President U Thein Sein thanked the Canadian government for easing the economic sanctions. Plans are under way to open Myanmar embassy in Ottawa of Canada. The President said Myanmar is geographically surrounded by vibrant economies, inviting investments in labour-intensive industries, workshops and value-added factories and workshops. Being an agro-based country, Myanmar has held the opportunities to export high-quality agricultural produce, the President said. He displayed the possibility of establishing downstream industries in Myanmar as the country has a number of rubber and oil-palm plantations. He also said the country now has the legal framework for safeguarding investors. The President pinned his hope for increase in bilateral trade volume on the Canadian minister.

The Canadian minister said he was accompanied by 26 corporate delegations to seek economic prospects in Myanmar. He assured that the Canadian government has set high standards of Corporate Social Responsibility for Canadian companies. The President said Myanmar needs help from established democracies like Canada for endurance of democracy in Myanmar. He expressed his hope for investment in factories and workshops of lower technologies, which he said, is the fundamental requirement of the country. He tipped the Canadian minister’s trip for improved friendship and increased trade cooperation. He handed the message wishing good health of the Canadian Heads of State/Government to the Canadian minister.

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Preserve and promote national prestige and integrity

At present, there is a growing trend among the people towards adoring alien culture. Making breakthrough in a series of core and key technologies plus the superiority in wealth, some big nations are making an attempt to overwhelm developing countries like Myanmar politically, socially and economically, while trying to export their culture and traditions to the latter.

Youths are found to be under the influence of alien culture, idea, expression and lifestyle since they are copying the imported music, fine arts, song and dance and modes of dress. Trying to keep pace with changes and developments of the global nations is a good sign. But they are required to make their idea, knowledge and way of thinking sensible and appropriate to keep their culture, traditions and customs alive and dynamic.

As the new generation youths are a source of great strength for the country going forward, they should remain vigilant against the complication of alien culture, traditions and customs that are contrary to Myanmar culture. Failure to preserve the national culture may lead to undermining national prestige and integrity, and that may also result in the disappearance of the nation and people.

The infiltration of alien culture into the nation has grown from a lesser-known problem to a major cultural challenge. With a growing popularity in alien culture and tradition, preservation of culture and tradition appears to be a more pressing issue for a nation or a race, and it is like a new wave of thought for the future of the nation.

The elimination of alien culture entrenched in the country is both an urgent priority and a long-term project that requires the commitment of all. And it is incumbent upon the citizens to equip themselves with a great sense of responsibility, solidarity and rationality. Only then, will they be able to preserve and promote their national prestige and integrity.

Union Minister for Foreign Affairs attends 16th Summit of Non-Aligned Movement

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Investments and cooperation in all sectors, undertakings of the military affairs committee of House of Representatives of Thailand and the role of the parliament. Also present at the meeting were Chairman of Agriculture, Livestock and Fishery Development Committee U Soe Naing, Secretary of Communication and Construction Committee U Myo Swe, Commission members U Taik San and U Khin Maung Soe, and Defence Services Personnel Pyithu Hluttaw Representatives Col Myint Ko Ko and Col Tin Hsan.

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**Greek FM sings in tune, now must hit the hard notes**

Much of that which appears to be determination to secure Greece’s next tranche of aid, of about 31 billion euros that is on hold, in the hope it will not and constant speculation of a Greek exit from the euro zone and shore up its banks, ultimately setting the wheels of the depressed economy in motion again. “He is determined to adapt because he doesn’t want the government to explode in his hands. And at the moment there is a risk that the government, in other words, bankruptcy, will explode in his hands,” said political analyst John Louis.

**Russia eyes further cooperation with APEC partners**

“I believe the truth must be told, and that is that Barack Obama would give it to Israel, if he did not see international pressure,” commented Elan Carr, director of the Israel Policy Forum in Washington, D.C. Romney has also sharply criticized Obama’s handling of Iran, fueling speculation that Israel might attack Iran before the US presidential election on November 6.

**Netanyahu urges international “red lines” to stop Iran**

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**Colombia to fight rebels despite possible peace talks**

The president ordered to keep pressure on the rebels and not give up on the peace talks. Binzoned noted, that the government and the armed forces would not neglect the pursuit of a settlement with the rebels. Infact, “what’s coming could be even harder, because we are going to continue strengthening the public (security) forces ... improving their intelligence capabilities, increasing their hardware and resources,” said the president.

Last week, government envoy and leaders of the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC) made contact in Cuba to discuss the possibility of holding peace talks to end the half-century-long armed struggle. Santos said last Monday that Colombia’s second-largest leftist group, the National Liberation Army (ELN), also attended the “exploratory talks.” The FARC and the ELN have a total of 10,000 members, according to government figures.

**Recalling 1812 battle, Putin calls for unity in Russia**

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Samsung’s crisis culture: a driver and a drawback

SEOUL, 3 Sept—In his 1997 book, Samsung/Chairman Lee Kun-hee wrote that a successful company needs a “heightened sense of crisis,” so that it always looks ahead even when things are well, and needs to be able to respond to change.

It’s a credo that has driven Samsung Electronics to become the world’s biggest technology firm by revenue—it sells more televisions, smartphones and memory chips than anyone else—and makes the group a must-visit case study for a stream of Chinese firms seeking to tap the secrets of Korean success.

But, in the wake of last month’s damaging US patent ruling, which Samsung has said it will appeal—the Korean giant was fined more than $1 billion after a jury found it had copied key features of Apple Inc’s iPhone—the group’s top-down command structure and decision-making process are blamed for stifling creativity. What’s been good for getting things done quickly, such as making bold decisions on big investments in chips and display screens, may not now best suit a company that needs to shift from being a fast follower—to quickly meet others’ products—to an innovator.

Within Samsung, where some designers feel overlooked and undermined, there are calls for a change of tack. The “constant crisis that has worked well, helping Samsung overtake Japanese technology brands Sony, Sharp and Panasonic in chips, TVs and displays, and Nokian’s decade-long supremacy in handsets and overtake Apple in smartphones. But that isn’t working out with a big reputational hit—that Samsung makes knock-off products.”

Last week, a US court ruled Samsung’s Android devices were violating Apple patents—a major blow to the leading mobile operating system platform because it could lead to sales bans and high licensing fees.

The impact could also hit smaller vendors that use Android like HTC, ZTE, and Lenovo and ZTE—which all use Android extensively—told Reuters they were continuing to bet on the Google platform despite the ruling.

“The ruling is not relevant to what we are doing,” said Chris Edwards, chief of ZTE’s business development in Europe.

But as the mobile market matures and more patent cases look likely, some makers are looking at the alternatives.

Samsung, which has used a number of platforms but now mostly uses Android, announced a new phone running on Microsoft’s new Windows Phone 8 software at a consumer technology conference on Wednesday, sneaking ahead of a hotly-anticipated launch of a Nokia-Windows phone due next week.

Shares in Nokia, which has partnered with Windows and is its main user, jumped after the Samsung ruling on expectations it might be a safer legal bet than Android makers.

The California jury said Samsung infringed six of seven Apple patents in the case, including technology that recognizes whether one or two fingers are on the screen, the front surface of the phone and the design of screen icons, which is a clear reference to Google’s technology.

After the verdict, Google said that most of the patents involved “don’t relate to the core Android operating system.” Android was used in 68 percent of all smartphones sold last year, with Samsung making almost half of them, while Microsoft had 3 percent market share.

The balance of power is unlikely to shift quickly as this season’s Android smartphones were all made before the ruling.

Sony launched three Android phones this week at IFA, Europe’s largest consumer electronics fair. Chinese phone maker Huawei launched four.

