

President U Thein Sein and other leaders discuss global economy at G-20 Summit

BRISBANE, 16 Nov — President U Thein Sein on Sunday took part in plenary and other sessions on the second and final day of the G-20 Summit in the eastern Australian city of Brisbane.

The world leaders discussed the global economy and energy at the event.

In the afternoon, the president also attended working sessions on global economic resilience.

He then met with Bill Shorten, leader of opposition Labour Party, at the Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre, and discussed bilateral relations, education in Myanmar and labour affairs.

In the evening, President U Thein Sein joined a dinner hosted by the Australia-Myanmar Chamber of Commerce at the Gabba on Vulture Street.

At the event, the president said that Myanmar is one of the new economic zones in Asia due to its strategic location together with its capable workforce and the reforms being implemented by the government.

Australia lifted sanctions against Myanmar in



President U Thein Sein attends dinner hosted by Australia-Myanmar Chamber of Commerce at Gabba on Vulture Street in Australia.—MNA

the tourism and financial sectors in April 2012.

The trade volume between the two countries has increased by 38.2 per-

cent, amounting to US\$130 million.

Australia is the 20th largest foreign investor in Myanmar, with total

investments of US\$23.5 million, among 30 foreign investor countries in Myanmar.

U Thein Sein also said

that his administration intends to cooperate more with Australia in the banking, energy, hotel and tourism and human resource

sectors. The Australia and New Zealand Banking Group Limited (ANZ) has been licensed in Myanmar.

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Agreement signed to upgrade Mandalay International Airport

YANGON, 16 Nov — A ceremony to sign a concession agreement for upgrading Mandalay International Airport into a logistic hub airport was signed between the Department of Civil Aviation of the Ministry of Transport and MC Jalux Airport Service Co., Ltd at the Sule Shangri-La Hotel in Yangon on Sunday.

Union Minister for Transport U Nyan Tun

Aung, Japanese Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Tate-shi Higuchi and Deputy Division COO Mr Shoichiro Moriwaki of the Infrastructure Business Division of Mitsubishi Corporation delivered speeches at the ceremony.

Then, Director-General U Win Swe Tun of the DCA and Director Mr Takao Suzuki of MC Jalux Airport Service Co., Ltd

signed the agreement and exchanged documents.

Afterwards, Deputy General Manager Mr Futoshi Hiroi of Mitsubishi Corporation gave a briefing on the airport.

Also present at the ceremony were Deputy Minister for Transport U Zin Yaw and the resident representative of JICA and officials.

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GE TO extend investment and technical assistance to generate additional 30MW of power for Myanmar

By Kyaw The-ein (MNA-Ext)

NAY PYI TAW, 16 Nov — GE and Myanmar Electric Power Enterprise (MEPE) have agreed on the forming of new commitment to help in repowering and upgrading existing gas turbines in Myanmar. Following a proposal made during GE Chairman and CEO, Jeffrey Immelt's re-

cent visit to Myanmar, this new initiative will result in approximately 30 megawatts (MW) of additional power for Myanmar, which is needed to help the country continue on its rapid development path, and this upgraded equipment will result in a large increase in overall efficiency, delivering more power with the same amount of fuel. GE will work towards finalizing agreements to repower and upgrade the existing fleet of GE gas turbines in the country over an approximate six month period. Under the proposed agreement, GE would invest to facilitate this project together with MEPE.

Following the com-

pletion of the Myanmar Master Electricity Planning Study and training which GE initiated and has supported since last year, GE and MEPE have jointly agreed to conduct an assessment of power plants to identify possible upgrade opportunities with a view to increasing the power output, availability, reliability and heat rate. The repowering solutions will greatly enhance the power output of these gas turbines and deliver a significant reduction in the gas fuel consumption resulting in greater benefits for MEPE. "This investment underscores GE's commitment to partner with the government of Myanmar to help expand the much needed

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A single odd one out in political reform is one too many!

By Kyaw Thura

Former US President Franklin D. Roosevelt once called upon the world to embrace four fundamental freedoms, namely, the freedom of speech, freedom of worship, freedom from want and freedom from fear. These four freedoms reinforce one another, with the 32nd US president stressing that it is impossible to fully realize one without realizing them all. A famous saying that reads “Freedom is just another

word for nothing left to lose” will manifest itself.

In this respect, it should be noted that change is not an abstract idea. It is the very thing that makes human progress possible, but it takes time to take shape.

With the newly elected civilian democratic government having come to power in March 2011, Myanmar is undergoing a time of great change sparing no effort to meet challenges with strength and resolve.

Clearly, the adoption of any new political system comes with inherent risks. It is therefore necessary for all of us to prepare ourselves to take these risks and bring our country to its rightful place in the international community. This commitment will no doubt call for all stakeholders to unclench their fists and let shared hope burn in their hearts.

And the public on their part should be convinced that it is impossible for a government to do for people from all walks of life what they must

do for themselves.

There is every reason to believe that Myanmar will become stronger on all fronts when the government, the parliament and the people work together in harmony. Everyone in their right minds is well aware that Rome was not built in a day. Despite this, no process of reform will succeed without rooting out the odd men out. In fact, a single odd one out in political reform is one too many.

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Appointment of Ambassador agreed on

NAY PYI TAW, 17 Nov — The Government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar has agreed to the appointment of Mr. Lying Sayaxang as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Lao People's Democratic Republic to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar in succession to His Excellency Mr. Nilahath Sayarath.

Mr. Lying Sayaxang was born in Houaphanh Province, Lao People's Democratic Republic on 5th August 1954. He obtained Bachelor of Education Degree from the University of Education in the Lao People's Democratic Republic.

From 1978 to 2014, he served in various capacities at Teachers' Training Institute, Vientiane Province, Saysomban Special Zone and Inspection Department of the Ministry of Education. He also served at Lao Overseas Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Currently, he is serving as Director of Inspection Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Mr. Lying Sayaxang is married and has two sons and two daughters.—MNA

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supply of reliable electric power in the country,” said Mr. Stu Dean, CEO of GE ASEAN.

“GE had made a good effort in powering up of Myanmar in the past 19 months. I look forward to continuing to work with GE on these power plants repowering project to get Myanmar up and running with the electricity plan,” said U Htein Lwin, Managing Director of MEPE. This new commitment will allow MEPE to modernize and uprate their installed fleet of turbines to run at greater efficiency which allow for the following improvements:

Performance improvements in output and efficiency (less gas consumption)

Extended maintenance inspection intervals while shortening their duration

Availability and reliability improvements

Extended life of the gas turbines

Upgrades will take advantage of GE's underlying design philosophy which allows for interchangeability of components in earlier vintage units. Installing the latest technology to upgrade existing units will greatly enhance their efficiency, and significantly reduce costs for operators.

