President U Thein Sein accepts Credentials of Iranian Ambassador

NAVPYI TAW, 11 Sept—Mr Hossein Kamalian, the newly-accredited Ambassador of the Islamic Republic of Iran 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 11 am today.

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

President U Thein Sein receives Iranian Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Hossein Kamalian at the Presidential Palace.—MNA

Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham receives Chinese Ambassador and party

NAVPYI TAW, 11 Sept—Vice-President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Dr Sai Mauk Kham received a delegation led by Ambassador of the People’s Republic of China to Myanmar Mr Li Junhua at the Credentials Hall of the Presidential Palace here at 4 pm today.

Also present on the occasion together with Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham were Union Minister at the President Office U Soe Maung, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Zin Yaw, Deputy Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Hset Aung and heads of department.

At the meeting, they had a cordial discussion on mutual friendship and cultural cooperation, development of small- and medium-scale industries and cooperation in the sectors of sports, human resource development and health.

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Keepers move Bali, a 7 metre (23 feet) long reticulated Python from its enclosure ahead of a health check and ultrasound heart scan at Chester Zoo in Chester, northern England on 5 Sept., 2012.

England vs South Africa Twenty20 abandoned

Deal reached to resume construction on 11 September museum
Union Information Minister receives Israeli Ambassador, US Ambassador

NAY PYI TAW, 11 Sept—Union Minister for Information U Aung Kyi received Israeli Ambassador Mr. Hagay Moshe Behar at his office at 1 pm today and discussed matters on providing technical assistance in broadcasting.

Likewise, at 4 pm, Union Minister U Aung Kyi received US Ambassador Mr. Derek Mitchell and held discussions on conducting training by experts from American film world to promote Myanmar movie standard, development of libraries and training for capacity building of staff of Myanmar Radio and Television. —Myanma Alin

Union Construction Minister inspects construction sites of Ayeyawady Bridge (Malun)

NAY PYI TAW, 11 Sept—Union Minister for Construction U Kyaw Lwin inspected ground erosion at mile post 203 on Nay Pyi Taw-Taunggyo-Myothit-Natman Road, digging of bore pile and laying of concrete at Sonchaung bridge construction site (Taungtwiayng)-Myothit being implemented by Bridge Construction Special Group (3), upgrading of 11 miles and two fusongs Thitayak-Miyi-Mgyogyene-Pahtanago road into 18-ft wide tar road by Airports Construction Special Group (5) and construction of new Miyogyene bridge being undertaken by Special Project Group (4).

At Ayeyawady Bridge (Malun) construction site, the Union minister met with Superintending Engineer U Soe Min of Road Special Group (3) and deputy superintending engineers and officials from airport special group (5), road special groups (3) and (7) and called for systematic carrying out the tasks meeting the set standard.

The Union Minister then inspected laying of concrete between RP1 and RP4, fixing of steel truss between RP5 and RP6, watercressand carrying of steel truss.

Ayeyawady Bridge (Malun) is a linking one from Ayeyawady River of Magway Township to Malun bank which main bridge is 3215 ft long, it has flanked by two rail roads on each side and steel truss fixing is under construction.

The Union Minister inspected completion of three bridges on Nay Pyi Taw-Taunggyo-Chaungnet road.

OIC delegation calls on Union Minister, signs MoU with Border Affairs Ministry

NAY PYI TAW, 11 Sept—Union Minister for Border Affairs Lt-Gen Thein Htay received OIC delegation under the supervision of OIC delegation OIC delegation Mr Ufuk Gokcen of Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) and party at his office here this noon.

The meeting focused on aids to be provided for Rakhine State and participation in rehabilitation tasks by OIC without political or religious creed; providing shelters, food and utensils to both local nationals and Bengalis regardless of race; and improvement of rehabilitation and urbanization plan of Rakhine State.

A Memorandum of Understanding was signed between Progress of Border Areas and National Races Department of the Ministry of Border Affairs and OIC Humanitarian Department on humanitarian aids for Rakhine State.

The MoU signing ceremony was attended by Deputy Minister Maj-Gen Zaw Win, directors-general and officials. —Myanma Alin

By CPT Minister tours Mandalay, Yatanaor Myothit

NAY PYI TAW, 11 Sept—Deputy Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs U Thaug Tin met responsible persons of Myanmar Computer Professionals Association and Computer Industrialists Association at the hall of Myanmar Computer Industrialists Association (Mandalay Region) at Shwebyu Plaza in Mandalay on 8 September.

The deputy minister gave instructions on opening of modern technology course for development of human resources, efforts to be made for creation of job opportunities and improvement of software outsourcing and software factory in Myanmar.

At the hall of Deputy General Manager of Myanmar Posts and Telecommunications, the deputy met officers of MPT.

On 9 September, the deputy minister met officials of Yatanaor Teleport Co Ltd at its hall near PyinOoLwin and inspected the control rooms at main building and functions of Yatanaor Solar Factory. —Myanma Alin

FOB camp opened at Shwetwetun Jetty in Kawthoung

KAWTHOUNG, 11 Sept—Under the supervision of Taninthayi Region Government, an FOB inspection camp was opened at Shwe Wettun Jetty in Kawthoung Township at 9 am on 1 September.

Tanthayi Region Minister for Agriculture and Livestock Breeding Dr Win Aung, Head of Taninthayi Region Fisheries Department Dr Nyunt Win and Deputy Commissioner U Myint Thein of District General Administration Department formally opened the camp.

The camp was opened on the starting day of fishery season. Fishery entrepreneurs are to receive checking of their commodities at the FOB Camp. —Myanmar Alin

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In addition, the government gave instructions on opening of main building and checking of their officials.

Officials are striving for arresting the thieves as quickly as possible. —Myanmar Alin

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KAYIN, 11 Sept—Minister for Railways U Aung Thein led officials supervised repairing of eroded railroad in Taungdwingyi Township on 6 September.

The minister informed the officials that the delayed railroad. —Myanmar Alin

Bridge damaged in erosion on Taungwngyi-Aunglan railroad

TAUNGTWINGYI, 11 Sept—Due to heavy rains from 4 to 10 September, Bridge No. 325 was damaged between Chaukgauk Koebin and Paratkel on Taungtwingyi-Aunglan railroad in Taungtwingyi Township on 6 September.

Due to the damage, trains waited for three hours on the delayed railroad. Officials supervised repairing of eroded railroad for regular runs of trains. —Myanmar Alin

Heads from Buddha images lost in Thamagon Pagoda of Sagaing

SAGAING, 11 Sept—The heads of Buddha Images and statues of Arhats from Thamagon Pagoda in Podan Ward of Sagaing were lost recently. Acting on tip-off, SDF Hlaing Myint of Sagaing Police Station-1 and party inspected the pagoda and they saw losses of two 7-inch high heads from Buddha images, two stone Arhat statues and one head from a stone Buddha image from the cave of Thamagon Buddha Image.

The works were lost in the evening of 8 September.

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US, Israel still at odds over Iran “red line”

Jerusalem/Washington, 11 Sept — Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said Israel and the United States were in talks on setting a “clear red line” for Iran’s nuclear programme, but the two allies remained at odds on Monday over how to spell out a clear threshold for military action against Tehran. The Israeli leader, who has been pressing President Barack Obama for a tougher line against Iran, again signaled that a sharper US ultimatum for Tehran could deter it from developing nuclear weapons and mitigate the need for a military response.

Netanyahu’s recent calls for a red line to set clear markers that would show they were determined to stop Tehran’s nuclear drive have suggested growing impatience with the United States, Israel’s main ally. Washington, which has resisted the idea of laying down red lines for Iran in the past, has urged the Israelis to lead in efforts to continue to detain those that are a threat to their country,” pursuant to the handover agreement. — Reuters

Canada may have cut ties with Iran to avoid retaliation

DOROTHY/OTTAWA, 11 Sept — Canada’s surprise decision to sever relations with Iran may well have been triggered by Ottawa’s fear of retaliation for stepping up its denouncements of Tehran and a parallel move to list Iran as a state sponsor of terrorism. The break in relations, announced on Friday, has led to speculation that it was a prelude to Israeli or US military action against Iran’s nuclear facilities. Canada has categorically denied having any information about possible attacks.

“Canada wants to be able to continue to speak up on the Iranian regime’s behavior, and we didn’t want our guys in there as hostages,” said Andrew MacDougall, chief spokesman for Prime Minister Stephen Harper, explaining the decision to close the Tehran embassy and order Iranian diplomats out of Canada. The Canadian announcement offered a long list of reasons for cutting ties: Iran’s nuclear programme, hostility toward Israel, Tehran’s military assistance to Syria, and what Ottawa said was Iran’s support for terrorist groups.

