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MPA to raise demurrage charges from 2015

By Aye Min Soe

YANGON, 19 Nov—The Myanma Port Authority will increase demurrage charges for containers, heavy machinery and vehicles at terminals from 1 January, 2015, according to an announcement by the MPA.

The move is aimed at dealing with port congestion caused by late pickup of containers, machinery and vehicles at terminals, the announcement stated.

The owners of containers, heavy machinery and vehicles, taking advantage of the currently low demurrage charges, at present do not pick up their goods in a timely manner, leading to a reduction in the storage capacity at terminals, the announcement said.

The MPA has granted waivers of demurrage fees to the owners when they pick up their containers within seven days after arrival at a terminal and when they pick up heavy machinery within three days after arrival.

According to the announcement, owners of the containers will have to pay US\$2 per day from the 8th day to 60th day, and the daily demurrage charge will be increased to US\$4 for each container from the 61st day to 180th day, to US\$6 from the 181st day to 365th day and to US\$8 from the 366th day to 730th day.

Meanwhile, one cubic meter of heavy machinery and vehicles will cost K30 per day from the 3rd day to 14th day, K100 per day from the 15th day to 30th day, K200 per day from the 31st day to 60th day, K600



per day from the 61st day to 120th day, K900 per day from the 121st day to 180th day, K1,200 per day from the 181st day to 365th day and K1,500 per day from the 366th day to 730th day.
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An increase in demurrage charges for containers, heavy machinery and vehicles from next year will contribute to smooth running of port services.—PHOTO: AYE MIN SOE

Panasonic focuses on building B2G relationships with Myanmar

By Khaing Thanda Lwin

YANGON, 19 Nov—Japanese electronics giant Panasonic is ready to take part in Myanmar's infrastructure development programmes with its innovative and powerful technology, Thin Zar, manager of Panasonic Asia Pacific Pte. Ltd, told the Global New Light of Myanmar on Wednesday.

At the first Panasonic Solutions Expo in Yangon, she said the company is paying particular attention to business-to-government opportunities in the country's programmes for electricity supply.

The company will continue to create environmental value for people with its product technology and minimize the environmental impacts of its business activities, the official said.

As part of its corporate social responsible (CSR) activities, the electronics corporation is planning to donate 2,000 solar lanterns to areas without electricity in Myanmar through NGOs, Thin Zar explained, saying that approximately 7,000 lanterns were donated in some areas of Myanmar including a cyclone-hit area in Ayeyawady last year.

The aim of the donation is to enable easy access to electricity and reduce the black smoke from kerosene lamps. According to a survey, there are 1.32 billion people who live in areas without electricity worldwide.

A local distributor said that the company is scheduled to conduct a class on handmade batteries for primary school children in December with the aim of sharing knowledge about batteries and their properties. The activities have been held in Myanmar since 2013.



Panasonic products for home are being displayed at the first Panasonic Solutions Expo in Yangon.

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Pyidaungsu Hluttaw



NAY PYI TAW, 19 Nov — The Pyidaungsu Hluttaw session on Wednesday continued its debate on the report of the Constitutional Amendment Implementation Committee.

Representative U Myat Ko of Sagaing Region Constituency-12 was in favour of the system of appointing union ministers and deputy

ministers from parliamentary representatives, saying that only then will the union ministers and deputy ministers be able to work in the interests of the people.

Representative Daw Khin Thanda of Tada-U Constituency said that it is necessary to draw a timetable to undertake amendments of the constitution in six months ahead of the 2015 general elections by enacting a law. She highlighted that today, all are to focus on peace and democratisation of the nation by setting aside their interests. All the citizens have the rights to enjoy the rights of fair and standardized democracy.

Defence Services Personnel Representative Lt-Col Thein Htut preferred conferring some legislative powers to state and region governments to contribute

to equality and national unity of ethnic national races while another defence services personnel representative, Lt-Col Pe Kyaing, said he was against the insertion of the phrase “with the consent of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw” into Section 40 (c) of the constitution as doing so could hinder the commander in chief of defence services from exercising his powers in a state of emergency conferred by provisions of the constitution.

Daw Mi Myint Than of Ye Constituency encouraged the representatives to amend Section 436 of the constitution while Representative Dr Aye Maung of Rakhine State Constituency-1the representatives to try their best for emerging a constitution which is the most suitable to this day.

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Pyidaungsu Hluttaw representatives holding debate on issue of constitutional amendment.—MNA

ASEAN Defence Ministers' Meeting (Retreat) kicks off

NAY PYI TAW, 19 Nov — The ASEAN Defence Ministers' Meeting (Retreat) took place at Golden Palace Hotel in Bagan, Mandalay Region on

Wednesday.

Union Minister for Defence Lt-Gen Wai Lwin delivered an opening address and handed over chairmanship of ASEAN Defence

Ministers to Malaysian Minister of Defence Dato' Seri Hishammuddin Tun Hussein. In the afternoon, the ASEAN-Japan Defence Ministers' Informal Meet-

ing was held at the same venue, attended by defence ministers of ASEAN countries, Japanese Minister of Defence Mr Akinori Eto and officials.—MNA

Union Border Affairs Minister inspects development programmes in Mon State

NAY PYI TAW, 19 Nov — Lt-Gen Thet Naing Win, Union Minister for Border Affairs and Chairman of Working Committee on Development of Border Areas and National Races, inspected the projects implemented by the border area development funds in Mon State.

The minister and his entourage made an inspec-

tion tour in southern Myanmar state on 15 and 16 November, and met with the locals for development programmes.

He also inspected the construction of youth training school in Thaton Township, Mon State, where he discussed with township officials on 16 November.

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MPF chief holds talks with foreign guests to discuss promotion of relations in public security

NAY PYI TAW, 19 Nov — Chief of Myanmar Police Force Police Major General Zaw Win on Wednesday met Mr Dong Jialu, deputy permanent director-general of the Department of Public Safety in Yunnan Province of China, at his office here to discuss enforcement of traffic rules in border areas and promotion of relations between the two sides.

He also met Mr Davis Dalton, a senior police relations officer of the Australian Federal Police. At the meeting, they discussed the management programme of the Myanmar police force, installation of an advanced technology system and promotion of bilateral ties between Australia and Myanmar.

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Investment for agriculture imports discussed in Nay Pyi Taw

NAY PYI TAW, 19 Nov — Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing on Tuesday met President Mr Akihiko Shimada of Nichirei Enterprise Management Consulting Co., Ltd of Japan, Chairman Dr P. Prayoon

of Chiangmaifroyen Food Public Co., Ltd of Thailand and President Mr Lan Mu-Chiou of Sun Ho Promoting Enterprise Co., Ltd of Taiwan.

At the meeting in Nay Pyi Taw, they discussed investment issues for de-

velopment of Myanmar's agriculture sector, bilateral cooperation, business opportunities and the existing laws for investors.

The Union minister also met Mr Zhu Xiumei, president of Hebei Veyong Bio-chemical Co., Ltd, and

Mr Ashok Murarka, vice president of Indo-Myanmar Chamber of Commerce and Industry on that day to discuss mutual cooperation in the implementation of agribusiness in line with the laws.

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Ambulance system for emergency care being implemented by health ministry

By Khaing Thanda Lwin

YANGON, 19 Nov — The Ministry of Health has started implementing an ambulance system for emergency cases with the aim of providing pre-hospital care to emergency patients systematically and plans to gradually establish emergency departments in all regions and states.

The ministry is currently collecting data nationwide to obtain the exact number of ambulances owned by social organizations and plans to provide emergency healthcare training to those organizations, Dr Zaw Oo, a specialist from the emergency department at Nay Pyi Taw General Hospital (1,000-bed), told the Global New Light of Myanmar.

He went on to say that the rules pertaining to the

use of ambulances are under discussion in Nay Pyi Taw and due to come out soon. The enforcement of rules aims to crack down on such activity as the use of ambulances in timber smuggling.

In order to provide prompt emergency care services, the health ministry has already set up the 192 hotline number for emergency help. The hotline is linked to hospitals in Nay Pyi Taw and its nearby regions. However, CDMA mobile phones cannot make calls to this number, and sometimes even GSM phones have difficulty. To solve this problem, the health ministry is holding discussions with Myanmar Posts and Telecommunication (MPT). Plans are underway to expand the

hotlines to other townships, Dr Zaw Oo said.

The ministry also has a plan to conduct emergency care training for highway police as they are able to rush to people in need of such care, with the official clarifying the important role of the fire brigade, construction teams and health departments in developing the emergency system.

Currently there are emergency departments only in Nay Pyi Taw, Yangon and Mandalay. The emergency ward at Nay Pyi Taw General Hospital can receive 20 to 26 patients simultaneously, where a total of 12 specialists and 27 skilled nurses are on call at the emergency department, the doctor added.

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Dr Zaw Oo of Nay Pyi Taw General Hospital (1000-bed).—PHOTO: KHAING THANDA LWIN

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NAY PYI TAW, 19 Nov—U Hla Tun, Union Minister at the President Office, stressed the need to consider the lives of local people for undertaking socioeconomic development under the Corporate Social Responsibility Plan in implementing the report of the Investigation Commission on Letpadaungtaung Copper Mine Project, at a meeting in Monywa, Sagaing Region, on Tuesday.

Departmental officials are to organize public participation in implementing the report of the investigation commission to be able to speed up the development tasks, he said.

He highlighted that a committee formed with lo-

cal and foreign experts and representatives of NGOs is to compile an Environmental and Social Impact Assessment report for the copper mine project and seek the approval of the government for serving the interests of both the State and local people.

The union minister urged officials to appoint locals who have completed vocational training for the respective jobs.

Chief Minister of Sagaing Region U Tha Aye, Adjutant-General Maj-Gen Hsan Oo and officials explained the progress of tasks and future plans, and the union minister reviewed their discussions.

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Union Minister U Hla Tun highlights the ways to undertake development of local people while implementing report of Investigation Commission on Letpadaungtaung Copper Mine Project.—MNA

Emphasis placed on compilation of CSR Plan for Letpadaungtaung Copper Mine Project investigation report



Union minister attends 22nd anniversary of Cooperative Bank

YANGON, 19 Nov—Union Minister for Cooperatives U Kyaw Hsan delivered an address at the 22nd anniversary of the Cooperative Bank held at the Sedona Hotel in Yangon on Monday.

In his speech, the union minister praised the services and achievements of the bank and urged staff members to exert efforts for greater achievements by maintaining the trust of customers. Also present were ministers of the Yangon Region Government, central bank officials,

shareholders and staff members.

The Cooperative Bank was established as a private bank in 1992 and was reformed into a public bank in 2014. It has opened 117 branches across the country and plans are underway to open 28 new branches. It posted an after-tax profit of over K 11 billion last year.

Then, the union minister inspected Thiri Sanda Garment and General Trading Cooperative Ltd and met with members of the cooperative.—MNA

Deputy Minister for ECF visits teak and ironwood plantations in Rakhine State

NAY PYI TAW, 19 Nov—Service personnel are to change their mindset for undertaking departmental tasks to accomplish their missions, Deputy Minister for Environmental Conservation and Forestry U Aye Myint Maung said in meeting with staff under the ministry in Thandwe, Rakhine State, on 13 November.