Union minister visits water pumping stations in Singaing, Myinmu townships

NAY PYI TAW, 16 Nov — Not only ministries but local authorities are to ensure the durability of Shwe Hlan Bo water pumping station, Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing told officials on his inspection tour of the station in Singaing Township, Mandalay Region, on Saturday. The union minister explained that utmost efforts are being made by

the government for transitioning from a manual to mechanized farming system and selling agricultural machinery to farmers through installments.

At Htee Daw Moe water pumping station in Myinmu Township and viewed progress of a power intake structure, water tanks and installation of an 11-KV transformer for the project.

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94th Anniversary National Day marked at Pyinama BEHS No 1

An official presents first prize to Ma Kay Zin Nwe in high school level essay contest.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 16 Nov — The 94th Anniversary National Day was observed at Yadanamon Hall of No 1 Basic Education High School in Pyinmana, Nay Pyi Taw Council Area, on Sunday.

Pyinmana Township Administrator U Myoh Nang read the message sent by President U Thein Sein on the occasion of the National Day.

Director-General U Ko Ko Tin of Department of Education Planning and Training and officials presented prizes to the winners in the essay and poem contests.

Similar ceremonies were held at basic education high schools not only in the townships of Nay Pyi Taw Council Area but in regions and states across the nation.—MNA

Kanbawza Bank Ltd marks opening of 300 branches

NAY PYI TAW, 16 Nov — A golf tourney to mark the successful opening of 300 branches of Kanbawza Bank was held in conjunction with a dinner at Ayethaya Golf Club in Taunggyi, southern Shan State, on Saturday. Senior Manag-

ing Director U Nyo Myint of the Kanbawza Group of Companies explained the purpose of the ceremony.

On behalf of the bank, director Daw Nang Lai Kham and director Daw Nang Mo Huam donated K300 million to a fund for

construction of Buddhist University in Taunggyi to Chief Minister of Shan State U Sao Aung Myat.

It was also attended by Commander of Eastern Command Maj-Gen Aye Win, Chairman of Kanbawza Bank Ltd U Aung

Ko Win, Vice Chairperson Daw Nang Than Htwe and staff. Officials presented prizes to the winners of the golf tourney. During the dinner, hot-air lanterns were released and the Iron Cross Band performed music for the guests.—MNA



Shan State Chief Minister U Sao Aung Myat attends ceremony to mark opening of 100 KBZ bank branches.—MNA

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President U Thein Sein attends G20 Summit, Brisbane 2014 in Australia. (News on page 1) —MNA

Job fair for job seekers held in Mandalay

MANDALAY, 16 Nov — A job fair aimed at bringing job seekers into direct contact with employers and recruiters was held over the weekend by the Myanmar Young Entrepreneurs Association at Diamond Plaza of Yadanapon Market in Mandalay recently.

The creation of job opportunities is part of the ongoing reforms in Myanmar, Union Minister for Labour, Employment and Social Security U Aye Myint said at the opening of the job fair on Saturday, sources said.

The minister said that that the government has placed priority on suitable employment for every potential worker as part of the fight to reduce poverty, adding that the efficiency of human resources is a basis for the modernization of the country.

The two-day job fair which ended Sunday attracted 1,155 job seekers and 21 foreign and local companies.

The MYEA has organized 12 job fairs in Yangon and six, including this one, in Mandalay.—MNA

**Union Minister
U Aye Myint
attends Job Fair in
Mandalay.—MNA**

New cement product introduced

NAY PYI TAW, 16 Nov — A ceremony to introduce Lafarge Star cement was held at Inya Lake Hotel in Yangon on Saturday.

Union Minister for Commerce U Win Myint

delivered an address, and Maha Aung Myin Thu Company Ltd Chairman U Ye Htut, Managing Director of Lafarge Myanmar Mr Nicholas George and Lafarge Cementia CEO Mr Xavi-

er Blondot explained new product Lafarge cement. The ceremony was also attended by Union Minister for Hotels and Tourism U Htay Aung and officials.

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Myanmar participates in 4th Asian Beach Games

YANGON, 16 Nov — Chairman of Myanmar Olympic Committee Union Minister for Sports U Tint Hsan and members of MOC left for Thailand on Saturday afternoon to

attend the 4th Asian Beach Games to be held at Phuket Beach in Thailand from 14 to 23 November.

A Myanmar sports contingent led by Director U Kyaw Hsan Oo of

Sports and Physical Education Department will take part in the Petanque, yachting, Sepak Takraw and triathlon events at the games.

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Ceremony held to mark 60th Anniversary of Myanmar-Japan friendly relations

YANGON, 16 Nov — A ceremony to mark the 60th Anniversary of Myanmar-Japan friendly relations was held at Myoma Ground in Dagon Township, Yangon Region, on Sunday.

Yangon Region Chief Minister U Myint Swe, region ministers, Willingness Company President Mr. Inada Akihiro, Tokyo SEDA President Mr Sunao Yamashita, Osaka SEDA representative Mr. Hiroaki Muramatsu and Japanese film star Mr. Sonny Chiba, Patron of Myanmar-Japan Social Economic Development Association U Htay Aung, Chairman of Myanmar Motion Picture Organization U Lu Min and officials formally opened the ceremony.



Chief Minister U Myint Swe and Japanese guests attend ceremony to mark the 60th Anniversary of Myanmar-Japan friendly relations.—MNA

Mr. Sonny Chiba and Chairman of the Myanmar-Japan Social Economic Development As-

sociation Dr Myint Hsan delivered speeches.

The chief minister and guests viewed a round of

documentary photos displayed at the ceremony hall.

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Second international amateur marathon organized in Bagan

YANGON, 16 Nov — The second edition of the Bagan Temple Marathon was held Sunday in central Myanmar's ancient site of Bagan, drawing 98 amateur runners competing in full and half marathon races.

Thirty-eight runners including 14 women participated in the full marathon, in which an Australian man won the men's event while an American woman prevailed in the women's event. A total of 60 runners including 30 women took

part in the half marathon, which was won by a runner from Spain, with runners from Myanmar finishing second and third.

