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* Non-disintegration of National solidarity
* Perpetuation of Sovereignty

Hluttaw representatives led by Deputy Speaker of Amyotha Hluttaw view development of agriculture sector in Nay Pyi Taw Council Area

NAY PYI TAW, 4 Sept—A total of 79 Amyotha Hluttaw representatives attending the second regular session of the first Amyotha Hluttaw and speakers of region and state Hluttaws led by Deputy Speaker of Amyotha Hluttaw U Mya Nyin visited the 500-acre modern mechanized farm in Nyaungbingyisu Village of Pobbathiri Township, here, today.

Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing and officials conducted them round the farms.

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Flood warning

NAY PYI TAW, 4 Sept—According to the 12.30 hr MST observation today, the water level of Ayeyawady River at Hinthada 1369 cm has exceeded by 27 cm (about 0.9 foot) above its danger level. It may fall below its danger level 1342 cm during the next 48 hours commencing noon today.

Similarly, the water level of Ayeyawady River at Zalan 1187 cm has exceeded by 27 cm (about 0.9 foot) above its danger level. It may fall below its danger level 1160 cm during the next 48 hours commencing noon today, and the water level of Sittoung River at Toungoo 646 cm has exceeded by 46 cm (about 1.5 feet) above its danger level. It may remain above its danger level 600 cm during the next 48 hours commencing noon today, announced Meteorology and Hydrology Department.—MNA

Publishing of school text books discussed

NAY PYI TAW, 4 Sept—Deputy Minister for Education U Aye Kyu met the head, teachers and students of Yankin Education College here yesterday and explained programmes for education promotion.

The deputy minister addressed the work coordination meeting on publishing of school text books at No. 1 Basic Education Department this morning and heard reports on publishing of school text books.—MNA

Union Education Minister visits universities

An old folk remedy, extract from these dark berries appears to block flu viruses in test tube studies. But scientists caution that further study is needed.

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Myanmar’s bamboo, rattan wicker to penetrate foreign markets

Myanmar is a country blessed with rich forest resources. Forest products which have ready markets abroad are being exported as raw materials. Exporting fine and value-added products may lead to economic development.

The Union government encourages the rise in the nation’s exports, issuing the notification eliminating export tariffs on value-added products made of wood, bamboo and rattan. The notification also suggests that the State-owned sector is excluded from the trade tax exemption.

Natural bamboo grows, of 20 kinds and 100 species, grow in every region of the country. Bamboo is used for erecting huts and houses in rural areas, for making handicrafts, and at construction sites.

Bamboo baskets, bamboo trays and bamboo sieves have been crafted and used for a long time. Exported bamboo products include chopsticks, skewers, hats, parquet, fishing rod and bamboo shoots. Charcoals of some kinds of bamboo are exported as well.

Like bamboo, rattan can be found in various places of Myanmar, especially in Ayeyawady Region, Kachin State, Rakhae State and Taninthayi Region. Some species of rattan are marketable. Rattans are exported not only as raw materials but as wickerwork or other kind of handicraft.

Therefore, efforts should be made to be able to boost production of raw materials and artistic value-added products made of bamboo and rattan with the aim of promoting the export of forest products.

Tree incident leaves two killed, four injured in Nyaungchehtauk

NAY PYI TAW, 4 Sept—A tree fell down on a hut due to heavy rain, leaving two dead and four injured in Ward-1 of Nyaungchehtauk, Bago Region around 2.30 am this morning.

The two victims, the father and daughter were killed on the spot as the tree fell down on their poorly-built house after several hours of rain and the other four, the mother and three children were sustained minor injuries. Responsible persons are giving necessary care to the four.—MNA

MMA to organize medical forum on 8 Sept

YANGON, 4 Sept—The general physicians of Myanmar Medical Association (central) will organize continuing professional development forum at the auditorium (B) of the association from noon to 3 pm on 8 September. The family healthcare treatment resource papers will be submitted and panel discussion on GP practice management to be discussed at the forum. Any interested doctors may attend the forum.—MNA

Construction staff called for immediate road repair works

NAY PYI TAW, 4 Sept—Union Minister for Construction U Khin Maung Myint yesterday inspected maintenance of Yangon-Pyay road implemented by Max Myanmar Co Ltd with the B.O.T system.

He viewed tarmacking and repair works between milepost Nos (102/6) and (102/7) and between milepost Nos (93/4) and (93/5).

In meeting with superintending engineer and staff at District Superintending Engineer’s Office of Public Works in Thayawady, the Union minister urged them to upgrade roads and bridges in the district, to replace wooden bridges with concrete bridges, to prioritize main roads, to make sudden repair works at the bridge damaged by heavy rain, to show harmony in work, to abide by rules and regulations and to attend proficiency course. He inspected the offices and related facilities.—MNA

All to prepare for new banking services: Union F&R Minister

YANGON, 4 Sept—Trainees who have completed Banking Services Diploma Course No. 4 organized by Banks Supervisory Committee under the Ministry of Finance and Revenue enjoyed a graduation dinner at the building of Myanmar Banks Association here yesterday evening, attended by Union Minister for Finance and Revenue U Hla Tun and Yangon Region Chief Minister U Myint Swe.

The Union Minister urged the trainees and responsible personnel to equip themselves with particular capabilities for the government is preparing to launch new banking services to accelerate banking sector development.

A total of 65 trainees, 27 officials from state and private banks and 38 enthusiasts attended the one-year diploma course whose curriculum covers rules and regulations about banking and monetary affairs, economic management, and practical solutions lectured by experienced economists and bankers.

Dy Construction Minister inspects Hlinethaya-Dalla-Twantay-Kawhmu-Kungyangon-Dadaye road

NAY PYI TAW, 4 Sept—Deputy Minister for Construction U Soe Tint inspected roads and bridges on Hlinethaya-Dalla-Twantay-Kawhmu-Kungyangon-Dadaye road section yesterday. He called for systematic road repair works in monsoon using special asphalt.

He addressed prize presentation ceremony to outstanding students in the 2010-2011 matriculation examination and schools with highest pass rate at Kawhmu Township. Basic Education High School and awarded five-distinction winners.

Officials presented prizes to 48 students who passed the matriculation exam with flying colours.

The deputy minister then presented prizes to three schools with highest pass rates and 1-million education fund to Township Education Officer.—MNA

IT DEVICES SHOWED: Kachin State Chief Minister U La John Ngan Hsat views information technology devices and related accessories at the hall where educative talks on IT was jointly organized by Jadeiland Myanmar Group and Digicom Co., Ltd.—MNA
Suspicious items found in Illinois post office

CHICAGO, 4 Sept—A worker at a post office in suburban Lyon, Illinois in center US said he saw what looked like a half-stick of dynamite, a bullet and white powder in a broken envelop under a stack of packages and other mail Saturday morning, Chicago Tribune reports.