He said that staff members are to try hard to understand rules and regulations, policies, procedures and laws of relevant departments. He noted that the

government places emphasis on meeting basic needs and creating job opportunities for local people in Rakhine State in order to improve their living standards. As such, he said government personnel are to seek ways and means of how to best serve the interests of the State and the people.

On his inspection tour, the deputy minister inspected thriving teak and ironwood plantations in Kyanyo Village, Thandwe Township, and an ironwood plantation in Kyeintali Village.

He also visited a public forest and teak plantations of private companies in Yekyi and Laymyethna townships, Ayeyawady Region.

While in Gwa Township, the deputy minister held talks with responsible persons of international non-governmental organizations, namely, MERN, ECCDI, EcoDev, BANCA, BDA, SDF and RCA and explained the management of the mangrove ecosystem in coastal areas.

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Vendors sell marine products under shelter and local people view round goods to be bought at the market in South Myoma Ward in Maungdaw Township, Rakhine State.—PHOTO: ZEYAR (MIRROR)

People in Buthidaung Township, Rakhine State, hold up peaceful co-existence in daily life



Danyawady 3 vessel carrying passengers and commodities from Sittway of Rakhine State arrives at Buthidaung Port. People in various faiths live in Buthidaung Township peacefully and they are engaged in agriculture, livestock breeding, trade and odd-job for their livelihoods.—PHOTO: ZEYAR (MIRROR)

Station hospital commissioned into service

NATOGYI, 19 Nov — The Health Department under the Ministry of Health has recently opened a 16-bed station hospital in Kanna Village, the third facility of its kind in Natogyi Township, Mandalay Region. It was upgraded from a rural health centre, said an official of the Natogyi Township Health Department.

As local people could not afford to construct the building, the Ministry of Health started to build the 16-bed hospital. A construction company is taking responsibility for building the structure under the supervision of the township authorities. The station hospital provides health-care services to local people from 20 villages and Kanna Village.—*Khin Zar Mon Myint (Law)*



Chinlone teams in Myingyan participate in demonstration

MYINGYAN, 19 Nov — On the occasion of the 20th anniversary celebration of the Ayeyawady Chinlone Club and the formation of

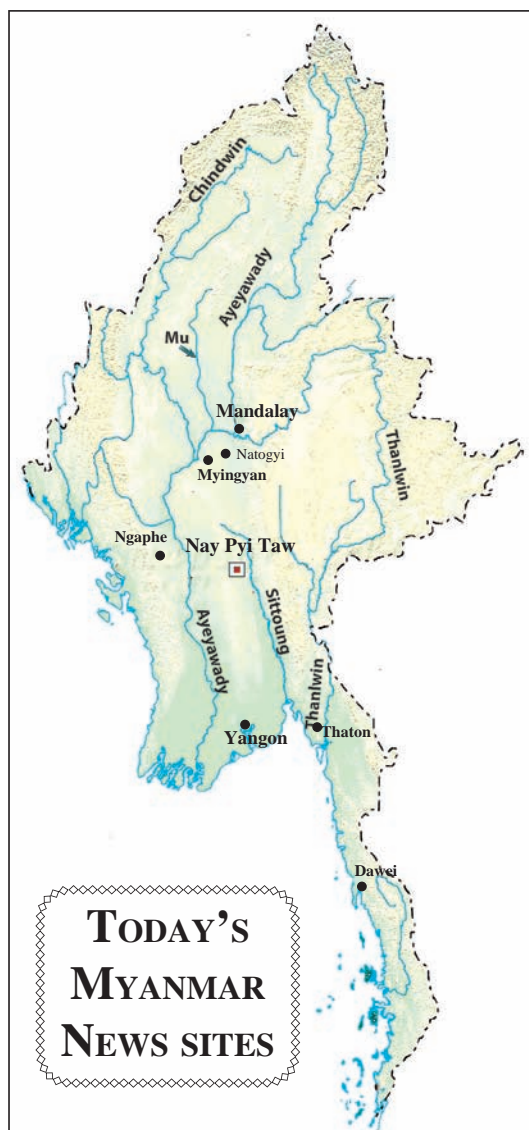
the Wadan Youth Chinlone Club, chinlone teams in Myingyan, Mandalay Region, were invited to take part in a demonstration of Myan-

Volunteer youths donate dry rations, clothes and rice

YANGON, 19 Nov— Volunteer youths in Laydauntkan Ward of Hlegu Township, Yangon Region, donated dry rations to Aye Myitta Parahita Home and clothes to the elderly in Mayanchaung Village, Hlegu Township, on 16 November.

They also donated five bags of rice to Mayanwe Parahita monastery in the township and cash to the fund of the monastery.

Than Than Htay (Kyemon)



Members of WAO get membership brooches

NAY PYI TAW, 19 Nov — The Women's Affairs Organization presented brooches to its members at its office of Ottarathiri Ward in Ottarathiri Township, Nay Pyi Taw, on 17 November.

Chairwoman of the Ottara District Women's Affairs Organization Daw Kyi Kyi Yin and Chair-

woman of Township WAO Daw Shwe Zin Win pinned the brooches on the members. They also provided healthcare services and nutritious snacks to the elderly in Ottarathiri Ward (Chinywa).

In addition, they carried out sanitation work on the platform of Mogaung Pagoda.—*Shwe Ye Yint*



Tourists stroll along Taungthaman Bridge to enjoy beautiful scene

MANDALAY, 19 Nov — Taungthaman Lake is one of the favorite destinations of tourists who arrive in Mandalay.

Tourists cross Taungthaman Lake by Taungthaman Bridge on bicycle, motorbike and on foot. While strolling along the bridge, they enjoy the scenic beauty of the lake and environs. They also ride a boat in the lake and visit Kyauktawgyi Pagoda and Maha Gandayon monastery.

"Forty-six boats provide transport to the globe-

trotters in the lake and around the lake daily, earning income. The local authorities allow the boats to transport four persons only. As of early November, over 1,000 globetrotters visit Taungthaman Lake daily to enjoy the beautiful scene. The passengers can use the boat at K6000 per route in the morning and K4000 per afternoon. All boatmen are united in carrying out sanitation tasks at the bridge and lake," the chairman of Taungthaman Lake Boatmen Association said.

Tin Maung (Mandalay)



Under Modi, Israel and India forge deeper business ties

TEL AVIV, 19 Nov — At the UN General Assembly in New York last September, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu set aside time for a critical meeting. But it wasn't President Barack Obama he was keen to see. It was Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

Since Modi came to power in May, ties between Israel and India have been in overdrive, with the two signing a series of defence and technology deals that have underscored their burgeoning commercial and political relationship.

The same month as the UN meeting, Modi's cabinet cleared a long-delayed purchase of Israeli missiles for its navy. In October, India closed a \$520 million deal to buy Israeli anti-tank missiles. And last week, a jointly developed aerial defence system passed a major trial, which India called a "milestone".

"There is great momentum in cooperation, on both the defence and economic sides," Naftali Bennett, Israel's economy minister and a member of Netanyahu's inner cabinet, told *Reuters*.

India is now the largest buyer of Israeli military equipment, while Israel is India's largest customer after Russia. In the first nine months of 2014, bilateral trade reached \$3.4 billion, on target for a record this year.

While that may not be vast in global terms, it has helped push Asia to the brink of overtaking the United States as Israel's largest export market after the European Union.

India is steadily catching up with China as it buys more Israeli defence and cyber-security technology, an area where China is limited since the United States frowns on Israel dealing too freely with Beijing in



India's Prime Minister Narendra Modi

defence matters.

The roots of the Israel relationship go back to

2006, when Modi was chief minister of Gujarat and visited the region to explore

new ideas in irrigation, an area of Israeli expertise.

As a result, India started buying drip-feed technology, said Amnon Ofer, a friend of Modi's and chairman of NaanDanJain Irrigation, formed after India's Jain Irrigation acquired a firm created by two Israeli collective farms.

Under Modi's predecessor, Manmohan Singh, India kept its relationship with Israel under wraps, in part so as not to upset its Muslim minority, said C Raja Mohan, head of strategic studies at the Observer Research Foundation in New Delhi.

"Cynics in Israel would point out that Delhi was treating Tel Aviv like a mistress — engage in private but refuse to be seen with in public," said Mohan. "The Modi government is having none of that."

The question is where the relationship goes from

here. Strategically, Israel is glad to have a rising Asian power as an ally. But for both the focus is really on business.

Israel Ports Co is partnering India's Cargo Motors to build a deepwater port in Gujarat, and Israel's TowerJazz is teaming up with India's Jaiprakash Associates and IBM with plans to build a \$5.6 billion chip plant near Delhi.

At a security conference in Tel Aviv last week, executives from top Indian firms were shopping for systems to secure their pipelines, refineries and other infrastructure.

All the activity has led to expectations that Israel and India will finalise a free trade agreement in the next year. "That means trade will double or triple," said Anat Bernstein-Reich, who chairs the Israel-India Chamber of Commerce, an office hoping and preparing for a boom.—*Reuters*

Non-Muslim to be sworn in as Jakarta governor despite protests



Jakarta Governor Basuki Tjahaja Purnama (L) is greeted by Indonesia's President Joko Widodo after his swearing-in at the Presidential palace in Jakarta, on 19 Nov, 2014. REUTERS

JAKARTA, 19 Nov — Jakarta's first Christian governor in nearly 50 years is expected to be sworn in on Wednesday, despite protests from religious hardliners opposing a non-Muslim taking over one of Indonesia's most powerful political jobs.

President Joko Widodo will take part in the swearing-in of Deputy Governor Basuki Tjahaja Purnama, better known by his nickname "Ahok", the presidential palace said.

Ahok has been serving as acting governor since Widodo stepped aside last

month to become president.

Hundreds of religious hardliners have staged protests against Ahok, underlining the difficulties facing the president's battle against intolerance in a nation with the world's biggest Muslim population.

Ahok is also ethnic Chinese, a small minority that have been resented in the past for their wide control over trade and business.

Thousands of police have been deployed around the capital this week in case of violence.

Ahok's inauguration

was postponed earlier this week to allow for a presidential decree on his appointment. The Home Affairs Minister Tjahjo Kumolo said it would take place next week, the *Jakarta Globe* reported on Tuesday.

It was not clear why the ceremony was moved up to Wednesday.

The secular country of 240 million people has seen a rise in attacks over the last decade against Christians, Shia Muslims and members of Ahmadiyah, a small Islamic sect.

Widodo's administra-

tion, which took office last month, has pledged to protect all religious minorities in Indonesia, where nearly 90 percent of the population consider themselves Muslim.

But experts believe Widodo will be hamstrung by parliament, which is controlled by the opposition.

"I do not have high hopes for (Widodo's) administration ... because parliament is not controlled by his coalition," said Andreas Harsono, Indonesia director for Human Rights Watch.—*Reuters*

Japan's lower house set to be dissolved Friday afternoon

TOKYO, 19 Nov — The House of Representatives will be dissolved at a plenary session Friday afternoon, the house's steering committee said on Wednesday.