“We have made our choice,” said Lars-Christian Weisswange, vice president at Huawei’s phone unit, adding that consumers were making the platform choice for them by picking Android phones. Sony said the ruling wasn’t impacting its business.

“This is probably not impacting consumer thinking,” Gianfranco Lanci, chief of Lenovo’s European operations, said on sidelines of the conference.

But behind closed doors, companies are looking at alternative routes should the ruling impact a bigger way out, said several industry insiders.

“Today, all Android vendors are considering their software options,” said Pete Cunningham, an analyst at research firm Canalys.

Samsung’s brief, surprise launch on Wednesday of the world’s first smartphone running on Windows Phone 8, should be interpreted as muscle flexing, analysts said.

However, it should not be seen as a firm move away from Android as the model will likely struggle to stand out even among the other Windows phone vendors, said Malik Saidi, analyst at research firm Informa. Illustrating the high interest at stake are the behind-the-scene meetings of Google’s and Apple’s chief Larry Page and Tim Cook on the patents.

Despite its small market share, Windows Phone is still the largest alternative to Android as Apple and BlackBerry maker RIM have not made their platforms available for other handset makers.

At the same time, vendors are working hard to match Android as Windows is way behind in terms of applications on offer, offering 100,000 apps against half a million each on Android and BlackBerry.

“Microsoft needs to create a developer environment for the Windows Phone, which is growing, but still trails behind the others,” said Roberta Cozza, analyst at Gartner.

Attracting developers is difficult with tiny market shares. Navigation firm TomTom launched an app running on Android this week but said it was not planning a Windows app.

Scientists test new marine robot hurricane-hunters

MEXICO CITY, 3 Sept—As Tropical Storm Isaac was on its path through the Caribbean before becoming a hurricane in the Gulf of Mexico this week, US scientists were testing an experimental new weather spy tool—an unmanned, marine robot about the size of a surfboard that can gather storm data at sea level.

A National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) research laboratory in Miami sent the “Wave Glider,” a floating platform of sensors with an underwater stabilizer christened Alex, into ocean waters about 100 miles north of Puerto Rico last week to try to intercept Isaac.

“Isaac did not barrel right over it,” said Alan Leonardi, deputy director of NOAA’s Atlantic Oceanographic and Meteorological Laboratory in Miami, after the storm passed to the south of the island before turning north and making landfall near New Orleans as a Category 1 hurricane.

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Hundreds pay tribute to Neil Armstrong at Kennedy Space Centre

CAPE CANAVERAL, 3 Sept.—As family and friends of Neil Armstrong gathered in Ohio on 31 August for a private memorial service, NASA paid tribute to the Apollo astronaut, calling him a great American and a space hero.

“He never dwelled on his remarkable accomplishments or sought the limelight,” Kennedy Space Centre director and former astronaut Robert Cabana said during a short tribute to Armstrong at the Visitor Complex’s Apollo-Saturn 5 Center.

“Once a man has been to the moon, he never forgets that moment,” Armstrong said before turning north and making landfall near New Orleans as a Category 1 hurricane.

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HYUNDAI Motor Aug sales down, first fall in over three years

Seoul, 3 Sept—Hyundai Motor Co’s (005380.KS) total sales fell for the first time in more than three years in August, hurt by a slew of partial strikes at South Korean factories that hit domestic sales hard.

Workers staged the partial strikes in July and August, their first walkout in four years and the South Korean carmaker’s most serious costline stike as annual wage talks stalled over a new shift scheme and other factors.

Hyundai and its union leaders last week reached a tentative wage deal, which if approved in a Monday vote will allow the maker to avoid further walkouts.

Results of the vote are expected after midnight, a union spokesman said.

Hyundai, the world’s fifth largest carmaker along with affiliate Kia Motors, said it sold 293,924 vehicles globally last month, down 4.6 percent from a year earlier, the first fall since May 2009 in a wake of the global financial crisis. Hyundai’s domestic shipments slid 30 percent, while its overseas sales inched up 0.4 percent.

Prior to the results, shares in Hyundai ended up 0.42 percent, in line with the wider market’s .KSI 0.11 percent gain.

The latest walkouts stopped Hyundai making 76,733 cars worth $1.59 trillion Korean won ($1.40 billion).

The firm will try to make up the losses with extra work later this year and its sales target should be met on an annual basis, analysts and company officials have said.—Reuters

Bernanke says Fed ready to act but short on specifics

Jackson Hole, 3 Sept—Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke on Friday left the door wide open to a further easing of monetary policy, saying the stagnation in the US labour market was a “very real concern,” but he stopped short of providing a clear signal of imminent action.

His stark language gave a temporary lift to US stocks, but economists walked away from the Fed chairman’s remarks still divided over whether the central bank would launch a fresh round of bond purchases at its upcoming meeting in September.

Bernanke said the Fed had to weigh the costs as well as the benefits of more monetary stimulus, although he hinted the costs were likely worthwhile.

“As we assess the benefits and costs of alternative policy approaches ... we must not lose sight of the daunting economic challenges that confront our nation,” Bernanke said at the Kansas City Fed’s annual Jackson Hole symposium.

“Taking due account of the uncertainties and limits of its policy tools, the Federal Reserve will provide additional policy accommodation as needed to promote a stronger economic recovery and sustained improvement in labor market conditions in a context of price stability.”

That was a somewhat weaker hint of policy easing than the minutes of the Fed’s last policy meeting that had delivered, but Bernanke’s “dour economic assessment left few doubts where his sympathy lay.

“The stagnation of the labour market in particular is a grave concern not only because of the enormous suffering and waste of human talent it entails, but also because persistently high unemployment will wreak structural damage on our economy that could last for many years,” Bernanke said.

Financial markets saw little in the 28,000 words of Bernanke’s comments. US stocks closed roughly where they were before Bernanke spoke, but yields on US government bonds hit a three-week low in anticipation of Fed action and the US dollar fell against both the euro and the yen.—Reuters

Hushen 300 Index closes higher — 3 Sept

Beijing, 3 Sept—The Hushen 300 Index reflecting the performance of China’s Shanghai and Shenzhen stock exchanges closed at 2,228.37 points on Monday, up 23.5 points, or 1.07 percent.

About one fifth of the total stocks listed on the two markets are chosen as samples of the Hushen 300 Index, accounting for 60 percent of the market value in China’s stock market.—Xinhua

China stock index futures close higher — 3 Sept

Beijing, 3 Sept—The stock-index contracts, agreements to buy or sell the Hushen 300 Index at a preset value on an agreed date, are designed to allow investors to bet on and profit from changes in the market.

The index futures was last-traded at the China Financial Futures Exchange (CFFEX) and started trading from April 16, 2007. The CFFEX has set the base value for all the four contracts at 3,399 points.—Xinhua

Shenzhen stock index closes higher — 3 Sept

Beijing, 3 Sept—The Shenzhen Component Index on the Shenzhen Stock Exchange closed at 8,361.70 points on Monday, up 106.08 points, or 1.24 percent.

A Share Index: 9,292.68 points, up 167.45 points, or 1.84 percent.

Taipei stocks close 0.72 pct higher

Hong Kong, 3 Sept—Taipei’s share prices closed higher on Monday with the weighted index up 53.47 points, or 0.72 percent, to finish at 7,450.53, according to news reaching here from Taipei.

The local bourse fluctuated between 7,462.15 and 7,389.68 during the day’s trading. Turnover totaled 74.67 billion new Taiwanese dollars (about 2.50 billion US dollars).—Xinhua

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Shareholders look to sue RBS over rights issue: newspaper

LONDON, 3 Sept—Shareholders in Royal Bank of Scotland (RBS.L) are in talks with litigation funds with a view to acquiring a 25 percent minority stake in the former investment bank chief Johnny Cameron for $19.06 billion rights issue in 2008.

