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Resignations of Chairman and members of Constitutional Tribunal of the Union allowed

According to provisions on Section 331 of the Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and Section 28 of the Constitutional Tribunal of the Union Law, resignations of the following chairman and members of the Constitutional Tribunal of the Union were allowed of their own accord.

(1) U Thein Soe Chairman
(2) Dr Tin Aung Aye member
(3) Daw Khin Hla Myint member
(4) U Tun Kyi member
(5) U Soe Thein member
(6) U Khin Tun member
(7) U Hsan Myint member
(8) U Myint Kyawng member
(9) Daw Mi Mi Yi member

Sd/ Thein Sein
President
Republic of the Union of Myanmar

President U Thein Sein sends message of felicitation to Brazilian counterpart

Nay Pyi Taw, 7 Sept—U Thein Sein, President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitation to Her Excellency Ms Dilma Rousseff, President of the Federative Republic of Brazil, on the anniversary of the Independence Day of the Federative Republic of Brazil which falls on 7th September 2012.—MNA

Myanmar to serve as coordinator in ASEAN-US relations from 2012-2015

Foreign Relations

NAY PYI TAW, 6 Sept—President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein received US Permanent Representative to ASEAN Ambassador Mr David L Carden and ASEAN-US eminent persons group at Credentials Hall of the Presidential Palace here this morning.

Present on the occasion together with the President were Union Minister for Border Affairs Li-Gen Thein Htay, Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Wunna Maung Lwin, Union Ministers at the President Office U Thein Nyunt, U Soe Thein, U Aung Min, and departmental heads and Mr Carden was accompanied by ASEAN-US eminent persons Mr Stapleton Roy, Mr Muhtar Kent, and US Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Derek James Mitchell.

During the meeting, the President extended warm welcome to the visitors. He revealed his pleasure to host the second ASEAN-US eminent persons group meeting in Yangon tomorrow, expressing his delight for having a chance to act as coordinator in ASEAN-US relations from 2012 to 2015. He said he assumed that Myanmar would be able to further promote ASEAN-US ties during its assumption of responsibility and US would be able to make more frequent contacts with Myanmar during that period.

The representative and members credited the bold and far-sighted actions of the President and the government for more transparency of the and stronger future of ASEAN Community. Washington is committed to take steps together in the process Myanmar has initiated.

Coca Cola Company is creating jobs for nearly 2000 Myanmar citizens. In addition, works would be carried out for creation of jobs opportunities in cooperation with Pact for (See page 8)

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country. Myanmar is at the beginning of an interested journey. Myanmar takes a crucial role in more compact making investments in 206 countries and would also make investment in Myanmar.

The company has projected to invest 100 million USD over the coming three years, and stronger future of

MNA

Medicinal dragon fruit marketable among consumers

YESASSE, 6 Sept—Dragon fruit that was cultivated in the countryside on test last two years. At present, the fruit is marketable because it is medicinal one.

Dragon Fruits help relieve patients of diabetes and cardiac diseases. Flesh of the fruit is soft and delicious. Those who eat the dragon fruits regularly

with honey or a little of sugar will enjoy better taste. Moreover, peel of the fruit can be painted on the face to relieve pigsty, freckles and other facial complaints.

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Dekkhinathiri Tsp to host pilot project for mechanized farming

The Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing attended the meeting on shifting to mechanized farming on 3000-acre farmland in Dekkhinathiri Township in Nay Pyi Taw Council Area and transforming the farmland into acre-wide and hectare-wide plantations from existing small plantations at the ministry here this morning.

The Union Minister said on the occasion that Dekkhinathiri Township in Nay Pyi Taw Council Area has been chosen as a model township to undertake pilot project for transformation to mechanized farming system as instructed by the president, calling for cooperation of farmers.

It is learnt that as soon as the monsoon paddy is harvested on 3000-acre farmland, measures would be taken to reclaim the farmland to introduce mechanized farming. The Union minister and deputy ministers then discussed observation of World Food Day.

MNA

Coord meeting for development of e-Government held

A coordination meeting for development of e-Government of the Ministry of Commerce was held in its ministry, here, yesterday afternoon, attended by Union Minister at the President Office U Tin Naing Thein, Union Minister for Commerce U Win Myint, Deputy Minister Dr Pwint Hsan, Deputy Ministers for National Planning and Economic Development U Htet Aung and Dr. Daw Khin Hsan Yi and departmental heads.

Today, ICT wide use is more crucial for both development of e-Government works and preparing of single window system, said the Union Minister at the President Office.

The Ministry of Commerce has implemented e-Government works since 2005 with added momentum. Likewise, the educative committee and sub-committee including the e-Commerce & e-Licensing was formed with departmental heads on 26 December, 2006 for enabling trade deals information, saving data, reviews, research, supervising the implementation of e-Government works and upgrading its website continuously. The e-Government implementing committee was reformed since 12 July, 2006 and kept on trying as well.

The responsible person from the Ministry of Commerce discussed implementation of e-Government system in detail.

MNA

Wellwishers donate cash and kind to displaced people in Kachin State

MONYIN, 6 Sept—The local people around Phakant Township moved to urban areas as of 19 August due to security situation in the township of Kachin State. Local authorities, social and religious associations provided assistance to them accommodated at relief camps at monasteries and churches.

On 31 August, Kachin State Government, officials, companies and wellwishers donated bags of rice, consumer goods, and personal goods worth K 71,486,600 to 5737 companies and wellwishers donated bags of rice, consumer goods, and personal goods worth K 71,486,600 to 5737 people from 1041 households of 32 relief camps.

In memory of parents of U Ohn Kywe of Konekewe Village in Itawaddy Township, Yangon Region, U Ohn Kywe and family donated K 500,000 to the medical fund of Hninzigon Home for the Aged through Vice-Chairman of Executive Committee U Aung Than.—NLM

Youth competes in Football Tournament in Putao

PUTAO, 6 Sept—The Putao Township Administrator’s Cup Men’s Football Tournament was held in Township People’s Sports Ground at 3 pm on 20 August.

In the debut, Khakabo Youth Team beat Htawamrazi Youth Team 2-1.

Corrigendum

Please read Qatar Airline instead of Water Airline in the news entitle “Some foreign airlines to fly to Yangon” on page 16 in this newspaper issued on 4-9-2012. Error is regretted.—Ed
Bill Clinton to evoke era of prosperity in boost to Obama

Former US President Bill Clinton (L) and US President Barack Obama were at a fundraiser, at the Waldorf Astoria in New York on 4 June, 2012. — Reuters

Colombia’s President Juan Manuel Santos (C) speaks during a televised national conference at the presidential palace in Bogota on 6 Sept, 2012. — Reuters

Colombia names team for peace talks with FARC rebels

Bogota, 6 Sept — Colombian President Juan Manuel Santos unveiled on Wednesday a six-man team to negotiate with Marxist FARC rebels in the hope of ending almost 50 years of war. A thirst to end the last Latin America’s longest-running insurgency failed, the negotiation by chief former Vice President Humberto de la Calle are to travel to Norway next month to meet the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia. The negotiations will then move to Cuba.

It’s a team with ample experience and each member has worked to move things ahead in a serious, dignified, realistic and effective way, Santos said at an address in the presidential palace, flanked by some of the negotiators. Members of the negotiating team include a former police chief, an industrialist, a former military head, the president’s chief security adviser and a former environment minister. Halfway into his four-year term, Santos, a US and British-trained economist, is starving his reputation on the talks. He said that the last Latin America’s longest-running insurgency failed, the negotiation by chief former Vice President Humberto de la Calle are to travel to Norway next month to meet the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia. The negotiations will then move to Cuba.

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Nokia’s new Windows phones, key to its future, disappoint

New York, 6 Sept—Nokia’s new Lumia smartphones drew a quick thumbs-down from investors looking for transformational handsets to rescue the struggling Finnish company, sending the firm’s shares tumbling 13 percent.

