Being individuals who are responsible and accountable to particular organizations, we should manage ourselves and our organizations well. President U Thein Sein addresses heads of Union level organizations and Union ministers.—NNA

President U Thein Sein addresses heads of Union level organizations, members of Union Government

Persons to be appointed as deputy ministers make affirmation before the President

NAV PYI TAW, 10 Sept—President U Thein Sein delivered an address at the ceremony to take heed of the speech of the President and make affirmation today.

The translation of the address delivered by President U Thein Sein is as follows:-

Now, new Union Ministers and deputy ministers made affirmation already. I felt pleased and honoured with the appointment of new Union Ministers and deputy ministers, and I would like to say firstly that our government heartily welcomed that.

We firmly believed that with the arrival of new colleagues in the government we would be able to carry out place in the national development more effectively. With this belief, new colleagues have been chosen systematically and assigned duties.

There are responsibilities each has to assume in addition to the State responsibilities and responsibilities of your ministry. It is important to a citizen to assume the State responsibilities dutifully. The main duty is to safeguard non-disintegration of the Union, non-disintegration of national solidarity and perpetuation of sovereignty.

The responsibilities of your ministry are responsibilities shared to ministries concerned in order to successful carry out the tasks of the Union Government. Here, each of you needs to understand the objectives, responsibilities and tasks of the government.

In assuming the State responsibilities and the responsibilities of the government in a practical way, you need to be well aware of the fact that you should not be radical. So, you need to be strongly committed to policies. Only right conviction can bring about right deed.

Nowadays, our government is trying its utmost to fulfill the daily requirements of the people while implementing the two common aspirations of the 60 million people. The main aspirations of the people are peace and stability and national development, and their daily requirements are getting jobs, earning reasonable income, fulfillment of basis needs, education, health and water, electricity and better transportation.

Our government is paying serious attention to people’s desires as it is implementing the aspirations of the people to the most possible extent. Every effort of the government is to ensure better living conditions, security and satisfaction of the people. As the objectives of the government are to fulfill people’s desires, they are to be implemented on a people-centred basis.

Our government has gone through a series of reforms to keep pace with changes and developments. When in the service of the people, changes that respect and adore the people are required. In that regard, you need to understand the troubles and wishes of the people. Being civil servants among the people, you should take initiatives without awaiting directives of the superiors and criticisms of the media to shape an imposing government mechanism. I have taken Union Ministers and deputy ministers into my confidence. The Union ministers and the deputy ministers need to share duties to various levels of subordinate government officials with trust in them. Explicit and stringent policies should be adopted. The reforms of the government need to penetrate into subordinates who are actually in touch with the people. This will remove the red tape that caused unnecessary disturbances and challenges for the administrative mechanism for ages.

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Noteworthy amounts of rainfall

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**Union Border Affairs Minister, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Southeast Asia and Pacific Affairs of the US Department tour Maungtaw Township**

**NAY PYI TAW, 10 Sept—** Union Minister for Border Affairs Lt-Gen Thein Htay together with Deputy Assistant Secretary for Southeast Asia and Pacific Affairs of the US Department of State Mr Joseph Yun and US Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Derek Mitchell and party, UN agencies, representatives from INGOs arrived in Mawyawady village in Maungtaw Township to observe the construction of temporary tents and houses yesterday morning.

They made an observation on distribution of food by the government and UN agencies, INGOs, national people and accommodation.

On arrival at Shweyinaye Village, Maungtaw Township, the Union minister explained the completion tasks of village houses. They comforted displaced persons, originally from Shweyinaye Village.

At Mawyawady Village, six houses and 122 temporary camps were constructed. 122 households totaling 464 people were put up at Alalhatkawy relief camp, 38 houses and 79 temporary camps were constructed in Shweyinaye Village. 76 households totaling 266 people from 4 miles camp and parahita relief camp in Maungdaw have been displaced to go back to their works.

The Union Minister and Mr Joseph Yun and party met Islamic families at Nyaungcheung Village and asked about the situation that broke out in Rakhine State.

In the evening, the delegation led by the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Southeast Asia and Pacific Affairs of the US Department of State left Yangon by air.

**CSC issued to locals in Hpa-an through one stop service**

**NAY PYI TAW, 10 Sept—**

Union Minister for Immigration and Population U Khin Yi, Kayin State Chief Minister U Zaw Min and the State representatives, KNU group leader general secretary Nawshphoe-yearysein and deputy leader Brig-Gen Sa Shahratuwaw viewed progress of distribution of national census and national scrutiny cards with free of charge to some 600 people of the villages in Kawtyin Village-tract, being done by staff of the Immigration and National Registration Department under the ministry in collaboration with Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC), at U Khaya Monastery’s Dhamayon in Kawtyin Village in Hpa-an Township in Kayin State on 4 September.

The KNU general secretary and officials concerned presented the national scrutiny cards to the people one after another.

After that, they encouraged the eye patients who were receiving medical treatment given by specialists of Kayin State Health Department and medical staff.

At present, issuing national scrutiny cards with one stop service to seven villages in Kayin State is being carried out in those villages where no national scrutiny cards was issued because of absence of peace and stability in the past.

**A moderate earthquake jolts**

**NAY PYI TAW, 10 Sept—** A moderate earthquake of magnitude (5.3) Richter Scale with its epicenter outside Myanmar (near Andaman Islands, India), about (460) miles southwest of Kaba-Aye seismological observatory was recorded at (21) hrs (05) min (42) sec MST today, announced the Department of Meteorology and Hydrology.—MNA

**No smoking, no betel chewing zone for pilgrims**

**YANGON, 10 Sept—** No smoking and no betel chewing zone has designated on the platform of Shwedagon Pagoda.

Staff members of the pagoda board of trustees warn the visitors not to smoke and not to chew betel with the use of loudspeakers. Educative talks are given to smokers and betel chewers. Moreover, logos on warnings are put up here and there around the platform.

The pilgrims and visitors on the platform of the pagoda are to perform meritorious deeds to abide by the disciplines and carry out sanitisation of the pagoda.—Kyemon

**Visitors interested in over 250 years old monastery**

**YEDASHE, 10 Sept—** Not only local visitors but also tourists observe the ancient monastery of over 250 years old in Ounggon Village of Lewe Township. The monastery was built in 1121 Myanmar Era. The edifice was built with 99 posts. Ceiling of the monastery were decorated with Myanmar handicrafts. Golden Parabeiks and ancient utensils are kept in the monastery. In addition, a large well can be seen in the precinct of the pagoda.

The monastery was built in 1121 Myanmar Era in the early Konbaung period. It comprises five tiers of building. Archaeological officials visited there. Moreover, tourists from Israel, Germany, France and the US visited the monastery,” said Sayadaw U Pathtasami.

Ounggon Village is located three miles north of Ela.

**Yangon United FC emerges two successive years champion in MNL**

**YANGON, 10 Sept—** Chief Minister of Yangon Region U Myint Swe on 8 September afternoon enjoyed the competitions between Yangon United FC and Ayeyawady United FC in the 26th match of the Myanmar National League 2012 at Youth Training Centre in Thwunna of Thingangyun Township.

After the final match, President of Myanmar Football Federation U Zaw Zaw presented the first prize to Yangon United FC and Chief Minister U Myint Swe, championship trophy and K 100 million to Yangon United FC.

Officials gave best coach award, best player award and second prize to the respective winners and winning team.

The Region Chief Minister attended the Carnatic Music Nite of India at the National Theatre on Myoma Kyauk Street in Dagon Township.—MNA
WASHINGTON, 10 Sept.— President Barack Obama remained ahead of Republican presidential challenger Mitt Romney in a Reuters/Ipsos poll released on Sunday, maintaining a boost in popularity that followed the Democratic National Convention. Of the 1,419 likely voters polled online over the previous four days, 47 percent said they would vote for Obama and 43 percent for Romney if the 6 November election were held today.

The president’s margin in Romney in the daily rolling poll was unchanged from Saturday’s numbers, turning up the heat on Republican strategists who were hoping for a more muted post-convention “bounce” for Obama in the wake of Friday’s release of weak employment numbers. “It means (Democrats) are on good footing going into the rest of the election,” Ipsos pollster Julia Clark said.

