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KIA’s mine blast damages bridge between Mawhan and Mohnyin

Mawhin, 7 Sept—Mines planted by KIA insurgent group at a 160-foot-long steel-truss Bailey bridge No. (555) on Mandala-Pyiytkyn phone Railroad section between Mawhan and Mohnyin Stations, blasted and cut off about four feet of the railroad at about 6:35 pm yesterday, and another mine did not blow up.

The mine blast made 37-up train delayed at Mawhan Station. The passengers on the train were provided with 500 packages of rice and bottles of purified drinking water by Mawhan administrator and social organization members. Now staff of Myanma Railways are making efforts for repairing the railroad.

It is learnt that there have been a total of 52 mine blasts by KIA on Nantsiaung-Mawhin Railway section as from June of 2011, which caused blocks to the trains plying from Mandalay to Pyiytkyn.

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Slight earthquake hits outside Myanmar

Nav Pyi Taw, 7 Sept—A moderate earthquake of magnitude 5.6 Richter Scale with its epicenter outside Myanmar (Sichuan-Yunnan-Guizhou Region, China) about 650 miles northeast of Mandalay was recorded at 9 hrs 53 min 10 sec M.S.T today, Department of Meteorology and Hydrology announced.

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Indonesia to set prices for wind, solar plants to lure investment

Exhibitors clean their products during Airex Istanbul 2012, 9th international civil aviation and airports exhibition, will be organized in Istanbul on 6-9 Sept, 2012.

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Air India takes delivery of its first Boeing 787 Dreamliner

Nav Pyi Taw, 7 Sept—President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein met national races affairs ministers from Regions and States at the Credentials Hall of the Regions and States at the Presidential Palace here this afternoon.

Present on the occasion were Vice-Presidents Dr Sai Maak Kham and U Nyan Tun, Union Minister for Home Affairs Lt-Gen Wai Lwin, Union Minister for Defence Lt-Gen Thant Shin, Union Minister for Border Affairs Lt-Gen Thein Htay, Union Minister for Home Affairs Lt-Gen Ko Ko, Tun, Union Minister for Mauk Kham and U Nyan Shin and national races affairs ministers from Regions and States.

First, national races affairs ministers introduced themselves. Speaking on the occasion, President U Thein Sein wished the well-being of the national races affairs ministers in his first meeting with them. The President continued that they are responsible for the affairs of their own national races being the representatives of the national races concerned in related regions and states. He said the meeting was aimed to revise legal affairs and fulfill the requirements of administrative matters in assuming responsibility for national races following the decision of the constitutional tribunal that they have equality with the region and state governments concerned.

National races affairs ministers can directly contact with region or state governments concerned. In addition, a ministry with a Union Minister was established at the President Office to enable them directly contact with the Union government, contributing to top-down and horizontal communications.

Over 100 national races reside in Myanmar and all are national brethren living within the boundary of the nation. Therefore, they will equally have the fundamental rights of the citizens vested by the constitution and also need to perform the equal duties together.

The shared major duty is residing within the Union with unity and safeguarding Our Three Main National Causes. The three major duties namely, Non-disintegration of the Union, Non-disintegration of national solidarity and Perpetuation of sovereignty is the shared duty which each citizen has to safeguard forever. All the national brethren have to perform this duty in unison.

It is everyone knowledge that border regions still lagged behind in development and such works as education, health, transportation, and economy could not be undertaken effectively due to weak stability and the rule of law. This is because of the conflicts with national race armed groups. The government is making efforts for repairing the railroad.

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Five bills approved at Pyidaungsu Hluttaw

NAY PYI TAW, 7 Sept—The 13th as well as the final day session of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw took place at Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Hall in Hluttaw Complex here this morning attended by Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker U Khin Aung Myint, Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann and 609 MPs.

Firstly, the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker announced the Hluttaw’s agreement to appointment of Lt-Gen Wai Lwin as the Union Minister for Defence and U Thein Huak as the Auditor-General of the Union as nominated by the President. He then announced the Hluttaw’s agreement to appointment of Maj-Gen Zeyar Aung, Dr Myint Aung, U Kyaw Lwin, U Win Shein, Dr Kan Zaw, U Maung Myint, Dr Ko Ko Oo, U Htay Aung, Dr Daw Myat Myat Ohn Khin and nominated Auditor-General of the Union in the presence of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker.

Next, nominated Union ministers Lt-Gen Wai Lwin, U Aye Myint Kyu, U Zayar Aung, Dr Myint Aung, U Kyaw Lwin, U Win Shein, Dr Kan Zaw, U Maung Myint, Dr Ko Ko Oo, U Htay Aung, Dr Daw Myat Myat Ohn Khin and nominated Auditor-General of the Union Thein Huak and Union Election Commission member U Win Ko took oath in the presence of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker.

Union Minister U Win Shein explained matters related to arranging loan from abroad to set up fund required for the Union ministries to the Hluttaw.

Secretary of Joint Bill Committee U Saw Hla Tun presented assessment report of the committee with regard to the case. The Pyidaungsu Hluttaw sought approval from the Hluttaw which approved the report.

Union Minister Dr Kan Zaw explained matters related to including Myingyan Steel Factory and Pimpip Steel Factory in the ongoing projects of No. 1 Heavy Industries Enterprise of the Industry Ministry and the revised additional budget for 2012-2013 fiscal year to the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw.

Member of Joint Bill Committee U Aung Kyi Nyunt presented assessment report of the committee regarding to the case. The Pyidaungsu Hluttaw sought approval from the Hluttaw which approved the report.

Chairman of Joint Bill Committee U Mya Nyine explained findings and remarks of the committee on Foreign Investment Bill. Regarding the different opinions of the two Hluttaws on bill amended by the Joint Bill Committee, the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker sought the approval from the Hluttaw paragraph by paragraph and announced that the changes in the entire bill are part of the bill.

The Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker explained the functions of the Hluttaw fourth regular session. There were five bills approved by the Hluttaw and countersigned by the President during the Hluttaw session period, namely Staple Commodities and Service Law, Foreign Currency Management Law, the law amending the 1995 Government Housing (Expelling), 2012 Social Security Law, and the law revoking the Foreign Relations Act. Import, Export Bill has been sent to the President to seek his approval and the Foreign Investment Bill approved today has still yet to be sent to the President. In addition, three proposals were discussed and approved, the proposal of the Joint Public Accounts Committee on asking additional budget discussed and approved, a new Vice-President elected, appointment of 13 Union level personalities including 11 Union ministers, the Auditor-General of the Union and a member of the Union Election Commission approved, investigation commission formed to protect the interests of the people from confiscation of farmland and other land, and matters related to JICA loan and raising loan from the Central Bank as the circulation fund to the State-owned profit-making organization as proposed by the Union Government were approved.

The session came to an end at 11.30 am, bringing an end to fourth regular session of the First Pyidaungsu Hluttaw.—MNA

District News

Stimulant tablets seized on Yangon-Mandalay Highway

HSIPAW, 7 Sept—While discharging duty at mile post 78/5 at the entrance to Nawngkho, Shan State (North) Anti-Drug Special Squad led by IP Tin Aye search passengers the bus with number plate 5C... heading for Mandalay from Muse at 11.30 am on 31 August. They seized two bags of stimulant tablets containing 400 pink stimulants worth K 800,000 from Ma Hla Htay from seat No. 18.