Lyons police said the post office was evacuated as officers from the Cook County Bomb Squad responded along with local fire departments.

There were no injuries reported and the area was deemed safe after the items were seized, according to officials.

Mark Thompson who found the items about 8:10am, and a female co-worker were separated rom other employees because they had come in contact with the powder.

Thompson said he was worried because the powder leaked onto his hands.

The items were stuffed in a normal letter-sized envelope and did not have a return address, according to Thompson, but he declined to say to whom the letter was addressed.—Internet

23 drug traffickers arrested in Colombia

BEIJING, 4 Sept—Police in Colombia have presented to the media 23 alleged drug traffickers captured in a US-Colombian operation earlier this week.

Colombian and US officials on Friday said they arrested some 30 people and seized 21 airplanes in an operation against a major cocaine trafficker. They also announced a 2.7 million US dollars of reward for the notorious trafficker, Daniel “Loco” Barr-era.

Those arrested were mostly pilots and air traffic controllers and most of the planes were seized in Guatemala and Honduras.

The operation was to dismantle a drug network that was moving 10 tonnes of cocaine each month to the US through central America.—Xinhua

Senior police officer shot dead in Afghanistan’s restive south

LASHKAR GAH, 4 Sept—Unknown armed men shot and killed a senior police officer in Lashkar Gah, the provincial capital of Helmand province 555 km south of capital city of Kabul, a spokesman for provincial government said on Sunday.

“The police officer named Abdul Haleem who serves as police commander of Afghan Local Police Force (ALP) in Helmand’s Marjah district, was attacked by two suspected militants at around 05:00 pm local time on Saturday in Kariz area of provincial capital Lashkar Gah,” Daud Ahmadi told Xinhua.

The attackers fled by their motorbike, he said, adding an investigation was initiated by police in to the case.

No group has claimed responsibility for the incident so far, however, Taleban insurgents have in the past been blamed for attacking government security forces and tribal elders. Taleban insurgents, whose regime was toppled in a US-led incursion in late 2001, have intensified activities since the militant group announced to launch spring offensive against Afghan security forces and NATO-led troops stationed in Afghanistan on 1 May.

Afghan security forces took full control of Lashkar Gah from NATO-led forces on July this year. At least four people have been assassinated in Helmand province over the past one month.

In separate incident, unknown armed men shot and killed Hazrat Mir police chief of anti-terrorism department of Darqad district of northern Takhar province on the same day Saturday.—Xinhua
Chateau Lafite grabs record price at Hong Kong sale

Hong Kong, 4 Sept—A 300-bottle collection of Chateau Lafite Rothschild has sold for almost $540,000 in Hong Kong, setting a world record price for a single wine lot auctioned this year, organisers said.

The collection spanning 1981 to 2005 was knocked down for HK$4.2 million ($539,280) at Christie’s two-day Autumn wine sale, which is expected to rake in over $5 million in sales, the auction giant said late Saturday.

The record price was the highest value lot achieved at any wine auction worldwide this year, Christie’s said.

Prices for Chateau Lafite Rothschild have reportedly soared as much as twelve-fold over the past decade as the prestigious brand — and other labels from Bordeaux — have lured in wealthy Chinese buyers.

The sale, which wrapped up Sunday, comes after auctioneer Acker Merrall & Condit said its May sale grabbed multiple world records, including a price of almost $107,000 each for two cases of 1988 DRC Romanee-Conti.

Hong Kong has emerged as the world’s third-largest auction hub after New York and London, thanks in large part to China’s rapidly growing number of millionaires.

Mainland Chinese are regular buyers of the top lots at sales of art, jewellery and wine, and Hong Kong has positioned itself as a wine hub for Asia as well as the gateway to China’s vast market.

Ford aims for more vehicle market segments in China

BEIJING, 4 Sept—Ford Motor plans to more than double its offers across vehicle segments in China, the world’s top market, as it speeds up the launch of new models, a senior executive said on Saturday.

“If you think of the market as small cars, medium cars, large cars, SUVs, performance vehicles, all of those different pieces, we compete in about 22 percent of that market today,” Will Periam, strategy director for Ford’s Asia Pacific and Africa operations, told Reuters on the sidelines of an industry forum in Tianjin.

“In the future, we expect to compete in about 50 percent of that market, and that will be by new versions of the products we have and all-new products which aren’t here today.” — Reuters

Mental illness strikes half of US adults

ATLANTA, 4 Sept—About half of US adults will develop a mental illness during their lifetime, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta says.

Bea Aria, principle deputy director of CDC, says a 2009 survey conducted by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration indicates that 11 million adults in the United States, 4.8 percent, suffered a diagnosable mental disorder that substantially interfered with, or limited one or more major life activities in the past year.

“We know that mental illness is an important public health problem in itself and is also associated with chronic medical diseases such as cardiovascular disease, diabetes, obesity and cancer,” Aria says in a statement.

“The report’s findings indicate that we need to expand surveillance activities that monitor levels of mental illness in the United States in order to strengthen our prevention efforts.”

Approximately 8.4 million US adults had serious thoughts of suicide in the past year, 2.2 million made suicide plans and 1 million attempted suicide, the survey finds.

“This new CDC study combined with SAMHSA’s latest surveillance data provides a powerful picture of the impact of mental illness on public health,” Pamela S. Hyde, SAMHSA administrator says.

“People with mental disorders should seek help with the same urgency as any other health condition. Treatment and support services are effective and people do recover.”

Flu diagnostic kit approved

WASHINGTON, 4 Sept—A kit to diagnose seasonal influenza, bird flu and other forms of flu that affect people has been approved by the US Food and Drug Administration.

The CDC Human Influenza Virus Real-Time RT-PCR Diagnostic Panel was developed by the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, which issued a news release announcing the approval.

The kit utilizes specimens taken from the upper or lower respiratory tracts. “The CDC test kit will be given at no cost to laboratories to improve global laboratory capacity for detecting influenza virus infections in human respiratory tract specimens,” the release said.

“In helping public health officials quickly identify seasonal flu as well as the flu viruses that could become pandemic, this kit can make a real difference in protecting health and saving lives in the United States and around the world,” the statement added. — Internet
**Human slingshot promotes clothes**

New York, 4 Sept—An amazing video created for clothing company Vooray featuring a human slingshot, an enormous water slide and a lake has gone viral on YouTube with over 300,000 views in 24 hours.

Human Slingshot

Slip and Slide - Vooray features a group a young adults taking it in turns to hurl themselves from the top of a water slide into a lake — by means of an inflatable slingshot towed behind a quad bike.

**First lizard genome fully sequenced**

Cambridge, 4 Sept—US researchers say they’ve completed sequencing the first lizard genome, shedding light on aspects of vertebrate evolution.