"As the weather is nice in November, organizing a marathon is convenient. There are some inconveniences in accommodation and transport but the event will contribute to Myanmar's tourism sector," said the managing director of Myanmar voyages International Tourism Co., Ltd.—Khin Cho Win



Survivor of WWII still an imposing religious edifice in Mandalay

MANDALAY, 16 Nov — An old Buddhist monastery in Mandalay is still accommodating monks, although three other impressive religious buildings in the ancient capital were damaged by fire during the second world war. The wooden monastery, named Shwe Inpin Monastery and decorated with floral designs, was constructed in 1257 M.E., and donated to the Venerable Sayadaw U Javana in 1261 M.E.

Donors U Sak Shwin and Daw Bwa created the building with four large halls, and it is now one of the main tourist attractions in the country's second-largest



city.—Min Htet Aung (Mandalay sub-printing House)

94th Anniversary of National Day observed in Nyaungshwe, Nyaunglebin Tsps

NYAUNGSHWE, 16 Nov — A ceremony to mark the 94th anniversary of Union Day was observed at No 1 Basic Education High School in Nyaungshwe, southern Shan State, on Sunday.

The ceremony was opened with a song sung by students. Township Administrator U Kyaw Zaw Hla read message sent by President U Thein Sein on the occasion of the 94th anniversary of National Day.

The Township Administrator and officials presented prizes to winners in the essay contest.

A similar ceremony

was held at No 1 BEHS in Nyaunglebin, Bago Region, on Sunday.

Township Administrator U Thein Zaw Kan read the message sent by the president. Township officials awarded winners in the essay and poetry contests in commemoration of National Day.

The township education officer accepted cash donations from Chairman of Township Development Supportive Committee U Thein Naing, Chairman of Township DAC U Hla Kyi and wellwishers.

Nay Myo Thurein/Nay Lin (Nyaunglebin)



Expired foodstuffs, drugs incinerated in Patheingyi

MANDALAY, 16 Nov — A ceremony to incinerate expired foodstuffs and drugs was held at the Aye Yeik Nyein cemetery in Patheingyi Township, Mandalay, on Sunday.

It was jointly organized by the Mandalay City Development Committee and the Mandalay Region Health Department.

Mandalay Region Minister for Development Affairs Mayor U Aung Moun and officials explained the root causes of setting the foodstuffs and drugs on fire.

The mayor and officials incinerated foodstuff and drugs handed over by Poly Gold Co Ltd and the Markets and Slaughters Department of the MCDC.

Officials of the MCDC, the Mandalay Region Health Department, the Food and Drug Administration (Mandalay)

and the Consumer Affairs Department checked inappropriate foods and expired goods at markets and department stores.

Tin Maung (Mandalay)



Ceremony held for disbursement of village electrification loans

MYINGYAN, 16 Nov — A ceremony to deliver loans for village electrification was held at Dhammayon in Nathta Village of Myingyan Township, Mandalay Region, on 13 November.

Mandalay Region Minister for Planning and Economic U Aung Zan urged the local people to efficiently spend the loans on electrification, not on gambling, and pay back the

loans by the fixed date.

Township departmental officials and Chairman of Township Cooperative Syndicate U Thein Aung explained the disbursement of the loans and their repayment.

The chairman presented K32.25 million in loans for 215 households to the village electrification committee.

Zaw Min Naing (Myingyan)

Sagaing Region minister meets people for rural development

KALAY, 16 Nov — Sagaing Region Minister for Chin National Race Affairs U Nothan Kap made a trip to villages in Kalay Township, Sagaing Region, on 12 and 13 November to inspect rural development tasks.

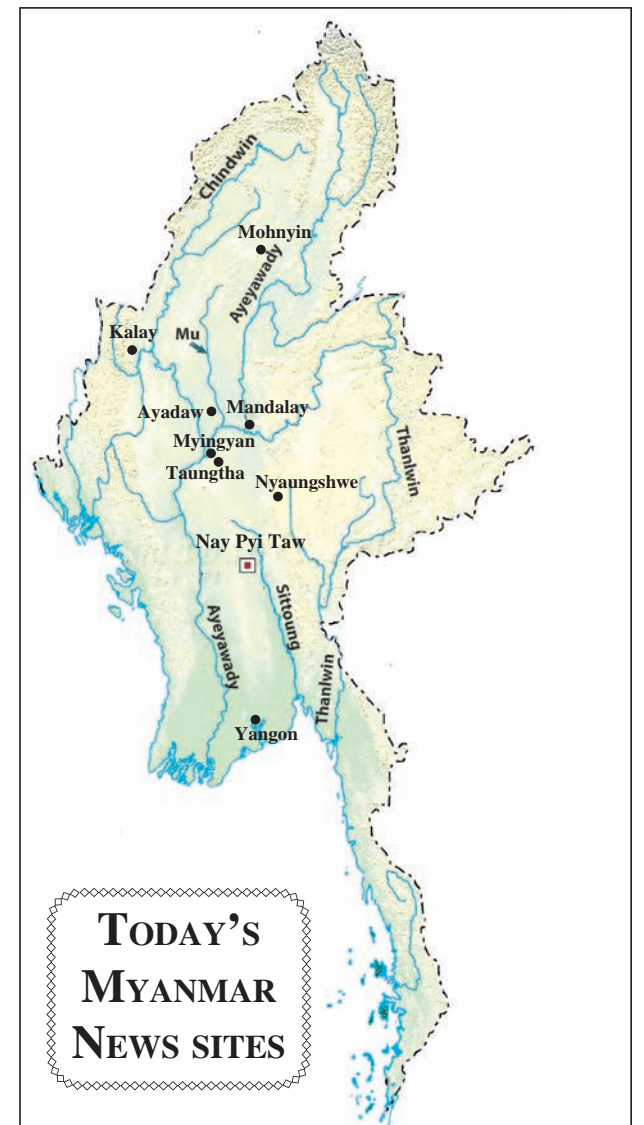
Together with departmental officials, the state minister met local people and explained undertakings of rural development tasks

in the region.

They discussed education, health, transport, electrification through solar power, water supply, applications for citizenship scrutiny cards and farmland problems.

He replied to questions about development of the rural region submitted by the local people and attended to the needs.

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LOCAL NEWS

Mandalarian construction entrepreneurs hold special meeting

MANDALAY, 16 Nov —The Mandalay Region Construction Entrepreneurs Association held a special meeting at the residence of U Moe Kyaw Kyaw on the ringroad of Mandalay Kandawgyi Lake in Mandalay on 15 November.

At the meeting, Mandalay Region Minister for Transport U Kyaw Hsan urged members of the association to join hands with the region government and partner associations.

