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Union Sports Minister calls for pulling off victory in XXVII SEA Games

Chairman of Myanmar National Sports Committee Union Minister for Sports U Tint Hsan discusses tasks to achieve victory for Myanmar in XXVII SEA Games.—MNA

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Almost all the schools opened in Ayeyawady Region

PATHERI, 1 Sept—Due to heavy rains and overflow of rivers in Ayeyawady Region, some schools were closed in a short-term period as of 3 August.

Two Basic Education High Schools, one BEMS and 56 BEPSs totalling 59 in Pathein Township, three BEMSs, 37 BEPSs totalling 40 in Kaygyidaung Township, six BEHSs, five BEMSs and 62 BEPSs totalling 72 in Kyaunggon Township, one BEHS, two BEMSs and 19 BEPSs totalling 22 in Kyongyaw Township, one BEHS, one BEMS and 33 BEPSs totalling 35 in YeKyi Township, two BEHSs, 5 BEMSs and 54 BEPSs totalling 61 in Thabaung Township, 4 BEPSs in Laymyethna Township, 4 BEPSs in Ngaungdon Township, one BEHS and 16 BEPSs totalling 17 in Pantanaw Township and one BEHS and 19 BEPSs totalling 20 in Danubyu Township were closed from 3 August to 26 August.

A total of 467 schools temporarily suspended academic tasks at 12 Townships in the Region till 21 August. A total of 132 schools of two townships were reopened on 25 August, and almost all the schools on 29 August. Remaining schools will be opened soon. So, the officials concerned said that the students will be taught with substitute teaching measures to be taken for clinching victory in XXVII SEA Games.

It is required to make all-out efforts to be able to notch up over 100 gold medals as the host country. He promised to fulfil all the requirements of the tentatively selected athletes.

He called for recruitment of new blood from sports and physical education institutes in Yangon and Mandalay and organizing friendlies at home and abroad to broaden the experiences of athletes. He demanded comradeship among all the personnel concerned to secure victory in XXVII SEA Games.

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Productive working condition

Man works either for survival or self-actualization. It is fair to say work is the universal identity of mankind. In fact, life is a pleasant blend of work and social intercourse. A bad worker always blames his tools, there goes a saying. But, what then if the employer fails to provide the employees with proper equipment?

Pleasant working condition contributes performance and productivity. Retention of competent employees is as important as customer retention in modern business concept especially in service industry as no bad worker would offer quality service to them, when faced with the negligence of the management.

Though computerization has been introduced to a large number of government departments so far, staff personnel are lacking in computer literacy required for effective operation. The lack of training plus low-poke technology of computers has been hindrance to their performance, suffering from hour-glass syndrome.

Along with greater transparency and media freedom, incompetency and corruption of civil servants have come under the widespread criticism on media. In fact, the practice of fakelaki has long been deeply rooted in the system. While some do this simply because of greed, some do this because ethics do not fill their stomachs.

Operational effectiveness calls for competence of the management and skills of workers plus good tools. Otherwise, one swallow does not make the summer.

Stimulant tablets worth K 2.4 million seized

Yangon, 1 Sept—A combined team comprising members of Kalay District Police Force together with witnesses searched Payo with number plate 7B... driven by Shwe Win and Thein Zaw Oo of Industrial Zone in Kalay North See Police Station opened a file of lawsuit against August. North See Village of Kalay Township at 8 am on 19 August.

The team seized 2,410,000 tablets of pseudoephedrine, 16 kilos of ephedrine powder and K 1.5 million. North See Police Station opened a file of lawsuit against Shwe Win and Thein Zaw Oo of Industrial Zone in Kalay under Narcotic Drug and Psychotropic Substances Law.

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PRIZES PRESENTED: Under the supervision of All Myanmar Theravada Buddhist Organization and Border and Hilly Region Missionary Susana Naggha Association, Yangon Region Naggha Association held the second Dhammâcakkha and Anattalakkhana Suttas Recitation at the Dhammadayon of Mingala Market in Bahan Township recently. Bahan Township Administrator U Kyaw Thu Zaw presents prizes to the winners in the recitation.—M.YAANNA ALIN

Union A & I Minister views plantations, scientific paddy plantations in Pyinmana Township

NAY PYI TAW, 1 Sept—Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing inspected arrival of groundnuts strains, maize strains and new soy bean strains from China at farmer’s educative farm of Ngalak irrigated area here this morning.

The Union Minister viewed growing of groundnuts and soy bean plantations.

The Union Minister looked into readiness for harvesting of 110-day Basmati paddy plantation, shriving of 30-day groundnuts plantation and 50-day paddy plantations.

The Union Minister accompanied by Chairman Mr Dhanin Chearavanont and party of CP Group from Thailand went to Ahlyino Village of Pyinmana Township where they viewed thriving of 440-acre monsoon paddy plantation and discussed matters related to development of paddy crops and cooperation tasks in technology, investment opportunity of CP Group between CP Group of Thailand and Agriculture Department.

They then observed 100-acre Basmati paddy plantation of KMA Company and made discussion about constructions of modern rice mills, corn crops and advanced corn-based plant, sugarcane and sugar plants between CP Group and the ministry.

The Union Minister called for officials to share experiences from producing quality grains and growing marketable crops besides providing paddy to farmers before they start growing cold-season crops. The Union Minister urged the officials to invite foreign companies which are rich in technology and capital amount to make investment in agriculture sector based on Win-Win Practice for job opportunities and earning more income for farmers of the nation.

Union A & I Minister views plantations, scientific paddy plantations in Pyinmana Township

NAY PYI TAW, 1 Sept—Chairman Mr Dhanin Chearavanont of CP Group of Companies of Thailand view 440-acre monsoon paddy plantation in Ahyinlo Village.

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New school building opened in Singu Township

Singu Township of PyinOoLwin District on 31 August morning.

Mandala Regional Minister for Social Affairs Dr Win Hlaing, Region Education Officer U Soe Myint Tun and Chairman of School Board of Trustees U Chit Oo formally opened the new school building.

Chief Minister of the region U Ye Myint unveiled the signboard of the school and visited there. They then viewed students at the classrooms.

Tamalan building is two-storey brick building which is 100 feet long and 30 feet wide.

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In memory of late U Saw Linn, Daw Kyi Kyi May and siblings, Col San Lin (Retd) (PRPW) and family of Mayangon Township donated K 100,000 to fund of Hninzingon Home For the Aged through member of executive committee U Kyaing Myint recently.—NLM
The United States will buttress the case believe it may well go whether to launch an action over the solar spat. if it wanted to prevent EU needed to make concessions Merkel made clear that China Tianjin, just outside of Beijing, electronics and renewable-sector. Beijing was also forced action to address distortions solar exports to Europe, but trade war with Beijing over had no interest in starting a said on Friday that Germany fly back to UN head-quarter New York. While conceding he had not always been satisfied with the responses of Iranian leaders he spoke to this week, he rejected accusations by the United States and Israel that he had been playing into Tehran’s hands by attending an international summit which Iran used to raise its diplomatic profile. “I think that it should not have been controversial,” he said. “As a secretary-general of the United Nations, I have a mandate to enter into the heart of all the member states of the United Nations.”

Making the first visit by a UN chief to Iran since his predecessor travelled there six years ago, Ban attended the summit of the Non-Aligned Movement, a group of 120 mostly developing nations. Among those were senior ministers from Syria’s embattled government who, he said, agreed to consider his request for greater access for international aid workers. Isolated by international and economic sanctions imposed over its nuclear programme, and unpopular among many states for its support of President Bashar al-Assad in Syria’s civil war, Iran used the NAM summit to present its image of diplomatic power—its own people, as well as the rest of the world.

US Secretary of State Hillary Clinton (R) participates in an arrival ceremony at Narita International Airport in Narita, on 30 Aug, 2012. — Reuters

The region, US Secretary of State Hillary Clinton said on Friday. Clinton arrived in the tiny Pacific outpost of the Cook Islands for this year’s Pacific Islands Forum, part of Washington’s effort to woo Pacific—which are increasingly coming under China’s shadow. Clinton told the gathering, which represents 16 independent and self-governing states ranging from Australia and New Zealand to smaller islands such as Tuvalu and Nauru, that the United States was in the Pacific for the long haul. But she also played down growing perceptions of a US-China rivalry in the region, declaring “the Pacific is big enough for all of us” and dismissing the notion that expanded US activity was “a hedge against particular countries.” “We think it is important for the Pacific Island nations to have good relationships with as many partners as possible, and that includes China as well as the United States,” Clinton said in a news conference with New Zealand Prime Minister John Key.