Obama’s lead already was more sustained than a smaller and shorter-lived boost that Romney enjoyed after the Republican convention finished in Tampa, Florida, on 30 August, Clark said.

The Democratic convention ran through on Thursday night in Charlotte, North Carolina. “The task is now to stay on the message as we’re still quite a ways away from the election,” Clark said, reiterating her prediction that the gap in poll numbers between Obama and Romney is likely to narrow and stay close to 6 November.

Senior advisers to Romney rejected the idea that they would panic after several polls showed the former Massachusetts governor losing in key swing states, saying such results reflected “standing in battleground states and is positioned perfectly on the issue of the economy with swing voters, and not the ongoing fight race.”

“An incumbent president who is below 50 percent in the polls is in a very bad place,” one senior Romney adviser said. Another adviser said, “if we’re at 47-45 (with Obama leading) going into the Thursday before the election, I’d be very comfortable we’d win.”

What Romney advisers are banking on is Americans’ feelings about Obama’s handling of the US economy. The poll shows that Mitt has improved his standing in battleground states and is positioned perfectly on the issue of the economy with swing voters, and not the ongoing fight race. “An incumbent president who is below 50 percent in the polls is in a very bad place,” one senior Romney adviser said.

Sunday’s Reuters/Ipsos poll showed Obama in popularity that followed Sunday’s conventions online and those of undecided voters, with 35 percent of them saying they would vote for him. Obama had 31 percent.

But asked which of the two “will protect American jobs,” 32 percent of independent registered voters picked Obama, while 27 percent sided with Romney, according to Sunday’s results.

Among all the 1,660 registered votees, Obama scored 42 percent compared to Romney’s 35 percent. Obama’s ranking in that category has climbed steadily over the past two weeks of the daily poll, starting with 34 percent on 28 August, reaching 40 percent on 7 September and peaking on Sunday.

Obama maintains post- convention lead over Romney

JAPAN

Tokyo, 10 Sept.— The election campaign for the leadership of Japan’s Democratic Party that month has gotten underway. Four candidates filed their nominations on Monday. Prime Minister Yoshihiko Noda, who is also the head of the Democratic Party, is running for his second term in office.

The other candidates are former farm minister Hirokata Akamatsu, former internal affairs minister Katsunori Haraguchi and another former farm minister Michihiko Kano. The candidates submitted a list of 20 or more lawmakers who endorse them. They will explain their policies at a joint news conference in the afternoon. 336 Democrats in the Diet will vote on 21st September.

In the days preceding, Democrats expected to run in national elections, local assembly members, and nearly 327,000 party members and supporters will also cast their ballots. This is the third time that general party members and supporters will partake in the leadership election. Their votes together account for about one-third of the total. The 4 candidates will try to attract these votes and those of undecided lawmakers in the 12 days leading up to the election.

EU to propose steps to keep ECB from dominating regulator

LONDON, 10 Sept.— The European Union will propose a panel of experts to adjudicate banking rule breaches, as an extra layer of protection so that the European Central Bank cannot impose its will on the pan-EU banking regulator when the ECB takes over supervising the big banks. Under a proposed banking union for the euro zone countries, the ECB is meant to take over primary supervisory power for the 6,000 banks in the 17 countries using the euro. But the 10 EU countries which do not use the single currency—

including Britain, the EU’s biggest financial centre—fear that would allow the ECB to impose its will on the European Banking Authority, the regulator for the entire 27-member bloc.

The EBA decides rules for EU banks based on “qualified majority” voting, which depends on the size of member countries. It deals with rule breaches and action in emergency situations under a system that gives each country a single vote. A draft law that EU Commission President Jose Manuel Barroso will unveil on Wednesday, seen by Reuters, says the ECB will coordinate the position of euro area member states of the EBA, in supervisory matters, suggesting euro zone states would vote as a bloc.

However, the EBA would employ a committee of experts to rule on breaches of EU banking rules by any member state and on actions taken in emergency situations, and the EBA would have to hold a formal vote to override them. That would ensure that euro area member states cannot have a blocking minority in case of actions taken against one of them”, the draft law said. It was not immediately clear whether the safeguards outlined in the draft law, if approved, would be enough to ease concerns in a continent where countries would ride roughshod over the bloc’s banking rules.

The draft reveals that the London-based EBA will remain a significant player after the supervisory shake up, easing concerns that the ECB would simply swallow up the watchdog, which would erode national and pan EU supervisory powers.

Italy’s Monti warns EU debt crisis eroding common values

SARAJEVO, 10 Sept.— Europe’s debt crisis is undermining the common values that once united the continent and the single currency risks opening new rifts across the European Union, Italian Prime Minister Mario Monti said on Sunday. Calling for the 27-nation bloc to reclaim the values of tolerance, solidarity and the common good upon which it was built, Monti also said Europe was in the grip of a crisis that went far beyond its economic problems.

“This crisis is undermining the foundations of humanism around which Europe was born and developed,” he told a conference of religious and developed, he told a conference of religious and political leaders in Rome. “The euro that was a unifying factor ... risked and is still risked, possibly and paradoxically, to become a source of new divisions, of new rifts in Europe,” he added.

On Saturday, Monti called for a summit in Rome to discuss divisions fueled by the euro zone debt crisis. Such a summit should discuss the rise of anti-European populism, divisions between north and south, and nationalistic prejudices that have been fed by resentment against austerity measures during the almost three-year-old crisis, he said. Addressing the audience in the Italian town of San Giovanni in Monte, Monti said that the bloc needed to focus on unity.

“It is particularly important now to fight the crisis to find the solution, to find the methodology that is uniting people, rather than dividing them,” he said. The former European Commissioner heads a technocrat government in Italy that has imposed painful debt- cutting reforms and is increasingly losing support from people outside Italy which a new government to be elected in polls next spring could try to renegotiate on some of those reforms however, given increasing public opposition to the economic pain.

Economic suffering across the bloc has pushed the left and right and given rise to tensions between northern creditor states and Europe’s southern flank, where the crisis first emerged.
Amazon, in switch, will let Kindle users pay to opt out of ads

Amazon.com, in an apparent switch in its pricing policy, said on Thursday it would allow purchasers of its new Kindle Fire tablets to pay an extra $15 for a service that removes advertisements that are built into the devices.

The change came barely a day after Amazon unveiled larger Kindle Fire tablets, priced at $599 for a new 8.9-inch model and $399 for a 7-inch model.

But the company’s new policy, which Amazon said over the weekend that it was planning to announce, means its popular Fire tablets will have a wider variety of advertising than its top-of-the-line Kindle Paperwhite, which does not display ads.

Amazon CEO Jeff Bezos walked off after unveiling the Kindle Paperwhite, Kendle Fire HD 8.9” and 7” during Amazon’s Kindle Fire event in Santa Monica, California on 6 Sept, 2012. —Reuters

HP announces Windows 8 ready Envy, Pavilion and Spectre All-in-One PCs

SAN FRANCISCO, 10 Sept—HP has just previewed its upcoming Windows 8 devices in the form of the HP SpectreOne, HP Envy 23, HP Envy 20 TouchSmart and the HP Pavilion 20 which are set to launch this fall.

These devices boast multi-touch screens (excluding the Spectre One) and NFC capabilities as well.

The HP SpectreOne leads the line-up with a 23.6-inch full HD IPS touchscreen display. But users can still experience multi-touch courtesy the bundled in wireless trackpad and a wireless keyboard as well.

The Spectre One claims to be the thinnest all-in-one from the company yet at merely 11.5mm thick.

The lightweight touchpad resembles the silver look of the desktop. Both the wireless touchpad and the keyboard do not require proprietary dongle to pair with the PC, allowing the USB ports on the PC for other use.

Speaking of ports, the desktop includes two USB 2.0 ports, two USB 3.0 ports and an HDMI connector. Users equipped with an NFC-enabled smartphone will be able to transfer media, contacts and other data to the Spectre One by simply tapping the phone to the base of the computer. Users can also make use of a few company provided small NFC tags that can be configured to log in to Windows or direct you to a particular website.

The Spectre One will feature Intel’s latest Ivy Bridge processors and come with a 1GB Nvidia graphics card. HP will also be bundling Adobe Photoshop Elements and Premiere Elements, amongst others.

