Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham gives confidence to flood victims in Shan State

Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham addressed the meeting with flood victims from Wards 5, 7, 8, and 12 at Shan Literature and Culture Hall in Lashio, Shan State. — MNA

Arsenal beats Soton 6-1 in Premier League

LONDON, 15 Sept — Arsenal scored three goals in seven first-half minutes Saturday in sweeping aside Southampton 6-1 in the Premier League, with Gervinho netting his first Premier League Results

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Union Labour Minister calls for protection of rights of migrant workers

NAKPYITAW, 15 Sept—Chairman of Overseas Jobs Supervisory Committee Union Minister for Labour U Maung Maung Myn met officials and staff who will discharge duties at temporary passports issuance officers in Thailand to issue temporary passports and workers identification cards to Myanmar migrant workers, at the Labour Ministry here yesterday.

Speaking on the occasion, the Union minister instructed them to adhere to orders and instructions of the mother ministry and observe the rules and regulations of the host country, protecting the interests of the migrant workers as a national duty, offering the best services.

The team is the third dispatch to Thailand and planned to discharge duties there for about three months. ID cards were issued to over 1 million out of 2 million migrant workers there in the first and second times.

Chairman of Overseas Jobs Supervisory Committee Union Minister for Border Affairs Lt-Gen Thein Htay called for accomplishment of the mission, crushing the barriers. He urged them to attach immense importance to the work as they would discharge the duty on behalf of the Union government.

The team comprising of six working groups underwent refresher training for three days at Myanmar Passport Issuance Office (Yankin).

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Investigation commission concludes initial investigation

Chairman of Investigation Commission Dr Myo Myint and commission members inquire about people at Thetkelpyin relief camp in Sittway Township

The commission chairman and members arrived back here this afternoon by air. They went around Sittway, Kyauktaw, MaungU, Yathehaung, Maungthaw, Buthidaung, Paakraw, Kyaukpyu, Taungup and Yanbye townships.

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The investigation commission ended on 15 September. The commission will go to Rakhine State again to inquire into the incident and to make survey for national interests.—MNA

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Relief aids provided to flood victims

MAUNDRAY, 15 Sept—Maha Nayaka Committee member Abbot Shiddhama Garu Pathein Monastery Agga Maha Pandita Bhuddanta Prawita and State Central Working Committee of the Sangha Abbot of Mami Yadana Monastery Bhuddanta Soma donated school equipment, sanitation equipment and rice to them at Taunggya Monastery in Maundra of Nyaunglebin Township on 9 September.

Patron of the Region MCWSC Daw Myint Myint met the flood victims. Member of Region Supervisory Committee Daw Ni Aye gave talks on dysentery and Health Education Officer U Aung Min explained four clean practices. The Patron of the Supervisory Committee presented rice and school equipment, latrines and sanitation equipment to 340 flood victim households.—Myawma Alin

Jade trade takes shape

NAKPYITAW, 15 Sept—As Nanning in Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, China will host the 9th China-ASEAN Expo and local gems merchants from Myanmar are looking to it which will be from 21 to 25 September.

Managing Director U Maung Hsan of Maung Maung Hsawn Gems Company when interviewed said, “I would mainly exhibit jade necklace, bangle, pendant, sculpture as well as ruby and sapphire from Mogok. Chinese people highly value Myanmar jade. The number of visitors reached to as much as the thousands a day in the previous expo and almost every visitor bought at least a piece of jade work. Particularly, they like jade bangle and necklace is their favourite.”

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National News

U Paw Lwin Sein appointed as Myanmar Ambassador to Kingdom of Belgium

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U Min Thein appointed as Myanmar Ambassador to Commonwealth of Australia

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U Tin Yu appointed as Myanmar Ambassador to Russian Federation

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Thura U Thet Oo Maung appointed as Myanmar Ambassador to Arab Republic of Egypt

NAKPYITAW, 16 Sept—The President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar has appointed Thura U Thet Oo Maung, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar to Brunei Darussalam, as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar to the Arab Republic of Egypt.—MNA

Daw Yin Yin Myint accredited as Myanmar Ambassador to Brunei Darussalam

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**WORLD**

**US**

**US renews waivers of Iran sanctions for Japan, EU nations**

The sanctions law President Barack Obama signed in 2011 requires a review every six months of the waivers, which were given to all of Iran’s major buyers throughout 2012. Japan, the world’s third largest oil consumer, has taken significant steps to reduce purchases of Iranian crude, Clinton said.

The cuts were “especially notable considering the extraordinary energy challenges” Japan faced after the 2011 Fukushima nuclear disaster, she said in a statement. Since then, Japan has had to burn more diesel fuel. In March, Japan was the first of Asia’s top four buyers of Iranian crude to receive a US waiver from the sanctions. Since then Japan has made deeper cuts in crude purchases from Iran.

The State Department renewed exemptions on Friday to Belgium, the Czech Republic, France, Germany, Greece, Italy, the Netherlands, Poland, Spain, and the United Kingdom.

The European Union implemented a full embargo on Iranian crude and petroleum products on 1 July. The combination of US and European sanctions has forced Iran to cut oil output and almost halve exports. Since it was granted, Japan has cut imports each month by more than a quarter except for an increase of 6.8 percent in June. It completely halted shipments in July. The United States next granted waivers to South Korea and India on 11 June. Their renewals are due in December. Since Washington issued those exemptions, official data from Seoul has shown imports fell by a quarter in June and by 42 percent in July and may hal in August. The decline was spurred by European Union sanctions banning insurance coverage for ships carrying Iranian oil. While South Korea’s shipments are expected to recover in September as Seoul asks Iran to ship the oil, three months of sharp cuts put the country in a strong position to secure a renewal come December.

“To get an extension on the waiver, we need to show only the import record for six months,” (since the waiver was granted), said a South Korean economy ministry official with direct knowledge of the matter.—Reuters

**US officials offer differing explanations of Libyan attack**

A spokesman for President Barack Obama said on Friday officials had no evidence the attack that killed the US ambassador to Libya was pre-planned, an assertion which added to confusion over the incident. Immediately after the attack on the US consulate in Benghazi, Libya, on Tuesday night, US officials, speaking on condition of anonymity, were quoted widely in the media saying they believed the attack was well-planned and organized.

On Friday, however, the US government was in the process of changing its statement. At the time of this writing, the US government is scheduled to take place in Tokyo, Japan in October. —Xinhua

**WORLD BANK**

**World Bank, IMF to hold 2015 annual meetings in Peru**

WASHINGTON, 15 Sept — The Annual Meetings of the World Bank and its sister agency, the International Monetary Fund (IMF) will take place in Lima, Peru in October 2015, the Washington based World Bank announced on Friday. The last time the Annual Meetings of the two organizations were held in Latin America was in 1967. The IMF has launched a full-scale inquiry, which has been forbidden from publicly commenting on what is being learned.

However, US officials familiar with the incident said the White House assertion that it has no information indicating the violence was planned, while arguably true in a limited context, simplifies what the US government knows. —Reuters

**Russia welcomes IAEA resolution on Iranian nuclear programme**

MOSCOW, 15 Sept — Russia on Friday welcomed a resolution adopted by the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) on the Iranian nuclear programme. “We are satisfied with its content. We did not merely vote for it, but were among its co-authors,” the Russian Foreign Ministry said in a statement. The resolution was adopted on Thursday by the UN nuclear watchdog’s 35-member Governing Board with majority support. Cuba voted against it, while three other countries abstained. “These results showed the document has been of quality, checked and balanced,” the Russian statement said.

The IAEA resolution urged Iran to comply fully with all of its obligations under relevant UN Security Council resolutions without delay. According to the statement, the resolution encourages talks between Tehran and the IAEA, as well as negotiations between Iran and the P5+1 group, which consists of Britain, China, France, Russia, the United States and Germany. —Xinhua

**UN chief hails Montreal Protocol as a lesson in global cooperation**

UNITED NATIONS, 15 Sept — UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon on Friday hailed the Montreal Protocol as “arguably the best example yet of global cooperation on an environmental issue,” in a statement addressing the upcoming International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer to be observed on 16 September.

The Day of this year also marks the 25th anniversary of the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer, which was adopted in September 1987 with an aim to control global production and consumption of the chemicals that deplete it.

The secretary-general emphasized the importance of the cooperation that led to the Protocol, saying its success offers “lessons and inspiration in addressing other global issues.”

“I urge governments and all partners to apply the same spirit to the other great environmental challenges,” he said.