But none of those reasons had surfaced overnight, leaving people asking, why now? Indeed, the decision appeared to catch Canada’s Western allies off-guard. — Reuters

Yemen says kills deputy regional head of al-Qaeda

ADEN/WASHINGTON, 11 Sept — A Saudi national freed from Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, who then became second-in-command of al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula, or AQAP, was killed in Yemen, a Yemeni government website said. The Yemeni Ministry of Defence website said al-Shahrani was killed on Monday, along with six other militants, in what it called a “qualified military operation” by Yemen’s army in the remote Hadramout province in eastern Yemen. It gave no further details.

There were conflicting reports on how Shehri died. A Yemeni security source said Shehri was killed in an operation last Wednesday in the Hadramout that was thought to have been carried out by a US drone, rather than the Yemeni military. The source said another Saudi and an Afghan national were among the others killed. US officials declined to comment on whether a drone strike had occurred. US officials described Shehri as one of the most important al-Qaeda leaders to be released from the Guantanamo detention facility, where he was taken in January 2002 after being handed over by Pakistan to US authorities.

A former officer in Saudi Arabia’s internal security sanctions imposed on the Islamic Republic to work to rein in Iran’s nuclear work peacefully. But Obama has not ruled out military action if all else fails.

Recent heightened Israeli rhetoric has stoked speculation that it could attack Iran before the US elections in November, believing that Obama would be too busy campaigning to do anything. "We’re not discussing it right now with the United States," he has yet to define publicly what he wants. A senior US official offered no sign that the United States and Israel were any closer to narrowing their differences. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton made comments that were interpreted by Israeli media as rejecting Netanyahu’s call for a red line and drew admonishment from a senior Israeli official. In an interview with Bloomberg Radio, Clinton was asked about Netanyahu’s demand that a red line be set and also whether she thought a time limit should be put on negotiations with Iran over its nuclear programme.

Clinton responded only to the second part of the question, saying, “We’re not setting deadlines.” Israeli media seized on those comments as a rejection of Netanyahu’s red-line demand. — Reuters

Iran plans to unveil cruise missile, dismisses US deployment of air defence shield in region

TEHRAN, 11 Sept — Iran’s Defence Ministry announced on Sunday it will unveil a new cruise missile, dismissing US deployment of air defence shield in the region. Deputy Defence Minister and head of the ministry’s Aerospace Organization General Mehdi Farahi said on Sunday that his ministry plans to unveil a highly advanced cruise missile, the semi-official Fars news agency reported. “God willing, Moshkat (Lantern) cruise missile with a range of 2,000 km will be unveiled in the near future," Farahi told Fars. “Moshkat Cruise Missile can be fired from land, air and sea," Farahi was quoted as saying. According to the report, Iran’s former cruise missile can travel a distance of no more than 300 km.

The senior Iranian defence official downplayed the US plan to deploy air missile shield in the region saying that these defence systems lack the capability to confront Iranian missiles, according to the report. “They (Americans) make claims that are mostly void, exaggerated and unreal," Farahi was quoted as saying. Farahi said that part of these claims about US air defence capabilities is that “they can never stand against the threat of incoming Iranian missiles through this partial capability," according to Fars. “We hope nothing happens, but in case of a conflict we will see that all their claims have been false,” he added. In April, US Secretary of State Hillary Clinton held talks in Saudi Arabia about plans for a Persian Gulf missile shield system against alleged Iran’s threats. Addressing a first Gulf-US security forum in Saudi capital Riyadh, Clinton said Washington was committed to the security of the six-country Gulf Cooperation Council as its allies in the region. —Xinhua

Afghan National Army soldier (C), wearing a prison uniform, stands in line with his comrades during a ceremony handing over the Bagram prison to Afghan authorities, at the US airbase in Bagram, Afghanistan, March 9, 2012. — Reuters

US forces hand over Bagram prison to Afghan control

KABUL, 11 Sept — The United States handed control of the controversial giant Bagram prison and its 3,000 suspected Taliban inmates to Afghan authorities on Monday, amid concerns by activists over rights abuses and US questions about Kabul’s ability to keep key detainees behind bars.

Hundreds of Afghan soldiers watched as an Afghan flag was hoisted in front of the prison at the huge US-run airfield north of Kabul, as part of a plan to withdraw foreign troops from combat operations in 2014. “Today is a historical and glorious day for Afghanistan where Afghans are able to take charge of the prison themselves,” acting Defence Minister Enayatullah Nazari told a large crowd including US military officials.

But, in a move that has angered the Afghan government, the US plans to keep at least one block at the prison, where any suspected Taliban fighters or terrorists captured in future raids will be held before being handed over. Since the agreement on the handover was signed in March a further 600 people have been jailed at Bagram. The United States has no time frame on when these new prisoners will be handed over, and how long they plan to keep at least one block at the prison, where any suspected Taliban fighters or terrorists captured in future raids will be held before being handed over. Since the agreement on the handover was signed in March a further 600 people have been jailed at Bagram. The United States has no time frame on when these new prisoners will be handed over, and how long they plan to keep at least one block at the prison, where any suspected Taliban fighters or terrorists captured in future raids will be held before being handed over. Since the agreement on the handover was signed in March a further 600 people have been jailed at Bagram. The United States has no time frame on when these new prisoners will be handed over, and how long they plan to keep at least one block at the prison, where any suspected Taliban fighters or terrorists captured in future raids will be held before being handed over. Since the agreement on the handover was signed in March a further 600 people have been jailed at Bagram. The United States has no time frame on when these new prisoners will be handed over, and how long they plan to keep at least one block at the prison, where any suspected Taliban fighters or terrorists captured in future raids will be held before being handed over. Since the agreement on the handover was signed in March a further 600 people have been jailed at Bagram. The United States has no time frame on when these new prisoners will be handed over, and how long they plan to keep at least one block at the prison, where any suspected Taliban fighters or terrorists captured in future raids will be held before being handed over.
Science helps Spain's natural cork industry pop back

MADRID, 11 Sept—For three generations Antonio Gortiz’s family have carried axes into the mountainous forests of northern Spain to cut slabs of bark off their cork oaks. A few years ago their livelihood was under threat as the cork business lost its buoyancy.

Sales of Spanish cork plummeted between 2008 and 2010 as plastic wine stoppers became a global trend, leading to declining consumption. But now the traditional cork business has recovered, rescued by unlikely saviors: cutting-edge laboratory researchers in white coats who are demonstrating why nature’s stoppers may still be one of the best ways of preserving and serving the traditional drink.

A laboratory worker shows a jar filled with cork stoppers at the laboratory of the Catalan Cork Institute in Peralsagrell, near Girona, on 23 Aug, 2012.—Reuters

Lenovo launches ThinkPad X1 Carbon ultrabook in India

MUMBAI, 11 Sept—Chinese computer-maker Lenovo, which also sells the IBM brand of PCs, launched ultrabook named ThinkPad X1 Carbon and said it plans to scale up its Think range of exclusive retail outlets to 30 in the domestic market.

The ThinkPad X1 Carbon, priced at Rs 85,000, weighs just under three pounds.

“Currently, we have two exclusive Think Business Stores at Jaipur and Pune. We put up only Think products in these stores based on customer feedback. We now aim to put across 30 such stores,” Lenovo India MD Amar Babu told PTI here on the sidelines of the ThinkPad X1 Carbon launch, which the company claims is the world’s lightest business Ultrabook.

And in a long term we are quite bullish about the growth," he said.

Lenovo has introduced four new ThinkPad models with the launch of the X1.

The company commands 17.1 per cent market share with consumer segment accounting for nearly 12 per cent and SMB segment seven per cent, last quarter, he said.

“Our enterprise business was strong and now has become even stronger, while consumer and SMB segments have actually gained opportunity here. May be there is a temporary dip but in the medium contracts with cork producers and wine bottlers having improved standards to give them an edge,” Lenovo India has grown faster in the last few years.

“Last year we grew about 48 per cent, which was seven times the industry growth,” he said.

Lenovo has made significant investments to expand its consumer and SMB portfolios besides positioning the brand.

“We have also set up 1,000 odd exclusive franchises, and have built service network to support our expansion. This investment has helped us build up our market share,” he said. However, the company has not cut down on investment despite the choppy market conditions as Lenovo is here for the long-term, he said.—PTI

SAN FRANCISCO, 11 Sept—Advanced Micro Devices unveiled an energy-efficient server platform aimed at Big Data and cloud computing, the first major fruit of its acquisition of SeaMicro this year as the chipmaker struggles to diversify beyond a stagnant PC industry.—Reuters

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Ozone hole over Antarctica healing, says New Zealand scientist

WELLINGTON, 11 Sept—International efforts to curb emissions of ozone-depleting substances appear to be paying off as the hole of the ozone layer over the Antarctic slowly diminishes, a New Zealand scientist said on Monday.

However, it was too difficult to say when the ozone would return to normal levels because of the complexity of interactions between greenhouse gases and their impacts at different levels of the atmosphere, said Dr Adrian McDonald, of the physics and astronomy department at the University of Canterbury.

“This year of ozone above Antarctica are projected to return to 1980 levels (previous to the ozone hole) after 2050. The Montreal Protocol means that emissions of ozone-depleting substances (CFCs) have largely been banned worldwide,” McDonald said in a statement.

