President U Thein Sein receives South African Minister of International Relations and Cooperation Mrs Maite Nkoana-Mashabane and party at Credentials Hall of Presidential Palace.—DNA

Chinese President Hu Jintao meets with Singaporean Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong at the Great Hall of the People in Beijing on 4 Sept, 2012. PAGE 3

Visiting Tajik President Emomali Rakhmon(C) shakes hands with Indian President Pranab Mukherjee (R) and Prime Minister Manmohan Singh at Indian Presidential Palace in New Delhi on 3 Sept, 2012.

Former Real star says Ronaldo is upset at missing out on UEFA award

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The ministry will cooperate with local companies for maintenance of the ancient buildings in the cultural zone and at present, tenders were invited to do so. In the disciplines of tender, maintenance and preservation of the buildings are to be undertaken without losing its original images and styles presenting the respective eras. The disciplines state it is not to add any handicrafts at the ancient buildings for maintenance of original types. In carrying out the maintenance works, it is necessary to use same size and type works. Myanan Sankyaw Golden Palace, Walls of the Royal Palace and moats in Mandalay are cultural images of the State attracting tourists for their daily visits. As such, a plan is underway to upgrade these works to be the international level national cultural parks.

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President U Thein Sein

President U Thein Sein’s first-ever visit to Myanmar, sign for close ties and cooperation in the future

NAY PYI TAW, 4 Sept—President U Thein Sein of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar received a delegation led by South African Minister of International Relations and Cooperation Mrs Maite Nkoana-Mashabane at Credentials Hall of the Presidential Palace here this morning.

Also present at the call together with were Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Wunna Maung Lwin, Union Minister at the President Office U Thein Nyunt and departmental heads. The South African minister was accompanied by her country’s Ambassador to Thailand Mrs R P Marks and high-level officials.

The President said the delegation from South Africa which has established diplomatic ties with Myanmar since 1995 was warmly welcomed. He hoped for the opening of South African embassy in Myanmar as Myanmar embassy has been established in Pretoria of South Africa. He said he was swollen with pride by the South African minister’s first-ever visit which he tipped for close ties and cooperation between the two countries in the future.

The South African minister said she took pride for being a guest of the President, passing on the message from South African President Zuma for closer political, economic and social developments of Myanmar and South Africa and is heartened by success of democratization being implemented by Myanmar people, she said.

She said the delegation has conveyed the publications of South African parliament for Myanmar Hluttaws to strengthen friendship between the peoples of the two countries.

The President said he was inspired by the fight against apartheid in the history of South Africa.

Successes of South Africa encouraged other African nations, he said. Myanmar and South Africa have common foreign policy which is independent and active one and are establishing friendship with every country whether from East or West, adopting Five Principles to upgrade these works to be international levels.

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**Myanmar, South Africa to promote bilateral ties, cooperation**

**Nav Pyi Taw, 4 Sept—** Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Winna Maung Lwin received South African Minister of International Relations and Cooperation Mrs Maite Nkoana-Mashabane who arrived here to pay an official goodwill visit to Myanmar, at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, here, this noon.

They discussed promotion of bilateral ties and cooperation between the two countries.

In the afternoon, the Union Minister hosted a luncheon to the visiting South African Minister and his delegation. **MNA**

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**Closing ceremony of AVC Technical Seminar 2012 (Block and Defence) held**

**Yangon, 4 Sept—** Jointly-conducted by Asian Volleyball Confederation and Myanmar Volleyball Federation under the Ministry of Sports, the concluding of AVC Technical Seminar 2012 (Block and Defence) took place at National Indoor Stadium (1) Thuwunna here yesterday evening.

Present on the occasion were Deputy Sports Minister U Thaung Htaik and officials, Myanmar Women’s Sports Federation General Secretary Daw L. Khun Yi, Vice-President U Thein Win and executives of Myanmar Volleyball Federation, Tatmadaw Volleyball Committee Secretary Maj Moe Thet Htoo and invited guests. Deputy Minister U Thaung Htaik made an opening speech and presented completion certificates to the trainees.

Vice-President U Thein Win of Myanmar Volleyball Federation presented a gift to course Director Professor Nai Chi Chang. **MNA**

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**Dy Health Minister meets with staff from Zeyathiri Tsp**

**Nav Pyi Taw, 4 Sept—** Deputy Minister for Health Dr Daw Myat Myat Ohn Khin together with Nay Pyi Taw Council Member Dr Paing Soe yesterday morning held a meeting with medical superintendent of Pyynnana People’s Hospital, head of health department from Zeyathiri Township, doctors from Paunglaung and Yezin station hospitals, assistant doctors, nurses and health staff at Zeyathiri People’s Hospital.

At the meeting, the deputy minister urged the staff to carry out more efficient health care services than in the past for rural area development and poverty alleviation tasks being undertaken by the State, to coordinate in implementing the tasks, to give free medical treatment to grass roots level in cooperation between Health Department and Traditional Medicine Department and to effectively disseminate health knowledge for preventing the diseases. **MNA**

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**Model maize plots harvested in Zeyathiri Township**

**Nav Pyi Taw, 4 Sept—** A ceremony to harvest hybrid maize plantation of Agriculture Department and Agricultural Research Department was held at Thaybyein Village of Zeyathiri Township, Nay Pyi Taw Council Area on 2 September morning.

Staff of the departments showed off hybrid maize strains on the plots of farmers Daw Hmu and U Khaing Min Aung. After that, they harvested Yezin-6 maize plantations of 13 farmers.

The farmers and guests assessed their best strains of maize. They selected Yezin-10 strain as the first prize that produced 169 baskets per acre, Yezin-11 strain the second that produced 149 baskets per acre, Yezin-04 strain the third that produced 145 baskets per acre and Yezin-6 strain the fourth that produced 141 baskets per acre. Those wishing to buy maize strains may contact Agricultural Research Department (Yezin), said in-charge of maize and cereal crops sector Deputy Director U Thant Lwin Oo. **Myanma Alin**

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**Woman dies of electrocution**

**Pyu, 4 Sept—** Ma Win Maw, 42, daughter of U Than Shaung of 3rd Street in Myanmar West Ward in Pyu at 7.30 pm on 1 September was together with daughter Ma Htet Htet downstairs of the house. Ma Htet Htet, 16, plugged in at the swift block and suffered from electric shock due to standing on the wet ground.

Mother Ma Win Maw pushed her daughter. So, the daughter was free from electrocution but the mother died on the spot due to electrocution. Ma Htet Htet was rushed to Pyu Hospital. **Myanma Alin**
President Barack Obama toured hurricane-stricken Louisiana on Monday.—Reuters

**World News**

**USA** Obama, on eve of convention, tours storm-hit Louisiana

LAPLANE, 4 Sept — President Barack Obama toured hurricane-stricken Louisiana on Monday and promised federal recovery help as he sought to show his administration was on top of the disaster response on the eve of his Democrats' national convention in North Carolina. Obama was preceded by his Republican challenger, Mitt Romney, who diverted from the campaign trail to Louisiana on Friday to inspect the fallout from Hurricane Isaac a day after accepting his party’s nomination for the 6 November election.