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**People visit at the International Air Show ILA in Schoenefeld near Berlin, Germany, on 14 Sept, 2012.**

“The air show, running from 13 September to 16 September, attracted 1,243 exhibitors from nearly 40 countries and regions.” —Xinhua

**US President Barack Obama watches as the body of an American killed in Benghazi this week is placed in a hearse during a return of remains ceremony at Andrews Air Force Base near Washington, on 14 Sept, 2012.**

**NEW LIGHT OF MANNAN**

The United States has renewed waivers on Iran sanctions for Japan and 10 European countries because they cut their purchases of the OPEC nation’s crude oil, Secretary of State Hillary Clinton said on Friday. The renewal means banks in the 11 countries have been given a second 180 day reprieve from the threat of being cut off from the US financial system under the sanctions designed to choke funding to Iran’s nuclear programme. The West suspects Iran is trying to develop nuclear weapons. Teheran insists the programme is for civilian purposes.
**After Zuckerberg talks, Facebook gains $6.8 billion**

**Technology**

Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg speaks during a question and answer session at the TechCrunch Disrupt conference in San Francisco, California, on 11 Sept, 2012.— Reuters

**Cuba to hold international seminar on nanoscience**

HAVANA, 15 Sept — Academics and scientists from 22 countries will gather here for the 4th International Seminar on Nanosciences and Nanotechnologies to be held from 18 to 21 Sept in Havana’s Palace of Conventions, the organizers said on Friday.

The seminar will include conferences and lectures on biotechnology and its applications in the health field.

Other issues in the seminar’s agenda are the functional and nanoscale structural materials, theory, modelling, simulation in nanoscale, nano-security and nanovoltaic applications of nanotechnologies.

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The full hearing is expected to take place in mid-October.

Apple did not violate Samsung patents: US trade judge

WASHINGTON, 15 Sept — Apple did not violate patents owned by Samsung Electronics in making its iPod touch, iPhone and iPad, a judge at the International Trade Commission said in a preliminary ruling on Friday. Apple and Samsung have been embroiled in a patent dispute for several years.

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Apple did not immediately respond to requests for comment. The patents in the complaint are related to 3G wireless technology, the format of data packets for high-speed transmission, and integrating functions like web surfing with mobile phone functions.

Apple has a parallel complaint filed against Samsung at the ITC, accusing Samsung, a major Apple chip provider as well as a global rival, of blatantly copying its iPhones and iPads. The ITC judge’s preliminary decision is due in mid-October.

Some media had reported that living cells had been discovered, but Grigoryev said that had been due to a translation error as the word “intact” had been translated from English into Russian

**Antarctic ozone hole smaller than in 2011**

GENEVA, 15 Sept — The hole in the ozone layer, the earth’s protective shield against ultraviolet rays, is expected to be smaller this year over the Antarctic than last, showing how a ban on harmful substances has stopped its depletion, the United Nations said on Friday.

But the hole is probably larger than normal conditions this year, he said.

The Montreal protocol has stopped, leveled off,” Braathen said.

The world’s No 1 online social network with 955 million users, Facebook has faced a rough debut since its May initial public offering.

Investors and analysts have fretted about a sharp slowdown in its revenue growth. Shares of Facebook remain well below their $38 offering price.

The ongoing expiration of “lock-up” restrictions on Facebook insiders selling shares have added further pressure on the stock.

The ad changes are expected to help� on investment in the format of data packets for high-speed transmission, and integrating functions like web surfing with mobile phone functions.

The social networking company’s progress introducing a new advertising service that gives marketers improved ways to reach consumers on Facebook also helped bolster its shares, analysts said.

“People are starting to feel a little more comfortable,” said Arvind Bhatia, analyst with Sterne, Agee & Leach. Zuckerberg’s comments, in which he highlighted mobile business prospects for Facebook could enter the search market and express confidence in future money-making prospects, helped bolster the perception of the stock, said Bhatia.

Zuckerberg has a reputation for spending his time building the company from the inside rather than going around promoting it to investors. On Thursday, Facebook said its nascent ad exchange was no longer in testing mode, and several

**Russian mammoth remains give glimmer of hope for cloning**

MOSCOW, 15 Sept — Scientists who found well-preserved woolly mammoth remains in a remote part of Russia hope they might contain the necessary material to clone the long extinct beast.

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Technology is, therefore, the science that develops and produces tiny devices of enormous precision in its composition and properties, very useful in computers’ manufacturing.

The development of nanomedicine can provide new methods for diagnosis of diseases.

Dr Fidel Castro Diaz-Balart, director of the Advanced Training Centre of Cuba (CEAC) and son of the former president Fidel Castro, said Cuba is advancing not only in the medical research, but also in its application in the biopharmaceutical production.
**ECONOMY**

Gasoline prices up, could dent growth

**WASHINGTON, 15 Sept—** A jump in the cost of gasoline pushed US consumer prices up in August at the fastest pace in more than three years and squeezed spending on other items, threatening to further slow the already sluggish economy.

At the same time, production at the nation’s factories, mines and utilities dropped by 1.2 percent, the biggest decline since March 2009, other data on Friday showed. The sour mix of numbers was tempered by an unexpected increase in consumer sentiment in early September and signs underlying inflation pressures remained contained.

Economists said the reports helped justify the Federal Reserve’s decision on Thursday to launch a third round of bond purchases to try to lower borrowing costs and spur growth. “It’s very clear the economy is soft and it doesn’t look like there is any real underlying inflation pressures the Fed needs to worry about, so they are going to keep their foot on the gas for a long time,” said Jeremy Lawson, a senior economist at BNP Paribas in New York.

The Consumer Price Index increased 0.6 percent last month, the first increase in five months and the biggest gain since June 2009, the Labour Department said.

Gasoline prices, which also recorded their largest increase since June 2009, accounted for about half of the rise. With gasoline costs increasing, service stationchalked up healthy receipts. A second report from the Commerce Department showed sales at gasoline stations shot up 5.5 percent last month, helping to push overall retail sales up 0.9 percent. It was the biggest gain in retail sales since February.

Sales of automobiles and garden equipment were also strong, but sales elsewhere were weak. A gauge that tracks the consumer spending component of the government’s GDP measure actually fell 0.1 percent.

And that and the strong CPI number left most economists anticipating modest GDP growth in the third quarter after output increased at an annual pace of 1.7 percent in the April-June period, well below the 2.5 percent rate that is needed to keep unemployment steady.

“For overall GDP in third quarter, we now see some modest downside risk to our current call for a 1.5 percent growth rate,” said Michael Feroi, an economist at JPMorgan in New York.

Investors largely ignored the data as they continued to place bets based on the Fed’s action on Thursday. Stocks on Wall Street ended the day at multi-year highs on Wall Street.

The Dow and the S&P 500 both closed at their highest levels since December 2007, while the Nasdaq ended at the highest since November 2008. The Dow Jones industrial average ended up 1,565.15 despite a relatively weak economy and economic risks around the world.

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**Health**

**GENETIC CAUSE OF INSULIN SENSITIVITY MAY LEAD TO DIABETES TREATMENT**

LONDON, 15 Sept—British scientists reported on Thursday they have discovered the first single gene cause of increased sensitivity to the hormone insulin, which may lead to new treatments for diabetes. Research published in the New England Journal of Medicine that a mutation in the gene PTEN could increase sensitivity to insulin, which is the key hormone in diabetes.

"Insulin resistance is a major feature of type 2 diabetes," said Dr Anna Gloyn at Oxford, “the insulin-producing cells in the pancreas may be working hard and pumping out lots of insulin, but the body’s cells no longer respond.”

"Finding a genetic cause of the opposite — insulin sensitivity — gives us a new window on the biological processes involved. Such understanding could be important in developing new drugs that restore insulin sensitivity in type 2 diabetes."

The discovery came from glucose tolerance tests with people diagnosed with a disease called Cowden syndrome, who showed significantly higher insulin sensitivity than common people. The research meant that the mutation in gene PTEN is also accompanied by some healthy risks, and a lot of more work need to be done before it is explored to treat diabetes.

"We now know that mutations that inactivate the PTEN gene result in increased cancer risk and obesity, but also increase insulin sensitivity which is very likely to protect against type 2 diabetes," Gloyn said.

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**Spanish debt reaches record high of 75.9 pct of GDP**

MADRID, 15 Sept — Spanish government debt reached a record high of 75.9 percent of GDP in the second quarter of the year, the Bank of Spain reported on Friday. Spanish debt, a sum of those of autonomous regions and city councils, reached 804 billion euros (1 trillion U.S. dollars) in the second quarter of 2012.

The figure represents a 3.8 percent increase compared to the previous quarter, a 9.2 percent increase year-on-year. Since 2008, Central government debt experienced a 4.4 percent increase, representing 58.3 percent of GDP.

Regional debt increased by 2.8 percent, reaching 150 billion euros and representing 14.2 percent of GDP. Meanwhile, city council debt decreased by 1.5 percent, reaching 36.3 billion euros (3.4 percent of GDP). The European Central Bank recently warned in its monthly bulletin that Spanish debt may reach 104 percent of GDP if goals included in the Growth and Stability Pact are not met.