Clinton says US can work with China in Pacific

“We want to see more international development projects that include the participation of China,” Clinton said, citing disaster relief, maritime security and preserving biodiversity. “We think that there's a great opportunity to work with China and we're going to be looking for more ways to do that,” she said. China's Vice Foreign Minister Cui Tiankai is also attending the Pacific forum and told reporters Beijing's presence in the Pacific was not about geo-political influence. Reuters

Mexico’s Pena Nieto confirmed president-elect, rival defiant

Mexico City, 1 Sept — Mexico’s electoral tribunal confirmed Enrique Pena Nieto as president-elect on Friday, but his rival refused to accept defeat and held out the possibility of further protests that could hamper reform efforts.

The tribunal threw out an attempt to overturn the election result by leftist leader Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador, who had accused Pena Nieto of laundering money and buying votes in the July election. Centrist Pena Nieto, 46, will be sworn in on 1 December and has pledged a raft of fiscal, labor improve governmental transparency and battle corruption in the weeks ahead.

Lopez Obrador, whose supporters blocked many of Mexico City’s main thoroughfares for weeks after he narrowly lost the 2006 election, rejected the judges’ decision. “I cannot accept the tribunal’s ruling, which has declared the presidential election valid,” he told reporters, calling for a rally in Mexico City’s main square on 9 September. “Then we will determine what happens next.” Lopez Obrador did not specify the steps he was considering but his words recalled the disruptive protests of 2006.

“Civil disobedience is an honourable duty when directed against the thieves of the hope and happiness of the people,” the silver-haired 58-year-old said. A former mayor of Mexico City, Lopez Obrador accused Pena Nieto and his Institutional Revolutionary Party (PRI) of buying 5 million votes with illegal funding and plying voters with presents ranging from supermarket gift cards to fertilizer, cement and livestock.

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The New Light of Myanmar Sunday, 2 September, 2012

US-Israeli military exercise to be smaller than first planned

Washington, 1 Sept — A US-Israeli ballistic missile exercise postponed this summer to avoid a potential clash with the Jewish state’s nuclear programme will involve fewer US military personnel than initially planned, the Pentagon said on Friday, but it rejected a media report portraying the decision as a sign of US mistrust.

The exercise is being planned amid rising talk in the Israeli media and reports that Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Defence Minister Ehud Barak are debating a unilateral attack on Iran to knock out its nuclear installations. Washington has cautioned Israel against going it alone. “Austere Challenge 12 remains the largest-ever ballistic missile defence exercise between our nations and a significant increase from the previous event in 2009,” said Air Force Lieutenant General Jack Miller, a Pentagon spokesman. “The exercise has not changed in scope and will include the same types of systems as planned. All deployed systems will be fully operational with associated operators,” Miller said.
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**NASA mission yields data bonanza**

Paradise, 1 Sept.—A jackpot of newly discovered supermassive black holes and hot, dusty galaxies are in the latest data from NASA’s WISE mission, the US space agency says.

The Wide-field Infrared Survey Explorer mission has revealed millions of black hole candidates across the universe and about 1,000 even dustier objects thought to be among the brightest galaxies ever found, NASA’s Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, Calif., reported on Thursday.

These powerful galaxies, burning brightly with infrared light, are nicknamed hot DOGs (for Dust-obscured Galaxies), JPL said.

That wasn’t all the WISE mission has turned up, researchers said.

“WISE has exposed a menagerie of hidden objects,” said Hashima Hasan, WISE program scientist at NASA Headquarters in Washington.

“We’ve found an asteroid dancing ahead of Earth in its orbit, the coldest star-like orbs known and now, supermassive black holes and galaxies hiding behind cloaks of dust.”

The WISE mission has scanned the whole sky twice in infrared light, completing its survey in early 2011, and all data from the mission has been released publicly, allowing astronomers to dig into and make new discoveries, NASA said.---Internet

**Dinosaur made meals of early birds**

Edmonton, 1 Sept.—Fossil evidence suggests a feathered but flightless dino was able to snag and consume smaller flying dinosaurs, Canadian paleontologists say.

A University of Alberta paleontology team has found the fossilized remains of three flying dinosaurs in the belly of a raptor-like predator called Sinocalliopteryx.

Sinocalliopteryx was about 6 feet long and roughly the size of a modern-day wolf, a U of A release said Wednesday. The creature’s flying meals were three Coniaciusaurus, one of the earliest birds with a crude version of a modern bird’s skeleton and muscles. Such primitive birds were probably limited to slow takeoffs and short flights, the researchers said. Sinocalliopteryx may have used stealth to stalk the prey, they said.

“Sinocalliopteryx didn’t have wings or the physical tools needed to be an adept tree climber,” U of A paleontology student Scott Persons said.---Internet

**Spacecraft on lookout for ice on the moon**

Boston, 1 Sept.—US scientists say NASA’s Lunar Reconnaissance Orbiter shows ice patches could make up 5 percent to 10 percent of material in the shaded walls of a crater.

Using radar technology on the orbiter, astronomers have estimated the amount of ice likely to be found inside the permanently shadowed Shackleton crater located near the moon’s south pole, Boston University researcher Bradley Thompson, who led the research, and colleagues reported in the journal Geophysical Research Letters.

Observations indicate an enhanced radar polarization signature consistent with the presence of small amounts of ice in the rough inner wall slopes of the crater, researchers said.

“The interior of this crater lies in permanent shadow and is a ‘cold trap’—a place cold enough to permit ice to accumulate,” Ben Bussey of the Johns Hopkins University Applied Physics Laboratory said.

The findings support the long-held belief that areas of permanent shadow inside polar craters are sites of the potential accumulation of water—although not in any large amounts, the researchers caution.

“Inside the crater, we don’t see evidence for glaciers like on Earth,” Thomson said.

Glacial ice has a whopping radar signature, and these measurements reveal a much weaker signal consistent with rugged terrain and limited ice.”---Internet

**World’s leading consumer electronics fair kicks off in Berlin**

Berlin, 1 Sept.—World’s leading trade show for consumer electronics and home appliances IFA opened its doors to the public here on Friday, bringing an in-depth look at the latest trends in the fast-paced digital revolution.

Organizers said the amount of display space for this year’s show broke a record with the number of exhibitors standing at 1,439, showing signs that the consumer electronics industry is resilient to the lingering European debt crisis and global economic slowdown.

With increasing demands from both regular attenders such as Siemens and various new vendors, the industry, IFA had to add several temporary units to its exhibition area. Last year, orders at the fair totalled more than 3.7 billion euros (4.6 billion dollars).

“For the industry and the trade, this is the ideal time of the year to prepare for the Christmas period of peak business,” Christian Goek, Chief Operating Officer of Messe Berlin, organizer of IFA, said.

“More than ever before the industry has decided to focus on presenting its innovations and product debuts at IFA.”

Gadget fans may have too many things to see at the show, as exhibitors present a wide range of new products and innovations, from ultrabook, tablet PC, to smartphone and 3D technology.

Lenovo of China introduced its latest Android platform-based Galaxy Note 2, with a 5.5-inch HD screen and 8.0 megapixel camera, heating the atmosphere of competition with its main rival Apple Inc, which is expected to unveil its new iPhone 5 in mid-September.

Samsung has just lost a 1-billion-dollar lawsuit with Apple this week when a court in California, the United States, ruled that Samsung violated Apple patents in the design of its some smartphones.

Sony of Japan introduced a Bravia TV receiver with an 84-inch screen and 4K HD resolution, and three new smartphones released its latest Android platform-based Galaxy Note 2, with a 5.5-inch HD screen and 8.0 megapixel camera, heating the atmosphere of competition with its main rival Apple Inc, which is expected to unveil its new iPhone 5 in mid-September.

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**Sony tablet takes aim at Microsoft Surface**

New York, 1 Sept.—Sony says it’s entering the Windows 8 tablet arena with the VAIO Duo 11, a slide-out tablet with a keyboard that is part tablet and part notebook.

The Duo 11 is seen as a direct competitor for Microsoft’s upcoming Surface tablet in both configuration and price, Slash Gear reported on Thursday.

Most Duo will feature Intel’s Core i7-3517U processor although a few lower-power, lower-priced models are expected to be available.

RAM options are 4 gigabytes and 8 gigabytes with 128 or 256 gigabytes of storage through solid state drives.

An 11.6-inch display, a stylus for input and front and rear cameras round out the hardware spec.

Expected in late October, Sony is remaining mum on any pricing policies, Slash Gear said.

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Panasonic of Japan made its public debut at the IFA of its 103-inch 3D plasma display, the world’s largest at the moment.

Rainer Hecker, Chairman of the Supervisory Board of the GFU, another organizer of IFA, told reporters that despite eurozone debt crisis and global uncertainties, the increase of worldwide consumer electronics sales would reach 1,100 billion dollars, two percentage more than last year. The most impressive jump in the industry is 3D televisions, with a growth of 171 percent, followed by tablet PCs and smartphones, which climbed 88 percent and 62 percent respectively, Hecker added.---Xinhua

**Radiation belt mission launch successful**

Cap Canaveral, 1 Sept.—NASA says the launch of a mission to study Earth’s radiation belts went off smoothly on Thursday, putting two scientific probes into orbit.