Vice Chairman U Tha Htay reported on tasks of the association and future plans. Members of the association discussed a list of new executives, the opening of the owned office, conducting of training courses and fundraising. The region minister and officials accepted K137.9 million for construction of the association office and a fund from wellwishers.

The association was formed with Chairman (Temporary) U Than Win (Mann Myanmar) and executives.

Tin Maung (Mandalay)



Wall structures of Mandalay painted for durability

MANDALAY, 16 Nov —The Mandalay Region Government spent funds on painting the structures on walls of the Mandalay Royal Palace to prevent damage caused by weather and for their durability in line with the descriptions of the Department of Archaeology and National Museum.

The region government, which places emphasis on maintenance of the

ancient cultural heritage of Mandalay, also illuminated the moats and walls at night for enabling tourists to enjoy beautiful night scenes of the ancient royal palace.

In addition, servicemen of Central Command Headquarters and workers of Mandalay City Development Committee carried out sanitation tasks around the moats and walls.

Thiha Ko Ko (Mandalay)

Pebble production becomes income source for locals

AYADAW, 16 Nov — Local people in Magyikan Village, Ayadaw Township, Sagaing Region, are engaged in production of pebbles from a creek following the completion of agricultural works.

“We can earn K 30,000 per sud on sales of pebbles to the merchants. Pebbles are essential for construction of buildings, roads and bridges. Merchants pay K500 per one basket of pebbles. A family of five can earn K25,000 to K30,000 per day from pebble production,” said a local.

Currently, farmers do not need farm workers for agricultural work. So, local people earn incomes from pebble production.

Township IPRD



Rural gravel road under construction to improve living standard of people



TAUNGTHA, 16 Nov — The Department of Rural Development is carrying out construction of a gravel road 11 miles long from Kyauktalon to Sunlun villages in Taungtha Town-

ship, Mandalay Region.

The department spent funds on timely completion of the road in the 2014-15 fiscal year. Thanks to the road, local people from the villages along the road can

enjoy better transport and swift flow of commodities.

The better transport will contribute to rural development and poverty alleviation.—*Kyaw Myo Naing (Taungtha)*

Myanmar, China discuss matters on oil and natural gas pipelines

MANDALAY, 16 Nov — Chief Minister of Mandalay Region U Ye Myint received General Manager Mr. Liao Youngyua of China National Petroleum Corporation (CNPC) of the People's Republic of China at the hall

of the region government in Mandalay on 13 November.

Both sides discussed mutual cooperation in Myanmar-China oil and natural gas pipelines and future tasks.—*Thiha Ko Ko (Mandalay)*

Chief Minister of Mandalay Region U Ye Myint holds talks with General Manager Mr. Liao Youngyua of China National Petroleum Corporation (CNPC) of China.



NAY PYI TAW, 16 Nov — The Dhamma School Buddhist Culture Instructor Course 10/2014 concluded at the Myanmar Buddhist Culture Propagation Centre in Lewe Township of Nay Pyi Taw Council Area on 15 November.

Course Instructor U Aung Myint presented certificates to the trainees and certificates of honour to wellwishers.

The centre has conducted the course 100 times from November 2010 to 15 November 2014, turning out 8,181 trainees.

Ko Pauk (Okkar Myay)

Vietnam PM wins broad backing in rare confidence vote

HO CHI MINH CITY, 16 Nov — Vietnam Prime Minister Nguyen Tan Dung sailed through a parliamentary confidence motion on Saturday, boosting his clout within the ruling Commu-

nist Party just over a year ahead of a shake-up of the country's top leadership.

Dung won "high confidence" votes from 64 percent of the national assembly, with only 14 percent

giving his performance a "low confidence" rating, suggesting he may have weathered the storm from a series of economic setbacks and rumoured internal challenges during his second

term in office.

The vote on 50 top officials was a rare public show of scrutiny and only the second of its kind in a country tightly controlled by one party for nearly four decades.

Though lawmakers are nearly all members of Dung's party, he received a lukewarm rating in a censure last year that divided the house, reflecting fissures in a party traditionally led by consensus.

Dung's term ends at the 2016 party congress. But he is expected to groom a like-minded successor to pursue an overhaul of the underperforming economy and secure foreign trade deals to boost a thriving manufacturing sector that is attracting investment from firms like Microsoft Samsung and Intel.

Experts had anticipated Dung would fare better this year after pushing reforms of banks dogged by bad debt and starting restructur-



Vietnam's Prime Minister Nguyen Tan Dung

ing and partial privatisation of an inefficient state sector.

After growing 5.42 percent in 2013, the economy has been expanding faster this year. Third quarter annual growth quickened to 6.19 percent from 5.42 percent in the second quarter and 5.09 percent in the first three months.

The consumer price index rose 2.25 percent in September from December 2013, the slowest year-to-date pace in a decade.

Central bank Governor Nguyen Van Binh also improved on last year, with a nearly 65 percent approval rating, while President Truong Tan Sang won high-confidence votes from 76 percent of the house.

Sang was the top performer last year with 66 percent full support, compared to Dung's 42 percent. Dung last year received the lowest rating from about one third of the assembly.

Reuters



Vietnamese legislators cast votes of confidence during the eighth session of the 13th National Assembly(NA) in Hanoi, Vietnam, on 15 Nov, 2014. Vietnam held vote of confidence for the first time in 2013.—XINHUA

LDP bigwig Ishiba says majority control goal for LDP-Komeito camp

TOTTORI, (Japan), 16 Nov — Liberal Democratic Party heavyweight Shigeru Ishiba said on Sunday maintaining majority control of the House of Representatives will be the goal for the ruling LDP-led coalition if Prime Minister Shinzo Abe dissolves the lower house and calls a general election.

During a speech in Tottori Prefecture in western Japan, Ishiba, now serving as regional revitalization minister, also said that even if Abe decides to postpone a planned consumption tax hike in tandem with calling the election as expected, the prime minister "must present a picture of how we will maintain fiscal discipline and what to do with our social security system."

Ishiba, who was in charge of the LDP's election strategy as party secretary general until taking up the Cabinet post in September, said Abe must make clear his purpose for dissolving the lower house.

"The prime minister knows best that he

shouldn't dissolve (the lower house) just because he feels like it," the lawmaker said during a speech in his Tottori city constituency.

Abe is widely expected to announce in the next few days that he will dissolve the lower house, with speculation abounding that the dissolution will come on Wednesday or Friday, and the poll most likely on 14 December.