Flying into New Orleans on a hot, sunny day, Obama traveled by motorcade to nearby St John the Baptist Parish, one of the hardest-hit communities, where he met federal, state and local officials and then surveyed the area. He saw evidence of the storm’s fury - twisted road signs, toppled trees, blown-down fences, debris piled high and pools of water beside the road. Stepping out of his limousine, he paused to comfort a few residents and hear their stories.

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People pose for photos with a portrait of US President Barack Obama at the Carolina Fleet week at Charlotte, North Carolina, the United States, on 3 Sept. 2012. President Barack Obama is to be named the Democratic Party's nominee during the DNC, which is scheduled to be held from 4 September to 7 September. —Xinhua

US nears deal for $1 billion in Egypt debt relief: source

WASHINGTON, 4 Sept — The Obama administration is close to a deal with Egypt’s new government for $1 billion in debt relief, a senior US official said on Monday, as Washington seeks to help Cairo shore up its ailing economy in the aftermath of its three-month revolution against US-backed President Hosni Mubarak and give Egypt’s new Islamist president Mohamed Morsi a boost as he seeks to show US diplomats and negotiators easing of US suspicions about its pro-democracy uprising.

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US diplomat said on Monday, US officials for limiting the loss of life. The White House has taken pains to depict Obama as deeply engaged in the government’s handling of Isaac and its aftermath. His Republican predecessor, George W Bush, was heavily criticized for the sluggish federal response to Hurricane Katrina, which devastated New Orleans in 2005.

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US denies Israeli newspaper report of secret Iran contacts

TOLEDO, 4 Sept — The White House on Monday denied an Israeli newspaper report that accused Washington of secretly negotiating with Teheran to keep the United States out of a nuclear weapon. —Reuters

Cambodian PM’s visit aims to enhance ties with China

PHNOM PENH, 4 Sept — The two-day visit of Cambodian Prime Minister Hun Sen to China had brought closer relations and cooperation in politics, economics, trade, investment and health between the two countries, said a Cambodian senior official on Monday.

Hun Sen visited Urumq, Xinjiang Uygar Autonomous Region in northwest China on 2-3 September in order to attend the 2nd China Eurasia Expo. Speaking to reporters at Phnom Penh International Airport on Monday upon the premier’s return from China, Deputy Secretary of State for the Ministry of Economy and Finance Aun Pnom Moniroth said that during in Urumqi, Prm Minister Ihn Sen met with Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao on 2 September.

“The talk was held in a close and deep atmosphere with the spirit of friendship and close cooperation,” he said. In the meeting, Wen pledged to continue helping Cambodia in developing physical infrastructures, which are the key elements for social and economic development, he said.

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In addition, he pledged to assist Cambodia in health sector through human resources training and combating any forms of epidemics. As the year 2013 is the 55th anniversary of the establishment of China-Cambodia diplomatic relation, the two premiers agreed to organize events to celebrate the anniversary.

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NATO chief: Rogue Afghan attacks will not hasten pullout

BRUSSELS, 4 Sept — A surge in attacks against NATO-led foreign troops by rogue Afghan forces threatens to erode trust between the international force and Afghans, but will not cause NATO allies to pull out early, the alliance’s chief said.

Secretary-General Anders Fogh Rasmussen said the alliance’s plans to gradually hand over security to Afghan forces and pull out most troops by end-2014 would not be disrupted by the attacks.

“These insider attacks are a matter of strong concern. They threaten to undermine trust and confidence between foreign soldiers and the Afghan security forces... Our commanders in the field have taken and will take all steps necessary to prevent such attacks,” he told Reuters in an interview.

The killings "will not derail our plans for transition... Our goal, our strategy, our timetable remain the same,” he said.

At least 45 members of the NATO-led force have been killed by rogue Afghans in uniform this year, including 15 in August alone. That compares with 35 killed in such attacks in all of 2011. Last week, three Australian soldiers were killed by an Afghan army sergeant who turned his weapon on them during a training exercise.—Reuters

Chinese President Hu Jintao (R) meets with Singaporean Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong at the Great Hall of the People in Beijing, capital of China, on 4 Sept, 2012. —Xinhua

NATO Secretary General Anders Fogh Rasmussen poses during an interview with Reuters at the Alliance headquarters in Brussels on 3 Sept, 2012. —Reuters

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Sony eschews cheap tablets as it pursues Samsung

Tokyo, 4 Sept—Sony Corp on Tuesday said it won’t enter into price competition on tablet PCs amid a plethora of cheap models from other makers as it pursues Android rival Samsung Electronics with a new tablet this month.

Sony will begin US sales of its latest tablet, now under its mobile Xperia brand, on 7 September. The 16-gigabyte version will sell for $399 — the same price charged by Samsung for its equivalent model with the same screen resolution. Apple Inc’s 16GB iPad 2 also retail for the same price, with its latest high-resolution model starting at $100 more.

“We aren’t considering competing on price in tablets,” Kunimasa Suzuki, an executive vice president at Sony, said at a briefing in Tokyo.

When Sony launched its first models in April last year, Suzuki at the time said Sony was aiming to overtake Samsung to become the leading Android tablet maker within a year.

The tablets, however, failed to ignite consumer interest and Sony has yet to break into the top five makers in a market still dominated by Apple with around a 70 percent share.

“It was important to set ourselves the target of becoming number one,” said Suzuki, who is leading the Japanese company’s bid to make mobile devices one driver of profit as income from televisions shrinks.—Reuters

Ericsson in pole position to buy Nokia Siemens

Stockholm, 4 Sept—Ericsson, the world’s top mobile network infrastructure supplier, was in pole position to buy Nokia Siemens Networks, Dow Jones Newswires reported on Monday.

In addition to Ericsson, US telecoms equipment maker Amdocs is also interested in the BSS unit, which provides billing and charging systems for telecoms operators, Dow Jones quoted a source familiar with the matter saying.

A source familiar with the situation told Reuters the unit was among assets NSN was considering selling, but could not confirm a deal was imminent.

Ericsson and NSN, a joint venture between Nokia Oyj and Siemens AG, declined to comment. Amdocs was not immediately available for comment. NSN is the hemisphere of a slimming programme that will also cut 17,000 of the group’s workforce—almost a quarter of the total—in an effort to improve its finances.

Swedish-based Ericsson has been expanding rapidly in BSS and operations support systems (OSS), last year buying Telcordia in the United States for $1.1 billion.

A recent survey by consultancy Gartner ranked Ericsson top globally by revenues in OSS and BSS services, including sales acquired with Telcordia.

NSN made a profit of 27 million euros on a non-IFRS basis in the second quarter on sales of 3.3 billion.

Space

Astronauts ready for second spacewalk

New York, 4 Sept—The US space agency NASA says two astronauts will head outside of the International Space Station a second time to complete a maintenance task.

NASA said on Monday that Japanese astronaut Akihiko Hoshide and his US colleague Sunita Williams will begin their second spacewalk at around 11:00 UTC on Wednesday. The missions will try to finish replacing a power-relay unit to secure the station’s power supply. NASA said the defective unit is affecting the station’s power supply.