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**Business**

**ITALY STILL IN “DEEP RECESSION”**

Rome, 15 Sept— Italy’s economy is about to shrink by 4 percent this year and will drop by 0.6 percent in 2013, lending interior Minister Angelino Alfano’s “deep recession” forecast on Thursday. According to the influential association as there is “heightened uncertainty” as Italy remains “in a deep recession” and its worse figures than previously reported. This year, per capita consumption will fall by 3.6 percent, after falling by 2.8 percent in 2011, and by 3.9 percent in 2012, the most serious post-war decline, while imports will fall by 7.7 percent and begin to rebound by 0.9 percent in 2013. Italy must, therefore, “work harder” in order to overcome the crisis, it wrote, adding that fighting record-high unemployment and putting public finances in order must be fundamental objectives.

According to figures released by the national central bank on Thursday, public debt fell in July for hitting a record high the previous month. The Bank of Italy said debt stood at 1.96 billion euros (253 billion U.S. dollars) in July, compared to 1.97 billion euros (254 billion dollars) in June, the first fall since February. On Thursday, yields on three-year bonds fell to a record low. The Bank of Italy sold 4 billion euros (5 billion dollars) worth of government debt.
**INTERNATIONAL NEWS**

**CANADA**

Flaherty says Canadian dollar volatility a worry, sees logic of rise

Oshawa, (Ontario), 15 Sept — Volatility in the Canadian dollar is worrying, Finance Minister Jim Flaherty said on Friday after the currency shot up to a 13-month high, adding however that the current situation as a whole partly reflects faith in the country's economic fundamentals. Canada's dollar hit its highest level in over a year versus the US dollar on Friday, a day after the Federal Reserve finally pulled the trigger on a bold new plan to stimulate the US economy.

“We’ve seen some bump-up of the dollar, in part because of the announcement yesterday by Ben Bernanke in the United States about US and Brazil — At last, friends on ethanol

**ENERGY**

A gas station worker fills a car's tank with ethanol in Rio de Janeiro on 30 April, 2008. Brazil is the world's largest producer and exporter of ethanol. — Reuters

**AVIATION**

Sotheby's taps into Chinese mainland market by setting up JV

BEIJING, 15 Sept — Leading auction house Sotheby's — is entering the Chinese mainland with a Beijing-based cultural company, looking to get a foothold in the art collection, trade and investment sector. Sotheby's reached an agreement on 3 Sept with Beijing Gehua Cultural Development Group (BCCDG), establishing a joint venture called Sotheby's (Beijing) Auction Co. Ltd, sources from both companies confirmed with Xinhua on Friday.

Under the agreement, Sotheby's will invest 1.2 million US dollars into the venture for 80 percent ownership, while Beijing Gehua Art Company, a subsidiary of BCCDG, will own the remaining 20 percent, investing 300,000 dollars, said Wang Yudong, general manager of Beijing Gehua Art Company.

The joint venture will be located within the freeport that was jointly established by IGG and the Tianjin Free Trade Zone in Beijing's suburb district of Shunyi. Founded in 1744 in London, Sotheby's has established its presence in the world auction market. The company has 90 offices in 40 countries and regions, including China's Hong Kong.

The establishment of the joint venture in Beijing will help Sotheby's gain a foothold in China's mainland and expand its business opportunities, Kevin Chun, chief executive officer of Sotheby's Asia, told Xinhua.

“We are not coming to make instant profits. That’s not our premier goal,” Chun said. "Instead, we will strategically enhance our company’s long-term presence in China and grasp the opportunities presented by the Chinese art market once auction policies for foreign companies turn more favorable.”

According to the website Artprice, China has become the world's largest art market since 2011, representing over 40 percent of global art sales. Beijing, with its cultural history, is the center for the country's art market.

However, China does not allow foreign auction houses like Sotheby's and Christie's to drive in the mainland unless they have a Chinese partner.

The joint venture will take the duty-free advantage of the freeport to organize auctions, exhibitions and other activities. Wang said, noting that the new company is yet to obtain approval from authorities.

Airbus ministers seek EU CO2 plan delay: Hintze

BERLIN, 15 Sept — Aerospace officials of the European countries where Airbus makes its planes will push for a suspension of the European Union's Emission Trading System (ETS) for airlines to avert retaliation from China, a minister said Tuesday. The German government official in charge of aerospace policy, Peter Hintze, said in an interview that the so-called Airbus ministers from Britain, France, Germany and Spain that they would propose to their national governments that payments under the ETS should be delayed beyond the planned April start.

"I am in favour of a suspension until the autumn of 2013," Hintze told journalists following a news conference with fellow ministers. "That would buy some time from April until September." During the news conference the other ministers did not spell out exactly what action they intended to take.

Michael Fallon, new business minister in Britain, said at the same time that the European Union's CO2 trading scheme (ETS), intended to curb pollution.

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**AFGHANISTAN**

Two NATO soldiers killed in Afghanistan

KABUL, 15 Sept — Two NATO soldiers were killed on Saturday morning in an insurgent attack in restive southern Afghanistan, the coalition forces confirmed in a statement issued here. Two International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) service members died following an insurgent attack in southern Afghanistan Saturday, the NATO-led coalition or ISAF said in the statement. The brief press release described neither the nationalities of the victims nor the details about the incident under the ISAF policy, only saying “it is ISAF policy to defer casualty identification procedures to the relevant national authorities.” Some 50 countries are contributing 130,000-strong forces in Afghanistan with over 90,000 of them American mainly stationed in the east and south, followed by 9,500 from UK mainly based in southern Afghanistan.

The Taleban-led insurgency has ramped since the militant group launched an annual spring offensive dubbed “Al-Farooq” from 3 May against Afghan and NATO-led troops stationed in the country.

A total of 329 foreign soldiers, most of them Americans, have been killed in Afghanistan since the beginning of this year. — Xinhua

**CO2 PLANNING IN THE USA**

Airbus ministers seek EU delay on CO2 trading scheme - Reuters

**AIRBUS**

ILA Berlin Air Show on Tuesday: “Airbus has left us with what the threat of retaliatory action is a clear and present danger to our order book.”

There is harsh opposition to the ETS from European aviation companies and countries outside the EU such as the United States, Australia and Brazil that have said they want a global agreement to curb carbon emissions rather than a European law that extends to non-EU companies. China has threatened retaliation including imposing European aircraft if the European Union punishes Chinese airlines for not complying with its emissions trading scheme (ETS), intended to curb pollution.

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**COMMENTS FROM REUTERSTIMELAPSE**

Former Canadian Prime Minister Paul Martin said on Tuesday that the government’s new plan to stimulate the US economy was a good move, but it would take time to show results.

"There’ll be growth in Canada," Martin told reporters in Ottawa. "There’s an opportunity to grow the US economy, and that will spill over to Canada, too."

The government’s new plan to stimulate the US economy, announced on Friday, will involve the Federal Reserve finally pulling the trigger on a bold new plan to stimulate the US economy.

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**INTERNATIONAL NEWS**

**Argentina energy company signs hydrocarbon production deal with Chevron**

WASHINGTON, 15 Sept — Argentina’s oil company Treinta Petroleos Field (YPF) signed here Friday a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with its US counterpart, Chevron for unconventional hydrocarbon production in Vaca Muerta field in Argentina’s southern province of Neuquen.

The agreement was signed by YPF’s President, Miguel Galuccio and Chevron’s President for Latin America and Africa Ali Mohseni.

A statement from YPF said the agreement also seeks to resolve lingering details on the contract talks, and was working on testing the aircraft, and was working to resolve lingering challenges on the sophisticated helmet that will be used by F-35 pilots and the complex software required for the programme. He said Lockheed had delivered 16 of the 30 jets it was due to deliver this year, and was continuing to press for additional international orders to help drive down the overall cost of the programme.

**Drought area expands in US, now most extensive this summer**

Kansas City, (Missouri), 15 Sept — Hot and dry conditions continued to plague large parts of the US Plains and southern states as the worst US drought in over five decades expanded its grip on some key farming states. At least “moderate” levels of drought have now enveloped more than 64 percent of the contiguous United States, up from 63.39 percent the week before, according to the Drought Monitor, a weekly compilation of data gathered by federal and academic scientists.

“‘This is the greatest extent of drought we’ve ever seen all summer,” said Brian Fuchs, a climatologist at the National Drought Mitigation Centre at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. “The drought is easing in the east, but we’re seeing more of it than ever in the Central Plains, Rockies and Dakotas.”

The Drought Monitor’s measurement of the worst level of drought, “exceptional”, expanded to 6.23 percent of the land area in the contiguous US for the week ended on 11 September, up from 6.14 percent in the prior week.