The Radiation Belt Storm Probes are in orbit after a successful launch atop a United Launch Alliance Atlas V rocket at 4:05 am EDT from Cape Canaveral Air Force Station in Florida, the space agency said.

Two previous launches were postponed for technical reasons and for weather reasons, the research site. “I’m very happy to report that we have two healthy spacecraft on orbit,” said Rick Fitzgerald, RBSP project manager from the Johns Hopkins University Applied Physics Laboratory, which is managing the mission for NASA.

The twin RBSP spacecraft will fly in separate orbits throughout the inner and outer Van Allen radiation belts that encircle the Earth to study the sun’s influences on the behavior of the radiation belts, which in turn can impact life on Earth and endanger spacecraft in orbit, NASA said.---Internet
**Cellphones AIDs tests studied in S Africa, S Korea**

PRETORIA, 1 Sept—South African and South Korean researchers are working on making a smartphone capable of doing AIDs tests in rural parts of Africa that are the worst hit by the disease, a researcher said on Friday.

The team has developed a microscope and an application that can photograph and analyse blood samples in areas far from laboratories to diagnose HIV and even measure the health of immune systems.

“Our idea was to obtain images and analyse images on this smartphone using applications,” said Jung Kyung Kim, a professor in biomedical engineering at Kookmin University in South Korea. The gadget, called Smartscope, is a small 1-millimetre (0.04-inch) microscope and light which clips over a smartphone’s camera.

A standard chip with a blood sample then slides into the gadget in front of the microscope. Next, a special phone programme photographs the sample and analyses the cells.

“The team hopes that trials in clinics may start next year,” Kim told AFP. A different prototype developed in the United States takes tests in the field that need to be sent to a computer for analysis. But the Smartscope will be able to do a CD4 cell count—a measure of white blood cells, which determines when treatment starts.

“The basic function is to count those CD4 cells for diagnosis,” said Kim. The new technology is destined for AIDS treatment.

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New York, 1 Sept—Consumer sentiment hit a three-month high in August as households chipped away at outstanding debt, though Americans were pessimistic about the future, a survey showed on Friday.

Consumer confidence rose but outlook still grim

A survey’s baromètre of current economic conditions rose to 87.7 from 82.7, the highest since January of 2008. Buying was bolstered by price reductions and low interest rates, the survey found. But the biggest source of optimism was tied to success in trimming debt. “Rather than citing income changes, consumers were more likely to cite favourable shifts in the amount of their outstanding debt and the value of their assets,” survey director Richard Curtin said in a statement. However, the survey’s gauge of consumer expectations fell to 65.1 from 66.6, the lowest level since December of 2001. Half of those questioned said their financial situation was worse than it was five years ago and the majority anticipated no wage gains during the year ahead, the survey showed. A separate survey earlier this week from the Conference Board showed consumer confidence hit its lowest level since November, partly due to higher gasoline prices.

Economists still expect the Federal Reserve to try to boost growth with more monetary stimulus. But while Fed Chairman Ben Bernanke said a weak labour market was a grave concern and that the bank would act if needed, he gave no indication in a speech on Friday that such action was imminent.—Reuters

**20 percent of US smoking, half of 1940s**

Princeton, 1 Sept—Twenty percent of US adults said they smoked a cigarette in the past week, matching what the Gallup poll found in 2009 was the lowest level on record.

Gallup’s annual Consumption Habits survey said this year’s and 2009 smoking levels were less than half what the smoking rate was in the 1940s. Eighty-one percent of US adults said obesity was an extremely or very serious societal problem, up from 7 percent in 2005. In fact, US adults are more worried about obesity than smoking. Americans also said low-fat diets were better than low-carb: 63 percent of Americans said a diet low in fats more benefited one’s health, while 30 percent believe low-carb is the better option.

The annual survey also found US adults spent an average $151 a week on food. This increases to $180 a week for high-income Americans and falls as low as $127 a week for low-income US adults. Americans were also spending less on food now than in the past, when adjusting for inflation, Gallup said. The Gallup poll was based on telephone interviews of 1,014 US adults conducted 9-12 July. It has a margin of error of 4 percentage points.—Internet

**Thalidomide maker issues apology**

LONDON, 1 Sept—A British charity representing families hurt by the drug thalidomide in the 1950s and 1960s said the company apology was not enough.

Grunenthal Group issued its first apology in a half-century saying it regretted the consequences of the drug—used to combat morning sickness—that led to the births of children without limbs or with shortened limbs during the 1950s and 1960s. The Guardian reported.

Harald Stock, Grunenthal’s chief executive, said the company had failed to reach out “from person to person” to the victims and their mothers over the past 50 years. “We also apologize for the fact that we have not found the way to you from person to person for almost 50 years,” Stock said at a dedication of a memorial to commemorate the victims of thalidomide in the German city of Steiberg, where the company is located. “We ask that you regard our long silence as a sign of the silent shock that your fate has caused us.”

Freddie Astbury, the head of the Thalidomide Agency UK, said the apology was rejected as insufficient and the Grunenthal Group was only apologizing because of court proceedings brought by thalidomide victims in Australia and it needed to “put their money where their mouth is” rather than simply express regret, The Guardian said. “If they are serious about admitting they are at fault and regret what happened, they need to start helping those of us who were affected financially,” Astbury, who was born in Chester, England, in 1959 with no arms and no legs after his mother took the drug, told The Guardian. “Being disabled is very expensive and thalidomide people need help and care, and adaptations to their cars and homes.”

Astbury said there were 458 Australians and 51 South Africans who were affected by the drug, but for every thalidomide baby there were 10 who died.—Internet

**Citibank schemed with firm to hide its woes: Ex-Dewey partner**

New York, 1 Sept—A former Dewey & LeBouef partner who has been accused by Citibank of defaulting on a loan is making a provocative countercharge: He claims the bank participated in a “fraudulent scheme” to help a few leaders of the now defunct law firm hide Dewey’s dire financial situation from him and the broader partnership.

In a 23-page motion filed in New York federal court this month, former Dewey partner Steven Otillar argues that he and other partners were “fraudulently induced” into signing up for a Citibank loan programme that financed their capital contributions to the firm. The motion was filed in response to a request made by Citibank in May for summary judgment. In its lawsuit, Citibank argues that Otillar has no legal grounds to claim he doesn’t owe payment on the loan.

Otillar is believed to be the only former Dewey partner to have been sued for defaulting on his loan, though it could not be determined why he may have been singled out.

If the court denies Citibank’s motion for summary judgment, the case could move to discovery and then a trial. That would open a new, contentious chapter in Dewey’s wind-down, legal experts say. If the judge grants Citibank’s motion, Otillar could pay back the loan or appeal the ruling.

Otillar’s allegations against Citibank are based on an unusual legal argument that the bank had a fiduciary duty to alert him to Dewey’s shaky financial situation—but it is not the first time such claims have been made.

In September 2011 two partners from the bankrupt Washington law firm Howrey sued Citibank in San Francisco Superior Court, accusing the bank of fraud for granting capital loans when it knew Howrey was founding. A jury trial is scheduled for December.

**Consumer confidence rises in S Africa and Swaziland, where clinics often don’t have the technology to do these tests effectively. Almost six million South Africans are infected with HIV, while a quarter of Swazi adults carry the virus. “In community health mobile technology is not a gimmick. It becomes an essential part of access,” said Professor Jannie Hugo, who heads the family medicine department at the University of Pretoria, the partner in the study.—INTERVIEW**

**An HIV rapid test kit in Nairobi in March 2012. South African and South Korean researchers are working on making a smartphone capable of doing AIDs tests in rural parts of Africa that are the worst hit by the disease, a researcher said on Friday.—INTERNET**

**Warning**

**Obacco smoke can harm your children**

This FDA image released on 21 June, 2011 shows one of the new proposed cigarette warning labels.—INTERNET

**For low-income US adults, the new proposed cigarette warning labels.—THE NEW LIGHT OF MYANMAR Sunday, 2 September, 2012**

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**Togo pirates release hijacked ship with Russian crew**

**Athens, 1 Sept—** Pirates in Togo have released a tanker with 24 Russian crew on board after threatening to make off with part of the gas oil cargo, a spokesman for the ship’s Greek company said on Thursday. “The ship has been released and the crew are safe,” said the representative on behalf of Athens-based Golden Energy Management. “It is now on route to a safe destination,” he added.

The pirates hijacked the Energy Centurion on Tuesday after exchanging fire with security forces, the International Maritime Bureau said. The company said it believed over 3,000 tonnes of fuel had been removed. “They did not act in a random, boastful way in what they were after. They also took the crew’s valuables,” said the company representative, who declined to be identified.

The island of Man-flagged vessel was seized 17 miles off the coast of the Togolese capital Lome, where it had reportedly been anchored, said Noel Choong, head of the IMB piracy reporting centre. The hijackers exchanged fire with a Togo navy patrol boat that answered.