The two machines offer 3rd generation Intel processors and can be built with up to 3TB of storage and solid-state drives. The HP Envy 23 TouchSmart is priced starting $999, while the Envy 370 starts at $1,299. Coming in time to meet its planned shipping date of 20 November.

Apple likely to refresh iPod line alongside new iPhone launch

SAN FRANCISCO, 10 Sept—That Apple is set to launch a new iPhone at an event in San Francisco on Wednesday is pretty much a given. There’s been plenty of speculation around what the new iPhone will look like, what it will be called, what new features it will bring, and pretty much everything else under the sun.

The focus is now shifting to what else Apple could announce at the event apart from the new iPhone, and of course, unveiling iOS 6. While early rumours indicated that Apple may announce a smaller iPad alongside the new iPhone, the consensus now seems to be that Apple will likely unveil the same. September has traditionally been the month where new iPods have been announced, just in time for the holiday shopping season. Last year, the iPhone event moved from June to September, and we saw the new iPod debut alongside refreshed iPads, and Apple is expected to continue the ‘tradition’ this year.

As per a report in 9to5Mac, Apple will refresh the entire iPod line, aside from the iPod classic, which of course, hasn’t seen any love for around 3 years now. The tiny iPod shuffle is likely to stay at the same price point, and will likely come in 8 colours, up from the current 5.

The nature of other changes aren’t clear. Similarly, the iPod nano will get the new colours as well, though it’ll also get rumoured Wi-Fi support isn’t clear either.

The iPod touch, due to its similarity with the iPhone, offers the most interesting possibilities for a refresh. If the iPhone indeed gets a larger screen, it is likely that the variants of the iPod touch will also get the same form-factor, down to the new dock connector, if any. One school of thought also indicates the smallest capacity iPod touch might continue to be the generation specs, in order to stay at the same price point, and will likely come in 8 colours, up from the current 5.
JAPAN revised GDP for April-June period

TOKYO, 10 Sept—The latest figures indicate that Japanese economic recovery is losing steam.

Officials at the Cabinet Office announced on Monday that Japan’s economic growth in the April-June period has been revised downward to an annualized 0.7 percent from a preliminary reported 1.4 percent released last month.

Explaining the revision, officials said that companies had cut back on capital spending. Government outlays for medical services and other expenses had also declined.

But the officials say government spending on public works projects following last year’s March 11th disaster helped keep economic growth in positive territory, despite sluggish exports.—NIK

Japan’s current account surplus falls in July

TOKYO, 10 Sept—Japan’s current account surplus shrank in July for the 17th month in a row, due mainly to a decline in exports. The Finance Ministry said Monday that the current account surplus stood at 625 billion yen, or about 8 billion dollars. That was 20 percent by more than 40 percent compared to a year ago.

Japan’s trade deficit in July was about 4.8 billion dollars. It was the first time in 2 months the trade balance was in the red. Dubt crisis in the Eurozone hurt Japanese exports to both Europe and China. This a steady flow of dividends and interest payments came in from abroad. Japan’s income account surplus was about 18 billion dollars, up more than 13 percent on a year-on-year basis.

The Finance Ministry says it will be keeping a close eye on economic developments abroad, such as any price rises in crude oil and other energy sources.—NIK

HONG KONG, 10 Sept—Growth in China’s factory production has shrunk in August, due to a slowdown in the global economic slowdown.

The country’s National Bureau of Statistics reported on Sunday that industrial output last month had increased by 9.2 percent on-year. But the figure is down from the 9.1 percent marked in July.

The weak sentiment is attributed to sluggish exports amid the prolonged credit crisis in Europe. Poor domestic demand was another factor.

Retail sales rose 13.2 percent in August, an increase of 0.1 percentage points from the previous month. But this is still smaller than last year’s figures.

Chinese President Hu Jintao admitted that his country’s growth has been under downward pressure. He made the comment in Vladivostok where he was attending the APEC summit.

But he said his government will support the trade sector by expanding public spending.—NIK

NEW DELHI, 10 Sept—Car sales in India fell for the first time in 10 months in August, and motorcycle sales fell for the first time since January 2009, an industry body said, underlining fears of sluggish economic growth in Asia’s third-largest economy.

Many automakers have been forced into production cuts and shutting down over the past three months as vehicle demand stalls in a key market for firms trying to offset declining growth in established markets.

“Now we are entering a desperate zone,” said Sugato Sen, senior director of the Society of Indian Automobile Manufacturers (SIAM). “If the negative trends continue in September as well, we will have to revise our targets downwards.”

India’s car industry, a star performer in the country’s economic rise, has struggled since the start of the decade as previously rapid GDP growth slowed, and the RBI raised interest rates to fight inflation.

Automakers sold 118,142 cars in August, down 18.6 percent from a year ago, according to data released on Monday by SIAM.

The group has already cut its fiscal year growth estimate to 9-11 percent from its previous projection of 10-12 percent.

Falling demand for cars was compounded by a factory shutdown at market leader Maruti Suzuki (MRTNNS) that cost the company $250 million in lost output, and slashed its August sales by 41 percent.

“Even if Maruti had full production, sales would have been down,” Sen told reporters in New Delhi.

Sales of motorcycles, which are family vehicles for millions in India, fell 8.5 percent year-on-year to 766,127 vehicles, in an indicator of weak rural demand, which has been hit in recent months by below-average monsoon rains.

Hero MotoCorp (HROMNS), the world’s largest manufacturer of two-wheeled vehicles, has reduced production due to the slowdown in demand, its managing director said last week. Hero’s sales fell 11.9 percent in August.—Reuters
Baghdad, 10 Sept — A series of bombs ripped through mainly Shi’ite Baghdad districts on Sunday after Iraq’s fugitive Vice President Tareq al-Hashemi was sentenced to death, ending one of the bloodiest days of the year with more than 100 killed across the country. — Reuters

The violence and the sentence for Hashemi, a senior Sunni politician, threatened to stoke sectarian tensions in Iraq where a Shi’ite-led government is battling political instability and a Sunni Islamist insurgency nine months after US troops left.

Hashemi, a fierce critic of Shi’ite Prime Minister Nari al-Maliki, fled Iraq after the authorities issued a warrant for his arrest in December, a move that risked collapsing a fragile power-sharing agreement among Shi’ite, Sunni and Kurdish blocs. After Sunday’s court ruling, car bombs tore through six districts around Baghdad, hitting a restaurant and a cafe. Another bomb went off in a busy commercial area, killing more than 50 people following bombs in other cities nationwide. “I heard women screaming, I saw people running in all directions, chairs scattered in the street. My windows were blown out, my mother and two kids were injured too,” said Alla Majid, shaking after a blast in Baghdad’s Sadr City.

Hashemi, who is unlikely to return to Iraq from Turkey, had accused Maliki’s government of controlling the judiciary and orchestrating a crackdown on Sunni opponents. He had refused to appear in a court he dismissed as biased.

And he and his son-in-law were both found guilty in absentia of murdering a female lawyer and security official, Abdul-Sattar al-Birdagar, a judiciary spokesman said. “This is a political decision. All our respect to the Iraqi judicial system, but this was political,” said lawmaker

Vienna, 10 Sept — The “Harvest Festival in Vienna” was held on the past weekend at the Heroes Square in central Vienna. About 300 farms participated in this year’s harvest festival, displaying their own agricultural products and local products.

The “Harvest Festival in Vienna” is considered one of the biggest annual parties of Vienna, consisting of country music, folk dances, and different kinds of delicious food. It is estimated that this year’s two-day harvest festival attracted more than 300,000 visitors.

This year’s harvest festival had its topic of “food is home”. Farmers from all over Austria have brought the results of their hard work. At the year’s celebration, they brought homemade bacon, cheese, jam, wine, bread, desert, as well as fresh fruit and vegetables. They also cooked a variety of delicious local food at the scene, enabling the visitors to taste the special local food just at the Heroes Square. Vice Chancellor and Foreign Minister Michael Spindelegger, Agriculture Minister Niki Berlakovich and Financial Minister Maria Fekter participated in this year’s harvest festival. They appealed the Austrians to consume domestic agricultural products, in order to promote the sound development of national agriculture, to protect farmer’s income and to stabilize their employment.— Xinhua

More than two dozen candidates are vying for the new position, including the current president and prime minister, as well as prominent Somalis who have returned from overseas. If no one candidate secures a two-thirds majority in the first round, and a simple majority in the second the election would go to a third round. There has been no effective central government control over most of the country since the outbreak of civil war in 1991 and Monday’s vote is seen as a culmination of a regionally brokered and UN-backed roadmap to end that conflict, during which tens of thousands were killed and many more fled.