Nokia and partner Microsoft Corp showcased the Lumia 920 phone on Wednesday in what may be their last major shot at reclaiming market share as to Apple Inc, Samsung Electronics Co, Ltd and Google Inc.

Microsoft and Nokia hope the device — sporting bright colors from red to yellow, a bigger screen, and technology that reduces blur and shake — will become a potent weapon in an escalating global war to dominate the mobile industry.

But investors said it lacked “wow” and some analysts said Nokia’s reticence about dates, prices or carrier partners also did not help. Nokia shares traded in Helsinki began sliding midway through the New York launch and ended down 13 percent midway through the New York trading session, the biggest single-day loss since June.

But the stock had gained 67 percent since mid-June, as anticipation built ahead of Lumia’s unveiling.

Its US-listed stock closed down 16 percent at $2.38.

Many of the industry analysts who saw the phone up close in New York deemed it a solid device with a few differentiating features. But it did not push the envelope as Nokia CEO Stephen Elop had promised.

“The challenge is that the world is working on the 4th, 5th and 6th editions of their devices, while Nokia is still trying to move from chapter 1. It still has quite a bit to catch up,” said IDC analyst Mark Suz.

“People were looking for something that would dazzle. Most investors will view it as evolutionary, not revolutionary.”

The Finnish handset maker said it would announce pricing and roll-out dates for the new Lumia later on a country-by-country basis.

Motorola unveils three phones for Verizon Wireless

New York, 6 Sept—Google Inc’s Motorola Mobility unveiled three smartphones to help compete with bigger rivals Apple Inc and Samsung Electronics Co for the holiday shopping season. The Droid Razr Maxx HD and the Droid Razr M — the companies said on Wednesday.

Motorola Mobility unveiled the phones at a press event in New York, its first big media gathering since Google bought Motorola in May.

Motorola Mobility’s Droid Razr HD boasts a 4.7-inch screen with a sharper picture than Motorola’s previous phones. Verizon Wireless did not announce pricing but said the device will be available in time for the holidays.

The Razr M is a smaller phone for more cost-conscious consumers, with a 4.3 inch display that covers most of the front of the phone. That device will be available for $99.99 when it goes on sale at Verizon Wireless stores next week.

Motorola Mobility’s Droid Razr HD will have similar features to the Razr M but will boast a longer battery life. Motorola promised that the device could run for 21 hours of phone calls or 13 hours of video viewing.

Sony mobile customers emails, names hacked in China

Tokyo, 6 Sept—Japan’s Sony Corp said hackers have accessed the email addresses and names of as many as 400 of its mobile unit’s customers in China and Taiwan held on servers owned by a third-party vendor.

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Sony’s own servers were not accessed, but information on customers is sometimes held at outside companies it hires to conduct sales promotions and other events, an industry source told Reuters on condition he was not identified.

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More satellite launches planned for upgrading maritime monitoring

Beijing, 6 Sept—China plans to launch eight more satellites by 2020 to further improve the country’s maritime monitoring network, a national English-language newspaper reported on Thursday.

The planned launches will include four satellites for observing sea colour, two for observing ocean currents, and two maritime radar satellites, according to the China Daily report, quoting official sources.

Jiang Xingsui, director of the National Satellite Ocean Application Service, was quoted as saying the plan has been approved by the National Development and Reform Commission, the country’s top economic planning authority.

The new satellites will greatly improve China’s ability to observe and supervise its marine environment, Jiang said.

According to the report, China already has three satellites that monitor its territorial waters and islands, including the Diaoyu Islands and Huangyan Island, but they cannot be used to focus on a fixed location.

It is believed that the launch of the two maritime radar satellites will add that capability. —Xinhua

Scientists discuss nanomaterial safety

Beijing, 6 Sept—Over 600 nanotechnology scientists from more than 30 countries and regions around the world gathered in Beijing on Wednesday to attend an international conference on nanomaterial safety.

The conference will discuss issues about nanotoxicology, nanomedicine, nanobiotechnology as well as ethical, legal and social issues related to nanotechnology at the four-day 6th International Conference on Nanotoxicology.

China was among the earliest countries to conduct nanotechnology research, and there are currently more than 40 institutions across the country conducting research, analysis and testing related to nanomaterial safety and its possible impacts on the environment and people’s health.

It was the first time for this conference to be held in an Asian country. —Xinhua
**Business**

**Toyota to invest Rs 900cr to increase production in India**

**Tokyo, 6 Sept—** Japanese car giant Toyota will be investing Rs 900 crore in India to increase production capacity at its Bangalore facility by March next year, a top company official said today. The company, which is present in India through a joint venture with the Kirloskar Group, will be increasing the capacity of its plant in Bangalore to 3.1 lakh units per annum by March next year from 2.1 lakh units at present.

“We will invest Rs 900 crore to expand the capacity of our Bangalore plant by March next year. The production capacity will increase to 3.1 lakh annually from the 2.1 lakh units at present,” Toyota Kirloskar Motor (TKM) Vice-Chairman Vikram Kirloskar told reporters here, on the sidelines of the annual convention of SIAM or the Society of Indian Automobile Manufacturers. He added that most of these investments and increase in production would be for expanding the company’s plant in India to increase production in India to March next year. The company’s joint venture with the Society of Indian Automobile Manufacturers.

On the company’s plan to set up a diesel engine manufacturing plant, TKM Managing Director Hiroshi Nakagawa said: “It is under discussion and we have not taken any decision yet. It will take time.”

Last month, the company had said it was unable to convince its Japanese parent to invest on a diesel engine manufacturing plant in India due to the lack of clarity in pricing policy of the fuel in the country.

In April this year, TKM is understood to have put forward a proposal to set up the plant after the Budget for 2012-13 spared diesel vehicles from additional taxes. There has been a demand to increase tax increases to passenger vehicles from different quarters to prevent usage of the subsidised fuel for “luxury.” However, the automobile industry has been asking the government to deregulate diesel price in line with petrol.—**PTI**

**European Factors to Watch—Shares seen rising in run-up to ECB**

**London, 6 Sept—** European shares looked set to gain on Thursday, having flirted with one-month lows in the previous session, with investors likely to shun big bets in the run-up to a European Central Bank meeting at which details of a new bond-buying plan may be announced. A media report saying the ECB planned to buy unlimited amounts of short-term debt to ease the region’s financial crisis prompted a late-session rally on Wednesday, but caution soon returned to the market.

“We might see some sort of a disappointment today because they do not really have all the answers. But if you get some (answers), the markets will rally after a while that these bond purchases are going to go through anyway over the course of the next couple of months together with the (US) Federal Reserve pumping liquidity into the system,” Philippe Gijssels, head of research at BNP Paribas Fortis Global Markets, said. “That would be enough to sustain the rally in my view even though economic conditions remain fairly weak.”

The ECB has said it will take steps to ease pressure on the sovereign debt markets. Further details of the plan are expected to be revealed by ECB President Mario Draghi after Thursday’s policy meeting.—**Reuters**

**Health**

**FDA panel backs Novartis cystic fibrosis drug**

**Washington, 6 Sept—** Drug advisers on Wednesday backed a new form of Novartis AG’s inhaled antibiotic that treats a lung infection linked to cystic fibrosis.

A panel of outside advisers to the Food and Drug Administration voted 13 to 1 that Novartis had demonstrated that its tobramycin inhalation powder, or TIP, was safe and effective. The FDA usually follows panel recommendations, although it is not required to do so, and will make a final decision later.

Novartis is seeking approval of the antibiotic powder, which patients can take with an inhaler, as a more convenient alternative to its older version of tobramycin, called Tobii that required use of a nebulizer machine.

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“TIP treats a lung infection that often affects patients with cystic fibrosis, a genetic disease that affects about 30,000 people in the United States.”

Ahead of the panel meeting, clinical reviewers from the FDA had questioned whether the data showed TIP truly helped cystic fibrosis patients breathe better, especially compared to the company’s older Tobii drug. But most panel members on Wednesday said the company had sufficiently proven TIP was just as safe and effective.