CFCs, which were once widely used in common household items such as refrigerators and aerosol sprays, were blamed for the hole in the ozone layer, but their uses were curbed under the Montreal Protocol which was agreed by the international community in 1987.

Most CFC emissions occurred in the Northern Hemisphere, but ozone depletion is a worldwide issue and global atmospheric circulation has resulted in the worst hole in the ozone layer over Antarctica. “The increasing ozone hole has until now acted to change the circulation of the southern hemisphere so that the strong winds linked to the jet streams have moved towards the pole,” said McDonald.—Xinhua

Web host Go Daddy hit by technical problem, sites down

NEW YORK, 11 Sept—Go Daddy, one of the world’s biggest Internet hosting firms, claimed responsibility for the service disruption. It was not clear how many customers were affected by the outage. The website of Scottsdale, Arizona-based company was inaccessible late on Monday afternoon.

“Hey all. We’re aware of the trouble people are having with our site. We’re working on resolving it,” the Scottsdale, Arizona, company said via Twitter on Monday afternoon. It did not explain the cause of the outage.

GoDaddy, the massive Web hosting company, went down on Monday, taking an untold number of websites with it. —Reuters

Science and company officials could not be reached. Later in the afternoon, the company that targets its products at small businesses said via Twitter that “Some services has already been restored. Stick with us.”

Somebody using the handle “AnonymousOwnr” claimed responsibility for the outage via Twitter, saying it was the work of one person and not a group. Go Daddy describes itself as the world’s largest web hosting company and also the top provider of domain names.—Reuters

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Philips up cost cuts to 1.1 billion euros, axes more jobs

AMSTERDAM, Sept - Philips Electronics NVWriting its cost-cutting target to 1.1 billion euros ($1.4 billion) and said it would axe a further 2,200 jobs as it battles a tough economic backdrop and pension costs.

The group, which had previously targeted 800 million euros of cost savings, announced the move Tuesday ahead of an investor event in London. Last year it announced 4,500 cuts.

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Health

London, 11 Sept — The world’s most advanced vaccine against dengue fever, being developed by French drugmaker Sanofi, is now in clinical trials in Thailand, researchers reported on Monday.

The result leaves uncertain the future of a product that Sanofi has previously said could generate more than 1 billion euros ($1.3 billion) in yearly sales.

Down to the failure of the vaccine to protect against one type of dengue virus, which turned out to be the prevalent one in Thailand at the time of the study.

The virus is thought to be transmitted by a mosquito species found mainly in tropical and subtropical regions around the world.

"This result knocked me off my chair," Scott Halstead, a senior scientist for the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, told Reuters.

"This is a very sobering outcome and a lot of thought and further experimentation is going to have to be done in order to understand what happened."

Sanofi dengue vaccine less effective than hoped

"You can’t very well say that this vaccine is going to significantly reduce human suffering."

Hopes had been high for the closely watched Thai trial, given the fact that dengue belongs to the same virus class as yellow fever and Japanese encephalitis, both of which are controlled by highly effective existing vaccines.

"This seems to be making a mixed dengue vaccine containing four different virus strains can produce uneven results.

New iPhone could boost US GDP by up to 0.5 percent, JP Morgan says

Washington, 11 Sept — The next generation iPhone 5, which Apple Inc plans to release this week, could not only boost the tech giant’s bottom line — but could give a significant boost to the overall US economy. Sales of the new iPhone could add a quarter and a half percentage point to fourth quarter annualized growth in the US, according to JP Morgan’s chief economist, Michael Feroli in a note to clients on Monday.

Such an impact would be significant.

"Calculated using the so-called retail control method, between a quarter and a half of annualized GDP growth by $2.5 billion, or $12.8 billion at an annual rate," Feroli wrote.

That 0.33 percentage-point boost, he added, "would limit the downside risk to our Q4 GDP growth projection, which remains 2.0 percent."

Feroli laid out his math. JP Morgan’s analysts expect Apple to sell around 8 million iPhones 5s in the fourth quarter.

Ovarian cancer screening still gets thumbs down

New York, 11 Sept — There is no evidence that getting screened for ovarian cancer helps women beat the dread disease, according to updated recommendations from US government-backed experts.

The US Preventive Services Task Force (USPSTF) said it continues to discourage screening in women at average risk, adding that there is no reason to believe women at higher risk would benefit, either.

"There simply is not currently a method of screening (for ovarian cancer) that works," Dr Virginia Moyer, who chairs the USPSTF, told Reuters Health.

"The two most common methods actually result in greater harm than benefit."

A survey earlier this year showed many doctors believe ovarian cancer screening is effective and would offer it to patients. Yet clinical trials show it leads to unnecessary surgeries and doesn’t find tumours any earlier than when doctors rely on symptoms.

"There is no major organization anywhere that recommends screening for ovarian cancer," Moyer said.

"The interesting thing is that it does get done," just over one percent of women will get ovarian cancer at some point in their life, usually when they are older, according to the National Cancer Institute. But in most cases symptoms don’t start until the cancer has spread, making the disease harder to treat.

Screening is typically done either by transvaginal ultrasound or a blood test called CA-125. The blood test costs less than $100, while an ultrasound typically runs a few dollars.

"Overall, screening detected one cancer for every 20 surgeries, the USPSTF notes. Moyer added that screened women actually appear to have higher death rates than those who weren’t screened for ovarian cancer, likely due to the risks of surgery. She also said the screening tests don’t seem to detect tumours any earlier than when doctors rely on symptoms alone.

"The tests that we have are not likely to discover it early enough," Moyer explained. "The likelihood is that this particular cancer, once it is discoverable at all, is really quite aggressive."

"Studies show about half of women with ovarian cancer survive five years."

Australian health risk factors to rise: AIHW

Canberra, 11 Sept — Many health risk factors of Australians are growing, although some, such as smoking and excessive alcohol consumption, have dropped down, according to a report released on Tuesday by the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW).

The report “Risk factors for chronic diseases among adults: Australia 1989-90 to 2007-08” indicates that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people have substantially higher rates of smoking, obesity, physical inactivity, poor diet, and excessive alcohol consumption.

Although there is a good news that rates of smoking have fallen substantially among young people, particularly teenagers, in the last decade, AIHW spokesperson Dr Lynelle Momen said that rising rates of obesity, physical inactivity, and low fruit and vegetable consumption are of concern for the future.

"We are seeing an increase in obesity, physical inactivity, and poor diet among adults and people aged 12 to 17 who do not eat enough vegetables in 2004-05 and the trend increased across most age groups by 2007-08, the report found.

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In US, 2012 so far is hottest year on record

WASHINGTON, 11 Sept — The first eight months of 2012 have been the warmest of any year on record in the contiguous United States, and this has been the third hottest summer since record-keeping began in 1895, the US National Climate Data Centre said on Monday.

Each of the last 15 months has seen above-average temperatures, something that has never happened before in the 117 years of the US record, said Jake Crouch, a climate scientist at the data centre. Winter, spring and summer 2012 have all been among the top-five hottest for their respective seasons, Crouch said by telephone, and that too is unique in the US record.

There has never been a warmer September through August period than in 2011-2012, he said. “We’re now, in terms of statistics, in unprecedented territory for how long this warm spell has continued in the contiguous US,” Crouch said.

He did not specify that human-sprayed climate change was the cause of the record heat. However, this kind of warmth is typical of what other climate scientists, including those at the United Nations’ Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, have suggested would be more likely in a world that is heating up due to human activities.

Alison Kennard of the non-profit research and journalism organization Climate Central said in a statement, “Extreme heat is closely tied to climate change, and this summer’s heat wave left a global warming signature in the data, particularly in the ratio of record high to record low temperatures.

Normally, the number of record highs and record lows would balance out, with an average ratio of one to one. This year, 25 states have had high to low temperature ratios of 10 to 1 or greater, 14 have had a ratio greater than 20 to one; and three have had greater than 40 to one ratios. Climate Central said. Ohio topped this list with 49 record high temperatures for every record low.”

China’s economy in soft landing

TIANJIN, 11 Sept — China’s economy is in the process of soft landing and the International Monetary Fund (IMF) supports policy easing by the government to stabilize growth in the world’s second largest economy, IMF Deputy Managing Director Zhu Min said on Tuesday. “We think China’s economy is in the stage of soft landing and the overall development is stable,” Zhu told reporters on the sidelines of the World Economic Forum Annual Meeting of the New Champions held in north China’s Tiansjin city. To stabilize growth in China’s “top priority” and this will greatly help the world economy, Zhu said at a panel discussion during the forum, which is also known as the Summer Davos Forum. — Xinhua

Israel launches air strike against Palestinian militants in Gaza

BEIRUT, 11 Sept — Israel has launched an air strike against Palestinian militants in Gaza. Israeli airplanes struck an area in the Gaza Strip on Monday night, a witness said on Tuesday.

