Pyithu Hluttaw Deputy Speaker sees off Parliamentary delegation

NAY PYI TAW, 9 Sept—At the invitation of US Senators Jim Webb and James M Inhofe, eight-member delegation led by Pyithu Hluttaw Bill Committee Chairman U T Khun Myat left for US to observe functions of US legislature yesterday. They were seen off by Deputy Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw U Nanda Kyaw Swa, Pyithu Hluttaw International Relations Committee Chairman U Hla Myint Ou and Hluttaw representatives at Yangon International Airport. The delegation comprised member of Pyithu Hluttaw Bill Committee U Saphen, Pyithu Hluttaw Public Accounts Committee Secretary U Maung Toe, Members of Amyotha Hluttaw Bill Committee U Tin Mya and Col Hla Tun, Member of Pyithu Hluttaw Rule of Law and Tranquility Committee Dr Zaw Myint Maung, Member of Amyotha Hluttaw Public Accounts Committee U Steven Thabeik and Member of Amyotha Hluttaw Government’s Guarantees, Pledges and Undertakings Vetting Committee U Tun Kyaw (a) U Aik Kyaw.

Views on Myanmar’s peace process exchanged between Myanmar and Indonesia, Philippines

NAY PYI TAW, 9 Sept—Members of Peace-making work Committee Union Ministers U Soe Thein, U Aung Min, U Khin Yi, U Ohn Myint, U Than Htay and Dr Kan Zaw, Deputy Minister U Aung Thein, Colonel Kyaw Soe Win of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief Office exchanged views with those who took part in peace process and conflict settlement in Philippines and Indonesia, under Centre for Humanitarian Dialogue programme, at Office No. 14 here this morning.

Present on the occasion were former Indonesian President Muhammad Jusuf Kalla, former Commander-in-Chief Endriartono Sutarto and former Human Rights and Judicial Affairs Minister Hamid Awaludin, Presidential Adviser on the peace process of Philippines Ms Teresita Quintos Deles, Chief of Staff (Retd) Alexander Yano, Professor Mariam Coronel Ferrer, Advisor to President Alma Evangelista and personnel of Center for Humanitarian Dialogue. Members of Peace-making work Committee said the country would be able to avoid wrongs and act more appropriately as it has learnt experiences, wrongs and success in peace processes of other countries. The country is in critical need of international support and assistance for peace process and the committee is committed to keep on working with peace-making process as a historic duty.

In the peace process of Indonesia, the innovations of those who led the movement was crucial and systematic formulation and implementation of policy was pivotal in the case of Philippines. Those are invaluable lessons for peace process of Myanmar. It would be required to take actions for creation of particular framework that can affect far and wide across the nation for national reconciliation like National Unification Council established in peace process of Philippines. Presidential Adviser on the peace process of Philippines Secretary Teresita Quintos Deles said she was satisfied with peace process of Myanmar. Though conflicts differ from one another, there are some cases from which lessons can be drawn. She said she assumed that the discussion and exchange of views is a way to bring about unity between countries building peace.

Former Indonesian President Muhammad Jusuf Kalla said he welcomed the success of peace process of Myanmar. He hoped that the country would be able to build eternal peace. Conflict settlement and peace-making are in urgent need for political stability, economic development and socio-economic development of citizens. Asia Office Regional Director of HD Centre Michael Vatikiotis said the centre would continue its active role in support for peace process of the country.

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YANGON, 9 Sept—Union Minister for Information U Aung Kyi recommended Myanmar Libraries Foundation to launch a TV channel to distribute more facts about publications as he met the chairperson, vice chairpersons and central executive committee members of Myanmar Libraries Foundation at Printing and Publishing Enterprise on Theinbyu Street here this morning.

He called for an emphasis on quality over quantity of libraries, stressing the need for winning combination of reforms and innovative ideas for sustainable development of rural libraries.

He underscored the role of the foundation as an essential institution for the nation, demanding the improved capability.

Union SWRRR Minister impressed with soccer glory

NAY PYI TAW, 9 Sept—Union Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Dr Daw Myat Myat Oo Khin praised fighting spirit of the ministry's football team which emerged champion of 2012 Inter-Ministry Football Tournament at the honouring ceremony at the ministry here yesterday morning.

The Union Minister boasted of her Ministry side's contribution to promotion of sports standards of the government.

District News

K 5000-top up cards to satisfy demands of telephone users

YANGON, 9 Sept—The good news has recently came out that Myanmar Posts and Telecommunication services will satisfy telephone users with sales of K 5000 pre-paid cards soon.

The news crew of Myanmar Alin daily had an interview with Principal U Kyaw Soc of Telecomunications and Postal Training Centres of MPT.

Instructions of Chief Justice of Union clarified

YANGON, 9 Sept—A ceremony to reconcile experiences from the third coordination meeting between Supreme Court of the Union and region/state high courts held in Nay Pyi Taw on 16 and 17 August took place at Mon State High Court in Mawlamyine on 2 September afternoon.

Chief Justice of Mon State U Khin Maung Giy explained instruction of the principal disclosed, "The good news is right. A plan is under way to issue pre-paid card worth K 5000 each for convenience of telephone users."

Telephone user people applauded the plan on issuance of new system pre-paid cards by MPT as part of efforts to ease difficulties of service personnel with lesser salaries.

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NAY PYI TAW, 9 Sept—Jointly-organized by Myanmar Judo Federation and The Solidarity of Japanese Attaché to Myanmar Mr. Victor Daniel Ramirez Pena, the Inter-Subject Research Show for Social Affairs U Aung Kyaw Min and the Rector of Magway University opened the ceremony and viewed research papers, teaching aids books and scale models. At the hall of Magway Basic Education High School No 1, the Region Chief Minister delivered an address at the ceremony to mark International Literacy Day of the Region. Region Education Officer U Chit Hway read the messages sent by the UNSG and the UNESCO Director- General. The Region Chief Minister awarded the students who won prizes in the essay and poster contests to mark International Literacy Day. The Region Chief Minister viewed books on various subjects, teaching aids, scale models and works of painting and posters.——MNA

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Appointment of Ambassador agreed on

NAY PYI TAW, 9 Sept—The Government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar has agreed to the appointment of Mr. Victor Daniel Ramirez Pena as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Cuba to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar.

Mr. Victor Daniel Ramirez Pena was born on 24 September 1952. In 1974 he obtained a Bachelor of Arts degree in International Relations and in 1982 he also earned a Bachelor of Law from University of Havana. He joined the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Cuba since 1975 and served in various capacities at the Cuban Embassies in India, Sri Lanka and Brazil. From 2001 to 2005, he served as Cuban Ambassador to St. Lucia and from 2009 to 2011 he also served as Cuban Ambassador to Libya. Mr. Victor Daniel Ramirez Pena is married and has a daughter. He will reside in Bangkok and will be concurrently accredited to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar.

A departmental personnel expressed his opinion that it was the good news; the users waited for refilling the pre-paid card till pay-day when top up card run out; so the users stopped out-going calls and waited for incoming calls only, and now they all were in convenient for calls.

A woman primary teacher of Kyimyindine Township showed off her thanks for the plan to distribute new top up cards worth K 5000 each.

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Poll: Obama widens lead over Romney despite jobs data

WASHINGTON, 9 Sept — President Barack Obama poses with crowd members after speaking at a campaign event at Natural Habitat Park Field on the St Petersburg College Seminole Campus in Florida on 8 Sept, 2012. Reuters

The latest daily tracking poll showed Obama, a Democrat, with a lead of 45 percentage points over Romney. Forty-seven percent of 1,457 likely voters surveyed online over the previous four days said they would vote for Obama if the 6 November elections were held today, compared with 43 percent for Romney, the Republican US presidential candidate.