“As is often the case, the available data are imperfect,” said panel member Dr Melvin Weinstein, chief of the division of infectious diseases at the Robert Wood Johnson Medical School in New Jersey. “But that said, the efficacy appears to be similar to Tobii, and I don’t see enough of a (safety) signal to prevent approval of this drug.”

The tobramycin powder, administered with an inhaler, has already been approved for use in Europe and Canada. Overall sales of the “Tobi” inhaled antibiotic - which includes the inhaled powder and the nebulized solution - were $296 million in 2011, Novartis said.

Cystic fibrosis causes the thin layer of mucus that keeps lungs free of germs to thicken, clogging airways and damaging the lungs. The Wednesday to April for the disease is 37 years as damage to the lungs progresses and limits the ability to breathe. The thickening of mucus results in life-threatening infections that must be treated with antibiotics. Novartis’s drug treats an infection called pseudomonas aeruginosa.

Earlier on Wednesday, Novartis shares closed up 1.5 percent at 56.65 francs in trading on the Swiss stock exchange.—**Reuters**

**shares, euro edge up on ECB bond-buying hopes**

**Singapore, 6 Sept—** Stocks edged higher on Thursday and the euro held on to the previous session’s gains on hopes that the European Central Bank will unveil new tactics to curb surging borrowing costs in euro zone eurozone states.

The single currency jumped more than 1 cent on Thursday to a high of $1.2625 after a string of leaks from eurozone officials raised expectations that the ECB will announce a bolder intervention plan after Thursday’s policy meeting.

“This meeting is absolutely crucial, because expectations are extremely high. If the ECB does not deliver, we will get into another bad patch,” said Gilles Moeo, senior European economist at Deutsche Bank.

Euro STOXX 50 index futures were up 0.2 percent to a pointing to a firmer start to trading, while financial market sentiment in London was bolstered by the FTSE 100. FTSE to open up around 0.3 percent.

The euro firmed a touch Wednesday, after European Central Bank President Jean-Claude Trichet, in his monthly news conference, indicated bond purchases would continue for “as long as ECB President Mario Draghi does not disappoint investors at his upcoming news conference.”

**Sensex lacklustre; BHEL extends fall, Maruti retires**

**New Delhi, 6 Sept—** Indian shares continued to trade in a range around their previous closing levels following lacklustre trade in global markets, ahead of a meeting of European Central Bank today evening. The weakness in Reliance Industries, L&T and ITC counterbalanced the gains in ICICI Bank, SBI and TCS.

The 30-share BSE Sensex declined 5 points to 17,308.14 and the 50-share NSE Nifty was down 3 points to 5,222.70.

Overall the market has been in a range, which experts feel would continue. Nikhil Kapoor of IL&FS said the Nifty would remain rangelbound between 4,950-5,400. He feels the index may move to 4,900 if global cues disappoint.

Infosys, country’s second largest software services exporter extended gains to 2.3% while its rivals TCS and Wipro gained 0.7-1%.

Public sector lenders ICICI Bank and Axis Bank rose 1% each after losing 4-5 percentage yesterday. Public sector lender State Bank of India was flat.

Traders also covered their shorts in metals stocks; Jindal Steel and Sterlite Industries, which fell 3-5 percent yesterday, gained more than 1%.

India’s largest car maker Maruti Suzuki moved up nearly 1% as the COO S Maitrae hopes that the company’s Manesar facility will start full by month-end. We produce about 700 cars per day from Manesar shortly (which is currently around 580 cars),” he said.

Fast moving consumer goods majors ITC and HUL were down 1.5% and 0.5%, respectively. Engineering conglomerate Larsen & Toubro fell 0.6%.

State-run power utility equipment manufacturer BHEL, which topped the selling list with 5% losses yesterday, dropped another 2.8%.

**Telecom operator Bharti Airtel erased yesterday’s gains, falling 2.7%.—**PTI
Nearly 17 million Americans repeatedly short of food

WASHINGTON, 6 Sept — The number of poor Americans who repeatedly ran short of food shot up by 800,000 in 2011 to nearly 17 million compared with 2010, the US government said on Wednesday.

The Department of Agriculture said in a report that about 5.5 percent of Americans, or nearly 17 million, suffered “very low food security” last year, meaning they had to skip meals or not eat for a day because of a lack of money to buy food. That is a rise of 800,000 over the prior year, it said.

The food-security report was released one day after the government said that a record 46.7 million Americans were enrolled for food stamps in June, up by 173,000 in May. High unemployment and slow growth since the deep 2008-2009 recession has driven enrollment in food stamps, the major US anti-hunger programme, to record levels.

The cost of food aid to the poor is an election-year issue, with Republicans calling for cuts in food stamps and Medicaid to help reduce the deficit. Democrats say the cuts are too deep.—Reuters

Israeli air strike kills three Gaza militants

Gaza, 6 Sept — An Israeli air strike on the Hamas-governed Gaza Strip killed three gunmen as they tried to launch short-range rockets into the Jewish state on Wednesday, the military said. Palestinian medical officials and witnesses confirmed that three militants had been killed in the attack near Bureij, in central Gaza. They did not immediately give the dead men’s factional affiliation but said they did not belong to Hamas.

Though hostile to Israel, Islamist Hamas has at times proposed long-term truces and faced resistance to its rule from smaller armed groups in Gaza. Israel’s long-standing policy has been to block Hamas, against which it fought two all-out attacks. “The Hamas terror organization is solely responsible for any terrorist activity emanating from the Gaza Strip,” the Israeli military said in a statement. It said the men targeted from the air had previously fired rockets across the border and were preparing to do so again.— Reuters

CRIME

Bank manager kidnapped, forced to rob Los Angeles bank

Los Angeles, 6 Sept — A Los Angeles bank manager was strapped to a car on Wednesday and sent into her bank to take out money for two thieves who escaped with the cash, authorities said, describing a scene reminiscent of a Hollywood action movie.

Officials believe the two suspects targeted the manager at her home in suburban Huntington Park on Tuesday night and forced her to participate in the robbery, Los Angeles County Sheriff spokesman Steve Whitmore said. “The two men took her to her bank on Wednesday morning, telling her that she had to wear this explosive device,” Whitmore said. “They strapped on what appeared to be pipe bombs.”

Following the robbery, a sheriff’s arson and explosives team removed the device from the woman and rendered it safe using a remote-controlled robot and sandbags. Huntington Park police Lieutenant Neal Mongan later said investigators did not believe it posed a threat. Officials did not identify the bank manager, who was questioned by investigators but not named as a suspect in the robbery.— Reuters

More young Chinese graduates seek employment in Japanese IT firms

Tokyo, 6 Sept — More and more young graduates from Chinese universities have joined their counterparts from neighbouring Asian countries in seeking employment in Japanese firms, particularly in the IT sector. But Yang Tao, a 21-year-old postgraduate student from Tsinghua University does not seem to be very optimistic about his prospects of being hired after his first round of job interview at DeNA, a leading Japanese Internet company in Tokyo. “The interviewers asked me some technical questions. I didn’t prepare enough for this part. I failed to give the best answer,” Yang said in an interview with Xinhua.

Yang Tao is one of the finalists of a global recruiting project for Japanese IT industry called “Work in Japan” organized by RGF, the biggest Japanese HR service company. RGF recently held a computer programming competition for graduates from top universities in China, South Korea and India. It has received a total of 92 graduates, including 85 Chinese, from over 10,000 applicants and brought them to Tokyo for job interviews in Japanese companies. The project planner Shuhei Miyatake told Xinhua that Japan-based IT companies, aiming to expand their global businesses, have strong demand for engineers who are willing to work both in Japan and abroad. He said local graduates are not enough to meet the growing needs. Compared with Japanese graduates, Chinese students not only have high technical skills and real-work experiences but also stronger determination and Confucian work ethics, qualities that are most needed by Japanese companies.