The LDP-Komeito coalition holds a comfortable two-thirds majority in the powerful chamber after routing the now opposition Democratic Party of Japan in the last general election in December 2012. Lower house members have roughly two more years before their four-term runs out.

The opposition camp, which is largely in agreement on the need for a tax hike delay in light of the faltering economy, has been critical of Abe for apparently maneuvering to hold an early general election, saying the poll would be without a cause.

Kyodo News

China opens first leg of high-speed railway in Xinjiang

BEIJING, 16 Nov — China opened the first stretch of a new high-speed railway in the western region of Xinjiang on Sunday, a milestone in the central government's efforts to promote economic development in restive hinterlands and bind them closer to the rest of China.

The 530 km (330 miles) stretch between Xinjiang's capital, Urumqi, and Hami is the first stage of the 1,775 km (1,100 miles) Lanxin railway connecting Urumqi to Lanzhou, the capital of central western Gansu Province.

The official Xinhua news agency reported on Sunday that the full length of the passenger railway is on schedule to open by the end of the year. Trains on the Urumqi-Hami leg could reach more than 200 kph (120 mph), halving the travel time between the two cities to three hours.

Xinjiang, a sprawling, resource-rich region that is home to China's Muslim Uighur minority, has been beset by worsening ethnic violence in recent years but remains a critical part of China's economic strategy.

Over the past year



The CRH train D8602 runs to Hami from Urumqi, capital of northwest China's Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region, on 16 Nov, 2014. The first high-speed rail in northwest China's Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region became operational on 16 November, slashing travel time between the regional capital of Urumqi and the eastern city of Hami by half to three hours. The 530-km rail, with a designed speed of over 200 km per hour, is part of the 1,776-km Lanxin high-speed railway linking Urumqi with Lanzhou, capital of northwestern province of Gansu, which will be put into service by the end of this year.—XINHUA

President Xi Jinping has spelled out ambitious plans to open China's west and build a "New Silk Road" network of intercontinental land routes and maritime lines that would connect China to its Central and Southeast Asian neighbours. He announced a \$40 billion fund to invest in infrastructure projects earlier

this month.

China has also been pouring money into Xinjiang's development in an effort to quell growing discontent among Uighurs, many of whom chafe at government restrictions on their cultural and religious practices as well as their lack of economic opportunity.

The government, which has warned of a growing threat of Islamist militants in the region, said in June it was confident of guaranteeing the railway's security despite a bomb attack at an Urumqi railway station in April that killed three people and wounded 79.

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MOVING FORWARD IN UNITY TO A PEACEFUL AND PROSPEROUS COMMUNITY (MILESTONE ACHIEVEMENTS)



President U Thein Sein greets Indonesian President Mr Joko Widodo on 12-11-2014 during the sideline meeting of the ASEAN Summit.—MNA



President U Thein Sein attends 2nd ASEAN-U.S. summit together with leaders of ASEAN countries and U.S. President Barack Obama on 13-11-2014.—PHOTO: AYE MIN SOE



United Nations Secretary General Ban Ki-moon participates in ASEAN-UN Summit on 12-11-2014.—MNA

Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi was welcomed by Myanmar nationals on 11-11-2014.—MNA



*Vietnamese Prime Minister Nguyen Tan Dung arrived in Nay Pyi Taw on 11-11-2014.
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Journalists are working at the Media Centre-2 of the Myanmar International Convention Centre-1, covering the 25th ASEAN Summit and related meetings on 11-11-2014.—PHOTO: AYE MIN SOE

MOVING FORWARD IN UNITY TO A PEACEFUL AND PROSPEROUS COMMUNITY (MILESTONE ACHIEVEMENTS)



President U Thein Sein delivers address at the opening of the 25th ASEAN Summit on 12-11-2014. —PHOTO: AYE MIN SOE



ASEAN leaders join hands with Australian Prime Minister Mr Tony Abbott during ASEAN-Australia Summit on 12-11-2014. —MNA



The 17th ASEAN-Japan Summit in progress in Nay Pyi Taw on 12-11-2014. —MNA



US President Barack Obama holds talks with President U Thein Sein on 13-11-2014. —MNA



Indian Prime Minister Mr Narendra Modi takes part in discussion during 12th ASEAN-India Summit on 12-11-2014. —MNA



Artistes in the costumes of ASEAN member countries entertained the dignitaries attending the opening of the 25th ASEAN Summit with their performance on 12-11-2014. —PHOTO: AYE MIN SOE



Australian Prime Minister Mr Tony Abbott seen during ASEAN-Australia Summit on 12-11-2014. —MNA

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MOVING FORWARD IN UNITY TO A PEACEFUL AND PROSPEROUS COMMUNITY (MILESTONE ACHIEVEMENTS)



President U Thein Sein and wife Daw Khin Khin Win pose for documentary photo together with ASEAN leaders at the dinner hosted on 12-11-2014.—MNA



President U Thein Sein seen together with ASEAN leaders and UN Secretary General Mr Ban Ki-moon at the 6th ASEAN-UN Summit on 12-11-2014.—MNA



Australian Prime Minister Mr Tony Abbott pose for photo together with Vietnamese Prime Minister Nguyen Tan Dung at their meeting on 12-11-2014.—MNA



Thailand's Prime Minister Prayuth Chan-o-cha cordially greets ROK President Park Geun-hye on 13-11-2014.—MNA



Thailand and UN held meeting on 12-11-2014.—MNA

MOVING FORWARD IN UNITY TO A PEACEFUL AND PROSPEROUS COMMUNITY (MILESTONE ACHIEVEMENTS)



President U Thein Sein, leaders of ASEAN member countries and PMs of China and Japan and President of ROK seen at ASEAN Plus Three Summit on 13-11-2014.—MNA



Chinese Premier Mr Li Keqiang speaking at ASEAN Plus Three Summit on 13-11-2014.—MNA



Japanese Prime Minister Mr Shinzo Abe addressed ASEAN Plus Three Summit on 13-11-2014.—MNA



President of the Republic of Korea Park Geun-hye took part in ASEAN Plus Three Summit on 13-11-2014.—MNA



President U Thein Sein made a speech at the ceremony of closing and handing over of ASEAN Chairmanship on 13-11-2014. —MNA

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invited to an awards ceremony in Tokyo on August 27.