The Democratic National Convention itself received a rather muted response in the poll. Of those registered voters who had heard, 31 percent said they had heard nothing at all, 41 percent rated it as “average” and 27 percent as “good.” The Republican National Convention that wrapped up 30 August in Tampa, Florida similarly was rated “average” by 38 percent and “good” by 27 percent in Saturday’s polling. The precision of the Reuters/Ipsos online polls is measured using a credibility interval of plus or minus 2.7 percentage points. — Reuters

Abbas: Palestinians to apply for UN status despite pressure

RAMALLAH, 9 Sept — Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas on Saturday stressed that a request for a non-member state would be submitted to the United Nations General Assembly this month despite pressure to cancel the Palestinian bid.

Abbas, speaking during a news conference at his West Bank office, said that “At the United Nations, we want to say that we are a state under occupation ... we already have 133 states recognizing Palestine with (East) Jerusalem as a capital.” The pressure by the United States aim to prevent the Palestinians from seeking the membership in the United Nations, but there are other “Arabs” who ceased their financial support to the Palestinian National Authority (PNA) in agreeing with the American position. The Obama administration wants the Palestinians to resume peace talks with Israel, which has been stalled since 2010 over a dispute on Jewish settlement building in the West Bank. The lack of fiscal support, added to the high living costs there, with observers seeing that Abbas-Fatah party directing the protests against Salam Fayyad, the prime minister who is not a member of Fatah.

But Abbas on Saturday supported US efforts by saying that the US-educated economist “is part of the PNA and all of us, including me, first, shoulder the responsibility.” Meanwhile, Abbas slammed his rival Hamas party, which controls the Gaza Strip, for banning “smuggling tunnels operating there and so obstructing reconstruction. There will be no dialogue without the Central Elections Commission working in Gaza,” he said. He also said that Hamas contributed to the PNA’s financial crisis by not sending taxes to the West Bank.

Hamas depends mainly on smuggling tunnels beneath Gaza’s northern borders with Egypt, and Abbas said that these tunnels created up to 1,000 tycoons in the coastal enclave. Israel imposed a blockade on the territory since Hamas routed pro-Abbas forces and took over the area in 2007. Abbas also indirectly criticized Egypt as its president Mohamed Morsi received Hamas’ Prime Minister Ismail Haneisa in Cairo Friday. “Whatever receives Haneisa as a prime minister helps the split,” Abbas said. The man was fired when Hamas wrested control of Gaza. Mori and Haneisa share similar Islamic views. Mori is an staunch supporter of the Muslim Brotherhood movement.

EU break-up would condemn it to “insignificance”: Italy’s president

EU CERNOBIO, (Italy), 9 Sept — The only possible future for the European Union (EU) is a strengthened economical and political governance, Italy’s President Giorgio Napolitano said on Saturday. In his video address to the Ambrosetti economic forum in northern Italy, Napolitano ruled out the possibility of an EU break-up, which would condemn the region to “insignificance” in the globalized world.

He noted the size of the region, which counts over 450 million people, is an obstacle for its cohesion, but building a stronger economic and political union is “the only possible direction of travel.” Pursuing collaboration-oriented policies at the national level will help strengthen “the architecture and governance” of the union, he said, calling on national leaders “to make of European policies a vividly-debated topic among common citizens.” He added no shifts should be created between stronger and weaker member states, but “every country must play its part.”

Speaking of crisis-hit Italy, Napolitano said problems to be solved are still “complex.” The emergency government of technocrats led by Prime Minister Mario Monti over the past 10 months has strengthened the country’s financial sustainability and credibility on the international level.
**Science**

**UK paraplegic woman first to take robotic suit home**

A British woman paralyzed from the chest down by a horse riding accident has become the first person to take home a robotic exoskeleton that enables her to walk. Although bionic exoskeletons have been used in hospitals and rehabilitation centers, Claire Lomas is the first to take the ReWalk suit home for everyday use. Lomas earlier this year used the suit to complete the London Marathon in 17 days, raising about 200,000 pounds ($317,900) for research into spinal damage, and she was recently given the job of lighting the Paralympic cauldron in Trafalgar Square.

But she said more routine activities are equally gratifying. “One of the best experiences was standing at a bar,” she said. “To be stood up in this means everything to me.” Larry Jasinski, chief executive of Argo Medical Technologies, the company that developed the suit, told Reuters he was initially nervous about backing the marathon bid because the suit was still being tested but Lomas said it held up well. “The suit was really reliable in the worst weather and I got there 17 days later,” she said. The exoskeleton is activated by the wearer tilting their balance to indicate the desire to take a step. It supports the body’s weight and also allows the person to go up or down stairs, as well as sit or stand up independently.

It costs 45,000 pounds and although clinical studies are ongoing that could back a case for health authorities to fund purchases of the device, the developers argue that savings on the treatment of ailments related to inactivity could offset the cost. Paralyzed people are prone to pressure sores and a loss of bone density, as well as problems linked to poor posture. Jasinski said estimates on the cost of treating these range from $500,000 to $3 million over a patient’s life. The company estimates that of the 6 million wheelchair users in the US and Europe, around 250,000 could be suitable for using the ReWalk device.

Another experiment reported in July saw FMRI used by a man at Bar-Ilan University in Israel to control the movements of a robot thousands of miles away at Beziers Technology Institute in France.

Lomas said that after her accident she rejected pleas from doctors to give up on the idea of using her legs, saying she wanted to be an active woman before her 2007 accident, “I didn’t want to have a big stomach and spindly legs.” Since the accident she has got married, had a child, and next year plans a London-to-Paris bicycle ride using a so-called “Super Wi-Fi” network. The “Super Wi-Fi” was first named by the United States Federal Communications Commission for unused TV broadcast frequency bands, known as “white spaces,” which is planned to use for the creation of longer-distance wireless internet.

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By using the unused broadcasting spectrum, the government can reduce the tension caused by explosive growth of wireless data traffic. The trial is firstly conducted in Singapore Island Country Club, Changi and the National University of Singapore by a local group comprising Microsoft, StarHub and the city-state’s Institute for Infocomm Research, targeting to explore and promote the use of “Super Wi-Fi” to deliver commercial wireless broadband services.

**Technology**

**EU says Microsoft pledged to meet antitrust requests on browsers**

CORNEDDO, (Italy), 9 Sept—Software giant Microsoft is ready to introduce measures that would appease the European Union’s antitrust concerns about users’ ability to choose between different browsers, European Commissioner Joaquin Almunia said on Saturday.

EU antitrust regulators are investigating whether Microsoft blocks computer makers from installing rival web browsers on its upcoming Windows 8 operating system, following complaints from several companies. Almunia is in charge of antitrust enforcement at the European Commission.

“The affair is part of an investigation opened in July into the world No 1 software company’s failure to offer users a choice of rival web browsers which it had agreed with regulators three years ago. In its latest spat with the US group, the EU watchdog is also looking into allegations that Microsoft does not provide access to complete interfaces (APIs) for non-default browsers in Windows 8.

Separately, Almunia said he was in favor of extending a temporary authorization for state aid for stricken Franco-Belgian bank Dexia beyond a 30 September deadline. “But the most important thing is to advance on a final, structural solution of the future of the Dexia group,” he said.