**Bolivia’s natural gas sales to Brazil, Argentina up 44 pct**

**La Paz, 1 Sept—** Bolivia’s natural gas sales to Brazil and Argentina increased by 44 percent year-on-year during the first seven months of 2012, Bolivia’s National Institute of Statistics said on Thursday.

From January to July, gas exports of the country reached about 2.92 billion US dollars, up from 2.03 billion dollars a year earlier, giving a major boost to the country’s revenues.

Bolivia saw an outpouring of hydrocarbon revenues this year as a colder than usual winter in South America has driven up the demand starting in May, said Edwin Alvarez, director of National Contract Management at Bolivia’s state-owned oil company YPFB. According to official figures, hydrocarbon sales continued to be Bolivia’s biggest exports in the first seven months this year, representing 49.89 percent of the total. YPFB plans to invest 2.45 billion dollars to increase its production of natural gas and liquid hydrocarbons to satisfy domestic demand and exports, Alvarez said.

**Another flight grounded after threatening message**

**Beijing, 1 Sept—** A Shenzhen Airlines flight was diverted to an airport in central China’s Wuhan city where it landed safely after receiving a threatening message on Thursday evening, the company said in the early hours of Friday morning.

Flight ZH9706, from Xiangfan city in Hubei Province to Shenzhen, landed at Wuhan Tianhe International Airport at 11:22 pm out of concern for passenger safety, the carrier said in a special announcement via its official microblog account at Sina Weibo (e.weibo.com/shenhana). The announcement did not elaborate what the message was, which was received at 10:29 pm when the aircraft was in the air. Police have intervened to investigate, the company said.

This is the second similar incident in China’s civil aviation industry in a week. An Air China flight from Beijing to New York returned to the Beijing Capital International Airport after receiving a threatening message on Wednesday evening. No abnormalities were detected on the flight, which departed for New York hours later. No results of the investigation have been disclosed.—Xinhua

**US to allow Shell to begin prep work for drilling in Arctic**

**Anchorage, 1 Sept—** Royal Dutch Shell (RDS.A) will be allowed to begin some “limited” drilling operations in the Chukchi Sea, the US government said on Thursday, in a move the company had used as a step forward in its long-delayed effort to tap Arctic oil.

The US Interior Department said Shell will be permitted to begin preparatory work in the Chukchi, but cannot drill to areas containing oil until the government certifies its oil spill containment system.

Without that containment system, the department has said it will not allow Shell to drill for oil in the Arctic. “At this point we don’t know exactly what is going to happen with Shell and whether they are going to be able to complete a well in the Arctic this year,” Interior Secretary Ken Salazar told a news conference with reporters. Shell’s Arctic drilling plans had appeared on track to begin this year but has run into delays. The company has spent $4.5 billion so far in its effort to explore for oil and gas off Alaska’s coast.

In addition to seeking modifications to its air-quality permits from the US Environmental Protection Agency, Shell is also still working to get its oil-spill containment barrier, the Arctic Challenger, approved by the Coast Guard. Shell’s vice president for Alaska Pete Slabey said the government’s decision to allow some drilling was “exciting”. He said that even if Shell’s activities this year were limited to top-hole drilling that would be an important accomplishment.

“This is really important to begin to establish confidence that we can do this right,” Slabey told reporters in Anchorage.

“All this work on top holes is clearly going to help us, as well as put real wind in our sails for 2013.” Facing delays, Shell has asked the government to extend its oil drilling season in the Chukchi beyond the September 24 deadline currently in place. Without an extension, the chances of completing a well this year are slim, Slabey said.

**Carves drive past Moscow’s Metropolitan Hotel on 30 Aug, 2012.**—Internet

**Moscow’s Hotel Metropol sold at auction**

Moscow, 1 Sept—Michael Jackson slept there. Vladimir Lenin harangued Bolsheviks there. Over the past century, the Hotel Metropol has seen the extremes of Russian life, from hotel was sold on Thursday for $275 million — slightly more expensive than the starting price of $272 million — after an auction organized by the Moscow city government as part of its privatization programme.

The buyer was Azimut, a major Russian hotel chain that attracted the Metropol from the Moscow city government, Russian media reported.

Moscow, with a perpetual shortage of hotel rooms and a business culture that values ostentation, is an attractive market for high-end hotels and the Metropol offers plenty of curb-flash. Situated catty-corner from the Bolshoi Theater and an easy stroll from Red Square, the location is prime for any guest who wants to feel in the very center of the city’sheaving action.

It’s one of Moscow’s most distinctive buildings as well, a cheery Art Nouveau confection in a city where buildings mostly seem to glow. Although it sits astride is one of the city centre’s more low-rise structures, it stands out with sinuous curves, freshly painted deshabille and bands of brightly coloured majolica tiles, all part of elaborate mosaics topping the building, the most noted being Mikhail Vrubel’s “Princess of Dreams,” showing a dying knight sailing through a crashing sea to a vision of his beloved.

Then, there’s the historical cachet. When it opened in 1901, it was a paragon of Russians’ growing prosperity and confidence, but 17 years later took on a far different air.—Internet
The “verdict passed by the Constitutional Tribunal of the Union dated 28 March, 2012” printed in 16 August, 2012, issue of state-owned Kyemon Daily and “the President’s message in response to the Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker’s message” that the 21 August, 2012, issue of the same paper reflect accountability, rationality and reliability of the President in exercising authorities vested in him. It is an example of charismatic leadership that is found commonly in Heads of State/Government.

The levels of prescribed laws in any country are defined by hierarchy of laws. Constitution which is also called Mirror of the Laws of the Land is supreme above all other legislations. In any countries it is not common that the constitution in practical is amended easily. Only Courts of Law and assigned Tribunals are entitled to define ambiguous wordings in any enacted laws of the particular country in legal arena.

Lodging complaints at the courts and tribunals means that the verdict passed by these courts and tribunals will be accepted according to both judicial procedures and litigation practices.

For example, it was regarded that whatever verdict of The International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea had been accepted to agree since the territorial waters dispute between Myanmar and Bangladesh was brought to tribunal. No public criticism could be directed at the tribunal for neither win nor lose.

The Hierarchy of Government Organizations, institutions that perform the duties of the State, has to be defined Hierarchy of Responsibility to function well. I would like to assess causes that led to ambiguousness in Hluttaw laws of three chambers.

I would like to demonstrate the organizational structure of three chambers formed with people’s representatives in chart.

In common sense, the level of the three Hluttaw in the oval shape in chart can be seen clearly.

1. Pyidaungsu Hluttaw which is combination of the Pyithu Hluttaw and Amyotha Hluttaw is the highest in terms of accountability.
2. Four Hluttaw Committees and Affairs Committees formed by Pyithu Hluttaw with representatives only should be “Pyithu Hluttaw level committees”.
3. Four Hluttaw Committees and Affairs Committees formed by Amyotha Hluttaw with representatives only should be “Amyotha Hluttaw level committees”.
4. “Joint Committee” formed by the two Hluttaws is only responsible for cases that are equally subject to two Hluttaws.
5. Formed either by Pyithu Hluttaw or Amyotha Hluttaw, commissions and organizations are formed with both Hluttaw representatives and citizens. As Citizen members are not elected representatives but the ones that assist Hluttaw representatives. They shall not be defined as Hluttaw or Hluttaw agencies.

Therefore, it would be required to review whether referring of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Law in the phrase “Union level agencies mean committee, commission and board formed by Pyidaungsu Hluttaw, Pyithu Hluttaw and Amyotha Hluttaw” prescribed in Article 2 (f) of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Law is correct or not.

(2) Again, Pyithu Hluttaw Law and Amyotha Hluttaw Law prescribed establishment of Hluttaw and Hluttaw agencies. With respect to establishment of Hluttaw agencies, (a) four Hluttaw committees and committees formed as necessary—these committees are constituted with Hluttaw representatives of Hluttaw concerned. (b) Joint committees these committees are constituted with Hluttaw representatives of two Hluttaws.

Shall be formed with both Hluttaw representatives or citizens

Gold entrepreneurs contribute to regional development in Kawlin

Kawlin, 1 Sept—Mohnann, Thayetchin and Mudein villages in western area of Kawlin Township faced erosion of banks at roads and bridges annually. So, students used motor boats for crossing the waterways to go to Okkan Village Basic Education High School (Branch).

To be able to overcome the difficulties, the local people are constructing the roads and bridges on a self-reliant basis with the contribution of gold entrepreneurs.

In the rainy season, the region faced high prices of commodities based on higher transport charges due to using motor boats to cross the creeks.

On completion, new roads and bridges will ease the difficulties and contribute much to poverty alleviation of the local people from western part of the township.—Myanma Alin

Monsoon paddy cultivated in Mobailuk Sub-Township

Mobailuk, 1 Sept—A ceremony to grow monsoon paddy on the farmland of U Hsa Ha was held in Mobailuk Sub-Township of Thayawady District on 26 August morning. At first, Sub-Township Administrator U Aung Moe led in ceremony; secondly the Thayawady Development Education Department, the story telling, extempore talks and poem recitation competitions were held in English was held in Pc Moe Hnin Hall of Thonze Basic Education High School in Thayawady District on 26 August morning.