Scientists at the Broad Institute of MIT and Harvard say the full sequencing of the genome of the green anole lizard may offer insights into how the genomes of humans, mammals, and their reptilian counterparts have evolved since mammals and reptiles parted ways 320 million years ago.

Researchers have assembled and analyzed more than 20 mammalian genomes but the genetic landscape of reptiles remains relatively unexplored, a Broad release said Friday.

“Sometimes you need to be at a certain distance in order to learn about how the human genome evolved,” Jessica Alfoldi, a research scientist in the vertebrate genome biology group at institute, said. “You have to look out further than you were looking previously.”

Lizards are more closely related to birds — which are also reptiles — than to any of the other organisms whose genomes have been sequenced in full, the researchers said.

“People have been sequencing animals from different parts of the vertebrate tree, but lizards had not been previously sampled,” Kerstin Lindblad-Toh, scientific director of vertebrate genome biology at the institute, said. “This was an important branch to look at.”

**Marine species seen to ‘tag-team’ urchins**

Viterbo, 4 Sept—Two marine species that dine on sea urchins but struggle to catch them sometimes seem to work together to tackle their common prey, an Italian researcher says.

“A fish called the ornate wrasse likes to eat the tube feet of sea urchins but finds that difficult as the urchins routinely keep their feet anchored in the sea bed. A starfish known as Marthasterias glacialis also likes urchins but is often too slow to catch them.”

Nicola Galasso of Tuscia University in Viterbo, Italy, says the two species have been observed helping each other out, NewScientist.com reported.

When a starfish attacks a sea urchin, the urchin uproots itself to escape, which exposes its tube foot to the wrasse, which dashed in to make a meal of the foot. Without a foot the urchin is disabled and becomes immobile, allowing the starfish to capture it for a meal of its own.

While the two predators don’t seem to be truly cooperating as neither makes a sacrifice for the other, Galasso said, their actions nevertheless benefit each other.

**TomTom unveils iPad navigation app**

Berlin, 4 Sept—TomTom will expand its offerings to include a satnav application for Apple’s iPad, hoping to balance the fast shrinking of its key personal navigation device (PND) market.

TomTom’s Thursday launch, at the IFA consumer electronics fair in Berlin, follows smaller rival Navigon, bought by Garmin last month, which already sells a navigation service for iPad.

The iPad, which was launched early last year, still has the tablet-computer market almost to itself. Apple has sold close to 30 million iPads, whose prices start at about $500.

TomTom has forecast that the global PND market will contract nearly 20 percent this year as economic worries hurt demand and consumers turn to free or cheap navigation on cellphones.

To offset the slump in PND sales and reduce its reliance on a single product, TomTom has increased its offerings to include an Apple iPhone app, and it is also due to launch an application for Google’s Android platform.

A dedicated iPad station is seen in front of an iPhone at the Apple store in New York on 23 May, 2011.
Rescue aircraft aborts over technical problems

SANTIAGO, 4 Sept—A Chilean aircraft on a salvage operation following a plane crash in Juan Fernandez Islands had to return to the capital on Saturday due to technical problems.

"During the flight, the pilot found that a deficiency in the hydraulic system made it impossible to land on the runway as short as that of John Fernandez Islands," said General Maximiliano Larraechea, general secretary of the Chilean Navy. "We're going to redistribute cargo and passengers in the next flights which have been scheduled, adding up to the planes sent by the army from its base in Rancagua," Larraechea said.

A Spanish CASA aircraft was reportedly missing at about 17:48 local time on Friday while trying to land on the island, about 670 km west off the Chilean coast.

Chilean Air Force confirmed on Saturday that four bodies floating in the waters near the Juan Fernandez Islands have been recovered by search staff following the crash of a plane with 21 passengers.

The Chilean authorities have launched search operations by air and sea around the crash area. Meanwhile, the Chilean Navy has deployed eight divers and a submersible capsule in an operation to glean bodies in deep underwater salvage.

One dead, five injured after building fire in east China

NANCHANG, 4 Sept—One person died and five others were injured after a fire engulfed a building Sunday morning in east China's Jiangxi Province, said local fire control authorities.

The fire broke out around 5 am at an eight-storey building in the downtown area in the provincial capital City of Nanchang, said a spokesman with the city's fire control contingent.

Fire fighters have extinguished the blaze and rescued 11 people trapped by the fire. Six of them were found injured and rushed to two hospitals, said the spokesman.

One of the injured died later after failing to respond to emergency treatments, he said. A cinema and dozens of shops that sell lighting facilities are located in the building's ground and second floor respectively. The other six floors are occupied by residents.

A Xinhua reporter at the scene said some shops were severely damaged in the fire and smoke was still rising from the first five floors of the building as of 10 am.

The cause of the accident is under investigation.

China seizes 13 mln illegal publications in crackdown

BEIJING, 4 Sept—Publication authorities across China seized more than 13 million illegal audio and video products and print publications in a high-profile campaign to protect intellectual property rights (IPR).

From October 2010 to June, law enforcement personnel also cleaned up 663 workshops, where pirated music and film disks, softwares, books and other print products were manufactured, according to the General Administration of Press and Publication (GAPP).

“Our campaign focused on print and copy businesses, online copyright infringement and piracy, supervision on the publication market and investigations into major cases,” said Yu Cike, a senior official with the GAPP.

According to GAPP, 18 major video websites, including youku.com and video.sina.com.cn, have been ordered to report the IPR authorization status for all the films and TV series posted on their sites to supervision departments on a quarterly basis.

Lab explosion kills one, injures another

MENLO PARK, 4 Sept—A scientist was killed and another injured in a lab explosion at a technology company in Menlo Park, Calif., authorities say.

The explosion happened Friday afternoon at Membrane Technology Inc. when a male scientist was pouring a mixture of several gases from one cylinder to another, the Los Angeles Times reported.

The explosion killed the male scientist and caused a female scientist to be blown out of the laboratory.

Firefighters and paramedics unsuccessfully performed CPR on the male scientist after other lab workers carried him out of the building. Menlo Park Fire Chief Harold Schapelhouman said.

The injured woman suffered eardrum damage and was taken to a hospital, Schapelhouman said.

Twenty-three other lab workers were evacuated from the building. Fire inspectors are investigating the cause of the explosion at the lab, which passed fire inspection in March.
Now, get a ‘real-time’ view of the solar system sitting in front of your PC

WASHINGTON, 4 Sept—NASA is giving the public a new interactive web-based tool to explore the solar system like never before.

The “Eyes on the Solar System” interface combines video game technology and NASA data to create an environment for users to ride along with agency spacecraft and explore the cosmos. Users may experience missions in real-time, and even travel through time.

“This is the first time the public has been able to see the entire solar system and our missions moving together in real-time,” said Jim Green, director of NASA’s Planetary Science Division at the agency’s Headquarters in Washington.

“It demonstrates NASA’s continued commitment to share our science with everyone,” he added.