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TOYOTA brought the Dream Car Art Contest to Myanmar in 2014. The local contest saw many submissions bursting with the vivid imagination of children's dreams. On May 5, TTAS hosted this year's awards

The 8th TOYOTA Dream Car Art Contest Award Winners

Age Category (7 years old and under)



My Toyota Rabbit Car (Gold)
Eain Oo Thwe (Age 7)



My School Bus (Silver)
Phone Tauk Nyi (Age 7)



Dreamcar Christmas Car (Bronze)
Su Leah Yee Htike (Age 7)

Age Category (8-11)



My Toyota Dream Car (Gold)
Chaw Su Thwe (Age 8)



Driving, Flying and Walking (Silver)
Su Myat Noe (Age 10)



Music Life of a Car (Bronze)
Kay Thari Khine (Age 10)

Age Category (12-15)



Drive and Flight of the Animal World (Gold)
Thet Hay Thi Khine (Age 13)



My Dream Car on the Sky (Silver)
Saw Yu New (Age 13)



My Dream Car (Bronze)
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ceremony where winning works from three age groups received gold, silver and bronze recognition. Artist and

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kids all over the world through this contest." Mr. Aye Zaw, the Chairman of TTAS and head of the judging panel, promised to make the next contest bigger. Local winner

Eain Oo Thwe's "My Toyota Rabbit Car" was even selected for the

world contest. Although the effort ultimately fell short, better results are hopefully in store for this promising youngster.

New Opportunities for the Children of Myanmar to Dream Big

The press conference for the 2015

9th TOYOTA Dream Car Art Contest in

Myanmar was held at TTAS on November 15. We look forward to receiving many entries. Like you, we harbor our own dreams at TOYOTA. Through making better cars, we are forging a brighter future for children and accelerating the development of society in Myanmar.



DREAM CAR Art Contest

The 9th TOYOTA Dream Car Art Contest Entry Information

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Eligibility:	The contest is open to anyone, aged 15 years old or younger.
Age categories:	7 years old and under; 8-11 years old; 12-15 years old
Theme:	"Your Dream Car"
What can be used to create artwork?	You can use any standard drawing medium you like. Perhaps you could try coloring pencils, crayons, watercolors or markers. Our only restriction is that you don't use digital tools to create your artwork.
Artwork size:	Please try and use A3 paper for your artwork (that's 420 x 297mm). If you can't get a piece of A3 paper, between 420-450mm (16.5-18in) and 270-300mm (11-12in) is fine.

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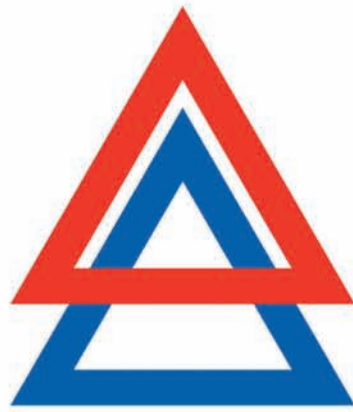
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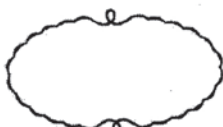
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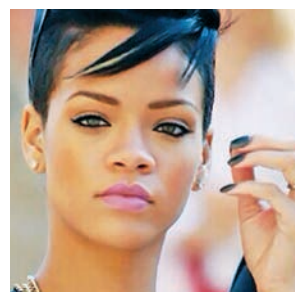
Christmas tree in Ginza

Photo taken on 15 Nov, 2014, shows a 10-metre tall "jumbo Christmas tree" installed in front of Mikimoto jewelry store in Tokyo's Ginza shopping district. While the store has put up a Christmas tree almost every year since 1976, this tree would be the last one as the store plans to start renovation work from next year. — KYODO NEWS

Justin Bieber unfollows Selena Gomez on Instagram

LOS ANGELES, 16 Nov — Pop sensation Justin Bieber has unfollowed his on-and-off girlfriend Selena Gomez on Instagram.

The 'Baby' hitmaker took this step less than one week after the 22-year-old pop star opened up about her relationship with Bieber in a revealing interview with Ryan Seacrest, reported E!Online. Earlier this week, fans began noticing that Bieber no longer follows Gomez on the photo-sharing site. Likewise, the brunette beauty does not follow her ex, and instead, limits her follow-backs to Gomez-centric fan sites.—PTI

Rihanna excited about new album

Rihanna remained vague on when her new material will be released.—PTI

WEATHER REPORT

FORECAST VALID UNTIL EVENING OF THE 17th November, 2014: Likelihood of rain or thunder-showers will be isolated in Taninthayi Region and Kachin State, weather will be partly cloudy in Upper Sagaing, Bago and Yangon Regions, Shan, Kayin and Mon States and generally fair in the remaining Regions and States. Degree of certainty is (60%).

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Kristen Stewart bonds well with Julianne Moore

Kristen Stewart on Julianne Moore: I've known her for a number of years (because) I worked with her husband (Bart Freundlich).
PTI

LOS ANGELES, 16 Nov — 'Twilight' star Kristen Stewart says she knew Julianne Moore way before they filmed their new indie drama 'Still Alice'. Stewart said she was very young when Moore's husband Bart Freundlich directed

her in a 2004 crime comedy 'Catch The Kid', reported E!Online.

"I've known her for a number of years (because) I worked with her husband (Bart Freundlich) on a movie that I did when I was really little called 'Catch

That Kid', she said. In 'Still Alice', Stewart, 24, plays the daughter of a woman with Alzheimer's, played by Moore.

"Everyone always says that you want to work with people that you truly have a connection with, but it doesn't always happen. "That's the kind of stuff that I really go after when I know that I could play her daughter because it's not a stretch. It's something that is so very much in us. The story is powerful and sad and scary, so I was very comfortable jumping into that with her."—PTI

LONDON, 16 Nov — R&B star Rihanna has promised fans that her new album is worth getting "excited" about. The 26-year-old singer remained vague on when her new material will be released, but said that it has been a challenge to outdo her previous work, reported Digital Spy. "I can't give you any hints of when it will drop. It's going to be great, that's all I'm going to tell you, and I'm excited about it," she said. A rumoured track-listing for Rihanna's new album emerged online last month, featuring collaborations with Drake and Nicki Minaj.—PTI

British stars gather to record Band Aid single for Ebola

LONDON, 16 Nov — Boy band One Direction and U2 lead singer Bono joined some of the biggest names in British pop and rock music on Saturday to record a new version of the Band Aid charity song to raise money to combat Ebola in Africa.

The single, "Do They Know It's Christmas?",

was first recorded 30 years ago after musician and philanthropist Bob Geldof inspired a host of stars to come together under the Band Aid name to help those affected by famine in Ethiopia.

The song has been given a makeover, with words to the original version which he co-wrote with

Midge Ure changed to reflect the current crisis.