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Citizen members are not elected representatives, but the ones that assist Hluttaw representatives. They shall not be defined as Hluttaw or Hluttaw agencies. The exact provision is as follows:

“Union level organization means Union government, National Defence and Security Council, Finance Commission, Supreme Court of the Union, Constitutional Tribunal of the Union, Union Election Commission, Auditor-General of the Union and Union Civil Services Board formed under the constitution as well as committee, commission and board formed by Pyidaungsu Hluttaw, Pyithu Hluttaw and Amyotha Hluttaw.”

The above-mentioned paragraph should be amended and/or revoked as it is contrary to the constitution as well as to the objective condition under the decision of the Constitutional Tribunal of the Union. Debate and resolution on amendment or abrogation of the existing law at Pyidaungsu Hluttaw might be appropriate approach to produce acceptable result.

The decision of the Constitutional Tribunal of the Union is final and conclusive under Section 324 of the Constitution and Sections 23 and 25 of the Constitutional Tribunal of the Union Law. In addition it takes effect on place concerned (to the Hluttaw as in current case). The current debates within the Hluttaw has led to Contempt of Court.

Proposer and second MPs demanding the members of the Constitutional Tribunal of the Union to resign and to admit wrong, are those who are required to observe responsibilities, ethics and principles prescribed in Sections 8 and 10 of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Law, Sections 9 and 11 of Pyithu Hluttaw Law and Amyotha Hluttaw Law.

In reality, members of the Constitutional Tribunal of the Union reasonably pointed out the objective condition of the Hluttaw under the law. The wrong parts of the Hluttaw laws must be fixed paying respect to the decision of the constitutional tribunal. Therefore, those personalities are indispensable scholars.

Story telling, extempore talks and poem recitation contests held

Thayawady, 1 Sept—Jointly organized by Thayawady District Information and Public Relations Department and Education Department, the story telling, extempore talks and poem recitation contests in English was held in Pc Moe Hnin Hall of Thonze Basic Education High School in Thayawady District on 26 August morning.

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District News

THAYAWADY, 1 Sept—Poem recitation contests held in English was held at P Moe Hnin Hall of Thonze Basic Education High School in Thayawady District on 26 August morning. The Staff Officer of District IPRD presented prizes to Pebingon BHPs of Thonze that stood first in the three contests.—Myanma Alin

Lwin, Sub-Township Manager of Agriculture Department U Zaw Win, Head of Settlement and Land Records Department U Tin Lwin and staff of Agriculture Department presented quality paddy strains to the local farmers.

The local farmers grew monsoon paddy through good agricultural pattern.—Myanma Alin
Pathein Nyunt Ward of administrator was held in ceremony to elect ward 30 August morning. Village of Arlam Village-tract Branch was held in Dungan Primary School to BEMS No. 3 Basic Education. A ceremony to upgrade students in its fifth year. The scholarships to eight University of Medicine offering “Yazar Lin Universities of Medicines, challenges to join only to meet financial 2012 matriculation exam out for students who aced Myint has cleared a way and wife Daw Aye Aye friendly ties with Japan for a long time. He was glad to hear U Myint Swe made a speech citing that Myanmar has had speech by Chairman of JETRO Mr. Hiroyuki Ishige. (JETRO) launched Business Support Center Yangon at YANGON Region Chief Minister U Myint Swe formally opened the ceremony. And then councellor Mr Aimoto read out the message sent by Japanese Minister for Economy, Trade and Industry Mr. Yukio Edano. The Chief Minister, Yangon Region Minister for Development Affairs Yangon Mayor U Hla Myint, President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry U Win Aung, Deputy Director-General of the Directorate of Trade U Tin Lwin, the Japanese Ambassador to Myanmar, the JETRO Chairman, Councillor of the Economy, Trade and Industry Ministry and Executive Managing Director of JETRO (Yangon) Mr. Manabu Takahara cut the ribbon to open the ceremony.

Primary School upgraded to BEMS Branch in Myitkyina

YANGON, 1 Sept—A ceremony to upgrade No. 3 Basic Education Primary School to BEMS Branch was held in Dungan Village of Arlam Village-tract of Myitkyina Township on 30 August morning. On the occasion, Kachin State Minister for Social Affairs Daw Baik Ja and State Education Officer U Chit Swe formally opened the school. The Chief Minister of Kachin State U La John Ngan Hsaing pressed the button to unveil the signboard of the school. The Chief Minister donated K 2 million for extended construction of the school building. He then inspected maintenance of Myitkyina-Sumpurabun Road in 8 Mile Village and the site for construction of the water tank for supplying water to Shweset Ward and Palana Village.

Scholarship for medical students

YANGON, 1 Sept—Yazar Lin Family of U Aye Kyaw and wife Daw Aye Aye Myint has cleared a way out for students who aced 2012 matriculation exam only to meet financial challenges to join Universities of Medicine, offering “Yazar Lin University of Medicine Scholarship”.

The programme which started since 2008–2009 academic year is set to grant scholarships to eight students in its fifth year. The potential freshers of Universities of Medicine (1) and (2) (Yangon), University of Medicine (Mandalay) and University of Medicine (Mawgaw) are eligible to apply for the scholarship. Scholarship winners will receive K 50,000 monthly since the first month at the university till they graduate. The applicants may submit CV, an application mentioning the reasons for applying for the scholarship, two passport-size photos, copy of grade list, recommendation of headmaster of the school where the student sat for the matriculation exam, copy of citizenship scrutiny cards of parents, copy of household registration certificate, recommendations of township administrator and township police station, contact address and phone number to No (50), Kan Yeik Tha (3) street, Finger Lake FMI City, Hlinethaya Township, Yangon, not later than 30 November, 2012.

Region Chief Minister on tour of development tasks in Myeik Township

YANGON, 1 Sept—Chief Minister of Taninthayi Region U Myat Ko on 27 August morning attended the opening of Advanced Tailoring Course No. 32 and Basic Tailoring Course No. 61 at the Women’s Vocational Training School in Myeik. The Chief Minister then inspected construction of private school in Kaiphya Ward, Jivindana Sanhga and Nun Hospital in Yepon Ward and the site for Coal-Fire Power Plant in Lukkh Village. In the afternoon, he met departmental officials, members of Chambers of Commerce and Industry in Myeik District and entrepreneurs at Kyun Yadana Hall of Myeik District General Administration Department—MNA.

Sky Net Cup 2012 Men’s Hockey Tournament continues

YANGON, 1 Sept—Jointly organized by Myanmar Hockey Federation and Shwe Than Lwin Co, the Sky Net Cup 2012 Men’s Hockey Tournament continued at Theinbyu Hockey Artificial Turf this afternoon.

International Basic Wrestling Course 3-14 Sept

YANGON, 1 Sept—Myanmar Wrestling Federation will manage competition of its athletes in the XXXVII SEA Games to be held by Myanmar. On 5 September to 14 September, the wrestling training camp will be opened at the Thawwana Indoor Stadium. Any enthusiasts may dial 421718126 and 095188224 for further information.

New ward administrator elected through secret voting

YANGON, 1 Sept—A ceremony to elect ward administrator was held in Pathein Nyunt Ward of Mingala Taungnyunt Township of Yangon East District on 21 August. At first, the Township Administrator selected five townswellers for supervising the elections. The township administrator and the township law officer gave lectures on the townswellers. On 26 August, representatives of 10-house groups were elected in line with the rules and regulations under the arrangement of the supervisory group. On 27 August evening, representatives of 10-house groups elected the ward administrator through secret voting.

Business Support Center launched in Yangon

YANGON, 1 Sept—Japan External Trade Organization (JETRO) launched Business Support Center Yangon at Sedona Hotel, here, yesterday evening, with an opening speech by Chairman of JETRO Mr. Hiyuki Ishige.

On the occasion, Yangon Region Chief Minister U Myint Swe made a speech citing that Myanmar has had friendly ties with Japan for a long time. He was glad to hear U Myint Swe made a speech citing that Myanmar has had friendly ties with Japan for a long time. He was glad to hear that Japanese businessmen are very willingly to make heavy investments in various sectors of Myanmar, one of its neighbouring countries. The conclusion of his speech pointed out the newly-opened center would surely support in strengthening bilateral cooperation between the two countries and in helping investment increase.

After that, Japanese Ambassador to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Mr. Takashi Saito extended greetings and then councellor Mr Aimoto read out the message sent by Japanese Minister for Economy, Trade and Industry Mr. Yukio Edano. The Chief Minister, Yangon Region Minister for Development Affairs Yangon Mayor U Hla Myint, President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry U Win Aung, Deputy Director-General of the Directorate of Trade U Tin Lwin, the Japanese Ambassador to Myanmar, the JETRO Chairman, Councillor of the Economy, Trade and Industry Ministry and Executive Managing Director of JETRO (Yangon) Mr. Manabu Takahara cut the ribbon to open the ceremony.
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2.75 million to 55 members of Ward 2 on 28 August, and K 30,000 each to 25 members of Ward 2.