The vote is the first to take place in Somalia in decades and has been made possible by African Union, Kenyan and Ethiopian troops who have pushed al-Qaeda-linked militants out of more and more areas. As a result, many Somalis have felt it is safe enough to return to rebuild their country. But the reform process has been marred by corruption allegations and has suffered numerous setbacks. Current presidential contenders and Somalis have criticized the election process saying it will merely bring in a new government that will look much like previous ones. — Reuters
News in Brief

Mythun breeding encouraged
Deputy Minister for Livestock and Fisheries U Khin Maung Aye looked into breeding of mythun farm in Haka on 6 September. He instructed officials to raise breeding strains of mythuns and hold mythun breeding development workshop in Chin State.

Urbanization Plan (Project) organized
Urbanization Plan (Project) Workshop took place at city hall in Monywa on 8 September. Participants discussed sanitation of Kantha Lake in Monywa and construction of container jetty at the port of Gwaygyi Ward in Monywa.

Development undertakings inspected
Kayin State Chief Minister U Zaw Min oversaw development tasks in Myawady on 5 September. He presented prizes to winners in 19th Performing Arts Competitions at Hpa-an University on 6 September. He viewed re-cultivation of crops in Hpa-an.

International Litany Day ceremonies observed
2012 International Litany Day was observed at Chanayethazan Basic Education High School No. 14 on 8 September. Similar ceremonies were held at Pathein BEHS No. 1, City Halls in Myitkyina and Loikaw, Mawlamyne BEHS No. 6, city hall in Dawei and Bago BEHS No. 1.

MGF holds AGM
Myanmar Gymnastics Federation held annual general meeting for 2011-2012 fiscal year. The executive committee submitted reports to the meeting. Wellwishers donated cash to the fund of the federation for securing achievement in XXVII SEA Games.

Relief aids, supplies donated to flood victims
Speaker of Ayeyawady Region Hluttaw U Hlun Hsint, wife Daw Khin Ma Lay and Region Minister for Development Affairs U Kyaw Win Naing donated bags of rice, purified drinking water, instant noodle, exercise books, clothes, aluminium pots and stationery to flood victims of Thabaung Township.

Being individuals who are responsible...

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Being a huge mission, it will not be achieved overnight or by individual’s effort. Effort of the government alone is not enough. The entire people should do their bit in the process harmoniously. To enlist the strength of the people, the government should be trustworthy by the people. We, the whole government, have committed to working heart and soul to fulfill hopes and aspirations of the people. So, we the government will have to make all-out efforts to materialize good governance and clean government. Each of us is responsible to make the government better and clean. Individuality will not count. Being individuals who are responsible and accountable to particular organizations, we should manage ourselves and our organizations well. We should first build up ourselves and then our organizations as our leadership influence our subordinates. I would like to warn you that we are responsible for views and comments of the people towards our ministries or organizations.

I would like to conclude my address with the call for adhering to the constitution, upholding Our Three Main National Causes. Existing laws, rules, orders, directives and procedures must be abided by to avoid repeating mistakes. Understanding the policies of the State, objectives of the government and duties of the ministry, duties must be discharged honestly and earnestly. I will be held responsible for honest mistakes and fix them. But, everyone is urged not to be corrupted.

President U Thein Sein addresses heads...

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Afterwards, President U Thein Sein delivered an address. (The speech of the President is reported separately.) Next, the Master of Ceremonies asked to put on record the speech of the President, and it was announced that the speech of the President has been put on record with the permission of the President.

Afterwards, the Master of Ceremonies announced the successful completion of the affirmation, which brought the ceremony to a close. This was followed by documentary photo sessions of the President and the Vice-Presidents, the President, the Vice-Presidents and Union Ministers and the President, the Vice-Presidents and Deputy Ministers.

In the evening, President U Thein Sein hosted a dinner to those present on the occasion including national races ministers from regions and states at dining room. During the dinner, artistes from the Fine Arts Department of the Culture Ministry presented entertainment.

After the dinner, President U Thein Sein cordially greeted those present on the occasion.—MNA

Union Health Minister back from Indonesia

Nav Pyi Taw, 10 Sept—
A Myanmar delegation led by Union Minister for Health Dr Pe Thein Khin attended the 30th meeting of Ministers of Health of the countries of South-East Asian Region and 65th session of the World Health Organization Regional Committee from South-East Asian held in Yogyakarta of Indonesia from 4 to 7 September.

At the opening ceremony, Indonesian Vice-President Yogyakarta Mayor Director-General of the WHO Dr Margaret Chan made speeches. Indonesian Health Minister Dr Nafsian Mboi and WHO Regional Director Dr Samlee Plianbangchang made speeches.

Indonesian Health Minister Dr Nafsian Mboi acted as a chair of the 30th meeting of Ministers of Health of the countries of South-East Asian Region held on 4 September. The Union Minister exchanged views on cooperation in antibiotic problems and follow-up programmes, health care services for old aged, diseases propagation and prevention measures, covering for health care services, experiences and success being implemented in Myanmar with his counterparts.

The health ministers from WHO South-East Asian Region agreed with Yogyakarta Declaration for upgrading of health care services for old aged.

The 65th session of the World Health Organization Regional Committee from South-East Asian was acted as chair by Indonesian Health Minister Dr Nafsian Mboi and co-chair Maldivian Health Minister Dr Ahmed Jamsheed Mohamed held from 5 to 7 September.

At the meeting, report presenting for 2012-2013 financial year, reforms for WHO and training for health staff were discussed by the attendees.—MNA

Performing Arts Competitions wraps up in Ayeyawady Region

Nav Pyi Taw, 10 Sept—
19th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions of Ayeyawady Region concluded at the city hall in Pathein on 6 September evening.

The region Chief Minister awarded winners in the competitions.—MNA
International level education

Employment of modern science and technology in various fields and production of highly competent intellectuals and technical know-how is the top priority for effective facilitation of national development. Another priority is to build a continuous learning society enabling every citizen to have access to basic literacy through collaborative efforts.

We are sure a large number of intellectuals and intelligentsia, competent human resources are needed in converting the Republic of the Union of Myanmar into a modern developed nation. The human resources development of the entire nation including the younger generation who will assume the responsibility of future nation is fundamental requirement and thus the education standard of the country must be promoted to international level.

In this regard, Conference on Development Policy Options with Special Reference to Education and Health was organized last February in Nay Pyi Taw in cooperation with UN agencies. Moreover, the drafting of Comprehensive Education Sector Review (CESR) has started. Cohesive efforts would be put into weak spots in cooperation with the UN agencies, international organizations and educational donors.

As for strengthening the foundation of educational structure, text books have been distributed to all primary students free of charge as of 2011-2012 academic year and the free distribution also includes the exercise books. Consequently, the basic education sector has seen mobile schools opening for the sake of children of displaced families. Education opportunities for children with disabilities equal to the ordinary ones have been created.

Changes are tangible in both formal and non-formal education arenas. The education is not only a matter of classrooms but an importance of the development of one's own environment, region and country.

Certainly we would need a considerable number of intellectuals and intelligentsia in building a modern developed nation. Therefore, the education standard of the country must be promoted to international level.

UEC Chairman receives US Ambassador, New Mission Director of USAID

NAY PYI TAW, 10 Sept—Chairman of Union Election Commission U Tin Aye met a delegation led by US Ambassador to Myanmar Mr. Derek Mitchell and New Mission Director Mr. Chris Milligan of USAID at the Office of Union Election Commission, here, at 1:30 pm today.

Also present on the occasion were commission members U Myint Naing, U Aung Myint, U Win Kyi, U Nyunt Tin, U Win Ko and officials concerned from the office.

At the call, they had a cordial discussion on cooperation in free and fair election process in Myanmar and promoting educative works on elections in cooperation with international organizations.