It is rare for an astronaut to make more than one spacewalk during a stint at the station.—NHK

Science

IUCN study found that one fifth of vertebrates were at risk

An IUCN study found that one fifth of vertebrates were at risk. Collen said people have wrongly tended to ignore spineless creatures, thinking of them as small, abundant and invulnerable to human pressures.

“Once in five invertebrates (creatures without a backbone) look to be threatened with extinction,” said Ben Collen at the Zoological Society of London (ZSL) of an 87-page report produced with the International Union for Conservation of Nature.

“The invertebrates are the eco-system engineers,” he told Reuters. “They produce a lot of the things that humans rely on and they produce them for free.”

The report said that invertebrates, creatures that have no internal skeleton, faced loss of habitat, pollution, over-exploitation and climate change.

The ‘services’ they provide—helping humans whose growing numbers threaten their survival—include water purification, pollination, waste recycling and keeping soils productive.

The value of insect pollination of crops, for instance, has been valued at 153 billion euros ($191 billion) a year, it said.

A 1997 study put the global economic value of soil biodiversity—thanks to often scarred creatures such as worms, woodlice and beetles—at $1.5 trillion a year.

Other services include seafood from mussels and clams, silk spun by worms and the purple dyss from a type of snail that were used exclusively in the robes of Roman emperors.

The study said the level of threat was similar to that facing vertebrates—creatures including mammals like blue whales and lions as well as reptiles and birds. A 2010
Hyundai Motor union OKs wage deal after costliest-ever strike

SEOUL, 4 Sept—The South Korean labour union of Hyundai Motor Co (005380.KS) narrowly voted in favour of a wage deal, averting more strikes and production losses at the automaker that had led to its first monthly sales drop in four years.

A total of 52.7 percent of voters approved a 2.9 percent wage increase that was rejected by the union last month after running its second series of partial strikes over pay and conditions, its first in four years and a reminder of the industrial action was a more common feature of corporate Korea.

The walkouts stopped Hyundai from making 82,086 cars worth $1.7 trillion Korean won ($1.5 billion) in its

The logo of Samsung

Business

SAMSUNG to review 250 Chinese suppliers for labour violations

SEOUL, 4 Sept—Samsung Electronics Co said on Monday it would inspect 250 Chinese companies which make products for the South Korean firm to ensure no labor laws are broken after a US-based group accused one of its suppliers of using child labour.

The results, published Monday in the Archives of Pediatrics & Adolescent Medicine, showed that Apple Inc’s products were assembled in China amid multiple violations of labor law, including extreme hours.

That, however, does not mean kids with autism should be separated from their peers and put in special education classes. Instead, Sterzing said autistic children were the victims of bullying and 15 percent thought their children were bullies themselves. Nine percent of moms and dads said their kids were both victims and bullies.

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Health

Organic food no more nutritious than non-organic

WASHINGTON, 4 Sept—Organic produce and meat typically isn’t any better for you than conventional food when it comes to vitamin and nutrient content, although it does generally reduce exposure to pesticides and antibiotic-resistant bacteria, according to a US study.

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Asian giants seek better ties; China's defence minister in India

NEW DELHI, 4 Sept — A rare visit to India by China’s defence minister should help avoid flare-ups along the border between the nuclear-armed Asian giants at a time when Beijing is grappling with a change of leadership and friction in the South China Sea.

Venezuelan General Liang Guangle’s trip—the first by a Chinese defence minister in eight years—also highlights growing competition between the two emerging powers as they jostle for influence and resources across Asia.

Liang is due to arrive in Mumbai on Sunday afternoon after stopping in Sri Lanka, the island nation off the south coast of India that sits on vital ocean trade routes.

There he sought to play down Indian fears that China is threatening a “string of pearls”—or encircling it by financing infrastructure and military strength in neighbors stretching from Pakistan to the Maldives.

“China attaches great importance to its relations with the South Asian nations, and commits itself to forging harmonious co-existence and mutually beneficial and win-win cooperation with them,” he said in speech to Sri Lankan soldiers.

“The PLA’s (People’s Liberation Army) efforts in conducting friendly exchanges and cooperation with its counterparts in the South Asian nations are intended for maintaining regional peace and not targeted at any third party.”

A supporter of Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez participates in a voting drill in Barcelona City, Venezuela, on 2 Sept. —Xinhua

Venezuelan election drill deemed successful

CARACAS, 4 Sept — Venezuelan authorities declared on Sunday that a mock election held earlier this month in the nation on the same day was a success.

Sunday’s drill was the second of its kind held in Venezuela in the lead up to the country’s contested presidential race scheduled for 7 Oct.

“It’s all going very well. That’s good news for the electoral authority and good news for 7 Oct,” said the National Electoral Council (CNE) chief Tibisay Lucena, who added the drill was introduced to test a new fully automated voting system that will be used in the upcoming presidential elections on 7 Oct.

5.9-magnitude quake hits Moro Gulf, Mindanao, Philippines

HONI KONG, 4 Sept — An earthquake measuring 5.9 on the Richter scale jolted Moro Gulf, Mindanao of southern Philippines at 06.49:49 GMT on Monday (14:49-49 local time), the US Geological Survey said.

The epicentre, with a depth of 10.1km, was initially determined to be at 5.6481 degrees north latitude and 123.7849 degrees east longitude, 92 km southwest from Cotabato on the island of Mindanao.

Xinhua

Violence dims hope of solution to Turkish Kurdish conflict

ISTANBUL, 4 Sept — Images of smiling Kurdish MPs hugging rebels, rifles slung over their shoulders, at a remote roadblock in Turkey’s mountainous southeast hit a raw nerve.

The embrace, depicted in Turkish newspapers as a battle raged with government troops, fed a climate of animosity which is undermining hopes of a peaceful solution to the 17-month uprising against President Bashar al-Assad.

“Turkey’s willingness to consider a political solution becomes weaker,” Ankara’s Ankara sees the hand of Ankara. It is a vicious cycle,” said Soner Cagaptay from the Washington Institute for Near East Policy. “Whenever there is a spike in violence, Turkey’s willingness to consider a political solution becomes weaker.”

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Kurdish security sources said those attacks had eased in recent months but it was not clear if the lull was due to pressure from military offensives or a shift in tactics. — Reuters

Two American consulate employees wounded in Pakistan bomb attack

PESHAWAR, 4 Sept — Two Americans working for the US consulate were wounded in a bomb attack on their vehicle in the Pakistani city of Peshawar on Monday, the American embassy said.

The blast also wounded two Pakistani employees of the consulate, the embassy in Islamabad said in a statement. Earlier, regional Information Minister Mian Iftikhar Hussain told reporters at least four people, including two Americans, were killed in an attack by a suicide bomber in a vehicle.

“We can confirm that a vehicle belonging to the US consulate in Peshawar was hit by an apparent terrorist attack,” the US embassy statement said.

Two US personnel and two Pakistani staff of the Consulate were injured and are receiving medical treatment.”

There was no immediate claim of responsibility for the attack, which left a crater along a busy street. Firemen could be seen putting out a vehicle that was mangled and blackened from the explosion.