The shareholders claim they were misled by omissions in the company’s prospectus and by the decision to sell 76.7 billion shares at $1.70 each. The shareholders are also seeking compensation for the cost of potential defeat, legal proceedings will begin in the coming weeks, the newspaper said citing sources familiar with negotiations.

HSBC (HSBA.L), Deutsche Bank (DBKGn.DE), Credit Agricole (CAGR.PA) are among 91 institutional investors in the coming weeks, the newspaper said citing sources familiar with negotiations.

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Chinese heavy industry firm takes stake in German truck maker

Jinan, 3 Sept—Weichai Power, an automotive and equipment manufacturing firm under Shandong Heavy Industry (SHIG) on Monday said it would deal to buy a one-quarter stake in German forklift truck maker Kion Group.

The 738 million-euro ($922 million US dollars) deal was signed in Jinan, capital of east China’s Shandong Province, and marked the greatest direct investment in a German firm made by a Chinese company to date.

Under the deal, Weichai Power will invest 467 million euro to acquire a 23 percent stake in Kion Group, and another 271 million euro for a 70 percent majority stake in Kion’s hydraulics business.

The logo of Hyundai Motor is seen on a car displayed at a Hyundai dealership in Seoul on 26 July, 2012.—Reuters

New drug to fight cancer shows early promise

VIENNA, 3 Sept—An anti-cancer drug developed by a University of Vienna researcher has proven to be effective against various tumour types in its phase I clinical trials, the Austrian APA news agency reported on Wednesday.

The drug, NK-P1338, is developed by Bernhard Keppeler, Dean of the Faculty of Chemistry of the University of Vienna, and is the first anti-cancer drug based on ratheneum, a rare transition metal belonging to the platinum group, the University stated in a Press release.

“The study’s findings support what has already emerged from our pre-clinical studies: the drug selectively attacks tumors and is effective against various tumour types,” Keppeler said.

The active ingredient in the drug is injected via the protein transferrin directly into the tumor. It is then activated and brings about the tumor cell’s apoptosis, or programmed cell death. At the same time, the protein GBR87 which is responsible for the resistance of many tumor cells to treatment is inhibited.

“Through this process waste products accumulate in the tumor cell, which ultimately lead to the death of cell,” said Keppeler.

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New Egyptian ambassador arrives in Israel

JERUSALEM, 3 Sept — Egypt’s newly-appointed ambassador to Israel arrived on Sunday, local media reported. Atef Sayed Al-Ahl is no stranger to Israel, as he served in the past at the Egyptian consulate in the southern Red Sea resort city of Eilat.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs confirmed the news to Xinhua, but refused to officially comment until Al-Ahl is sworn-in by President Shimon Peres on 17 October. Al-Ahl replaces outgoing ambassador Yasser Rida, who concluded his four-year term.

Sources in the Egyptian embassy in Israel told the Walla news site that Al-Ahl arrived in Israel on Sunday morning and is expected to start and attend his official duties soon. The sources added that Al-Ahl’s appointment as Rida’s replacement has nothing to do with the change in governments in Egypt, and was planned in advance. This is only one appointment out of a group of Cairo’s ambassadors who traveled to new posts, Saudi Arabia, France and Switzerland, among them.

The relationship between Israel and Egypt, who signed a peace treaty in 1979 ending nearly three decades of battles, have had their ups and downs. For the past 15 years, under the reign of former president Hosni Mubarak, high-level security, diplomatic and economic cooperation between the two countries intensified. However, personal relations tourism between the neighboring nations languished, due to a “cold peace” which saw professional unions and other agencies impose a series of sanctions against anyone visiting the Jewish state.

Additionally, the outbreak of the so-called Arab Spring in Cairo also brought out visceral resentment of Israel by many Egyptian residents, including a ransacking of the Israeli embassy by an enraged crowd.

Extremists sabotaged a natural gas pipe supplying gas to Israel some 14 times, and with the rise of the Muslim Brotherhood into power, Israeli officials feared disintegrating diplomatic ties due to the groups entrenched opposition to Israel’s existence. However, when Muslim extremists carried out an attack on the Egypt-Israel border a month ago killing 17 Egyptian policemen, both countries’ security forces coordinated in fighting the mutual threat in the Sinai Peninsula.

Secrets of the Chinese travellers

BEIJING, 3 Sept — Hong Kong, Beijing and Hainan province’s Sanya remain the most popular tourist destinations for online shoppers in China, according to a recent survey released by Taobao, China’s largest online marketplace.

The survey, which looked at the buying habits of online shoppers in the first half of this year, found that Hong Kong is on the top of the list for netizens when they think of travel, with more than 200,000 people making reservations for hotels in Hong Kong through Taobao’s travel platform between January and June.

The most noteworthy finding was that people from different regions of China tend to have different purchasing habits when arranging their travel. For example, among those surveyed, people in Hangzhou in East China’s Zhejiang Province are more inclined to spend a lot on high-end tours, while those in Shanghai, the economic hub of China, prefer to spend more on lodgings, booking five-star hotels when they arrange their tours.

According to the survey, people in Hangzhou are more casual and are more inclined to travel independently and randomly.

It found that 28,791 people from Hangzhou chose to book their air tickets as late as the day of their departure, the highest at a percentage of 14 percent, followed by people from Guangdong at 13.8 percent.

Sichuan colliery blast death toll rises to 45

PANZHIHUA, 3 Sept — Death toll from Wednesday’s colliery blast in southwest China’s Sichuan Province has climbed to 45, with one still missing, authorities said on Sunday night. Search was continuing in the Xiangjawan Coal Mine in Panzhihua City, some 750 km southwest of Chengdu, the provincial capital, according to the press office of the Panzhihua city government. The mine was struck by a gas blast at around 5 pm on Wednesday, trapping a third of the 154 miners who were working underground and injuring 54 others, 17 of them seriously.

Initial probe indicated that chaotic management and sheer ignorance of safety rules in the mine, owned by Zhenjiang Industry and Trade Co, Ltd., were mainly to blame for the accident. The State Council, or China’s cabinet, has established an investigation team, led by Yang Dongliang, head of State Administration of Work Safety, to look into the accident.

Bomb hoaxes alert China to aviation threat

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Diseases of the Chinese travellers

BEIJING, 3 Sept — An area woman wanted to return an overdue copy of “The Picture of Dorian Gray” to the Chicago Public Library, but first she wanted to be sure she wouldn’t go to jail. That’s because the paperback book, a rare limited edition of the Oscar Wilde novel, was checked out in 1934. Harlequin Hoffman Vision found it in his late mother’s possessions, with a Chicago Public Library stamp. The library is conducting a rare three-week amnesty programme for overdue items, and Vision figured this was her chance to return the book after 78 years, said Ruth Lednicer, the library’s marketing director. The books was returned on Thursday.

She kept saying, “You’re not going to arrest me, are you?” and said, “No, we’re not going to arrest you, we just want the book back.” It was returned to the SUSTC this July.—Xinhua

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**Sichuan colliery blast death toll rises to 45**

PANZHIHUA, 3 Sept — Death toll from Wednesday’s colliery blast in southwest China’s Sichuan Province has climbed to 45, with one still missing, authorities said on Sunday night. Search was continuing in the Xiangjawan Coal Mine in Panzhihua City, some 750 km southwest of Chengdu, the provincial capital, according to the press office of the Panzhihua city government. The mine was struck by a gas blast at around 5 pm on Wednesday, trapping a third of the 154 miners who were working underground and injuring 54 others, 17 of them seriously.