Two spectators dressed as Elvis Presley wait for the start of the second International T20 cricket match between England and South Africa at Old Trafford cricket ground, Manchester, England on 10 Sept, 2012. — Reuters

Cattle eat hay on 23 Aug, 2012 near Eads, on the plains of eastern Colorado. — Reuters

JAPAN Airlines sets IPO at $8.5 billion in sign of strong demand

TOKYO, 11 Sept — Japan Airlines Co Ltd set the pre-market price for its initial public offering at the top end of the demand, raising $8.5 billion for state coffers in a sign of solid demand for the world’s second-largest IPO this year. Japan Airlines (JAL), which has emerged from its 2010 bankruptcy with a clean balance sheet and industry topping profits, set the IPO price at 3,790 yen ($46.55) per share on Monday after gauging investor demand at 3,750 to 3,790 yen. It will list on the Tokyo Stock Exchange on 19 September. — Reuters

At least 29 killed in bus crash in Western Nepal

KATHMANDU, 11 Sept — At least 29 people died and 11 others were injured in a bus crash in Kathmandu Valley of Nepal on Monday night, a witness said on Tuesday. Sitaram Pandey, a local resident, said the bus fell some 250 meters below the road and plunged into a river. “The bus apparently tried to move back after it failed to make a complete turn in the narrow highway. As it was backing, the bus fell down the road,” Pandey said. The injured are being treated in a local hospital. — Xinhua
**INTERNATIONAL NEWS**

**Cameroon's forest elephants under threat of extinction by 2020**

YOUNGDO, 11 Sept — Cameroon’s forest elephants could disappear from the wild within eight years if no urgent measure is taken to combat international illicit ivory trade and carb habitat loss, a senior official of the Ministry of Forestry and Wildlife (MINFOF) has warned. It followed the seizure on Aug. 29 of 23 tusks from poachers on the-run at Messok, a locality named for the MDFON. This seizure came after the confiscation of 89 tusks in the first two months of the Djomo and Campo-Mar forest reserves close to the border with the republic of Congo and Gabon.

"This is an indication that at least 56 forest elephants were massacred in southeastern Cameroon within three months," Julien Desire Mbelley, MINFOF delegate for the South Region, said over the weekend. "The number could even be much higher because the forest guards in these two reserves say they have come across several carcasses of this huge wild beast without their tusks, which means they were also dismantled and carried away," Mbelley said. "Our forest elephants are under very serious threat. They are declining in huge numbers every passing day, weeks and months of the year because of the booming lucrative international illegal trade in ivory," he said Mbelley.

Statistics in 2008 put the forest elephant population at 140, 000 in the Congo Basin in general and 15,000 in Cameroon (12,000 in the east region and 3,000 in the southwest), which had fallen by about 75 percent compared to 40 years ago. Only a few of them are in protected areas while the vast majority roam in the wild region and are difficult to monitor and know the exact number. Environmentalists blamed growing demand for ivory from Asia for the pressure on the forest elephants in recent decades.

"The situation is aggravated by deforestation and loss of their natural habitat due to growing human population, the majority of whom are farmers seeking more land to grow both cash and food crops. They access deep into the heart of the jungle thanks to increasing logging and mining companies that dig up roads," added the MINFOF delegate. Moreover, he stated, there is an involvement of soldiers from countries in this border area including particularly Cameroon, Central African Republic (CAR), and Congo and to a certain extent Gabon. "Villagers tell us that the soldiers not only host their more sophisticated weapons, including Kalashnikovs (AK-47 assault rifles) to poachers to facilitate killing of the animals, but also take part in hunting during non-working hours," he said.

**MEXICO**

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Reuter

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Japan forecaster keeps view El Nino likely till winter

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Japanese President Felipe Calderon said on Tuesday he hopes to push through labor reforms needed to create jobs and boost economic growth, but was not certain if the proposals will pass Congress before he leaves office.

Reuter

Mexico’s Calderon ears eye, fiscal law reforms in final months

Reuter

A rickshaw driver sits on his rickshaw while he waits for passengers along the streets of Kathmandu on 10 Sept, 2012.— Reuters

**CUBA**

HAVANA, 11 Sept — About 31 percent of Cubans will be aged above 60 by 2030, according to a government study released on Monday. In 2010, this age group accounted for 17.8 percent of the total population, and the percentage increased to 18.1 in 2011, according to the study, published in the Tribunales weekly.

Most of the elderly live in and around the capital and the central provinces of Villa Clara and Sancti Spiritus, and cities with the largest proportion of the aged are Cabaiguán, Yaguanay and Sancti Spiritus, showed the research. Meanwhile, cities with the youngest population are Maú and Isle of Youth, in the eastern province of Guanatamo and Holguín respectively.

Statistics also showed that Cubans have an average life expectancy of 78 years, 76 for men and 80 for women. According to the study, population growth in the island country has generally slowed since 1959, the year of the revolution, when the population numbered 4 million, though growth spurs were registered in the middle of the 1960s and 1970s.

The population reached 9 million in the 1970s, hit 10 million between 1981 and 1985, and surpassed 11 million between 1995 and 2005. According to the latest population count, conducted in 2010, there were 11,241,161 people living in Cuba. Cuba will kick off its 18th census next Saturday, its first demographics update in 10 years.— Xinhua

**PHOTO NEWS**

Dancers perform during the final scene of the Future Cinema outdoor screening of “Grease” in London on 9 Sept, 2012. London-based Future Cinema, which specialises in immersive events fusing film, theatre, music and dance, transformed Barnes Common park into the movie’s fictional setting of Rydell High School. Over 9,000 participants, donning 1950s attire, were expected at three showings over the weekend.— Reuters

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**PERSPECTIVES**

**Wednesday, 12 September, 2012**

**Should you have a good cry?**

Humans are the only creatures who have developed the ability to cry emotional tears. It is the only excretory process we have that animals don’t. Scientists believe there is growing evidence that cry is good for body and soul.

Tears contain at least two of hormones produced by the body as a reaction to stress. So, the expression ‘crying it out’ may be literally true. Studies have shown that people feel better after having a good cry.

The physiological functions of tears are relatively clear-cut, flushing out foreign bodies, protecting the eye against bacteria and reducing reflection and glare. The tear film is made of three layers, namely, inner mucus, middle water and outer lipid (or fatty), each component being produced by separate glands in the eye. Tears are a complex combination of salts, proteins and enzymes. Even more complicated is the relationship between mind and body which leads to crying.

Men cry fewer tears and less often than women, but whether the difference is biological or cultural is unknown. Although literature is awash with lachrymose imagery, weeping is regarded as a sign of weakness, particularly for men, contrary to popular belief that “a man without tears is a man without heart”.

Stress can aggravate all kinds of conditions from ulcers to hypertension, and it may be a mistake not to cry because you may be ignoring an important mechanism for alleviating it. So, when you are upset you should allow all yourself without tears is a man without heart”.

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**Garbage van hits cars in series**

**Yangon, 11 Sept**—At AD traffic light junction in Mayagyo Township, a traffic accident occurred at 7.40 am on 9 September.

A 12-wheeled garbage van with number plate 3C/...driven by U San Win, 45, son of U Win of Hteinbin Staff Quarters in Hlinethaya Township carrying a full load of garbage hit red colour Suzuki Saloon with number plate 1C/... on the beside way due to out of break control. The accident of two cars hit one taxi saloon again in series.

Members of Traffic Police Force arrived at the scene and checked the damaged cars. There was no one injury in the accident. — *Myanma Alin*

**Unlicensed liquor sellers seized**

**Mawlu, 11 Sept**—A combined team comprising personnel of Mawlu Police Station, Village Administrator and Development Affairs Committee checked restaurants in Mawlu Model Village of Indaw Township on 2 September.

The team took action against 10 shops for their sales of unlicensed liquors. — Kyemon

**NEW LIGHT OF MYANMAR**

**Wednesday, 12 September, 2012**

**Union Foreign Affairs Minister receives ambassadors, guests of Daily Telegraph**

**NAY PYI TAW, 11 Sept**— Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Wunna Maung Lwin received Mr Hossein Kamalian, Ambassador of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, at his office this afternoon. They discussed matters on further enhancing bilateral relations and cooperation between Myanmar and Iran.

Similarly, he received Mr Chukwudi Newington Okafor, Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Nigeria to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, at his office this afternoon. They discussed matters on further promoting bilateral relations and cooperation between Myanmar and Nigeria.

After that, he received Mrs Sorcha Hellyer, VP-Strategic Planning and Mr Gabriele Villa, VP-Business Development of The Daily Telegraph from United Kingdom at his office, this evening. — MNA

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**As time goes by, wireless systems have taken everywhere!**

**Moderate earthquake jolts outside Myanmar**

**NAY PYI TAW, 11 Sept**—A moderate earthquake of magnitude 5.0 Richter Scale with its epicenter outside Myanmar (Yunnan, China), about 270 miles Northeast of Mandalay seismological observatory was recorded at 09 hrs 51 min 50 sec M.S.T today, announced Department of Meteorology and Hydrology.