At 10 am on 2 September, 180 WY brand stimulant tablets worth K 360,000 were seized from the short pan of Ko Nanda Aung, 31, son of U Hla Aung of 76, 166th Street in Tamway-1 Ward of Tamway Township from seat No. 12 on board passenger bus No. 4B... to leave for Mandalay. Nawngkho Police Station took action against drug possessors under law.—Myanmar Alin

18 private schools allowed in Mandalay Region

Mandalay, 7 Sept—A total of 18 private schools have been temporarily allowed in Mandalay Region. These private schools are ELC Boarding and CAE Boarding in Chanayathazan Township, San Hein Boarding and KMC Piiniya Yeiktha in Mahaungmye Township, Thurein Nan, VEC and Myat Parami Piiniya Shwepp’s boarding in Chanmyathazi Township, Soe San and San Pan Ein boarding in PyinOoLwin Township, Pinna Boarding in Chanayathazan Township, Unity Education Centre and U Han Myint Maung in Noble in Chanmyathazi Township, Hinthutmaung in Pyigyiadanug Township, Mithaung in Mahlaing Township, Shwesagar in Chanayathazan and Kyesiun in PyinOoLwin Township. Authorities will inspect the private schools where they have set standards or not.—Kyemon
Egypt’s President meets Palestinian President Abbas

MIDDLE EAST

CAIRO, 7 Sept — Egypt’s President Barack Obama arrived in Cairo on Wednesday for a two-day visit during which he met with Arab foreign ministers in the 33rd regular meeting of the Arab League (AL) held on Wednesday. He delivered a speech in the close-door meeting. The meeting was attended by the Egyptian Foreign Minister Mohamed Kamel Amr, Palestinian ambassador to Egypt Barakat Kamel Amr, Palestinian Foreign Minister Mohamed al-Farra, and members of Fatah central committee Saeb Erekat and Azzam al-Abdin Abbas arrived in Cairo on Wednesday for a two-day visit during which he met with Arab foreign ministers in the 33rd regular meeting of the Arab League (AL) held on Wednesday. He delivered a speech in the close-door meeting. The meeting was attended by the Egyptian Foreign Minister Mohamed Kamel Amr, Palestinian ambassador to Egypt Barakat Kamel Amr, Palestinian Foreign Minister Mohamed al-Farra, and members of Fatah central committee Saeb Erekat and Azzam al-

EU Chamber urges China’s new leaders to open up markets

BEIJING, 7 Sept — Aonce-in-a-decade leadership change in Beijing offers a chance to make much-needed market access reforms, a European business lobby said on Thursday, warning that China’s failure to do so could put at risk sustained growth of its state-led economy. China will hold its Party Congress this autumn to usher in a new generation of leaders as President Hu Jintao and Premier Wen Jiabao prepare to step aside. But without addressing “massive asymmetry” in market conditions for foreign and Chinese companies, the European Union Chamber of Commerce in China said the country’s new leaders could have a harder time overcoming a host of ill,

Canada’s Harper urges US to take fiscal situation in hand

VANCOUVER, 7 Sept — Concerns about a so-called “fiscal cliff” in the United States are warranted but they should not overshadow the need for America to “get a grip” on its longer-term fiscal situation, Canadian Prime Minister Stephen Harper said on Thursday. “The United States fiscal situation is very bad, the trajectory is very bad,” Harper said at a Bloomberg conference in Vancouver when asked about the fiscal woes of Canada’s biggest trading partner. “Regardless of what happens in the next three or four months, in the next few years, we have a lot of work to be resolved,” he said. The US Federal Reserve has said a lack of “fiscal cliff” of spending cuts and expiring tax breaks “is a higher sense of urgency. An even bigger threat to the Canadian economy, however, is the sovereign debt crisis in Europe. Harper said: “If we were frustrated by the slowness of action, he said: “It frustrates all of us, but this is the unfortunate reality of the institutional system.” “They do feel the pressure of the markets, and they are constantly responding, and we just encourage them to expedite those conversations,” Harper said.

Colombia’s Santos rejects FARC call for ceasefire

BOGOTA/HAVANA, 7 Sept — Colombian President Juan Manuel Santos rejected a proposal on Thursday by leftist FARC rebels for a bilateral ceasefire during talks next month aimed at bringing an end to a half-century of war. The call for both sides to put down their weapons while talks in Norway come earlier from leaders of the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia at a news conference in Havana. Santos said at a news conference, the FARC named two negotiators who will sit with government representatives in Oslo and later in Cuba to try to end a war that has left tens of thousands dead since it began in 1964. “We are GOING to propose a ceasefire immediately when we sit at the table,” senior FARC commander Mauricio Jaramillo said. “Better said: We are going to fight for it. We are going to discuss it there at the table, but it is one of the first points,” he said, announcing that talks would start on 8 October in Norway. Santos said there was no firm start date yet and that talks could continue for as long as nine months. The former defence minister, whose approval rating has fallen in recent months, surprised Colombians this week when he said there would be no ceasefire during peace talks with the FARC.

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NEW DELHI, 7 Sept—India is the global capital for heart disease. More than six crores Indians are already victims, and the number is rising every year. The problem with a heart attack is, we don’t know when the next one will hit. Getting yourself checked can be expensive and not all clinics are equipped to do it. Now there’s a device that lets you get your heart checked. And it fits into the palm of your hand. Ten minutes is all you need.

Technicians at your local clinic will wire you up, with leads on your limbs and chest. Your body’s electrical signals will flow first into a box called HeartTrace and then, into a computer. And voila, your electro-cardiogram ECC will be ready in seconds. It’s as quick and hassle-free as a simple blood test.

Dr. Revi Mehrotra, Chief Scientist of HeartTrace, told PTI: "It’s a 12 lead device. It measures simultaneously all the 12 signals that a doctor needs. The software saves patient information and the final ECG. Records can be emailed and shared with experts. Conventional ECG machines cost between Rs 30,000 to three lakh. Less than four thousand devices sell in India every year. But HeartTrace is priced so low, everyone can afford it. The device will be available by one's own doctor near you, or even be in the remoter of villages."

Scitentist invents device for fast heart check-up

UNSG’s Message on International Literacy Day

8 September, 2012

Following is UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon’s message for International Literacy Day, observed on 8 September:

Literacy provides tools for men and women to better understand the world and shape it to meet their aspirations. It is a source of individual dignity and a motor for the healthy development of society.

International Literacy Day is an opportunity to celebrate this transformative force and mobilize to make the most of it.

Great strides have been made during the United Nations Literacy Decade that closes this year. Across the world, individuals, communities and countries have reached out to children, youth and adults to enable them to read, write and transform their lives. As a result, some 90 million young men and women and adults have become literate.

We must now go much further. An estimated 775 million young people and adults around the world still cannot read or write; 122 million children of primary and lower secondary age remain out of school; and millions still graduate with inadequate literacy skills. Women account for two-thirds of the world’s illiterate population.

The persistence of such numbers hobbles our efforts to achieve the Millennium Development Goals and to build the inclusive knowledge societies we need for the twenty-first century.

If we must move faster to reach the most marginalized and uphold this basic human right. The global movement for education needs a big push.

That is why, later this month, I will be launching a new Education First initiative.

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Technology Suzuki Motor unveils fuel-efficient gasoline car

TORYO, 7 Sept—Japan’s Suzuki Motor has unveiled a compact car with a fuel-efficient technology.

The new Wagon R captures the energy released when the driver applies the brakes. This will create the power to run the car’s air-conditioner and other electronic parts.

Suzuki’s new vehicle is the first compact car to take advantage of this energy-saving technology. The new model is equipped with a hybrid system.

Suzuki says the vehicle’s fuel tank range has gone up by 20 percent from the previous model.

Many automakers have been busy making hybrids and electric cars. But some firms have recently introduced fuel-efficient gasoline cars. These are more lightweight, or have smaller engines.