**Singapore begins pilot deployments of “Super Wi-Fi” networks**

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**Half of women may have sleep apnea**

New York, 9 Sept.—Fully half of the 400 women given overnight sleep tests in a new Swedish study turned out to have mild-to-severe sleep apnea, according to a report in this month’s Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences.

In the random population sample of adult women who answered a questionnaire and were monitored while sleeping, half experienced at least five episodes an hour when they stopped breathing for longer than 10 seconds, the minimum definition of sleep apnea.

Among women with hypertension or who were obese—two risk factors for sleep apnea—the numbers were even higher, reaching 80 to 84 percent of women. Many of the women in the study represent mild cases of sleep apnea. “How important is the mild sleep apnea,

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**ECONOMY**

**China, Russia sound alarm on world economy**

BEIJING, 9 Sept.—China and Russia sounded the alarm about the state of the global economy at a summit on Saturday and urged Asian-Pacific countries to protect themselves by forging deeper regional economic ties.

Chinese President Hu Jintao said Beijing would do all it could to strengthen the recovery of a global recovery by rebalancing its economy, Asia’s biggest.

Russian President Vladimir Putin said trade links to develop his country’s economic ties.

Beijing would play its role, he said, in strengthening the recovery. “We will work to maintain the balance between keeping steady and robust growth, adjusting the economic structure and managing inflation expectations,” he said.

Putin spelled out plans for a $7 billion agreement with Japan to develop its transportation network.

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BoE chief economist Spencer Dale stressed that “if output growth remains weak, we will need to assess carefully developments in potential and a government super of aggressive rate cuts.

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**China August inflation at 2 percent, narrows room to ease**

BEIJING, 9 Sept.—China’s annual rate of consumer inflation ticked up to 2.0 percent in August from July’s 1.8 percent, official data showed on Monday, suggesting that room to ease monetary policy to shore up growth may be narrowing.

Economists polled by Reuters had forecast inflation to pick up to 2.0 percent in August.

Month on month, however, inflation was at or ahead of forecasts, up 0.6 percent in August versus July.

Analysts had anticipated a rise of 0.5 percent. Food inflation was up 3.4 percent on a year ago while non-food prices rose 1.4 percent.

“Inflation is coming back quickly. Together with rising home prices, it will limit the scope for further policy relaxation,” said Dong Xian’an, economist with Peking First Advisory.

Separately, the National Bureau of Statistics said China’s producer price index dropped 3.5 percent in August from a year earlier, which compared to forecasts for a 3.3 percent decline.

It marked the sixth straight month of producer price deflation, putting a further squeeze on corporate profits already damped by a drop-off in demand at home and abroad courtesy of global economic headwinds stemming from Europe’s sovereign debt crisis.

Investors widely expect the central bank to ease monetary conditions further as part of the government’s campaign of “policy fine-tuning” unveiled in the autumn of 2011.

The People’s Bank of China has cut interest rates and reduced reserve requirements since August 2011.

In a speech at a conference in Dublin, Buffett chief economist Spencer Dale stressed that "destabilising factors and risks are being driven by a number of factors, including the debt crisis in Europe, the decline in commodity prices and the slowing of economic growth in China.

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Tornado sweeps out beachfront neighbourhood in New York City

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Teenagers attack Abu Ta’ah in Rockaway
INTERNATIONAL NEWS

EU needs to help stem regional water conflicts

PAPHOS, (Cyprus), 9 Sept — European governments must wield their influence and engineering skills more effectively to prevent conflicts over water supply that could threaten global security, the European Union’s policy chief Catherine Ashton said. The EU has a strategic interest in ensuring stability in regions with some of the world’s biggest water problems, including North Africa after the Arab Spring and Central Asia which holds crucial energy resources. Ashton said the Nile basin was a particular concern.

“If managed well, the Nile holds the potential to catalyze regional integration and to help bring prosperity and stability to a vast area,” she said in a video released late on Friday to Reuters’ questions. “If handled poorly, each of the Nile countries could feel the negative consequences in their economic and social development.” Along the Nile, growing demand for water due to population growth, foreign investment and climate change puts Egypt’s new government against upstream states such as South Sudan, Ethiopia and Rwanda, who are frustrated by what they see as Cairo’s disproportionately large share of the river’s water.

In central Asia, one of the world’s driest places, poor Soviet-era planning has left countries heavily dependent on thirsty crops such as cotton and grain, leading to tensions over water use and dam construction. Uzbek President Islam Karimov said on Friday a dispute over water resources risks provoking military conflict in the former Soviet region. Ashton, who was hosting a meeting of EU foreign ministers in Cyprus where police start searching house of Britons shot dead in French Alps

French police officers speak with their British counterparts as they arrive at the home of Saad al-Hilli in Claygate, south of London on 8 Sept, 2012. Reuters

PARIS, 9 Sept — French and British police began searching the house on Saturday of a British man shot dead in the French Alps with his wife and another woman and a state prosecutor said the man’s brother would be officially questioned as part of the investigations. Forensic experts who performed autopsies on the three victims and a passing local cyclist who was also shot, determined all four had been shot twice directly in the head.

“The four people were killed by several bullets and considered for the murders and the brother of Saad al-Hilli, the Iraqi-born British driver, would be formally questioned. He said he understood the brother had denied any dispute with the man who lived in Sarrey, south of London. “It’s clear that during an investigation we will try and find out as much about the life of the Hilli family,” Maillaud said.

The prosecutor said investigators had gleaned little from the “troubling” that on Friday with the four-year-old girl, who is in a psychiatric hospital in the city of Grenoble, accompanied by a British embassy staff. He said members of the family had arrived on site to say who they were.

Police hope Hilli’s seven-year-old daughter, who was still in an artificial coma in a Grenoble hospital after suffering serious skull fractures, will be able to eventually provide more information. “The two girls are doing as well as can be expected,” Maillaud said. Reuters

EUROPE

Austerity necessary to regain credibility: Greek PM

ATHENS, 9 Sept — Greek Prime Minister Antonis Samaras on Saturday stressed that Greek citizens suffer from recession due to rounds of painful spending cuts to counter the crisis since 2010.

He underlined, however, that there is no alternative way at the moment rather than the implementation of an additional 11.5 billion-euro (14.7 billion US dollars) austerity package to 2014. The reduction of deficits and the acceleration of the structural reform parts of the bailout deals with EU and International Monetary Fund (IMF) are the keys to regain the trust of creditors and unlock further rescue loans this autumn, NAR liquidity needs to work.

In the former Soviet region. Ashton, who was hosting a meeting of EU foreign ministers in Cyprus where

water security was discussed, the bloc would offer its know-how in order to help counter the region’s terrorism and the EU’s Central Asia’s...catastrophe we had to restore the balance of the budget. “In order to cstra our efforts to help the region in this direction,” she said.

The world population predicted to grow to more than 9 billion in 2050, from 7 billion, demand for food is expected to increase by 70 percent in the next four decades, said United Nations forecasts show, putting unprecedented strain on water resources. “Water shortages mean water quality, droughts and floods are likely to affect many places...over the next few years and this can lead to instability and insecurity, which could have a direct bearing on Europe,” Ashton said. Reuters

AFGHANISTAN

Teenage bomber kills six near NATO HQ

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Differences of over 60 million people

It is usual that people have differences as they have different origins, different backgrounds, different beliefs, different ideas and different visions. But the more important issue here is every one’s right to express the differences freely and openly, because we will be able to solve the problems, settle the disputes, establish mutual understanding and foster sympathetic minds only if we know the differences of each and everyone.