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42 minors allowed to resign from Defence Services

NAY PYI TAW, 3 Sept—The Commander-in-Chief (Army) Office allowed 42 minors from respective commands to quit military services, handing them over to their parents at No (1) Transit Centre in Yangon this morning.

It was attended by Maj-Gen Tin Maung Win from the Commander-in-Chief (Army) Office, senior military officers, directors-general and directors of the Home Affairs Ministry, the Defence Ministry, the Foreign Affairs Ministry, Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Ministry, the Labour Ministry and the Union Attorney-General’s Office, officioal of UNICEF, ILO, Save the Children, World Vision, World Food Programme and UNDP, 42 minors who were allowed to resign and their parents.

Maj-Gen Tin Maung Win and UNICEF Resident Representative Mr Ramesh Shrestha delivered addresses. The officials then handed letters approving their resignation from the Defence Services and citizenship scrutiny cards for children between 10 and 18 to the children who were handed over to their parents or guardians.

The children and their parents were then transported interim camp arranged by CTFMR and the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement. The camp will help the minors contact their parents if they have lost contact and provides medical treatment if necessary. The camp will also enable the children to rejoin the school or pursue informal education. Vocational trainings and materials are provided by the camp which will also fund the homecoming of the minors.

Myanmar signed UN CTFMR on 27 June, 2012, to wage campaign against minor recruitment for military services.

As the country has agreed with the detailed plans, the measures will be carried out to get rid of all minors in the Defence Services within 18 months.

The Tatmadaw is taking measures to prevent drafting minors and to allow resignation as early as possible if there is any mistaken recruitment of minors.—MNA

Maj-Gen Tin Maung Win from Commander-in-Chief (Army) Office speaking at the ceremony to hand over 42 minors to their parents.—MNA

Cash assistance provided to war veterans in Hlaingbwe

HLAINGBWE, 3 Sept—Hlaingbwe Township War Veterans Organizing Committee provided cash assistance to disabled veterans and older veterans at its office on 24 August morning.

Chairman of Township War Veterans Organizing Committee Captain Khin Soe (Rtd) gave a speech and presented K 7000 each to 48 disabled veterans and K 15000 each to older veterans of above 70, amounting to K 396,000 to 52 persons.—Myanma Alin

Basic education schools upgraded in Myeik District

MYEIK, 3 Sept—In 2012-2013 academic year, Myeik District of Taninthayi Region was allowed to upgrade 11 basic education schools. These numbers of upgraded schools in the district were one Basic Education High School Branch and two BEMSs in Myeik Township, one BEHS branch and one BEPS branch in Taninthayi Township, four BEHS branches, one BEMS, seven BEMS branches and three BEPS branches in Kyunsu Township.—Myanma Alin

New digital electric meters installed in Mandalay

MANDALAY, 3 Sept—Under the arrangements of Electricity Supply Enterprise under the Ministry of Electric Power No. 2, analog electric meters are being substituted with modern digital ones in Mandalay as of 11 August. Thanks to use of digital meters, the meter readers can read the digits of electricity consumption without any errors. In the installation of new digital electric meters, the people do not pay any charge.

Myanma Alin

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At report-submitting session, member of Bill Committee U Khin Maung Lwin submitted the committee’s report on the Bill revoking Land Confination (Mines) Act.

At the proposal-submitting session, U Aung Thein Lin of South Okkalapa Constituency submitted the proposal on “giving permits only to farmers who are actually doing farming as pasture lands across the country are allotted under the names of departments and companies and these departments and companies allow farmers to do farming there and are taking tenancy from farmers”. At the informing session, the Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw informed Hluttaw of the appointment of U Thein Swe of An Constituency as Chairman of Investigation Board which is formed by Pyithu Hluttaw for investigation of Chairman and members of the Constitutional Tribunal in the place of Deputy Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw U Nanda Kywe Swa.

At the proposal-discussion session, nine representatives held discussion on the proposal submitted by U Than Nwe of Buthan Constituency on 16 July on “emphasis should be placed on conservation of natural forests in the country for the stability of natural environments, restoring eco-system and long-term extraction of forests and forest products”.

With respect to that proposal, Deputy Minister for Environmental Conservation and Forestry U Aye Myint Maung said that the Ministry inspects blocks in accord with laws, procedures and disciplines in connection with private timber extractors’ over extraction and compensation for damaged plants. The ministry is taking action and supervises the compensation for damages.

The Ministry had made amendments to laws and bylaws, and sent them to the Attorney-General Office. After Land Use Policy and Land Use Plan have been drafted, the Ministry will carry out the conservation of natural forests. Hluttaw decided that responsible persons, organizations and people are to participate in it, and approved it.

At the urgent proposal submitting session, U Yaw Di Dway of Putao Constituency submitted the proposal on “urging the Union government to provide necessary assistance to government staff who are facing difficulties in discharging their duties in their posting areas and private entrepreneurs from home and abroad, especially from Putao district and Chiphe and Sawlaw regions as well as displaced persons in Kachin State”.

Today’s meeting came to an end at 4.05 pm, and the day on which the 39th session will be held will be announced.

Union Environmental Conservation and Forestry Minister back from Republic of Korea

NAV PYI TAW, 3 Sept—Union Minister for Environmental Conservation and Forestry U Win Tun attended the opening of ASEAN-Korea Ministerial Level Special Meeting for Lao People’s Democratic Republic Dr Sipho maska and Korean Forest Services Minister Don Ko Lee extended greetings and Prime Minister of the Republic of Korea Mr Kim Hun Sik made an opening speech. Union Minister U Win Tun said at the meeting that Myanmar is implementing conservation of ecosystem in Bago Yoma Mountain Ranges and reduction of impact project for climate change with the assistance of Korean Forest Services. For uplift of living standard of people is needed to beneficially use natural resources.

The Minster discussed with ministers from ASEAN countries and Korea for cooperation of forestry sector in ASEAN region implementation of projects cooperation on development of human resources and mitigation of climate change. On 29 August, the Union Minister met with Korean Forest Services Minister Dr Don Ko Lee and discussed measures for cooperation of Myanmar-Korea forestry sector, sending for trainees to attend forest and environmental conservation post graduate course, cooperation in research and development tasks and investment in forestry sector. Environmental conservation tasks will be carried out in two region level project and nine State level project in ASEAN countries with the assistance of the fund from the Republic of Korea according to ASEAN-Korea forestry sector cooperation agreement.

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Defence cruises into final in Inter-Ministry Football Tourney

NAV PYI TAW, 3 Sept—Semifinal of the 6th NAV Pyi Taw Inter-Ministry Men’s Football Tournament was held at Nay Pyi Taw Sports Ground No. 1, here at 3.30 pm today. In the match, Ministry of Defence routed Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries 3-0.

The best time to plant a tree was 20 years ago. The second best time is now.
Amyotha Hluttaw approves…

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government is allocated that duty, the ministry is ready to lend a hand to the government, especially for technical assistance in carrying out survey tasks.

Afterwards, six Amyotha Hluttaw representatives made discussions about foreign investment bill that has been approved by Amyotha Hluttaw.

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Then, one Amyotha Hluttaw representative discussed about the bill for amending of Auditor-General of the Union’s Law that has been approved by Pyithu Hluttaw.

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Chairman of Women and Child Affairs Committee of Amyotha Hluttaw Professor Dr Mya Oo and committee members read out the reports of the committee to the Hluttaw.

The Hluttaw announced that those wishing to partake in discussion about the report may register.