The plenary session will convene at 1 pm on Friday, the committee said.

On Tuesday, Prime Minister Shinzo Abe announced a plan to dissolve the lower house on Friday for a general election after deciding to put off the hike in the consumption tax planned for October 2015. Campaigning for the election will start 2 December and voting will take place on 14 December. —*Kyodo News*

Laos remote communities benefit from clean water

VIENTIANE, 19 Nov — Reducing the burden of waterborne diseases in rural Laos is a key development goal that is being addressed by simple innovation.

Rural households in Laos numbering more than 1,000 are benefiting from clean water thanks to the technology developed by Australian non-governmental organization Abundant Water.

Abundant Water's clay pot filters are able to remove waterborne diseases like dysentery, gastro-enteritis, cholera and typhoid from water.

Waterborne diseases are endemic in rural village in parts of Laos and other developing countries, contributing to child mortality and malnutrition rates, with reduction remaining a key challenge recognized in the United Nations Millennium Development Goals.

The simple ceramic water filters have earned Abundant Water a nomination for a UN best practice award and are made from natural materials such as used coffee grounds and clay and prepared using traditional firing techniques.

Australian engineer and Abundant Water CEO Sunny Forsyth said Abundant Water is training Lao villager potters in the water filter technology and micro-financed business approaches.

"We are developing a model for the propagation of low-cost programmes enabling anyone in need, anywhere in the world, to access clay pottery water filter technology, so they too can benefit from safe drinking water," Forsyth said.—*Xinhua*

IMF intends to monitor reform of public companies



President of the Fiscal Council Pavle Petrovic .
TANJUG

BELGRADE, 19 Nov — President of the Fiscal Council Pavle Petrovic said on Tuesday that the International Monetary Fund (IMF) has recognized the significance of the reform of public companies in Serbia and intends to include monitoring the implementation of reform plans into its programme. “As a result, great significance will be attached to public companies, and the stabilization of public finances will depend on whether these companies will be reformed or their losses will continue to burden the budget,” Petrovic said at the international conference ‘Upgrade in Belgrade 2014’ at the Hyatt Regency Hotel.

At the conference organized by Belgrade Stock Exchange, Petrovic noted that the most difficult task will be to prevent the losses of public companies such as Srbijagas, EPS and Zeleznice Srbije from burdening the budget, stressing, however, that this must be done or all cost cuts achieved so far would be useless. The question is whether the restructuring of EPS will be possible, said Petrovic, specifying that this would include solving the problem of employment, technical losses i.e. electricity theft, as well as low bill collection.

“Electricity price will have to be raised although it is a painful measure, because the price of electricity in Serbia is the lowest in the region and low electricity price increases the consumption of this expensive product,” he said.

Petrovic also pointed out that the bill collection rate at EPS is around 90 percent but that, considering the size of the EPS system, the ten percent of unpaid bills is a huge sum.—*Tanjug*

Russia-China military-technical cooperation of paramount importance — defence minister

BEIJING, 19 Nov — Military and military-technical cooperation between Russia and China assumes paramount significance amid the international situation, Russian Defence Minister Sergey Shoigu said on Wednesday.

“Unfortunately, the situation in the region (Asia-Pacific), North Africa and in the whole world is becoming more and more complicated every year. Military and military-technical cooperation between Russia and China assumes special importance,” he said at a meeting with Vice-Chairman of the Chinese Central Military Commission Xu Qiliang.

He praised the state of

and prospects for the development of military-technical cooperation between the two countries. “Today we’ll have an opportunity to talk about all issues of military-technical cooperation. Much of what we discussed during your visit to Moscow last year is being realized,” Shoigu told his Chinese colleague.

“The level of our relations proves that we have no unsolved problems. Our work will be aimed at implementing projects within military-technical cooperation,” he said. Shoigu thanked Xu Qiliang for the warm reception and good preparations of the Russian-Chinese intergovernmental commission on mil-



Russian Defence Minister Sergey Shoigu.—ITAR-TASS

itary-technical cooperation due to be held in Beijing on 19 November.

Xu Qiliang said, “Strategic partnership between China and Russia entered a new stage of the development. We’re pleased with it.” The development

of partnership “mirrors our peoples’ willingness and plays an important role in preserving regional and global peace,” he said.

Shoigu is currently on an official visit to China from 17 November to 19 November.—*Itar-Tass*

Diet OKs bill on international pact on nuclear accident compensation

TOKYO, 19 Nov — The Diet on Wednesday enacted a bill that allows Japan to join an international pact on compensation in the event of a nuclear disaster.

The Convention on Supplementary Compensation for Nuclear Damage requires each party to the pact to shoulder compensation when a nuclear accident hits their own country. The rest of the member countries are required to share part of the damage payments beyond some 47 billion yen.

Under the treaty, Japan needs to contribute up to 4

billion yen as its share of an international fund and could receive up to 7 billion yen in compensation in the event of a new nuclear accident.

The pact may also make it easier for international companies to offer their technologies on decommissioning of nuclear reactors and radiation cleanup work to Japan, which has been hit by the Fukushima 2011 nuclear crisis.

The convention, however, also limits responsibility of nuclear plant makers for possible accidents,

bringing criticism that it would make it easier for manufacturers to export nuclear technologies despite the ongoing Fukushima crisis.

So far, the United States, Argentina, Morocco, Romania and the United Arab Emirates have become parties to the convention.

The convention will take effect when the total installed nuclear power generation capacity of parties to the pact reaches 400,000 megawatts, and Japan’s approval puts the pact in place.

The Diet also passed a legislation on Wednesday codifying a government plan to dispose of radioactive soil and other waste generated from decontamination work following the Fukushima nuclear disaster.

Under the law, the radioactive waste should be permanently disposed of outside Fukushima Prefecture within 30 years after temporarily being kept in interim storage facilities in the prefecture, as requested by the local government in agreeing to store the waste.—*Kyodo News*

Australia wants new Japan propulsion system for its submarines

TOKYO, 19 Nov — Australia wants a new Japanese propulsion system for its next generation of submarines, government officials with direct knowledge of the matter said, bolstering Tokyo’s position as the likely builder of the multi-billion-dollar fleet.

Reuters reported in September that Australia was leaning towards buying 12 submarines based on Soryu-class vessels built by Mitsubishi Heavy Industries and Kawasaki Heavy Industries. The new submarines will replace six ageing Collins-class boats.

In talks since then, Canberra has said it wants a lithium-ion battery propulsion system for the submarines, two Japanese officials and one Australian official told *Reuters*.

Japan is a leader in lith-

ium battery technology and its next generation of Soryu submarines will be the world’s first to be powered by such a propulsion system.

Those vessels are expected to be tested and commissioned around the end of the decade.

Experts say the technology will give submarines better underwater range and speed compared to other diesel-electric vessels that use air independent propulsion (AIP) undersea, a system that requires fuel to operate.

“Australia is really interested in lithium-ion propulsion,” said one official, who declined to be identified because he was not authorised to talk to the media.

Prime Minister Tony Abbott is under mounting domestic pressure to build

the submarines at home, especially since European contenders have emerged and said they would do the work in Australia. Swedish defence firm Saab has already submitted a bid, Swedish media reported last week. On Sunday, Abbott said Australia was holding talks with a number of countries on replacing the Collins-class submarines, which have been panned for being noisy and easily detected. He gave no further details. Awarding the contract to Japan would net it a big portion of Australia’s overall A\$40 billion (\$34.3 billion) submarine programme.

The deal would also mark Japan’s re-entry into the global arms market, just months after Prime Minister Shinzo Abe ended a ban on weapons exports as



A Japan Maritime Self-Defence Forces diesel-electric submarine Soryu is seen in this undated handout photo released by the Japan Maritime Self-Defence Forces, in this file picture obtained by Reuters on 1 Sept, 2014.—REUTERS

part of his efforts to steer Japan away from decades of pacifism.

A Japanese Defence

Ministry spokesman said Tokyo was “discussing cooperation in defence equipment in a number of areas”

with Australia but added he could not comment on specific projects.

Reuters

WORLD

Australia stands firm against G20 pack on climate change

SYDNEY, 19 Nov—Australian Prime Minister Tony Abbott on Wednesday warned that next year's landmark climate change summit in Paris will fail if world leaders decide to put cutting carbon emissions ahead of economic growth.

Just days after host Australia was embarrassed into addressing climate change at the Group of 20 Leaders Summit in Brisbane, Abbott defiantly held his country's line — the polar opposite of most other G20 nations.

"It's vital that the Paris

conference be a success... and for it to be a success, we can't pursue environmental improvements at the expense of economic progress," Abbott said. "We can't reduce emissions in ways which cost jobs because it will fail if that's what we end up trying to do."

Abbott made the remarks at a joint Press conference in Canberra with visiting French President Francois Hollande, who said he hoped a new deal on carbon emissions would be legally binding and linked

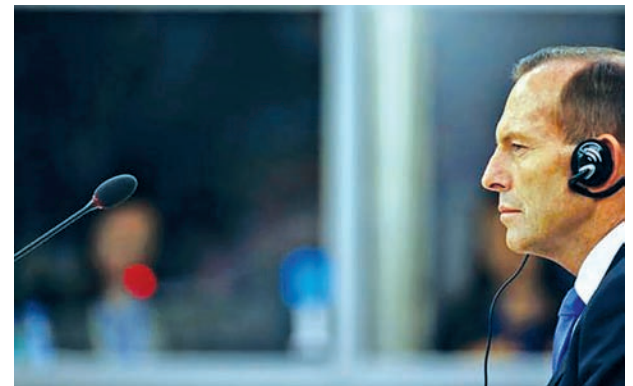
to a new United Nations fund to help poor nations cope with global warming.

"If the poorest, most vulnerable countries can't be accompanied in their transition to sustainable development, then there will be no binding agreement," Hollande said earlier this week in New Caledonia, where he met top government officials from Kiribati, Cook Islands, Vanuatu, Niue, Tuvalu and French Polynesia.

The Green Climate Fund now stands at \$7.5 billion following pledg-

es by the United States, Japan, France, Germany, Mexico and South Korea. That is within sight of a \$10 billion goal, brightening prospects for a UN climate pact next year.

Asked if Australia would contribute to the fund, Abbott said Australia, one of the world's biggest carbon emitters per capita, had already committed A\$2.55 billion (\$2.21 billion) to a domestic initiative to reduce the country's emissions by 5 percent below 2000 levels by 2020.



Australia's Prime Minister Tony Abbott

"What we are doing is quite comparable with what other countries are doing and we do deliver on our reductions targets unlike some others," Abbott said.

Reuters

Iran to resist 'excessive' demands in push for nuclear deal

VIENNA, 19 Nov — Iran said it would resist Western pressure to make what it considered to be excessive concessions in nuclear talks that started on Tuesday, highlighting obstacles that could prevent a historic deal being reached by a 24 November deadline.

US Secretary of State John Kerry declined to make any predictions for what he called a "critical week", during which negotiators from Iran and six world powers will push to end a 12-year dispute over Iran's nuclear programme and dispel fears of a new Middle East war.

