for the younger acts, however, even if some weren't able to attend.

British pop group One Direction, known for their dedicated global fan base, won Best Pop, Best Live and Biggest Fans, scooping three of a possible four gongs. They apologised for being unable to collect their awards in person in video messages. The ceremony, celebrating its 20th anniversary, was held in the 13,000-seat SSE Hydro in Glasgow. The city hosted the music channel MTV's flagship European awards show for the first time. — Reuters



LOS ANGELES, 10 Nov — 'Gossip Girl' star Blake Lively says she would like to create her own range of clothing for women. The 27-year-old pregnant actress said she would require more than 24 hours in a day to get into full-fledged designing, reported E! Online.

"I would love to when I can find 28 hours in my day. But I'm hoping to do some exclusive things in the future," she replied when asked if she would ever design her own line of clothes.

Lively added she never turned to a stylist for her sartorial choices. "I've never used a stylist because I love it too much. It's such an expression of me," she said.—PTI

Blake Lively wants to design clothes for women



GENERAL

Federer made to work by Raonic after flying start

LONDON, 10 Nov — Roger Federer eased his way into the ATP World Tour Finals with a 6-1, 7-6 (0) defeat of Canadian newcomer Milos Raonic in his opening round-robin match on Sunday.

The 33-year-old Swiss, competing for a record 13th time at the season-ender, took advantage of some early Raonic nerves to pocket the opening set in 25 minutes but things got tougher. Raonic, the first Canadian to qualify for the tournament, began to do damage with his booming serve and even carved out several break point opportunities as world number two Federer's level dipped slightly. Six-times champion Federer saved a set point

at 5-6 and that proved to be Raonic's last chance.

Federer quickly asserted himself in the tie-break and reeled off seven successive points to move top of Group B alongside Japan's Kei Nishikori who had earlier beaten Andy Murray. "I think I played really well for probably one and a half sets," Federer, who has progressed to the semi-finals in 11 of his past 12 appearances at the year-ender, told reporters.

He admitted things got a little tricky after he failed to establish an early break of serve in the second set.

"I think when I had breakpoint in the second set, he was able to save that and after that it became complicated. I don't know



Roger Federer of Switzerland serves during his men's singles tennis match against Milos Raonic of Canada at the ATP World Tour Finals at the O2 Arena in London on 9 Nov, 2014. — REUTERS

why. "I started to play a bit more passive. He started to become a bit more offensive. I actually think he was the better player from that moment on and deserved the set more than I did."

Federer now moves on to play Nishikori while Raonic will probably need

to beat Murray to keep his hopes of surviving the group stage alive. "I get pretty angry when I lose, so ... I'm going to have to learn how to slap myself out of it," said Raonic, who had beaten Federer for the first time in the recent Paris Masters. — Reuters

Wu finishes 14th at WGC event as China eyes emergence as golf power

SHANGHAI, 10 Nov — Wu Ashun came within a whisker of the best result by a Chinese player at the WGC event when he finished equal 14th at the WGC-HSBC Champions tournament on Sunday.

Wu finished seven strokes behind winner Bubba Watson, though the fact he was only mildly pleased with his performance against the best players in the world was a sign the new breed of Chinese players are not prepared just to make up the numbers.

After finishing equal 64th at the European Tour's BMW Masters last week, Wu found his putting stroke and also reaped the benefit of a minor swing adjustment.

"I improved a lot this week," he told Reuters via an interpreter outside the Sheshan clubhouse. "More

Wu Ashun of China lines up his putt on the second green during the second round of the British Open golf championship at Muirfield in Scotland on 19 July, 2013.

REUTERS



importantly, my mindset was more relaxed, so I felt more comfortable."

Wu, 29, did not flinch when asked whether he could eventually beat the world's very best players.

"I think if I'm consistent and work hard, eventually I will reach those heights, but it's not simple. There are still a lot of things to improve."

"I will come back next year and hope to get a bet-

ter result."

As much as the large galleries that descended on Sheshan on Sunday enjoyed watching Watson's powerful display of long hitting, nothing would give Asia's biggest tournament a seismic jolt like a home-grown winner.

Experienced Chinese player Liang Wen-chong believes the country is on the verge of having a regular presence on the lead-

erboard at big international tournaments.

Chong cited Guan Tianlang — who at the age of 14 finished 58th at the 2013 Masters — as being the first of a wave of Chinese golfers about to surprise the golfing world.

"There is not only one Guan Tianlang in China," said Chong, who in 2007 became the second Chinese player to win on the European Tour when he captured the Singapore Masters. "We have a bunch of kids who play as good as Guan Tianlang — such as Dou Ze-cheng, who played in this tournament," he added of the teenager Dou who made his professional debut in Shanghai and finished equal 69th at 13-over.