"The record, it's a song, it's a track but it's an event, and the next stage now is to turn it into a phenomenon like it was in the 80s," Geldof told BBC TV as he arrived at a recording studio in west London.

He said he had spoken to British finance minister

George Osborne who had agreed to forego the usual tax owed to the government from sales of the record.

"It very much reminds me of 30 years ago. Everyone's bleary, pop singers, as George Osborne said, are not very good in the morning," said Geldof, who was frontman for Irish new wave band The Boom-

town Rats.

The original song from 1984, which raised 8 million pounds (\$11 million), featured some of the era's biggest acts including U2's Bono, George Michael and David Bowie. It has been re-recorded twice in 1989 and 2004.

Bono will be joined this time by Robert Plant,

frontman of rock band Led Zeppelin, Coldplay lead singer Chris Martin and singers Ed Sheeran and Sam Smith.

"It's huge to be involved," Niall Horan from One Direction told the BBC. "Hopefully it goes to number one and raises a lot of money for a really worthy cause."—Reuters

Venezuela lauds world records for Christmas dinner 'made in revolution'



Workers weigh a giant ham bread, a typical Venezuelan Christmas dish, during an attempt to break the Guinness World Record for the biggest ham bread, in Caracas on 15 Nov, 2014. — REUTERS

CARACAS, 16 Nov — Venezuela praised its 'socialist revolution' for a culinary conquest on Saturday: Guinness World Records for the country's beloved Christmas dinner staples.

A cook-a-thon in capital Caracas landed Venezuela records for the biggest ham-filled bread, sugar cane juice infused with lemon, and 'hallaca,' a cornmeal dish wrapped in plantain

leaves.

"Made in socialism, made in revolution," Food Minister Yvan Bello said in a flurry of celebratory tweets.

"The people are cel-

ebrating, Venezuela is a country of records, of achievements, thanks to the revolution!," he added, feting the 20-metre bread, 12,000-litre drink and 120-metre 'hallaca.'

The initiative comes as Venezuelans struggle ahead of the holiday season due to shortages of basic goods and sky-high inflation that crimps purchasing power.

Leftist president Nicolas Maduro has launched a plan dubbed "Operation Merry Christmas" to lower the cost of toys, clothes and appliances for shoppers amid the weakening economy.

Critics blast the measures as unsustainable distractions to mask the OPEC country's deeper problems. — Reuters

Ruins of river bank, old city wall unearthed in east China

FUZHOU, 16 Nov — The remains of a bank revetment and walls were found in east China's Fujian Province, which experts believe could help them get a glimpse of a city built some 1,100 years ago.

According to Chen Pin, a research fellow with the Fujian provincial museum, the revetment, or retaining wall, found in Fuzhou was made of wood.

"There had been a river and the revetment was used to prevent erosion," he said. "Such a structure only existed in south China."

They also found the footing of a city wall, which was built during the period of Five Dynasties (907-

960). Above the footing there was evidence of walls as high as one metre that would have been a later addition, built in the Song Dynasty (960-1279).

"By studying the ruins, we learned the techniques these people would have used — how they built a city," Chen said.

"They dug a trench, filled it with interlaced stone and wood, before compacting it with earth."

"The discovery verifies descriptions in historical data about the development of Fuzhou city," said Lou Jianlong, head of the cultural relics and archaeological research institute of the Fujian museum. — Xinhua

Tanaka wins Yokohama Women's Int'l Marathon

YOKOHAMA, 16 Nov — Tomomi Tanaka held off Philes Ongori of Kenya in a last-ditch sprint before the goal to win the Yokohama International Women's Marathon on Sunday.

The 26-year-old Tanaka, appearing in her second full marathon after running as a pacemaker in last year's event, ran in a heated battle with Ongori late in the race and crossed the tape in 2 hours, 26 minutes, 57 seconds at Yamashita Park in Yokohama.

Ongori finished two seconds back in second while ReiaIwade, 19, came third in 2:27:21 in her marathon debut.

Azusa Nojiri placed fifth followed by London Olympic champion TikiGelana of Ethiopia in

sixth. "My time wasn't very good," said Tanaka of the race, which doubled as a qualifier for next year's world championships in Beijing. "I can't compete against the best in the world with a time like this, so this is something I need to work on. I will make efforts in training to improve," she said.

The Yokohama race, a continuation of the former Tokyo International Women's Marathon that began in 1979, was the first women-only marathon to be officially certified by the International Association of Athletics Federations.

The marathon has been staged in Yokohama every year since 2009.

Kyodo News

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Pele thanks fans after hospital release

RIO DE JANEIRO, 16 Nov — Brazilian football legend Pele has thanked fans for their support after his release from a Sao Paulo hospital.

The 74-year-old was cleared by doctors to return home on Saturday, three days after undergoing surgery to remove kidney stones.

"Thanks to all my fans from around the world who expressed their concern and wished me a quick recovery," Pele said on Twitter.

"I dedicate everything that I have to you. I am well and I will recover well. I am very grateful for the affection and support."

Pele was admitted to hospital with abdominal pains on Wednesday, just hours after canceling a scheduled appearance at the Pele museum.

It is not the first health concern to force Pele into hospital.

In 2004, the three-time World Cup winner underwent emergency eye surgery for a detached retina and in 2012 he had a hip replacement.

Xinhua



Former England soccer player David Beckham (C) attends the Christmas light-up ceremony in Singapore's Marina Bay Sands, on 15 Nov, 2014. — XINHUA

Federer hangs tough to set up Djokovic showdown

LONDON, 16 Nov — Six-times champion Roger Federer survived a late-night Swiss semi-final thriller against Stanislas-Wawrinka on Saturday to set up an ATP World Tour Finals showdown against Novak Djokovic.

After a week of one-sided group stage action at London's O2 Arena, the season-ender burst to life with world number one Djokovic battling past Japan's Kei Nishikori after a mid-match meltdown before Federer saved four match points in a near three-hour duel with compatriot Wawrinka.

Federer eventually prevailed 4-6, 7-5, 7-6(6) against the man he will join forces with when Switzerland take on France in next week's Davis Cup final.

Djokovic, bidding for a third consecutive season-ending title having already secured the number one ranking, beat Asian trailblazer Nishikori 6-1,



Roger Federer of Switzerland returns the ball during his semi-final tennis match against Stan Wawrinka of Switzerland at the ATP World Tour Finals at the O2 Arena in London on 15 Nov, 2014.—REUTERS

3-6, 6-0 after losing his cool with another capacity crowd at the O2 Arena.