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News in Brief

Relief aids donated to flood victims
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**MEXICO CITY, 11 Sept — Mexican opposition leader Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador, who was exonerated of second-place losses in presidential elections, said on Sunday he would leave his coalition, a move that threatens to create a rift among leftists in Congress.**

“I have separated from the parties that form the Progressive Movement,” Lopez Obrador said. “This isn’t a rupture, I leave in the best of terms.” Lopez Obrador said he would dedicate all his efforts to change Mexico with a new organization called Morena that has yet to be legally incorporated as a party. Lopez Obrador accused President-elect Enrique Pena Nieto of laundering money and buying votes in July’s presidential election, but he lost a legal bid at the end of August to overturn the result.

Pena Nieto will be sworn in 1 December and has promised fiscal, labour and energy reforms, which Lopez Obrador is likely to resist. Lopez Obrador’s supporters blocked many of Mexico City’s main thoroughfares for weeks after he narrowly lost the 2006 election. There were a few protests this year, but they failed to reach the scale of 2006. Lopez Obrador called for a “peaceful civil resistance” before thousands of his supporters in the capital’s main square, but he once again refused to recognize Pena Nieto as Mexico’s legitimate president.

Javier Oliva, a political scientist at the National Autonomous University of Mexico, said as many as 15 deputies in the lower house and two or three senators from the leftist coalition will likely join Lopez Obrador in his new movement.

“This is going to have important repercussions,” Oliva said. “This will create divisions and a future rupture among the left.”

**Mali militants say army killing of preachers declaration of war**

**Mali**

**BAMAKO, 11 Sept — Mali militant group MUJWA said on Sunday the killing of 16 preachers including eight Malians and eight Mauritanians by an army patrol in Mali was a declaration of war.**

The Movement for Unity and Jihad in West Africa (MUJWA) is one of the Islamic groups that has hijacked a Tuareg rebellion in northern Mali since April with the intention of imposing sharia law in the country.

“With this barbaric act that was not warranted, I don’t see any future for Malians or the Malian government because we are going to continue our southward push to Bamako. This was a declaration of war,” said Oumar Ould Hamaha, a senior Islamist speaking on behalf MUJWA.

“The 16 were the Muhammediya, a big Islamic conference,” Carney told reporters on Air Force One. Obama was in Florida for a two-day campaign bus trip. The identity of the officer was not immediately released.

**Florida police officer escorting Obama motorcycle crashes, dies**

**WASHINGTON, 11 Sept — A Florida police officer involved in setting up security for US President Barack Obama’s motorcycle was killed on Sunday after his motorcycle was hit by a pickup truck.**

But not all were heeding the order to evacuate. Jon Cummings, co-owner of 100 Acre Wood Lodge, an upscale resort in North Fork, chose not to leave, and said he was slightly unnerved by the emergency services may not be provided and asked him to identify his next of kin.” It’s possible that embers from the fire could rain down on us like who knows what, but we’re keeping everything watered down,” he said. A firefighter was taken to a local hospital, where he died. White House spokesman Jay Carney said the accident happened ahead of the president’s motorcade and no other vehicles were involved. An ambulance that was part of the motorcade was released immediately to assist on the scene, he said. Carney said the president had been informed of the incident.

**MEXICO**

**SALMON, 11 Sept — A massive wildfire forced hundreds of people from their homes on Sunday as high winds pushed the blaze to within miles of two communities. Managers of the 200,000-acre Mustang Complex fire, ignited by lightning in July in mountainous pine forests dissected by steep, narrow canyons in the Salmon-Challis National Forest, prepared to defend threatened houses along a strategic stretch of highway near the two towns in east-central Idaho.**

Fire crews from a number of Idaho cities took up positions near the towns of North Fork and Gibbonsville, which sit within a 21-mile stretch of US Highway 93, near the Montana border. “It’s going to test us,” fire information officer Bill Swartley said of the wildfire. “We will defend homes. But if it becomes a safety hazard to fire personnel, we will step aside and let the fire pass.”

The Mustang Complex is one of several large fires burning mostly unchecked across the US West in a destructive fire season that has already seen record-breaking fires in Colorado, New Mexico and Oregon.

A cold front bringing winds predicted to gust up to 45 miles per hour sparked the latest round of Idaho evacuations, centered on an estimated 400 residences and vacation homes. Authorities last week advised some residents to leave and others to be prepared to evacuate at a moment’s notice. Fire engines were stationed at many properties. Houses with just one access road were to be guarded by hundreds of firefighters. Those crews were assigned to activate the gas-powered pumps of sprinkler systems when needed and then depart.

An affluent island home to some 65,000 people and a global reinsurance centre, Bermuda has strict building codes and is well-prepared for storms that sweep across the Atlantic during the June-through-November hurricane season. As Leslie pushes north, swells generated by the storm are expected to affect parts of the US East Coast, the northern Leeward Islands, Porto Rico and the Virgin Islands. Forecast models show Leslie may approach Canada’s Newfoundland coast as a full-blown hurricane.

Farther out in the Atlantic, Hurricane Michael was downgraded to a Category 1 storm. Michael, the first Category 3 storm of the Atlantic season, had sustained winds of 90 mph (151 km/h) and was expected to make landfall in Florida on Tuesday as a Category 1 hurricane over the open Atlantic on Tuesday with winds reaching 75 miles per hour (120 kph). An affluent island home to some 65,000 people and a global reinsurance centre, Bermuda has strict building codes and is well-prepared for storms that sweep across the eastern United States, according to officials. The hurricane centre said.

**West Coast rail franchise to be nationalised — paper**

**LONDON, 11 Sept — The British government is preparing to nationalise Virgin Trains’ West Coast railway line, forcing its train operating franchise following its attempts to delay the signing of the network to rival operator First Group which won the franchise renewal bid, the Sunday Times newspaper said.**

Virgin’s campaign for a judicial review of the government’s decision to award the franchise to First Group has delayed the signing of the contract and could put back indefinitely the handover, which is due to take place on 9 December. Ministers are now preparing to transfer the service to state-owned Directly Operated Railways, the paper said, quoting the Department for Transport as saying it was “looking at our options sensibly under section 30 of the Railways Act and it is only prudent to increase our focus on contingency planning”.

The Department for Transport declined to comment further. Virgin Trains, a joint venture of entrepreneur Richard Branson’s Virgin Group and trains and buses operator Stagecoach, could not be reached for comment.

**Tropical Storm Leslie slowly moves past Bermuda, bound for Canada**

**HAMILTON, 11 Sept — Tropical Storm Leslie churned east of Bermuda on Sunday, buffetting the island with strong winds and rain and heading on a path that may carry it to the US East Coast.**

Most flights in and out of the island were cancelled on Sunday. Bus and ferry services were suspended.

At 550 GMT (1100 EDT) Leslie was 175 miles (280 km) east-northeast of the British territory, heading north by northeast at 14 miles per hour (22 kph) with the centre of the storm beginning to move away from the island, the US National Hurricane Centre said. It had sustained winds of 60 miles per hour (96 kph) and could strengthen to a Category 1 hurricane over the open Atlantic on Tuesday with winds reaching 75 miles per hour (120 kph). An affluent island home to some 65,000 people and a global reinsurance centre, Bermuda has strict building codes and is well-prepared for storms that sweep across the eastern United States, according to officials. The hurricane centre said.

**Hurricane Leslie is seen in this NOAA satellite image taken at 1515 EDT (1715 GMT) on 5 Sept, 2012. — Reuters**

**Hurricane Leslie**
China pushes wind power, but no quick payoff for producers

Horoi Kong, 11 Sept — China will order its dominant electricity distributers to source up to 15 percent of their power from renewable energy including wind, but some analysts warn it may be years before the country’s struggling wind power developers benefit, industry executives say.

The quota system will apply to State Grid Corp of China and China Southern Power Grid Co Ltd by the end of this year, the executives say, with the largest wind power capacity, but a third of it sits idle as renewable energy is a money- losing business for grid operators and network construction has lagged capacity expansion. As a result, China’s Noda must transmit electricity from generating zones in the northwest, north and northeast to population hubs in the south and east. “With the roll-out of the quota system and acceleration of grid construction, the problem of distributors holding back electricity to help ease,” said Hu Yongsheng, president of China Datang Corp Renewable Power Co Ltd.

But until China forms a pricing policy that makes selling wind power and other renewables like solar energy more profitable, the country’s powerful grid operators have little commercial incentive to follow the new quotas. That means wind power developers such as China Longyuan Power Group Corp Ltd, Huaneng Renewables Corp Ltd, Datang Renewable Power Ltd, and Xinhua Power Development Co Ltd will continue to struggle. Chinese wind power developers (kwh), while the prices of electricity purchased from coal-fired plants can be as low as 0.3 yuan. The government subsidises grid firms for selling renewable energy to help shift China from coal to less polluting coal, but the subsidies are not enough for them to make a profit.