After nearly a year of diplomacy, they aim to reach a comprehensive settlement at the talks in Vienna that would curb Iran's atomic activities in return for a phasing out of sanctions that have severely hurt its oil-dependent economy.

However, Iranian and Western officials have said next Monday's self-imposed deadline is unlikely to be met, and an extension is the most likely outcome. They say it is possible to agree the outline of a future accord, but it would take months to work out the details.

Iranian Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif met former European Union foreign policy chief Catherine Ashton, who is coordinating the negotiations, over lunch in the Austrian capital on Tuesday. "The talks with Ashton were good and reach-



Iranian Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif arrives at the Iranian Embassy for lunch with former European Union foreign policy chief Catherine Ashton in Vienna on 18 Nov, 2014.—REUTERS

ing a deal depends on the political will of the other side," Iran's official IRNA news agency quoted Zarif as saying.

It was followed by other meetings, including one between all the seven states involved as well as bilateral US-Iranian discussions, a senior US official said.

"This is a very critical week," Kerry said on a visit to London. "It's imperative, obviously, that Iran work with us in all possible efforts to prove to the world the (nuclear) programme is peaceful."

His British counterpart, Foreign Secretary Philip Hammond, expressed cautious optimism. "I believe a deal can be done," he said after meeting Kerry. But, "Iran needs to show more flexibility if we are to succeed."

The outcome of the negotiations could have

far-reaching implications in the wider Middle East as well as in the United States and Iran, where hardliners are sceptical of a rapprochement.

The six states — France, China, Russia, Germany, the United States and Britain — want Iran to scale back its capacity to refine uranium so that it would take much longer to produce fissile material for a bomb if it wanted to.

Teheran says it is enriching uranium only to make fuel for nuclear power plants and that this is its sovereign right.

"We are here to find a solution that respects the Iranian nation's rights and removes the legitimate concerns of the international community," Zarif said after arriving in Vienna. He made clear that Iran would be "resisting excessive demands".—Reuters

China, Russian defence chiefs express concern about US pivot to Asia

Moscow, 19 Nov — Russian Defence Minister Sergei Shoigu held talks with his Chinese counterpart Chang Wanquan in Beijing on Tuesday and shared concern about the growing influence of the United States in the military and political spheres in the Asia-Pacific region, Shoigu told reporters. After the talks where the two ministers discussed

bilateral relations, Shoigu said, "We also expressed concern over US attempts to strengthen its military and political clout" in the Asia-Pacific region, Itar-Tass News Agency said.

The two countries also agreed that they will advance cooperation in the framework of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization to fight international terrorism, he said.—Kyodo News

Colombia rebels say army general's capture is part of war

HAVANA / BOGOTA, 19 Nov — Colombia's Marxist FARC rebels justified their capture of an army general in a remote jungle area as a legitimate act of war on Tuesday and urged the government to rethink its retaliatory suspension of peace talks.

The two-year peace process faces its most serious crisis so far after rebel negotiators said General Ruben Dario Alzate and two others were the group's prisoners and made no offer to release them as a gesture to restart negotiations in Cuba.

"The three were captured by our units because it involves enemy military personnel who were carry-

ing out their duties in a war zone," FARC leader Jorge Torres Victoria, known by his nom de guerre Pablo Catatumbo, told reporters in Havana.

"This peace delegation is willing to contribute to a prompt, sensible solution to this problem," he said.

In a somber address late on Monday, Colombian President Juan Manuel Santos said talks to end five decades of war with the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC) would cease until the three hostages are released by the drug-funded group.

The FARC must prove they really want to end the "absurd war," he added.

Santos had previously warned the FARC that it jeopardized the peace process after the abduction last week of two other soldiers, and continued attacks on infrastructure and civilians.

Alzate, the highest ranking military hostage ever taken in Colombia, was captured on Sunday after disembarking from a boat travelling on a river near the city of Quibdo, Choco. A soldier and a lawyer with him were also captured. The military have dispatched troops by air, river and land to search the poor and violence-stricken jungle region that has three major rivers and large tracts of untamed coastline.

Reuters



General Ruben Dario Alzate (R), who heads the Titan task force in the Pacific department of Choco, walks with unidentified men, in this 12 Aug, 2014 file handout by the Colombian Army press office, received by Reuters on 17 Nov, 2014. REUTERS

PERSPECTIVES

Thursday, 20 November, 2014

We need a good foundation for the sake of children

By Aung Khin

On this day of 60 years ago, the world made a promise to children: that we would do everything in our power to protect and promote their rights to survive and thrive, to learn and grow, to make their voices heard and to reach their full potential.

The United Nations established Universal Children's Day in 1945, and it is celebrated on November 20 each year to promote international togetherness and awareness among children worldwide. We need to review the extent to which we have worked for the welfare of children. In this time span, countless numbers of

children have fallen victim to forced labour, sex trafficking, forced marriage and other forms of enslavement.

Wars and terrorism did not spare the children. Conflicts have deterred children from going to classrooms, letting their minds go to waste and leading to cruel acts and revenge. Most of these ill-treated children might consider they are not responsible for the establishment of a peaceful society. In modern times, the children are affected by the combination of old challenges and new problems to deprive them of their rights and the benefits of development.

Humane treatment of children is fundamental to a civilized society. We were all children once, and therefore we should all feel sympathetic towards children. We cannot claim that children's rights are being upheld when 17,000 children under the age of five die every day mostly of preventable causes. Many girls have to stay at home while their brothers go to school. They are losing equity and children's rights.

Armed conflicts around the world have forced

many millions of children to experience inhumane acts of violence, including abduction, rape, mutilation, forced displacement and sexual exploitation. As a result, many children have to experience separation from their families, orphaning, disability and serious, long-term psychosocial consequences, while girls are especially at risk of unwanted pregnancy.

Therefore, the answer to the question what type of future the world expects will depend on what kind of foundation we can build for the children.

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Pathein to host 4th Stop of Coca-Cola Happiness Journey

By Kyaw The-ein (MNA-Ext)

YANGON, 19 Nov — The fourth stop of the highly anticipated Coca-Cola Happiness Journey will be held in Pathein's Pyi Htaung Su (Kan Thar Yar) field on 22 November (Saturday) from 3 to 6 p.m.

The Pathein leg of the happiness Journey will see popular Myanmar vocalists Eaint Chit, Bunny Phyo, Jet San Tun and Me N Ma Girls treat attendees

to performances of their hit songs as they take to the stage in the name of the Coca-Cola "Uplifting Break" experience.

There will be photo opportunities at the event, and interviews with the various performing celebrities can be facilitated upon request. Please share your RSVP with TODAY Ogilvy Public Relations.

Coca-Cola Myanmar is set to treat thousands of

people across Myanmar with entertaining music concerts themed around the "Coca-Cola Uplifting Break" experience. The afternoon music shows will feature performances by popular singers Sai Sai Kham Leng, Eaint Chit, Mi Sandi, Bunny Phyo, Me N Ma Girls and Jet San Htun as part of Coca-Cola Happiness Journey stops in various cities including Monywa, Pyay, Taunggyi, Pathein, and Mandalay from 12 October to 6 December

2014.

Coca-Cola is promoting its "Uplifting Break" campaign across various media channels including television, print, radio and Facebook until the end of the year. For the latest information on the upcoming Happiness Journey activities and details on the locations of the ticket redemption booth in the various cities, please visit the Coca-Cola Myanmar Facebook page www.facebook.com/CocaColaMyanmar.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Sir

With reference to the 18th Nov editorial which deals with English language learning, I would like to point out an important fact that it is an enormous task that should be tackled and encouraged by the government.

In Asia, only three countries—India, the Philippines and Singapore—can be, in my view, singled out to do well in English with the outside world in many areas of business, culture, politics, etc.

There are many reasons why these countries are doing well with this international language; one reason, in my opinion, is that their respective governments take it seriously as it has appeared as an international language after the Second World War with the help of the United States of America, Australia, New Zealand and India. India has expelled the British in 1947, but they have maintained the language thereby producing the world-class writers like Salman Rushdie, Vikram Seth and many more.

In the Philippines, the only Christian country in Asia, the people keep on maintaining the language even after becoming independent from the US which ruled the country for over 50 years. Even a Filipino housemaid can

speak English and businessmen get an advantage over their foreign counterparts in the international arena. Again Singapore: the island state was separated from Malaya in 1965 with the first Prime Minister Lee Kuan Yew claiming that they are Singaporean rather than Chinese and English will be used as an official language for their country. In the same year English was dropped out in colleges and universities and Myanmar language has become a leading role in our society keeping English at bay. English, the official language of international organizations such as UN, WORLD BANK, ADB, IMF and ASEAN, clearly shows that it is a universal language.

English is easy to learn but hard to master, said Saya Tet Toe. "If you teach anybody anything, he will never learn," a British playwright George Bernard Shaw once said bluntly. The fact that I would like to point out is English-learning process is a long-term one; it should be given top priority by the government. At the same time each learner should take it seriously once he / she takes up learning this invaluable and beautiful language so that things in Myanmar could be heard worldwide by writing them in English.—Hla Maung

Hla Maung (Arakan Sein) is an English Language Teacher.



U Lun Gywe

GOLDEN VALLEY ART CENTRE

WINTER IN COLOUR ART SHOW



Hlala Bwa

Winter Colour Art Show at GV Center

YANGON, 19 Nov— "Winter Colour" Art Show is held from 15th to 21st November at the Golden Valley Art Center in Yangon.

More than 40 artists, including Myanmar's famous impressionist U Lun Gywe, are exhibiting their works at the show.

GNLM

Exhibition Day - November 15th to 21st 2014

Solar panels installed at residences of rural area free of charge

KANMA, 19 Nov—As part of the government's plans to supply electricity to rural people in order to raise their socioeconomic status, Kanma Township Rural Development Department installed solar panels free of charge on houses in Phayonhla Village, Kanma Township, on Wednesday.

The majority of the village's population are members of the Chin ethnic group. The department installed solar panels and related equipment worth K200,000 at 143 houses, spending K28.6 million from government coffers.

Kyaw Zeyar Win (IPRD)

LOCAL NEWS

Two Sanu halls under construction in Mandalay



MANDALAY, 19 Nov—Two Sanu halls, or halls connecting the two main halls of the Royal Palace or monasteries, are being

built in the eastern archway of Kyauktawgyi Pagoda at the foot of Mandalay Hill.

These Sanu halls, which are included in the

seven significant buildings in the Royal Palace of Mandalay, connect Sudhamma Public Rest Houses built by King Mindon in

1859 AD.

Managing Director Thudhamma Dr U Kyaw Win, Thudhamma Theingi Daw Myint Myint

Than and the family of Mann Myay Yazar Co Ltd covered the costs for rebuilding the Sanu halls with the aim of renovating seven ancient significant buildings donated by King Mindon and enabling local youths to know more about Myanmar's cultural heritage, said wellwisher U Kyaw Win.

"I am delighted at grasping opportunities to rebuild the religious and cultural structures," said the wellwisher.

Maha Pathana ordination hall and Thudhamma public rest house are nearly complete. The Sanu halls construction started in September and it is expected to complete the halls in the last week of December.