If the open and independent expression of public differences is denied or people’s voices of differences cannot be heard, honesty will be lost together with the courage of finding or speaking out the truth as difference is natural in all human societies where diversity ever exists.

Moreover, misdeeds and wrongdoings such as corruption, immorality, bribery and unfaithfulness will find their place in a society that abandons the truth.

Let alone a community or an institution, even a family has differences. So, it’s not unusual that differences exist everywhere in human society. Differences may be sometimes like fire. They can destroy a happy marriage, a firm organization or even a powerful empire (history has many proofs). But through clever and wise tactics and tolerance and transparency, they can be useful or they can even become a constructive power as opposite forces when working in harmony generate powerful energy and strength.

Negotiations and compromises, coordination and cooperation, candidness and sincerity, and forbearance and lucidity are the basic forces for converting differences into agreements, enmities into amities, diversity into unity, enemies into friends, segregation into integration, and weakness into strength.

Accordingly, we must acknowledge and accept the differences, instead of denying or hiding them. We must find out the differences among the communities, institutions or localities or even in the whole country, and seek ways that will mitigate them or solve them.

More importantly, we must turn the diverse ideas and views or in other words “differences” of over 60 million Myanmar people into powerful consolidated force towards our goal—a genuine democratic state.
Union CPT Minister inspects tasks for mobile network extension

**NAY PI TAW, 9 Sept—**Union Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs U’Thein Tun visited Network Management Centre in Dekkhinathiri Township here yesterday.

He inspected auxiliary power system and security systems.

He then inspected installation of BTS machines for GSM/UMTS mobile network extension at Mile post No. 285 highway terminal on Nay Pyi Taw-Mandalay Expressway.

The Union Minister then inspected BSC room and fibre transmission cables for GSM/UMTS mobile network extension in Pakokku Auto-exchange.

**Union Energy Minister calls for bold reforms**

**NAY PI TAW, 9 Sept—**“The ministry could achieve success in both upstream and downstream sections of the energy sector. The operating ratio stands at approximately 49.06 per cent in five years beginning 2006-2007. The projected ratio for 2012-2013 fiscal year is 57.17 per cent. The ministry should not be content with current success but is to exert greater efforts for contribution to national economic performance and better service delivery. The staff personnel are to make self-assessment while evaluating the objective conditions of own department and the ministry in comparison with international norms and are to make reforms as necessary” said Union Minister for Energy U Than Htay at coordination meeting of the ministry on national development planning at the ministry hereon 9 September.

The Union Minister said that there are only two driving forces in implementing a piece of work, principle and personnel. The upper hierarchy needs to adopt proper policy and management system as necessary and the staff personnel are to try hard to change their mindset and ensure self-improvement. Energy sector development strategies are to be formulated considering the present economic, political and social status of the country. Deputy Minister U Htin Aung, director-general and managing- directors and participants made suggestions for energy sector development and reform.—MNA

**National Sports**

**Basketball championships wrap up**

**YANGON, 9 Sept—**Double Golden Horses battery factory secured champion in the final match against Fire Wolf team with a 66-55 points result in the Men’s Open Basketball Event of the National Basketball Championships 2012 and the U-18 Basketball Tournament on 7 September.

DGH men’s team and A&K women’s team possessed championship trophies due to three years successive victories.

In the U-18 event, Venom emerged champion.

Officials of Ministry of Sports and Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation awarded winners in the tournaments.—Myanma Alin

**District News**

**Blast in pounding gunpowder leaves one death**

**TACHILEK, 9 Sept—**Aik Shan, 36, son of U Auk Haung of No. 2/46 in Region 2 of Mekhaung Ward in Tachilek pounded gunpowder into a bottle of pesticide on the vacant plot between No. 2/44 and 2/45 houses at 1:45 pm on 5 September to use as fireworks in Wethayata Festival of Shan tradition.

An explosion occurred from the pounding gunpowder. In the blast, Aik Shan died on the spot with loss of left leg and injuries at a half of face and waist. Tachilek Police Station opened a file of lawsuit against death case.—Myanma Alin

**Kicks of drunkard kill son**

**NYAUNGZEBIN, 9 Sept—**While Ohnma Kyaw, 18 of Shwekantze 3rd Street in Myoma Ward in Nyaungzbin Township was breastfeeding her son, one month old on 3 September, her husband Kyaw Htay, 28, arrived back home. Due to crying of child, the drunkard husband kicked her wife, but the kick hit her hand and then head of baby. Moreover, the drunkard blew her wife and it deflected to his son. The baby died on the spot.

The wife opened a file of lawsuit at Nyaungzbin Police Station that took action against the drunkard under Pa/324/2012 and Section 302/325 of the Criminal Law.—Kyaw Hlaing

**Chief Minister’s Cup Inter-District U-25 Football Tournament commences**

**HINTHADA, 9 Sept—**The Ayeyawady Region Chief Minister’s Cup Inter-District U-25 Football Tournament was kicked off at the people’s sports ground in Hinthada Township on 4 September with an address by Region Minister for Forestry and Mines U Soe Myint.

Outstanding athletes will be picked up from the tournament for training them in the camp to be able to show off their brilliant football skills in the sports festival to be held in Nay Pyi Taw in January 2013.—Myanma Alin

**National race ministers sightseeing Nay Pyi Taw**

Region and State national race ministers went sightseeing Nay Pyi Taw including Planetarium, Zoological Garden and Safari Park. They also visited Chaungmagyi Dam, City Golf Course, Wunnatheikdi Advanced stadium project and staff quarters.

**Indian entrepreneurs to invest in Myanmar**

Republic of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry and Indian entrepreneurs discussed bilateral trade, promotion of border trade, investment of Indian entrepreneurs in education, agriculture, health, services and transport infrastructures, cultivation of cotton and establishment of cotton ginning factory in Sagaing Region, direct flight of India-Myanmar aviation on 30 August.

**Asian Cement Trade Seminar 13-14 Sept**

A seminar on cement trade and businesses of Asian countries will be held at Sedona Hotel on 13 and 14 September. The seminar will mainly be attended by entrepreneurs from China which is the top cement producing country, Indian businesses and cement exporters from Thailand for enabling local cement entrepreneurs to have cement production and better techniques.

**Ayeya Chief Minister honours victorious athletes**

Ayeyawady Region All-round Development Foundation held a meeting at hall of Ayeyawady Region Government on 7 September with an address by Region Chief Minister U’Thein Aung. The meeting focused on aims, formation, undertakings, financial and general matters. The Region Chief Minister then awarded victorious sports teams representing the region and gave cash award K 4,120,000 to athletes.

**Yangon Region Chief Minister inspects two overpasses**

Yangon Region Chief Minister U Myint Swe inspected progress of Hledan Junction Overpass Project in Kamayut Township on 7 September. The Region Chief Minister met responsible persons at Bayintnaung Junction Overpass Project in Hline Township and left necessary instructions.

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Multiple bombings kill five, wound dozens in northern Iraq

Shiite and one Sunni, the source told Xinhua on condition of anonymity. The fifth attack was a car bombing targeting a police patrol. “Our report says at least five people were killed and 65 others wounded in the five attacks which happened this morning,” the source said. Most of the dead were Shiite worshippers and a number of policemen were among the wounded, he added.

Kirkuk, some 250 km north of Baghdad, is a major oil hub and multi-ethnic community. It is part of the disputed areas between Kurds, Arabs and Turkmens. The area has long been a hornet’s nest of insurgency since the US-led invasion in 2003. Xinhua

First world young artists festival opens in Britain

London, 9 Sept — The World Event Young Artists 2012, the first of such cultural festivals ever held for young artists, kicked off on Friday.