Car to launch four new tablets, more compact e-reader

Kobo, which has e-reading apps for the iPad, iPhone, BlackBerry and others, will name its tablet device ‘Kobo Arc’. PTI

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Technology Staples to carry new Kindle Fire models as early as this month

SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO, 7 Sept—No1 US office supply chain Staples Inc said its US stores will carry some of the larger, faster, aggressively priced tablet models in 2013 targeting all market segments in Europe, China and Southeast Asia.

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Technology Acer to launch one Windows Phone 8 and five Android devices in 2013

NEW DELHI, 7 Sept—With the view to beef up its smartphone business, Acer is planning to release six new Android-based devices in 2013 targeting all market segments in Europe, China and Southeast Asia.

Out of the six models, one will be a Windows Phone 8 device, while five will be powered by Android OS. The report further states, the high-end models will be engineered with Qualcomm’s dual-core CPUs, while the entry-level models will use chipset solutions from MediaTek.

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Besides, the report further said, “In Europe, Acer will push smartphone sales through its established sales channels as well as strengthening its cooperation with telecom carriers. For emerging markets, Acer will target Indonesia, Thailand, Malaysia and India.”

Recently, Acer along with its cloud computing-enabled smartphone—the CloudMobile S550—will launch in Europe.

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Alcohol, drugs common in fatal crashes

NEW YORK, 7 Sept—More than half of US drivers killed in car accidents had alcohol or drugs in their system at the time of the crash, according to a new study.

Using data from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration on fatalities in 14 states, researchers found that men and people driving at night were the most likely to have alcohol, marijuana or other illicit or prescription drugs show up on a toxicology screen after the accident.

The records couldn’t show whether drivers had enough of a certain drug in their system to feel or act impaired or if prescription drugs were used incorrectly.

“All they really can say is that this is the frequency with which you see drugs in the blood of fatally injured drivers,” said Robert Voas, who studies alcohol and highway safety at the Pacific Institute for Research and Evaluation in Calverton, Maryland.

“But whether any of the drugs or a particular combination of drugs was causing the crash—their data can’t tell you that,” said Voas, who wasn’t involved in the new study.

“There’s a need for more testing, and more consistency within the testing,” said Joanne Brady of Columbia University in New York, who co-authored the research.

For example, not all states test for the same drugs at the time of a crash, or have a policy to test consistently at all, Brady told Reuters Health. And there are still questions about how multiple drugs might interact to affect a driver’s ability to focus on the road.

Out of 20,150 fatally injured drivers in 2005 to 2009, 57 percent tested positive for at least one drug—including one in five who had multiple drugs in their system when the accident occurred. Alcohol was the most common drug to show up on tox screens, followed by marijuana and stimulants, which include Adderall and amphetamine.

Sixty percent of men killed while driving had drugs or alcohol in their system, compared to less than half of women. People who had an accident at night or on the weekend were also more likely to test positive than those driving on a weekday.

Blacks and whites were equally likely to test positive on a tox screen after a fatal accident—but Asians were much less likely to have drugs or alcohol in their system, and Native Americans much more likely, according to findings published in the journal Addiction.

The researchers didn’t have data on the amount of the drug present in blood or urine samples, and cut-offs for levels that reflect impairment at the time of an accident aren’t always clear, they added—Reuters

Message from the Director-General of UNESCO on the occasion of the International Literacy Day

8 September, 2012

This year, International Literacy Day has a special focus on the fundamental relationship between Literacy and Peace. This has tremendous relevance in our current turbulent times. Countries with patterns of violence have some of the lowest literacy rates in the world. Conflict remains one of the major barriers to the attainment of the Education for All (EFA) and Millennium Development Goals (MDGs). Conflict-affected countries are home to over 40% of the world’s out-of-school populations of primary school age.

We must not allow conflict to deprive children and adults of the crucial opportunity of literacy. Literacy is a fundamental human right, and the foundation of all education and lifelong learning. Literacy transforms the lives of people, allowing them to make informed choices and empowering individuals to become agents of change. Lasting peace depends on the development of literate citizenship and access to education for all. Political upheaval and escalating violence in many parts of the world, must be a priority in the peace-building agenda of all nations.

Peace and sustainable development are interdependent, and it is crucial for the two to develop and strengthen simultaneously. Literacy is also a development accelerator, enabling societies to grow more inclusively and sustainably. Literacy programmes can become a key component of future development strategies, opening new opportunities and skills for all. All of this is vital to achieving Education for All and the Millennium Development Goals.

Progress has been made toward reaching the 2015 targets for literacy, but formidable challenges remain ahead. These challenges need to be met with stronger international resolve, if we are to deliver on the promises made in Dakar in 2000. UNESCO estimates that the global adult illiterate population stands at 775 million, while there are still 122 million illiterate youth worldwide.

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The winners of this year’s UNESCO International Literacy Prizes demonstrate how successful literacy programmes can achieve outstanding results. They are living examples of the central role of literacy in promoting human rights, gender equality, conflict resolution and cultural diversity.

Today, I call upon stakeholders at all levels to strengthen partnerships that will accelerate quality literacy provision. It is essential that literacy programmes incorporate the values of peace, human rights and civic values, if literacy is to become a true means of empowerment. It can be the harbinger of peace and development. Let us make this happen together and faster.

Irina Bokova
Director-General of UNESCO

Air India takes delivery of its first Boeing 787 Dreamliner

CHARLESTON, 7 Sept—Air India took delivery of its first Boeing 787 commercial widebody airplane on Thursday at Boeing Co’s (BA.N) final assembly plant in South Carolina, after a months-long dispute between airline and manufacturer over compensation for a four-year production delay.

The three 787s trimmed with red and orange Air India colours were parked at the Boeing plant near Charleston, South Carolina and ready for delivery at the end of May.

Delivery was held up for months while Air India and Boeing worked out a compensation settlement and waited for Indian government officials to approve it. Terms were not disclosed.

"The Dreamliner was also at the heart of a recent Air India pilots’ strike. In July, about 500 Air India pilots voted against two-month strike over exclusive rights to fly the Dreamliner. The striking pilots had demanded that their colleagues from the former Indian Airlines, the domestic state-run carrier that merged with Air India, not be trained to fly Dreamliners because they worried it could hurt their own career prospects. Boeing said Air India is the fifth airline in the world to take delivery of a 787 Dreamliner. The ailing airline has ordered 27 Dreamliners in all.

"I am sure Air India and its customers will be thrilled to experience the revolutionary features on the 787, an airplane that will be the key focus of the airline’s turnaround plan," said Dinesh Keskar, senior vice president of AsiaPacific and India Sales For Boeing Commercial Airplane, in a statement.

The airplane delivered today was built in Everett, Washington and flown to South Carolina for delivery. "The 787 will allow Air India to open new routes in a dynamic marketplace and provide the best in-flight experience for our passengers," said Rohit Nandan, Air India Chairman and Managing Director. Boeing said in a statement.

Air India’s Dreamliners are equipped with 18 business class seats and 238 economy class seats. The airplane is scheduled to fly to New Delhi on Friday, India, one of the fastest growing aviation markets in the world, offers tremendous growth opportunities to planemakers as more newly affluent Indians take to the skies. Boeing officials forecast passenger traffic to grow by 8.4 percent annually in South Asia, which includes India, and by 7 percent annually in China up to 2031.

WASHINGTON, 7 Sept—The Sensex gained 1.44 percent, while 50-share Nifty rose 1.45 percent in early trade, tracking a rally in global shares after the European Central Bank outlined its bond-buying scheme to help calm the euro zone’s debt crisis.

The MSCI-Asia Pacific index excluding Japan rose 1.7 percent after European shares rallied to six-month highs and US stocks closed at multi-year highs on Thursday, cheering the ECB move.