Min Htet Aung (Mandalay Sub-printing House)

Approach road to box culvert being built on rural road in Ngaphe Tsp

NGAPHE, 19 Nov — A tender winning company is carrying out construction of an approach road to a box culvert on Ohmyay-twin-Zeedaw road in Ngaphe Township, Magway Region.

It was funded by the Township Rural Development Department. Township Administrator U Nang Win Zaw and Head of Township Rural Development Department U Myint Thein inspected progress and gave instructions on timely completion of the construction tasks meeting set standards.—*Than Nang Oo (Ngaphe)*



Staff measure the standard plot for harvesting of paddy in Dawei Township.

Model plot of Palethwe hybrid paddy harvested in Yebyu Tsp

DAWEI, 19 Nov — Palethwe hybrid paddy was cultivated on a five-acre farmland through good agricultural patterns in Yebyu Township, Taninthayi Region, in the 2014-15 cultivation season.

On 17 November, the

paddy was harvested on a model plot of farmer U Soe Thein in Nyinhtwe Village, yielding 119.10 baskets of rice per acre.

Departmental officials and local people took part in the harvesting work.

Po Shwe Thun-Dawei



Culverts, bridges maintained on No 1 inter-district road

NATOGYI, 19 Nov — The Rural Development Department is carrying out maintenance and repairs to wooden bridges, conduits and repaving of section of the 14-mile No 1 inter-district road that crosses the Bago mountain range, spending over K200 million on the works.

A new culvert was constructed on Zeedaw Creek. The department performed maintenance on 10 wooden bridges including Kanna Bridge.

Moreover, Kanna Bridge is being upgraded to a concrete one.

Khin Zaw Mon Myint (Law)



With the aim of preventing loss of electricity, electricians substitute 3,000 feet long 400 volt power line in the place of old one from strand road to Aungmingala Ward in Dala Township on 16 November.

MIN YE MANN (NAY PYI TAW)

Departmental officials, authorities coordinate regional development tasks

THATON, 19 Nov — Departmental personnel and grassroots level authorities held a meeting on regional development and public welfare tasks at the Dhammayon at the foot of Myathabeik Hill in Thaton Township, Mon State, on 17 November.

Township Adminis-

trator U Tun Tun Naing instructed officials to organize local farmers to use the double cropping system, emphasize carrying out of rural development tasks meeting set standards and take fire preventive measures in the urban and rural areas.

Departmental officials

discussed cooperation of their departments for public welfare tasks.

Local authorities of five wards and 54 village-tracts submitted the reports on their requirements and cooperation with departments concerned.

Thet Oo (Thaton)



Iraqi Kurds say West not providing enough arms to defeat Islamic State



A view shows smoke raising from an eastern Kobani neighbourhood, damaged by fighting between Islamic State militants and Kurdish forces on 18 Nov, 2014.

REUTERS

PARIS, 19 Nov — The president of Iraqi Kurdistan, Massoud Barzani, accused Western countries on Wednesday of not providing enough heavy weapons to help his 'peshmerga' forces deliver a "decisive blow" against Islamic State militants.

Islamic State (IS) has caused international alarm by capturing large expanses of Iraq and Syria, declaring an Islamic "caliphate" that extends across the border between the two.

Western powers see the Kurds as a vital bulwark against further IS advances. France, Britain, Germany and others have begun arming the Kurds, whose Soviet-era weaponry has proved ineffective against insurgents flush with hardware plundered from the Iraqi army after

it abandoned its posts in June.

"We'd like to thank the members of the (anti-IS) coalition for the support they have provided, but ... all the support we have received so far is not up to the level that is needed," he said.



President of Iraq's autonomous Kurdistan region Massoud Barzani

ed," Barzani told France 24 in an interview aired on Wednesday.

"The heavy weapons systems that we need, es-

pecially in terms of quality and quantity, for example the APCs (armored personnel carriers), the helicopters, the artillery we need for a decisive war against them (IS) — we have not received these types of weapons," he said.

France says it has provided machine guns and munitions and has promised to give "sophisticated" weapons to Iraqi Kurds. Some 200 French special forces are also on the ground training the Iraqi Kurds.

Germany has said it is sending weapons to equip 4,000 Kurdish fighters, including machine guns, grenades, anti-tank systems and armored vehicles. Britain has said it will provide anti-tank weapons, night-vision goggles, radar and body armor. — Reuters

Suicide car bomb kills five in Iraqi Kurdish capital

ARBIL, 19 Nov — A suicide bomber driving a car packed with explosives blew himself up in the capital of Iraq's Kurdistan region on Wednesday, killing at least five people in the first big attack there in more than a year.

Mayor Nihad Latif Koja told Reuters the assailant had detonated himself as he tried to enter the governor's compound, which is protected by blast walls, in the centre of Arbil. Explosions are a regular occurrence in the federal capital Baghdad and other cities outside Kurdistan but the autonomous region has largely managed to insulate itself from the violence convulsing the rest of the country.

Islamic State militants who overran swathes of northern Iraq this summer

have repeatedly threatened to launch attacks against the Kurds, who are fighting them along a front line stretching more than 1,000 km (600 miles).

Footage from the

scene in Arbil after the mid-morning attack showed charred vehicles and blood smeared on the cobbles outside the governor's office. Windows on the opposite side of the

street had been shattered by the force of the blast.

A witness interviewed live on Kurdistan TV said two policemen and two civilians had been killed in the explosion. — Reuters



Kurdish security forces inspect the site of a car bomb attack in Arbil, the capital of Iraq's Kurdistan region, on 19 Nov, 2014. — REUTERS

Obama will not change policy against paying ransom for hostages

WASHINGTON, 19 Nov — President Barack Obama, who has ordered a comprehensive review of US policy governing efforts to free American hostages, still opposes the payment of ransoms, the White House said on Tuesday.

Obama ordered the review last summer in light of the increasing number of US citizens taken hostage by the Islamic State and other militant groups. In recent months Islamic State militants have beheaded three Americans.

White House spokesman Josh Earnest told reporters that Obama felt a review was warranted by the increased number of kidnappings of Americans.

"The one thing that I do want to make clear, though, is, this review does not include a reconsider-



President Barack Obama

ation about longstanding policy of the United States government that ransoms should not be paid to terrorist organizations that are holding hostages," Earnest said.

He said Obama believes that paying ransoms could lead to trouble over the long term.

"We don't want to put other American citizens at even greater risk when they're around the globe. And that, knowing that terrorist organizations can extract a ransom from the United States, if they take a hostage only puts American citizens at greater risk," he said. — Reuters

Diet enacts law to freeze terrorists' assets in Japan

TOKYO, 19 Nov — The Diet enacted on Wednesday a law to freeze financial and real estate transactions in Japan by people and organizations involved in cross-border terrorist activities, including al-Qaeda and Islamic State extremists.

With the passage of the law on special anti-terrorism measures at the House of Councillors, Japan aims to work with the international community in

its fight against terrorism.

A total of 90 groups and 373 individuals designated as of Tuesday by the UN Security Council Sanctions Committees, based on UN resolutions, are subject to the law.

No domestic groups or individuals have been designated to be subject to asset freezes so far. Japan already regulates overseas financial transactions involving terrorists.

The law will impose a maximum one-year prison sentence or a fine of up to 500,000 yen on people who defy administrative orders and repeatedly make

transactions with a terrorist group or those who are involved in terrorist activities.

The Japanese government had been urged by the Financial Actions Task Force, an intergovernmental body aimed at eliminating terrorist financing, to block the transfer of money linked to terrorism. Last Friday, the Diet passed an amendment to a law on preventing terrorism funding that makes harboring terrorists or supplying them with weapons punishable by up to 10 years in prison or a maximum fine of 10 million yen. — Kyodo News

Second Frenchman likely on IS beheading video — government spokesman

PARIS, 19 Nov — France's government spokesman said on Wednesday it seemed that a second man who appears on a beheading video released by Islamic State at the weekend was a French citizen.

"It seems that there is a second Frenchman," Stephane Le Foll told BFM TV. "We are checking his identity," he said declining to confirm a name circulating in French media.

The Paris prosecutor said on Monday analysis by its DGSJ security ser-

vice had confirmed that one of the men shown herding prisoners to the execution site was Maxime Hauchard, a Frenchman from Normandy who left for Syria in August 2013.

The 15-minute video posted online shows the decapitations of at least 14 men who Islamic State said were pilots and officers loyal to Syrian President Bashar al-Assad. The video also shows the severed head of US aid worker Peter Kassig.

Reuters

BUSINESS & HEALTH

Weaker finance flows could deepen UK current account woes — BoE's Forbes



Pedestrians walk past the Bank of England in the City of London on 15 May, 2014.
REUTERS

LONDON, 19 Nov — The slowdown in global financial flows since the 2008-09 crisis could make it harder to fund Britain's vast current account deficit, although a 1960s-style currency crisis is unlikely, a Bank of England official said on Tuesday.

Kristin Forbes, one of the Bank's nine interest rate-setters, said cross-border financial flows had declined sharply after the banking system's near collapse seven years ago and

were nowhere near returning to pre-crisis levels.

This could have several implications for Britain's economy, given its position as an international finance hub, she said.

"A reduction in international bank flows could make it more difficult, and possibly even more expensive, for the UK to fund its current account deficit," said Forbes, speaking at Queen Mary University in London.

Britain's current ac-

count deficit stood at 5.2 percent of gross domestic product in the second quarter of this year, not far from its record of 5.6 percent in the third quarter of 2013.

Forbes said it was unlikely the deficit would fall in the near future, given weaker demand from Britain's trading partners.

Net international bank flows, an important source of funding since the crisis as banks retrenched from foreign exposure, fell sharply in 2013, which

could leave Britain "increasingly dependent" on other forms of financing, she said.

"A foreign exchange crisis as occurred in the era of the Beatles is unlikely, however, due to changes such as the move to a flexible exchange rate," said Forbes, who referred to the rock band several times in her speech.

Britain's government was forced to devalue sterling in 1967 by 14 percent against other currencies, before the pound became a free-floating currency four years later.

In July, BoE Deputy Governor Ben Broadbent said Britain's large current account deficit does not pose "an existential threat" to the country's recovering economy. Forbes also said the reduction in financial globalisation could make Britain less vulnerable to shocks from abroad but make it more prone to domestic shocks.

"As UK banks lend less abroad, and foreign banks lend less in the UK, the total UK credit supply will be more tightly linked to the domestic supply of credit and business cycle," she said.—Reuters

AstraZeneca trumpets solo strength in cancer drugs, snubbing Pfizer



A sign is seen at an AstraZeneca site in Macclesfield, central England on 28 April, 2014.—REUTERS

LONDON, 19 Nov — AstraZeneca touted an "industry-leading" line-up of hot new cancer drugs on Tuesday, aiming to show investors it has a strong independent future just days before takeover rules would allow Pfizer to launch a new bid. The company also brought forward the filing date for a new lung cancer pill, and said it could win between eight and 10 new approvals in 2015-2016 for drugs dealing with a wide range of diseases.