The festival, which takes place this week in Nottingham city, central England, is an annual event that includes exhibitions, concerts and workshops. More than 40 Chinese artists aged between 16 and 30 have brought their works, including paintings, sculptures, installation art, works, photos and music to the event. “World Event Young Artists is a rare opportunity to see the work of creative talents from all corners of globe, but what makes it genuinely unique is the opportunity to meet all the artists involved,” said Silke Pilling, director of the event.

Terry Shave, a professor with the Nottingham Trent University, said: “Following the successful UK Young Artists event that took place in Derby in 2010, we perceived a need to provide a platform, here in the UK, for emerging young artists to collaborate with their international counterparts within a large scale, cross-art form festival environment.”

European Confucius institutes gather in Vienna

Vienna, 9 Sept — Delegates of 47 Confucius institutes from 22 European countries attended the 2012 Joint Conference of European Confucius Institutes at the opening ceremony in University of Vienna on Friday. The three-day conference is held specifically for the Confucius institutes established no longer than three years ago to exchange their experience.

Confucius institutes and Chinese teaching are flourishing in Europe in recent years, which serve as a window for Europeans to understand Chinese culture. There have been 132 Confucius institutes established in 34 European countries, with a total enrollment of over 97,000 European students. Liu Min, head of Confucius Institute for Traditional Chinese Medicine, said Xinhua that foreigners are increasingly interested in learning Chinese language, history and culture, while many students won job opportunities thanks to learning Chinese. Xinhua

Agricultural commodity futures trading mixed on weather issues

Chicago, 9 Sept — Chicago corn and wheat futures rose on Friday while soybean futures fell, as weather concerns offered some underlying support and traders positioned themselves ahead of Monday’s report from the US Department of Agriculture (USDA). The most active corn contract for December delivery edged up one cent, or 0.13 percent, to close at 7.995 dollars per bushel.

December wheat rose 13.25 cents, or 1.49 percent, to settle at 9.05 dollars per bushel. November soybeans fell 10.5 cents, or 0.6 percent, to close at 17.365 dollars per bushel.

The gains saw a mixed session on Friday, despite the positive outside market for soybean and corn futures, as traders believe adverse conditions in other parts of the world could increase demand for the US crop. Xinhua

Chile, HK ink free trade accord

Santiago, 9 Sept — Chilean President Sebastian Pinera on Friday signed a Free Trade Agreement (FTA) with China’s Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HK SAR) to boost bilateral trade which currently stands at more than 500 million dollars. At a sideline event of the 20th summit of Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) in the Russian city of Vladivostok, Pinera said the accord contained and expanded on almost every aspect of interest to both parties.

The accord aims to join the forces of Hong Kong’s innovative and technologically advanced economy with Chile’s, “which is also an economy that is growing, that is known that is progressing towards fulfilling its objective of turning Chile into a developed country,” said Pinera.

According to the latest Global Competitiveness Report, released this week by the World Economic Forum (WEF), Chile’s economy is the most competitive in Latin America, ranking 33rd among a list of 144 countries worldwide.

Arriving in Vladivostok, Pinera said Chile was “eager to participate in the issues proposed by this APEC summit, including free trade, combating protectionism, transparency and the fight against corruption.” Chile is attending the summit with the “firm intention of starting Free Trade Agreement negotiations with Indonesia and of starting feasibility studies with Russia and other countries,” he added.

Summit members are also dwelling on food security and innovative development, “topics of interest to Chile, in which we hope to not only take part, but also contribute,” said Pinera. Hong Kong has one of the world’s most open and competitive economies, especially in providing financial and maritime services. —Xinhua

Photo taken on 5 Sept, 2012 shows a scene of a training of the Chinese People’s Liberation Army (PLA) Navv seaside Fleet in the Yellow Sea. —Xinhua
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Chinese President, Canadian PM discuss cooperation

Chinese President Hu Jintao (R) meets with Canadian Prime Minister Stephen Harper in Vladivostok, east Russia, on 9 Sept, 2012. — Xinhua

Vladivostok, 9 Sept — Chinese President Hu Jintao met Canadian Prime Minister Stephen Harper here on Sunday to discuss the development of strategic partnership between their two countries. The two leaders met on the sidelines of the Economic Leaders’ Meeting of the Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC), which has convened in the Russian Far-Eastern city on Saturday and Sunday.

Hu said he and Prime Minister Harper reached consensus on a number of major issues at the G20 summit in Los Cabos, Mexico. The Chinese president appreciated Harper’s efforts to promote the Canada-China friendly cooperation in various fields. Harper said Canada and China have further cemented their trade and economic relations as well as mutual investment after forging the strategic partnership.

The two countries are making an assessment of the complementarity between their two economies, Harper said, adding that a bilateral agreement on foreign investment protection would be inked on Sunday.

Following the meeting, the two sides are expected to sign the Foreign Promotion and Protection Agreement, Chinese diplomats said. China and Canada announced the conclusion of negotiations on the deal in February, when Harper visited China. The China-Canada relations have made steady progress since the two countries established diplomatic ties in 1970. They decided to upgrade their relations to the strategic partnership during Hu’s visit to Canada in September 2005.

The two countries have enlarged cooperation in the fields of trade and economy, energy and resources, education, culture, judiciary and law enforcement in recent years. Chinese officials said the two sides should continue to promote the strategic partnership, expand mutually beneficial cooperation and cultural exchanges, while respecting each other’s major interests and properly handling sensitive issues for healthy and steady development of bilateral ties.— Xinhua

International investment, trade fair kick off in Xiamen

Xiamen, 9 Sept — More than 600 delegations from 110 countries and regions gathered on Saturday in the southeastern city of Xiamen to attend the 16th China International Fair for Investment and Trade (CIFIT). The fair, sponsored by China’s Ministry of Commerce (MOC), aims to facilitate global investment flows through the hosting of bilateral and multilateral economic promotion activities.

The forum this year, which runs from Saturday to Tuesday, will feature topics such as new forces driving economic development, cross-border investments and global capital flows. “We look to using the platform to deepen investment exchanges and help restore the global economy back to shape,” said Vice Minister of Commerce Guo Shuqing said at the opening ceremony. China’s economic strides in recent years have made it an attractive destination for foreign investment.

Official statistics showed foreign direct investment in China reached 116 billion US dollars in 2011. Meanwhile, China’s “go global” strategy had fuelled the country’s outbound direct investment (ODI) growth. Last year’s ODI increased 8.5 percent year on year to 74.6 billion US dollars, ranking the sixth worldwide, according to the MOC.— Xinhua

Rescue in full swing after quakes claim 80 lives in SW China

Yiliang, 9 Sept — China is pouring aid into a mountainous area in Yunnan Province after multiple earthquakes on Friday had killed 80 people and injured more than 800 others. More than 11,000 tents, 8,500 quilts, 6,000 coats and other relief materials including bottled water and rice have been delivered to the hardest-hit Yiliang County in Zhaotong City, and more are on the way, the rescue headquarters said on Saturday.