Finance Minister P Chidambaram approved 11 foreign direct investment proposals worth 20.68 billion Indian rupees, including 8.08-billion-rupee plans of Mauritius-based Cloverleaf Invest-ments, on Thursday.

Bank shares were leading the gains: HDFC Bank gained 3.1 percent while HDFC Bank rose 1.1 percent * Infosys up 1.8 percent, was leading the tech rally.—Reuters

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efforts to bring an end to lengthy armed conflicts toward the goal of peace. hand National races affairs ministers need to give a helping hand in this process, leading their races. Another case is to fight against drug. Efforts must be made to eliminate poppy cultivation, and substitute poppy business with other income-generating occupations. It is required to work with all-out efforts in cooperation with the Central Committee for Drug Abuse Control to combat production, transportation and transactions of stimulant tablets.

The first and foremost requirement for socio-economic development in border regions is stability and the rule of law, only then effective support could be provided for agriculture, livestock farming, education, health and so on. Now, national races affairs ministers have to take responsibility for development of own region and work aggressively. The central government would be ready to fulfill the requirements if possible.

In conclusion, the President said that the objective of the government today is to bring about stability of the State and socio-economic development as aspired by the majority. Therefore, efforts are being made to stabilize the national political conditions, reduce foreign pressure, have economic sanctions lifted, and build internal peace for stability of the State while implementing rural development and poverty alleviation scheme and agricultural reforms, inviting foreign investment to establish industries and industrial zones to create jobs for socio-economic development.

The President then urged the national races affairs ministers to cooperate with the government leading their own national races to achieve goals of the government.

Next, national races affairs ministers explained matters related to their own national races and Union ministers U Hla Tun, U Sue Maung, and Li-Gen Thein. They discussed progress in redrafting of national races affairs ministers law, proposed promotion of emoluments, facilities and rights and the role of the national races affairs ministers in community development works including the border regions. In his speech, Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham said the Education Ministry has arranged for teaching of national races literature and culture to students at primary level outside school hours. Their Three Main National Causes should not be ignored. Plans have been formulated for learning without restriction. It is difficult to teach such subjects within school hours since there are over 130 national races in the country. However, arrangements have been made to provide training to teachers of schools concerned in order that they can teach local national race language to local people. If the school concerned find it difficult to teach local national race language, they can seek help from literature and culture committee concerned. With regard to culture, only a few number of national races had chance to take part in traditional cultural performing arts competitions previous years. It has been arranged to organize Myanmar traditional cultural performing arts competition in regions and states beginning this year. Prize-winners in the contests will be awarded prizes under the arrangement of region/state government and prize-winning troupes and individuals will also be invited to central level competitions and awarded. These are the actions of the Union government for the sake of literature and culture of national races.

In his concluding remarks, the President said national races affairs ministers can attend the meetings of region/state government concerned if they have things to discuss. Likewise, they are to attend the meetings if invited by the government concerned to discuss national races affairs. The President added that he would try to meet national races affairs ministers twice a year. Likewise, all the national races affairs ministers would be invited to attend annually-organized Union day celebrations. It is prescribed in the constitution to safeguard the literature, culture and arts of different national races. Regarding teaching of national races languages, it is difficult to teach in some places and it is not in some. For example, there are languages of Dama, Lahu, Wa, Lwe, Kaw national races and so on apart from Shan language in Shan State. The government would take actions for those languages, but it would also be required to act with own approaches as much as possible.

With regard to peace-making process, most of the places have begun to see tranquility without gunfire and thus it is fair to say that there has been security. In consequence, local people can make their living safely. Certain success has been achieved in making peace with the remaining groups. If peace agreement could be reached with KIO/KPA, peace-making process can be said successful. Nonetheless, it would take time to negotiate for cent per cent success. It is required to reach ceasefire agreement first. As there are differences between one place from another, one race from another and one armed group from another, it would take time reach ceasefire agreement and enter into political negotiations. At the final stage, discussion and decision would be made at the Hlutat. Currently, peace negotiations are going on at two levels, the first at region/state concerned. The process at region/state level would be smoother with the participation of all local national races including national races affairs ministers. The President urged them to work hands in hands with the Union government. The meeting came to an end at 3.45 pm.

Myanmar possesses a great deal of opportunities for further development

The Myanmar News Agency (MNA) conducted an interview with Mr. J Stapleton Roy, Director of Woodrow Wilson International Centre for Scholars, Kissinger Institute on China and the United States, who is one of those attending the second ASEAN-US Eminent Persons Group meeting.

MNA: Could you kindly tell me how the importance of the second ASEAN-US Eminent Persons Group meeting?

Mr. Roy: The ten ASEAN countries and the Eminent Persons Group representing the US were holding a meeting here to be able to give suggestions to leaders in the region. To strengthen the friendly ties between the ASEAN and the US, we should add momentum, we would be able to give suggestions together with the results coming out from the meeting to the heads of State/Government.

MNA: Is the meeting very important to you?

Mr. Roy: Through good relations with ASEAN countries, the US feels hopeful that mutual cooperation will improve all the more. In future, the ASEAN-US ties as well as ties between each ASEAN nation and the US will be further strengthened.

MNA: May I know your assessment over potentials for Myanmar market?

Mr. Roy: Myanmar market is a good prospect for international companies including those from the US. The participation of Chief Executive Mr. Muhtar Kent of Coca Cola Company to the meeting is a sign that reflects the good prospect of Myanmar market. Mr. Kent, one of the eminent persons of the US will give suggestions based on outlooks of the US companies. As you know, the Myanmar-US relations were cold in the past on account of domestic affairs. But, now the relations have been changed, pinning its hope on promoting of long-term cooperation.

MNA: Which subject points would be discussed at the meeting?

Mr. Roy: Our group will discuss about suggestions on strategic cooperation for further cementing the ASEAN-US ties.
Main purpose of Farmland Law...

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These tasks are:
(a) mindset reform
(b) growing marketable and high-yield strains for all crops
(c) growing with the use of modern farming system
(d) systematic revamping of farm lands
(e) transforming from traditional to mechanized farming

Land reform is under implementation, which is the fundamental for reform in agriculture sectors. In so doing, The State is now practising the new farmland laws. Farmland Law, Vacant, Fallow and Virgin Lands Management Laws have been passed on 30-3-2012 under the 2008 Constitution in line with democracy political system and market economy.

Under the section 2 of Farmland Law, Farmland Law has come into effect on 31 August, 2012. It was announced by President Office with Announcement No.62/2012, dated 31-8-2012.

Under the Section 42, Sub-section (a) of Farmland Law, Farmland Bylaws were announced with the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation's Notification No.2/2012, dated 8-2012.

Under the provisions of Farmland Law, Vacant, Fallow and Virgin Land Management Laws and Bylaws prescribes the effective management of agriculture, livestock and mine explorations and other lawful businesses that have been allowed by government only, with the use of vacant, fallow and virgin lands for the economic development of the country.

Under the provisions of Farmland Law, Vacant, Fallow and Virgin Land Management Laws and Bylaws, those who obey the prescribed laws would have to bear the fruits while those who fail to follow it would face legal action.

Region/State governments under which the chief ministers lead have been formed in the Region/State, respective Region/State governments are to supervise and manage the cases of farmland management and vacant, fallow and virgin land management in accord with prescribed laws and bylaws.

Only when the trainees have through understandings of ways and duties, in actual practices, will they perform their duties without error and mistakes. He urged the Region/State agriculture ministers and responsible persons from the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation to have sound knowledge of laws and bylaws and officials to follow prescribed law and bylaws for the long-term interest of the State and people.