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Electric detonators worth K 32.1 million seized in Nawngkhio

HASPIAW, 1 Sept—Members of Lashin Special Anti-Drug Squad of Shan State (North) and members of Nawngkhio Police Station, acting on tip-off, searched Tun Aung, 27, son of U Aik Lin of Myo Ward in Haspaw at 7.30 pm on 27 August at the mile post No. 80.4to Nawngkhio before departure for

Mandalay. A total of 2,380 electric detonators worth K 32.1 million from 26 boxes were seized from Super Custom SL, driven by Tun Aung of Haspaw.

Nawngkhio Police Station opened a file of lawsuit against the crime brokers under law. Myanma Alin

Avocado Technical Seminar 2012 opened

YANGON, 1 Sept—Asian Volleyball Confederation, Ministry of Sports and Myanmar Volleyball Federation jointly organized the Avocado Technical Seminar 2012 (Block and Defence) at the National Indoor Stadium-1 in Thowmaw of Yangon on 30 August.

It was attended by officials of Sports and Physical Education Department, the general secretary of Myanmar Women’s Sports Federation, the vice-president, the general secretary and executives of Myanmar Volleyball Federation, the Defence Services Volleyball Committee and guests. Course Director Prok Nai Chang extended greetings. Vice-President of MVF U Thein Win gave an opening address. Altogether 37 trainees attended the training course. MAV

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Fingerlings released into paddy fields

THAYAWADY, 1 Sept—With the aim of ensuring sufficiency of food consumption of rural people, a ceremony to release fingerlings into the paddy fields was held in the paddy field of farmer U Hla Win in Ngapbyugale Village-tract in Thayawady Township on 23 August.

On the occasion, Deputy Commissioner U Hla Myo of District General Administration Department, Head of District Fisheries Department U Sein Myint, departmental heads, members of Women’s Affairs Organization and Maternal and Child Welfare Association, local farmers released 195,000 fingerlings into 390 acres of paddy fields.

Myanma Alin

Nourishment Week launched in Hmawby Township

YANGON, 1 Sept—Organized by Yangon North District Maternal and Child Welfare Association, the World Breastfeeding Week and Nourishment Week were launched at the hall of Hmawby Township General Administration Department on 26 August morning, with an address by Chairperson of Yangon North District Maternal and Child Welfare Supervisory Committee Daw Hnin Thanda Oo.

Next, Deputy Head of Yangon Region Health Department Dr Kyaw Win explained plans for realizing the World Breastfeeding Week and Leader of Yangon Region Nourishment Control Group Dr Khin Myitta Moe San on facts about nourishment week.

Chairperson of Yangon Region Maternal and Child Welfare Supervisory Committee Daw Thaung Mya and officials presented prizes to the winners in the quiz and model mother award winners.

Next, they presented vitamin-A tablets to children under five and refreshment and iodized salt to expectant mothers.

Chairperson of Hmawby Township Maternal and Child Welfare Association Daw Than Shwe presented membership application to Chairperson of Region MCWSC Daw Thaung Mya. Later, they presented refreshment and cash assistance to the mothers at the delivery room of the Township MCWA.

Myanma Alin

Myanmar, Cuba emphasize promotion of bilateral trade

YANGON, 1 Sept—Cuban Ambassador Mr Lazaro Herrera Martinez met President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry U Win Aung and General Secretary Dr Myo Thet at the office of the federation, here, on 27 August afternoon.

They discussed promoting of bilateral trade, foreign investment, financial and human resources, oil and natural gas, and attendance of Myanmar delegation to International Trade Expo to be held in Cuba. Myanma Alin

Alleviation of poverty undertaken in Mawgyun

MAWLAMYINEGYUN, 1 Sept—With the aim of ensuring alleviation of poverty in Mawlamyinegyun Township of Ayeyawady Region, Aung Phyo Simicrofinance service company Ltd of Mawlamyingyun disbursed loans to its members on 28 August.

Managing Director U Thein Win, Director Daw Myo Myo presented K 50,000 each to 25 members of Ward 2.

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Israelis say UN report strengthens Iran warnings

JERUSALEM, Sept 1 — Israeli officials said on Friday that a new United Nations report adds credibility to their warnings about Iran, including concerns over recent comments by Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad that his country was “solely dedicated to achieving a free and strong Iran.” The report by the UN nuclear agency, which was released on Thursday, said that Iran had stepped up its nuclear program since the last time it was inspected in 2007, and that it had continued to work on developing a nuclear bomb.

Big cash seizure puts light on Nicaragua drug role

MANAGUA, Sept 1 — Most days the only vehicles on Highway 15 are battered trucks shuttling grain, coffee beans and cooking oil through the lush, mountainous highlands on the Honduras-Nicaragua border. Then one recent morning, a convoy of six vans crisscrossed the border, carrying with them $2 million in cash. The cash was discovered by plain clothes Nicaraguan police officers as they searched the vans for drugs at a checkpoint on the highway.

Two Gazans injured in Israeli airstrike: medics

Gaza City, Sept 1 — Two Palestinians were wounded in early Saturday morning, when an Israeli airstrike targeted a building in Gaza City, medics said. The air strike was the latest in a series of attacks on Hamas targets in Gaza.

US President Barack Obama waves after delivering remarks inside the 1st Aviation Support Battalion Hangar at Fort Bliss, Texas.—INTERNET

Japan, N Korea aim for higher-level talks soon

BEIJING, Sept 1 — Japan and North Korea hope to soon hold talks which could cover Pyongyang’s past abduction of Tokyo’s citizens, a Japanese official said on Friday after three days of preparatory discussions in Beijing. The two will iron out details to conduct higher-level talks in the Chinese capital “at an early time as possible,” said the official, who under briefing rules could only be described as connected to Japan’s Foreign Ministry.

This week’s results would be taken back to Tokyo and Pyongyang for further discussion, he said, and the two would work to “hold broad talks with issues of concern to both sides” in the coming weeks.

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Russia’s Putin calls for Stalin-style “leap forward”

NOSO-Ogaryovo, 1 Sept — Russia needs a “leap forward” to rejuvenate its sprawling defence industry, President Vladimir Putin said on Friday, harkening back to the ambitious industrialization carried out by Soviet dictator Josef Stalin in the run-up to World War Two. “We should carry out the same powerful, all-embracing leap forward in modernization of the defence industry as the one carried out in the 1930s,” Putin told the Security Council, without mentioning Stalin by name. Stalin, who ruled the Soviet empire with an iron fist for 27 years, is blamed for the death of about six million people but also is praised by many Russians for winning the war and industrializing the country. Putin modernized industrialization a priority during his third term in the Kremlin which started in May amid the largest protests of his 12-year rule. He conceded that the defence industry, once the heart of the Soviet economy, was in tatters. Unfortunately, many of our enterprises are technologically stuck in the previous century,” Putin said, complaining about poor discipline at plants working on state defence orders.

In the 1930s Soviet leaders transformed a rural country devastated by civil war into an industrial superpower, using terror and executions to impose strict discipline on new plants built across the vast country. Putin’s top defence industry official Dmitry Rogozin posted on his Facebook page a copy of a 1940 letter from Stalin to gun factory managers and accompanied it with a sarcastic warning: “Such methods of improving discipline can’t exist.” Stalin’s letter to the managers said: “I give you two or three days to launch mass production of machinegun cartridges. If production does not start on time, I will execute those responsible."

Thousands return home after Philippines quake, tsunami warning lifted

GUINOBATAN (Philippines), 1 Sept — Tens of thousands of people on a central Philippine island returned home on Saturday after a deadly earthquake and tsunami warning was lifted following a 7.6 magnitude undershock, as local authorities began work to repair damages to public infrastructure.

The earthquake, 91 miles off the town of Guinobatan on Samar island on Friday killed one person and caused only minor damage, but prompted the US Pacific Tsunami Warning Centre to issue a tsunami warning.

Philippine authorities ordered thousands of people living along the coast to evacuate, but on Saturday those that had fled to higher grounds were returning home, said a local official, governor of Eastern Samar Province. “We’ve sent out our engineers and repair teams to inspect roads, bridges and public buildings,” he said.

Our people were reporting cracks on roads and municipal gymnastics, and approaches on a bridge near Mercedes town were also damaged but remained passable to light vehicles.” The tsunami warning was initially issued for the Philippines, Japan, Indonesia, Taipei, Papua New Guinea and other islands in the Pacific including the US state of Hawaii. Small waves of about 16 cm (6 inches) hit a southern Philippine island, the seismology agency said.