The virtual environment http://solarsystem.nasa.gov/eyes uses the Unity game engine to display models of planets, moons, asteroids, comets and spacecraft as they move through our solar system.

With keyboard and mouse controls, users cruise through space to explore anything that catches their interest “You are now free to move about the solar system,” said Blaine Baggett, executive manager in the Office of Communication and Education at NASA’s Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL) in Pasadena, Calif. “See what NASA’s spacecraft see — and where they are right now — all without leaving your computer.”

The playback rate can be sped up or slowed down. Point of view can be switched from faraway to close-up to right “on board” spacecraft. Location, motion and appearance are based on predicted and reconstructed mission data.

Dozens of controls on a series of pop-up menus allow users to fully customize what they see, and video and audio tutorials explain how to use the tool’s many options. Users may choose from 2-D or 3-D modes, with the latter simply requiring a pair of red-cyan glasses to see. — Internet

Eleven died, 45 missing as powerful typhoon lands in Shikoku Island in W Japan

OSAKA, 4 Sept—Eleven two people were killed and 45 missing while over 40 were injured as a powerful typhoon made a landslide in Shikoku Island in western Japan on Saturday, according to local Press reports.

A women appearing to be in her 30s was found dead in a river in Matsuyama, Ehime Prefecture Saturday morning. In the village of Totsuka, Nara Prefecture, a 73-year-old man was found dead after his house was carried away by a landslide. Meanwhile, five people went missing in Tokushima, Hiroshima, Wakayama and Kagoshima prefectures.

Talas, the season’s 12th typhoon, also disrupted air traffic centering on western Japan, with at least 375 domestic and 17 international flights canceled in the morning, and caused blackouts in about 76,300 households in the Kinki region and Shimane Prefecture, the reports quoted airlines and power utilities as reporting. — XinHua

China to regulate students’ test books market

BEIJING, 4 Sept—China’s Ministry of Education has vowed to regulate test books market for primary and middle school students through strict supervision on publication and distribution channels.

The ministry has said it was working with the General Administration of Press and Publication (GAPP) to revise government regulations on the management of test and reference books for primary and middle schools, issued in 2001.

The revision would “further regulate the editing, printing, and distribution work” of these books, the ministry said in a statement on its website, but giving no further details.

It is common for Chinese students in lower grades to do a large amount of after-class exercises and tests, often in line with the instruction of the school, in order to get better score in exams. This has led to a booming market of test books.

Many schools have been under fire for forcing students and their parents to buy extra test books. In some cases, publishing houses, book dealers and schools are blamed for seeking illegal kickbacks through forced deals.

According to the 2001 regulations, education departments at all levels are not allowed to force schools to purchase any kind of test books, and schools should not organize students to buy these books. — XinHua

An earthquake measuring 7.1 on the Richter scale hit Vanuatu Islands at 6:55 am Beijing Time Sunday, according to the China Earthquake Networks Center.

The epicenter, with a depth of 140 km, was initially determined to be at 20.6 degrees south latitude and 169.7 degrees east longitude. — XinHua

A staff member sprays water to maintain the humidity of an ancient horse and chariot pit unearthed in Luoyang City, central China’s Henan Province, on 1 Sept, 2011. A team of archaeologists Thursday completed the excavation of four horse and chariot pits of the Eastern Zhou Dynasty (770 BC-256 BC) in Luoyang. — XinHua

A 100-meter-long Chinese dragon is displayed at the port of Rotterdam on 1 Sept, 2011. The Chinese dragon displayed here is especially designed for the International Harbor Festival of Rotterdam, which is one of the biggest festivals in Rotterdam. This year’s festival opened on 2 Sept. — XinHua

Princess Laurentien (1st L) of the Netherlands gives autograph to Chinese readers at the 18th Beijing International Book Fair in Beijing, capital of China, on 2 Sept, 2011. The five-day book fair, with exhibition area of 53,600 square meters, attracted more than 2,000 publishing organizations from 60 countries and regions. — XinHua
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farm during the five-month period from 30 March on which the new government was formed to date to be sample for agricultural development task across the nation.

With a view to ensuring sustainable agriculture development, it is necessary to carry out land development and irrigation system for effective

utilization of land resources and irrigation facilities, mechanization for systematic transform from manual farming into mechanized farming, undertaking of hybridization for distribution of high yield quality strains of crops, and encouragement to private sector with investment of government and private entrepreneurs and participation of farmers for development of agriculture sector across the nation.

Later, he invited questions and suggestions from Hluttaw representatives. Deputy Minister U Khin Zaw explained land preparations, production roads, drainage systems, land development and irrigation facilities.

Managing Director U Kyaw Win of Myanmar Agriculture Service also explained matters related to 14-point good agriculture service, and must, do’s and don’t’s for farmers to boost per-acre yield, characters of opening paddy fields and facts about producing over 150 baskets of paddy per acre, successful paddy seeds and number of paddy plants per acre. The excursion group raised questions and then viewed harvesting of paddy with the use of combined harvesters.

They also viewed paddy transplanter, power-tiller and paddy plantations that can produce 150-200 baskets per acre and research farm of glutinous rice plantations.

At the 10-acre sugarcane plantation that can produce above 50-ton of sugarcane per acre, Managing Director U Thein Swe of Myanmar Industrial Crops Development Enterprise and Deputy Managing Director U Zaw Tun Myint of Sugarcane Enterprise explained characters of sugarcane strains and good agriculture methods.

At the 100-acre research paddy farm for production of hybrid paddy seeds of Yezin University of Agriculture, Rector Dr Tin Htut explained that development of paddy hybridization must be carried out for development of paddy sector and for enabling Myanmar rice to be able to compete in the foreign market. Therefore, he said that it is necessary to encourage the farmers to produce quality paddy strains themselves.

The Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation said that production of paddy hybridization is undertaking the research and development task to improve modern paddy technology. At present, agriculturalists can produce hybrid seeds for sunflower, sugarcane, beans and pulses and maize for the State, he said. Paddy hybridization for production of quality paddy seeds is being carried at 100-acre farm of Yezin University of Agriculture, 130-acre Shwetaung farm in Wundwin Township, totalling 230. The ministry is ready to provide necessary technology to the farmers at fair prices. He explained that time has come to strive for development of paddy hybridization technology to be able to seek paddy market and earn foreign exchange in exporting surplus paddy similar to that of Vietnam and Thailand. The excursion group members viewed round nurturing lines of paddy.

After that, they visited Agricultural Research Department where Director-General U Khin Soe and Director U Zaw Min viewed natural tiller and paddy plantations that can produce 150-200 baskets per acre and research farm of glutinous rice grow in Hlinebwe Township, Kayin State on 29 August.