One representative agreed with the proposal on “urging the union government to emphasize on SME that helps grass roots survive in life before starting AFTA projects in 2015”, proposed by Representative Dr Myat Nyana Soe from Yangon Region Constituency No. 4.

Deputy Minister for Commerce Dr Pwint Hsan made clarification the proposal.

The Hluttaw announced that the proposal couldn’t be approved on account of more “No” than “Yes” votes.

The today’s session came to an end at 3:25 pm and the 39th day session continues at 10:00 am on 5th September.

The new names for Chairman, secretary and members of the reformed committees were presented by the Speaker of Amyotha Hluttaw, two queries answered, two bills discussed, one report submitted and one proposal discussed and approved by the Hluttaw.

Union Transport Minister receives Canadian minister

NAY PYI TAW, 3 Sept—Union Minister for Transport U Nyan Tun Aung received delegation led by Canadian International Trade Minister Mr Edward Fast at the ministry here this afternoon.

The meeting focused on cooperation in aviation and mercantile cooperation, CRJ aircrafts manufactured by Bombardier company, Twin Otter aircrafts, installation of engines manufactured by Canada and possibilities of investments for Canadian investors in Dawei Special Economic Zone.—MNA

More than 3000 dentists in action

YANGON, 3 Sept—A total of 3129 dentists registered at Dental Medicines Council are providing dental care to the public, said Union Minister for Health Dr Pe Thet Khin in his address to the opening of the first academic refresher course for dentists at Myanmar Dental Medicines Council Office here yesterday morning.

He underlined the need to keep in touch with new findings and therapies in fast changing world of medicines, saying the purpose of the training is to fill that gap.

The course that concludes on 8 September is being attended by 310 dentists.—MNA

Union EP-2 Minister, Thailand Deputy Minister of Ministry of Energy discussed

NAY PYI TAW, 3 Sept—Union Minister for Electric Power No.2 U Khin Maung Soe and a delegation led by Deputy Minister of the Ministry of Energy of Thailand Dr Wichianchot Sukchotrat discussed installation of two 125 Mega watts generators in Myanmar from Electricity Generating Authority of Thailand (EGAT) in order to implement bilateral cooperation as well as to provide electricity needs at the Ministry, here, this afternoon.

The installation of those generators in Myanmar will be ready to supply electricity in full swing in 2013 when the SEA Games are held.

Displaced persons in Rakhine State receive aids

YANGON, 3 Sept—More than 65000 victims are taking refuge at 20 relief camps in Sittway and Maungtaw Township, receiving aids from the government, social organizations, INGOs and NGOs.

About 500 make-shift tents have been constructed for the local people who had fled the violence before it returned to normalcy. UNHCR has also confirmed the donation of 400 make-shift tents which, on arrival, will be transferred to the villages for extension of the camps.—MNA

Appointment of Ambassador agreed on

NAY PYI TAW, 4 Sept—The Government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar has agreed to the appointment of Mrs Maria Michail as non-resident Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Cyprus to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar.

Mrs Maria Michail was born in 1973. She graduated from the University of Leicester, United Kingdom in 1994 with a B.A in Politics and obtained a M.A in European Studies from the University of Surrey, United Kingdom in 1997.

Mrs Maria Michail joined the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Cyprus in 1997. She served as Deputy High Commissioner in London in 2003 and Deputy Permanent Representative at the Mission of Cyprus to the United Nations in Geneva from 2009 to March 2012. Mrs Maria Michail is currently High Commissioner of Cyprus to India with effect from 1 April 2012.

Mrs Maria Michail will serve as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Cyprus to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar with residence in New Delhi.—MNA

Union EP-2 Minister U Khin Maung Soe and Deputy Minister of Energy Dr Wichianchot Sukchotrat of Thailand and party pose for documentary photo.—MNA

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EGAT will provide necessary assistance as well as technical assistance. MNA
**Dawe Magazine funded**

Dawe, 3 Sept—With the aim of enabling the local people to know Dawei culture and development of the region, a coordination meeting was held for publishing of Dawei Magazine at the hall of Taninthayi Region Government on 23 August afternoon.

Chief Minister of the Region U Myat Ko delivered an address. Those present participated in the meeting with suggestions on emergence of Dawei Magazine.

The Region Chief Minister donated K 500,000 to the fund of the Township Writers Association through Chairman of the association U Ba Myint.

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**Snatching cases occur in queue of motorcycles for licences**

Mandalay, 3 Sept—Directorate of Road Transport, Customs Department, Myanma Insurance and Myanma Economic Bank gives licences to about 700 motorcycles a day through one stop service at Police Institute ground in Chanayethazan Township of Mandalay as of 5 June.

Up to 24 August, the departments have issued licences to 36750 motorcycles with 24 Ya’s... number plates.

The 4th October which is the last date for issuance of licences, the owners and motorcycles took in the queue in the night. However, members of Myanmar Police Force from Mandalay Region supervised the people in the queue because snatching cases occurred daily.

A warning was issued that the motorcycles are to take a queue at 4 am to minimize motorcycle snatching cases and losses. If not, action will be taken against offenders.

At present, brokers take K 5000 to K 10000 for a place in the queue from the motorcycle owners.

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**Gravel road serves as production road in Yedashe Township**

Yedashe, 3 Sept—Aungseysa gravel road linking Ngakhonma Creek and Zaydan Ward of Thagara in Yedashe Township was repaired by Yedashe Township Development Affairs Committee recently.

Local people from over 20 villages such as East Kyaunggon of Thagara, Wedaunt, Lepankhon and Hегепогон use the gravel road for transport of agricultural produce. The damaged road made troubles to transport of local people in the past. At present, the new gravel road becomes better transport facility for the local people.

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**People in Rakhine State provided with clothes**

Meiktila, 3 Sept—Yanaungmyin Social Group, Myanmoehti Social Group, Withakhar Women’s Group of Meiktila Township social organization and faculty members of Meiktila University on 2 September donated clothes to the people of Rakhine State who are suffering loss of houses and their property in recent situations through Distinct Fire Services Department.

Head of Distinct Fire Services Department U Kyaw Hsan said, “This donation was organized by Myanmoehti Sayadaw, and 3346 pieces of clothes worth about K 500,000 through our department.”

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**Non-Formal Primary Education launched in Myaungmya Township**

Myaungmya, 3 Sept—A ceremony to open the non-formal primary education course was held at Basic Education High School No. 1 in Myaungmya of Ayeyawady Region on 17 September noon.

On the occasion, Township Administrator U Ko Ko Latt made a speech. Region Supervisor U Tin Tun reported on opening of Non-Formal Primary Education in the townships of the region and Township Education Officer Daw Myint Myint Aye on opening of the Non-Formal Primary Education-NFPE in urban areas and villages.

After that, officials presented over K 4 million to the fund of the education department. Wellwishers donated bags, umbrellas, slippers, school uniforms and exercise books for 120 students of six camps.

The Township Administrator presented certificates of assignment to camp supervisors.

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**Nourishment Week launched in Sittway**

Sittway, 3 Sept—The nourishment week activity 2012 was launched at Uttama Hall in Sittway of Rakhine State on 30 August morning, with an address by Chief Minister of Rakhine State U Hla Maung Tin.

Head of Rakhine State Health Department Dr Than Tun Aung explained the purpose of holding the nourishment week activity. Next, the State Chief Minister and guests viewed giving vitamin-A tablets to children and ferrous sulphate and vitamin-3 to expectant mothers.

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**Damaged sections of Yangon-Mandalay Highway repaired**

Thagara, 3 Sept—As trucks rolled along Yangon-Mandalay Highway, some road sections were damaged in the rainy season.

In the last week of August and the first week of September, repairing of damaged road works are accelerated in the sunny day.