Noda’s two-year rule would not seek re-election. Tanigaki said on Monday he would not seek re-election. The government’s one-year tenure, but it came at a steep price. About 70 lawmakers left the Democrats, with the result being to back back for backing the tax hike and other unpopular policies, such as Noda’s push to restart nuclear reactors delayed after last year’s Fukushima disaster.

The government is due to present a national energy plan in coming days that will try to respond to the growing anti-nuclear energy sentiment among voters and without alienating pro-nuclear sentiment among voters and without alienating pro-nuclear energy plan in coming days. Noda has raised expectations for further stimulus and monetary easing.

Regional

Japan’s PM Noda likely to keep policy leadership

Tokyo, 11 Sept — Japan’s Prime Minister Yoshihiko Noda looked very likely on Monday to hang on to one of the worst jobs around — leading the demoralized ruling party to almost certain crushing election defeat. The Democratic Party of Japan election commission confirmed on Monday that besides Noda, there would be three fringe contenders running in the 21 September leadership contest — former farm ministers Hirotsuka Akamatsu and Michihiko Kano and an ex-internal affairs minister Kazuhito Haraguchi.

In his election pledge, Noda said he would bring a lasting end to deflation that has plagued Japan for a decade and bring a 1 percent inflation target within a year. The Democrats’ third prime minister in as many years also promised to work towards ending reliance on nuclear power, though he gave no indication he would abolish the government halfway through. With that in mind, I’ve decided to run in the leadership race,” he told a joint news conference with the other candidates. But Noda’s days in power appear numbered with opinion polls showing the Democrats trailing the opposition Liberal Democratic Party and a new grouping led by a popular Osaka mayor Toru Hashimoto which plans to contest the next general election expected before the end of the year.

“It looks certain that Noda will win,” Hidemori Suetsuna, chief strategist at SMBC Nikko Securities said. “But financial markets are focusing on the main opposition’s leadership race later this month and Hashimoto’s ‘Ishin no Kai’ party, as they will play a key role in a political reshuffle after general elections, not the Democrats,” Suetsuna said. LDP leader Sadakazu Tanigaki said on Monday he would not seek re-election. The party’s former defense and foreign ministers are in contention, with media reports suggesting that the party’s current No 2 Nobutaka Ishihara and former prime minister Shinzo Abe will also join the race slated for 26 September. The lower house’s term ends in August 2013, but Noda promised to call an election “soon” in return for the opposition backing his plan for tax cuts to offset rising social security costs.

Last month’s passage of a long-delayed gridlock and the biggest accomplishment of Noda’s one-year term, but it came at a steep price. About 70 lawmakers left the Democrats, with the result being to back back for backing the tax hike and other unpopular policies, such as Noda’s push to restart nuclear reactors delayed after last year’s Fukushima disaster. The government is due to present a national energy plan in coming days that will try to respond to the growing anti-nuclear energy sentiment among voters and without alienating pro-nuclear sentiment among voters and without alienating pro-nuclear energy plan in coming days. Noda has raised expectations for further stimulus and monetary easing.

China on track to hit ambitious public housing target

Beijing, 11 Sept — China has this year invested 820 billion yuan ($129 billion) in 6.5 million public home building starts as of the end of August, the Ministry of Housing and Urban-Rural Development said, putting it on track to achieve an ambitious construction target. Construction of 7 million such homes and completing 5 million public home building starts as of the end of August. Faster construction of public homes drove annual growth in China’s real estate investment up by 17 percent in August, from July’s 9.9 percent growth.

China’s real estate sector directly affects more than 40 other industries, from steel to furniture, and its investment accounted for 14 percent of gross domestic product in the first half. A large part of the government’s 10th five-year plan to drive growth.

China aims to start building 7 million such homes and complete construction of 5 million in 2012, compared with actual starts of 10.4 million units and completion of 4.3 million in 2011. The ministry added that China finished building 4.2 million units as of the end of August. Faster construction of public homes drove annual growth in China’s real estate investment up by 17 percent in August, from July’s 9.9 percent growth.

China is the most populous country. The country’s 10th five-year plan to drive growth.

But until China reforms a major capital.

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Australia can’t rest easy on terror threat: FM

Canberra, 11 Sept — Australia can’t rest easy and a surprise terror attack could happen at any time, Foreign Minister Bob Carr warned on Tuesday.

“We can’t rest for a moment. The threat is real,” Carr told ABC Television as the United States mark the 11th anniversary of the 9/11 attacks.

“We can’t rest easy. We have achieved the appropriate balance in this country between alertness to the threat and respect for civil liberties,” he said.

“Heartless” and “terrible” were the words used to describe the attack.

Carr said that the world needs to worry about the ultimate threat of terror groups using fissile material to detonate a backpack or car bomb in a major capital.

A wind turbine is seen near a gate of the ancient city of Wusha in Diaobingshan, Liaoning Province on 18 Jan, 2011.— Reuters

A joint news conference with the other candidates. But Noda’s days in power appear numbered with opinion polls showing the Democrats trailing the opposition Liberal Democratic Party and a new grouping led by a popular Osaka mayor Toru Hashimoto which plans to contest the next general election expected before the end of the year.

“It looks certain that Noda will win,” Hidemori Suetsuna, chief strategist at SMBC Nikko Securities said. “But financial markets are focusing on the main opposition’s leadership race later this month and Hashimoto’s ‘Ishin no Kai’ party, as they will play a key role in a political reshuffle after general elections, not the Democrats,” Suetsuna said. LDP leader Sadakazu Tanigaki said on Monday he would not seek re-election. The party’s former defense and foreign ministers are in contention, with media reports suggesting that the party’s current No 2 Nobutaka Ishihara and former prime minister Shinzo Abe will also join the race slated for 26 September. The lower house’s term ends in August 2013, but Noda promised to call an election “soon” in return for the opposition backing his plan for tax cuts to offset rising social security costs.

Last month’s passage of a long-delayed gridlock and the biggest accomplishment of Noda’s one-year tenure, but it came at a steep price. About 70 lawmakers left the Democrats, with the result being to back back for backing the tax hike and other unpopular policies, such as Noda’s push to restart nuclear reactors delayed after last year’s Fukushima disaster. The government is due to present a national energy plan in coming days that will try to respond to the growing anti-nuclear energy sentiment among voters and without alienating pro-nuclear sentiment among voters and without alienating pro-nuclear energy plan in coming days. Noda has raised expectations for further stimulus and monetary easing.— Reuters

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Over 30 feared killed in bus accident in northern India

NEW DELHI, 11 Sept.—More than 30 people were feared killed as a bus skidded off road and fell into a 500-foot-deep gorge on Monday evening in the northern Indian state of Himachal Pradesh, local media reported on Tuesday.

The 42-seat bus, ferrying passengers from Palampur to Asha Puri, a village known for a hilltop shrine, was overcrowded. A joint rescue operation by police and the army is underway, said officials.

Overcrowding is common on the busy roads in the region, where buses often carry twice their advertised capacity.

Asha Puri, a village known for a hilltop shrine, was one of the places hit by the accident, which occurred just before 10:20 pm on Monday.

Emergency personnel were at the scene of the crash, which occurred on the Jodhpur-Mandi road, a major route in northern India.

According to the latest reports, at least 30 people were killed and several were injured.

Emergency services are still working to rescue the trapped passengers and recover the bodies of those who were killed.

Small helicopter crashes in Texas

HOUSTON, 11 Sept.—A small helicopter crashed on Monday afternoon in the US state of Texas, local media reported. The crash happened just before 4 pm on Monday in northeast Harris County, Texas, which includes the city of Houston, local TV channel ABC13 reported.

Emergency personnel were at the scene of the crash, which occurred on a busy road near the city of Katy.

According to the latest reports, the helicopter was carrying two people when it crashed.

The cause of the crash is under investigation, and the identities of the people on board have not yet been released.

Russia is most important foreign partner for Belarus:

Lukashenko

MINSK, 11 Sept.—Belarusian President Alexander Lukashenko said on Monday that Russia is the most important foreign political and economic partner for Belarus.

Lukashenko reaffirmed the course towards strategic partnership with Russia while appointing Igor Petrishenko Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Belarus to the Russian Federation on Monday.

"I hope very much that you will be a worthy representative of Belarusian state interests in the Russian Federation," Lukashenko said.

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1. The Department of Civil Aviation (DCA), Ministry of Transport, intends to develop Mandalay International Airport as a major logistic hub with private sector participation. Accordingly, DCA will accept submissions for prequalification from interested local firms and foreign firms in joint venture or consortium under the Myanmar Foreign Investment Law.

2. The DCA intends to prequalify firms for private sector participation in the operation, management and maintenance of all of the following service/work sectors of Mandalay International Airport.