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Union Foreign Affairs Minister receives foreign guests

NAY PYI TAW, 10 Sept—Union Foreign Minister for Foreign Affairs U Wunna Maung Lwin received a delegation led by Mr. Joseph Yun, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for East Asian and Pacific Affairs of the United States at his office here this noon. During the meeting, they cordially discussed matters related to promotion of bilateral relations and cooperation between Myanmar and the United States of America.

The Union minister also received H.E. Mr. Hagay Moshe Behar, Ambassador of State of Israel to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, at his office this afternoon. They discussed matters relating to further enhancing bilateral relations and cooperation between Myanmar and the State of Israel.

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Dy Cooperative Minister visits cooperative institutions in Sagaing Region

NAY PYI TAW, 10 Sept—Deputy Minister for Cooperatives U Than Tun on 6 September met personnel and officials of Cooperative Department and Cooperative Syndicates from Sagaing Region, Monywa, Pale, Yinnamin and Salinjyi Townships at Monywa Township Cooperative Syndicate Office.

He visited Weaving High School of Small Scale Industries Department in Monywa and gave instructions to officials.

On 7 September, the deputy minister and departmental officials made field trips to Salingyi, Yinnamin and Pale townships in groups and undertook formation of cooperative societies.

Next day, he met the principal, faculty members and staff at Sagaing University of Cooperatives and urged them to turn out outstanding leaders in cooperative field.

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Cargo train derails between Kadu and Mawhan stations in Mohnyin

MOHNYIN, 10 Sept.—No. 934-down cargo train that left Myitkyina derailed between mile posts 625/10 and 625/12 of Kadu and Mawhan stations in Mohnyin Township at 7:20 pm yesterday.

Three wagons derailed in the incident but no passenger was injured. However, over 10 passenger trains rolling up and down routes daily are to stop at nearest railway stations for at least one day and wait for completion of repairing works on the railroad.

On 7 September, bridge No. 555 between Kadu and Mawhan stations was damaged due to mine blast of KIA. Thus, the up and down passengers waited a day for completion of repairing works.

Except cargo trains and local trains, a total of 15 passenger trains are rolling on Mandalay-Myitkyina railroad daily.
Union Border Affairs Minister, OIC delegation, General Secretary of Indonesian Red Cross Society visit Sittway

NAY PYI TAW, 10 Sept—Union Minister for Border Affairs Li-Gen Thein Htay together with Rakthine State Chief Minister U Hla Maung Tin met a delegation of Organization of Islamic Cooperation led by Ambassador Mr Ufuk Gokcen, OIC Permanent Observer to the UN in New York and a led by General Secretary of Indonesian Red Cross Society Mr Budi Atmajdi Adiputo at Rakthine State Government’s Office yesterday afternoon.

They had a cordial discussion on real situation that broke out in Rakthine State, cooperation of Government and UN agencies and INGO, relief and rehabilitation tasks, ongoing tasks and sustainable development.

The Union Minister and the OIC delegation met displaced persons at Bawdupha Village relief camp Sittway Township and asked about their accommodation, health and education. Likewise, they comforted displaced person dwelling at Danyawadi football ground relief camp.

Union Minister Li-Gen Thein Htay and Ambassador Mr Ufuk Gokcen in Danyawadi football ground.—MNA

Union Minister attends coordination meeting for development of Shan State

NAY PYI TAW, 10 Sept—A coordination meeting for development of Shan State was held at City Hall in Taunggyi at 1 pm on 8 September, attended by Union Minister at the President Office U Tin Naing Thein, State Chief Minister U Sao Aung Myat and state planning committee members, state Hluttaw speaker and Hluttaw representatives and delegates from social and economic organizations.

Speaking at the meeting, the Union Minister said that respective Union ministries have been holding discussions in region/state by making field trips to draw National Development Plan for development of socioeconomic of the people by gathering policy and work plans to be submitted to National Planning Commission, he added.

State Chief Minister U Sao Aung Myat and chairman of Danu self-administered zone and state ministers and state Hluttaw representatives, officials and entrepreneurs presented use of ground resources, potable water distribution for urban area, market conditions of agriculture products to the union minister. The Union Minister and party inspected potable water distribution in Taunggyi and then went to Ayethaya Industrial Zone and Shan Yoma Breeding Zone where he met with entrepreneurs and called for development of industrial and breeding zones.—MNA

Workshop on development of livestock, fisheries held in Chin State

NAY PYI TAW, 10 Sept—A workshop on development for livestock and fisheries sector plus cooperatives sector to ensure further socio-economic development of Chin State was held at the town hall of Haka on 7 September morning.

At the workshop, Chin State Chief Minister U Hlong Ngai made a speech saying that the economy of Chin State totally hinges on agriculture and livestock, so the success of livestock will contribute to improvement of socioeconomic status of rural people and export of meat to India, Mandalay, Nay Pyi Taw and Yangon. Internal and international organizations are committed to long-term loans and it is required to introduce business that brings immediate profits. He also pledged to provide capital and technology for development of cooperative sector.

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World First Aid Day 2012 observed in Yangon

YANGON, 9 Sept—Yangon Region observed World First Aid Day 2012 at University of Nursing in Lanmadaw Township, attended by Yangon Region Chief Minister U Myint Swe and wife Daw Khin Thet Htay, chairperson and members of Region Red Cross Supervisory Committee, departmental personnel, social organizations and guests.

Speaking on the occasion, Yangon Region Chief Minister U Myint Swe called for acceleration of philanthropic actions of Myanmar Red Cross Society in line with this year’s theme of International First Aid Day ‘First Aid for Vulnerable People’. The region chief minister and personnel awarded those who devoted their efforts for social welfare works and prize winners in commemorative skill demonstration contest. He then attended the opening of the 19th Yangon Region Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competition at No. 2 Latha Township Basic Education High School. Speaking on the occasion, he called for preservation of culture with nationalistic fervour.—MNA

Workshop on Monsoon Onset Monitoring and Its Social and Ecosystem Impacts commences

YANGON, 10 Sept—The sixth Workshop on Monsoon Onset Monitoring and Its Social and Ecosystem Impacts, organized by Department of Meteorology and Hydrology and Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission-IOC/WESTPAC was held at Chatrium Hotel, here, this morning, with an address by Head of Regional Office Mr Wenxi Zhu of IOC/WESTPAC.

Director-General of DMI Dr Harin Naing Tyan and MOMSEI Project Chairman Dr Sormkial Khokia Hiwong extended greetings.

The workshop plans to discuss progress of MOMSEI Project, tasks undertaken in 2011-2012, Asian monsoon and oceanography research and future plans in detail. The workshop continues tomorrow.—MNA

National Sports

Singaporean footballers arrive in Myanmar

YANGON, 10 Sept—The Singaporean National Football Team comprising first lineup and famous players to play against Myanmar National Team in tune-up match arrived here recently.

The team consists of 20 players and manager and backroom staff. Myanmar and Singapore will play in the tune-up match on 11 September at Youth Training Centre in Thawunna and it will be broadcast live through for Sports and Channel 7.

Tickets are fixed at K 2000 per head for grand stand and K 1000 per ordinary stand.

Players of the Myanmar National Team are under training since 9 September.

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MFF organizes U-12 Digicel Cup 2012

YANGON, 10 Sept—MFFU-12 Digicel Cup 2012 (Lower Myanmar), jointly organized by Myanmar Football Federation and Basic Education Department of Ministry of Education with sponsorship of Digicel, was held at Aung San Stadium from 10 to 17 September.

Group A comprises Bago (East) Region, Horizon, Thanbyuzayat Region, Rakhine and Kayin States, Group B consists of Yangon Region, ILBC, Bago (West) Region, Mon State and Ayeawaddy Region.

Opening ceremony of the Cup (Lower Myanmar) will take place at Aung Stadium at 8 am on 10 September and the Cup (Upper Myanmar) at Baho Stadium on 12 September.

For the Cup (Upper Myanmar), Group A includes Shan (North), Chin, Shan (East), Magway and Mandalay. Group B is constituted with Nay Pyi Taw, Shan (South), Kayah, Sagin and Kachin.

On completion, two selected teams from Upper and Lower Myanmar will play the match of MFF Digicel Cup 2012 (Central Level) in Yangon.

Former player of Liverpool John Barnes and former players of Real Madrid will provide brilliant football skills to 50 selected players and coaches.