After designating the ASEAN standard in the transport services, tracks hang with trailers along their trips.

Due to heavy loads of vehicles, pits and damages emerged on some road sections. In consequence, some high model cars need to be repaired after driving on the damaged road sections.

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**Information for anti-human trafficking**

Nowadays, the government is accelerating its tasks in taking preventive measures against trafficking in person.

In so doing, telephone numbers are announced as the connections with authorities concerned for enabling the people to actively participate in taking the anti-human trafficking measures.

These telephone numbers are 067-412555 and 067-412666 in Nay Pyi Taw, 09-49555666 in Muse, 09-49555777 in Mandalay and 09-49555888 and 09-49555999 in Yangon.
**British government ready to underwrite infrastructure projects**

LONDON, 3 Sept—British Chancellor of the Exchequer George Osborne on Sunday said the government would underwrite altogether 50 billion pounds (79.3 billion US dollars) of infrastructure and house building projects, in a bid to boost the country’s sluggish economy. Osborne said the Infrastructure (Financial Assistance) Bill would be introduced in the next few weeks and should become law by the end of October.

The Bill is to give green light to 40 billion pounds of construction projects by using the government’s low interest rates to underwrite them.

Projects qualified for government guarantees must be “nationally significant,” ready to start construction within 12 months, financially credible and be of “good value” for taxpayers.

Meanwhile, ministers are expected to make plans to underwrite up to 10 billion pounds worth of new homes, including guaranteeing the debt of housing associations and private sector developers.

The government will outline details for these projects very soon as the Parliament resumes from summer break this week.

Commenting on the expansion of the Heathrow airport which has been repeatedly appealed by senior Conservative politicians recently, Osborne did not rule out the possibility of a third runway for Britain’s largest airport, and agreed that extra runway capacity was needed in the South East of England.

“It is a question of where it should go—Heathrow, a new (Thames) estuary airport, Stansted, Gatwick — people have lots of different options,” the chancellor said.

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**APEC to bring opportunities for Russia, regional integration: expert**

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MOSCOW, 3 Sept—The upcoming Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) summit will open up huge prospects for Russia’s development and regional integration in general, according to a Russian expert.

During an interview with Xinhua, Gleb Ivashentsov, deputy director of the Russian APEC Study Centre, said Russia intended to demonstrate its huge growth potential in the Far East as well as its aspiration to integrate into the Asia-Pacific region by hosting the top-level gathering.

Ivashentsov said the resource-rich Transbaikal and Eastern regions in the Far East would lead Russia’s cooperation with APEC economies.

Russia would not become a “raw materials appendage” of its Asian partners, but would focus on regional modernization by pouring funds gained from natural resources exports into railways, highways and other infrastructure construction in these areas, the expert said.

The Russian government had drawn a blueprint for boosting its industrial sector and exports of high-tech products in the Far East region, Ivashentsov said.

For example, an aircraft plant in the Far Eastern city of Komsomolsk-na-Amur could produce “the most modern military planes in the world,” and these fighters were popular among Russia’s APEC partners, he said.

The “East” cosmorespond under, Ivashentsov said, the Amur region would bring Russia more chances of space utilization with APEC economies.

Currently, Russia has been engaged in active space cooperation with China, Japan and South Korea. It has also launched a number of spacecraft for APEC partners, he said.

Ivashentsov praised Russia-China cooperation under the APEC format, saying there were “broad prospects” for further development between the two sides.

“China’s support of Russia’s initiatives in the forum was “very important,” Ivashentsov said, adding that the two countries had similar views on various issues, which contributed to their comprehensive strategic partnership.

In general, the APEC forum had been a facilitator of regional integration, pushing for free trade agreements among several member economies. However, Russia was a “spectator” in this process, he said.

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**US Steel, union reach tentative agreement**

NEW YORK, 3 Sept—United Steelworkers said on Sunday it had reached a tentative agreement with US Steel on a three-year labour contract for more than 16,000 workers employed at the company’s US facilities.

The union said in a statement it had been negotiating for a collective-bargaining agreement with the steelmaker since June. Members of the union will vote Tuesday on deciding vote on the agreement over the next few weeks.

But union negotiations continue with Luxembourg-based ArcelorMittal — the world’s largest steelmaker — over a new labour contract, after a midnight deadline passed without an agreement.

“We have been exchanging proposals with the company and remain engaged in negotiations,” USW president Leo W Gerard said in a statement. He added that members of the union will continue to work under the terms set in a 2008 contract while the negotiations are ongoing.

The contract, however, has not been formally extended.

The company is restarting blast furnaces idled in the run-up to the contract expiry at midnight on Saturday, Gerard said. ArcelorMittal operates steel plants in Indiana, Ohio and several other states. United Steelworkers represents about 850,000 workers in the United States, Canada and the Caribbean.

The deal with US Steel would precede the Labour Day holiday on Monday, which honours US workers.

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WASHINGTON, 3 Sept—Two high school students were killed and another 13 injured after their bus crashed into a tree and overturned in central China’s Hubei province, local authorities said on Monday.

A group of 34 senior high school students and a teacher were on their way to a chemistry competition in downtown Jingzhou when their bus crashed into a roadside tree and rolled over at 6:20 am on Sunday, said an official with the city government’s information office.

Two students died in the accident and another 13 were wounded, among whom two suffered severe injuries, said the spokesman. The students were from the No1 High School in Songzi city which is administered by the city of Jingzhou. The rainy weather may have been another reason for the accident that ended in tragedy, he said.

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**Three killed, five injured as blast hits Peshawar, Pakistan**

ISLAMABAD, 3 Sept—At least three people were killed and five others including foreigners got injured when a blast hit Pakistan’s northwest city of Peshawar on Monday morning, reported local media Geo.

The nature of the blast is not known yet. Some local media reports said that the blast took place near a UNHRC office and the target was a UNHRC vehicle.

There is no official confirmation about this yet.
CLAIMS DAY NOTICE
MV SEA FLOURISH VOYNO (-)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV SEA FLOURISH VOYNO (-) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 4.9.2012 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of A.W.P.T where it will lie at the consignee’s risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11:20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm to Claims Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the Vessel.

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

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China non-manufacturing sector’s growth rises

BEIJING, 3 Sept — The Purchasing Managers’ Index (PMI) of China’s non-manufacturing sector, a key economic indicator, rose to 53.7 percentage points to 56.3 percent in August, new survey results have indicated.

The figure rebounded after a fall in July as growth in the non-manufacturing sector stabilized, according to data released by the China Federation of Logistics and Purchasing (CLP) on Monday. APIM reading above 50 percent indicates expansion for the previous month, while readings below this mark indicate contraction. — Xinhua

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Tibet to receive 10 mn tourists this year

LHASA, 3 Sept — Southwest China’s Tibet Autonomous Region is expected to receive a record 10 million-plus tourists this year, a local tourism official said Monday.

These tourists will bring revenue of 12 billion yuan ($1.89 billion US dollars), or 37 percent of the region’s gross domestic product (GDP), said Yu Yangui, head of the Communist Party committee of the region’s tourism bureau. Yu said more than 7 million domestic and foreign tourists visited Tibet from January to August, up more than 25 percent year on year. Tourism revenue over the past eight months jumped 30 percent year on year to 7.5 billion yuan.

Yu attributed the boom to tour activities organized by various organizations, and get the US winter wheat crop off to a good start.

Expectations that central banks would take steps to boost growth increased after two Chinese surveys showed factory activity in the world's second largest economy slowing more than expected in August.