“It was really scary, that was the strongest earthquake I felt in my life,” Alice Cabaca, a 50-year-old mother of four, told Reuters from her small canteen in Guinobatan, saying she was watching television when jolted by the tremor.

“Everything was shaking and falling down. Our television was broken. After the shaking, I gathered my children and we fled to a safer place because our house is near the beach. Everybody was shouting, children were crying and all are panicking.”

Bernanke says Fed ready to act but short on specifics

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PHILADELPHIA, 1 Sept — Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke said on Friday that the Federal Reserve could take further action to support the US economy, but the data so far does not warrant a more aggressive assessment of the risks.

87 insurgents killed in operations in Afghanistan

KABUL, 1 Sept — At least 87 Taliban insurgents have been killed in operations in different Afghan provinces, the Afghan Interior Ministry said on Saturday. “Afghan police and army, backed by the NATO-led coalition forces, carried out 11 military operations in Kabul, Nangarhar, Laghman, Logar, Ghazni, Paktya and Nimroz provinces, killing 87 armed Taliban insurgents within the past 24 hours,” the ministry said in a statement.

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Venezuela restarts two refinery units after blast

CARACAS, 1 Sept — Workers have restarted two key production units at Venezuela’s biggest refinery following an explosion a week ago that killed nearly 50 people, spurring a huge fire and halting operations at the facility, state oil company PDVSA said on Friday. Firefighters battled for days to put out burning storage tanks. None of the production units were affected, but were temporarily taken off line at the 645,000 barrel per day Amuay refinery, which is part of the second-biggest refinery complex in the world.

“Operational activities have resumed safely and gradually,” PDVSA said in a statement, adding that two crude distillation units with a combined capacity of 160,000 bpd were already operating normally.

The authorities are investigating what may have caused a gas leak that led to Sunday’s pre-dawn blast. In addition to those killed, the explosion wrecked about 200 nearby homes. The accident was the global oil industry’s most recent the toll of a fire that killed 56 people in 1997 at India’s Visakhapatnam refinery. Experts say PDVSA might have to run Amuay’s restart process more slowly than normal following the blast, while workers continue to clear debris, cool the area affected by the blaze and check the system for any more leaks or other problems. — Reuters

Obama to visit hurricane-damaged Louisiana amid campaign events

WASHINGTON, 1 Sept — U.S. President Barack Obama will visit the state of Louisiana next Monday, saying his priority was done by Hurricane Isaac this week, which was now downgraded as a tropical storm, said the White House on Friday, when his challenger Mitt Romney launched a fresh round of attacks.

The president will leave for a campaign event in Toledo, Ohio first thing Monday, skip another one before paying a visit to Louisiana, announced the White House spokesman Jay Carney aboard Air Force One as Obama flew to Texas on Friday to address US troops. During the stay in the hard-hit state of Louisiana, Obama will meet with local officials, assessing the impact of Isaac which made landfall in the state on Tuesday night as a hurricane, and weakened to a tropical storm on Wednesday and was further downgraded to a tropical depression on Thursday. The announcement came shortly after Republican presidential nominee Romney’s campaign announced he would visit Louisiana on Friday, between two previously announced campaign stops.

President Obama will run for re-election on Tuesday, which will be nominated on Thursday night at the Republican National Convention held in Tampa, Florida. Both campaigns’ announcements came days after Isaac cuaght the Gulf Coast around the 7th anniversary of Hurricane Katrina’s arrival in the region. Through the whole week, Isaac caused heavy rains, howling winds and serious inland flooding, pushing thousands of residents to evacuate from their homeland.

The southern US states of Florida, Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama have been on high alert against the threat of Isaac since last weekend. Also, Florida, Louisiana and Alabama have declared states of emergency, fearing that Isaac might repeat the disaster that Hurricane Katrina brought to the Gulf coast just seven years ago. Hurricane Katrina devastated New Orleans and the Gulf Coast on 29 Aug, 2005, killing 1,836 people and causing property damage estimated at 81 billion US dollars. It was the costliest natural disaster, and one of the five deadliest hurricanes in the history of the United States. — Reuters

A science research specialist monitors computer data on the recorded earthquake at the Seismology agency office in Quezon City, Metro Manila on 31 Aug, 2012. — Reuters
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**Nigeria**

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American has assigned non-disclosure agreements with other parties, according to a memo the company sent to managers on Friday. It did not identify the other parties, but Bloomberg and the Associated Press on Friday reported that British Airways parent International Airlines Group also signed a non-disclosure accord with American. Representatives of IAG could not immediately be reached for comment. LAG, a member of the new world global alliance of which American is a part, did not immediately respond to a request for comment. The company said there had earlier this month that it may consider a merger in the future. Many analysts consider US Airways to be the leading contender for AMR, which filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection in November. Combined, US Airways and AMR had $37 billion in revenue in 2011, about equal with United Continental, the world’s biggest carrier.

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**World’s shortest man, woman meet for photo**

Guinness World Records, based in London, said the world’s shortest man and the world’s shortest woman met for the first time for a photo shoot.

The recordkeeping organization said 21.5-inch-tall Chandra Bahadur Dangi, 72, and 24.7-inch-tall Jyoti Amge, 18, of India met for the first time, which also marked the first time in history the holders of the shortest human records have met, to shoot promotional photos for “Guinness World Records 2013,” the 57th edition of the record book.

“It was an extraordinary moment. They’re both such incredible individuals. Everyone knew this was a special moment. The atmosphere was magical,” Marco Frigatti, an official Guinness World Records adjudicator who took part in the photo shoot, said in a release.

Guinness said Amge will visit Britain on 13 Sept to take part in festivities for the release of the 2013 record book.

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**MTV cancels ‘Jersey Shore’**

NEW YORK, 1 Sept— MTV says the upcoming sixth season of its reality show “Jersey Shore” will be its last.

Production has wrapped and the fresh run of episodes is to begin airing in October, The Hollywood Reporter said on Thursday.

The show about a group of party people in their 20s living it up at a New Jersey beach house and travelling to Italy has had a ratings hit for the cable network. No reason was given for the cancellation, but some of the show’s stars have publicly expressed their wishes to settle down and/or sober up.

MTV recently revealed its “Jersey Shore” spinoff “Snooki & JWoww” for a second season — Internet

**Michael Keaton ropes ‘RoboCop’ role**

LOS ANGELES, 1 Sept—

Michael Keaton has signed on for a supporting role in the Hollywood remake of the science-fiction classic “RoboCop.”

The MGMT and Columbia Pictures production will also star Joel Kinnaman, Gary Oldman and Samuel L. Jackson.

“Michael is the final addition to the amazing cast we have assembled for this film, and it is so great to have the last puzzle piece in place,” Padilha said in a statement.

“It is thrilling that everything has come together to bring this innovative new vision of ‘RoboCop’ to life. We’ve got a great script, a great cast, some killer ED-209s, and I can’t wait to get Alex Murphy back on the streets.”

The Hollywood Reporter owned former “House” star Hugh Laurie had been in talks to play the evil boss of Omnicorp — the company that turns dying Detroit police officer Alex Murphy into the cyborg RoboCop — but he passed on the role last week, paving the way for Keaton’s hiring.

Keaton’s films include “Mr. Mom,” “Gung Ho,” “Johnny Dangerously,” “Batman,” “Beetlejuice,” “Clean and Sober,” “The Paper,” “Speechless” and “The Other Guys.”

“RoboCop” was a critical and box-office success in 1987. Peter Welleck played the title character in the original film and a sequel. Kinnaman will play the part in the remake.

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**Kristen Stewart’s mom files for divorce**

LOS ANGELES, 1 Sept—

Jules Stewart, the mother of actress Kristen Stewart, has filed for divorce from her husband, John, in Los Angeles County Superior Court, records show.

TMZ said Jules Stewart, a writer and director, began the process 15 August to legally end her 27-year marriage to John, a TV producer and stage manager.

She cited irreconcilable differences as the reason for the split and noted the date of her separation from John as 15 June, 2010.

Kristen Stewart recently broke up with her longtime beau and “Twilight” co-star, Robert Pattinson, after she admitted she cheated on him with her married “Snow White and the Huntsman” director Rupert Sanders. — Internet

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**Sofia Vergara confirms engagement**

LOS ANGELES, 1 Sept—

Colombian-born actress Sofia Vergara has confirmed weeks-old reports, saying she is engaged to businessman Nick Loeb.

“I haven’t started planning anything because everything has been so recent,” Vergara said at the Celebuzz this week. “I just planned a very big birthday — my 40th birthday in Mexico. More than 100 people came and celebrated with me and my friends and co-workers from ‘Modern Family.’

I am kind of, you know, a lot — I just started the ‘Modern Family’ season — so don’t know yet when I will get married.”

The celebrity news Web site said Loeb proposed to Vergara as they toured the Mayan ruins in Chichen Itza during her birthday trip to Mexico last month. — Internet

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**Bill and Giuliana welcome baby boy**

DENVER, 1 Sept—

Reality TV stars Bill and Giuliana Rancic announced on Twitter Thursday their first child has been born via gestational surrogate in Denver.