What we do is to pick talents from China, and recommend right people to the right companies,” Miyatake said. Based on their individual interests, the young graduates from China and elsewhere were invited for one week in Tokyo for job interviews in IT companies, such as DeNA, NTT and Rakuten. RGF, which began recruiting Chinese graduates into Japanese companies in 2010, has already brought about 140 Chinese graduates into Japanese companies where they have been welcomed and highly-admired for their skills.— Xinhua

Bomb scare near US embassy in Brussels a false alarm

Brussels, 6 Sept — A bomb scare which forced an evacuation of the US embassy in Brussels and the Belgian Defense Ministry on Wednesday turned out to be a false alarm, police said. Hundreds of US diplomats and ministry employees were evacuated from their buildings after a suspicious minivan was noticed parked nearby.

A bomb disposal robot manoeuvres past a car parked near the US embassy as a police officer secures the area in Brussels on 5 Sept. 2012.—Reuters

Bomb disposal robot

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Soldiers compete in the shooting contest during a military training in Hohhot, capital of north China’s Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region, on 5 Sept, 2012. A total of 66 contestants from seven border defence units within the autonomous region took part in the contest here on Wednesday. —Xinhua

QUEBECK

Suspect identified in Quebec election rally shooting death

Ottawa, 6 Sept — Canadian police on Wednesday said the suspect who allegedly shot dead a person outside the venue for the separatist Parti Quebecois was the owner of a hunting-outfitting business. A police source confirmed Quebec media reports that Richard Henry Bain, aged 61 or 62, was being held incustody after the Tuesday night shooting, which took place as Quebec’s new premier-designate, Pauline Marois, was addressing jubilant supporters following the Quebec provincial election in Montreal, Quebec, on 4 Sept. 2012.—Reuters

Parti Quebecois leader Pauline Marois waves on stage with members of her security team after a shooting took place outside the venue where she was giving her winning address to supporters following the Quebec provincial election in Montreal, Quebec, on 4 Sept. 2012.—Reuters

Police said they have no motive for the shooting, and no evidence that the shooter had accomplices. The source spoke on condition of anonymity because the name of the suspect has not yet been formally released. Bruno Beaulieu, a spokesman for the Quebec police force, said the suspect may appear in court on Wednesday night or Thursday. “We don’t reveal the criminal background of someone. But in this case I’m reference
No representative has so far claimed... (from page 16)

Hluttaw committees, commission and board are acting like intervening in functions of ministries, and what form of question there is any, whether the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw knows that the various forms of deliberate attacks designed to defame the Hluttaws and Hluttaw representatives in deed mean an insult to the people and if the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw, as the Hluttaw knows, how the Hluttaw views those actions and how the Hluttaw views the crucial role of legislature for flourishing of genuine democracy as the role of the legislature needs to be stressed if the country is really to be built democratic nation.

Regarding the first question, Secretary of Pyithu Hluttaw Rights Committee Dr Soe Yin replied that no representative has so far claimed the Union minister level rights and emoluments. Hluttaw representatives are serving the interests of the nation, country, people, undertaking legislative works in the Hluttaw and ensuring checks and balances in cooperation with executive and judicial branches without party attachment, racism, dogmatism, sectarianism, sacrificing self-interests, under the leadership of the Pyithu Hluttaw in accordance with provisions of the constitution. They enjoy the parliamentary rights as vested by the Hluttaw and accountabilities for Union minister level status because they want to enjoy the emoluments of Union minister level personalities. The Hluttaw committees, commission, and board, in exercising three branches of the sovereignty of the nation namely, legislative, executive, and judicial powers separately and undertaking checks and balances, need to have the Union minister level status, only then can they make checks and balances like executive and judicial institutions. That is why they want to define those agencies as Union minister level status.

Regarding the second question, The Pyidaungsu Hluttaw committees, commission and boards are not acting like intervening in functions of the ministries and have no intention to intervene. Under the constitution, they only make checks and balances and monitoring together with the ministries as assigned by the legislature. They are making coordination to be able to enact necessary laws and comprehensiveness of provisions according to democracy practices. In so doing, it is critically required to carry out with mutual understanding and trust under equal status. The democracy of the country is still in its infancy with little experiences. It is required to enhance the capacity in practising democracy system. It would be required to effectively implement democratic systems and separately undertaking checks and balances along with the increased capacity. Collaborative efforts must be made for interests of the nation, country and people and emergence and undertaking checks and balances, need to have the Union minister level status, only then can they make checks and balances like executive and judicial institutions. Particularly, administrative institutions need to monitor to ensure that works are being done under the legislation enacted by the Hluttaw. Likewise, the Hluttaw committees need to monitor the works of ministry in implementing plans and projects with public finance to ensure minimization of wastes. Committees are undertaking above-mentioned tasks and are not intervening in rights and functions of the ministries.

Regarding the third question, the secretary said that the entire Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and all Pyidaungsu Hluttaw representatives understand the one-sided criticisms in forms of comments leading to misunderstanding of the true situations and facts of the works the Hluttaw undertakes under the law, descriptions and remarks blackening the image of the Hluttaws and Hluttaw representatives, misguided writing that MPs want to have the rights of Union minister level personalities through State-owned newspapers, media and internet websites. Those writings are designed to create misunderstanding between people and the legislature and people and MPs. The role of the Hluttaws is cornerstone of the new democratic nation. All MPs understand that attempts to ruin the image of the Hluttaws mean attempts to destroy the dignity of democratic nation. The Hluttaws represent the people. So the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw views the attacks to blacen its image as an insult to the people. The people also have the same opinion. They would be punished by the people for their actions.

Regarding the fourth question, he replied that it is an opportunity time to establish a new democratic nation. That is why constitution was promulgated and approved as well as Hluttaws established. Thus when, the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw now faces necessary laws and abide by those laws for emergence of democratic nation, the new nation emerge. In the view of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw, it is necessary to consider that the new nation would really be built through democratization process or not. If the new democratic nation is really built, it is necessary to accept the Hluttaw committees, commission and boards as union level organizations in order to implement Hluttaw affairs. At such, check and balance tasks can be carried out executive, judicial and legislative sectors, and the new democratic nation will be built with development in perpetual existence.

The Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw said that he is worried about misunderstanding of people and Hluttaw representatives over attitudes of Committees, Commission and Boards constituted by Hluttaw asking their status as Union level included in the report of the secretary of Pyithu Hluttaws and Pyithu Hluttaw Rights Committee. The provision that states commission, committees and boards formed by Hluttaw are at the Union level is included in the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw, Pyithu Hluttaw and Amyotha Hluttaw. That includes in Pyithu Hluttaw and Amyotha Hluttaw laws. Complaining that Committee and Commission and organizations are not union level, it can not accomplish their functions of rights of Hluttaw and their representatives and its duties. Likewise, the Deputy Minister for Information is urged to release complete news on the media like yesterday coverage.

The Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker said that 34th session of Fourth Regular session of First Amyotha Hluttaw held on 28 August, 2012, decided to impeach chairman and members of the Constitutional Tribunal of the Union under the section 334, sub-section (a), paragraphs (2) and (5) of the constitution, and Amyotha Hluttaw’s resolution was sent to Pyithu Hluttaw to take actions under sections 71 and 334 of the constitution.

Pyithu Hluttaw formed a 15-member investigation board on 29 August, 2012, to take action against chairman and members of the Constitutional Tribunal of the Union under the section 71 and 334 of the constitution, and duties have been assigned to the board to present the report to the Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw on the findings not later than 5th September, 2012.

Concerning the Constitutional Tribunal of the Union’s case, members of the investigation board U Ngon Maung A and Win Myint read out board’s report, and Representative U Saw Hla Tun from ChaungU Constituency seconded it. Representative U Than Myint from Salangyi Constituency presented committee’s findings on Hluttaw and investigatory board undertakings for impeaching chairman and members of the Constitutional Tribunal of the Union. Chairman of Pyithu Hluttaw Rights Committee U Nanda Kyaw Swa explained the follow-up programme and presented original signature list of Hluttaw representatives to the Hluttaw Speaker.