The drought has been exacerbated by long stretches of high temperatures. “That’s been the kicker all summer, how hot it has been,” said Fuchs. Conditions in Texas, Oklahoma, Kansas, Nebraska, Colorado, and Iowa grew more dire, according to the Drought Monitor. Kansas, in particular, remained almost entirely parched, with more than 60 percent of the state in exceptional drought and more than 88 percent in extreme drought. The climatologists noted “widespread expansion” of severe drought in western North Dakota and said the percent of normal precipitation has held below 50 percent throughout most of the Northern Plains over the last month.

On a bright note, the levels of drought considered “severe” and “extreme” did ease in some recent weeks across the nation. The portion of the contiguous United States suffering from at least “severe” drought fell to 41.81 percent from 42.48 percent. The area experiencing “extreme” levels of drought dropped to 21.09 percent from 21.45 percent.

In Arizona, one of the hardest hit states, saw drought start to recede as the percentage of the state in severe or worse drought dropped to 75.72 percent from 78 percent. Missouri, like the potentiality of recovery and improvement of its deposits through new and current technology. The MoU sets the interest to evaluate the development of oil and unconventional gas fields in the area. On deposits’ improved recovery, the deal said that there would be shared research and development of future joint projects.

“We are trying to find synergy between us and an important company such as Chevron, I am convinced that this is only the first step towards a large and important relation,” said Galuccio. For his part, Mohseni reaffirmed Chevron’s interest in associating with YPF in the project of unconventional hydrocarbons’ production in Vaca Muerta. “We are pleased to accompany YPF in this new process, which will be a success for the sector,” said Mohseni.

In Vaca Muerta unconventional oil and gas deposit, YPF has achieved 37 perforated wells, 27 finished wells, with 10 waiting to be finished and 26 more to be perforated during the rest of the year.

On 30 August, YPF announced it would invest 37.2 billion US dollars between 2013 and 2017 to increase the oil and gas production by 32 percent, the diesel fuel and naphtha production by 37 percent and generate more than 10,000 new jobs. — Xinhua

**Nine high school students sickened by drug overdose in Oklahoma**

HOUSTON, 15 Sept — Nine students at a high school in the US state of Oklahoma became ill on Friday after ingesting a prescription drug, local media reported. Authorities confirmed the illness of the nine students at Harrah Junior High School, Oklahoma, on Friday morning, according to local TV channel NewsOn.

Seven of the students were taken to hospitals. All the students were reportedly in stable condition. According to the Harrah Police Department, the students ingested the drug diazepam, which is a generic form of valium. It’s the second time that students at Harrah Junior High School had overdose on drugs in about two years, according to the report.

In February 2011, a group of students at the same school ingested prescription pills, including Neurontin, which is an anti-seizure medication commonly used for nerve pain and migraines, the report said. Police arrested two students in connection with the 2011 overdose. — Xinhua

**Carlyle Group to buy Landmark Aviation**

WASHINGTON, 15 Sept — Private equity firm Carlyle Group LP said it will buy aircraft maintenance services company Landmark Aviation from GTCR and Platform Partners. Carlyle has previously owned Landmark, making it one of the rare instances where a private equity firm is buying back a company after disposing of it.

While the financial details of the deal were not disclosed, sources familiar with the matter told Reuters in August that the company could be worth as much as $700 million. Equity capital for the transaction will come from Carlyle Partners V, a buyout fund, Carlyle Group said in a statement. Private equity firms GTCR and Platform Partners had bought Landmark in 2007 from state-run Dubai Aerospace Enterprise for an undisclosed sum.

Houston-based Landmark provides business aviation services, including aircraft charter and maintenance, in United States, Canada and France. Morgan Stanley, RBC Capital Markets and Barclays have agreed to provide debt financing for the deal. Carlyle shares closed up 1 percent at $27.02 on Friday on the Nasdaq. — Reuters
ICT: Way to economic success

Information and communication technology is vital for national development. ICT has a unique power to boost productivity and generate economic recovery. It is crucial to the success of businesses in the country.

Therefore, the role of the universities of computer studies becomes critical to the development of ICT in Myanmar. Experts and computer professionals gathered at Mandalay University of Computer Studies in Mandalay recently and discussed ICT reforms and sought ways of development of ICT in the country.

The faculties at the universities of computer studies are working hard to produce intellectuals and intelligentsia. Meanwhile, the labour forces who can apply ICT are in high demand in the labour market today. Small tech companies are expected to grow and create new jobs.

ICT has become a gadget for development in the region. Therefore, the universities of computer studies should step up efforts cooperating with computer associations to conduct computer proficiency courses for workers to be able to sharpen their skills and for the governmental employees to support the e-Government.

Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham gives confidence to ...

They presented cash donation amounted to K 17,730,000 for 591 flood-hit households, K 30000 for each, through a flood victim. After that, donations—K 2,090,000 for the 34 houses swept by flood and the 13 houses hit by flood, donated by the Shan State Chief Minister, eight relief aids and K 5,796,108 for flood-hit houses by Deputy Minister U Phone Swe, K 0.5 million by Muse Border Merchants Association, 50 bags of rice by Myanmar Rice Merchants Association, K 10 million by Director U Myat Cho Win of Asia World Company, packages of premier instant coffee mix, Shine toothpaste including toothbrushes and detergents worth K 2.5 million by CDGS Company Director Dr Soe Tint—were provided.

The Vice-President and party gave confidence to the flood victims from Wards 1, 9, 10 and 11.

At the meetings with flood victims at Shan Literature and Culture Hall and at the Ward-9 Administrator’s Office, the Vice-President made a speech citing that it is everyone’s knowledge that Myanmar has seen floods in almost all parts of the country due to much more heavy rains and torrent than before. Regions and States in Myanmar have faced losses of paddy fields, especially, in lower Myanmar. The President had provided flood victims in Ayeawady, Yangon, Bago Regions and Kayin State with cash and assistance for relocation, regrowing of paddy and taking measures for relief and resettlement. Why they were then there in Lashio is to give confidence to rural people who were suffering floods and fulfill the needs for taking measures against floods. It is obvious that Lashio has encountered extraordinary floods than before. It is evident that the overflow of water swept houses and paddy fields not only in upper land but in lower land in the State creating dead rate. It is said that Lashio has never seen such this year flood before despite suffering from floods in some wards of the town yearly. That is the first time in fifty years. Though no one can control natural disasters, it needs to take measures against them to reduce damages less and less. In his view, the flood in Lashio caused owing to effects from natural disaster, as well as humans. Only when those are changed, will the State recover from suffering floods. The following are sources to be floods:

(1) block water flow in drains with plastic bags thrown in unsystematic way;
(2) flood due to silting up drains with sand, mud and plastic bags;
(3) narrow the width of drains due to occupying of houses built along regular water flow;
(4) overflow due to re-using lakes in lower land after being filled with soil;

Illegally sawn raw timber seized

YANGON, 15 Sept.—A combined team of Senior Forester U Tin Ohn and party of Thingangyun Township Forest Department and SIP Khin Maung Aye and party of Dagon East Police Station searched Canter bus K 257,600 owned by U Tin Tun, 52 of Shantegyi Village in Hlegu Township. In connection with the case, Dagon Myothit (East) Police Station filed a lawsuit at Dagon Myothit (East) Township on No 2 Highway in Dagon Myothit (East) Township at 7.30 om on 11 September.

The team seized 1205 parts of raw teak chairs and furniture weighing 0.3220 ton worth K 257,600 owned by U Tin Tun, 52 of Shantegyi Village in Hlegu Township. In connection with the case, Dagon Myothit (East) Police Station filed a lawsuit against U Tin Tun and one under Section 43 (a) of Forest Law.

Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham provides cash assistance for damaged 209 acres of paddy and maize plantations.

Therefore, those mentioned above are the facts to be avoided to recover flood sufferings. To implement the programs for dredging drains for proper flow of water was urged.

At the meeting with Shan State government and departmental heads, the Vice-President made a speech. He said that they were learnt that floods hit houses and paddy fields, especially in Theinni with dead rate. He urged those present on the occasion to examine sources of the flood. Staff of the development affairs committee needs to keep the whole town clean, and to share educational knowledge to the public on systematic way of throwing away rubbish and waste materials. Over all, the Vice-President instructed the officials concerned to report if caused floods in the region.

Lashio district deputy commissioner reported to the Vice-President on the roots of flood in Lashio and relief tasks that had been carried out, repairing and maintenance of drains for proper flow of water, and joint supervising engineer of Shan State (north) on repairing and maintenance works and programme for construction of by-pass, and Shan State development affairs committee in-charge and director on beautifying tasks.

After the Shan State chief minister and deputy ministers had made supplementary reports, the meeting came to an end with fulfillment of the needs.
Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker U Khin Aung Myint cordially greets guests and diplomats at the ceremony for International Day of Democracy 2012.—MNA

Lack of transparency opposes…

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New National Democracy Party, Kayin People’s Party, Unity and Democracy Party (Kayin State) (SaDaKa), Taung (Palaung) National Party, Inn Nationalities Development Party, Kayin State Democracy and Development Party and people’s representatives were read out by respective representatives.

Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker U Khin Aung Myint said in his concluding speech that the celebration of the International Day of Democracy this year was the second time organized by the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar. The celebration of the International Day of Democracy has embodied a milestone in the establishment of a democratic society in Myanmar.

He thanked 17 parties, students and people’s representatives who submitted papers that could contribute to the establishment of democracy in Myanmar. The democratic rights of the people are ensured by the State Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar that was promulgated in 2000, he said.

Democracy is a system of people’s governance, he underscored.

Democratic culture needs to be nurtured in a country which practices the democratic system, and a society which strongly believes in and exercises the democratic rules should prevail. It is necessary to educate people far and wide so that they would be well-fitted in the democratic system.

To be able to carry out extensive education programmes on democracy values, the institutions which refrain themselves from party politics should be allowed to organize and function freely. At present, non-profit civil institutions in Myanmar are gaining momentum to carry out their activities. Moreover, the rights to express their conviction and opinions and publish them freely are being called for. It is crucial for the media to educate the people about democracy precisely and without any bias. So, it is imperative to establish democratic characteristics in accordance with the Article 354 of the Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar.

He went on to say that it is necessary to prescribe and teach subjects covering from fundamental democracy to advanced political science at every level of education for the emergence of a new democratic society.

He continued to say that people’s representatives from legislative, executive and judiciary pillars are required to be transparent for the all-inclusive dialogue in accordance with the essence of democracy.

Maintenance of Hlawa water pipeline inspected

YANGON, 15 Sept—Yangon Region Minister for Development Affairs Yangon Mayor U Hla Myint inspected maintenance of the damaged part of 66 inches diameter water pipeline in Taiktaik Ward of Mingaladon Township, here, this morning.

The region minister also looked into driving of vehicles on Ngamoeyeik Creek Bridges (Parami) linking South Okkalapa and Dagon Myothit (North) townships, and sanitation and concreting of Thamthaung Road in South Okkalapa and Thingangyung townships.—MNA

Fire from mosquito coil blazes roof of house

BAGO, 15 Sept.—A fire broke out at the house of Lwin Myo Ko, son of U Aung Kyi in Malayus Village of Einchay Layhse Village-tract in DaikU Township on 11 September morning. The fire that started from mosquito coil blazed the roof of the house in 20 minutes. In the incident, the house lost the property worth K 150,000.

SIP Ohn Myint submitted the case to take action against Lwin Myo Ko under the law, and DaikU Township Police Station filed a lawsuit against him under Section 285 of the Criminal Law.—Kyemon

Preventive measures against natural disasters demonstrated

YANGON, 15 Sept—Mingladon Township Women’s Affairs Organization and Maternal and Child Welfare Association held the roundtable discussion on first-aid and emergency nursing in conjunction with the demonstration on prevention against natural disasters at Basic Education High School No 4 in Shwesandha Village-tract in Mingaladon Township on 10 September. At the ceremony, members of Myanmar Fire Brigade and Red Cross Brigade demonstrated prevention against natural disasters.—Myanna Amin

In the lack of transparency, genuine all-inclusive dialogue cannot prevail and both sides may suffer as a result, he suggested.

When a new system replaces the old one, the new system is not received well because it is not understood or not accepted by sub-consciousness although it may be understood. Then it may lead to the loss of transparency, he said. Some have restricted their preferences because they are worried that people and people representatives may learn too much about their functions. The lack of transparency opposes all-inclusive dialogue, and hinders the progress in establishing a democratic society.

He concluded the speech with his wishes that the persons who perform on behalf of people may carry out their functions in a transparent manner for the all-inclusive dialogue in accordance with the motto of the International Day of Democracy, “Dialogue and Inclusiveness—Central to Democracy”.

The Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker and officials cordially greeted those present and diplomats and hosted lunch to them.—MNA

UN Resident Representative Mr Ashok Nigam reads out the message sent by UNSG Mr Ban Kimoon at International Day of Democracy 2012.—MNA

Winners awarded in performing arts competitions

The awarding for 19th Performing Arts Competitions was held at National Theatre on 6th Street in Aungmyethazan Township on 12 September. A total of 480 contestants participated in 21 events of the competitions from 10 to 12 September. Officials presented certificates of honour and cash awards to 189 winners.

Volunteers, wellwishers meet

A meeting among blood donors group, funeral service association and oxygen donation group took place at the hall of Taninthayi Region Government on 11 September. The Chief Minister of the Region thanked the volunteers for their performance to serve the interest of the people.

Region Government meets fruit, flower farmers

Mandalay Region Government met award and village administrators and farmers in Nwenin Village of Anisakhan in PyinOoLwin Township on 9 September with the aim of providing necessary assistance for fruits and flower farmers.

Environmental conservation inspected

Deputy Minister for Environmental Conservation and Forestry U Aye Myint Maung inspected cultivation of over 1800 acres of plantations and conservation of over 9000 acres of natural forest in Myaung Township. Next, he visited Lawkananda Sanctuary near Thiri Pyitay Village and forest plantation near Chaukkan Village of NyaungU Township.

Sector-wise development discussed

A clarification on sector-wise development was held in Haka of Chin State on 10 September. The Chin State Industrial Sector Development Workshop took place at city hall in Haka on 12 September.
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**China calls for solving solar panel friction through dialogue**

China’s solar empresas minister, Chong Quan, deputy representative for China’s international trade talks, received an interview at the headquarters of the European Union (EU) in Brussels, Belgium, on 14 Sept. 2012. —Xinhua

China’s solar empresario minister, Chong Quan, deputy representative for China’s international trade talks, told reporters, the EU solar panel companies should not be attributed to the “dumping” of Chinese firms, because dumping and competition are two completely different concepts, he said.

The EU should also notice its export to China of relevant raw materials and technological equipments worth tens of billions of US dollars, said Chong after talks with Jean-Luc Denoyer, the European Commission’s Director General for Trade.

The talks were held after the EU announced last week it would launch a 15-month investigation into imports of solar panels and key components from China and may impose provisional anti-dumping duties within nine months. Chong said, the growth of the solar panel industry of the EU and that of China have been complementary, win-win and intertwined and each other from the very beginning. The whole solar panel industry is facing challenges, the EU open to Europe and the EU solar panel companies should not be attributed to the “dumping” of Chinese firms, because dumping and competition are two completely different concepts, he said. We hope the EU deliver an all-round, objective and fair judgement on the case, and solve the challenges through cooperation instead of trade restriction measures unilaterally, Chong said. China and the EU have common interests and conduct cooperation instead, investment and technologies. Any restriction would affect not only a single product or an industry, but a wide range of related sectors and the whole interests of the EU, he added.

The solar panel dispute has evolved into a major problem putting China-EU economic and trade relations into test, and China does not want to see the case trigger wider China-EU trade disputes, Chong said. “We hope the EU attach importance to China’s concerns, and governments and industries of both sides seek to solve the trade friction through dialogue and consultation,” said Chong. —Xinhua

**London Fashion Week opens with tribal-inspired designs**

**FASHION**


Designers turned to nature for inspiration on the opening day of London Fashion Week on Friday, showcasing a collection of sheer silk dresses, delicate embroidery and elegant show pieces all featuring a floral-inspired theme.

Britain’s capital took over the bazaar from New York, which wrapped up its week with sparkly dresses and bold geometric prints, with a pared-down color palette of fresh greens and faded dip-dyes.

Designers Antoni & Alison opened the day with a series of garsy silk printed dresses followed by Fyodor Golan, whose show was in the grandiose lounge of the Waldorf Hilton and inspired by Mayan and Aztec cultures.

We wanted to show lightness and spirituality and at the same time have to have that sexuality there. So it’scontradictory but it’s not in your face, it’s still strong and gives you power but it’s very emotional, something that will engage you,” Designer Fyodor Podgorny told Reuters after the show. —Reuters

**Euro bailout fund to be operational in October**

EU Finance ministers agreed on Monday to set up a new bailout fund to cover future aid needs, putting the EU at the cutting edge of an international effort to prevent another wave of sovereign debt crises.

As the bloc’s 17 eurozone countries will try to avoid a repeat of the debt crisis that sent interest rates soaring for Greek, Irish and Portuguese governments and triggered the European Union’s massive rescue packages, the terms of an international aid fund have been agreed upon.

Olli Rehn, the governor of Finland’s central bank, called the agreement “a historic moment.”

**Taleban Afghan attack kills two US troops, Prince Harry unhurt**

Two US Marines were killed and other Americans were wounded on Friday during a Taleban attack on a base in southern Afghanistan where Britain’s Prince Harry is stationed, US officials told Reuters, speaking on condition of anonymity. A spokesman for NATO-led forces in Afghanistan said Harry was on the base at the time of the attack but was unhurt.