Afterwards, Deputy Minister U Khin Zaw explained mechanized farming in the world and progress in modern mechanized land reclamation in Myanmar with the use of power point.

Deputy Minister U Ohn Than explained law and bylaws. After that, Director-General U Myint Swe of Settlement and Land Records Department and officials reported on each chapters and each section of Farmland Law and Bylaws.

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Experts group from ASEAN-Korea Centre will be selected three companies products quality, commercially production and flexibility in Korean market. ASEAN-Korea Centre will be offered to and free air ticket and accommodation of each official from three companies.

Those interested Myanmar companies may enlist to International Trade Promotion Division, Exhibition Branch under the Ministry of Commerce Ph 067-408411 Fax 067-408311 and Republic of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry Ph 01-214344 not later than 14 September.—MNA

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News in Brief

More aged admitted at home

Aungthabye Home for the Aged opened in Pantanaw Township in April 2011 beside Yangon-Pathein Road will admit older persons of above 70 from various regions of the country in line with prescribed rules of the home.

Free health care services given

Bawa Alin Parahtia Association is giving free health care services to the local people with the use of western medicines in Tagaung Ward of Sagaing.

Unlicenced motorcycles legalized

Departmental officials of Muse District give one stop service of issuing licences to unlicenced motorcycles, battery cycles and tuk-tuks at Muse District Directorate of Road Administration in Shan State (North).

Short-term administrative course conducted

The short-term reform administration course was opened at the hall of Shwegu Township General Administration Department on 17 August. Township Administrator U Nyi Nyi gave lectures to trainees.

Union Foreign Affairs Minister U Wunna Maung Lwin being welcomed by Brazilian Ambassador to Myanmar Mr. Jose Carlos da Fonseca Junior at reception to mark the 191st Anniversary Independence Day of Brazil that falls on 7 September, held at Strand Hotel, Yangon.—MNA

The best time to plant a tree was 20 years ago.

The second best time is now.
PERSPECTIVES
Saturday, 8 September, 2012

No Jack

Things never stay the same in this world but what has not changed is the need for the money. If you do not believe, just answer this question, why are we working? The answer to the majority should be to fulfill our requirements, needs and even the dreams apart from self-actualization which many people fail to achieve.

But, most of the time, we are not just struggling with our own wishes and ambitions, we are also bearing the burden of hopes of families and relatives. It is all work and work again to earn money to have our wishes fulfilled, never ending but ever demanding. Unconsciously, we have become the servants of work.

All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy. As the time goes by working day in day out, we begin to feel exhausted mentally or physically or both. Taking a short rest would probably do for physical exhaustion, but mental and emotional exhaustion are difficult to be cured, leaving scars in our immune system.

Keeping a balance between work and play is always easier said than done. Driven by unlimited wants, we have become workaholic, chasing after material possessions. What is worse is many people are spending money before they have earned it, forcing themselves to borrow troubles.

How can we cope with stress of day-to-day work? While relaxation is a must to ease the stress, professional competence is key to stress management and sense of achievement. Working hard produces good results but working smart generates better outcomes, which would require effective time management plus a focus on specialization.

We have to work for our interests as well as for the sake of family and friends. But, we would lose our capacity to enjoy ourselves without proper rest. Are you exchanging your blood and flesh for wealth?

Workshop on Development of Communication and Information Technology held

NAV PYI TAW, 7 Sept—Today workshop aims how to carry out National Level Communication Sector for development of communication and information technology following ideas and ways discussed at the ministry and in Mandalay and Yangon, use of telephone and internet in Myanmar has lagged behind in comparison with those in neighbouring countries, said Union Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs U Thein Tun at the workshop on development of communication and information technology held at Myanmar International Convention Centre today.

The Union Minister pointed out that today discussion was intended to imitate communication sector of neighbouring and ASEAN countries, it has different views concerning operator, there are only three operators in Singapore, China and Korea for undertaking communication services, systematic competition in communication sector will be allowed.

Plans are under way to implement 3G system for sustainable development of Myanmar Communication sector, he added. The Union Minister invited good advices from attendees.

At today’s workshop, reforms for Myanmar communication sector, challenges of communication reform, reform for postal service, future of Yatanarpon Teleport, amendment of communication laws in accord with present age and market methods in modern spectrum management were discussed.

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Union Foreign Affairs Minister receives OIC delegation

NAV PYI TAW, 7 Sept—U Winna Maung Lwin, Union Minister for Foreign Affairs received an OIC delegation led by Ambassador Utuk Gokcen, OIC Permanent Observer to the UN in New York at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, here, at 9am today.

At the meeting, the Union Minister explained that invitation has been extended to the OIC delegation to visit Myanmar as requested to witness the true situation on ground of Rakhine State. He said that the incidents in the Rakhine State are sectarian conflicts which are purely internal affairs of Myanmar, and Myanmar is ready to welcome any international relief assistance if they are non-discriminatory for all affected communities, and will not accept any pressure on religious or racial ground.—MNA

Cash provided to people in Rakhine State

NAV PYI TAW, 7 Sept—On account of recent situation that broke out in Rakhine State, the people in the state have lost houses and properties. To relieve their suffering, the cash, foodstuff and clothes have been provided to the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement.

On 6 September, U Nyunt Maung+ Daw Aye Aye Than and family from acres 1000 Nay Pyi Taw donated K 50,000. The responsible persons accepted the donation. MNA

LIGHT WHERE DARKNESS WAS

* Illiteracy exacerbates cycles of poverty, Causing ill health and deprivation in community. Through marginalization and exclusion, Societies suffer impacts and destabilization.
* Illiteracy continues to afflict millions of people Especially women and girls fall prey as well. It’s an infringement of human rights; A threat to peace and security in life.
* Literacy unlocks the capacity of individual To create a brighter future to be immortal.
  It opens the way to greater justice, Accompanying equality and progress to the public.
* Literacy can help societies heal, Contributing to the common weal.
  Literacy is a development accelerator, Representing peace of the world all over.
* Literacy and education is a basic need In striving sustainable development indeed. To broaden the educational horizon, People participate in the movements of eon.
* We’re striving to raise literacy rate, Making arrangements for adult illiterates. Through self-reliant libraries across the nation, People have easy access to publications.
* Literacy is a key component of strategy To promote living standard in reality. It’s central to achieving Education for All; Millennium Development Goals have been called, Myanmar’s endeavours are still standing tall...

Maung Swe Ngae
On the eighth of September every year, a community of nations hosts local and national events celebrating the International Literacy Day (ILD) that recognizes the value of literacy to human development. Thousands of professional teachers, students, parents and volunteers are recognized for their daily work and dedication. This year’s ILD adopts the theme of “Literacy for Peace”, emphasizing the role played by literacy and education as pivotal function in peace building and peace keeping, and also the empowering role of literacy and its importance for participation, citizenship and social development. The Government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and its people will salute and applaud all teachers, volunteers and other individuals who have made dedicated efforts to improve the learning environment of children and adults for improving access to basic literacy, and also to encourage them to sustain their commitment for achieving the Education-for-All goals.

Myanmar is currently a nation in transition, and all nations are undertaking a great effort to ensure long term stability, increase prosperity, and evolve into a stronger and unified nation. Therefore, the heroic work of all people working to achieve the literacy goals of the nation is even more important, as research studies and history around the world have shown that the improvements in nationwide literacy make significant impacts on multiple aspects of social and economic development, particularly in facilitating a unified and peaceful state of peace.