Hluttaw took vote to decide investigation board’s comments, and more than two-thirds of representatives agreed on the impeachment.

The Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw said that investigation board’s comments have been approved with the vote of more than three-thirds of representatives.

A total of 408 of 429 Pyithu Hluttaw representatives—101 Defence Service Personal representatives and 307 people’s representatives including the Speaker attended today’s session to impeach the chairman and members of the Constitutional Tribunal of the Union under the section 334, sub-section (a), paragraph (2) and (5) and to sent it to Pyithu Hluttaw and necessary actions after decision has been made by Amyotha Hluttaw.

All representatives gave no objection to investigation board’s report. So, the Speaker will have to give yes vote when the number of Yes vote and No vote of the same. The Speaker would get 306 votes even if he does not vote. The decision was approved that 286 of 429 representatives voted it.

There would be more yes vote including twelve representatives who missed the today’s session. Two Hluttaw’s impeachments in accord with the constitution of Chairman U Thein Soe of the Constitutional Tribunal of (See page 8)
Myanmar to serve as .... (from page 1)

women, providing jobs to nearly 20,000 Myanmar women. Coca-Cola Company is the first US company to make investment in Myanmar. Likewise, other companies would also come and invest in Myanmar.

The President’s forthcoming visit to US is much anticipated and it is scheduled to meet US-ASEAN Economic Council during the visit. US fully support the unity of ASEAN and hope that Myanmar would play an active major role in ASEAN-US relations.

The president said that Myanmar is inviting foreign investments and would consider accepting the investment if it is beneficial to both Myanmar people and investors. The government has not yet completed the second year of its term. There are a lot challenges in promoting democracy. The first challenge is politics and the second economy. However, the government have got confidence to overcome those challenges with friends like US.

Now, Myanmar has begun to enjoy the necessary assistance of a number of countries in economy, technology and human resources development. The foreign policy of the country has no separation of east and west. Currently, small and medium factories are required to produce high-value export products. In addition, establishment of heavy industries or workshops like automobile makers and workshops would be greatly beneficial to the country. Myanmar holds geographically strategically position for investors. As the country has a large number of sound natural foundations, it is hoped that the country can develop soon if combined with investment.

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While these domestic creatures also have the dark side, as they can carry rabies, a contagious and fatal viral disease of some mammals, transmissible through the saliva to humans and causing madness and death. Although there are effective vaccines and medicines against this dreadful disease, it is still dangerous for human beings as it come from the animal that is nearest to us. Especially stray dogs are vulnerable to rabies, and the bad thing is that are found everywhere even in the capital. The truth is we cannot get rid of dogs as they are so useful for us, and besides there are many animal lovers. So, the best thing is to save these highly intelligent and faithful mammals from becoming harmful to us.

Faithful creatures

No one knows exactly when people first started keeping dogs as pets or for many other purposes such as security, companionship, hunting and so on. It is believed that dogs were domesticated in the very early stages of human civilization, may be even in the early periods of Stone Age.

But now, we can even say that dogs have become part of human society as these intelligent mammals can be found everywhere in the world, in large cities or in remote hamlets. Some people, especially the rich, keep expensive dogs as they buy high-end commodities just for pleasure as these cute creatures can make them or their family members happy and thrilled and forget miseries. Some raise various breeds, hybrids and other types of dog as a business for the pet trade is lucrative and pet market is brisk.

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Literacy for Sustainable Development and Peace

We celebrate the United Nations’ (UN) International Literacy Day that falls on September 8 to raise people’s awareness in literacy in the world because UNESCO proclaimed the day on November 17, 1965. So the day was first observed in 1966. We highlight the importance of literacy to individuals, communities and societies for sustainable development. Celebrations take place around the world annually. On the day, UNESCO reminds the international communities to promote the status of literacy and adult learning globally. It also gives emphasis on the recognition of the country to endeavours towards total and comprehensive education because in 2011 some 776 million adults lack minimum literacy skills; one in five adults is still not literate and two-thirds of them are women. The literacy rate for 2015 is to achieve primary schooling where literacy begins. The eradication of illiteracy results in the completion of the growth of universal primary education and the reduction of dropout rates of both males and females. It is also evident that people are aware of literacy, a unique and powerful tool to eradicate poverty and a strong means for social and human progress.

All of us should have good understanding on major importance and essential that links among literacy, education, health and economics for sustainable development. Therefore, it is very important to highlight on the importance of literacy for sustainable development in the areas such as health and education because we should notice that the link between literacy and the building of universal primary education has been established well in the world. The word “Health literacy” is the ability to understand and act on basic health information. Low health literacy effects profoundly a person’s health status more than any other factors, including education, income, and employment. People with low health literacy don’t seek preventive care, are less likely to follow prescribed treatments, stay in the hospital longer than those with higher health literacy, and are often ashamed to ask for help making health care decisions. It is also the ability to read for knowledge, write comprehensively, and think critically about the written words and to understand all forms of communication (reading, speaking, listening and viewing). It leads us to enhance the acquisition of the knowledge and skills, which enable us to engage in activities that are required for effective functioning of the individual in our daily life and community. We can use these skills towards our community’s sustainable development. Literacy is not only a way of personal liberation and our development but also a method of achieving physical and mental abilities to develop our economic status and general health. In order to meet heart of sustainable development, it is clear that the practices of literacy are changing rapidly in societies in how to develop, stay in the hospital longer than those with higher health literacy, and are often ashamed to ask for help making health care decisions.

In today world, education has been at the forefront of equipping low literacy adults with the important health information that can make life with health. Introducing knowledge and strategies for good health into literacy programs is an effective method for poor health and other communities. Education provides the opportunity to acquire the essential skills, knowledge, and attitudes required to function in the modern world. It develops personal intellectual and social capacities. It is also followed by new ways of higher levels of education and includes early childhood development, the first levels of formal education, and continuing education for those out of school.

Literacy is at the heart of basic education for all. There are sufficient reasons why literacy is the centre of daily living for all. Educated people are prone to access continuing educational opportunities; and educated societies are better geared to keep pace with the pressing development. Hence, literacy is considered as an effective and efficient way to overcome and minimize the challenges of life in a stronger and efficient way, raise the level of personal living, create and assist change the society. It is the essential means of overcoming the challenges of human population growth and reaching gender equality. Hence, we should do emphasis on the great impact of the link between literacy and health for our development.

Literacy is also fundamental to human society because it is the key to development, peace and democracy. In heart of the development process, three interrelated factors are involved: the impact of education; the impact of population growth, health, and social well-being; and the relationship between education and democratic development. Literacy is the power that means the focus of adult and youth in the world in spite of modern scientific progress. It approaches the important problem of illiteracy not only from an economic viewpoint but also from a social one because of its influence to the people's overall. And so an increase in literacy will lead to conflict among the group.

Due to this difference, they may lead to conflict among them. Cultural difference: Culture is the way of life of a group. It differs from society to society. These cultural differences among the group, sometimes cause tension and social difference. Cultural differences among the group, sometimes cause tension and social difference. Literacy may help workers clash with those of employers lead to conflict among them. Social change: The conflict between the old and a new generation is owing to social changes. We should do emphasis on the great impact on the relation of literacy and peace.

So, literacy is placing a special focus on the important relationship among social, economical and technological development that bring benefits to all groups; early childhood, school children, adolescents and adults.

In heart of the development process, one of the three interrelated factors is involved with social well-being. It is also observed that poverty and ill health is related to illiteracy in the world. Literacy can improve the quality of life of human beings. One can have better sanitation and health with literacy. Literate adults can know the need of education and can send their children in pursuing education. Literacy can uplift people from poverty. Therefore, literacy is important for our growth and development of society and our society can become Healthy and Wealthy with literacy. All of us have to do best efforts to promote literacy taking an integrated and holistic view of the challenge by illiteracy. It also incorporates elements of community participation, practical self-help, and moral development. Let us work together and do our best efforts to improve literacy rates in our country, Myanmar, to reach our ultimate goal of literacy for all. In fact, literacy strengthens the capabilities of people, self-confidence and critical thinking for development. Literacy does not stand alone, nor does development because literacy is the key to development.