“Prince Harry was never in any danger,” spokesman Martin Crighton said, adding that the NATO-led International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) would investigate whether his presence on the base had motivated the attack.

The attack involved rocket-propelled grenades, mortars and small-arms fire, with insurgents breaching the perimeter of Camp Bastion in volatile Helmand Province, US officials said. Crighton declined to offer that level of detail or give the nationalities of the victims. Crighton also did not say precisely how many Americans were wounded but added that the extent of their injuries was unclear.

The official said that this was only an initial report and that the number could change. Crighton said the attack took place between 9 pm and midnight on Friday and that NATO-led forces were still securing the area in and around Camp Bastion. The motivation for the attack will undoubtedly come under scrutiny. — Reuters

**10 PKK members killed in clashes in Turkey**

Turkey’s security forces killed 10 members of the outlawed Kurdish Workers’ Party (PKK) were killed in clashes with security forces in Turkey’s southeastern province of Hakkari near the border with Iraq, an official statement said on Friday.

A group of PKK militants attacked the Gazzelekoy Gendarmerie Post in Semdinli town of Hakkari, killing one village guard in the clashes, said the statement released by Hakkari Governor’s Office, adding that at least nine people, including six Turkish soldiers, were also killed in the attack.

The clashes came after Turkish authorities claimed that the armed forces had killed more than 80 PKK members near the border with Iraq and that the PKK had launched a major offensive involving air strikes and several thousands of ground troops. —Xinhua
China’s Xi finally appears in public amid rumors over health

Beijing, 15 Sept — China’s leader-in-waiting Xi Jinping appeared in public on Saturday for the first time in almost a month, according to media reports. A Beijing university in what appeared to be an effort to dispel rumors of the leader’s illness and a troubled succession. In a brief English-language report, the Xinhua news agency said Vice President Xi arrived at China Agricultural University Saturday morning for activities marking this year’s National Science Popularisation Day.”

Sources reported that Xi was likely to make an appearance on Saturday.

A Reuters reporter at the university saw a man with sleek black hair wearing a white shirt — who from a distance looked like Xi — getting load applause as he stepped out of the building housing an exhibition and gave his arm up and down twice in a gesture of victory. There was a light security presence around the university, but a building housing a science exhibition was closed off by police and plain clothes guards.

Hundreds of students appeared to be an effort to improve communications security.

When Australia’s decision was made public in March, the Australian Financial Review said Huawei was seeking to secure a place in a market that could discriminate against companies from a particular country, with no benefit to improving communications security.

“We believe the principle of non-discrimination should be clearly set out in any legislative reform,” the company said, adding companies should have the chance to address specific security concerns.

In April, China’s Ministry of Commerce expressed its concern about the Australian government decision to ban Huawei from the broadband project, labelling the decision as unfair. Telstra Corp said its physical infrastructure network to the government force use in the NBN for around $11 billion.

Lord strongly defended the company’s independence and said it had no links to the Chinese government.

“We are a private company. It has no government ownership,” he said.

However, the committee is examining planned laws to streamline approvals for law enforcement agencies to tap phones and computers, and to force internet and telecommunications companies to store data for two years.

In its submission to the committee, Huawei said it was concerned that the laws could discriminate against companies from a particular country.

As a result, it is currently considering the possibility of seeking legal advice on its options for accessing court orders in Australia if it is unable to cooperate with the authorities.

Huawei Technologies Co Ltd, which was barred from participating in Australia’s $38 billion telecommunications project, has $5 billion in cash reserves.

Huawei is seeking to expand its presence in Australia amid rumours over the company’s ties to China’s government. A recent report by a think tank, the Australian Strategic Policy Institute, said Huawei posed a “significant national security risk”.

The company has said it is a private company and it does not operate in China.

Chinese Vice President Xi Jinping arrives for the opening ceremony of the World Peace Forum held in Beijing in this 7 July, 2012 file photo.— Reuters

Chinese President Xi Jinping arrived at China Agricultural University Saturday morning for activities marking this year’s National Science Popularisation Day. — Xinhua

Asian’s largest ski resort to open this year

Changchin, 15 Sept — Asia’s largest ski resort is expected to open by the end of the year on Changbin Mountain in northeast China’s Jilin Province, according to local authorities.

Covering an area of seven square kilometers, the resort has 43 ski runs totalling 30 kilometers and can accommodate 8,000 skiers at a time, said Chen Weigen, vice governor of Jilin.

The resort is part of the Changbin Mountain international holiday resort. The first phase of the project, which includes five-star hotels, a resort town and a cultural centre, started operating in late July after three years of construction.

Six Chinese private companies have invested 20 billion yuan ($3.16 billion in US dollars) in the project.— Xinhua

Feature: S Korean sculptor infuses life into stones

JEREI, 15 Sept — Mushroom-looking lava rock statues with expressive faces are a ubiquitous presence on the volcanic islands of Jeju Island, a semi-tropical resort island off the southern tip of South Korea. Some look a little grumpy, while others seem amused. Complete with a kimono, Dolharubang, or “stone grandfather” statues, stand like guardian angels watching over the picturesque island.

Why exactly people started carving statues from basaltic rocks — another universal feature on the volcanic island — remains an enigma, though many associate them with Shamanist-induced wishes for protection and fertility.

Master sculptor Jung Hong-ik, who runs a park dotted with carved Dolharubangs of all sizes and shapes, said his lifelong devotion to these iconic statues began simply as a business idea. “We islanders made souvenirs for tourists, only to see people from the mainland copy them. So I started making souvenirs from basaltic rocks, which are hard to find outside Jeju.”

Jung, whose 58 years of artistic creation is on magnificent display at Geumjeungsan Seogumwon in the city of Hallim. A petite man in his 80’s, Jung gradually turned a piece of land measuring 33,000 square metres into an outdoor sculpture garden that eventually won him recognition both at home and abroad.

His small-sized Dolharubangs have been given to the likes of Former US President Bill Clinton and former Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev, a feat proudly displayed with carbon copies of the statues. In one corner of the verdant garden stands a miniature village complete with straw-thatched houses and stone statues of islanders going about their everyday lives.— Reuters

One killed, five wounded in shootout in N Philippine mall

MANILA, 15 Sept — One person died while five others were wounded following a shootout between security guards and suspected robbers in a mall in northern Philippines on Friday morning, police said.

The fatality was identified as Pepito Paler, one of the suspects who tried to rob an armoured van entering Alabang Town Centre in Muntinlupa City in the Philippines’ capital region of Metro Manila. Paler was pronounced dead on arrival at the Alabang Medical Centre where he was rushed together with two of the mall’s security guards who were wounded during the shootout.

Ayala Malls which owns Alabang Town Centre said the mall reopened at 2:30 pm on Friday after Muntinlupa Police Command had declared the area secure.

In a statement, Ayala Malls said an unidentified number of armed men tried to rob an armored van which was entering the driveway of the mall at around 10 am. The suspects immediately opened fire after security guards confronted them. — Reuters

Sony, Olympus to agree to capital tie-up this month

Tokyo, 15 Sept — Sony Corp is in the final stages of talks to invest about 50 billion yen ($646 million) in cash-strapped Olympus Corp, with an agreement expected by the end of September, state broadcaster NHK reported.

Sources familiar with the matter told Reuters that Tokyo-based Olympus is in talks with Sony to accept a cash injection in return for a stake. A Medical device maker Terumo Corp and camera maker Fujifilm Holdings Corp have also said they are seeking to buy a stake in Olympus. “We have no comment,” Sony spokesman Hiroshi Sakai said. Olympus spokesman Michiko Kawasaki said: “This is not something we have discussed.”

Olympus needs a capital deal to mend its finances after it booked a net loss of 49 billion yen for the year ended on 31 March, in the wake of a scandal over falsified financial statements that will see it pay back hidden investment losses. In June, shareholders’ equity had fallen to 2.2 percent of total assets from 4.6 percent in March. The ratio is a key barometer of a company’s liquidity, with a 20 percent level widely regarded as indicative of financial stability. (1$ = 77.4400 Japanese yen)— Reuters

Members of the Scene of the Crime Operatives (SOCO) gather evidences from the scene of an armed bank after robbery incident in Muntinlupa City, the Philippines, on 14 Sept, 2012.— Xinhua
Five detained over fatal construction elevator crash

WUHAN, 15 Sept — Five people have been detained over a fatal construction elevator accident that killed 19 people on Thursdays in central China’s Hubei Province, local police said on Saturday. The accident happened around 10 am on Friday when the sulfuric acid was being unloaded from a truck at a plant in Xingning District of the provincial capital Wuhu, said local traffic police.