State and provincial civil affairs authorities earlier said they had sent 21,000 tents, 31,000 quilts and 26,000 winter coats to Yunnan for disaster relief. The headquarters said another 820 people were injured in the two quakes, which hit an area near Yiliang County in Yunnan and Weining County in Guizhou Province at 11:39 and 12:16 pm Friday, respectively, and were followed by more than 60 aftershocks. Some 200,000 people in Yunnan have been relocated, as more than 6,000 houses had been destroyed and another 430,000 damaged.— Xinhua

Reserve currency diversification key to global financial stability

Vladivostok, 9 Sept — The world needs diversified reserve currencies as a necessary condition for the stability of global financial system, Russian President Vladimir Putin said here Saturday. “If we want to get rid of unnecessary derivatives and raise the discipline and stability of the global financial system, we must go over to a multitude of global reserve currencies,” Putin said at a meeting between APEC leaders and the APEC Business Advisory Council (ABAC).

If there was only one global reserve currency, the issues of the currency would always be tempted to use it in its own interests, Putin warned. This situation will lead to the harm to the issuer itself and the violation of fundamental principles of the global financial system, he added. The president noted that building a diversified reserve currency system was a difficult but correct work, adding that the United States, as a chief issuer, was also involved in such a process. “So it would be possible to find forms of joint action that won’t destroy anything but would create new opportunities for the stabilization of the world economy,” Putin said. He also suggested using the currencies of some APEC member economies for that purpose.

The ABAC was a primary platform for dialogue between the political and business elites within the framework of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) forum.— Xinhua
Zetas cartel feuds augur more blood, fear in Mexico

SAN LUIS POTOSI, 9 Sept — The most brutal drug cartel in Mexico appears to be rupturing with its own disorder as its leaders turn their guns on each other in a twist to the city’s turf wars that has threatened a new wave of bloodshed and chaos. The killing of Zetas by Zetas, including the massacre of 14 suspected gang members on the outskirts of the city of San Luis Potosi last month, springs from an internal feud between the cartel’s supreme commander and his deputy, Mexican investigators say.

As much as the Mexican government and rival gangs may welcome discord in the Zetas’ ranks, an explosion of violence ordered by its notoriously bloodthirsty leaders could be a major headache for President-elect Enrique Peña Nieto. He takes office on 1 December and has vowed to quickly reduce the number of shootouts and mass executions seen over the past six years. But if the Zetas cartel were to break in two, it could unleash havoc, as its 10,000-plus gunmen fight for control of local trafficking networks and smuggling routes. “It’s a real problem. It’s like if the HIV virus mutates. Then you have to find two vaccines,” said a Mexican military officer who has been battling the Zetas across the country.

Some officials tout the split as evidence of the successor security forces have had in cracking down on the Zetas, from stings on their US assets to assaults by Mexican marines on their urban safe houses and guerrilla-style from their mountain bases. “There’s no question there has been a boon for security forces as Zetas operates inform on their former colleagues. And another beneficiary of the chaos is Mexico’s most-wanted man, Joaquin “Shorty” Guzman, boss of the powerful Sinaloa Cartel that has increasingly been linked to the fight for control against Zetas across much of the country.

Police trucks are parked underneath a bridge at a crime scene in San Luis Potosi on 6 Sept., 2012. — Reuters

Soda tax war taking shape in two California cities

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Two small California cities are the latest battlegrounds in the $111 billion US soda industry’s fight to defend its near-perfect record of defeating proposed taxes on sugary drinks. In November, in cash-strapped Richmond and El Monte will decide whether to pass penny-per-ounce taxes on sugar-sweetened drinks to bolster municipal coffers and close budget gaps and fight obesity.

A sign protesting the proposed Richmond beverage tax is pictured in Richmond, California on 1 Sept., 2012. — Reuters

UK

LONDON, 9 Sept — The chief executive of Britain’s biggest retail bank Lloyds has joined calls for a radical change within the industry, saying it must make a break with the culture of the past in order to restore the trust of customers. UK banks have been hit by a series of scandals including interest rate rigging and the mis-selling of financial products, heightening disillusionment among Britons who already blame them for the 2008 financial crisis — which resulted in Lloyds and Royal Bank of Scotland being bailed out by the taxpayer.

"Issue-by-issue and scandal-by-scandal the faith and trust in our industry has been eroded. Why? Because I believe that many banks lost sight of their core values and became compliant, non-customer-focused and inefficient," Chief Executive Antonio Horta-Osorio said in a speech at the CBI Scotland Annual Dinner in Glasgow on Thursday. Horta-Osorio said the industry cannot continue bumbling from crisis to crisis and a different approach was required including changes to how banks serve their customers and pay employees at all levels.

Lloyds CEO calls for radical change at UK banks

Discussions come a day after Britain’s Financial Services Authority (FSA) gave banks 18 months to stamp out incentives that encourage misselling or false action. At a Thomson Reuters Newsmaker event on Wednesday, the FSA’s managing director Martin Wheatley said it was time to tackle incentives for sales staff as banks were no longer serving customers properly. The FSA said it had started enforcement action against one firm which source told Reuters was Lloyds. Horta-Osorio, who joined Lloyds from Santander at the start of 2011, said in his speech that banks and their regulators should "forge a new relationship."

"It cannot be in anyone’s interest to enter into the long legal disputes of the past. Now is the time to move on." Horta-Osorio said Lloyds was committed to ensuring pay is increasingly linked to the long-term performance of the bank. For customer-facing staff, he said there would be less emphasis on hitting sales targets which have been blamed for encouraging misselling. "In recent years the structure of variable pay in banking has changed too much on sales targets. — Reuters

Hurricane Isaac costs US state over 100 m USD

HOUSTON, 9 Sept — Louisiana state agencies have spent more than 100 million US dollars to deal with Hurricane Isaac and the costs are expected to rise, a local news website said on Thursday.

The costs, estimated at 116 million US dollars, include money used to mobilize the National Guard, set up shelters, provide food and water to hurricane-affected residents as well as pay state employees for storm response, according to the website NOLA.com. The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) was expected to cover at least 75 percent of the costs, and the state has to cover the remaining 29 million dollars in costs, said the report.

Launch of the UN!

Brazil’s President Dilma Rousseff participates in the meeting of the Economic and Social Development at the Planalto Palace in Brasilia on 30 Aug., 2012.

Brazilian President Dilma Rousseff cut power rates to sharpen Brazil’s edge

BRASILIA, 9 Sept — Brazilian President Dilma Rousseff announced sweeping cuts to electricity rates on Thursday in a new effort to lower some of the world’s highest business costs that are stifling a once-booming emerging-markets star.

In a widely anticipated announcement, Rousseff said that cuts could drop industrial electricity rates by as much as 28 percent, while residential consumers would see rates fall on average by 16.2 percent.

With growth in the world’s sixth-largest economy stalled for nearly a year now, Rousseff’s measures will bring needed relief to local industries that are losing market share to foreign competitors that have lower costs. "This reduction in the cost of the electricity will make our productive sector even more competitive,” Rousseff said in a televised address to the nation ahead of the country’s independence day on 7 September. She said cuts will take effect from early 2013 but did not detail how the government plans to carry out those orders. Officials have said the administration plans to reduce federal taxes on electricity producers.

Lylonian Governor Bobby Jindal is reportedly asking the federal government to cover a larger portion of the costs. Hurricane Isaac struck the Gulf Coast last week, with heavy rains in southern Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama and officials reported a storm surge that led to widespread flooding.