In conclusion, to be able to face the challenge of Knowledge Ages, education has always been given high priority in Myanmar society to attain sustainable development. Our Nation, Myanmar, is strongly committed to the goal of eradicating illiteracy in our country to reach our ultimate goal of literacy for all. Education for All (EFA) for development is an effective method to prove students with a well-balanced education that will be on the empowerment of literacy and its importance for participation, social progress and citizenship. According to UNESCO, a literate person is one, who can, with understanding, both read and write a short text about something relevant to routine life, and capable of analytical understanding of men’s condition in the world. It is a slogan for knowing how to read and write and the use of practical things, such as processing a business operation, reading a letter, or finding one’s way, given as reason to send away illiteracy. The ability to read and write is recognized as a fundamental human right. In short, “The higher the literacy rates, the higher the capabilities of man’s life, and a ladder for his way up in his life.” Its acquisition is present upon everyone.

Literacy is freedom and important in many more ways than one because there is a significant relationship between literacy, development and peace. Literacy benefits individuals and communities. It transforms people’s communities and the entire social structure and is a key for socio-economic development. The term ‘literacy’ referred to the ability to read and write. The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) define literacy as the “ability to identify, understand, interpret, create, communicate, compute and use printed and written materials associated with varying contexts. Literacy involves a continuum of learning in enabling individuals to achieve their goals, to develop their knowledge and potential, and to participate fully in their community and wider society.” We mean that litterate societies interest and contribute in development.

Traditional, literacy is the ability to read and write at an adequate level with a basic knowledge that is necessary for communication. Literacy has an impact on an individual’s overall happiness; one can easily reach an opinion or decision that something is true on the basis of information that is available. And so an increase in literacy will lead to the peace of an individual’s life and the development of society. The solution of the greatest challenge for peace is literacy maintenance is literacy. The cause of conflict maybe due to individual difference: In society, men are not alike in their nature, attitudes, ideal, interest and aspirations. Due to this difference, they may lead to conflict among them.
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ago, has its own grammar and

vocabulary, which correlate with

Mandarin. For example, a commonly-

used phrase "have you eaten?

would be "ni fan chi guo le ma?" in

Mandarin but would be pronounced

"non chee gu la ma?" in

Shanghainese. The dialect's

unique pronunciation also

makes it different in a relative sense

from other parts of China, according to

Qian. Advocates, consisting mainly of

scholars like Qian and non-

governmental organizations, have

started to move to protect Shanghainese, and

their efforts seem to be bearing some fruit.

Some public buses have

started to use Shanghainese, in

addition to Mandarin and

English, in their announcements, while

Shanghai Airlines in January

began using the dialect on

some of its flights. While fewer and fewer younger generations are learning to speak Shanghainese, those from outside Shanghai seeking jobs in the country's major cultural hubs have instead still played a key role in society.

Zhang Xiaoxia, an undergraduate from central Henan Province, said she was completely left out at a job interview at a Shanghai-based media company.

"I felt like I was dead" during the job interview. The only language she was spoken was Shanghainese. The hiring manager and other candidates communicated fluently in Shanghainese, and I had no choice but keep silent," she said.

"This exhibit highlights the importance and the role of the individual. It says to me that with respecting each other and working together we can create the future we want," the UN chief said.

Sculptor Wu Weishan, president of the Fine Arts Institute of the Chinese National Academy of Arts who is also the president of Chinese Academy of Sculpture, said "The theme of the UN exhibition is peace. The statues of Confucius and Laozi emphasize the harmony between men and nature while sculptures on children embody beautiful feelings and emotions of human kind."

"The core meaning is to convey the group of the sculptures on Nanjing Massacre is telling people to remember history instead of hatred in order to avoid repeating the tragedy in the history," he said.

Also speaking at the opening ceremony, China's UN Ambassador Li Baodong said the art of sculpture is one of the pivotal building blocks for the mansion of the fine Chinese culture: "Art knows no borders and needs no translation. Mr. Wu Weishan's marvelous sculptures have incorporated the Chinese sculpture into the realm of cultural exchanges and interactions in the pluralistic world," said Li. — Xinhua

Sculpting the Soul of a Nation, consists of 33 pieces of art falling into three categories: sculptures of important cultural figures in the Chinese history including Confucius and Laozi, sculptures on the theme of mothers and children and sculptures from the Nanjing Massacre Memorial Hall, which will end on 7 September, has attracted senior UN officials and ambassadors from different countries. Speaking at the opening ceremony, UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-

moon said that the exhibition embodies not only the soul of a nation but of all humanity.

"At the United Nations, we deal with issues of global scope," said Ban.

But any problem can be broken down into small steps and individual sections.

Flowers are placed around a monument for the victims of the Beslan terror attack, during a commemoration in Moscow, Russia, on 3 Sept, 2012. On 1 Sept, 2004, Chechen separatists killed more than 1,000 teachers, parents and children into the gym at Beslan's No 1 School. The gym was rigged with explosives and a total of 334 hostages, including 186 children, lost their lives when the siege came to a bloody conclusion three days later. — Xinhua

Any problem can be solved when the heart is set right."
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The tail of a Qantas 747 is reflected in a window at Kingsford Smith international airport in Sydney on 22 May, 2012. Reuters

Indonesia, Australia reach deal on defence cooperation

Jakarta, 6 Sept — Indonesia and Australia have signed a defence cooperation agreement that includes Australia setting up a depot in Indonesia, maintenance of the four Hercules C-130 military aircraft that Australia transferred to Indonesia in July as well as a possible deal for another six planes to be transferred, a media report here on Thursday. The president is more on the importance of the deal.

I am looking forward to expanding our relationship. We have a very good deal. We are on the highest level of development, and we are working together in mutual training and the exchange of officers, but cooperation in defence equipment has not been limited.

The first area of opportunity is the C-130 and the maintenance of those aircraft,” he was quoted by the Jakarta globe as saying. Smith said he had proposed to Purnomo that Indonesia acquire six more aircraft in addition to the transfer of the four.

Indian authorities arrest 37 for rumourmongering during communal violence

New Delhi, 6 Sept — Indian authorities have arrested 37 people in connection with rumour mongering during communal violence in the northeast. The prime minister Ramchandran said that the exodus of northeastern people from cities of the country was triggered off because of a communal atmosphere created by circulation of SMSs, MMSs, mails, clips and photographs on social networking sites which were false, morphed and calculated to incite hatred among communities. The minister said the government blocked bulk SMSs and MMSs for 15 days from blocking relevant social networking sites that carried hate messages last month.

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International News

Shark warning issued for beach goers in Cape Town

CAPE TOWN, 6 Sept — The City of Cape Town on Tuesday warned beach goers of inshore movement of sharks over the summer season. Shark sightings reported by the Shark Spotters have consistently shown a seasonal increase during the period from September to April, peaking in mid-summer, the city said in a statement.

With typically shark sightings reported in late August, the city is therefore appealing to all beach users to be aware of the expected increase in shark presence in the inshore area over the summer months, the statement said.

“White sharks are present in the Cape’s waters all year round and the possibility of encountering one of these animals at any time is minimal. However, beach users should always remain vigilant,” the statement said.

The statement urged beach users to use areas where Shark Spotters are on duty and to take the time to speak to the Shark Spotters on the day they visit the beach to find out about recent sightings and activity as well as the current conditions which determine the effectiveness for shark spotting.

Beach users are also requested to take the time to familiarize themselves with the Shark Spotters signage and to ensure that they understand the four flag warning system, according to the statement, adding they should be aware of the use of a siren to close the beach.