MFF plans to secure the opportunities to take part in the U-17 World Cup.
AFGHANISTAN

Eight militants killed in operations in Afghanistan

KABUL, 10 Sep — At least eight Taliban militants were killed and five others detained in nine cleanup operations carried out by the Afghan police, army and the NATO-led coalition forces within the past 24 hours, the country’s Interior Ministry said on Monday morning.

“A total of five armed Taliban insurgents were also injured during the above operations launched in Kabul, Kandahar, Logar, Pakhta, Herat, Helmand and Nimroz provinces, within the past 24 hours,” the ministry said in a statement providing daily police and operational updates to the media.

They also found and seized weapons, the statement said, without saying if there were any casualties on the side of security forces.

The Taliban insurgents, who have been waging an insurgency of more than one decade, have yet to make comments.

The Afghan security forces and the NATO-led coalition troops have intensified cleanup operations against insurgents recently. Records kept by Xinhuas, based on figures released by the Interior Ministry, reveal that around 210 insurgents have been killed, 15 wounded and over 85 others detained since 1 Sept by the joint forces across the insurgency-hit country.

However, the insurgents in retaliation responded by carrying out suicide attacks and roadside bombings especially in southern and eastern parts of the country. Two civilians were killed and 19 others wounded in a series of bomb attacks in eastern Pakistan and western Farah province on Sunday.

Seven missing tourists, including three French, one Russian, found in SE China

FUXUO, 9 Sept — Seven people, including three French and one Russian, were found after losing contacts for more than a day at a mountaineous tourist site in southeast China’s Fujian Province, local firefighters said on Sunday.

The seven were in good condition when being found at 7:30 pm on Sunday at the Shihechangshan mountain valley with dozens of rivers and streams, the fire brigade in the city of Fuzhou said in a statement. A man summoned Ye reported the case to police after the seven tourists could be reached for more than a day, it said. When starting the walking tour at about 9 am on Saturday, Ye and the seven arranged to meet at the exit of the tourist site in Fuzhou’s Fuxing county five hours later at 2 pm, but the seven didn’t show up. Of the tour group, three are Chinese, three are French men and the rest is a Russian woman. They worked in Shanghai and spent the weekends travelling Fuzhou. — Xinhuas

Al Jazeera TV cyber-attacked over Syria

Doha, 10 Sept — Al Jazeera Television says its mobile service has been hacked. A group supporting Syrian President Bashar Assad has claimed responsibility, saying reports by the Qatar-based television network favour the rebels. Al Jazeera says false texts on the royal family were hacked into its mobile service on Sunday. The network says some of its websites also came under cyber attack last week.

The pro-government group says Qatar is Syria’s national enemy because it’s seeking the ouster of its president. Last month, Saudi Arabia’s state-run oil firm Saudi Aramco also came under cyber attack, affecting 30 thousand computers. A statement critic of Saudi diplomacy was posted on the Internet.

Both cyber attacks are under investigation. But the creditability of the claims of responsibility has yet to be confirmed. With the conflict in Syria intensifying and involving neighboring nations, cyber space is also proving to be a viable battle ground.

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Series of attacks kill 52 people in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 10 Sep — A series of bombs and gunfire attacks across the country Sunday killed some 52 Iraqis and wounded more than 200 others, in what appeared to be an attempt by insurgent groups to destabilize the country and undermine confidence in the Iraqi government. The deadliest attack in the day occurred near the city of Amara, some 45 km south east of Baghdad, when two car bombs exploded at a marketplace near the shrine of Shiite Imam Ali al-Sharqi in the town that holds the name of the Imam, killing 18 people and wounding seven others.

Earlier in the morning, a suicide car bomber struck a crowd of security recruits at the compound of Iraq’s Northern Oil Company (NOC) near the city of Kirkuk, killing up to eight recruits and wounding 30 others.

The victims were signing up to be security members at the Iraqi Facilities Protection Service (FPS), which is an Iraqi paramilitary force tasked with site protection of Iraq’s infrastructure facilities. NOC is a state-owned company which is responsible for oil exports from northern Iraq.

Also in Kirkuk, a car bomb and a roadside bomb went off in succession before midday near Kirkuk University and a marketplace in central the city, killing seven people and wounding some 50 others. The ethnically mix province of Kirkuk and its capital Kirkuk City, some 250 km north of Baghdad, are part of the disputed areas between the Kurds and both Arabs and Turkmen.

In southern Iraq, two roadside bombs went off almost simultaneously close to the French consulate in Nassiriya in a main street in the central part of the city of Nassiriya, some 375 km south of Baghdad, killing four people and wounding six.

Separately, a car bomb went off in a busy marketplace in the al-Qiblah district in the central part of the city of Beira, some 550 km south of Baghdad, killing at least two people and wounding eight others. In northern Iraq, a booby-trapped car parked outside the office of the Iraqi Turkmen Front in the town of Tal Afar, some 70 km west of Nineveh’s provincial capital city of Mosul, killing two people and wounding seven.

Israeli airplanes strike Gaza after rocket fire

GAZA, 10 Sept — Israeli airplanes struck a training site for Islamic Hamas movement in eastern Gaza City early Monday, apparently in response to rockets militants fired from the territory into Israel in the morning.

An Israeli Apache helicopter fired one missile towards the site that was empty at the time, witnesses said. There have been no reports of injuries, but the witnesses said fire broke out at the place.

Hamas, which controls Gaza, was expecting an Israeli military retaliation on the firing of three Grad rockets from the coastal enclave towards southern Israeli on Sunday morning and evening. As a result, all Hamas security and military purposes were evacuated.

Armed military camps were established in southern Gaza and some 130,000 residents in and some 130,000 residents in and around the Khan Younis area were observing a shaky ceasefire.

Salafist groups claimed responsibility for firing the rockets as they have done over the past days. The Salafists criticize Hamas for observing a shaky ceasefire with Israel and Hamas has been holding up dozens of，fighters affiliated with the Salafist groups.

Two killed, three injured as public toilet collapses

TIHANGE, 10 Sept — Two persons were killed and three others injured when a public toilet collapsed in Saiara Nagar locality in Bhivandi this morning, police said. The Shanti Nagar police, under whose jurisdiction the incident took place, said the mishap occurred around 11 am.

The deceased, who were trapped under the debris as the toilet caved in, were identified as Mahavir Kesawami (55) and Mazhar Mohamad Alam (22), police said. — PTI

MERCHANT VESSEL CATCHES FIRE OFF MUMBAI COAST

MUMBAI, 10 Sept — A major fire broke out in the Antigua and Barbuda-flagged merchant vessel off Mumbai coast this afternoon, Coast Guard officials said.

The ship, MV Amsterdam Bridge, had reached just four nautical miles from Prongs Reef Lighthouse in south Mumbai and was carrying hazardous cargo, sources said.

According to the sources, the operations room of the Coast Guard received a fire call at 5.15 PM from the captain of the cargo vessel. — PTI

Flood alert in Srinagar, people asked to shift to safer places

SRINAGER, 10 Sept — Authorities here today asked people living along the banks of River Jehlan to shift to safer places as a flood alarm was sounded in the city due to rising water level in the river following incessant rains.

River Jehlan is flowing above 16 feet in Ram Muth area prompting the flood alarm, officials in the disaster management cell said. — PTI
Fukushima plant clean-up efforts face challenges

Tokyo, 10 Sept — Efforts to deal with problems at the Fukushima Daiichi nuclear power plant in northeastern Japan still face many challenges more than a year after the meltdown. Tuesday will mark one and a half years since the earthquake and tsunami that caused the accident. But the leaking of tainted water and other troubles still plague the clean-up efforts.

Experts say one of the pressing challenges is how to ensure the reliability of emergency facilities built to cool the troubled reactors. In the aftermath of the 11th March, 2011 disaster that crippled the plant, its operator, Tokyo Electric Power Company, hastily built a system to treat highly contaminated waste water and circulate it as coolant for the reactors. The government announced last December that the reactors had been brought to a state of cold shutdown. While the reactors’ temperatures and pressures have since remained generally stable, troubles have plagued the cooling water circulation system. So far, 56 instances of tainted water leaks have been reported. Facilities to decontaminate water have stopped 12 times due to leaks and power supply problems. On 30th August, coolant water being poured into the 3rd crippled reactors temporarily fell below the necessary levels. Troubles have also increased with equipment and facilities that were installed before the accident.—NHK

Hу’s APEC attendance boosts hope for economic recovery, prosperity

Vladivostok, 10 Sept — Chinese President Hu Jintao’s attendance at APEC’s 20th ministerial economic leaders’ meeting has achieved a complete success by helping to strengthen regional economic integration, technological innovation, development and prosperity, Foreign Minister Yang Jiechi said on Sunday. The world economy was recovering slowly and there were still some destabilizing factors and uncertainties, Yang, who had accompanied Hu during the trip, said.