"If we’re going to see more stimulus, then there’s a slight chance central banks are going to deliver", said David Hulbert, an economist at RBS. "They’re going to do everything to avoid deflation. If the reflation drive gathers pace, it’s possible the Fed will act.

In August, the euro stood at $1.2575, down from $1.2638 set on Friday when the eurozone gained 0.5 percent on Friday. The eurozone's largest power provider, said Carl Erickson, a meteorologist with AccuWeather.com.

"People might be able to sneak some plans in there, but they’re going to have to watch the sky," Erickson said.

Storms are likely to continue in the northeast through the early part of the week, President Barack Obama is scheduled to visit Louisiana on Monday — one day before the Democratic National Convention kicks off in Charlotte, North Carolina. The White House has said Obama will visit first responders and survey the damage from Hurricane Isaac.

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Isaac was the first hurricane to strike the United States this year and hit New Orleans almost exactly seven years after Hurricane Katrina devastated the city, causing an estimated 1,800 deaths.

In Louisiana and two in neighboring Mississippi were blamed on Isaac and both states suffered from widespread flooding, authorities said.

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**Woman’s prize-winning pumpkins destroyed**

A 93-year-old woman says vandals destroyed giant pumpkins she was growing in her yard in Pasadena, Calif. Mae Powell found her pumpkins, including a 300-pound “giant pumpkin” she planned on entering in a weigh-off in Irvine this October, smashed and lying along the street in front of her house Friday morning, the Pasadena (Calif.) Star News reported.

“Every year we win prizes,” Powell said, “but I can’t enter this one now... Who knows what I’ll do.”

Four other pumpkins that were destroyed were going to be donated to the Huntington Library’s Children’s Garden, Powell said. Powell reported the vandalism to the Temple City Sheriff’s Station, but Lt. Ignacio Sotero said there was no “workable information” at this point. She also offered a $1,000 reward to anyone who had information about the vandalism.

BJ Ledyard, a friend of Powell’s, said the pumpkins were a source of pride in the neighborhood. “It brings people together because everyone says ‘Oh, I know that house it’s the one with the pumpkins’,” Ledyard said. “It’s something people love to come by and see.”

**News Album**

**Los Angeles, 3 Sept—** Hal David, a lyricist who along with composer Burt Bacharach took the popworld by storm in the 1960s with such hits as “Raindrops Keep Fallin’ on my Head” and “Walk on By,” died in Los Angeles on Saturday at age 91, a representative said.

“He’s a character that I created based on L. Ron Hubbard, who lived in Hollywood, was a self-described religion founder L Ron Hubbard about how power and faith can comrise. And, his songwriting career in the 1960s was so successful that the film festival on Saturday and the world premiere at the Venice was based on Hubbard, who died in 1986. “It’s a character that I created based on L. Ron Hubbard. There are a lot of similarities with the early days of Scientology, he told reports after a press screening, referring to the self-help system that Hubbard developed into Scientology. “I don’t really know a whole lot about Scientology, particularly now, but I do know a lot about the beginning of the movement and it inspired me to use it as a backdrop for these characters.”

He added that he had shown the film to Tom Cruise, a followerof Scientology who starred in Anderson’s 1999 drama “Magnolia.” “We are still friends. Yes, I showed him the film and the rest is between us.”— Reuters

**Broadway’s ‘Spider-Man’ producers, Taymor settle sticky suit**

New York, 3 Sept—A bitter legal dispute between the producers of Broadway’s version of “Spider-Man” and the musical’s ousted director, Julie Taymor, has been resolved, a court filing showed on Thursday.

“The parties in this action have reached an agreement in principle,” US District Judge Katherine Forrest in Manhattan said in a three paragraph order that gave no additional details.

The order said the parties have 60 days to come to an agreement to reopen the litigation before the order becomes final. While it has packed the musical, which is based on Marvel Comics’ most famous character and cost more than $70 million to bring to the stage, with music by Bono and The Edge, was reworked after Taymor left the production in March 2011.

In November 2011, Taymor filed a copyright infringement lawsuit against the “Spider-Man” producers. Taymor said that she had worked on the musical’s original book—the non-sung original book—-before she left the show and that the producers continued to make “unauthorized and unlawful use” of her written works after she left.— Reuters

**Second “Hobbit” movie gets new name, July 2014 release for third**

Los Angeles, 3 Sept— The third film in the upcoming “Hobbit” movie trilogy will be released worldwide in July 2014, the movie studios behind the venture said on Friday, and the second film now has a new name.


Director Peter Jackson, Tame Warner Inc’s Warner Bros, and New Line Cinema, and MGM announced in July that the 3D film adaptation of the classic novel by JRR Tolkien would be split into three films rather than the two originally envisaged.

Warner Bros executives said they believed the third movie would play well in the summer — the most lucrative period for the movie industry and the launch pad for action-packed blockbusters.

“We wanted to have a shorter gap between the second and third films of ‘The Hobbit’ trilogy. Opening in July affords us not only the perfect summer franchise, but fans will have less time to wait for the finale of this epic adventure,” Dan Fellman, president of domestic distribution at Warner Bros said in a statement.

**Goodye George, the last giant Galapagos tortoise**

George (and) his body was motionless,” said the head of the park, Edwin Naula. “His life cycle came to an end.”

Galapagos tortoises can live up to 150 years and are among the many species that helped Charles Darwin formulate his theory of evolution.

The park said they had planned a necropsy to determine what caused George’s death, after which they would consider embalming his body so that he could still be on display. The park gets over 180,000 visitors a year with George being one of the biggest attractions. The islands also pull in celebrities; Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie visited the Galapagos recently.

Scientists had been trying to get George tomate since 1993 and introduced two females of a different subspecies into his pen. Both partners laid eggs twice, but they were all infertile.

**“Raindrops Keep Fallin’” songwriter Hal David dies at 91**

and their songs were recorded by such artists as Frank Sinatra, Marty Robbins, Tom Jones and Barbara Streisand.

The singer most associated with the songwriting duo is Dionne Warwick, who rose to fame by scoring a number of Top 10 hits in the 1960s with material from David and Bacharach.

Bacharach’s and David’s song “Raindrops Keep Fallin’ on my Head” was written for the 1969 movie “Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid” and won the Academy Award for Best Song.

They also won a Grammy in 1969 for best score from an original cast show album for their Broadway musical “Promises, Promises,” which included the song “I’ll Never Fall In Love Again.” They then returned to Broadway in 2010 starring Kristin Chenoweth and Sean Hayes.


**Actors shine in Venice film based on Scientology**

Venice, 3 Sept—Philip Seymour Hoffman shined as a cult leader in “The Master”, a compelling new film inspired by the real life of Scientology founder L. Ron Hubbard about how power and faith can corrupt.

The movie, from “There Will Be Blood” director Paul Thomas Anderson, has its world premiere at the Venice film festival on Saturday and with the Weinstein Company behind it as US distributor. Oscar nominations look like a decent bet. It was labeled “controversial” months before release mainly because of parallels with Scientology, a self-described religion followed by some of Hollywood’s biggest names that has a reputation for carefully controlling its image.

Its detractors describe the movement as a cult, which they say harasses people who seek to quit, although the movement rejects the criticism. Anderson confirmed that Hoffman’s character Lancaster Dodd, a charismatic, charming and controlling man who leads a fathumbed “The Cause,” was based on Hubbard, who died in 1986.

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The stunt-heavy
Oosthuizen takes control of Deutsche Bank with birdie blitz

**Pienaar pulls out of Brazil friendly**

**Johannesburg, 3 Sept** — South Africa captain Steven Pienaar has pulled out of Friday’s friendly against Brazil in Sao Paulo, a statement from the country’s football association said on Sunday.