The excursion group arrived at 50-acre modern farmlands of 20-hectare farm near Aungthukha Village of Dekkhinathiri Township where Director-General U Kyaw Myint Hlaing of Irrigation Department explained land preparations and irrigation facilities. Director-General U Soe Hlaing of Agriculture Mechanization Department also explained preparation for cultivation of paddy with the use of modern machinery and agriculturalist U Kyi Sein benefits of good agriculture service.

In his speech, the Union Minister said that as land preparation with the use of machinery can actually develop the agriculture sector of the State with momentum, the Hluttaw representatives are to organize the private entrepreneurs to participate in the agricultural task in their respective region. The ministry is ready to provide necessary technology. The excursion group members viewed preparation for transplanting paddy saplings with the use of modern machinery and ploughing of farmlands with the use of heavy machinery.

They visited a sugarcane plantation that can produce above 60-ton sugarcane per acre in Thabyeb village of Zeyathiri Township. Next, they visited the 20-acre and 10-acre high yield paddy farm of farmer U Kyaw Kyaw and farmer Thayay Sithu U Soe Maung near Thittakon Village.

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Focus on one village one product to boost quality: Union Cooperatives Minister

NavPtTaw, 4 Sept—Union Minister for Cooperatives U Ohn Myint met staff of Kachin State and township Cooperatives Departments in Kachin State Cooperatives Department this morning and stressed the need for lean, effective organizational structure and corruption-free procedures. He then visited Weaving Training School, Manaw Aye Ya Weaving Industries Cooperative and weaving workshops of Daw Bok Jar in Myitkyina. He then went to Mandalay and met board of directors and members of Seinpan Industries Cooperative in Mandalay Industrial Zone No.2. In meeting with weaving workshop owners and instructors at Amarapura Saungda Weaving Training School, he called for kaizen highlighting the concept—one village, one product. He then visited Yadanapura Myanmar Handicraft and Arts Beikman of Mandalay Region Cooperative Syndicate.

Ayeyawady Region Chief Minister presents relief aids to flood victims

Chief Minister U Thein Aung of Ayeyawady Region presents aids to 339 households from 11 flooded village-tracts in Ngathaingchaung Sub-Township.

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we can safely pass the bridge at any time and any weather. So, I attended the opening ceremony of the bridge on that day when it was raining.”

It was true. Original Ma Mya Creek Bridge, 150 feet long (40 feet long wooden section, 40 feet long bailey section and 70 feet long wooden section) and 12 feet wide, was located on Hinthada-Hsonkon-Myanaung Road in Ingapu Township, Hinthada District, Ayeyawady Region. The new facility, opened on 28 April 2011, was of reinforced concrete type. The bridge is 190 feet long and 30 feet wide. Its water clearance is 58 feet wide and three feet high. The facility can withstand 60-ton loads.

With the aim of enabling the increased number of vehicles to pass the bridge in a short time safely, Ma Mya Creek Bridge was for the first time inaugurated as above-180 feet long facility in the time of the government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar.

Therefore, the local people valued it. All the travelers were pleased for construction of the bridge. Headmaster U Hla Win from Thaunggyi Village of Myanaung Township, headmaster of Nyaungchet Village Basic Education Primary School, said, “Larger vehicles could not be convenient in passing the old bridge. Motorcycles and bicycles faced difficulties on the bridge. In past 7-8 years ago, there was an accident that the bridge broke up, while the local people are delighted that one bank to another. Thanks to the new bridge, all the local people are convenient in their transport sector. They have easy access to Myanaung and Htugyi in a short while. The local people are delighted that many companies are working betterment for the Hinthada-Hsonkon-Myanaung Road.”

U Ngwe Soe of Htugyi Village said, “We were inconvenient on the old and swing bridge due to high rate current of Ma Mya Creek. Although maintenance was carried out, the old bridge could not be longer in good condition. So, I was pleased with started construction of the bridge. Now, dream of us has come true.”

Teacher Daw Yin Htay of BEMS (Branch) in Phayangokto Village recounted her experience, “Whenever I went to school, I passed the old bridge. On the bridge, all the riders went down from the bicycles and motorcycles and pushed them along with us. Thanks to opening the bridge, I am so happy. Upon completion of the road section, the region is expected to have greater development.”

Ko Po Cho of Phayangokto Village expressed his opinion, “Now, I am going to Htugyi for transporting hens to the poultry brokerage. Due to completion of the new bridge, I can travel to Htugyi by bicycle in a few minutes.”

Thanks to development facilities in all regions, the glittering destiny is not far from us.

Translation: TTA

“Vehicles can pass through Ma Mya Creek Bridge.”
**Halawa, trademark of Pathein**

Myanmar has various kinds of traditional snacks with every place in it having own special product, Mandalay is famous for Homemoke, Dawei for Monekaleme and Pathein Halawa. Halawa production is a blend of mechanized and manual process, a small domestic business, and also the trademark snack of Pathein in addition to its decorated Pathein umbrella, both of which are often received as gifts from those who come back from Pathein. There are about 10 Halawa shops in urban Pathein, whose production process often arouse curiosity of tourists making their mouths water. Halawa is made of seven materials—glutinous rice, Pawhsan rice, sugar, coconut, Shan sesame, purified groundnut oil and butter oil. There are two kinds of Halawa, gluey and dried; the expiration of the former is one week period and the latter three weeks with larger market share. In an interview, U Kyaw Aye, Shwemyinpyan Halawa producer, said that he inherited Shwemyinpyan in 1970 which became a leading brand in 1990s; that the business is closely connected with tourism activities, being a kind of souvenir; that the business usually does a brisk trade in open season in which Pathein receives more visitors.

Translation: TKK

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**2,000-year-old Mayan palace discovered in Mexico**

WASHINGTON, 4 Sept—Archaeologists have discovered the remains of a 2,000-year-old Mayan palace in the south-eastern state of Chiapas, which they say represents the first evidence of occupation in that area between 50 BC and 50 AD.

"The discovery constitutes the first architectural evidence of such an early occupation of the ancient Mayan cities of the Upper Usumacinta basin" in the Lacandonia Jungle, the National Institute of Anthropology and History said in a statement. The project’s director, Luis Alberto Martos, said this new discovery was made in a sunken courtyard located in the northern part of the Plan de Ayutla archaeological site, reports BioScholar News.

He said that the palace consists of “rooms with walls almost one metre wide, whose corners are rounded an early characteristic of Mayan architecture". The archaeologist added that Mayans of a later era dismantled the palace and filled in the courtyard to raise the level of the other buildings, and that is why "the remains of the early palace remained below and were preserved".

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**Russia holds military festival**

BEIJING, 4 Sept—The annual military bands festival "The Spasskaya Bashnya", or The Savior’s Tower, has kicked off in the Red Square in Moscow. The event has drawn 1,500 participants from 14 countries. Orchestras performed classical, military, folk and national music accompanied by dances, displays of arms and folklore performances. Friday’s event also featured fireworks and laser shows.