Neil Woodford, a top-20 shareholder who left Invesco earlier this year to set up Woodford Investment Management, said his belief in the drugmaker's independent prospects was "even stronger" after the update. AstraZeneca, which saw off a \$118 billion approach from Pfizer in May, is his biggest holding.

The company's work on immune-boosting cancer treatments is advancing especially fast, Chief Executive Pascal Soriot said, meaning it can now formally add it as a sixth growth business ahead of the new drugs reaching the market.

AstraZeneca's five existing growth platforms of heart drug Brilinta, diabetes, respiratory medicine, emerging markets and Japan currently make up more than half of its revenue. It believes oncology could grow to a quarter of sales by 2023. "Oncology is going to become rapidly a growth platform for us," Soriot said.

Although AstraZeneca has more drugs coming through, it still faces major challenges, with a raft of patent expiries over the next few years, and Soriot said he would continue to seek partnerships and bolt-on acquisitions to build the business.

"We're asking our shareholders to be patient," Soriot said. "We cannot overnight replace (heartburn and cholesterol drugs) Nexium and Crestor. Those are tremendous products, they are very profitable and when they go they really leave a hole in the till."

Many analysts remain skeptical about the company's ability to deliver on its previously announced long-term targets — a return to revenue growth by 2017 and annual sales up by three quarters to exceed \$45 billion by 2023 — but consensus forecasts have increased in the past six months.

Reuters

BOJ keeps policy steady, says economy recovering despite tax hike

TOKYO, 19 Nov — The Bank of Japan kept its ultraloose monetary policy unchanged on Wednesday to boost the country's economy, while saying it is recovering moderately even though affected by weak consumer spending following the April consumption tax hike.

Ending its two-day meeting, the central bank's Policy Board voted by 8 to 1 to maintain its aggressive easing that involves massive asset purchases from banks to increase base money and raise the nation's inflation rate to 2 percent by sometime in the next fiscal year starting 1 April.

"Japan's economy has continued to recover moderately as a trend," the BOJ said in a statement, maintaining its key assessment. But it also warned of weak industrial output due to a slump in private consumption following the tax hike. BOJ Governor



Bank of Japan Governor Haruhiko Kuroda

Haruhiko Kuroda will hold a Press conference later in the day.

The dissenting vote was cast by Takahide Kiuchi, who said the bank should return to the policy it had employed before last month's surprising decision to expand the monetary stimulus.

The bank's decision came a day after Prime Minister Shinzo Abe said he will delay for 18 months a second consumption tax

hike scheduled for October 2015, citing fragile economic conditions.

Abe also said at a Press conference that he will call a general election after dissolving the House of Representatives on Friday, noting he wants to seek voter support to continue with his "Abenomics" stimulus policies.

The BOJ, whose aggressive easing is a central part of Abenomics, could possibly come under pressure from lawmakers to loosen its monetary grip further to help overcome nearly two decades of deflation.

Political as well as economic uncertainties were fueled by government data released on Monday that showed Japan's economy surprisingly fell into recession as gross domestic product shrank for the second straight quarter in the July-September period.

At their meeting, BOJ policymakers apparent-

ly looked into the dismal growth data and studied the effects of the bank's "quantitative and qualitative easing" deployed in April 2013.—Kyodo News



Russian girl with cerebral palsy receives rehabilitation treatments in China: Arina (2nd L) takes rehabilitative treatment at Tanggangzi hospital in Anshan City, northeast China's Liaoning Province on 11 Nov, 2014. Arina, a girl with cerebral palsy from Vladivostok of Russia, is in the Tanggangzi hospital of Anshan to receive rehabilitation treatments, where she has got improvement by traditional Chinese medicine therapy.—XINHUA

Russia lauds US participation in NPT International Conference in Moscow 21 November



Russian Deputy Foreign Minister Sergei Ryabkov.
ITAR-TASS

VIENNA, 19 Nov — Russia lauds the fact that US officials will arrive in Moscow on 21 November to take part in the International Conference on the Non-Proliferation, Russian Deputy Foreign Minister Sergei Ryabkov said on Wednesday.

“US Under-Secretary Rose Gottemoeller arrives in Moscow to take part in the International Conference on the Non-Proliferation. It is held by the Centre for Research on Energy Security. It is held twice a year. It is a very important event. The Foreign Ministry supports it and organizes the reception for the participants,” he said.

Over 200 people from more than 40 countries are expected to take part in the conference due to take place in Moscow on Friday, Ryabkov said.

Russia lauds a deci-

sion by Gottemoeller and other US officials to take part in the forum, he said.

The Russian Foreign Ministry said Ryabkov was expected to meet with Gottemoeller. The dialogue “is holding on strategic stability, the work of five nuclear powers, preparations for the upcoming NPT Review Conference, problems of nuclear security and weapons of mass destruction”, Ryabkov said.

“I don’t think that Iran’s nuclear programme will be on the agenda,” he added.—*Itar-Tass*

Abe urges business leaders to raise wages



Prime Minister Shinzo Abe

TOKYO, 19 Nov — Prime Minister Shinzo Abe asked business leaders on Wednesday to increase wages and capital investment to help spur the Japanese economy, during a meeting also attended by the country’s largest trade union body.

Business leaders expressed their willingness to accept the request, indicating that the government, business and labour sectors will call for the wage hikes in their agreement to be compiled within this year, as seen a year earlier, they said.

At the meeting of representatives from the three sectors, Abe emphasized companies that have improved earnings thanks to the yen’s rapid depreciation must take proactive measures including wage hikes and capital investment, they said.

Abe’s call for wage hikes to stimulate consumption came after he decided on Tuesday to postpone the planned October 2015 consumption tax hike for 18 months in light of weakened consumption following the previous tax hike last April.

“We believe that we will have to raise wages next spring,” Japan Business Federation Chairman Sadayuki Sakakibara told reporters after the meeting. “The business world will do its utmost to expand earnings and link the expansion to wage hikes.”

At the same time, the business leader called for corporate tax cuts and other measures to support companies. “We would like the government to implement deregulation, tax reform and so on to pave the way (for wage hikes).”

Nobuaki Koga, president of the Japanese Trade Union Confederation, indicated the labour group’s policy of pursuing a basic wage hike of 2 percent or more in the next spring wage bargaining. “To achieve the economy’s virtuous cycle, we should spread wage hikes more than in the current fiscal year.”

Prime Minister Abe took the initiative in launching the government-business-labour meeting to help achieve the virtuous economic cycle that his Abenomics policy pursues, after his administration came into being in December 2012.

Late last year, the three sectors compiled an agreement to link earnings growth to wage hikes, leading to large wage increases through this year’s spring wage bargaining.—*Kyodo News*

Trade of securities on Belgrade stock market soon

BELGRADE, 19 Nov — Serbian Minister of Economy Zeljko Sertic stated on Tuesday that the Law on public debt would be amended so as to make room for trade of local securities on the stock market.

This will improve the accessibility to government-issued securities for individuals and open a new era in the mindset on the market, Sertic said during the International Belgrade Stock Exchange Conference. Also, the new regulations will make room for



Serbian Minister of Economy Zeljko Sertic

the arrival of investment funds to the Serbian market which will be able to invest only in securities listed on

the stock market, he said.

Sertic noted that the capital market has to become an alternative source of funding both for big and mid-sized companies.

He quoted the 2013 survey conducted among over 1,000 company owners which showed that 81 percent of company owners and 87 percent of entrepreneurs funded their business from their own savings or profits.

The number of company owners who used corporate bonds or shares is minimal, Sertic said.—*Tanjug*

India hands dossier to Bangladesh on terror plots

DHAKA, 19 Nov — India has handed Bangladesh a list of 11 men suspected of plotting attacks including one targeting its prime minister, officials said on Wednesday, as the two countries tighten security cooperation against Islamist militants. Indian security officials uncovered the plot against Sheikh Hasina last month after two members of a banned Bangladesh group were killed in an explosion while building bombs in India’s West Bengal state just over the border from Bangladesh.

The men were believed to be members of the outlawed Jamaat-ul-Mujahideen Bangladesh who were using India as a safe haven to plan the attacks.

The plot deepened concern in India that jihadist groups were setting up bases in the east of the country

while security forces have been focused on the threat from Pakistan-based militants on the more heavily guarded western flank.

A team headed by the chief of India’s National Investigations Agency, the main counter-terrorism arm, held talks with Bangladeshi officials in Dhaka and handed over the list of suspects thought to be hiding there, Mufti Mahmud Khan, an official of the Rapid Action Battalion said. Under Sheikh Hasina, Bangladesh has been working closely with India to tackle militant groups including handing over people that India suspects of stirring trouble in the remote northeast region.

Khan said Bangladesh had given the Indian team its own list of wanted men — 51 in all, most of them suspected of criminal acts who had slipped across the

porous border into India.

The Jamaat-ul-Mujahideen was thought to have been lying low since authorities cracked down on it after it detonated nearly 500 bombs almost simultaneously on one day in 2005 across Bangladesh, including in the capital, Dhaka.

Reuters



Bangladesh’s Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina

Oxford Dictionary names “vape” word of the year

BEIJING, 19 Nov — Oxford Dictionaries has named “vape” as the word of the year, according to media reports on Thursday.

Researchers found that use of the word vape, meaning to inhale from an e-cigarette, has doubled in a year. This reflects the popularity of e-cigarettes, a device that contains nicotine

but not tobacco, and produces vapor instead of smoke.

Judy Pearsall, editorial director for Oxford Dictionaries, said, “As vaping has gone mainstream, with celebrities from Lindsay Lohan to Barry Manilow giving it a go, and with growing public debate on the public dangers and the need for regulation, so the lan-

guage usage of the word vape and related terms in 2014 has shown a marked increase.”

Having become the word of the year 2014, the word “vape” has beaten “bae”, a term of endearment for a romantic partner, and “indyref”, which is used to describe the poll on Scottish independence.

Since it began the tradition in 2004, Ox-

ford Dictionaries said it chose its word of the year with the help of software that scans the Internet web for emerging linguistic trends. But the final choice is made by humans, including the dictionary’s editors who flag words that they notice popping up in their own day-to-day reading and conversation.—*Xinhua*

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STATE OF THE SEA: Seas will be moderate in Myanmar waters.

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

Kyoto woman arrested on suspicion of killing husband with cyanide

KYOTO, 19 Nov — Police arrested a 67-year-old woman in Kyoto Prefecture on Wednesday on suspi-

cion of killing her husband with cyanide in December last year.

Chisako Kakehi has denied that she murdered Isao, 75, telling investigators "I never killed him," according to investigative sources. Isao died on 28 December at the couple's home in Muko in the western Japan prefecture about a month after the two got married and cyanide far exceeding a lethal dose was detected in his body.

The couple got to know each other through a matchmaking company and the husband had been covered by insurance, the sources said.

Cyanide was also found in the blood of a 71-year-old man in Osaka Prefecture who was close to the suspect and died in March 2012, prompting police to investigate the cause of his death.

The suspect has denied her involvement in the deaths of the two men, telling *Kyodo News* she had "absolutely no idea" about cyanide.