The Honourable President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar had stated that the Government has been trying to lessen the conflicts based on disagreements with local political forces, and the democratization process is flourishing. He had urged all citizens to have a strong sense of democratic spirit for the type of freedom that is in conformity with the culture and society of Myanmar. By recognizing the achievements of teachers, educators and officials alike working in the fields of literacy and national literacy goals, also by increasing awareness and emphasizing the importance of literacy, the national goals of the President and the people are aiding the process.

Dr. Paulo Friere, the late Brazilian educator and philosopher, deftly summed up the theme of this year’s Literacy day—“Learning to read not only allows one to read the word, but learns to read the world.” His statement actually refers to the phenomenon of how in the post-conflicts societies, the facilitation of literacy and promoting education on conflict-resolutions and peace building promotes peace and helps in alleviating causes of national conflicts and violence. Across the world, many countries have been able to reduce local and national conflict, by focusing on achieving literacy. It is the indirect impact of literacy that helps in conflict transformation. The vehicle to promote individual and collective action for economic and social development, combat poverty, and enhance social justice and equal opportunities.

Evolutionary psychologists have long pointed out that at the core of all human behavior, human, as organisms, accept in all its simplicity is a vaccine for peace. Many studies have shown that education is a tool for peace. In order to maintain the cultural diversity a unity, continued development of mother-tongue ethnic language is also an important asset. Research studies throughout the world have consistently shown that the learning to read, write and in one’s own mother tongue facilitates the access to literacy in other languages. Thus, it is important to preserve the nation’s uniqueness that we call Myanmar by making all people of Myanmar to be literate for both their own ethnic languages as well as Myanmar, as a single united national language as a whole.

Based on the evidence, while ethnic equity is a much deeper and profound issue than before, education and literacy expansion alone, the ethnic-wide literacy is the first step into beginning the reconciliation step and has shown much promise. Literacy can bestow an individual with confidence and self-esteem. Empowering the individuals with education wherever they stay inside the country could in turn empower the whole society. Teaching ethnicities with education programmes tailored to their needs, so that they may read and write fluently without difficulties, and at the same time preserving the culture. Literacy provides a unique and powerful tool to eradicate poverty and a strong means for social and human progress. Literate parents are inclined to send their children to schools, and are prone to access continuing education and learning opportunities. The balanced literacy programmes really empower the individuals, help alleviate ethnic disparities, and ultimately facilitate the move towards a more united nation. Literacy, therefore, is a foundation of human resources development, critical to alleviating poverty and to enhancing the general quality of life of the people.

Education opportunities of the children are shaped around the family and its immediate neighbours, long before they entered their classrooms. The linguistic, cognitive and social skills they develop referring early childhood (between 3-5 years) are the real foundations for lifelong learning. Evidence from the successive household surveys in Myanmar, latest being done in 2009-2010, consistently pointed to the maternal education as one of the strongest factors influencing children’s prospect of survival. It has been clearly shown that the deaths of infants and young children below five-years of age are related to the gender (being born as male or female), maternal education status (literate, secondary education or higher), wealth (rich or poor by income), residency (urban or rural), and birth order (primary or more than 5th child). Studies in other developing countries also showed the same findings.

In conclusion, the overwhelming evidence states that literacy in all its simplicity is a vaccine for peace, protecting from violence and conflicts. Literacy actively promotes economic and social progress, helping in alleviating disparities among ethnic populations. "Literacy allows for the teaching of conflict resolution skills. Literacy empowers everyone, regardless of gender, age, or ethnicity. Literacy changes how people view the world. Empower the people to view the changing world, they can change their actions. Myanmar is celebrating this year’s international literacy day with the theme of “Literacy for Peace” emphasizing the importance of literacy as a vehicle to promote peace in all conflict-areas. Ways can be found to establish lasting foundations for peace and education by building mutual trust among all children and their parents, and the place to
Migrant boat sinks off Turkey, children among 61 dead

Ahmetbeyli, (Turkey), 7 Sept — At least 61 migrants including Palestinians and Syrians, more than half of them children, died after their overcrowded boat sank just tens of meters off Turkey’s western Aegean coast on Thursday, officials said. Tahsin Kurtbeyoglu, governor of the coastal Muğla Province, told Reuters an initial investigation showed the small vessel sank around dawn due to overcrowding.

Its destination was unclear but the small Turkish town of Ahmetbeyli from where it set out is only a few kilometers from the Greek island of Samos. Greece is a common entry point for migrants trying to get into the European Union. The total death toll is 61, including 12 men, 18 women, 28 children and three babies,” Kurtbeyoglu said in a statement. Turkish media said the reason the death toll was so high was because the women and children were in a locked compartment in the lower section of the vessel, although there was no official confirmation of this. Kurtbeyoglu said 46 people had so far been rescued alive, including the ship’s Turkish captain and assistant, who had been placed under arrest. He said there were no bodies left on the boat and he did not expect the death toll to rise any further. The Izmir governor’s office said the same thing. Palestinian and Syrian nationals and that they had been taken to Ahmetbeyli for health checks. Two people were admitted to hospital. Turkish media said there were also Iraqis on the boat, although that could not be confirmed.

Ahmad had been arrested. Ahmad has been accused of taking the unusual step of seeking a private trial by a US-based company. “We do not need to outsource our criminal justice system to America,” Watkin said in a statement. “If the tables were turned, the Americans would undoubtedly have tried their own citizens, methods and principles of fairness and justice”. US officials accuse Ahmad of running a website that supported the Talibans and raised money for Islamist justice. “The website was run from London, but was hosted by US-based company. “We do not need to outsource our criminal justice system to America,” Watkin said in a statement. “If the tables were turned, the Americans would undoubtedly have tried their own citizens, methods and principles of fairness and justice”. US officials accuse Ahmad of running a website that supported the Talibans and raised money for Islamist justice. “The website was run from London, but was hosted by US-based company. “We do not need to outsource our criminal justice system to America,” Watkin said in a statement. “If the tables were turned, the Americans would undoubtedly have tried their own citizens, methods and principles of fairness and justice”.

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Chinese, Vietnamese presidents meet on ties

VLADIVOSTOK, 7 Sept — Chinese President Hu Jintao and his Vietnamese counterpart Truong Tan Sang exchanged views on bilateral ties here on Friday on the sidelines of the annual Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) forum. Hu said that it is important for the development of friendly relations between China and Vietnam that the leaders of the two neighbouring countries keep regular contact and exchange views on bilateral ties as well as regional and international issues.

Sang said he is glad to meet Hu less than one year after their last meeting at the 2011 APEC forum and wishes the forthcoming 18th National Congress of the Chinese Communist Party a great success.

At the APEC Economic Leaders’ Meeting slated for Saturday and Sunday, President Hu and leaders of other APEC members will discuss trade and investment liberalization, regional economic integration, food security as well as cooperation in fostering innovative growth.

Malaysia summons German ambassador over fund to NGO

KUALA LUMPUR, 7 Sept — The Malaysian Foreign Ministry has asked the German ambassador to Malaysia to explain the funding to a non-governmental organization (NGO) which the government said has “political agenda”. Local media quoting official reported here on Friday.

Deputy Minister of Energy and Mineral Resources Ministry Rudi Rabiendi said that the government expected the new policy would increase the proportion of renewable energy in the country’s energy mix.

The deputy quoted by the Jakarta Post as saying that the current cost of electricity produced from renewable energy sources was not investor-friendly. Rudi said the government had planned to increase the price of electricity generated by micro-power plants to between 975 rupiah (some 10 cents) and 1,050 rupiah (about 11 US cents) per kilowatt-hour (kWh) from the current price of 656 rupiah (some 7 cents) per kWh. In July, the government raised the price for geothermal power plants to between 10 US cents and 17 cents per kWh, depending on their locations, from an initial 9.7 cents per kWh.