The real drama was saved to last, however.

Federer, sublime in a 6-0, 6-1 thrashing of home favourite Andy Murray in his final group match on Thursday, was the big favourite to claim a 15th victory in 17 career clashes with Wawrinka, but he was in for a rollercoaster ride.

Australian Open champ Wawrinka seemed determined to tear up the script, which had Federer and Djokovic lined up to contest the final match of the ATP season on Sunday.

He outplayed 17-times grand slam champion Federer in the opening set and went toe-to-toe in the second before cracking in the 12th game when a

missed smash gave Federer three set points.

One was enough.

Federer was riled by a line call when he dropped serve in the first game of the decider and the 33-year-old's mood darkened further when, serving at 4-3, Wawrinka saved one of two break points with a fluky volley off the frame.

But Wawrinka will have nightmares about 10th game.

Match point arrived but he watched a Federer forehand whistle past him. Another came, and this time Wawrinka netted a feeble volley. Wawrinka's nerve failed him again on a third match point when he could only spoon a volley, which Federer fizzed back past him before going on to win the game.

A tiebreak was needed to settle it and Wawrinka eked out another match point, but this time his service return went long.

With the 17,500 fans, many in Swiss red and wearing Federer masks, making a deafening din, Federer had the coolest head in the cavernous arena, taking the next two points, and the match, with sumptuous drop volleys.

"I think I got lucky tonight. Stan played better from the baseline and that usually does the job on this court," a relieved Federer said. "But I kept fighting. It's tough but I'm thrilled to be in another final in London."

He will now do battle with Djokovic for a 37th time, though he has precious little recovery time.

That said, Djokovic was complaining of "mental exhaustion" after ending Nishikori's impressive debut at the Tour Finals.

The Serb was rattled by a mid-match onslaught from the Japanese, who came back from a poor start to dominate the second set, only for his challenge to

fizzle out in the decider.

After dropping only nine games in group stage wins against Marin Cilic, Wawrinka and Tomas Berdych, it looked like plain sailing again for the Serb but a double-fault, loudly cheered by the crowd who wanted a Nishikori fightback, threw Djokovic off track early in the second set.

He gestured sarcastically to the fans and admitted his tetchy loss of focus could have cost him dear.

"I mean, look, at the end of the day I cannot blame the crowd," Djokovic told reporters.

"The crowd has a right to do what they want, to cheer for whoever they want. Some individuals were going over the line but I lost concentration.

"I lost the break because of that. I allowed myself to be in the situation to lose the set, maybe even lose the match."

Reuters

Rooney scores on 100th appearance to spark England win

LONDON, 16 Nov — Wayne Rooney celebrated his 100th England cap by scoring a penalty to lead his team to a 3-1 win over Slovenia in a Euro 2016 Group E qualifier at Wembley on Saturday which only came to life after halftime.

The England skipper scored with a thunderous spot-kick after 59 minutes having been fouled by Slovenia captain Bostjan Cesar to move level with Jimmy Greaves as his country's joint-third highest scorer on 44 goals. He is now just five goals behind Bobby Charlton's all-time record of 49 England goals. Rooney's equalizer came two minutes after Slovenia took the lead when Milivoje Novakovic whipped in a free kick and Jordan Henderson sent a header flying past Joe Hart for an own goal.

England secured victory with two goals from Danny Welbeck who struck after 66 minutes with a scrappy left-foot shot before making it 3-1 six minutes later after fine build-up play culminated in a superb one-two with Raheem Sterling. He has now scored five times in his last four England appearances. The victory maintained England's perfect start to the campaign and they head the standings with 12 points from their opening four matches.

Slovenia are second with six points from four

England captain Wayne Rooney (L) celebrates with teammates Danny Welbeck and Kieran Gibbs (R) after scoring from a penalty kick during their Euro 2016 Group E qualifying soccer match against Slovenia at Wembley Stadium in London on 12 Nov, 2014.—REUTERS



games and although they were more adventurous in the second half, they posed virtually no attacking threat in a turgid opening 45 minutes.

The only attempt either team had on goal before halftime was when Jasmin Kurtic forced his goalkeeper Samir Handanovic to make a save to stop what would otherwise have been an own goal.

The evening began when Rooney was presented with a golden cap to mark his 100th match by Charlton before kickoff, but that was about the only memorable thing that happened before Slovenia went ahead. The hosts, who lacked any attacking threat before the break, suddenly came to life in the 59th minute as Rooney sparked their revival after the visitors scored the first goal England have conceded in this qualifying campaign. Rooney dribbled through the defence until he was tripped by Cesar, who was making his 81st appearance for his country to become their all-time most-capped player. Handanovic got his hand to Rooney's penalty but could not stop it going in. Welbeck, who worked hard alongside Rooney up front, wrapped up the points and the only other England player to emerge from the match with much credit was debutant Nathaniel Clyne, who had a fine game at right back.—Reuters

Dominant Klitschko knocks out Pulev to retain IBF crown



Ukrainian WBA, WBO, IBO and IBF heavyweight boxing world champion Vladimir Klitschko (R) delivers a punch to his challenger Bulgarian Kubrat Pulev during their title fight in Hamburg, on 15 Nov, 2014.—REUTERS

HAMBURG, 16 Nov — World heavyweight champion Vladimir Klitschko knocked out Bulgarian challenger Kubrat Pulev with a fierce left hook in the fifth round on Saturday to retain his IBF title and end his opponent's unbeaten record. The 38-year-old Klitschko, who also holds the WBO, IBO and WBA titles, knocked down the 33-year-old twice in the opening round as Pulev initially struggled to keep his taller opponent at a distance.

The Bulgarian, who had won his previous 20 fights, was again floored in the third round when he was sent sprawling by a thundering left hook.

He looked to be finding his way back into the fight, landing a big right that rattled the Ukrainian but another giant left hook finished the job in round five

with a dazed Pulev staying down for the count.

"I made my professional debut here 18 years ago and I love this city," a beaming Klitschko, who has his base in the northern German city, said in a ringside interview. "It was difficult to get that hook in. I kept trying but he managed to stay away. I tried it a few times and at the end it worked." Klitschko has now improved his record to 63 wins out of his 66 fights with 54 knockouts. Pulev is 20-1.

"I feel good," Pulev said, nursing an ice pack on his quickly swelling right cheek. "I am satisfied with my performance. Vladimir is a good opponent but I think he had a bit of luck."

"Now I want revenge and it will be different result," said the Bulgarian.—Reuters