Compared with other coastal cities worldwide, Cape Town has the highest number of reported shark attacks. In April, a great white shark killed a man doing body-boarding off the coast of Cape Town.

Last year, a British swimmer lost both legs after he was attacked by a great white shark off a Cape Town beach after ignoring warning signs.—Xinhua

Hurricane Isaac sweeps tons of dead rats onto Mississippi beaches

TUPelo, 6 Sept — Tons of thousands of rats killed by Hurricane Isaac have washed up onto the beaches of Mississippi and created a foul-smelling mess that officials say will take days to clean up. When the hurricane lifted the tides, the water washed across the mississippi shoreline. In Louisiana where the semi-aquatic rats live and forced them to ride the waves into Mississippi until they succumbed to exhaustion and drowned, said David Yarbrough, a supervisor for Hancock County on the Gulf Coast.

The tides then deposited their bodies on the Mississippi shoreline, he said. As of Tuesday, about 16,000 of the rodents have been collected in Hancock County, where a hired contractor’s clean-up efforts are expected to continue for another week, officials said. In nearby Harrison County, officials decided to carry out the work themselves. Using shovels and pickforks, workers have removed 16 tons of the dead rats from beaches since Saturday and taken them to a local landfill. “We have an event called ‘Crusin’ the Coast’ the second week of October with 30,000 to 40,000 people on the beach, and we didn’t want to waste the cleanup, said Kim Savant, president of that county’s Board of Supervisors. Although they’re smelly and disgusting, the dead rats pose no health risk to humans, said Brigid Elchos of the Mississippi Board of Animal Health.—Reuters
LOS ANGELES, 6 Sept—Beyoncé Knowles’ family and friends have sent handwritten messages for her birthday.

The Halo singer turned 31 yesterday (04.09.12), and many of those close to her have signed a special card which has been published on her website.

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One of the most tender messages in the card was from Gloria Carter, mother of her husband, Jay-Z. She wrote: “B, You came into my life the year that I was 16. I was so grounded and humble, and you’re now a beautiful woman, an amazing person that you are. Mama Carter is so proud of you and your beautiful generosity, consideration of other people’s well being and your beautiful generosity are all things that make me so proud of you and your sister and your friends.”

J Lo wants to make boyfriend a star!

LOS ANGELES, 6 Sept—Pop diva and actress Jennifer Lopez wants to make her boyfriend a star.

The 42-year-old is currently dating back up dancer Casper Smart and is paying for his boyfriend’s acting lessons, reported Showbizspy.

“Casper is taking acting lessons because Jennifer wants him to be a star. She thinks it might be fun to act alongside him the way she has done in the past with her ex-fiance Ben Affleck and Marc Anthony, her former husband,” a source said.

Recent reports claimed that Lopez is paying Smarta USD 10,000 per week allowance.

“She hated having to whip out her credit card every time they go to dinner. Jen figured it was easier to give Casper a weekly stipend, and she thought USD 10K was a nice round number. Jen doesn’t want to go over the top, showering Casper with too much, but she also wants him to up his game Jen is hoping Casper won’t think twice about buying presents for her kids or whisking her off for a surprise weekend getaway,” the source added.—PTI

Karl Lagerfeld gifts Emma Watson a fishing rod on her birthday

LOS ANGELES, 6 Sept—Karl Lagerfeld bought Emma Watson a fishing rod for her 18th birthday. The Harry Potter actress was thrilled with the “beautiful” gift from the Chanel designer because it was Z. She wrote: “B, You came into my life a sweet Southern girl. (L.O.L) You’ve blossomed into an amazing woman. I admire how you remain grounded and humble, and you haven’t let success change the person that you are. Mama Carter (sic).”

Beyoncé named her last album 4 and has previously discussed why it holds significance for her. She said: “We all have special numbers in our lives, and 4 is that for me. It’s the day I was born. My mother’s birthday, and a lot of my friends’ birthdays, are on the fourth. 4 April is also my wedding date.”—PTI

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Clear he had put a lot of thought into what he could give her to mark her special day.

Emma said: “It was the most beautiful thing I’ve ever seen. It’s actually my dad who’s fly-fisher in the family but what was so sweet was that Karl had obviously done some research, seen that I’d once donated to the Wild Trout Trust or something similar and thought this was something I would love. I’ve never used it, but it’s such a beautiful object — one of the best things I’ve ever been sent.”

Because of her work, Emma, 22, admits she has to work hard to sustain her friendships but says whenever she does get time to catch up with her loved ones it is like she has never been away.

She told Britain’s Glamour magazine: “You have to work to maintain relationships when you’re constantly away, but when my best friends and I get together it doesn’t feel like a day has passed.”—PTI

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**International Sports**

Murray grows in confidence after amazing turnaround

New York, 6 Sept—Olympic champion Andy Murray produced an extraordinary turnaround to dig himself out of a deep hole and book his place in the semi-finals of the US Open on Wednesday.

The British third seed was in all sorts of trouble after losing the opening set to Croatia’s Marin Cilic and falling 5-1 behind in the second with two service breaks.

But even so are likely to be jittery towards the end of that set once I got one of the breaks back, which helped me,” — Reuters

Tomas Berdych of the Czech Republic

**Soccer**

Loew promises Euro failure no longer on Germany’s mind

Berlin, 6 Sept—Germany’s summer of soccer failure will not be preying on their minds as they kick off their World Cup qualifying campaign on Friday, coach Joachim Loew has promised.

The Germans have been given a gentle start, with a home match against the Faroe Islands in Hanover but even so are likely to be jittery after a traumatic four months.

“After Friday it gets more difficult, with a trip to neighbors Austria on Tuesday. ‘The players have put their disappointments behind them and there is real hunger for success,’ Loew said. ‘That goes for the coaching staff as well.’

Germany’s troubles began when Bayern Munich lost the Champions League final to Chelsea in their own Allianz Arena, going down on penalties after dominating the game.

The national side then lost to Italy in the Euro 2012 semi-finals, continuing a run of near misses that include second place at the 2002 World Cup, third in 2006, third in 2010, and runners-up at Euro 2008.

Loew’s team was also outclassed by a Lionel Messi-inspired Argentina, losing 3-1 at home in a friendly in August. Germany won all 10 games on their way to Euro 2012 but Loew has warned that a group also containing Sweden, Austria and Ireland, and involving a long trip to Kazakhstan, could pose more difficulties.— Reuters

**National Football League**

Cowboys extend reign as NFL’s most valuable team: Forbes

WASHINGTON, 6 Sept—The Dallas Cowboys are the first North American sports franchise worth over $2 billion and remained the most valuable NFL team for a sixth consecutive year, according to an annual survey released by Forbes on Wednesday.

The Cowboys have failed to make the National Football League (NFL) playoffs for two straight seasons but their value rose to $2.10 billion, a 14 percent jump from last year and nearly double the league average of $1.11 billion.

The New England Patriots ($1.63 billion), Washington Redskins ($1.08 billion), Super Bowl champion New York Giants ($1.46 billion) and Houston Texans ($1.30 billion) rounded out the top five.

Forbes said the average value of the NFL’s 32 teams rose seven percent from last year because of new television deals, a new labour agreement and higher premium seating revenue. Approval for new stadiums helped the Minnesota Vikings and San Francisco 49ers record the biggest increases in value.

The Vikings’ value shot 22 percent higher to $975 million, putting them 22nd on the list, while the 49ers were ninth with a 24 percent increase and rose 19 percent to $1.17 billion.

English Premier League soccer club Manchester United are the world’s most valuable sports team, according to a Forbes report released earlier this year that said the Red Devils were worth $2.23 billion.— Reuters

Dallas Cowboys quarterback Tony Romo stands next to head coach Jason Garrett before the start against the St Louis Rams in their NFL football game in Arlington, Texas on 25 Aug, 2012.— Reuters

Andy Murray of Great Britain

Federer could not hide his disappointment after arriving in the Big Apple full of hope following his win at Wimbledon in July.