"That's why I have full confidence in the new generation of Chinese golfers." — Reuters

Wenger has no case for defence after Arsenal defeat

LONDON, 10 Nov — It was an all too familiar sight for Arsene Wenger as Arsenal threw away a lead to lose 2-1 at Swansea City on Sunday and the Frenchman acknowledged his flaky team are becoming a cause for concern.

It may only have been their second Premier League defeat of the season but Wenger's side have now lost nine points from a winning position, more than any other top-flight team, indicating it is a bigger problem than simply poor form. After taking a second-half lead through Alexis Sanchez, Arsenal continued to push forward with 15 minutes to go and were punished by

two goals in four minutes from Swansea.

The north London club's defensive frailties are not limited to domestic competition either. They squandered a three-goal lead to draw 3-3 at home to Anderlecht in the Champions League on Tuesday.

Ahead of the game in Wales, Wenger defended his back line against a host of critical voices including former Arsenal player-turned-pundit Paul Merson but the manager had no answers for the naivety of his team at the Liberty Stadium. "It is difficult to explain how we lost the lead," Wenger told Sky Sports television.

"We were in control but they did not give up, we lost some decisive challenges in the middle of the park and paid for that. That is where we lost the battle."

"I worry that we concede the goals, yes. We just lost a game that we feel we should not have lost," added Wenger.

"You have to win the games you can win and today was one. If you want to challenge for the Premier League you have to be a bit more realistic." Arsenal are sixth with 17 points from 11 matches, 12 adrift of leaders Chelsea and eight fewer than the total Wenger's side had at the same stage last season when they were top

of the table. The Gunners have mustered a worst start to a Premier League campaign once before, two seasons ago. Germany defender Per Mertesacker said the team were over-complicating things. "The game was completely in our hands but then we have to play serious football and not make mistakes," he explained. "We have potential but unless we play that serious football any team will punish us."

"We have to play simple. We think we can do some difficult things but we need to keep possession. After such a setback as Anderlecht we normally bounce back straight away but we didn't. We need to

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Arsenal manager Arsene Wenger gestures during their English Premier League soccer match against Sunderland at the Stadium of Light in Sunderland, northern England on 25 Oct, 2014. — REUTERS

work hard on the issues now."

Wenger now has to contend with a two-week

international break before the visit of Manchester United in the league on 22 November. — Reuters

Stunning Tevez solo goal caps Juventus rout

MILAN, 10 Nov — Carlos Tevez scored a solo goal after a run that started inside his own half to cap an emphatic 7-0 win for Serie A leaders Juventus over hapless Parma on Sunday.

Tevez, Fernando Llorrente and Alvaro Morata scored twice and Stephan Lichtsteiner was also on target as Juve won their 24th successive home league match. Juve, who enjoyed their biggest Serie A win since they beat Ascoli by the same score 29 years ago, were already 3-0 ahead when Tevez produced his masterpiece just after the break.

The Argentine, recently recalled by his country after a three-year absence, collected the ball and surged away from Andrea Costa before evading two more challenges and side-footing the ball past Antonio Mirante after a 70-metre sprint.

Juventus are top with



Juventus' Carlos Tevez celebrates after scoring against Parma during their Italian Serie A soccer match at the Olympic stadium in Turin on 9 Nov, 2014.—REUTERS

28 points from 11 games while Roberto Donadoni's Parma are bottom with six points after their heaviest Serie A defeat.

AS Roma are three points behind in second place thanks to a 3-0 win at home to Torino. Gonzalo Higuain's sixth goal in four league games gave Napoli a 1-0 victory at Fiorentina that left them third with 21 points. Inter Milan's troubles continued when they

conceded a late goal and were held 2-2 by Verona after surviving a missed penalty and playing most of the second half with 10 men. Inter led 2-1 with two Mauro Icardi goals before Gary Medel gave away a penalty and was sent off in the 51st minute.

Luca Toni, who had given Verona an early lead, saw his penalty saved by Samir Handanovic only for Nicolas Lopez to equalise

in the 89th minute. Cagliari missed a penalty, an open goal and gave away an own goal in a 1-1 draw at home to Genoa.

Diego Farias gave the Sardinians an early lead but Genoa levelled when Luca Rossettini turned a Diego Perotti cross into his own net.

Cagliari won a 77th-minute penalty and Genoa had Stefano Sturaro sent off but Danilo Avelar's spot-kick was saved by Mattia Perin and Samuele Longo fired the rebound wide of a gaping net.

Palermo were awarded two penalties, the first converted by Paulo Dybala and the second missed by Franco Vazquez, in a 1-1 draw at home to Udinese who took an early lead through Cyril Thereau. Chievo beat Cesena 2-1 to give coach Rolando Maran his first win while lowly Empoli surprised Lazio 2-1.