APEC is expected to set out a four-point plan to help the world economy recover. The plan includes: mutually agreed action by APEC countries to strengthen the global economic framework; resolve the contradictions between freedom and order; introduce new global economic governance measures; and accelerate the regional economic integration process, according to the ministry.

The opening of APEC’s 20th ministerial economic leaders’ meeting was attended by representatives from 21 APEC member economies. The meeting will run until Tuesday.

S Korea unveils measures to boost domestic demand

SEOUL, 10 Sept — South Korea on Monday unveiled comprehensive measures to boost domestic demand as the domestic economy was faltering due to sluggish external conditions. The government made efforts to fine-tune the existing stimulus measures, but the protracted European fiscal crisis and the consequent global economic slowdown.

South Korea’s real gross domestic product (GDP) growth was revised down to 0.3 percent from a preliminary figure of 0.4 percent in the second quarter on an annual basis. Experts showed down on worsening external conditions, leading to the weakening of domestic demand.

In a bid to boost the flagging real estate market, the S Korea finance ministry planned to exempt the capital gains tax over the next five years for those who buy unsold housing within this year as part of efforts to boost the flagging real estate market. The housing acquisition tax will also be halved to 1.2 percent by the year-end. The nation’s housing transactions slowed down to an average of 401,000 for the first seven months, down 30.2 percent from the same period of last year. The figure was the lowest since the data started being compiled in 2006.

3rd East Asia Ministerial Conference on sanitation begins in Bali

Bali, 10 Sept — Fourteen governments from East Asia and the Pacific kicked off the 3rd East Asia Ministerial Conference on Sanitation and Hygiene in Bali on Monday in a bid to achieve the ultimate goal of universal sanitation access in the region.

Over 250 participants will take part in the conference, from government ministers and officials, nongovernmental organizations, media and academia from China, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Mongolia, Myanmar, Papua New Guinea, Singapore, Thailand, the Philippines, Timor Leste and Vietnam. Indonesian Health Minister Nafishah Mboh opened the conference at the Nusa Dua tourist resort hotel in Bali.

Quoting the UNICEF/WHO Joint Monitoring Programme report that the region as a whole has reached the sanitation Millennium Development Goal (MDG) as of 2012, World Bank Water and Sanitation Programme principal regional team leader Ahmed Weise said in her opening remarks that reaching the MDG is a very important stepping stone towards the ultimate goal of universal sanitation access.

European crisis threatens booming bond markets in East Asia: ADB

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People in traditional dress play a dance during a ritual of the Amis ethnic group, praying for good harvest, at a square in Xinzhi City, southeast China’s Taiwan, on 9 Sept, 2012. — Xinhua

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Emma Watson wants a varied life

LONDON, 10 Sept—Actress Emma Watson says she does not want to only focus on acting as she wants the chance to pursue other things in her life. The 22-year-old beauty, who is set to return to Brown University in America in January to complete her degree, said she feels happiest when pursuing something creative but also wants the chance to live her own life, reported Contactmusic. “I like to be considered a good, versatile actress. I feel happiest when doing something creative—writing, painting, acting or dancing, so I think I’ll always complement the acting with something else. If you act all the time, you’re spending your life living other people’s lives.”

“I really do quite like it if things calm down a bit and I think that will happen naturally,” she said. Watson, who shot to fame when she was cast as Hermione Granger in the Harry Potter film series aged just nine, next will be seen in The Perks of Being a Wallflower and she fell in love with the script as soon as she read it. “It’s not some wild break away from Harry Potter because I don’t really want to get away from Harry Potter, never seen it as a shackle.”—PTI

Cheryl Cole returns to the X-Factor

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The two popular songwriters each have seven songs that rank among the year’s most-performed. This is Drake’s second consecutive win in the category. The Songwriter of the Year went to Nicki Minaj, Future Dan and Kane Beatz, who wrote “Super Bass.” Songwriter and producer Pop Wansel earned the Producer of the Year crystal. Top Producers went to Warren “Oak” Felder, Jim Jonnin, R. Kelly, Lexxus “Lex Luger” Lewis, Polow Da Don, Troy Taylor, Kanye West, and Tyler “T-Minus” Williams. EMI Music Publishing grabbed the Publisher of the Year crown as it has 17 songs that rank among the most-performed. Xinhua

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LONDON, 10 Sept—Actress Kristen Stewart hasn’t spoken about her relationship with estranged boyfriend Robert Pattinson since she was photographed cheating on him with married director Rupert Sanders. But while attending the Toronto Film Festival, when Stewart was asked about making a public appearances with Pattinson in November for promoting The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn Part 2 she said, “We’re going to be fine.”

It is not clear about the status of their relationship, although they have moved out of the house they shared together in Los Angeles and have both been keeping low profiles, reported Daily Mail. Stewart, who attended the festival to promote her new movie On The Road, said she never considered skipping the festival despite reports suggesting otherwise. “We have been waiting for this thing to be unleashed for so long. It was sort of one of those situations where you just have to put yourself in your body and go appreciate the where you just have to put yourself otherwise.”

“He hasn’t even discussed it with Simon or ITV bosses. It’s been seriously top secret stuff. “They’re all under the impression it’s going to be Robbie (Williams). No one even noticed the dates for the recording clashed with Robbie’s new solo tour,” a source said. Cowell, 52, was kept in dark about Cole’s return to the show following the singer’s feud with him for axing her in America. The pair have since patched things up.—PTI

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**SERENA WILLIAMS**

**Women’s singles at US Open**

New York, 9 Sept— American Serena Williams won the last four games to beat top ranked Victoria Azarenka of Belarus 6-2, 2-6 and 7-5 to take her fourth US Open title overall here on Sunday.

Serena had a 9-1 record again in the final and she hadn’t dropped a set in the tournament, losing only 19 games through six matches before Sunday.

“Serena deserves the win. She showed how true of a champion she is,” said Azarenka, “I definitely gave it all today. I will have no regrets.”

However, Azarenka hadn’t dropped a three-set match all season until Sunday, going 12-0 in matches that went the distance, including victories over defending US Open champion Sam Stosur in the quarterfinals and 2006 champion Maria Sharapova in the semifinals.

And Azarenka was even two points away from the championship at 30-30 with Williams serving, but couldn’t convert. And when she served for the victory at 5-4, she made three errors in the game to show the jitters that are understandable as this was already her second career Grand Slam final.

Serena, who turns 31 on Sept. 26, is the first 30-year-old woman to win the US Open since Martina Navratilova in 1987. She won her very first major championship at age 17 at the 1999 US Open.

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**WORLD BOXING COUNCIL**

Oakland, 10 Sept— Undefeated American Andre Ward dominated challenger Chad Dawson in Oakland, California on Sunday, knocking him down three times and stopping him in the tenth round to retain his WBA and WBC super middleweight titles.

“He’s a hell of a fighter,” said Dawson, a lightweight-heavyweight champion who moved down in weight to challenge Ward. “He’s a great champion. He’s the best.”

Ward pressed the advantage in that round, nearly putting Dawson down again and pursuing him across the ring.

The challengers survived, however, and for the next several rounds some of the steam evaporated from the Dawson appearance content to keep Ward at bay with jabs and by tying up him when the two men were close.

Ward was relentless, however, and a sharp right hand in the ninth round buckled Dawson’s knees again.

In the tenth, a three-punch combination had Dawson wobbling on his legs and a follow-up barrage knocked him to his knees.

Although Dawson beat the count, he signaled to referee Steve Smoger that he had had enough. It was Ward’s first stoppage win in three years, and the champion said the quality of his opponent had caused him to raise his game.

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**DOMINANT McILROY TAKES GAME TO NEW LEVEL WITH BMW WIN**

Carlsbad, 10 Sept— Like Tiger Woods, Jack Nicklaus and other golfing greats before him, Rory McIlroy has raised his game to a level where he fully expects to be lifting a trophy at the end of the week.