The Spasskaya Bashnya military bands festival, which is named after the main Kremlin tower, has become a popular event in Moscow. The tradition of organizing military bands festivals dates back to the post-war years. Currently, many European countries, such as France, Belgium, Austria, and the Netherlands, hold such festivals regularly.——Xinhua

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**Gandamar Wholesale in operation soon**

Gandamar Wholesale Centre at the corner of Gandamar Street and Waizayanda Street in Mayangon Township, Yangon Region, which will be commissioned into service on 4 October, will be one-stop service for consumers providing all ranges of consumer goods.——MNA

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**Gandamar Wholesale Centre**

Gandamar Wholesale, constructed by the Union of Myanmar Economic Holdings Limited at the junction of Gandamar Road and Waizayanda Road in Mayangon Township, Yangon materialized. The wholesale market is three-storey building which is 318 feet in length, 159 feet in width and 42 feet in height. It was constructed at the cost of more than K 6000 million. Soft opening ceremony took place on 4 October and plan has been drawn for grand opening ceremony with a bang.

Also, restaurants will be constituted in the wholesale market. To ensure easy transportation for shoppers, each car will park at Nyaungbinle Market, Myaungsun Dagon Centre, Ruby Mart on Pansodan Street, Yuzana Plaza and Thamaing Junction to ferry them to and from the wholesale market for free. But, nobody is allowed to get off from the ferry en route.

Translation: ZWS

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Carina Lau admits marriage problems

Hong Kong actress Carina Lau and his actress wife Carina Lau arrive for the Asian Film Awards in Hong Kong on 21 March, 2011.

Dolly Parton content with being a country girl

LONDON, 4 Sept—Country singer Dolly Parton has revealed during the launch of her new album ‘Better Day’ on QVC that she loves the way she is.

“You can take the girl out of the country but not the country out of the girl,” the Daily Star quoted her as saying.

“I can drink champagne out of a Dixie cup or chocolate milk, I can fly first class or be in the back. “I’m quite content with who I am and if you ain’t well you can kiss my ham,” she added.—Internet

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LONDON, 4 Sept—Singer Pixie Lott whelmed about her new record with Stevie Wonder and John album.

The British favorite of Wonder music, says, “It’s crazy. It wasn’t forced friends and the set up. I was because Stevie is an artist of all time. I’ve listened to him I can remember,” said Lott.—Internet

Kate Moss planning to build personal ballet studio for her daughter

LONDON, 4 Sept—Supermodel Kate Moss is reportedly planning to build a personal ballet studio for her dance-obsessed daughter Lila Grace. Moss wants to provide Grace, 8, who recently passed her first ballet exam, all the facilities in their 7 million pounds mansion in Highgate, north London, so that she can pursue her dream of becoming a dancer. “Lila is besotted with ballet since passing her first exam and is now adamant she wants to become a dancer,” the Daily Star quoted one of the supermodel’s pals as saying.

“Kate is really behind Lila’s ambition. She thinks she’s a really great dancer and needs all the support she can get, so that’s what she is going to give her. She’s planning a special room with strip wooden floors, bars round the walls, huge gold-edged mirrored walls, and a grand piano. It will be the full works,” the source added. Internet

Robert Downey Jr, a would-be father

BEIJING, 4 Sept—Hollywood movie star Robert Downey Jr. and his wife Susan are expecting their first child together, according to media reports Thursday.

Downey Jr, 47 years old, may not be the most ideal candidate for fatherhood, but it seems that the handsome A-list actor will be better prepared this time around.

A spokesman for the couple said the couple are overjoyed and cannot wait to welcome the new member into the family. Downey Jr made his screen debut in 1970 at the age of five, and has worked consistently in film and television ever since.


Singer-entrepreneur Hwang to wed politician

SEOUL, 4 Sept—Hwang Hye-yeong, the singer who rose to fame in the mid-1990s as part of the K-pop group Two Two, will tie the knot on Oct. 23 with a politician from the main opposition party.

Hwang, who has reinvented herself as the CEO of a successful Internet-based business since leaving the band and trying her hand at acting, said she was drawn to Kim Kyung-rok, deputy spokesman for the Democratic Party, by his values and moral fiber.

“We have dated for about a year since October of last year and he is a really upright and honest man,” Hwang said. “He is also very considerate of others”.

Hwang said they have not made concrete preparations for the wedding yet, such as who will officiate at the ceremony or sing the congratulatory song. “I hope everyone will give us their blessings”, she said.

Hwang launched her Internet shopping mall four years ago and has since gained a reputation as a successful businesswoman.—Internet

Snoop Dogg teams up with Lagerfeld for new video

LONDON, 4 Sept—Rapper Snoop Dogg has joined hands with renowned fashion designer Karl Lagerfeld for his new video.

They were seen shooting the new video together in a luxury resort in St Tropez. There have been rumours of a collaboration since Lagerfeld attended Snoop’s West Coast party in Paris this summer, according to mtv.com.

Lagerfeld is hoping to bring a touch of catwalk fashion to the 39-year-old rapper’s gangsta lyrics in Dogg’s new album, reports contactmusic.com.

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Missing girl whose disappearance gripped Argentina found dead

BUENOS AIRES, 4 Sept —The body of a girl whose disappearance triggered a public outcry in Argentina was found naked inside a garbage bag in Buenos Aires on Wednesday afternoon, authorities said. It was a tragic ending to the story of Candela Rodriguez, 11, who became an icon and the symbol for more than 200 missing children in the country.

“My God, they killed my daughter!” Candela’s mother, Carola Rodriguez, shouted at the scene after identifying the body, the state-run TELAM news agency reported. Candela’s family went to the media immediately after she went missing on 22 August. — Internet

A boy found the foot and leg bone Tuesday near a marina in an inlet called False Creek, which is pictured here, Vancouver Police said.— Internet

Another foot found in Canadian waters

VANCOUVER, 4 Sept — Authorities have found what appears to be a severed human foot this week, the 11th found in waterways in British Columbia in the past four years. The discovery of another foot, this one still stuck in a running shoe, adds to the mystery that has confounded Canadians for years.

A boy found the foot and leg bone Tuesday near a marina in an inlet called False Creek, Vancouver Police said. Foul play is not suspected, authorities told Canadian Broadcasting Corp. Authorities believe that because the remains did not have any evidence of trauma, the CBC reported.

The British Columbia Coroners Service has in the past said it was conducting DNA profile tests to determine the identities of the remains. Some of the feet have been identified through DNA, but the reason they turn up where they do is still unknown in most cases, the CBC said. — Internet

Study says mobile phones help to target disaster aid

NEW YORK, 4 Sept — Mobile phones of people fleeing natural disasters can be used to target emergency aid according to a new study. The report reveals how scientists mapped population movements following the Haiti earthquake based on location data from two million handsets. The information allowed aid organizations to channel relief supplies to those areas most in need. Researchers are now setting up a non-profit organization to provide location analysis for future disasters.