Over 2 tonnes of sulfuric acid flew through the gate of the plant and onto a busy road outside, toppling several motorcycles and injuring at least six people, police said. The one-year-old sustained serious burns covering 19 percent of his body, they said. An initial investigation shows that an improper unloading practice caused the spill. Further investigation is underway. — Xinhua

Six burned by sulfuric acid spill in S China

NANNING, 15 Sept — Six people, including a one-year-old boy, were burned in a sulfuric acid spill in south China’s Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region on Friday, local police said on Saturday. The accident happened at around 10 am on Friday when the sulfuric acid was being unloaded from a truck at a plant in Xingning District of the provincial capital Nanning, said local traffic police.

The one-year-old sustained serious burns covering 19 percent of his body, they said. An initial investigation shows that an improper unloading practice caused the spill. Further investigation is underway, they said. — Xinhua

One-child policy leaves bereaved parents with broken hearts

BEIJING, 15 Sept — Award-winning author Zhou Daxin was absent from a late August press conference for his new book, a half-autobiographical, half-fictional account of the memories he has of his deceased son. Sixty- year-old Zhou sent two of his closest friends to give a presentation and take questions on his behalf, fearing he might break down at the mention of his son’s name, Zhou Ning. Zhou Ning, the family’s only child, died of a brain tumour in 2008 at 29 years of age. The grieving father spent more than three years writing “Peaceful Soul,” a novel based on Zhou Ning’s life that contains imaginary dialogues between the father and son. Zhou dedicated the book to his deceased son, as well as all parents who have lost their only children. The pain of losing one’s only child, he wrote, was far more than that of a broken heart.

“It is an unbearable, desperate feeling that is beyond words and tears you apart from inside,” he said. “The writing was an extremely painful experience,” said Hu Ping, a noted literary critic and close friend of Zhou. “He sometimes wrote only a few lines a day and would spend the rest of the time in bed with a bad headache.”

Zhou, who became a soldier at 18 and stayed on as a literary officer with the People’s Liberation Army, never expressed his grief openly. He appeared composed even at his son’s funeral,” Hu said. But like all parents who have lost their only child and are too old to have another baby, Zhou and his wife dread nights and holidays. They stay away from friends and relatives because well-intended words of comfort always cause pain. — Xinhua

Super typhoon Sanba moves closer to China’s Diaoyu Islands

BEIJING, 15 Sept — China’s meteorological authority said on Saturday the super typhoon Sanba was positioned at waters 750 km southeast of Diaoyu Islands at 5 am and will move closer northward at a speed of 20 km/h.

According to forecast by the National Meteorological Centre (NMC), typhoon Sanba, the 16th typhoon seen this year, will maintain or slightly weaken its strength before entering waters of the southeastern parts of the East China Sea on Saturday morning.

As a result, gales of Beaufort Force 7-9 are forecast in most parts of the East China Sea, the Taiwan Strait, waters east of Taiwan, the strait of the Yangtze River, the Hangzhou Bay, the southern part of the Yellow Sea and coastal areas in Jiangsu, Zhejiang and Fujian provinces from Saturday morning to Sunday morning.

According to the NMC, the super typhoon Sanba will whip up hurricanes at waters near its centre as it passes through. Also, the NMC said in its weather forecast that rains will continue in most parts of southwestern China, the southern and eastern part of northwest China and the valley of the Yellow River in Inner Mongolia over the coming three days.

Xinhua

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

MV KOTA TAMPA

VOY NO (465)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV KOTA TAMPA VOY NO (465) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 16.9.2012 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of H.P.T where it will lie at the consignee’s risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11:20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm to Claims Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the Vessel.

No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

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A staff member puts the finishing touches on logo toys during the preview of Asia’s first Legoland in Malaysia Johor’s Iskandar, on 14 Sept, 2012. Asia’s first Legoland will officially open to the public on Saturday. — Xinhua

UN Security Council slams series attacks on embassies

UNITED NATIONS, 15 Sept — The UN Security Council strongly condemned a series of violent attacks against embassies and consular premises of member states in multiple locations on 13 and 14 September.

In a Press statement, members of the Council expressed deep concern that these attacks recalling that the very nature of diplomatic premises is peaceful and that diplomats have among their core functions the promotion of better understanding across countries and cultures.

The Council reaffirmed that “such acts are unjustifiable regardless of their motivations, whenever and by whomever committed.” The Council recalled the fundamental principle of the inviolability of diplomatic and consular premises, and the obligations on host governments, including under the 1961 Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations and the 1963 Vienna Convention on Consular Relations, to take all appropriate steps to protect diplomatic and consular premises against any intrusion or damage, and to prevent any disturbance of the peace of these missions or impairment of their dignity, said the statement.

In this context, members of the Council called on all authorities to protect diplomatic and consular property and personnel, and to respect fully their international obligations in this regard, it said.
Toronto Deals: HBO Documentary Films takes TV rights to “Love, Marilyn”

Los Angeles, 15 Sept—HBO Documentary Films has acquired the US television rights to director Liz Garbus’ feature documentary film “Love, Marilyn,” the company announced on Friday.

The film had its world premiere at the Telluride Film Festival and a gala screening at the Toronto International Film Festival on Wednesday.

Coinciding with the 50th anniversary of Marilyn Monroe’s death, the film features footage and audio tapes along with Marilyn’s own handwritten letters, diaries, notes, poems, journals and notebooks, which document her private life against the backdrop of her public life.

The film also includes readings and appearances by F Murray Abraham, Elizabeth Banks, Adrien Brody, Ellen Burstyn, Glenn Close, Hope Davis, Uma Thurman, Maria Tomei and Evan Rachel Wood, among others.

“My journey began in 1980 when I first met Lee Strasberg, and I continued to 2009 when I co-edited Marilyn Monroe’s diaries and poems,” producer Stanley Buchthal said. “This tremendous obsession continued when Liz and I jointly joined to offer the world a unique new insight into a remarkable 20th-century icon, Marilyn Monroe.”

The film was written, directed and produced by Garbus. It was produced by Stanley Buchthal and Amy Hobby. It was executive produced by Anne Carey, Olivier Courson, Harold Van Lier and Enrica Steiger.

Eric Clapton to sell painting worth up to $19 million

London, 15 Sept—Should Eric Clapton ever decide to hang up the guitar, he might try his hand at art dealing.

The 67-year-old British rocker is selling an abstract painting by German artist Gerhard Richter at Sotheby’s next month which is expected to fetch between $14-19 million.

The price itself may raise barely an eyebrow in auction house circles, where Richter has long been one of the world’s most sought after living painters with an auction record of $21.8 million set in New York in May.

But even amid soaring prices for top contemporary art, Clapton has done exceptionally well—the canvas on offer is one of three of the former Cream musician acquired at Sotheby’s in 2001 for a total cost of $3.4 million.

The work, more than two meters square and called “Abstraktes Bild (809-4),” ranks alongside the very highest tier of Richter Abstracts housed in museums internationally, said Clapton’s, which is selling it.

Clapton is no stranger to the auction room. Only last year he sold more than 70 of his guitars at a charity auction in New York, raising $2.15 million for the Crossroads Centre drug and alcohol rehabilitation centre founded by Clapton in Antigua.

Beyoncé, Jay-Z join Obama for contest, fundraiser

Los Angeles, 15 Sept—Jay-Z and Beyoncé Knowles are still in the running to help President Obama win it in his second bid for the White House.

Knowles made an online pitch on Obama’s behalf on Thursday, sending his supporters an email with an “amazing invitation” to meet with the musical duo and the president for an evening in New York City at an as-yet-undetermined date before Election Day.

“I’ve had the honor of meeting President Obama and the First Lady a few times,” Beyoncé says in the promotional email, “and believe me - it’s an opportunity you don’t want to miss.”

As with several previous Obama campaign sweepstakes involving famous figures from the entertainment realm, the contest makes room for a winner and a guest to join POTUS and the VIPs for the price of a small donation.

Contestants have until midnight on Thursday to enter.

This time, however, some pre-election inflation has apparently jackied up the cost, with an entry-level contribution of $25 as opposed to the $3 or $5 base price requested for other recent events.

The pair are also hosting a numerically catchy $40,000-a-head fund-raising dinner party at Jay-Z’s 40/40 club in Manhattan on 18 September, according to the New York Post. But it’s unclear from Knowles’ memo whether the civilian meet-and-greet will be part of that event.

Knowles has made herself visible in this election season, making a video tribute to Michelle Obama posted on BarackObama.com in July and taking part in the First Lady’s “Let’s Move!” kid-targeted fitness campaign in May, among other high-profile appearances.

And after several rounds of star-powered fundraising, the Obama campaign appears to have the celebrity endorsement ringmaster down pat and isn’t shy about linking their candidate’s brand with Hollywood-level fame.