Television stations repeatedly broadcast an image of a US passport at the scene, its corners scorched by fire.

Pakistan’s Taliban, who are close to al Qaeda, are blamed for many of the suicide bombings across Pakistan, a strategic US ally.

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Richard Bach still in hospital after plane crash

SEATTLE, 4 Sept — Richard Bach, the author of the 1970s bestselling book “Jonathan Livingston Seagull,” remained hospitalized in serious condition on Sunday, a day after the small plane he was piloting flipped during a landing in Washington state.

Bach, 76, was being treated at Harborview Medical Center in Seattle, where a nurse guarding said his condition was unchanged.

Bach’s 2008 Easton Gilbert Searey crashed on a grass airstrip on San Juan Island off northwestern Washington after its landing gear clipped a power line, leaving him suspended upside down and strapped in a harness, according to the San Juan County Sheriff’s Office.

A group of tourists cut him loose from the heavily damaged, single-engine plane and he was flown by helicopter to the hospital.

Bach lives on nearby Orcas Island.

His novella “Jonathan Livingston Seagull,” which was published in 1970 and topped the New York Times Best Sellers list two years later, tells the story of a daring seagull who pushes himself to become a phenomenal flyer and is expelled from his seagull clan. It was made into a movie in 1973.

The Pentagon has set up roadblocks and kidnapped Turkish officials and is believed to be behind recent deadly bomb attacks on the western coast of Turkey and in the city of Gaziantep, near the Syrian border.

The blast also wounded two Pakistani employees of the consulate, the embassy in Islamabad said in a statement. Earlier, regional Information Minister Mian Iftikhar Hussain told reporters at least four people, including two Americans, were killed in an attack by a suicide bomber in a vehicle.

“We can confirm that a vehicle belonging to the US consulate in Peshawar was hit by an apparent terrorist attack,” the US embassy statement said.

Two US personnel and two Pakistani staff of the Consulate were injured and are receiving medical treatment.”

There was no immediate claim of responsibility for the attack, which left a crater along a busy street. Firemen could be seen putting out a vehicle that was mangled and blackened from the explosion.

Television stations repeatedly broadcast an image of a US passport at the scene, its corners scorched by fire.

Pakistan’s Taliban, who are close to al Qaeda, are blamed for many of the suicide bombings across Pakistan, a strategic US ally.

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Tourists take a raft tour on the Yalong River in Yangzhou County of Guilin, a tourist resort in southwest China’s Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, on 2 Sept, 2012.

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The study covered more than 45,000 HIV-infected patients receiving care for HIV. The population study was demographically similar to the US population living with HIV, according to national surveillance data from the US Centres for Disease Control and Prevention.

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South African minister’s first-ever visit to Myanmar, sign for close ties...

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Principles of Peaceful Coexistence, the President said.

The President said Myanmar has become a democratic nation like South Africa and three branches of power are functioning well.

The government is looking ahead to both intergovernmental and inter-parliamentary friendship, said the President, inviting South African investors to invest in Myanmar.

Stability and economic development are priorities in Myanmar which is home to various national races, he said. Political stability, peace and stability are the first priority while the second priority is given to the economic development and foreign investments, he said.

The President related foreign investment to the economic sanctions. Only when there is no economic sanction, will the investments, which will facilitate the economic development, be attracted, he said.

Being a leading country in Non-Aligned Movement, South Africa should urge other countries to lift economic sanctions imposed on Myanmar at any opportune time, he requested. Some countries are magnifying the issue in western Myanmar to transmit false message to the world, he said.

Being neither religious nor racial rife, it was just an incident between two crowds in connection with a crime, causing a number of casualties. Only 88 people lost lives and 112 were injured. Arson attacks from both sides cost housings. He said he was disheartened by coverage of the incident by some other countries which was a mere propaganda.

Attempts of some countries to submit a proposal (draft) at coming UN General Assembly and the proposal (draft) at the Human Rights Committee, which he said, made him clarify the matter.

The government kept the situations under control in the regions which now return to normalcy, he said. The government is also in cooperation with UN agencies to take rehabilitation measures for victims.

Some countries are labeling the incident as a religious conflict, said the President, urging the visiting minister to stand by the right side. The visit will let her learn the reality, he said.

The foreign minister of Turkey, an Islamic nation, accompanied by the Turkish Prime Minister’s spouse and daughter, visited Myanmar recently and had a chance to visit the region to witness the reality. The chairman of Indonesian Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies and party also visited the area, he said.

With democracy in its infancy, Myanmar needs the partners that stand by the truth to guarantee its immunity from possible dangers. They restated that the minister’s visit was warmly welcomed as it would help her explore beauties of the country, hospitality of its people and the reality. The President then wished the good health of South African President Jacob Zuma and the cabinet and the people of South Africa. He extended his invitation to the South African counterpart to visit Myanmar and wished the smooth tour of the visiting minister.

After that, South African Minister for International Relations and Cooperation said that she is delighted by Myanmar’s warm welcome and hospitality; South Africa is keeping close eyes on media coverage on Rakhine incidents. She would express thank for President’s detailed explanations on the incident. That message would be conveyed to President Zuma. She continued to say that Myanmar’s cooperation with UN agencies and inviting cooperation with OIC countries which are powerful in non-allied movement countries, are constructive activities. Myanmar should rest assured of South Africa’s support for this process. Having got experiences of transitional process, South Africa is ready to share its national reconciliation experience.

She said that South Africa will continue to call for the removal of economic sanctions imposed on Myanmar. These sanctions should be removed as Myanmar sees a flood of positive constructive progress. South Africa is ready to continue calling for removal of all sanctions. Entrepreneurs and businessmen from South Africa will get information on investment through Myanmar Embassy. South Africa has more than hundred years experience in mines industry and has wishes to make investment in Myanmar’s mine sector.

The South African Minister said that she will convey the message on the President’s invitation to Myanmar to President Zuma. Resource-rich Myanmar sees a lot of progress and reforms. Especially, she expresses her praise for Nay Pyi Taw’s infrastructures. Both countries can share experiences. She wants to bring the experience in establishment of new capital city and was pleased with her visit.

The royal embassy of Saudi Arabia declared that the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques King ABDULAH BIN ABDUL AZIZ AL SAUD has donated an additional amount of 50 million US dollar in favour of supporting the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Government’s efforts for long term rehabilitation which hopefully would lead to finding a sustainable peace and security in Rakhine State.

AMBASSADOR OF SAUDI ARABIA MR. TALAL MS ABDUL SALAM handed over one million cheque to Mr. Johannes G. ten Feld, UNHCR representative in Myanmar.

Nay Pyi Taw, 4 Sept—A ceremony to present prizes, scholarships and teaching aids was held for outstanding students who are offspring of members of Myanmar Writers Association of Yangon North District in Insein Township on 26 August. They presented cash awards, medals and teaching aids to two outstanding students in matriculation examination with flying colours in 2011-2012 academic year and 27 students learning in 2012-2013 academic year.
Vice-Senior General Min Aung Hlaing receives Director of Intelligence of Royal Thai Armed Forces and party

NAV Pyi Taw, 4 Sept—Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Vice-Senior General Min Aung Hlaing received a goodwill delegation led by Director Lt-Gen Attanop Sirisak of Intelligence of Royal Thai Armed Forces and party, at Zeyathiri Beikman, here, this afternoon.