In immediate aftermath of the 2010 Haitian earthquake, many people fled the capital, Port au Prince. Researchers from Sweden’s Karolinska Institute and Columbia University in the US asked the country’s biggest cellular network, Digicel, to provide data from smartphones. Authorities used the data to channel aid, according to the report. Digicel has also provided data from its network in Thailand and is beginning to roll it out to other countries. — Internet

Minn father abandons son, leaves note

CAMBRIA, 4 Sept — A Minnesota father who left his 11-year-old son a note said he was going to lose the house July 27, 2011. — Internet

World’s hottest chilli hits shelves

LONDON, 4 Sept — A product said to be the world’s hottest chilli extract has gone on sale at a London department store. Heartburn measures a whopping 13 million units on the Scoville scale, on which jalapeno peppers rate 3,500 to 8,000 units. Selfridges said it believed the six bottles on its shelves were the last available to buy anywhere in the world.— Internet

Man foils burglars from seat of plane

ARKANSAS, 4 Sept — A man taking his first plane ride spotted two men burgling his home. Steven Lynn was flying over his home in Arkansas when he spotted the men taking items from his house and loading them on to a truck. He was able to direct the police to the men, who were arrested as they fled with the contents of Mr Lynn’s home.— Internet

Canadian glacier river runs dry

ATLIN, 4 Sept — A glacier feeding a large Canadian lake has gone dry, leaving a muddy riverbed strewn with icebergs and dropping the lake’s level 50 feet, hikers say. “We were able to walk right into the river bed and stand among the 60-foot icebergs that are grounded now,” hiker Diana Thayer of Atlin, British Columbia told the Canadian Broadcasting Corp. of the scene she and her companions found near the Llewellyn Glacier along the Skolok Inlet trail in late August.— Internet

Police in Britain and the US have made a number of arrests of suspected “hacktivists” in recent months.— Internet

UK police arrest two in hacking probe

LONDON, 4 Sept — Police in London said Thursday they have arrested two men as part of an international investigation into computer hacking groups Anonymous and LulzSec. The men, ages 24 and 20, were arrested in South Yorkshire and Wiltshire, police said.

They are suspected of conspiring to commit offences under the Computer Misuse Act of 1990. The arrests relate to our ongoing investigation into a series of serious computer intrusions and online denial-of-service attacks recently suffered by a number of multinational companies, public institutions and government and law enforcement agencies in Great Britain and the United States,” said Det. Mark Raymond of the Metropolitan Police Service’s Central e-Crime Unit. The name “Kayla” was used in the suspected intrusions, police said in a statement. “Denial of service” attacks overload website servers. Hacking groups such as Anonymous and LulzSec have claimed a number of high-profile attacks in recent months, starting with condemnation from the US Senate and Arizona state police websites, as well as data from major corporations like Sony, Bank of America and Nintendo.— Internet
**Man arrested after calling 911 on escorts**

Police in Kansas said a man was arrested on a charge of patronizing a prostitute after he called police to complain about an escort service.

Wichita police said they responded to a call from a hotel room shortly before 5:30 am Wednesday. A 26-year-old man, whose name was not released, told them he placed an order with an online escort service and neither of the two women who showed up to his room were the woman he requested, The Wichita Eagle reported Friday.

The man said he paid the women $160 but soon changed his mind and asked for his money back. He called police when the women told him they don’t give refunds and left the hotel. Police said they arrested the man after he explained the situation.

**Police arrest 16th person in hacking case**

London, 4 Sept—Police in London have detained a man believed to be a former News of the World employee, bringing the number of arrests in the hacking scandal to 16.

Former News of the World editor Andy Coulson, who was involved in hacking, was also arrested Thursday afternoon, just hours after police said they detained a man over the hacking scandal.

The man, 54, was arrested in north London and taken to a police station. Sources close to the investigation said the man was suspected of helping to carry out illegal phone hacking.

The arrests came just hours after police said they had detained a man at a hotel in north London on Thursday morning.

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**Man, 61, joins college football team**

A 61-year-old college junior in Alabama said he will become the oldest man to play football with a National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics team.

Alan Moore, who will turn 62 in February, said he left school in 1968 to fight in Vietnam and he decided to return to college and try out for football after he recently watched his old team, Jones Community College in Mississippi, play, The Birmingham (Ala.) News reported Friday.

Moore said he found a new school, and a football team, at Holmes Community College, also in Mississippi, and he learned after his sophomore year that he was eligible to play in the NAIA.

Moore transferred to Faulkner University in Montgomery, Ala, and he will take to the field as a place kicker for the team when the season starts 10 Sept.

“Faulkner has been — I can’t even explain it — they’ve embraced the whole thing,” Moore said. “You look at it, it’s like, from what I’m told, I’m the oldest person to play. To bring that to Faulkner, doesn’t take just me. It takes coaches (and the institution).”

**Now, a tool to predict survival after heart transplant**

WASHINGTON, 4 Sept—Heart transplant patients at great risk of death in the year following their surgeries, could be forewarned and saved with the help of a formula, US scientists say.

“Donor hearts are a limited resource,” says John V Conte, MD, a professor of surgery at the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine and the senior author of the study.

“Now, we have a simple-to-use tool that is highly predictive of survival after a heart transplant, and can help guide organ allocation decisions.”

Conte and his colleagues pulled together a series of risk factors already associated with poor outcomes, such as age, race, gender, the cause of a patient’s heart failure and whether he or she was on dialysis, and then assigned a number of points to each factor.

The sum of those points created a score. The higher the score, the higher was the risk of death one year after transplant.

Some factors were weighted more heavily than others, such as female gender (three points); African-American race (three points), and the need for dialysis in the time between being put on the transplant waiting list and getting a transplant (five points).

Patients with the lowest scores — between zero and two — had a 92.5 percent chance of being alive 12 months after surgery.

Patients with so-called IMPACT scores — the acronym the researchers came up with for the Index for Mortality Prediction After Cardiac Transplantation — above 20 points had a less than 50 percent chance of survival one year after surgery. Every point on the scale increased the chance of death within one year by 14 percent.

**Toy poodle helps save teen in housefire**

A toy poodle has been credited with helping rescue a 19-year-old man from a house fire in West Jordan, Utah, police say. West Jordan Fire Battalion Chief Reed Sharman said a passer-by saw flames inside the West Jordan home early Friday morning, The Salt Lake Tribune reported.

When firefighters arrived, a mother and two children were already out of the house, but the 19-year-old and the dog were still inside. Sharman said the family’s toy poodle, Ted, led emergency responders to the sleeping teenager. “Two of our paramedics, Don Chase and Erik Andersen, had gone inside to search the structure, and when they opened the door, there was the dog.