Indonesia to set prices for wind, solar plants to lure investment

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Chinese premier calls for further cooperation with Singapore

BEIJING, 7 Sept — Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao called for further cooperation with Singapore on Thursday. Singapore’s Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong said that China and Singapore have maintained close contact and enjoyed fruitful cooperation over the years, even said the development of the two countries’ relations brought benefit to both people and generated a positive influence in East Asia.

Wen called on the two countries to further enhance their strategic communication and respect each other’s major concerns.

The two sides should upgrade the construction of Suzhou Industrial Park and Tianjin Eco-city to a higher level, explore effective means of cooperation in investment, finance and the green economy, strengthen coordination on marine protection and anti-piracy, and expand communication between young people and between the media, he said.

Wen said East Asia had maintained stability during the international financial crisis and enjoyed rapid economic growth.

He said it was of vital importance to strengthen ties between China and ASEAN and deepen their cooperation to promote mutual benefit so as to maintain the good situation.

“China hopes Singapore will take the lead in playing an important role in this regard,” he added. Lee said it was in both interests to promote the two countries’ relations and that Singapore was willing to further enhance the cooperation between the two countries’ relations.

Singapore will continue to help promote cooperation between China and ASEAN and work with China to safeguard regional peace, stability and development, he said.

Wen and Lee attended the signing ceremony of bilateral cooperation documents after their meeting.

Cambodia, UNESCO sign agreement to continue safeguarding Angkor Wat Temple

PHNOM PENH, 7 Sept — The Government of Cambodia and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) on Thursday signed an agreement on safeguarding of the Angkor Wat Temple, one of the World Heritage sites. The deal was inked between Sok An, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister in charge of the Council of Ministers, and Anne Lemaistre, UNESCO Representative to Cambodia.

The two-year phase II project will be focused on the restoration of an extension span of the most emblematic at the Angkor Wat Temple, said Rome University’s Professor Valter Maria Santoro, head of the Italian technical mission for stone consolidation in the temple. Speaking after the signing ceremony, Sok An said that the second phase project will cost 250,000 US dollars including 200,000 US dollars granted by Italian government and 50,000 US dollars by Cambo-

dian government.

He said that Italian government, through UNESCO, has involved in helping safeguard the Angkor Wat Temple since 1994. “The continuous support signifies a further cooperation among Cambodia, UNESCO and Italy,” he added. Sok An said currently, Cambodia has been collaborating with 14 countries and 28 international teams in implementing over 60 different projects to preserve, safeguard and develop the temple.

UNESCO is proud to help Cambodia in the preservation and conservation of the World Heritage site of Angkor,” he added.

Many rush out of buildings as 5.7-magnitude quake hits southwest China

KUNMING, 7 Sept — Many people rushed out of buildings in southwest China on Friday as an earthquake measuring 5.7 jolted the border area of Yunnan Province and its neighbouring province of Guizhou. The earthquake hit the border area of Yunnan province of Yunnan and Weining county of Guizhou at 11:19 am and the depth of its epicenter was about 14 km at 27.5 degrees north latitude and 104.0 degrees east longitude, according to the China Earthquake Networks Centre (CENC). Just an hour later, another quake measuring 5.6 hit Yiliang county again, said a CENC statement.

Many people rushed out of buildings in Shaotong City, which administers Yiliang, as the buildings were shaken when the quake struck the area, bloggers said on the popular microblogging website weibo.com.

Luo Shaojiang, a resident of Shaotong, said that she felt dizzy in the quake. The water bucket and desks were shaking in her third-floor office.

Tremor was also felt in the neighbouring province of Sichuan. — Xinhua

A visitor takes photos of a robot model at the 2012 China Advanced Materials Industry Exposition (CIMIA) in Harbin, capital of northeast China’s Heilongjiang Province, on 6 Sept. 2012. The 2012 CIMIA started in Harbin on Thursday, attracting more than 1000 companies, universities and science institutions from 8 countries and regions. — Xinhua

A performance is staged during the opening ceremony of 2012 China Nanjing World Historical and Cultural Cities Expo, in east China’s Jiangsu Province, on 5 Sept, 2012. More than 50 Chinese and foreign cities attended the five-day expo, which kicked off on Wednesday evening. — Xinhua

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Indonesia to set prices for wind, solar plants to lure investment

JAKARTA, 7 Sept — The Indonesian government is preparing a new pricing regulation for micro-hydro, wind and solar energy as an effort to lure investment in the sectors, media quoting official reported here on Friday.

Deputy Minister of Energy and Mineral Resources Ministry Rudi Rabiendi said that the government expected the new policy would increase the proportion of renewable energy in the country’s energy mix.

The deputy quoted by the Jakarta Post as saying that the current cost of electricity produced from renewable energy sources was not investor-friendly. Rudi said the government had planned to increase the price of electricity generated by micro-power plants to between 975 rupiah (some 10 cents) and 1,050 rupiah (about 11 US cents) per kilowatt-hour (kWh) from the current price of 656 rupiah (some 7 cents) per kWh. In July, the government raised the price for geothermal power plants to between 10 US cents and 17 cents per kWh, depending on their locations, from an initial 9.7 cents per kWh.
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US pension fund buys Festival Place
Shopping Centre for $446 million

London, 7 Sept — A US pension fund has paid 280 million pounds to buy a shopping centre 50 miles west of London from a property firm owned by the Duke of Westminster, one of Britain’s richest men. The deal for the one million square foot Festival Place mall built in Basingstoke in 2002 is the largest mall deal in almost two years in a UK market hit by government austerity measures.

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Green Day on for MTV awards after dehydrations score

Billie Jo Armstrong (L) of Green Day performs during the 2012 Rock n’ Roll Hall of Fame induction ceremony in Cleveland, Ohio on 14 April, 2012.— Reuters

Los Angeles, 7 Sept— Punk rock band Green Day will perform as planned at the MTV Video Music Awards in Los Angeles on Thursday after a case of severe dehydration sent frontman Billie Joe Armstrong to the hospital and forced the cancellation of a weekend concert in Italy. Bass player Mike Dirnt told MTV News on Thursday that Armstrong, whose illness had not been explained, came down with “heavy, heavy dehydration” in Italy but was recovering well on a regimen of “push-ups, prayers and vitamins.” “It was like severe dehydration, influenza, and it was just a really, really bad situation,” Dirnt told MTV: News in a break for rehearsals for the VMAs, who show through.

“He woke up in the morning and it was bad. Let’s put it this way, if you’re in your hotel room and you’re vomiting profusely, it’s not fun. So what are you gonna do? It’s hard to sing while you’re puking,” he added. The band canceled a show in Bologna on Sunday but said they hoped to make their way back to the Italian city as soon as possible.

Los Angeles, 7 Sept— “Parks and Recreation” star Amy Poehler and her actor husband, Will Arnett, have split after nine years of marriage, celebrity magazine Us Weekly reported on Thursday. Poehler’s publicist confirmed to Reuters that the couple had decided to separate. The pair, who often appeared together on screen, have been married for nine years and have two young sons. “It’s very amicable,” an unnamed source told Us Weekly. Poehler, 40, is the star of TV comedy “Parks and Recreation” and became a household name performing on “Saturday Night Live.” Arnett, 42, is a Toronto native known for his roles on TV series including “ Arrested Development” and “Up All Night.” — Reuters

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But it was the most coveted award of the night—video of the year—and the Barbados-born superstar won it for her dizzying visual romp in hit single “We Found Love.”

“I love you guys! This is awesome,” Rihanna told her fans as she collected the Moonman trophy and showed off a new pixie haircut.