George Clooney, Harvey Weinstein, Anna Wintour, Sarah Jessica Parker, Michael Jordan, Gwen Stefani and Eva Longoria have all done their part to direct attention and funds to Obama’s re-election effort, and with just under eight weeks to go, there’s still plenty of time for that list to grow.
**International Sports**

**Ferrer, Almagro put Spain in control against US**

Sam Querrey (R) of the US shake hands with David Ferrer of Spain behind the Davis Cup trophy after the official draw of their the Davis Cup World Group semi-final match in Gijon, northern Spain on 13 Sept, 2012. **Reuters**

**Tennis**

Ken, 15 Sept—Holders Spain are within a point of reaching a fourth Davis Cup final in five years after David Ferrer and Nicolas Almagro secured contrasting singles victories over Americans Sam Querrey and John Isner on Friday.

Ferrer recovered from a first-set wobble to score an ultimately comfortable 4-6, 6-2, 6-4 win against Querrey on the clay in Gijon before Almagro dug deep to see off a firing Isner 6-4, 4-6, 6-4, 3-6, 7-5 in the semi-finals.

The towering Isner, who appeared to be suffering from cramp towards the end of a thrilling match, several times needed his powerful serve to stay in contention and saved three match points earlier in the deciding set before capitulating.

Almagro collapsed to the ground when the Isner forehand flew long on the fourth match point before climbing to his feet and kissing his racket as the raucous crowd celebrated around the purpose-built outdoor arena in the northern Spanish city.

It was 12th-ranked Almagro's second win in two matches against number 10 Isner following his four-set victory on the grass at Wimbledon last year.

World number five Ferrer only had a few days to prepare for the best-of-five tie following his run to the semi-finals of the US Open but he ultimately proved too strong on his favoured surface against the 26th-ranked Querrey.

Ferrer is leading the Spanish bid for a place in November’s final in the absence of the injured Rafael Nadal and his victory was his 15th in 15 Davis Cup singles rubbers on clay and his 20th in 24 in Davis Cup rubbers overall.

“It was a very tough match. He didn’t make it easy for me,” Ferrer told Spanish television. “I managed to stay focused mentally and the important thing is the victory.”

Top-ranked American pair Bob and Mike Bryan are firm favourites to win Saturday’s doubles point when they meet Marcel Granollers and Marc Lopez, with the US having reversed singles to come on Sunday.

Spain are bidding for a fourth Davis Cup crown in five years while the US, without the recently-retired Andy Roddick, have not won the competition since 2007.

The winners meet Argentina, who lost to Spain in last year’s final, or Czech Republic.

Juan Martin Del Potro gave Argentina a 1-0 lead in Buenos Aires when he thumped Radek Stepanek 6-4, 6-2, 6-4 on Friday. **Reuters**

**Kayser four shots behind Italian Open leader Bland**

German’s Martin Kaymer plays a shot out of the bunker of the 14th hole of the Dutch Open Golf Tournament in Hilversum on 9 Sept, 2012. **Reuters**

**Soccer**

**Real Madrid announces record income**

**Real Madrid's coach Jose Mourinho**

**Madrid, 15 Sept—** Spanish Primera Liga champions Real Madrid have announced that last season the club achieved the highest level of income in its history.

Real Madrid ended the 2011-2012 campaign with income of 514 million euros, 7 percent higher than in the previous season.

Of that money, just 9.5 percent came through the sales of season tickets with the rest of the earnings coming from television rights, marketing and the Champions League, where the club reached the semi-finals before being defeated on penalties by Bayern Munich.

The club also confirmed that its net profit for the 2011-2012 campaign was 24.2 million euros. This was however, 23.3 percent down on the previous season.

Real Madrid predicts that the coming season will see the club achieve income of 516.6 million and a profit of 24.4 million. **Xinhua**
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Weather forecast for 16th September, 2012

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District News

Buses collision leaves three injured

YANGON, 15 Sept—A bus of Adaptai Bus Line driven by U Hsan Maung Shyu, hit a truck near Southway Roundabout on 14th Street in Bago. In the accident, three passengers from the Dyna of 97th special bus line driven by Thet Naing Oo, son of U U Hsan Maung Shyu, were injured.

The accident occurred because the Dyna of the 97th special bus line driven by Thet Naing Oo, son of U Hsan Maung Shyu, was travelling in the wrong lane. The accident occurred at the 10th km mark on the 14th Street in Bago. The three injured were taken to Bago General Hospital. The bus was damaged.

Weather

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New Cameroon coach to seek Eto’o return

YAOUNDE, 15 Sept—New Cameroon coach Jean-Paul Akono’s first order of business will be to seek a return to the team of disgraced captain Samuel Eto’o, who is on the defensive at Zenit, according to Assou-Ekotto, he said on Friday. Akono said both were needed in Cameroon and that if Eto’o were to be on the same page as the team, “it would be good.”

“Assou-Ekotto has not played for Cameroon for 18 months because of similar complaints. This is a very short appointment and a somewhat difficult task, because we have to fight back from two goals down to qualify, which is difficult in this type of competition but not impossible,” Akono added.

Cameroon host the second leg in Yaounde on 13 October.

The aggregate winner advances to the 2013 finals in South Africa from 19 January, 2013.

Nick Faldo of England watches his tee shot on the 10th hole during first round play at the British Open golf championship on the Old Course in St Andrews, Scotland, 15 July, 2010.—REUTERS

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McIlroy’s eight-shot victory at the USPGA Championship last month.

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The Ryder Cup stalemate could be on the cards when holders Europe meet United States in Illinois at the end of this month.

The biennial event has not ended in stalemate since the European team captained by Tony Jacklin tied with Ray Floyd’s US side at The Belfry in 1985.

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Lack of transparency opposes to all-inclusive dialogue, hinders progress in establishing a democratic society: Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker

by representatives elected with majority votes. He also said he was not going to argue about words but just to mention the establishment of democracy and its functions. There are people’s representatives elected by the people. People’s representatives elected the Head of Government and then Pyidaungsu Hluttaw approved the Chief Justice of the Union and judicial institutions, Union Election Commission and Union ministers. Each department has civil servants or government employees.

Dialogue and inclusiveness become the way for the participation of the people in legislative, executive and judicial affairs. Whence it comes to adoption of policies which are to be strictly abided by, the laws are drafted. The process requires participation of the people and organizations. Only when there are transparency, accountability and responsibility, may democracy flourish. Mutual respect and frank discussions are sine qua non for democratization process. Democracy is not of one’s asset. It needs participation of the people. It is the best if every stakeholder gets involved.

As the fundamental rights of citizens, prescribed in the law, includes freedom of expression, speech and assembling. The right that could be exercised widely and mostly is freedom of expression. It is true, “Dialogue and Inclusiveness—Central to Democracy.” It is everyone’s knowledge that discussions are derived from thoughts and discussions and laws from policies that need be adhered strictly. Only when all the people adhere to the laws, will there be the rule of law. Legal actions must be taken against the ones who violate the laws.

Orders, directives and laws that do not reflect the desires of the people are not democratic and can lead authoritarian rule. The motto of the Hluttaw, “People’s voice, Hluttaw’s voice; People’s desire, Hluttaw’s desire; People’s aspiration, Hluttaw’s implementation,” reflects all-inclusiveness in legislation.

He concluded his speech with the call for implementation of IPU’s motto for International Day of Democracy, “Dialogue and Inclusiveness—Central to Democracy.”

Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker U Khin Aung Myint makes a concluding speech at the ceremony to mark International Day of Democracy 2012.

Chairman of Standing Committee of National People’s Congress of the PRC and party conclude visit

YANGON, 15 Sept.— A delegation led by Chairman of the Standing Committee of the National People’s Congress of the People’s Republic of China Mr. Wu Bangguo and wife visited Shwedagon Pagoda here this morning where they were welcomed by Union Minister for Religious Affairs Thura U Myint Maung and members of the pagoda board of trustee.

Mr. Wu Bangguo and wife offered flowers, water and light to the Buddha image. They donated K1 million through pagoda board of trustees and looked round the pagoda.

Next, Mr. Wu Bangguo and party went on to the Ministry of Communications, Posts and Telecommunications on Bogyoke Aung San Street and they were welcomed there by Union Minister U Thein Tun, Deputy Minister U Win Than and departmental heads.

They viewed communication network center being implemented by ZTE Company, Huawei Company and Myanmar Posts and Telecommunications.

At the conference hall, the Chinese side led by chairman of the Standing Committee of the National People’s Congress of the PRC and Myanmar side led by Union Minister U Thein Tun discussed matters related to cooperation in China-Myanmar communication sectors.

The delegation led by Chairman of the Standing Committee of the National People’s Congress of the People’s Republic of China Mr. Wu Bangguo and wife departed from Yangon by special flight at 3 pm.

They were seen off at Yangon International Airport by Yangon Region Hluttaw Speaker U Sein Tin Win and wife, Deputy Speaker U Tin Aung and wife, chairmen and secretaries from region hluttaw legislative committee, national races affairs committee, representative scrutiny committee, Chinese Ambassador to Myanmar Mr. Li Junhua and officials from Chinese embassy.