Edward Duke Rancic was born on Wednesday, People.com reported.

The birth to a gestational surrogate means the baby is the Rancics’ genetic offspring.

“The Duke’s’ danked” Edward Duke Rancic was welcomed into the world last night at 7bs 4oz,” Bill Rancic tweeted. “G & I feel blessed beyond words... We did it!”

Giuliana has suffered numerous health issues in recent years. She had a miscarriage in 2010, underwent fertility treatments to try to get pregnant again, then had a double mastectomy last year as part of her treatment for breast cancer.

The Rancics star on Style Network’s “Giuliana & Bill.”

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**Whale vomit chunk worth thousands**

GMA’s Robin Roberts’ mother dies

New York, 1 Sept—

“Good Morning America” host Robin Roberts left on medical leave a day early to see her ailing mother in Mississippi before her mother died, ABC News reported.

Lumacian Towler Roberts, 88, died on Thursday evening, the network announced.

Roberts had planned to leave the show on Friday for treatment for a rare blood disorder. She left a day early to visit her mother, who had appeared on “Good Morning America” several times as an guest, ABC affiliate WXYZ-TV, Detroit, reported.

Roberts is scheduled to start treatments next week for bone marrow transplant from donor, Sally-Ann, CNN reported.

“There’s a point that really resonates with me when I think about this time of my life. I lose provides loss and heartbreak for all of us, but the greatest tragedy is to have the experience and miss the meaning,” Roberts said on Thursday. “I am determined not to miss that meaning, because through it I have discovered that I have been given many gifts, gifts that will carry me through this difficult time.”

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Ambergris.

The family of a British 8-year-old who found a chunk of whale vomit on the beach said the find could be worth more than $60,000.

Charlie Naysmith, of Christchurch, England, said he discovered the chunk of ambergris at Hengyatrix Head and took it home. His family researched the object and found it is worth between $16,000 and $63,000, the Daily Echo of Southampton, England, reported.

The boy’s father, Alex Naysmith, said experts were working to determine the exact worth of the item.

“He is into nature and is really interested in it. We have discovered it is quite rare and are waiting for some more information from marine biology experts,” he said.

Experts said ambergris, which is created in the intestines of a sperm whale and comes out in vomit, is prized for its ability to prolong the scent of perfume.

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Packed crowds and controversy at the Games

London, 9 Sept—Packed crowds on Friday grated the first day of athletics at the Olympic Stadium. Paralympics but the jubilant mood was overshadowed by a mix-up that saw the wrong athlete awarded a gold. There was controversy, too, at the Velodrome, where the British favourite in the men’s C4-5 1km time-trial angrily protested a decision not to allow him to restart after slipping at the start. The day had started off well, with nearly 80,000 people packed into the Olympic Stadium ahead of London 2012 Paralympics Paralympics. The combative midfielder made 247 appearances for Chelsea over seven seasons, scoring 25 goals and twice winning the club’s goal of the season award. He also helped the club to two Premier League titles, four FA Cups and last season’s Champions League title.

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Sierra Leone.—A suicide bombing at a NATO military base in central Afghanistan killed at least six Afghan civilians and their goods, an AFP report said Saturday.

A spokesman for NATO’s International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) confirmed the attack.

The United Nations said 1,145 civilians were killed and 1,954 wounded in the war in the first six months of this year, with the United Nations blaming 80 percent of the deaths on insurgent forces.

Suicide bombing kills at least six Afghans at NATO base

Flayers of German first division bundesliga take part in a training session in the southern German city of Munich on 29 August, 2012.

Bayern Munich host VfB Stuttgart in their opening home league game of the season on Sunday.

Bayern enjoyed an impressive start to the season last Saturday with a 3-0 win at newly-promoted Greuther Friedeburg thanks to Dutch striker Bas Dost’s 90th-minute winner.

The gendarme said a truck carrying beef and their goods was destroyed by the blast.

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A spokesman for NATO’s International Security Assistance Force said there were no US casualties.

A suicide bomber on a food delivery truck detonated near the gate of the base in Sayedabad, Wardak province, opening the way for a truck suicide bombing that followed him.

A spokesman for the Taleban insurgent group claimed responsibility for the attack.

Internet

Agricultural Machinery Operating Course kicks off

The Agricultural Machinery Operating Course No 1/2012 was opened at the hall of Township Agricultural Mechanization Department in Nattalin Township of Mayagawady District in Bago Region on 25 August morning.

In charge of the Region AMD U Khin Maung Zin and Head of District AMD U Kyaw Thaung explained the purpose of opening the training course.

A total of 58 people were on board the boat which capsized a few minutes after sailing off for Kassa Island several kilometres from the capital Conaky.

“The pilot of the boat was doing his first voyage,” the source explained.

Another paramilitary police officer speaking shortly after the accident took place said many women and babies had been aboard the pirogue, a canoe-like boat used by fishermen and for transport.

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Selected Myanma men’s volleyball team leave for Vietnam

Yangon, 1 Sept—Selected Myanma Men’s Volleyball Team on 29 August evening left here by air for Vietnam to compete in 3rd AVC Men’s Cup to be held from 1 to 7 September. They were seen off at Yangon International Airport by Vice-President U Thein Win and officials of Myanma Volleyball Federation.

Selected Myanma Men’s Volleyball Team comprised Mr Zhang Qin as Head Coach and former selected Myanma volleyball player U Ye Myint as assistant coach and U Myo Min Zaw (Ministry of Home Affairs) as head trainer.

Multiplier Librarian Course opened

Naw Pyi Taw, 1 Sept—The opening ceremony of Multiplier Librarian Course was held at Myawunthiri Library in Ahsylino Village of Zabuthiri Township, and donated 300 copies of publications for village library. After that, the Deputy Head of District (IPRD) Head of Zabuthiri Township IPRD and the librarian shared knowledge about librarian science to 50 trainees.

Raising of bund at Kyaukse Lake undertaken

Yamethin, 1 Sept—Kyaukse Lake was built near Kyaukse Village of Pwaywbe Township of Yamethin District by damming Samson Creek. The bund is 13500 feet long and 20 feet high. It can store 6250 acre-feet of water. The lake is installed with three pumps and two hydrants and is divided into two groups. Group (A) teams are divided into two groups. Group (A) teams are Myanmar, Korea, Japan and Vietnam and Group (B) teams are Ireland, India, Australia and China.—MNA

Annual General Meeting of MCPA on 8 Sept

Yangon, 1 Sept—Annual General Meeting of Myanma Computer Professionals Association will be held at conference hall of MIC Park in Hline Township in Yangon at 2 pm on 8 September (Saturday), and the MCPA’s members will be invited. The members of the association wishing to ask questions and give suggestions may send questions through letter or e-mail, not later than 4 September.

At the meeting, the talks entitled “Situation Analysis and Future Trends for IT Professionals” will be given. For detailed information, may browse www.mcpayamnnar.org and dial 01-652276 and 09-73088300.

Vaccination injected to animals in Ayeyawady Region

Naw Pyi Taw, 1 Sept—A veterinary team led by Deputy Director-General Dr Aung Gyi of Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department made field trips to eight townships of Ayeyawady Region from 23 to 29 August to be able to provide health care of buffalos and cows in the flood-hit areas.

The team gave vaccinations to 2464 buffalos and cows in Buley, 378 in Thetkabyin Township, 611 in Thanbokkai Township, 536 in Bartaung Township, 121 in Kyenon Township, 478 in Tharrawaddy Township, 740 in Pathein Township, 522 in Taunggyi Township and 379 in Bago Township.

Myitta Akhadaw Day observed at Shwedagon Pagoda

Yangon, 1 Sept—The ceremonies to mark Myitta Akhadaw Day was held at the prayer hall on the platform of Shwedagon Pagoda on Fullmoon Day of Wagaung at 5 am today.

Staff of the Pagoda Board of Trustees offered meals, lights, flowers, water and fruits to the pagoda. They offered flowers to four Buddha images at each archway and Padamyi Myeshrin Buddha Image on the upper terrace.

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The team gave vaccinations to 2464 buffalos and cows in Buley, 378 in Thetkabyin Township, 611 in Thanbokkai Township, 536 in Bartaung Township, 121 in Kyenon Township, 478 in Tharrawaddy Township, 740 in Pathein Township, 522 in Taunggyi Township and 379 in Bago Township.

Myitta Akhadaw Day observed at Shwedagon Pagoda

Yangon, 1 Sept—The ceremonies to mark Myitta Akhadaw Day was held at the prayer hall on the platform of Shwedagon Pagoda on Fullmoon Day of Wagaung at 5 am today.

Staff of the Pagoda Board of Trustees offered meals, lights, flowers, water and fruits to the pagoda. They offered flowers to four Buddha images at each archway and Padamyi Myeshrin Buddha Image on the upper terrace.

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