In a hip-hop-heavy show, rapper Nicki Minaj won best female video for “Starships,” while Chris Brown won two awards—best male video and best choreography for “Turn Up the Music.”

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The five baby-faced guys, contestants on the British version of TV singing contest “The X Factor,” beat Justin Bieber and Rihanna for best pop video, and fellow all-boy British outfit The Wanted as best new artists.

They also won the most-shareworthy video award—which was voted on by fans — for their debut hit single “What Makes You Beautiful” and later performed their latest release “One Thing” to hordes of screaming girls at the two-hour Los Angeles ceremony.

“The studio is amazing, to win is two incredible,” said Harry Styles, as the band collected the silver VMA trophy for best new artists.

“Thank you so much! We have grown up watching this show and to collect one of these straight away is incredible,” said a jubilant Niall Horan.

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Los Angeles, 7 Sept— Black Swan star Natalie Portman says the fashion industry is very surreal. The 31-year-old actress, who won French choreographer Benjamin Millepied in August after meeting him on the set of the 2009 hit, said at an event that the strangest moments of her life was being fitted for an haute couture gown in the middle of Benjamin’s family home, reported Contactmusic.

“Fashion has put me in some strange situations. I was being fitted for a Christian Dior couture dress last year at my husband Benjamin Millepied’s house. “His whole family were sitting there, just having a cup of tea, while all these amazing artisans worked around me to create this absolute incredible dress, that was pretty surreal,” she said.

The brunette beauty is widely admired for her classic and elegant look, but she said it is fun to take fashion risks and make drastic changes to her appearance. “I make many sacrifices for my job—if I’m in a period film, I know I can’t be a certain shape because I need to be able to adapt to the costume. “It is a lot of fun as an actor to be able to disguise yourself, like shaving my head in ‘V for Vendetta’. It’s good to surprise people and to be different from what they expect you to be.” — PTI

Redford acts in, directs thriller about ex-radical

Venice, 7 Sept— In “All the President’s Men,” Robert Redford famously played a reporter hunting clues that led to President Richard Nixon’s downfall. In “The Company You Keep,” the Oscar winner is the one who is hunted by a journalist, this time played by Shia LaBeouf. Unlike the 1976 account of the Watergate scandal, The Company You Keep is a fictional thriller based on a 2003 novel by Neil Gordon, and follows a former leftwing American militant whose past comes back to haunt him.

Redford plays Jim Grant, a respectable lawyer and widower with a young daughter whose life is thrown into turmoil when his secret identity, as a member of The Weather Underground decades earlier, is revealed by a tenacious reporter.

LaBeouf, one of several up-and-coming stars to feature at this year’s Venice film festival where the movie has its world premiere on Thursday, appears as Ben Shepard, an ambitious writer working for a struggling local newspaper.

When an ex-member of The Weather Underground (Susa Sarandon) gives herself up, he uncovers a network of former militants who went into hiding in the 1970s and are still wanted by the FBI for a robbery and murder.

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“We’re an athlete and we want to be competing against the very best in the world. We want to know that our jobs are at stake. It’s been an emotional year for me and to be able to win gold is really special.”—REUTERS

Soares, Makarova win US Open mixed doubles title

NEW YORK, 7 Sept—Russia’s Ekaterina Makarova and Brazil’s Bruno Soares completed an unlikely run to the US Open mixed doubles title by beating fourth-seeded Kveta Peschke of the Czech Republic and Marcin Matkowski of Poland on Thursday.

Makarova and Soares committed to the tournament at the last minute and the unseeded duo rode the partnership to a grand slam triumph when Peschke failed to return a baseline backhand from Makarova to end their tiebreak 12-10 after splitting the first two sets 6-7, 6-7.

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Novak Djokovic of Serbia

Chinese industry group strongly opposes EU’s solar anti-dumping probe

European Commission filed an antidumping investigation over Chinese photovoltaic (PV) products on Thursday. The commission said in a notice announcing the probe it will probe the possible dumping of solar energy products over the next two days. The probe is in response to a complaint filed by the EU in May from China’s Chamber of Commerce for Import and Export of Machinery and Electronic Products (CCCME). The commission said the probe will be completed in 18 months. "The EU Commission has been looking into the dumping of solar panels by Chinese exporters for two years," CCCME said. "However, no company has been found guilty. The EU Commission has no evidence of dumping. There is no basis for this investigation. This probe will not stop China from exporting its solar panels," CCCME said. The commission said the probe will be completed in 18 months. "The EU Commission has been looking into the dumping of solar panels by Chinese exporters for two years," CCCME said. "However, no company has been found guilty. The EU Commission has no evidence of dumping. There is no basis for this investigation. This probe will not stop China from exporting its solar panels," CCCME said.

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Staff workers check a photovoltaic product at a solar energy company in Hangzhou, capital of east China’s Zhejiang Province, on 24 May, 2012. European Commission filed an antidumping investigation over Chinese photovoltaic (PV) products on Thursday. The commission said in a notice announcing the probe it will probe the possible dumping of solar energy products over the next two days. The probe is in response to a complaint filed by the EU in May from China’s Chamber of Commerce for Import and Export of Machinery and Electronic Products (CCCME). The commission said the probe will be completed in 18 months. "The EU Commission has been looking into the dumping of solar panels by Chinese exporters for two years," CCCME said. "However, no company has been found guilty. The EU Commission has no evidence of dumping. There is no basis for this investigation. This probe will not stop China from exporting its solar panels," CCCME said. The commission said the probe will be completed in 18 months. "The EU Commission has been looking into the dumping of solar panels by Chinese exporters for two years," CCCME said. "However, no company has been found guilty. The EU Commission has no evidence of dumping. There is no basis for this investigation. This probe will not stop China from exporting its solar panels," CCCME said.

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Reparing of damaged bridge completed in Shwegu

Nampha Creek Bridge, damaged in torrent water and heavy rain recently, has been repaired on Mandalay-Shwegu-Bhamo Strategic Road near Ngaubogyi Village of Shwegu Township. The bridge is 40 feet long and 18 feet wide.

Canada PM says CNOOC’s Nexen bid to be closely studied

Vancouver, 7 Sept—Canada will study CNOOC’s $15.1 billion bid for oil producer Nexen particularly closely because the deal is large and the Chinese oil company is a state-owned administration department of Kachin State, Shwegu Township Administrator U Nyi Nyi, the district senior engineers, the district head of Irrigation Department and the district manager of District Agriculture Department inspected completion of the bridge on 21 August afternoon. They attended to the needs—Myanmar Alin

Canada’s Prime Minister Stephen Harper speaks during an event announcing the establishment of the Naau Shok’oh National Park Reserve, in Norman Wells, Northwest Territories on 22 Aug, 2012. —Reuters
Main purpose of Farmland Law enables all farmers across the country enjoy Land Use Right

NAV PYI TAW, 7 Sept—A course on Farmland Law, Vacant, Fallow and Virgin Land Management Law and Bylaws for Region/State Agriculture and Irrigation Ministers, was held at Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation, here, this morning, with an opening speech by Vice-President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Nyan Tun.

It was also attended by Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Aung, Ministry of Mines
(3) Dr Myint Aung
(4) U Kyaw Lwin
(5) U Win Shein
(6) Dr Kan Zaw
(7) U Maung Myint
(8) Dr Daw Myat Myat Ohn Khin
(9) Dr Ko Ko Oo
(10) U Htay Aung

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Ministry of Finance and Revenue
Ministry of National Planning and Economic Development
Ministry of Labour
Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement
Ministry of Science and Technology
Ministry of Hotels and Tourism

Vice-President U Nyan Tun said that the President has given guidance on five reforming tasks for the development of agriculture sector:

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