(a) Development of an airport master plan
(b) Passenger Terminal Operations
(c) Airside and Landside Operations
(d) Ground Handling Facilities and Services
(e) Catering Facilities and Services
(f) Cargo Facilities and Services
(g) Maintenance Services for pavement, visual aids, electrical systems and navigational aids and other facilities
(h) Upgrading and expansion of the airport terminal and related facilities including expansion of the aircraft parking apron, according to the master plan

3. The DCA will implement the above development arrangements as a whole with a form of public-private partnership with private sector financing.

4. The successful prequalified firms may expect that the invitation for bids will be made in November, 2012.

5. The prequalification documents may be obtained by interested firms upon submission of evidence of payment of a non-refundable fee of USD 1000 to DCA. The method of payment shall be to Current Account No. MD 010019, Myanmar Economic Bank by means of bank transfer through Myanmar Foreign Trade Bank.

6. To obtain further information, interested firms should contact the address indicated below:

Deputy Director General,
Department of Civil Aviation, Myanmar
Telephone : 951 533001, 951 533013 Fax: 951 533016 Email : dydg@dca.gov.mm, ddassd@dca.gov.mm

7. Place and deadline for submission of Prequalification documents:

Deadline for application submission: 15th October, 2012 at 1500 Hrs Myanmar Standard Time.

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Turbulent Somalia gets new president in vote for change

Mogadishu, 11 Sept — Members of parliament overwhelmingly elected political newcomer Hassan Sheikh Mohamud as president of Somalia on Monday, a result hailed by supporters as a vote for change in the war-ravaged country. Burst of celebratory gunfire cracked through the streets of the capital, Mogadishu, after the first vote of its kind in decades in Somalia drew to a close. Mohamud won in a secret ballot with 190 votes, against 79 lawmakers voting for Ahmed.

“I congratulate all Somalis. The people are taking a new direction. You are now ending the difficult path and taking a new one,” Mohamud said to a cheering crowd of well-wishers. Although Mohamud is a relatively new face in Somali politics, the one-time academic will be confronted by old problems: acrimonious clan politics, rampant corruption, maritime piracy and a stubborn Islamist insurgency. Mohamud, seen as a moderate, unexpectedly defeated incumbent President Sheikh Sharif Ahmed after two of the four candidates who made it to the second round of voting dropped out.

One of them, outgoing Prime Minister Abdiweli Mohamed Ali, who threw his weight behind Mohamud, said the result heralded a new era for Somali politics. “Somalia voted for change,” Ali told Reuters, adding it was too early to say whether he would take part in the new administration. Somalia has lacked an effective central government since the outbreak of civil war in 1991. The capital, however, which until last year witnessed street battles between al-Qaeda-linked al Shabaab militants and African soldiers, is now a vibrant city where reconstruc ted houses are slowly replacing bullet-riddled structures.

Monday’s vote was seen as a culmination of a regionally brokered, UN-backed roadmap to end that conflict, during which tens of thousands of people were killed and many more fled. Despite being on the back foot, the militants still control swaths of southern and central Somalia, while pirates, regional administration and local militia groups are also still a threat. Horn of Africa country.

Nicaragua’s highest volcano cools down

MANAGUA, 11 Sept — San Cristobal, Nicaragua’s highest volcano, returned to relative calm on Monday following a series of eruptions that have shot gas, sand and ash into the sky since last Saturday. Standing 1,745 metres high above the sea level in western Nicaragua, San Cristobal showed low-level activities, in which gas and steam emissions reached only 250 to 300 meters above the crater’s western edge, according to the data from the Nicaraguan Institute of Territorial Studies (Ineter).

Researchers also found that concentrations of sulphur dioxide decreased sharply from last Sunday to Monday, which were measured in the nearby communities of Chinandega and El Guasas. Ineter Director Javier Mejia said his agency was also monitoring two other volcanoes, Telica and Apoyeque, because of their increased volcanic activities recently.

According to Ineter’s latest report, Telica, located in western Leon province, currently is an active volcano, letting out a jet-like rumble and emitting columns of steam that went up hundreds of meters high. Telica’s last major eruption was in 1984. Apoyeque, located in Chiltepe Peninsula southwest of the capital Managua, caused the recent 7.6 magnitude earthquake that hit Nicaragua and Costa Rica on 6 September, said Mejia. Meanwhile, Nicaragua’s Agriculture and Forestry Minister Ariela Bucardo dismissed fears that the volcano could affect crops and shrimp farms in northwest Nicaragua. Bucardo said peanut farms, sugar cane fields and other agricultural businesses in western Nicaragua were operating normally, as was the nearby shrimp industry. The Nicaraguan government issued a medium-level yellow alert that was still in effect in Chinandega, and a low-level green alert in Leon Province, both in western Nicaragua. — Xinhua

“Avengers” director Whedon swaps superheroes for Shakespeare


The writer and director, however, also known for creating the cult TV hit “Buffy the Vampire Slayer,” calls the legendary playwright a major influence, visible in much of his work from the banter of his superheroes to the structure of his stories.

“Such is his admiration, that in the wake of delivering “The Avengers” — the biggest movie hit of 2012 — Whedon has adapted “Much Ado About Nothing,” a low-budget black-and-white labour of love devoted to the Bard that he directed at the Toronto International Film Festival.

“I find myself aping his rhythms and occasionally stealing his phrases, without even realizing it most of the time,” Whedon told Reuters in an interview on Monday. “Shakespeare’s not afraid to go from high drama to low comedy in a heartbeat, and to ping-pong back and forth between them in a scene, which is something else that I took from him in my own work.”

Reuter
England vs South Africa Twenty20 abandoned

Manchester, 11 Sept—The second Twenty20 international between world champions England and South Africa in Manchester on Monday was abandoned due to persistent rain.

The match was reduced to nine overs per side and South Africa were led by a spectacular 47 not out from Hashim Amla as they notched up 77 for five wickets.

Steven Finn took two for 17 from his two overs as the batsmen and fielding side struggled in the greasy conditions, Jacques Kallis (13 not out) helping to boost the score to the end with a seven-ball cameo.

The rain showed no sign of abating as England’s batsmen took the field and they never got going, opener Craig Kieswetter swiping desperately at Morne Morkel’s first over.

England were 29 for two off 4.1 overs when the umpires, aware that five balls were required to force a result under the Duckworth-Lewis method, called the players off the field.

South Africa won the first match on Saturday and can seal a series victory in the third game on Wednesday ahead of the 18 September to 7 October Twenty20 World Cup in Sri Lanka.—Reuters

Boxing-Fighting midwife hangs up her gloves

Tokyo, 11 Sept—Japanese boxing midwife Naomi Togashi, a former women’s world flyweight champion, announced her retirement from the sport on Monday.

“Ten years ago I began boxing as an amateur,” the 37-year-old told reporters after deciding to focus solely on delivering babies.

“I have continued working and training and I have no regrets,” Togashi turned professional in 2007, two years before women’s boxing was even recognised in Japan, and won the World Boxing Council’s flyweight crown the following year.

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Naomi Togashi of Japan (C) celebrates after defeating Oa Kokietgym of Thailand at the women’s WBC light flyweight title bout in Tokyo on 2 May, 2009.—Reuters

McIlroy buys time on flag decision for 2016 Games

Rory (Northern Ireland) 11 Sept—World number one Rory McIlroy, in a bid to dampen mounting speculation over whether he will represent Britain or Ireland at the 2016 Olympic Games in Rio de Janeiro, says he is no rush to make a decision.

The 23-year-old Northern Irishman eased to a third win in four PGA Tour starts at the BMW Championship in Carmel, Indiana, on Sunday and, for the moment, wants to devote his entire golfing focus to tournament play.

“I wish to clarify that I have absolutely not made a decision regarding my participation in the next Olympics,” McIlroy wrote on Monday in an open letter via his Twitter account.

“One personal level, playing in the Olympics would be a huge honor. However, the Games in Rio are still four years away and I certainly won’t be making any decisions with regards to participating any time soon.

“My focus right now is on being the best player I can be, trying to win major championships and contributing to what will hopefully be a victorious European side at the forthcoming Ryder Cup matches against the USA.”

Long regarded as heir apparent to Tiger Woods as the game’s leading player, McIlroy has enjoyed a career-best season on the 2012 PGA Tour highlighted by four wins, including a second major title at last month’s PGA Championship.

His swashbuckling approach to golf, coupled with his down-to-earth, almost boyish, demeanor with the fans, has made him arguably the most popular player in the game.

However, ever since the decision was made for golf to return to the Olympics in 2016 for the first time since 1904, McIlroy has felt pressured to signal which flag he would prefer to represent at global sports showpiece.—Reuters

Brisbane's Andy Murray (R) and Serbia's Novak Djokovic hold their trophies after defeating Murray in the men's singles final match at the US Open tennis tournament in New York, on 10 Sept, 2012.—Reuters

Djokovic welcome friend for run into grand slam chic

New York, 11 Sept—Novak Djokovic hates to lose, but the five-times grand slam champion was happy for his friend Andy Murray, who beat him in a pulsating, five-set struggle for the US Open title on Monday.