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**A pet dog gets through an obstacle during the third pet dog carnival held in the Chaoyang Park of Beijing, capital of China, on 3 Sept, 2011. Nearly 1,000 pet dogs of some 20 breeds took part in the carnival on Saturday.**

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**Gerrard eyes return**

LONDON, 4 Sept—Steven Gerrard is eyeing Liverpool’s match with Tottenham Hotspur in a fortnight’s time as a possible comeback date. The Liverpool skipper is edging closer to a return after more than five months on the sidelines following groin surgery, and is hopeful of a return in time for the Barclays Premier League fixture at White Hart Lane on 18th September.

Gerrard, who has been absent since mid-March, admits he is desperate to get back on the pitch and has full confidence that the troublesome groin is now completely fixed and “as strong as ever.”

31-year-old, who has only played six matches for the Reds since Kenny Dalglish returned as manager, is now looking to see how things go as he takes part in full training and during a practice match that is being scheduled, but he hopes to be back in first-team action in the near future.

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**Redknapp delighted to keep Modric**

LONDON, 4 Sept—Tottenham Hotspur manager Harry Redknapp hopes midfielder Luka Modric will soon be back to his best. Redknapp is delighted the club have managed to hold on to the Croatian playmaker despite strong interest from Chelsea this summer. Spurs fans breathed a huge sigh of relief on Wednesday night as the transfer deadline passed without Modric moving across the capital to the Blues. Not even a reported £40m offer from Roman Abramovich could prevent Spurs chairman Daniel Levy from altering the Wholesome 'not for sale' stance.

Harry Redknapp is delighted he has managed to hold onto the midfielder. 

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**Japan beats South Korea 2-1 at Olympic women’s soccer qualifier**

JINAN, 4 Sept—Japan beat South Korea 2-1 here on Saturday night at the women’s soccer Asian qualification for the 2012 Olympic Games in London. Midfielder Sakaguchi Mizuho lifted Japan to the 1-0 lead by a header. South Korean Ji So Yun equalized the score 20 minutes later. Japan took the lead again with Ohno Shinobu’s long shot just before the halftime whistle. Neither side managed to score in the second half, though both had plenty of chances.

“Our team were too nervous at the beginning so that we lost one goal very early,” said South Korea coach Choi In Cheul. “Players adjusted their attitude after that and soon we equalized the score. We lost the game because of the problem in physical fitness.” Having won the first two games, Japan coach Sasaki Norio said, “Next game against Australia will be difficult, and we should do our best for three points.”

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**Westwood and McIlroy blocking Donaldson’s path to victory**

Donaldson of Wales hits an approach shot onto the 17th green during the third day of the European Masters golf in Crans-Montana.

CRANS-MONTANA, 4 Sept—Jamie Donaldson will take a slender one-shot lead into Sunday’s European Masters final round knowing he has to beat two of the world’s best to clinch his maiden title. A third round six-under 65 on Saturday hauled the 35-year-old Briron to 14-under-par 199, a stroke better than Lee Westwood and two shots better than Rory McIlroy.

Donaldson will play alongside world number two Westwood and US Open champion McIlroy, ranked six, as he bids to claim a victory after numerous chances since joining the tour 10 years ago. “I'm going to be the underdog,” Donaldson admitted to reporters after the two hour, 40-minute second round. “I was fighting a lot out there. I was fighting a lot out there. I was fighting a lot out there.”

McIlroy said his fellow Briton was “as strong as ever”. The top-seeded Serb improved to 60-2 in 2011 by beating 39th-ranked Nikolay Davydenko 6-4, 6-4, 6-2 on Saturday night to reach the fourth round of the US Open. The top-seeded Serb is trying to win his third Grand Slam championship of the year and fourth of his career.

**Kenya's Kirui retains world title in men's marathon**

DAEGU, 4 Sept—Kenyan runner Abel Kirui retained his world title in the men’s marathon here on Sunday after finishing the 42.195-kilometre race in two hours, seven minutes and 38 seconds.

The 29-year-olds now owned the two fastest times in the World's history as he set a champi- ons records of 2:06:54 in his debut in Berlin two years ago. His fellow Kenyan Vincent Kipruto, a new- comer to the world championships, crossed the line second 2:28 minutes behind, which is the big- gest margin in the Worlds history.
30 Kurdish Militants Killed in Iranian Operations

TEHRAN, 4 Sept—Thirty Kurdish militants have been killed or injured by Iranian troops in northwestern Iran over the past two days, the local satellite Press TV reported Sunday. The Islamic Revolution Guards Corps (IRGC) launched a series of operations against the Party of Free Life of Kurdistan (PJAK), dubbed as a “terrorist” group by Tehran, Friday afternoon, said IRGC Colonel Hamid Ahmadi who quoted as saying Saturday. “The operations to clear the country’s northwestern area of the members of PJAK terrorist group will continue with strength,” said Ahmadi. The IRGC announced Saturday that it had begun fresh operations against the PJAK in northwestern Iran. Iran has recently deployed 5,000 military personnel in the northwest of the country along its border with the Iraqi Kurdistan region. Recent clashes between the IRGC and PJAK militants have led to the death of dozens from both sides.—MNA/Xinhua

At least 15 people died as bus falls into river in north India

MUMBAI, 4 Sept—At least 15 people died as bus fell into river in Uttarakhand state of north India. Another eight people are still missing and 12 injured have been hospitalized in nearby places, said local media report. The bus was on its way to Dehradun from Katiyal when it fell into river around a sharp turn. —MNA/Xinhua

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas

Weather forecast for 5th September, 2011

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FORECAST

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View on today

7:00 am
1. Paritta By Venerable Mingun Sayadaw
2. To be Healthy Exercise
3. Morning News
4. Dhamma Puja Song
5. Documentary
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6. Nice & Sweet Song
8:10 am
7. Health Programme
8:25 am
8. Selected Songs for 18th Myanmar Traditional Performing Arts Competitions (2011) (Maha Gita Classical) (Basic Education) (Level Women)
9:35 am
9. International News
11. The Nine Precepts
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3. Musical Programme
6:00 pm
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5. University of Dstance Educatin (TV Lectures)
6. Songs for Upholding National Spirit
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On arrival at newly-built Ma Mya Creek Bridge, they gazed at old wooden bridge. The old bridge was in a ramshackle condition near the new one. Gazing at the old bridge, Cho Mar and Khin Mar Aye remembered something. They said, “Do you remember that an oil browser plunged into the creek?”

“Ma Mya Creek Bridge is priceless for local residents.”

Talkative Nwe Yin Win immediately replied, “Oh, you know that incident I retold. At that time, we all were difficult in passing the creek by raft due to blocking the bridge.”

Gazing at the new reinforced concrete bridge, they had big smile at their faces simultaneously.

Nwe Yin Win said, “Now, we all do not need to wait for the drive of any vehicle from the opposite lane on the bridge. I am so pleased that...”

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