The Everton midfielder withdrew from the game after pulling a thigh muscle during Saturday’s 2-0 defeat by West Bromwich Albion in the English Premier League.

**Juventus pile on the misery for hapless Udinese**

**Milan, 3 Sept** — Juventus thumped Udinese 4-1 away on Sunday after the hosts, still coming to terms with their failure to qualify for the Champions League, had goalkeeper Zeljko Brkic sent off after 13 minutes.

Forward Sebastian Giovinco, back at Juve after two seasons with Parma, scored twice for the Serie A champions, who have now won their first two games of the new campaign, having gone unbeaten in the league last season.

Brkic was controversially dismissed after clashing into Giovinco as he ran on to a long Andrea Pirlo pass.

Chile midfielder Arturo Vidal fired the penalty past Udinese in the 78th minute.

**Roddick serves to Italy’s Fabio Fognini in the third round of play at the 2012 US Open tennis tournament, on 2 Sept, 2012.**

**International Sports**
Pistorius cries foul after 200m loss to Oliveira

LONDON, 3 Sept—Oscar Pistorius complained vociferously about the length of his opponent’s blades after he was beaten into second by Brazil’s Alan Oliveira in the men’s 200m metres final at the London Paralympic Games on Sunday. South African Pistorius streaked into an early lead and was almost 10 metres ahead as the athletes came into the home straight, before the Brazilian launched an astonishing flightback.

Oliveira ate up the ground and surged past Pistorius in the final few metres. The underdog finished with a time of 21.45 seconds, seven hundredths of a second ahead of Pistorius, who won gold in the event four years ago in Beijing. American Blake Leeper took third.

The result left Pistorius seething about his opponent’s prosthetic blades, which he claimed were too long.

Maria Sharapova of Russia celebrates match point to defeat Nadia Petrova of Russia during their match at the US Open women’s singles tennis tournament in New York, on 2 Sept, 2012.  Reuters

“Not taking anything away from Alan, he’s a great athlete, but the guys who do the measuring in the courtrooms, some of these guys are a lot taller and you can’t compare for stride length.”

“We’re not racing a fair race. The International Paralympic Committee (IPC) have the regulations, but the regulations allow the athletes to make themselves unbearably high. We tried to address the issue in the weeks leading up to this, but it fell on deaf ears.”—Reuters

Motor racing-Button enjoys Spa win after Alonso crashes

SPA FRANCORCHAMPS, 3 Sept—McLaren’s Jenson Button won the Belgian Grand Prix from pole position on Sunday after a first-corner pile-up ended the hopes of team mate Lewis Hamilton and Ferrari’s Formula One Leader Fernando Alonso.

Button enjoyed an untroubled afternoon in the Spa sunshine, making just one stop and taking the chequered flag 13.6 seconds clear of Red Bull’s double world champion Sebastian Vettel, who won from pole last year.

Alonso and Vettel were both penalised for contact with Lotus’ Kimi Raikkonen, who hit the Ferrari’s Spanish rival later in the race.

The Spaniard could at least consider himself fortunate not to have been hit on the head by the flying Lotus of Frenchman Romain Grosjean, whose car took off after colliding with Hamilton and flew over the front of the Ferrari. Grosjean was handed a one-race ban for causing the collision, which brought out the safety car, meaning he will miss weekend’s Italian Grand Prix at Monza.

Button’s 14th career win, and first at the classic Spa circuit, came in his 50th race for McLaren and his

South Africa’s Oscar Pistorius crosses the finish line in second place during the men’s 200m T44 classification at the Olympic Stadium during the London 2012 Paralympic Games on 2 Sept, 2012.  Reuters

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We tried to address the issue in the weeks leading up to this and allow the athletes to make themselves unbelievably high.

Some of these guys are a lot taller and you can’t compete for unbelievably long,” Pistorius told Britain’s Channel 4.

This is a really strong race of mine, and as I said in the pre-race, I have started slow and come into the final few metres. The underdog finished with a time of 21.45 seconds, seven hundredths of a second ahead of Pistorius, who won gold in the event four years ago in Beijing. American Blake Leeper took third.

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Sharapova said. “I’m the one who has the right to decide whether you had a letdown in the second. “No matter how you start the match, it’s always a matter of metres.

Maria Sharapova of Russia looks at the crowd after winning her match against Russian Maria Kirilenko during their first round in women’s singles tennis tournament in US Open, on 27 Aug, 2012.  Reuters

Maria looked hesitant and she couldn’t get a hold of her game. But then after the rain break, actually it went in her favour because she had time to think, regroup, talk to her coach.”

And then she came out completely confident and collected, she started playing very big tennis. Unfortunately, luck was on her side today.”

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Sharapova was told by her coach, Thomas Hogstedt, during the delay that her father wanted to speak to her. “I called him,” Sharapova said. “I didn’t want to hear it after, if I didn’t call him. I didn’t want to have that conversation.”

“He just said, ‘Your energy dropped in the beginning of the second set. That’s over. That’s done. Now you go out to there and fight.’ I wasn’t going to leave that court without a fight.”

Sharapova’s two-hour, 14-minute victory was her 11th win in as many three-set matches this year.

“It’s a nice statistic,” she said. “It certainly wasn’t on my mind because every match is different, different circumstances, whether you have started slow and come back in the second set or whether you had a letdown in the second. “No matter how you start the match, it’s always a matter of how you finish. Whether it is an hour or whether it is three hours that you’re out there, I don’t want to give up until the last point.”

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“She was a little bit far away, and then I regrouped myself and continued to play.”

When Petrova was 1-3 behind and 40-15 down, Sharapova had a break point at 40-30 and another at 5-6. Petrova saved both and served to hold, but Sharapova won the next two points. Petrova had 30-0 and 30-15 on Sharapova’s serve before Sharapova held to win the first set.

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U Kyaw Ni Naing of Lankai Constituency raised the question on “if there is a plan to designate the appropriate rates for service charges for issuance of citizenship scrutiny card and census”. Regarding the question, Deputy Minister for Home Affairs Police Major General Kyaw Kyaw Tun said that implementation of Five International Vehicle Control Systems is in progress so as to reduce traffic accidents. Road safety measures would be achieved only when there is cooperation between responsible departments and organizations and people.

Regarding the question of U Tha Aung of Wundwin Township on “if there is a plan to carry out the upgrade of schools in Wundwin Township, renovation of the damaged schools and fund request for buildings”, Deputy Minister for Education U Aye Kyu replied that schools will be upgraded depending on the number of students. Fund will be allotted for renovation of four damaged schools. And arrangements are under way to allot fund for schools that are in urgent need of construction in the coming financial year.

With respect to the question of U Kyaw Win of Kangyindaunt Constituency on “whether there is a plan to have hospitals and clinics in Universities and Colleges and to upgrade health care system there”, Deputy Minister for Health Dr Win Myint said that Hospitals have high-quality health coverage for students of universities and colleges, staff and their families. So, there is no any plan to establish hospitals in the universities at present.

Amyotha Hluttaw approves names for Chairmen, Secretary and members of the reorganized committees

At present, Thai Airways, Thai Air Asia, Bangkok Airways, Silk Air, Jetstar Asia, Malaysia Airlines, China Airlines, China Southern Airlines, China Eastern Airlines, Air Asia and Vietnam Airlines are running their flights to Myanmar.

As of October, five more foreign airlines will fly to Yangon. These airlines are ANA Air Nippon Airways (Japan), Water Airline, China (Taipei)-based EVA Airlines, Korea Airlines and Germany-based Condor Airlines.

Moreover, other foreign airlines are preparing to fly to Myanmar directly.

Myanma Alin