Kyodo News

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All 50 US states feel freezing temperatures, four dead in New York

NEW YORK, 19 Nov — Temperatures in all 50 US states dipped to freezing or below on Tuesday as an unseasonably cold blast of weather moved across the country while heavy snow prompted a state of emergency in western New York and contributed to the deaths of four people.

Every US state, including Hawaii, was bitten by temperatures at the freezing point of 32 degrees F (0 C) or below, the National Weather Service (NWS) said.

It was the coldest November morning across the country since 1976, according to Weather Bell

Analytics, a meteorologist consulting firm. Typically, such cold is not seen until late December through February, the NWS said.

Parts of Erie County, western New York, had 60 inches (1.5 m) of snow, with more falling, said Steven Welch of the National Weather Service near Buffalo.

County officials said on Tuesday there had been four storm-related deaths. One person was killed in a traffic accident and three others died after suffering heart problems, two of whom were believed to have been shoveling heavy snow at the time.

Snow fell at a rate of up to five inches (13 cm) an hour and some areas approached the US record for 24-hour snowfall totals of 76 inches (193 cm), the NWS said. New York

Governor Andrew Cuomo declared a state of emergency for 10 counties. National Guard troops were deployed to help residents cope with the storm.

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A woman scrapes ice from her car's windshield in the parking lot of a grocery store in Minneapolis, on 10 Nov, 2014.—REUTERS

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LONDON, 19 Nov — Singer-songwriter Jackson Browne has always worn his heart on his sleeve, whether singing about romance or railing against US foreign policy and global injustice.

His new album “Standing in the Breach” shows he has not given up the struggle. Gun control, bankers’ greed and environmental destruction are all targets for his ire.

“You don’t know why/ but you still try/for the world you wish to see,” he sings on the title track.

But there’s also plenty of room for other matters on the album, which *Rolling Stone* magazine called “superb, inspiring”.

“It’s pretty hard to look at what’s going on in the world and not make some reference to what’s happening politically because it affects us all so much,” Browne told *Reuters*.

“Songs are a good place to express your beliefs, your hopes, or for that matter your doubts.”

He was speaking at the start of a European tour which includes a sell-out date at London’s Royal Albert Hall.

But for a few wrinkles, Browne, now aged 65, has hardly changed in looks from the prodigy who emerged on the early 1970s California scene which included Joni Mitchell and

Singer Jackson Browne still manning the barricades



Singer Jackson Browne performs during a concert in Los Angeles, California on 14 April, 2012.

REUTERS

Crosby, Stills and Nash.

He was closely associated with the Eagles in their early days, co-writing with Glenn Frey their hit “Take it Easy”. That song is referenced in one track — “Leaving Winslow,” about a hobo riding the rails, based on characters Browne met as a kid.

Early albums such as “For Everyman” and “Late for the Sky” were highly personal. He took an overtly political turn with 1986’s “Lives in The Balance” at the height of the United States’ controversial involvement in Central America’s wars. It divided fans, some of whom only

wanted more songs of lost love.

Browne said he had always been political but his earlier songs focussed more on his own life.

“In my mid-teens, I was active in civil rights. Where I went to school (in Orange County, California) was pretty conservative. The revered people in my household were black jazz musicians and gypsy guitarists — Louis Armstrong, Ella Fitzgerald and Django Reinhardt. So when I went into these classrooms I was like from another planet. I got kicked out of one class.”

His father had him

canvassing votes for Lyndon Johnson.

“Of course, Johnson won and then bombed Vietnam. So there was a political education in that,” he said.

“Standing in the Breach” also features a song “Walls and Doors” by his friend Carlos Varela, the Cuban singer. The two met in Havana some 10 years ago and spent an evening playing each other’s songs in his room at the Hotel Nacional.

“The room kind of filled up with people translating them. Carlos’ songs explain what life is like in Cuba. The explanation would go on and other people would join in, like having a group discussion.”

Varela later appeared on stage with Browne in Europe but it was years before he could make it the United States due to Washington’s embargo on the Communist-ruled island — a policy Browne strongly opposes.

At this stage of the game, Browne said he hoped to offer some hope and enthusiasm to a new generation. As for speaking out: “I still feel the need to, now more than ever.”

Reuters

I am scared of paparazzi: Jennifer Lawrence

LONDON, 19 Nov — Oscar-winning actress Jennifer Lawrence says she is scared of paparazzi. The 24-year-old actress, who rose to fame playing Katniss Everdeen in the ‘Hunger Games’, said the photographers make her anxious every time she goes out, reported *Contactmusic*.

“I knew the paparazzi were going to be a reality in my life. But I didn’t know that I would feel anxiety every time I open my front door, or that being chased by 10 men you don’t know, or being surrounded, feels

invasive and makes me feel scared and gets my adrenaline going every day,” she said.

The ‘Silver Linings Playbook’ star previously slammed the nude photo hack, calling it a sex crime. “It is not a scandal. It is a sex crime. It is a sexual violation. It’s disgusting. The law needs to be changed, and we need to change...” “Just because I’m a public figure, just because I’m an actress, does not mean that I asked for this. It does not mean that it comes with the territory,” she had said.

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Cast member Jennifer Lawrence poses at the premiere of “The Hunger Games” at Nokia theatre in Los Angeles, California on 12 March, 2012.—REUTERS

Keith Urban leads Country Music Awards Australia nominations



Keith Urban’s track ‘Somewhere In My Car’ is in the running for the Single of the Year and Video Clip of the Year.—PTI

LONDON, 19 Nov — Singer Keith Urban looks set for a big night at the upcoming Country Music Awards of Australia (CMAA) ceremony after landing two top nominations. The 47-year-old country singer’s track ‘Somewhere In My Car’ is in the running for the Single of the Year and Video Clip of the Year at the annual awards show, reported *Contactmusic*.

Other main contenders for Golden Guitar trophies are Kasey Chambers and Luke O’Shea, who landed six nominations each and will compete against each other in the Album Of The Year category. Chambers is nominated for her record ‘Bittersweet’, going up against O’Shea’s ‘Sing You Up’.

Country legend Dolly Parton will be honoured with the Top Selling International Album of the Year award for her record *Blue Smoke*. The trophies will be handed out at a ceremony in Tamworth, Australia on 24 January.—PTI

Iranian “Melbourne” comes top in Cairo Film Festival

CAIRO, 19 Nov — Iranian movie “Melbourne” directed by Nima Javidi won the Golden Pyramid of the 36th Cairo International Film Festival (CIFF), Egyptian movie star and jury president Yousra announced on Tuesday in the concluding ceremony held at the Pyramids plateau in Giza. More than 60 films from 30 countries participated in the festival, where European countries took the lion’s share by taking part with 28 films.

The Greek film “Forever”, directed by Margarita Manda, was awarded the Silver Pyramid for best director while Brazilian film “The Boy and the World”, directed by Ale Abreu, got the Silver pyramid for best screenplay.

Egyptian actor Khaled Abuol-Naga was awarded the Silver Pyramid as best actor in “Eyes of a Thief” film, costarring Algerian singer Souad Massi and directed by Palestinian filmmaker Najwa Najjar.

French actress Adele Haenel was awarded the

Silver Pyramid as best actress in Thomas Cailley’s “Love at First Fight.”

Kicking off on 9 November, the 10-day CIFF has returned after last year’s suspension over political turmoil in Egypt, as the 35th session was held in 2012 where the closing ceremony was overwhelmed

by sadness.

“The security is getting better but it is still one of the challenges facing the cinema industry,” the CIFF president Samir Farid told *Xinhua* in an exclusive interview during the ceremony, adding that he is “optimistic” about the future of art and cinema in Egypt.

The CIFF did not see strong presence of Egyptian top movie stars, yet Farid hailed the event as a success and praised the ministries of culture and tourism for the joint efforts.

Xinhua



Dancers perform at the closing ceremony of the 36th Cairo International Film Festival (CIFF) at Pyramids plateau in Giza in Cairo, Egypt, on 18 Nov, 2014.

XINHUA

Real and Microsoft announce digital platform deal

MADRID, 19 Nov — Real Madrid and Microsoft Corp have sealed an agreement to create a digital platform to connect fans of the European champions around the world.

Real president Florentino Perez and Orlando Ayala, a Microsoft vice president, presented the platform at a ceremony at Real's Bernabeu stadium in the Spanish capital on Tuesday. "Powered by Microsoft's cloud solutions, we will offer fans exclusive, personalised and customised content and digital services," Ayala said.

"So fans will be able to choose not only what content they want to access



People attend a presentation of the Xbox One by Microsoft as part of ChinaJoy 2014 China Digital Entertainment Expo and Conference in Shanghai on 30 July, 2014. REUTERS

but also create their own customised versions of an experience whenever, however, and from wherever," she added.

"And because sport

is intrinsically community oriented, we're setting up social and other digital ways for fans to share these experiences with friends and family in real time."

Perez, who has transformed Real into the world's richest club by income, said the agreement was "a powerful alliance" that was "capable of changing the relationship of millions of fans with Real Madrid".

"In every country, on every continent, there will always be millions of Madridistas connected by a feeling that knows no borders," added the construction magnate.

Real last month announced a long-term strategic partnership with Abu Dhabi fund International Petroleum Investment Co (IPIC) that will help fund a planned overhaul of their stadium. — Reuters

Egyptian woman dies of bird flu, second death in two days

CAIRO, 19 Nov — An Egyptian woman died on Tuesday of H5N1 bird flu after coming into contact with infected birds, the second death from the disease in two days and the third in the country this year, state newspaper *Al-Ahram* reported.

The 30-year-old woman was from the province

of Minya, south of Cairo, the health ministry said in a statement reported by *Al-Ahram* on its website. She died in a hospital in the southern city of Assiut.

A 19-year-old woman died of bird flu on Monday in Assiut. The ministry was quoted by *Al-Ahram* as saying that they have identified a total of seven cases of the

virus this year, including the three who died.

The World Health Organization warns that whenever bird flu viruses are circulating in poultry, there is a risk of sporadic infections or small clusters of human cases, especially in people exposed to infected birds or contaminated environments.

Human cases of H5N1

are rare, however, and the virus does not currently appear to transmit easily from person to person.

Egypt's H5N1 cases have largely been found in impoverished rural areas in the south of the country, where villagers, particularly women, tend to keep and slaughter poultry in the home. — Reuters

Capello's relief as Russia triumph in Hungary



Russia's Aleksandr Kerzhakov (C) celebrates with Denis Cheryshev after scoring a goal against Hungary during their international friendly soccer match at Groupama Arena in Budapest, on 18 Nov, 2014. — REUTERS

BUDAPEST, 19 Nov — Russia won on Tuesday for the first time in four matches, beating Hungary 2-1 in a friendly to relieve the pressure on under-fire coach Fabio Capello. Media reports said the Italian could be sacked after the game in Budapest but his side triumphed thanks to second-half goals from Sergei Ignashevich and Alexander Kerzhakov.

Hungary replied through Nemanja Nikolic with four minutes to go.

The home team created the first chance with Zsolt

Kalmar's fierce right-foot drive forcing a fine save from Zenit St Petersburg keeper Yuri Lodygin.