Also present at the call together with Vice-Senior General Min Aung Hlaing were Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) General Soe Win, General Hla Htu Win of the Defence Services Commander-in-Chief Office, Commander-in-Chief (Air) General Myat Hein, Lt-Gen Kyaw Soe of Commander-in-Chief Office and Chief of Staff (Navy) Commodore Tin Aung San. Lt-Gen Attanop Sirisak was accompanied by Sr Col Kitiphon Wongkhalaung, SrCol Terdak Dunkhum, Sr Col Wira Thienthanopajai, Wing Commander Wichote Sangmian and Thai Military Attaché to Myanmar Sr Col Prachern Chaiyaki.

They had a cordial discussion on further strengthening cooperation between two countries, promoting cooperation between two governments and two armies for peace and stability of Thai-Myanmar border regions, security and illegal drug control and boosting cooperation in border region development.—MNA

Vice-Senior General Min Aung Hlaing and Director of Intelligence of Royal Thai Armed Forces Lt-Gen Attanop Sirisak and party pose for documentary photo.—MNA

News in Brief

PYINMANA, 4 Sept—Police Cpl Myo Thant Zaw and L/Cpl Ye Kyaw Min Aung of Pyinmana Police Station, 100-household leaders U Kaung Zaw and U Myint Aung of Yanaung Ward 2 and U Sai Naung Latt from Mingala Ward of Pyinmana Township Video Organization, acting on tip-off, searched the Bawgathiri Bus Terminal on 3 August afternoon.

They seized 40 uncensored 40 VCDs of foreign movies, 65 uncensored Myanmar song VCDs and blue-colour plastic basket from Aung Kyaw Soe, 27 of U Po Seik of Bogon Ward in Yangon Ward 1 in Pyinmana.

Police Station took action against Aung Kyaw Soe under Pa42/2012 and section 32 (b) of Video Law.—Kyonm

Uncensored VCDs seized at Bawgathiri Bus Terminal

Cash provided for development of Naga Self-Administered Zone

NAV Pyi Taw, 4 Sept—A cash providing ceremony was held at the meeting hall of Lahe Township in Naga Self-Administered Zone for development of education, health and regional development tasks in Lahe, Leshi and Nanyon Townships through Aungthiri Foundation (Naga Region) at 9 am on 31 August.

At the ceremony, Chairman of Leading Body of Naga Self-Administered Zone U Ruh San Kyu gave K 8 million to be spent on rural development and poverty alleviation to representatives from Leshi and Nanyon Townships. Kyemon

Turebalance sets donated to Jivitadana Sangha Hospital (Yangon)

YANGON, 4 Sept—Myanmar Yutani Co Ltd donated 50 sets of Niprobrand Turebalance to check diabetes worth K 2 million to Jivitadana Sangha Hospital (Yangon) was held at the meeting hall of the hospital in Bahan Township, here, this morning.

Managing Director Mr Yoshinori Komaru of the company presented Turebalance sets to Chairman of the Hospital Management Board U Maung Maung.

Myanmar Yutani Co Ltd gives free medical checkups to members of the Sangha, nuns and laypersons who will receive eye surgical treatments under the arrangements of Myanmar Eye Care Project of Australia. Myanmar Eye Care Project of Australia donated K 18.5 million to be spent on eye surgical treatment to 500 patients at Jivitadana Sangha Hospital (Yangon) on 1 August.—MNA

Cooperative societies promote socio-economy of rural people, reduce poverty rate

NAV Pyi Taw, 4 Sept—Union Minister for Cooperatives U Kyaw Hsan met lacquerware entrepreneurs, the Principal of Lacquerware College (Bagan) and faculty members and students at the convocation hall of Lacquerware College (Bagan) yesterday morning, with the attendance of Mandalay Region Minister for Planning and Economics U Aung Zan, the deputy commissioner and officials.

The Union Minister said that there are a lot of people who completed diploma in lacquerware can be seen at successful fields. The lacquerware is one of the businesses that can uplift the living standard of odd-jobs people, said the Union minister.

Moreover, the lacquerware business is related to tourism economic. The lacquerware museum, one of the tourist destinations is being arranged to be more attractive for tourists. The lacquerware entrepreneurs should try to penetrate the foreign market through online trading and website. While penetrating the foreign market, the team spirit is better than individuals, he noted.

The Union Minister viewed the training works performed by the students at the lacquerware hall.

In meeting with staff of cooperatives department, Mandalay Region Cooperatives Syndicate, at NyaungU Township and responsible persons from the respective teams, he left the necessary instructions. There are two focal points that would be implemented by the respective organizations or teams. The first point is to promote socio-economic of the rural people. The second point is to provide necessary assistance when the nation is needed.

In 2015, Myanmar will be a member of AFTA, Myanmar extends the cooperative business to build their establishments with capital, technology and market. The cooperative would help reduce poverty rate.

That’s why microfinance or basic cooperative syndicate would establish in each and every village, he pointed out.

The Union minister inspected Anawrahta oil mill run by NyaungU Township cooperative syndicate where he gave necessary instructions.—MNA

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**Venezuela, indigenous groups dispute whether Amazon massacre took place**

**Red de Jambrío, 4 Sept —** Venezuela and indigenous groups are disputing whether an alleged massacre of Amazon villagers took place after Venezuela's government said it found no evidence of an attack. A group representing the Yanomami tribe last week said that Brazilian gold miners had crossed the border and attacked a village from a helicopter.

It was said the assault could have killed more than 70 people. Though the attack allegedly happened in July, the tribe was only able to alert the government recently because of the distance and isolation of their native region along the long, dense jungle border with Brazil. Venezuelan officials said over the weekend that they were concerned that the allegations were false. “We can tell the country that we have seen no evidence of death,” said Nicolás Maldonado, Venezuela’s minister of government affairs, in televised comments.

Native rights groups and some local politicians criticized the government saying it reached that conclusion prematurely. The remoteness of the region—and the nomadic habits of the Yanomami tribe—make it unlikely officials could have reached the exact spot where the attack was reported to have taken place, they said. Even natives, they point out, take days to move among settlements in the region. In a collective statement, 11 tribes and rights groups including the Yanomami said, “It cannot be said that there’s no evidence” and pressed the government to continue investigating.

Liberto Guarsula, an indigenous Venezuelan and governor of Amazonas, the southern state where the attack is said to have happened, accused the government of “mobilizing resources just to silence the matter.”

To some officials, the allegations of an assault by foreign aggressors, wielding guns and explosives from a helicopter, is difficult to believe.

Not only would assailants need resources, know-how and familiarity with the terrain to access from above, they would need knowledge of the habits and whereabouts of the Yanomami, who live in small groups and change settlements frequently. “It would be extremely hard to do,” said General Rafael Zambrano, commander of the Venezuelan army unit responsible for the region.

Zambrano in a telephone interview said he had not yet received any request from Venezuela for help investigating.