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

The full scope of the damage Isaac left behind in Louisiana is not yet clear. Emergency officials said earlier this week that at least 13,000 homes were damaged. — Xinhua

Dilma Rousseff, a trained economist, has pushed ahead with more than a dozen stimulus measures such as tax cuts and subsidized lending to pull the economy out of the lull. However, growth continues to disappoint and industry leaders say her targeted measures miss meeting more structural challenges. — Reuters

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**NEW LIGHT OF MYANMAR**

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**ENTERTAINMENT**

**Leisure-oriented looks hit runways at New York Fashion Week**

New York, 9 Sept—Fashion world trendwatchers were validated on Friday when collections by top designers Nicole Miller and Charlotte Ronson exhibited the predicted influences of casual, athletic and leisure wear.

Miller, a favourite of professional women for her wearable, stylish and confident designs, ventured into a more playful arena for spring 2013, with a dominant theme of floral prints configured in geometric shapes, and tight leggings in stretch leather or mottled prints.

**Toronto Film Fest showcases literary tried and true**

TORONTO, 9 Sept.—Call it renewed appreciation for literary classics or merely further evidence of Hollywood shying away from unproven material, this year’s Toronto Film Festival slate is heavy with literary adaptations, some of which may make a splash during the Oscar season. “Cloud Atlas,” “The Master” and “Silver Linings Playbook,” both based on recent best-sellers, are among the most eagerly anticipated titles set to unspool at the festival, which is considered part of the opening bell for the Hollywood awards season.

Classic novels, such as Leo Tolstoy’s “Anna Karenina,” Charles Dickens’ “Great Expectations,” and Jack Kerouac’s “On the Road,” are also experiencing their predicted influences of casual, athletic and leisure wear. The collection, which Miller dubbed “Batteries Not Included” and was meant to suggest improbable juxtapositions, 1980s surrealist art, digital nature and sci-fi, used a palette of teal, soft greys, pink, mushroom and the ubiquitous black.

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**South Korean movie “Pieta” wins Venice Golden Lion**

VENICE, 9 Sept.—South Korean movie “Pieta”, an ultra-violent story of a loan shark confronted by a mysterious woman claiming to be his mother, won the Golden Lion award for best picture at the Venice film festival on Saturday.

The victory will prove popular on the Lido waterfront, where Pieta was one of the hot favourites to scoop the top prize from among 18 main competition films.

Also cheered will be the best actor award that was shared by Hollywood heavyweights Philip Seymour Hoffman and Joaquin Phoenix for their performances in “The Master,” a film loosely based on the founding days of the Church of Scientology.

Hoffman flew to Venice and rushed from the airport to receive the award on his Phoenix’s behalf, and apologized for his disheveled appearance.

He also accepted the Silver Lion for Paul Thomas Anderson, who directed the movie.—Reuters

**David Spade looks to life beyond ‘Rules of Engagement’**

LOS ANGELES, 9 Sept.—Comedian David Spade, wearing a sleek gray suit, slinks along the set of “Rules of Engagement,” past his character’s executive office and the grungy diner where he trades sarcastic one-liners with the rest of the cast.

Soon, the jokes will likely end. A new season of the comedy series starts Monday on local television stations. But Spade said he expects this seventh season of the show to last 13 episodes—rather than the usual slate of 22—and bring the series to an end.

Spade, who in the 1990s rose to fame on “Saturday Night Live” with biting one-liners about Hollywood celebrities, has since settled into a successful career as a mainstream star in his own right. Before playing the shallow and flirty manager Russell Dunbar on “Rules of Engagement,” he had similar television roles in “Just Shoot Me!” and “Simple Rules.”

Spade, 48, said he is looking forward to doing something different next time—“I only have one note, let’s be honest,” Spade told Reuters. “But I’ll play a different version of that one note.”

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Drogba helps Ivory Coast to comeback win

Didier Drogba and former Chelsea team mate Salomon Kalou were among the goal scorers as the Ivory Coast twice came from behind to beat Senegal 4-2 in an African Nations Cup qualifier in Ahidjan on Saturday.

Gervinho and Max Gradel scored the other goals to give the Ivorians a two-goal advantage ahead of next month’s return leg in the final round of preliminaries for the 2013 finals in South Africa.

Three-time winners Cameroon, however, face an uphill struggle to avoid missing out on qualification for a second successive tournament after they lost 2-0 to the Cape Verde Islands.

Nigeria, who also missed out last time, are well-placed after drawing 2-2 at Liberia while Sudan completed a thrilling 5-3 win over neighbors Ethiopia.

Emmanuel Adebayor marked his first competitive game for Togo this year with a late equalizer in a 1-1 away draw with 2012 co-hosts Gabon.

Defending champions Zambia, Ghana, Mali and the Central African Republic were also winners in Saturday’s final round, first leg games, with five fixtures to be played on Sunday.

Ivory Coast, however, scored three goals in 20 minutes to turn the match around with Gervinho equalizing in the 65th minute, Drogba adding a penalty soon after and Gradel scoring the fourth with five minutes to play.

Drogba also had a late effort disallowed.

Cameroon were without forward Samuel Eto’o, who is refusing to play for his country in protest against the team’s management.

They face a tough task to return leg of their tie against Portuguese-based Helton and Djimini scored to pave the way for Cape Verde, who are now poised to qualify for the first time.— Reuters

Paralympic Games

Pistorius wins final track gold of Paralympic Games

LONDON, 9 Sept—South Africa’s Oscar Pistorius brought the curtain down on a summer of thrills in the Olympic Stadium last month, told Channel Four television.

“I am so proud, this summer has been a dream come true and I couldn’t be more excited about the future, and I even hope he can win more here,” Pistorius said.

“I hope China will be his home. I hope he will have more activities here in the future, and I even hope he will live here,” Moore told the website reporter on Wednesday.

Klitschko stops Charr in fourth round to retain WBC title

Moscow, 9 Sept—Ukraine’s Vitaly Klitschko retained his WBC world heavyweight title on Saturday when the referee stopped the contest against Manuel Charr in the fourth round after the German sustained a deep cut above his right eye.

The 41-year-old Klitschko controlled the fight in the first three rounds, keeping his previously undefeated opponent at bay and hitting his left jab. The 27-year-old challenger tried to fight back before suffering a gash over his right eye.

With blood pouring down Charr’s face, referee Guido Cavalleri ended the fight with less than a minute left in round four after consulting the ring’s doctor.

Charr, who had a 21-0 record with 11 knockouts coming into the fight, was furious at the decision, kicking and punching at the ropes.

He challenged the Ukrainian to continue before being restrained by his trainers, with the pro-Klitschko crowd at Moscow’s Olympic indoor arena booing and whistling at the German.

Klitschko, who won a unanimous points decision against Britain’s Dereck Chisora in February, improved his record to 45-2 with 40 knockouts.

“I’m disappointed I didn’t manage to win the fight with a real knockout,” he told Russian television. “Sadly, it was the doctor’s decision. We both wanted to continue the fight.”

Iverson wants to stay in China, report

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The former Most Valuable Player of NBA almost retired from the professional ranks in January of 2011 after he end a spell in Turkey with Besiktas due to a calf injury.

He played 14 seasons in the NBA before he retired from the 76ers on 3 March, 2010.

The 163.com reports said Iverson called on Wednesday morning former NBA star Yao Ming, the boss of the Shanghai Sharks of the CBA, which is a sign of contacting CBA clubs for future connection.— Xinhua

South Africa’s Oscar Pistorius wins men’s 400m - T44 final in the Olympic Stadium at the London 2012 Paralympic Games on 8 Sept, 2012.— Reuters

Tennis

Murray reaches final at windy US Open

New York, 9 Sept—Britain’s Andy Murray produced a masterful performance against Tomas Berdych to book his place in the US Open final on Saturday but will have to wait to discover his opponent after a foul weather wreaked havoc.