“There were some moments I thought, man, it’s just not happening for me,” said the five-times US Open champion. “It was just a very disappointing match for me.”

Roddick made his final appearance at Arthur Ashe Stadium when he lost to Juan Martin del Potro in the fourth round, while Andy Murray and Maria Sharapova both dug themselves out of trouble to stay alive on a drama-charged day at the last grand slam of the year.

Tournament Favourites

Only Serena Williams and Novak Djokovic had an easy time both romping to comfortable victories to enhance their status at the favourites for the singles titles.

Djokovic was in complete control of his fourth round match against Stanislas Wawrinka, leading 6-4, 6-1, 3-1, when the Swiss called it quits in one of five matches that were all over from Tuesday because of rain.

“I really didn’t know exactly what it was but by the look of it, I think it was probably a dizziness or something,” said Djokovic, the only man yet to drop a set in the tournament.

“He served well, he played well but you could see that he didn’t feel great on the court.”

Sharapova needed all her fighting qualities and bezjarmbeh and beat Marion Bartoli of France 3-6, 6-4, 6-4 and reach the semi-finals for the first time since she won in New York in 2006.

Bartoli led 4-0 overnight and wrapped up the first set when play finally resumed after another morning shower but Sharapova regained her composure to win the next two and book a semi-final against world number one Victoria Azarenka.

Williams, full of confidence and self-belief, demolished Serbia’s Ana Ivanovic in less than an hour to raise hopes of an American winner after Roddick departed.

“I feel like I’m going to get more focused and serious and start playing Serena tennis in the next couple of rounds, if I get to play two rounds. That’s my goal,” she said.

Williams will play Italian Sara Errani in Friday’s semi after she defeated her doubles partner Roberta Vinci 6-2, 6-4.— Reuters

**Paralympic Record**

China’s gold tally reaches 60, Russia overtake hosts Britain

LONDON, 6 Sept—Thanks to brilliant performances in swimming and track and field, China’s gold tally reached 60 at the ongoing London Paralympics on Wednesday.

Four of China’s seven golds collected on Day 7 of the Games came from track and field and three others from swimming.

The 15-year-old Chinese swimmer Yang Yang claimed the men’s 50m backstroke title, his third gold in London.

Now, China topped the table with 60 gold, 49 silver and 49 bronze medals, followed by Russia with 28-25-20 and Britain 25-36-31, Ukraine 22-17-20, Australia 22-16-23 and the United States 21-18-25.

Russia took five golds on Wednesday from archery, swimming and wheelchair fencing, to overtake hosts Britain which got only two golds on the same day.

Britain had followed China to stand second for several days.

The fantastic scene in the pool came from the women’s 100m breaststroke-S5 final in which 14-year-old Viktoria Savtsova of Ukraine beat British favourite Stacey Pichler to take the gold medal in a time of 46.29 seconds and set a new Paralympic Record.

During the Press conference given by US Paralympic Committee secretary general Charlie Huiebrner on Wednesday, Huiebrner highlighted the role veterans played.

“They’re great ambassadors for our nation,” he noted.

On the Paralympic movement in the United States, Huiebrner said, “a lot of people don’t know this and they think the US has been involved in the Paralympic movement for all time, but prior to the last couple of years there were a lot of different disability organizations in the States implementing Paralympic sport without even using the term Paralympic.

Our research shows that awareness was less than five percent about the Paralympics before 2002, and 73 percent today.” — Xinhua

The 10 most valuable NFL teams for 2012

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3. Washington Redskins, $1.08 billion
4. New York Giants, $1.46 billion
5. Houston Texans, $1.30 billion
6. New York Jets, $1.28 billion
7. Philadelphia Eagles, $1.26 billion
8. Chicago Bears, $1.19 billion
9. San Francisco 49ers, $1.17 billion
10. Green Bay Packers, $1.16 billion
Focus Myanmar

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Weather forecast for 7th September, 2012

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No Balotelli but Italy seek first win in Bulgaria

REVIEW JANUARY, 6 Sept—Former Brazil and Real Madrid coach Vanderlei Luxemburgo has urged Neymar to resist offers to join Barcelona and remain in Brazil until the 2014 World Cup. Luxemburgo, now coaching Gremio in Brazil’s Serie A championship, denied the 20-year-old’s development was being stunted by his decision to stay at Santos.

“He can and will develop as a player in Brazil. These days Brazilian football is of a better standard and better paid than many European leagues,” Luxemburgo said in an interview with Estado on Tuesday. “He is in the top three players in the world already. By staying, he can correct his mistakes in a familiar environment and at the same time continue to be a drawcard for Brazilian football.”

Neymar, who is contracted to Santos until 2014, has European clubs queuing for his signature, including heavyweights Barcelona, Real Madrid and Chelsea. Spanish media reported that Barcelona has already made a down-payment for the striker to join the club next summer.

Spain, Italy or England. Former national stars Ronaldinho, Rivaldo and Dunga are among those who have stated the starlet must leave Brazil to fulfill his potential.

Spin

Former Brazil coach urges Neymar to shun Barcelona

Soccer

Italy’s soccer player Mario Balotelli.

SOFIA, 6 Sept—Italy, without strikers Mario Balotelli and Antonio Cassano, begin their World Cup qualifying campaign on Friday seeking their first victory over Bulgaria on their opponent’s soil. For a team that has won every major international trophy, Italy’s record in Bulgaria is not a proud one — two defeats out of two draws with six goals conceded dating back to 1968. Most recently they entered with a goalless draw in a 2010 World Cup qualifier four years ago.

The Italian team to face Luboslav Penev’s side at the Vasil Levski stadium will also have a different look to the one that impressed at Euro 2012.

Balotelli is out due to eye surgery and Cassano has been dropped, so coach Cesare Prandelli, who hopes to have Roma midfielder Daniele De Rossi ready, is expected to use a 3-5-2 formation. Prandelli has tried the formation before — notably in the early stages Euro 2012, when his side finished runners-up to Spain, though eventually he settled on a back four.

De Rossi, who suffered an ankle injury during Roma’s 3-1 win at Inter Milan last weekend, was thought to be out, but Prandelli revealed he might recover in time. Prandelli is also expected to favour Juventus’ diminutive playmaker Sebastian Giovinco over Mattia Destro in-form Roma team-mate Pablo Daniel Osvaldo, who has scored in his team’s first two games this season.

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Like other armed groups, KIA may ink peace agreements if they follow internationally and generally-accepted peace processes.

Vice-President of the Union of Myanmar U Nyan Tun receives Deputy Chief of General Staff General Ma Xiaotian of People’s Liberation Army of the People’s Republic of China at Credentials Hall of the Presidential Palace.

Chairman of Amyotha Hluttaw International Relations Committee Col Maung Maung Htoo submits proposal. — MNA

No representative has so far claimed the Union minister level rights and emollients.

Nav Pyi Taw, 6 Sept — The Pyithu Hluttaw session continued for 40th day at Pyithu Hluttaw Hall in Hluttaw Complex here today attended by Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw U Shwe Mann and 406 MPs.

Four questions were answered, one report submitted, urgent proposal put forward and functions of the Hluttaw assessed at today’s session.

Regarding the question of U Myint Thu of Dagon Myothit (East) Constituency about whether is is allowed to directly ask the Ministry of Education for repair of flood-hit basic education schools in Dagon Myothit (East) Township and whether the Ministry of Education has issued order banning the school board of trustees and parents & teachers association from collecting cash contribution, Deputy Minister for Education U Aye Kyu replied that it has been instructed not to collect any kinds of cash contribution disrupting the learning process of students. Wellwishers have been donating for facelift of schools and construction of new school buildings the students. Wellwishers have been donating for facelift of schools and construction of new school buildings the students. Wellwishers have been donating for facelift of schools and construction of new school buildings the students. Wellwishers have been donating for facelift of schools and construction of new school buildings the students.

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