People familiar with the Yanomami said their request for an investigation is unusual because tribal tradition frowns on open discussion of the dead. “It’s not a meek question of how serious the problem is that they are making these allegations,” said Marcos Wesly de Oliveira, coordinator of a regional programme for crime in Europe against indigenous people at the Instituto Sociociential Ambiental, a Brazilian advocacy group.

Amazon states in recent decades has come under increasing pressure from wildcat gold miners and other outsiders.

Brazil’s government last week said it asked Venezuela for more information about the alleged attack and whether Brazilians were involved. On Monday, Brazil’s foreign ministry said it had not yet received any request from Venezuela for help investigating.

**Crime still biggest challenge for Mexico: outgoing president**

**Mexico City, 4 Sept —** Outgoing Mexican President Felipe Calderon on Monday said fighting rampant crime was the hardest task in his term and would remain the biggest challenge for the country. “Mexico is still on the long road to a life of security and freedom,” Calderon said in his sixth and final state-of-the-nation address. He promised that he would continue investigating.

**International News**

**FARC rebels**

**Bogota, 4 Sept —** Colombian Defence Minister Juan Carlos Pinzon said on Monday that the authorities killed at least seven members of the rebel Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC) on Sunday. “In an initial operation seven terrorists were killed and five others captured,” he said.

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**New York, 4 Sept —** Xerox Corp and a wholly owned unit that contracted with the US state of Texas to process dental claim forms are being investigated to see if they helped allow dentists to submit higher-than-required bills under the state’s Medicaid system, the Wall Street Journal reported.

The Texas Health and Human Services Commission is concerned that the unit, Affiliated Computer Services, did not dedicate sufficient trained staff to audit the Medicaid requests, letting dentists get paid for procedures not covered by the programme, the WSJ said.

Karen L’Tanga Watson, a spokeswoman for Xerox, had no immediate comment on the report when contacted by Reuters.

Xerox was quoted by the paper as saying it does not face similar scrutiny in other states, adding that it helps administer Medicaid programmes in 12 US states and the District of Columbia and processes $54 billion in annual Medicaid spending.

**Firefighters battle California’s Angeles National Forest blaze**

**Los Angeles, 4 Sept—** A 4,000-acre (1,620-hectare) wildfire in the Angeles National Forest in Southern California has forced the evacuation of some campsites as firefighters struggled to control the blaze, authorities said on Monday.

The fire amid dry conditions was only 5 percent contained and heavy smoke was visible from miles away. Authorities said it was not threatening any structures.

The fire broke out on Sunday in the San Gabriel Canyon area of the 655,000-acre Angeles National Forest, an area not visited by people, Lavell said. Six air tankers and eight helicopters were helping to control the blaze.

The fire is thought to have started in the Camp Williams trailer park and the cause is under investigation, Forest Service spokeswoman Angie Lavelle said.

The sites evacuated in the San Gabriel Canyon area on Sunday included popular recreation areas along the San Gabriel River and a place for off-road vehicles. In 2009, a fire in the Angeles National Forest burned more than 160,000 acres. A large swath of the charred forest was closed to visitors for about two years. — Reuters

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In the address, he highlighted the successes of the anti-drug war, including the capture or killing of 22 most-wanted criminals in the country, and the confiscation of a record amount of arms caches, drug shipments and money belonging to criminal gangs.

While many agree that Calderon’s war has succeeded in breaking up several of Mexico’s large drug cartels, often by eliminating their top kingpins, it has also given rise to many smaller and more violent groups, such as the notoriously violent Zetas gang.

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China, Ethiopia vow to continue strengthening bilateral cooperation

Addis Ababa, 4 Sept — Ethiopia and China on Monday vowed to continue strengthening their bilateral cooperation along legacies of the late Ethiopian Prime Minister Meles Zenawi. This came at a time when Hailemariam Desalegn, Ethiopian Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister, arrived in Ethiopia, on 3 Sept, 2012. — Xinhua

Iran could strike US bases if Israel attacks

Brunei, 4 Sept — Iran could hit US bases in the Middle East in response to any Israeli strike on its nuclear facilities even if American forces played no role in the attack, the leader of Lebanon’s Iranian-backed militant group Hezbollah said on Monday. “A decision has been taken to respond and the response will be very great,” Hezbollah Secretary-General Sayyed Hassan Nasrallah said in an interview with the Beirut-based Al Mayadeen television. “The response will not be just inside the Israeli entity — American bases in the whole region could be Iranian targets,” he said, cautioning information he had received from Iranian officials. “If Tel Aviv targets Iran, America bears responsibility,” Heightened Iranian rhetoric about Tehran’s nuclear facilities, which the West says could be part of a weapons programme, has stoked speculation that it may attack Iran before US elections in November. Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has said he left for the country, for fast development, for defeating poverty, and building prosperous and strong nation economically, politically, and diplomatically,” said Mesfin. Mesfin said: “China is our true partner — at least in the forthcoming or foreseeable future — (to wage) an attack on the Islamic Republic of Iran,” he said. Reuters

Visiting Tajik President Emomali Rahmon(C) shakes hands with Indian President Pranab Mukherjee (R) and Prime Minister Manmohan Singh during the ceremonial reception upon his arrival at the Indian Presidential Palace in New Delhi, India, on 3 Sept, 2012. Rahmon is on a four-day official visit to India. — Xinhua

Washington needs to take concrete steps to promote China-US ties

BEIJING, 4 Sept — Though US Secretary of State Hillary Clinton has said the Asia-Pacific is big enough to hold both China and the United States, Washington still need to take concrete actions to improve its ties with China. For quite a while, the US government has repeatedly made welcoming remarks on China’s rise, but at the same time it has shown little respect for China’s sovereign rights in the area. The United States has promised a “neutral” stand in the disputes between Beijing and Tokyo over China’s Diaoyu islands, yet it constantly proclaims that the isles are covered by a security treaty Washington signed with Tokyo in 1951. Moreover, Washington has been trying to work with a number of Southeast Asian nations to force China into a multinational solution to territorial rows in the South China Sea, despite China’s strong and perpetual opposition. Additionally, even though the previous US government vowed to gradually wind down and finally end its arms sales to Taiwan in 1992, US presidents seemed to show no intention of honoring that particular commitment and continued to ship weapons to an area that is inalienable part of China. Such examples could well go on and on, and they have already effectively downgraded Washington’s international credibility and undermined mutual trust between the world’s top two economies. Actually, these outwardly self-contradictory policies are indeed a vivid and verifiable reflection of the complicated calculation by US decision-makers. On one hand, they hope to tap into China’s huge markets for profits and chase Beijing’s foreign exchange reserves of more than 3 trillion US dollars for cheap borrowing to sustain its own economic development. On the other hand, they fear that a rising China might ultimately challenge its leadership in the Asia-Pacific region and across the world. — Xinhua