For the second time in seven days, and third in four starts, the 24-year-old Northern Irishman showed his victory on Sunday at the BMW Championship coming on the heels of his Deutsche Bank Championship triumph last Monday.

McIlroy has produced a dominating stretch of golf since seen on the PGA Tour since 2009, when Woods was the last to claim back-to-back titles winning at the Buick Open and WGC Bridgestone Invitational.

“I’ve always had an appreciation for what Tiger did over the years — winning seven, eight, nine times in a season for I don’t know how long,” McIlroy told reporters following his two shot victory over Lee Westwood and Phil Mickelson.

“It’s the more you put yourself in this position and the more you win and the more you pick up trophies, it becomes normal and it feels like this is what you’re supposed to do. I’m sure that’s how he felt when he was on that run and how he still feels. He still won three times this year.

“I don’t think I’m quite there yet but I’m getting to that stage where I’m thinking, this is what I should be doing. I should be lifting a trophy at the end of the week.”

It would not be going out on a limb to predict there will be more major titles in the 23-year-old’s future. In fact, there could be more silverware coming his way before the end of the month.

McIlroy will head to Atlanta in two weeks for the season-ending Tour Championship, leading the FedExCup standings.

He has already won more than $7 million this year and could push that close to $20 million with a win at East Lake Golf Club where the points leader will walk away with a $10 million bonus. His four wins, including a second major at the PGA Championship, top the PGA Tour this season and make him the heavy favorite for player of the year honors.

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**NEW LEIGHTON MINNEAR**

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8. The Mirror Images Of The Musical Oldies
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10. Songs For Upholding National Spirit
11. Teleplay (Health)
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- “Dream House”

**District News**

Commodities, passengers of Lwejel easy access to Bhamo

Photo shows a commodity station in Lwejel that flows personal goods and foodstuffs from China into mother land of Myanmar—Myanma Alin

**Lwejel, 10 Sept—**At Lwejel commodity station in Kachin State, vans carry six passengers each in the car and commodities on the roof.

Two passengers sit on front seats. Fares for transport are collected at K 15000 per passenger. Four passengers on the rear seats are collected at K 10000 per passenger.

Five to 10 vans leave Lwejel in early morning and they arrive in Bhamo in the evening.—Myanma Alin

**Inspired Mickelson charges into lead with Singh**

Carras, 10 Sept—Phil Mickelson staged an inspired charge to grab the BMW championship spotlight and a share of the third round lead with a fishering Vijay Singmon Saturday.

With Tiger Woods and Rory McIroy hogging the headlines through the opening two rounds, it was Mickelson’s turn to take centre stage, marching to a career high with 10 birdies in an eight-under 64 to join Singh on 16-under.

“I got it going with the putter,” Mickelson told reporters. “It was very similar to yesterday’s round. Played really well and had a lot of good opportunities.

“But yesterday when the ball was getting to the lip and turning away, today they seemed to fall in.”

Singh, chasing his first PGA Tour win in four years along with a ticket to the season-ending Tour Championship, had grimly held on to top solo for much of the day but wobbled badly coming home.

The big Fijian, who needs to finish fourth or better on Sunday to clinch a FedExCup berth, mixed two birdies with three bogeys over his final five holes, including one at the last, to settle for a three-under 69.

“I’ve got a good chance tomorrow to do it,” said Singh, who has 34 career PGA Tour wins but has not been in the season’s circle since 2008.

“Today’s round could have really gotten away from me but I really dug deep and really focused hard.”

With only 30 of the 70 golfers teeing off at Crooked Stick GC this week eligible to qualify for the September 20-23 Tour Championship and a shot at the $10 million bonus, there was no shortage of players making big moves.

Briton Lee Westwood, who has never qualified for the Tour Championship, helped his chances with a four-under 68 to enter Sunday’s final round alongside world number one McIroy (69), one stroke adrift of the leaders.

“I’m only one back,” said McIroy, who has won two of his last three starts. “It wasn’t the greatest ball striking round that I have ever had but somehow managed to scrape it around in 69 and still in with a chance.”—Reuters

**Cape Town, 10 Sept—**A second-half goal spire ensured a comfortable 4-0 win for the Democratic Republic of Congo against Equatorial Guinea in their African Nations Cup qualifier on Sunday and earned them an almost certain place in next year’s finals.

The victory in Kinshasa left the Congolese with a virtually insurmountable lead, with Anderlecht striker Dieumerci Mbokani scoring twice and Isaac Kanda and Issama Mpeko adding the others after a goalless first half.

It was the biggest win of the 15 final-round, first-leg qualifiers played across the continent at the weekend, and should send the Congolese, winners in 1960 and 1974, back to the finals after missing the last three tournaments.

Algeria enjoyed a 1-0 away win against Libya, played in neutral Casablanca, after substitute El Arbi Hillel Souadi scored two minutes from time, giving the visitors a massive advantage for the return leg.

Algeria’s pressure paid off with a well-earned goal for the Portugal-based striker, who has now netted five in his seven international appearances.

However, the win was marred by a mass brawl on the pitch between the two sets of players at the final whistle.

Morzambique pulled off a surprise 2-0 home win over Morocco to give themselves a good chance of making the finals.

The home side had been given little chance when the draw was made, but goals from Minit and Domingues ensured a defendable lead for next month’s return match.

The result put further pressure on Morocco’s Belgian coach Eric Gerets, already feeling the ire of the local media and fans after a disappointing start to 2014 World Cup qualification.

Zimbabwe, another neighbour of 2013 hosts South Africa, exceeded expectations by beating Angola 3-1, while Ibrahim Yattara scored the only goal as Guinea struggled to beat visiting Niger.—Reuters

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President U Thein Sein accepts Credentials of newly-accredited Israeli Ambassador

NAY PYI TAW, 10 Sept—H.E. Mr. Hagay Moshe Behar, the newly-accredited Ambassador of the State of Israel to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, presented his credentials to U Thein Sein, President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, at Presidential Palace, here, at 10:30 am today.

Present on the occasion were Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Wunna Maung Lwin, Union Minister at President Office U Thein Nyunt and Acting Director-General U Tha Aung Nyun of the Protocol Department.—MNA

Seized uncensored VCD, DVDs destroyed

NAY PYI TAW, 10 Sept—A total of 6,204 CDs comprising 502 uncensored foreign drama VCDs and 2,351 DVDs, 3,245 pirate CDs on Myanmar songs and dramas and 106 porn CDs were seized from townships of Nay Pyi Taw Council Area and have been adopted verdicts at respective courts.

At 11 am on 7 September, uncensored and pirate CDs were destroyed on the road in the compound of Development Affairs Committee near Mingala Shankan of Pyinmana with the use of a roller under supervision of Nay Pyi Taw Council member U Myo Nyunt, Chairman of Nay Pyi Taw Media Scrutiny and Supervisory Committee U Aung Khin, Secretary U Maung Maung Ngwe and officials. Myanmar Alin

World Cup in Brazil would be extra special for Spain

MADRID, 10 Sept—The chance to feature at the 2014 World Cup in Brazil is an extra motivation for Spain’s veteran players, said coach Vicente del Bosque on the eve of their first qualifying match in Georgia.

Spain’s haul of two European Championship titles and one World Cup trophy in the last four years means they have eclipsed Brazil as the team to beat but the South Americans still hold a special place in the heart of most footballers. “It’s a great incentive to be there (Brazil),” Del Bosque told a news conference on Monday. “I have complete confidence in all the players, the new and the old. For the veterans around the 30 mark I am sure it will be a motivation to make the finals.” Barcelona playmaker Xavi, 32, was one of the footballers Del Bosque was referring to. “The World Cup is a wonderful event and the next one is in a country with a great football tradition,” said Xavi. —Reuters

Gym goers beware, killer steroids in supplements

People watch a giant puppet parade in Antwerp, Belgium, on 8 Sept, 2012. The city held a street parade with about 300 giant puppets on Saturday, trying to break the previous Guinness World Records.

Officers and soldiers of PLA Chengdu Military Area Command unload quake-relief materials at an airport in the quake-hit Zhaotong, southwest China’s Yunnan Province on 9 September 2012.