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Pacquiao pace, skills will be too much for Algieri — Roach



Boxer Manny Pacquiao of the Philippines

MANILA, 10 Nov — American challenger Chris Algieri represents a younger, hungrier generation of boxers hoping to take down Manny Pacquiao but the world champion's coach Freddie Roach is confident the Filipino has both the speed and skills to retain his WBO title. Algieri earned his shot at Pacquiao, a winner of world titles in eight different divisions, by climbing off the canvas twice to earn a split decision victory over Russian Ruslan Provodnikov in June, a win that improved his record to 20-0. Roach recognized the hard-hitting New Yorker's toughness but said Pacquiao had the tools to defend his welterweight crown in Macau on 22 November. "He's a tough kid and he's strong," Roach told *The Philippine Star*. "He doesn't have the speed and the skills Manny has. But he has the power."

Pacquiao's (56-5-2) storied 20-year professional career is littered with wins over some of boxing's biggest names, including

Erik Morales, Marco Antonio Barrera, Juan Manuel Marquez, Shane Mosley and Oscar De La Hoya.

He suffered successive defeats in 2012 but has got back on track with two impressive wins over Brandon Rios and Timothy Bradley. A win over Algieri could bring the long-awaited super fight with Floyd Mayweather Jr one step closer.

"A lot of the guys we fought in the past are retired now," Roach said. "We're fighting the new generation. Rios was the first step. And then Bradley. These guys are younger and hungrier." Pacquiao has not scored a knockout since stopping Miguel Cotto in November 2009, and was himself knocked out by Marquez in 2012 in his first outing after losing to Bradley the same year. While some have questioned how much gas the 35-year-old has left after 63 professional fights, Pacquiao will be a strong favourite to beat the 30-year-old American at The Venetian Macao in two weeks' time.—Reuters

Nishikori powers past Murray on London debut

LONDON, 9 Nov — Japanese ace Kei Nishikori powered past Britain's Andy Murray in straight sets to make a winning start to his debut at the ATP World Tour Finals in London on Sunday.

Fourth seed Nishikori, who has won four titles and reached the final of the US Open this year, defeated fifth seed Murray 6-4, 6-4 in the first match of Group B play of the season finale.

It was Nishikori's first victory in his fourth meeting against Murray.

"I was a little bit tight in the beginning, but I started feeling a little more confident in especially second set," said Nishikori.

"I was very, very solid...I was a little bit surprised at how I played on the court: very confident. I'm looking forward to

play the next match."

Nishikori overcame early nerves, saving one break point in the 10-point third game before going on to take the first set after breaking Murray at 5-4 up.

The Shimane native played aggressively throughout, and although two volley errors at 4-2 in the second set cost Nishikori his serve, he kept this nerve to break Murray to 30 in the 10th game to wrap up the encounter, in 1 hour, 36 minutes.

"It's obviously disappointing to lose the first match," said Murray. "I would have liked to have done better. I didn't serve well enough today. I would say that was the biggest difference in the match. He was able to dictate a lot of points, especially behind my second serve. That was



Kei Nishikori of Japan returns a shot against Andy Murray of Britain in the Group B opening match at ATP World Tour Finals in London on 9 Nov, 2014. Nishikori won 6-4, 6-4.—KYODO NEWS

statistically the part of the match, I mean, that was the part of the match where he had the upper hand. That was the difference."

"Both of us struggled at the beginning of the match...there were a lot of mistakes. Then, he definitely started playing better at

the end of the first set and started feeling a bit more comfortable with those conditions," he said. Nishikori plays his next match on Wednesday against world No 2 Roger Federer, who won 6-1, 7-6(0) against Canadian Milos Raonic.

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Balotelli gets first Italy call-up since World Cup

MILAN, 10 Nov — Maverick striker Mario Balotelli has been called up by Italy for the first time since the World Cup in June after being included on Sunday in the squad for next weekend's Euro 2016 qualifier at home to Croatia.

It is the first time the Liverpool striker, heavily criticized for his performance at the World Cup

when Italy went out in the group stage, has been picked since Antonio Conte replaced Cesare Prandelli as coach.

Torino defender Emiliano Moretti, who played for Italy at under-21 and under-23 level, was given his first senior call-up at the age of 33.

Genoa midfielder Andrea Bertolacci and Samp-

doria midfielder Roberto Soriano were also named in the squad for the first time.

Italy have won all four of their matches under Conte, a friendly against the Netherlands and Euro qualifiers against Norway, Azerbaijan and Malta.

They are level on nine points with Croatia, who also have a 100 percent qualifying record, at the top

of Group H.

Midfielder Andrea Pirlo and forward Lorenzo Insigne were left out because of injury.

Conte's men meet Croatia on Sunday. The Italian federation (FIGC) said a separate squad would be named next week for the friendly against Albania on 18 November.

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Italy's coach Cesare Prandelli speaks to Mario Balotelli (R) during their 2014 World Cup Group D soccer match against Uruguay at the Dunas arena in Natal on 24 June, 2014. — REUTERS