Russia takes opportunity of hosting APEC to promote Asia-Pacific strategy

VLADIVOSTOK, 4 Sept — As host of the upcoming Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) summit, Russia is expected to take APEC meetings as an opportunity to boost its influence in the Asia-Pacific region and further its “Look East” strategy. As the world’s largest country spanning both the European and Asian continents, Russia has more than 70 percent of its lands located in Asia. Thus, the Asia-Pacific region is of great strategic significance to Russia, whether in views of economic development, geopolitics or military security. Moreover, compared with the US-Russia relationships in the region have been steadily developed, creating a broad market for Russia, which heavily relies on exports of raw materials, especially gas and oil. Since Europe has begun to promote its alternative routes of oil and gas bypassing Russia, rows between the two sides were often reported. The vigorous Asia-Pacific market was expected to replace Europe, a traditional energy market of Russia, to spur the development of Russia’s export-oriented economy. However, due to the lack of policy continuity and fund, development of Russia’s Siberian region and the Far East region has been lagging behind for years, which became an obstacle to its ambitious plan of modernization. In July, Russian President Vladimir Putin said that Russia would continue to strengthen its position in the region, a rising new centre of global development. “Although the global crisis has affected this region, it continues to build up its economic power and has kept up its growth rate for the most part,” Putin stressed. “We believe that our participation in the integration processes underway in this region will boost socioeconomic growth in Siberia and Far East,” he said. Yuri Tavrovsky, a prominent political expert from Moscow Friendship University, told Xinhua that Russia would strengthen its links with “the East” after Putin’s return to the Kremlin as president — Xinhua
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S Korea’s auto sales tumble 7.1 pct in August

SEOUL, 4 Sept — South Korea’s automobile sales tumbled 7.1 percent last month from a year earlier due to weak demand at home and abroad caused by economic slowdown as well as a fall in working days, industry data showed on Monday.

Global auto sales by the nation’s five carmakers, including Hyundai Motor, Kia Motors, GM Korea, Renault Samsung Motors and Samsung Motor, reached 550,141 vehicles in August, down 7.1 percent from the same month of last year.

Local sales plunged 24.8 percent on-year to 85,543 units in August. Overseas sales, which include cars exported from South Korea and vehicles assembled in overseas plants, contracted 28.8 percent to 464,598 units.

Domestic auto sales continued its downward trend to fall below the 100,000 mark, while overseas sales fell to an all-time low of 4.8 percent, according to industry data showed on Monday.

Global car sales by Hyundai Motor, the country’s No.1 automaker, contracted 4.6 percent on-year to 293,924 units in August. Domestic sales tumbled 29.9 percent to 35,950 units, the first decline in more than three years, but overseas sales edged up 0.4 percent to 257,974 units. Kia Motors saw its global auto sales fall 0.5 percent in August from a year earlier to 190,904 vehicles.

The training courses on climate change

BEIJING, 4 Sept — On 29 August, the training course on climate change and climate information services in developing countries was opened in Nanjing University of Information Science & Technology. 38 participants from 21 developing countries participated in the training.

Guo Zhaoxing, the Deputy Principal of NUIST expressed warm welcome and sincere greetings to members of all countries.

He introduced the development of NUST and the regional training center, and emphasized the importance of climate information services.

Song Lianchun, the Director of Beijing Climate Center pointed out that extreme weather disasters occurred frequently in Asia and caused a large number of casualties and property loss. In China, economic losses caused by drought, floods, tropical cyclones, storm surges, heat waves and other natural disasters have reached 1% to 3% of GDP. The training courses will meet the needs for climate services in developing countries.

Ms. Natapei/ Mellnda Niwal, the representative member said that climate change has been a major issue related to people of the various countries, and this training course was very timely and necessary.

They would treasure this training opportunity to study the relevant expertise and knowledge, as well as to understand the Chinese culture. Meanwhile, they would establish friendly relationships with all countries involved.

Xinhua

Afghan civilian and army soldier wounded in N Afghan blast

SHARIF CITY, 4 Sept — Five civilians and an Afghan army soldier were injured on Monday morning in a bomb blast in the northern Afghan province of Balkh, according to local officials.

“Six wounded people including an army soldier were admitted to a provincial capital hospital in Mazari-i-Sharif,” the official told Xinhua.

Earlier, a police spokesman in the northern Afghan province, Lal Mohammad Ahmadzai, told Xinhua that three civilians were injured in the explosion caused by a sticky bomb attached to a bicycle near the building of provincial department of culture and information in the city, some 305 km north of the Afghan capital Kabul.

The obvious target of the attack was not clear and no group has claimed responsibility for the attack so far. Violence has been on the rise in the northern Balkh province since the Taleban insurgent group launched annual spring offensive on 3 May.

Afghan security forces took full control of security in Balkh province, part of a security transition which started in July last year. The Taleban, by the end of 2014 they are to be in charge across the country by following foreign combat troops to either leave or take on supportive roles.

Around 150,000-strong NATO-led coalition troops currently stationed in Afghanistan. Under the US President Barack Obama’s withdrawal plan, 10,000 US troops already pulled out of Afghanistan in 2011 and another 23,000 will return home by September this year.

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Paris, 4 Sept.—The disgraced power couple of Dominique Strauss-Kahn and Anne Sinclair will be played by two of France’s best-known actors, Gerard Depardieu and Isabelle Adjani, in an upcoming movie about love affairs, politics and love on the rocks. Depardieu, who was arrested in New York, later dropped, against Strauss-Kahn in May 2011 shocked the world and shattered the reputation of the former International Monetary Fund head, costing him his job and his marriage to Sinclair, a popular TV journalist.

“It should be fascinating because we have a director who isn’t French in charge and he’s going to go where it hurts,” Adjani said in a recent interview with the weekly Journal de Dimanche, speaking of US director Abel Ferrara.

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Paris, 4 Sept.—Actress Kareena Kapoor is likely to star in Prakash Jha’s political drama Satyagrah. B-town is abuzz with rumours that Kareena has been roped in for a role in Satyagrah. Earlier the filmmaker had denied the news. But this time he neither confirmed nor denied it.

“Satyagrah cast and crew will be announced in the next ten days,” Jha told PTI.

This is the first time that Kareena would be doing a film with Jha. Also, if all goes well then this will be for the second time that Ayjay and Kareena will be paired opposite each other after Vishal Bhardwaj’s Omkara.

Reportedly, Satyagrah is inspired from anti-graft crusader Anna Hazare’s movement. This will be a huge film as the national award winning director has also cast Amitabh Bachchan.—PTI

Kareena Kapoor in Prakash Jha’s Satyagrah?

People celebrate Doraemon’s birthday

Tokyo, 4 Sept.—A Japanese film starring Ken Takakura received a special award at the World Film Festival in Montreal on Monday.

“Anatae” or “Dearest” by Yasuo Furuhata received Special Mention of the Eccumenical Jury, which is awarded by members of the jury outside the competition division to films that artistically depict human sentiment. Takakura’s skills have been highly acclaimed in Japan and he received the award for his acting in films that portray a conflict between a pregnant woman and her father.

“Dearest” recognized at Montreal film fest

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Wanted team of Salman Khan, Prabhu Deva working on another remake?

Mumbai, 4 Sept.—After setting the cash registers ringing at the box office and starting a new wave of action-masala entertainers with Wanted, actor Salman Khan and choreographer-turned Prabhu Deva are likely to be teaming up again for a South film remake.