“Any loss is a bad loss. There is no question about it,” the Serb told reporters after his 7-6, 7-5, 2-6, 3-6, 6-2 defeat that denied him back-to-back US titles. “I’m disappointed to lose the match. I had a great opponent today. He deserved to win this grand slam more than anybody, I’m sure, because over the years he’s been a top player. He’s been close, lost four finals. Now he has won it, so I would like to congratulate him.”

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Cameroon football federation offices under security guard

Yaounde, 11 Sept—Armed security forces have formed a tight cordon around the Cameroon football federation offices in Yaounde after disappointed fans threatened to ransack them following an ambarrasing defeat for the national team.

Cameroon’s Indominiable Lions, four-times winners of the African Nations Cup, are in danger of missing out on a place at the next finals in South Africa after losing 2-0 to the tiny Cape Verde Islands in Praia on Saturday in the first leg of the final round of qualifiers.

Angry fans demonstrated outside the offices after the defeat, leading to the deployment of police and military personnel.

“A new visitor to this country may have thought we were at war or facing an invasion,” said Martin Ndazunga who lives next to the offices in the Tsinga neighbourhood.

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Cameroon does not merit this, not at all,” local football coach Kossi Eloundou told Reuters. “It is as a reason of poor preparation and the poor spirit in the team. But under fire coach Denis Lavagne said there was still a home leg to be played.

“I think we can win that with a big score. We are in a difficult situation but everything is still possible,” he told state radio.

Cape Verdians on 13 October, missed out on the last Nations Cup in a mini crisis for the country who have long been one of the dominant forces in African football.

They were the first Africa country to reach the World Cup quarter-finals and won Olympic gold in Sydney in 2000.
Turkey says will not hand over fugitive Iraqi

**VP Hashemi**

Iraq’s fugitive Vice President Tareq al-Hashemi gestures as he addresses the media in Ankara on 10 Sept., 2012.

*Reuters*

Among Shi’ite, Sunni and Kurdish blocs.

“There is no truth in the accusations against him. To the contrary, Hashemi has unfortunately lost family members in Iraq,” Erdogan said. “It is out of question for him to be involved in such acts.” —*Reuters*

**Coach crash kills three, injures 50 in Brit**

London, 11 Sept.—A tourist coach crashed into a tree in Surrey, Southeast England on Monday night, causing three people dead and 50 injured, local media reported on Tuesday.

The vehicle veered off the road and hit a tree on an embankment of the northbound side of the A3 at 11:50 pm local time (2250 GMT). Sky News reported, quoting a spokesman for the emergency service on the scene.

The injured passengers have been sent to several hospitals for treatment, while service personnel are still recovering bodies trapped in the coach.

The cause of the crash was put under investigation, while recovering bodies trapped in the coach.

“I’ll say it very clearly. I’ll be a criminal if I release him to be involved in such acts.” —Erdogan

**Deal reached to resume construction on 11 September museum**

New York, 11 Sept.—A deal has been reached to resume construction on a National September 11 Museum in New York, Mayor Michael Bloomberg said on Monday on the eve of the 11th anniversary of the attacks on the World Trade Centre towers.

A cost dispute between the foundation that controls the museum and the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, which is building the ambitious subterranean structure, has halted construction of the project for months. Diverging estimates on the cost of the project, which had been scheduled to open this week prior to the delays, from each side range from $700 million to more than $1 billion.

“I am very gratified that on the eve of this important anniversary we are able to announce that an agreement that will ensure the completion of the 9/11 museum,” Bloomberg’s statement said.

“My goal during this period has been to get construction of the museum restarted. This agreement ensures that it will be restarted very soon and will not stop until the museum is completed,” he added.

The museum is designed to extend seven levels underground and will include artifacts from the day of the attacks, from firefighters’ helmets to pieces of rubble to models of the site before the attacks, which killed 2,751 people in New York.

Bloomberg chairs the National September 11th Memorial and Museum foundation. The Port Authority is controlled by Governors Andrew Cuomo of New York and Chris Christie of New Jersey. Under the agreement, representatives for all three will participate in a committee that oversees annual events, including Tuesday’s September 11th ceremony.

The foundation had said in July that politicians would be excluded this year from speaking roles at the ceremony to focus on victims’ families, who traditionally read the names of the dead.

*Reuters*
H.E. Mr. Wu Bangguo is Chairman of the Standing Committee of the 11th National People’s Congress of the People’s Republic of China.

He was born in July 1941 in Feidong County, Anhui Province. He is Han ethnic nationality. He graduated from the Department of Radio Electronics of Tsinghua University in 1967. He worked in Shanghai No.3 Electron Tube Factory as technician, deputy chief and chief of Technical Section from 1967 to 1976. After that, he served deputy factory director and factory director of Shanghai No.3 Electron Tube Factory from 1976 to 1978. At the same time, he also worked as deputy secretary of the CPC Shanghai Municipal Committee.

He served as a deputy member of the Political Bureau of the CPC Central Committee from 1992 to 2002 and became a member of the CPC Central Committee of the Communist Party of China and concurrently served as party secretary of the Shanghai Municipal Science and Technology Work Committee. From 1985 to 1992, he became a deputy secretary and later became a secretary of the CPC Shanghai Municipal Committee.

He was elected as an additional member of the 12th National People’s Congress from 2003 to 2008. Currently, he is Chairman of the Standing Committee of the 11th National People’s Congress.

H.E. Mr. Wu Bangguo is also serves as alternate member of the 12th and 13th CPC Central Committees and member of the Political Bureau of the 14th CPC Central Committee. He took responsibility of Chairmanship of the Standing Committee of the 10th National People’s Congress from 2003 to 2008.

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Additional Information:
- He later became a secretary of the CPC Shanghai Municipal Committee.
- He also serves as alternate member of the 12th and 13th CPC Central Committees.
- He served as a member of the CPC Central Committee at the 4th Session as an additional member of the Secretariat of the 15th and 16th CPC Central Committees.
- He holds multiple positions and responsibilities in various committees and organizations.

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Argentina retains pack to test Australia

NEW ZEALAND, 11 Sept—Argentina coach Santiago Phelan has kept faith with the forward pack that made life difficult for New Zealand last week and made just two changes to his backbone for their Rugby Championship clash against Australia on Saturday. Martin Landajo has replaced Nicolas Vergallo at scrumhalf, while Lucas Gonzalez Amorosino takes the place of Martin Rodriguez at fullback.

Both Vergallo and Rodriguez were dropped to the replacements bench for the clash at Skilled Park on the Gold Coast.

It was little surprise Phelan retained the forward pack who held the All Blacks in check for more than 65 minutes in Wellington last Saturday before the world champions snatched a 21-5 win courtesy of two tries. The Wallabies have struggled in the forward exchanges during the Rugby Championship, which the Pumas are likely to exploit with their traditional scrumming power combined with a ruthless defence around the fringes and at the breakdown.

Their backline defence should also present a problem for the misfiring Wallabies’ backs, who have failed to score a try in their three matches in the Rugby Championship and appear to be struggling for rhythm and creative inspiration.

The Pumas backs were praised by the All Blacks after the Wellington match, with their drift system quickly shutting down the space they appeared to leave wide, while they barely missed a one-on-one tackle.

Phelan reverted to a traditional 4-3 split on his bench for the game against the Wallabies after choosing five forwards and two backs last week. Winger Juan Imhoff will cover the outside backs from the bench, while versatile prop Marcos Ayerza has dropped out of the 22-man squad altogether.—Reuters

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Slight earthquake hits 14 miles north of Mawlaik

NAY PYI TAW, 11 Sept—A slight earthquake of magnitude 4.8 Richter Scale with its epicenter inside Myanmar, about 14 miles North of Mawlaik, about 200 miles Northwest of Mandalay seismological observatory was recorded at 17 hrs 40 min 56 sec M.S.T today, Department of Meteorology and Hydrology announced.—MNA

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Students show off skills in graduation performance

MANDALAY, 11 Sept—Students of National Culture and Fine Arts University (Mandalay) of Fine Arts Department under the Ministry of Culture presented the 8th graduation performance for 2011-2012 academic year at the National Theatre and the theatrical dramas.

Works of students in painting and sculpture were displayed at the entrance to the National Theatre and the students showed off their performances of music and theatrical dramas on the stage.

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Mexico’s Calderon eyes labour, fiscal law reforms in final months

An aviation division of air force under Guangzhou Military Area Command of PLA has conducted live-fire attack training on the sea recently.

Djokovic welcomes friend Murray into grand slam club

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Chairman of the Standing Committee of the 11th National People’s Congress of PRC and wife to pay a goodwill visit to Myanmar

NAY PYI TAW, 11 Sept—At an invitation of Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann of Pyithu Hluttaw of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, a delegation led by Mr. Wu Bangguo, Chairman of the Standing Committee of the 11th National People’s Congress of the Republic of China and wife Madam Zang Ruizhen will pay a goodwill visit to Myanmar from 12 to 15 September.—MNA