The forecast of a passive thunderstorm forced tournament officials to suspend the remainder of Saturday’s schedule, including the second men’s semi-final between Novak Djokovic and David Ferrer and the women’s final between Serena Williams and Victoria Azarenka.

Those matches were both rescheduled for Sunday, meaning women’s final will be pushed back until Monday, for the fifth year in a row.— Reuters
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**Focus Myanmar TV Programme**

**MYANMAR INTERNATIONAL**

(10-9-12 09:30 am – 11-9-12 09:30 am) MNT

* News
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* News
* Finding One’s Soul On Mt. Shwe Myin Tin
* Myanmar Business Plan Contest 2012 Prizes Awarding Ceremony
* News
* Myanmar International Frontier
* Myanmar-Israel Bilateral Relation
* News
* Kid’s Talent
* News
* Advanced Technology for Quality Transport
* News
* Myanmar Movie “Challenging of Love”

**MYANMAR TV**

(10-9-2012) (Monday)

7:00 am
1. Paritta By Hilly Region Missionary Sayaw
2. To Be Healthy Exercise
3. Nice & Sweet Song
4. Cute Little Dancers
5. Song Of National Races

4:00 pm
7. Martial Song
8. Dance Variety
9. Telepyar (Agri)
10. Musical Programme
11. University of Distance Education (TV Lectures) -First Year (English)

5:00 pm
12. Songs For Upholding National Spirit
13. Myanmar Language

6:20 pm
14. Sing & Enjoy

8:00 pm
15. News
16. Cartoon Series
17. TV Drama Series
18. India Drama Series

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**Golf**

Phil Mickelson of the US watches his putt roll on the eleventh green during round one of the BMW Championship golf tournament at Carmel, Indiana on 6 Sept, 2012.

**REUTERS**

Cavendish looking for amicable departure from Team Sky

**LONDON, 9 Sept**—Britain’s world road cycling champion Mark Cavendish wants an amicable end to his Team Sky contract less than a year after signing for Dave Brailsford’s outfit, he said on Saturday.

Cavendish, who has won 23 stages of the Tour de France, will meet Brailsford at the Tour of Britain, which starts in Ipswich on Sunday, and is hoping the principal will not demand any compensation for allowing the rider to join another team.

“I want the best for British cycling, it has grown so much and we had this idea that we could have this British super team,” he told a news conference ahead of the Tour of Britain.

“We can win GCs (general classifications), we can win stages, we can win the green jersey, we can just go and dominate and Dave sold me that idea last year but for some reason or another it hasn’t worked out like that. It’s difficult to do.”

With Sky’s efforts focused on helping Bradley Wiggins win the Tour de France there has been speculation Cavendish could join the Belgian team Omega-Pharma-Liquigas and be reunited with his sporting director at HTC-Highroad, Brian Holm.

On the Tour Cavendish sacrificed his chances of successfully defending the green jersey he won for the first time in 2011 and worked as a domestique.

“Winning the yellow jersey is the biggest thing in cycling, for me not to want a team and a company I love not to go and do the biggest thing would be wrong,” said the 27-year-old Manxman.

“But obviously it restricts me and what I can do as a professional cyclist myself. I have got an ambition of winning as many stages as I can in the Tour de France and I want to be somewhere I can do that. We had ambitions that can’t work out.”

Cavendish is edging closer to Eddy Merckx’s 34 Tour de France stage wins after taking the 18th and 26th stages and triumphing on the Champs-Elysees for a fourth straight year but his ambitions are clearly at odds with Sky’s.

**REUTERS**

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Union Border Affairs Minister, US Deputy Assistant Secretary of State observe objective conditions of Rakhine State

NAY PYI TAW, 9 Sept—Union Minister for Border Affairs Li-Gen Thein Htay together with a delegation led by Mr Joseph Yun, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Southeast Asia and Pacific Affairs of the US Department of State and Mr Derek Mitchell, American Ambassador to Myanmar arrived in Sittway yesterday morning to observe the objective conditions in Rakhine State.

Clarifying the current situations of Rakhine State to Mr Joseph Yun and party at the meeting hall of Rakhine State Government Office, the Union Minister said that steps are being taken for attending to the basic needs of victims including education and health; that humanitarian aids are being distributed to victims regardless of race and religion; that relief and rehabilitation measures are being taken by the government in close cooperation with local people, UN agencies and international community; that make-shift tents are being set up as temporary shelters for victims while houses are being constructed for long-term rehabilitation; that steps are being taken for physical and mental development of victims as part of rehabilitation; that long-term plans are being drawn for creating more job opportunities and improvement of socio-economic status of victims to ensure that their livelihood returns to normal.

Next, the Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for his part said that they had witnessed the objective conditions of Rakhine State and they were satisfied with the handling of situations by the government; that they acknowledged the efficiency of the government that could address the situations in a short period; that they would cooperate with the government in providing humanitarian aids and assistance in order to address matters on Bangladesh—Myanmar population density.

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Later, the Union Minister and party met with local people in Kyaunghyilan Ward, displaced persons at relief camps in Mingan Ward, Thekepyin relief camp and Bawdupha Village relief camp and asked what they want to know.

Defender Cole ruled out of England match against Ukraine

LONDON, 9 Sept—Defender Ashley Cole will miss England’s second World Cup qualifier against Ukraine on Tuesday after failing to recover from the ankle injury that sidelined him for Friday’s 5-0 win over Moldova.

Cole, who has won 98 caps, took the knock when his Chelsea side were thumped 4-1 by Atlético Madrid in the European Super Cup match in Monaco last week.

The FA said in a brief statement on their website (www.thefa.com): “Ashley Cole was assessed by the medical staff on Saturday and will not be available for the qualifier with Ukraine on Tuesday.” The FA also said that Cole’s Chelsea team mate John Terry was having treatment from the medical team after hurting his ankle against Moldova.

England finished the game with 10 men after Terry limped off just before the end.

Reserve rice ready for satisfying public demand

YANGON, 9 Sept—Myanmar Rice Industry Association will start sale of reserve rice at Bayinnaung Brokerage and Widan Street Brokerage as of early September with the aim of satisfying domestic rice demand.

“We prepare for more transparency in sale of rice. About 10,000 bags of rice will be sold directly at brokerage daily. It is aimed at controlling price of rice in domestic rice market as much as we can,” an official of Myanmar Rice Industry Association.

In the previous sales through tender, the news spread out that only some rice merchants got the opportunities for sales of rice and it consequently raised the prices of rice. This time, the transparency of sale opportunity will be performed.

Rice merchants from regions and states have planned to sell out over 100,000 bags of rice at fair price for the people.

Last month, heavy rains and floods inundated over 200,000 acres of farmlands in Ayeyawady Region.

“Although reserve rice is being sold, price of rice is still high due to the fact that people buy rice based on their worry. Regular consumers also purchase rice more than their needs. If reserve rice is sold, anybody should not worry about problem of rice price in the market. Not only the association but also other rice companies will sell out their reserve rice if necessary,” said a general manager of rice company.

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John Terry is going to miss Ukrain test.

Terry out of Ukraine game with ankle injury

The Chelsea defender picked up an ankle injury during England’s Group H opener, a 5-0 win in Moldova on Friday.

“Following further treatment from the England medical staff today, John Terry will not be available,” a statement on the FA’s website (www.thefa.com) read.

Terry had led the squad and returned to his club England host Euro 2012 co-hosts Ukraine at Wembley Stadium on Tuesday.