According to reports both will team up again for a film to be produced by Tips Company.

“We are doing a film in the lead. The film will be directed by Prabhu Deva. We can’t talk about the subject it can be anything. We are still working on it,” Producer Kumar Taurani told PTI.

“We will talk about it once everything falls in place. We will announce soon,” he said.

It was 2009 blockbuster film Wanted that turned tables for Salman Khan in Bollywood again and also opened doors as a director for Prabhu Deva in B-town.

“They both had a new trend in the industry. We are pleased to be working with them. One side we have Salman Khan who has a huge fan following and other hand Prabhu, whose style is liked by everyone,” Mr Taurani said.

Considering, that Salman Khan has a jam packed schedule, the shooting for this film will only begin in 2013. “We will start shooting for it by end of next year,” he added.—PTI

People pose for photos as they celebrate “100 years before the birth of Doraemon” in Hong Kong, south China, 3 Sept, 2012. Doraemon is a Japanese cartoon character created by Fujiko F. Fujio. According to the story, Doraemon is born on 3 Sept, 2112.—NHK

Shillong choir to sing in KBC 6 opening episode

Mumbai, 4 Sept.—The city-based Shillong Chamber Choir would sing with Amitabh Bachchan at the opening of the season six of the Kaun Banega Crorepati on 7 September.

“The Shillong Chamber Choir will be singing in the opening episode of Kaun Banega Crorepati on Friday on Sony channel,” Damodar Lyndem, an official of the choir, told PTI.

The megastar will also be singing with the choir on a medley of songs, arranged by Neil Nongkynrih, the choir’s founder and conductor.

During the preliminary practice sessions that the choir group and Bachchan had, Lyndem claimed Mr Bachchan was impressed at the performance of the team.

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moment of the day was meeting and seeing the Shillong Choir, a young group of boys and girls from the North East, performing some wonderful renditions of... ahah... cannot disclose all that just yet, songs,” Mr Bachchan said in his blog. Founded in 2001, the Shillong Chamber Choir shot to fame after it won a reality talent show, India’s Got Talent (Season 2) in October 2010, where it performed western choral, as well as choral-style revamps of Hindi film classics.—PTI
**Soccer**

**Former real star says Ronaldo is upset at missing out on UEFA award**

RIO DE JANEIRO, 4 Sept—Former Real Madrid and Brazil star Roberto Carlos believes Cristiano Ronaldo is upset due to his failure to win last week’s UEFA best player in Real Madrid’s Cristiano Ronaldo (L) challenges Gonzalo Guillermo Siqueira during their Spanish first division soccer match at the Santiago Bernabeu stadium in Madrid on 2 Sept, 2012. —Reuters

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Told after his arrival at the Tennis Centre that his fourth-round match would be put on straight away rather than after a women’s doubles match in order to avoid a predicted rainstorm, the third-seeded Murray wasted no time.

He scored a single break against the huge server in each of the first two sets and then cruised to victory over the 15th seed with a brilliant display of shot-making in a match that lasted precisely two hours.

"I hit my passing shots well, which was an important part," said Murray, who is gunning for his first grand slam title. "He was hitting a lot of big serves and I was just trying to reach the best I could. Sometimes you get a racket on it and sometimes you don’t. Tonight I was getting my racket on it."

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**Norton, 4 Sept—** American Dustin Johnson may not have won the Deutsche Bank Championship-sponsored Tour Championship, but the long bomber put in an 11th hour bid for Ryder Cup selection by tying for fourth place at the TPC Boston. Johnson finished highest among those widely tipped to be selected when US Ryder Cup captain Davis Love III announces his four wildcard picks for the biennial competition on Tuesday.

Those selected will join the eight automatic qualifiers on the US team for this year’s Ryder Cup against Europe, which will be played at Medinah Country Club in the third round of the European Tour's BMW British Masters at Wentworth on Friday.

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A vivid, yellowing banner marking the date of that brutal battle in 1975 reminded fans of the Araneta’s place in boxing history, but most of the 16,500 people packed into the domed venue were not even born when Frazier faced Ali in that last great clash of heavyweight titans.

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"She really mixes it up. A lot of slice, then suddenly hitting very well from the forehand side, thenkiss serve, drop shots, backhand slices as well, coming to the net." Vinci said her variety can bother a lot. "I tell balls. I go to the net. I play a lot of slice, so it’s different," said Vinci. "Probably she doesn’t like my slice."
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**District News**

**Mcllroy wins Deutsche Bank title by one shot**

**NORTH, 4 Sept—World number one Rory McIlroy clinched his fifth PGA Tour title, and second in three starts, with a one-shot victory over South Africa’s Louis Oosthuizen at the Deutsche Bank Championship on Monday. McIlroy, who began the final round three shots behind Oosthuizen, fired a four-under-par 67 for 20-under 264 that handed the 23-year-old Northern Irishman the second of the PGA Tour’s four FedExCup playoff events.**

Oosthuizen (71), who trailed McIlroy by three strokes with six holes to play at the TPC Boston, finished alone in second while former world number one Tiger Woods (66) was alone in third.
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NAY PYI TAW, 4 Sept—Fourth Regular Session of First Pyidaungsu Hluttaw continued for 12th day at Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Hall of Hluttaw Complex, here, at 10 am today, attended by Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw U Khin Aung Myint, Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw Thura U Shwe Mann and 618 MPs.

At today’s session, the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker announced that the messages sent by President on 29-8-2012 on the reshuffle and the resignation of the Union Ministers, resignation of the Union Auditor-General; the message sent on the same day on the appointment and reshuffle of deputy ministers and the concurrent duty assignment; two messages sent on 31-8-2012 and 3-9-2012 on the appointment of deputy ministers; and the message sent on 31-8-2012 on the appointment of member of the Union Election Commission, have been distributed to Hluttaw representatives. And the messages were put on record.

After that, the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker announced that the President’s message on the appointment of Lt-Gen Wai Lwin as Union Minister for Defence and the appointment of Union Minister U Thein Htak as the Union Auditor-General, have been distributed to the Hluttaw representatives; that the biographies of those two candidates, distributed to heads of the respective parties; and that those who want to remonstrate with two candidates about their failure to meet qualifications prescribed in the Constitution along with sound evidence, are to register their names by 10 am on 5-9-2012.

Afterwards, the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker announced that the President’s messages on reformation of Ministry of Electric Power, the dissolution of the Ministry of Myanmar Industrial Development and the reshuffle of Union Ministries and the Union Ministers, have been distributed to the Hluttaw representatives in advance.

Union Minister at President Office U Hla Tun explained the reshuffle of Union Ministries and the Union Ministers. Nine representatives discussed the above-matter and so did Union Minister at President Office U Soe Maung.

Vote was taken for the reshuffle of 36 Union government ministries suggested by the President and Hluttaw confirmed the reshuffle with the majority vote.

Hluttaw approved paragraph and sub-paragraph of Joint Bill Committee’s report on Import and Export Bill sent back by the President along with comment. The meeting came to an end at 1.35 pm and the 13th day session will go on at 10 am on 7 September.

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