Russia slowly worked their way into the match and Artem Dzyuba was sent clean through six minutes before halftime only for keeper Denes Dibusz to save well to his left.

Capello's men took the lead after 49 minutes when halftime substitute Ignashevich glanced home a header at the near post from Alexander Samedov's corner to notch his sixth international goal.

Balazs Dzsudzsak then went close for Hungary before Kerzhakov hit the bar for the visitors.

Kerzhakov would not be denied and he extended his scoring record for Russia to 29 goals when he pounced on a perfect pass from Alan Dzagoev to slot the ball between Dibusz's legs. "I am satisfied with the result and with my team's

performance," said Capello.

"I want to say to all Russian fans that I am completely confident in my team.

I am sure we will get positive results in Euro 2016 qualifying."

Russia are third in Group G with five points from four matches, five behind leaders Austria.

Reuters

German auction house putting Hitler watercolour on market

NUREMBERG, (Germany) 19 Nov — A 1914 watercolour by Adolf Hitler to be auctioned on Saturday could fetch up to 50,000 euros (\$62,685) given strong global interest, a German auction house chief said on Tuesday. Auctioneer Kathrin Weidler said the painting entitled "Standesamt und Altes Rathaus Muenchen" (Civil Registry Office and Old Town Hall of Munich) is one of about 2,000 works Hitler painted from about 1905 to 1920 as a struggling young artist.

Asked about criticism that it is tasteless to auction the Nazi dictator's works, generally considered to be of limited artistic merit, she said complaints should be

addressed to the sellers - an unidentified pair of German sisters in their 70s.

"Those who want to get worked up about this should just go ahead and get worked up about it," Weidler told Reuters at her Weidler Auction House in Nuremberg, where Hitler held mass Nazi party rallies from 1933 to 1938. "They should take it up with the city of Nuremberg or with those who preserved it. It's an historical document."

Hitler wrote in his autobiography "Mein Kampf" that his hopes as a young man of becoming an artist were dashed by his repeated rejection by Vienna's Academy of Fine Arts. "We've had inquiries so far from

four continents and the interest in this particular painting appears to be quite high," Weidler said.

"The interest has been high from America, Japan and across Asia. I don't

know if all these bidders will actually come to the showroom in person. It's possible but the last time we had a painting from this artist, that didn't happen."

Reuters



A watercolour of the old registry office in Munich by former German dictator Adolf Hitler lies next to a catalog of his paintings and drawings at Weidler auction house in Nuremberg on 18 Nov, 2014. — REUTERS

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Experience key for Asian Cup defence: Honda

OSAKA, 19 Nov — AC Milan midfielder Keisuke Honda believes Japan have reaped the benefit of recalling a number of seasoned veterans and says experience will be crucial to the Blue Samurai's chances of retaining their Asian Cup title in Australia in January.

New coach Javier Aguirre used his first four games in charge to experiment with a raft of uncapped players, with Yoshinori Muto and Tsukasa Shiotani two in particular showing great promise, even if team results were patchy.

But the Mexican boss recalled two-time World Cup captain Makoto Hasebe and picked the likes of record caps winner Yasuhito Endo and Yasuyuki Konno for Japan's final two warm-ups before the 9-31 January Asian Cup.

All three of those players played pivotal roles as Japan hammered Honduras 6-0 on Friday before wrapping up their preparations on Tuesday with a 2-1 win

over Australia, one of their main rivals for the continental title.

"The coach told us to go and get the win tonight and I am happy that we could carry that out," Honda told reporters after Tuesday's win.

A change of formation and the introduction of Konno for Endo at halftime changed the game against the Socceroos, Konno scoring his first goal in three years before Shinji Okazaki scored his 40th Japan goal with a clever flick.

"We had experienced players out there today that were able to be flexible and switch systems," said Honda.

"Experience is important at the Asian Cup. Last time we won it by sheer guts. You never know what is going to happen and it doesn't always go the way you want when you play weakened teams."

"With these two wins I think we have moved a step forward and hopefully we won't go backwards."

Aguirre also believes the team, who suffered a 4-0 defeat to Brazil in Singapore in October, have made progress.

"We have used these six games to get the team concept across and I have called up 38 to 40 players," said Aguirre.

"At this early stage you need to be looking at 50 players and I think I have roughly done that. I have been saying from the start that we have to win the Asian Cup since I came here in August and whoever plays that is what we will be challenging for."

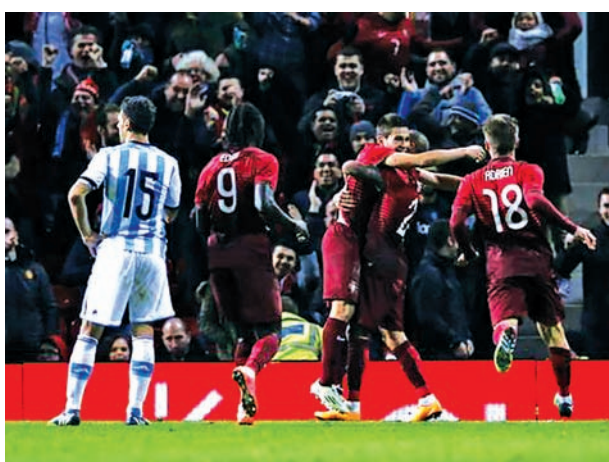
"We are making progress and things are going to plan. The matches up until the Brazil game proved useful and I have been able to look at the players' behaviour and many other aspects."

Japan, who won the Asian Cup for a record fourth time in Qatar in 2011, take on Palestine, Iraq and Jordan in first-round Group D in Australia.—*Kyodo News*

Portugal beat Argentina with Ronaldo versus Messi a sideshow

MANCHESTER, (England), 19 Nov — 'Cristiano Ronaldo v Lionel Messi' got top billing at a packed Old Trafford but it was a lesser light who scored as Portugal scraped a 1-0 friendly win over Argentina on Tuesday.

Raphael Guerreiro headed the winner in added time after a second half riddled with substitutions and missing the excitement factor provided by the game's two biggest players who did not reappear after halftime. With Messi and Ronaldo on the field, Argentina showed what coach Gerardo Martino is looking for from his team, a quick-passing possession game with fast thrusts forward. They dominated the opening half-hour in which they could have scored at least twice, the first chance a shot from Angel Di Maria, playing at the home of his club Manchester United, that skimmed the outside of the post after he was set up by Messi.



Portugal's Raphael Guerreiro (C) celebrates with teammates after scoring a goal against Argentina during their international friendly soccer match at Old Trafford in Manchester, northern England on 18 Nov, 2014.—REUTERS

Argentina's closest effort was in the 11th minute when Messi beat the off-side trap to reach a through ball on the right and came in at a tight angle, his low shot from the edge of the six-yard box beating Beto but glancing off the post and back into play.

As the half-hour approached, Messi crossed,

Javier Pastore headed and Beto dived to save before Ronaldo raised the decibels in the stadium when he backheeled a neat pass to Bosingwa then raced into the box to take the right back's cross but his shot after two dummies went over the bar.

It was the signal for Portugal to come out of

their shell for the last 15 minutes of the half and put the Argentine defence under pressure but Martino's side managed to play their way out of trouble.

After a lukewarm start to the second half, Di Maria had a shot from outside the box saved by Beto before Carlos Tevez came on for Gonzalo Higuain to boos from fans of his former team Manchester United but he did not make an impact.

The game failed to pick up its first half rhythm and quality, despite an end-to-end flow, thanks to the high number of substitutions as every player in the two squads appeared to be getting a chance to play.

Portugal looked like they wanted it more towards the end and a lucky bounce set up Ricardo Quaresma to cross from the right and give substitute Raphael Guerreiro a free header for the only The billing at goal.

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England's Wayne Rooney (L) heads to score against Scotland during their international friendly soccer match at Celtic Park Stadium in Glasgow, Scotland on 18 Nov, 2014.—REUTERS

Rooney's double helps England floor Scotland

GLASGOW, 19 Nov — England captain Wayne Rooney scored twice after Alex Oxlade-Chamberlain headed the opener in a 3-1 win over Scotland as the visitors dominated a typically passionate Auld Enemy friendly at Celtic Park on Tuesday.

Rooney took his tally to 46 in his 101st international to move within three goals of Bobby Charlton's England scoring record of 49 and led by example as skipper with his composed side proving too strong for the hosts.

Before the game there were fears that crowd trouble might erupt in the first football fixture between the two rivals since Scotland voted to remain part of the United Kingdom in a historic referendum in September.

Tuesday's friendly, however, passed off peacefully with no reports of violence.

England were 2-0 ahead with seven minutes to play but Scotland came back when Andrew Robertson planted a left-foot shot past former Celtic keeper Fraser Forster to make it 2-1.

But two minutes later Rooney finished off a well-worked move involving substitutes Adam Lallana and Rickie Lambert by turning the ball into the net from close range before leaping into an acrobatic celebration.

Oxlade-Chamberlain opened the scoring when he glanced the ball home with his head after a superb pass from his Arsenal team mate Jack Wilshere to score after 32 minutes, reward for England taking control after a frenetic opening to the game.

Rooney headed England 2-0 in front in the 47th minute after Scotland failed to clear a free-kick.

The home side pulled a goal back when Robertson beat Forster at his near post before Rooney wrapped up the victory from close range after a superb swift-passing move down the right.

The home side, who have improved since Gordon Strachan became manager early last year, only had one real goal chance before scoring when Russell Martin forced Forster to palm the ball over the bar early in the second half.—*Reuters*

Spain beaten by late Kroos missile for Germany

VIGO, (Spain), 19 Nov — Toni Kroos struck with a fierce long-range shot a minute from time to give Germany a 1-0 victory over Spain in a friendly between two injury-depleted European heavyweights in Vigo on Tuesday.

Kroos's effort settled a match played in lashing rain that was short on chances although goalkeeper Kiko Casilla, who came off the bench to make his Spain debut, will be furious he let the ball past him after getting into position to palm it away.

Germany forward Mario Goetze, who scored the winner against Argentina in July's World Cup final, had gone closest on a foul night in Galicia but Iker Casillas brilliantly saved his 20th-minute effort.

Beating the 2010 World Cup winners and 2012 European champions was a fitting way for Germany to end a stellar year during which they claimed their fourth World Cup crown.

Spain, who beat Germany 1-0 in the semi-finals four years ago the last time they met, will now have to pick

themselves up and continue rebuilding after their failed title defence in Brazil.

"We know that we are in a period of transition and we are optimistic about the future," Spain coach Vicente del Bosque told a news conference.

"The match was very even," he added. "Either team could have won and it was only the Kroos goal that decided it."

Del Bosque started with debutant Nolito, who plays for local side Celta Vigo, and Alvaro Morata up front, with playmaker Isco in the creative role just behind.

Del Bosque's Germany counterpart Joachim Loew deployed Thomas Mueller, Goetze and Kevin Volland in his forward line, while Sami Khedira and Kroos, who both play for Real Madrid, featured in midfield.

Nolito tested Germany keeper Ron-Robert Zieler in the 12th minute and, after Casillas had denied Goetze, Isco fired high and wide when well placed on the edge of the area.

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