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NAY PYI TAW, 16 Sept—Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham and party, accompanied by the Chief Minister of Shan State, arrived at the worksite of Mawrawady extended ward, northwest of Lashio, yesterday morning.

At the briefing hall, the deputy head of Shan State Settlement and Land Records Department reported on reclamation of land for Mawrawady Extended Ward 1, the executive officer of Township Development Affairs Committee on plans for supply of water, the Additional Superintending Engineer on plans for construction of roads in the extended ward and detour of Lashio, the State Electrical Engineer on plans for relocation of 66 KV Mansan-Lashio power line and 66 KV Lashio-Hsenwi power line from Mawrawady-1 to 60 feet wide road and supply of electricity, an official of Irrigation Department on construction of brick drains and the deputy commissioner on estimated expenditure for reclamation of lands for the new ward.

The Shan State Chief Minister and officials gave supplementary reports on respective sectors.

In his address, the Vice-President said that the extension of new ward is being taken for accommodating the growing population of the region. Though some persons built their houses, some did not construct buildings in the allotted land plots, the urban area did not have city characteristics.

He noted that it is necessary to consider implementation of new housing project by giving contract instead of the system on allotted land plots. He stressed the need to consider construction of housing project with high-rise system to meet the city characteristics like that of neighbouring countries.

He urged the officials to supervise the people from the new plots not to sell the plots to others and to adopt the rules for land allotments systematically.

Next, the Vice-President and party viewed round Mawrawady extended ward-2.

In Kutkai, the Vice-President and party visited Kutkai People’s Hospital and consolde the patients.

Deputy Minister for Health Dr Win Myint donated K 5 million to the hospital through Medical Superintendent Dr Moe Myint Zaw Win. The Vice-President and party then visited multi-media classrooms at Kutkai Basic Education High School.

After inspecting the progress of students, the Vice-President instructed the school head and teachers to teach spoken English and computer science to the students.

The Shan State Chief Minister and wellwishers donated cash and Sky Net receiver to the fund of school teachers.

On arrival at Namkhham, the Vice-President visited the multi-media classrooms of Namkhham BEHS. At the donation ceremony, the headmaster accepted cash to the education fund and Sky Net receiver donated by wellwishers.

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Measures under way to keep Kandawgyi, Inya lakes clean

YANGON, 16 Sept—Yangon City Development Committee plans to dredge the silt and drain out sewerage from Kandawgyi and Inya lakes this fiscal year to have better characteristics of city.

“Water hyacinth and weeds can be seen on surface of water in the lake. In fact, silt has not been dredged in both Kandawgyi and Inya lakes for about one decade. Now, silt is being dredged at some parts of Kandawgyi Lake with the use of heavy machinery. At a time when necessary numbers of heavy machinery have been equipped, silt will be dredged at both lakes,” said an official of Water and Sanitation Department of the YCDC.

Inya and Kandawgyi lakes are facilitated with parks and playgrounds for public relaxation. Thus, emphasis is to be placed on existence of the lakes and water creatures.

It was reported that educative works will be given to those from restaurants, shops of saplings and flowers and other shops not to throw fertilizers and other wastes into the lake.
Emergency ambulance service launched

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Outstanding policemen honoured

BAGO, 16 Sept.—A ceremony to honour members of the police force who performed brilliant skills in exposing gambling cases was held at the Police Avenue in Bago on 6 September.

At first, Bago Region Minister for Security and Border Affairs Col Thet Tun, Commander of Region Police Force Police Col Mya Win and Deputy Commander Police Lt-Col Shwe Aye presented certificates of honour and cash awards to the outstanding police members.

Next, the region minister, the commander and deputy commander of region Police Force explained tasks of crime reduction. Later, commanders of District and Township MPFs and officials reported on their respective sectors.—**Mya Min**

Illegal sawn timber seized in Kachin State

NAY PYI TON, 16 Sept.—The Ministry of Environmental Conservation and Forestry is undertaking seizures of illegal timber. At 12 noon on 10 September, a combined team comprising five staff of Bhamo Township Forest Department, seven policemen of Bhamo District Police Force and two village administrators of Malu Village seized 560 pieces of ownerless sawn teak timber of various sizes weighing 21,630 tons in two places of the bambo-mangrove near Malu Village of Bhamo Township.—**MNA**

In memory of father U Chu Sein—mother Daw Kyi, brother U Tin Naing and sister Daw Kyi of Natmauk Road in Hinthada, Daw Than Htay, U Zaw Win, Daw Tin Tin Thetn, U Aung Win-Daw Nu Na Yi (Academy) family donated K 300,000 to Hninzigon Home for the Aged through Joint-Treasurer U Chit Myaing recently.—**NLM**
Pakistan, US call for defined strategic partnership

WASHINGTON/KHARTOUM, 16 Sept — The United States ordered non-essential staff to leave its embassies in Tunisia and Sudan on Saturday after both diplomatic posts were attacked and Khartoum rejected a US request to send a platoon of Marines to bolster security at its mission there. “Given the security situation in Tunis and Khartoum, the US State Department has ordered the departure of all family members and non-emergency personnel from both posts, and issued parallel travel warnings to American citizens,” State Department spokeswoman Victoria Nuland said in a statement.

The US embassies in Tunisia and Khartoum were attacked on Friday by protesters. Four people were killed and 46 injured in the assault on the US Embassy in Tunis, according to a hospital official in the city. In Khartoum, around 5,000 people stormed the German embassy before breaking into the US mission on Friday. They also attacked the British embassy and at least two people were killed in clashes, according to state media. A US official told Reuters on Friday that Washington would send Marines to Sudan to improve security at the embassy, which is located outside Khartoum for security reasons. But Sudanese Foreign Minister Ali Ahmed Karti told the state news agency SUNA. “Sudan is committed to building on recent achievements, such as the reopening of the NATO supply lines and the meeting of the Safe Passage Working Group in Islamabad on 3 September,” he said.

The United States looks forward to welcoming Foreign Minister Khar to Washington and President Zardari to New York for the UN General Assembly, and looks forward to several bilateral working groups this fall. Ambassador Grossman noted that each of these engagements is an opportunity to continue to identify shared interests and to discuss concrete actions the United States and Pakistan can take together on their broad agenda. He said the United States is committed to continue working on shared counterterrorism objectives to increase market access and economic opportunity for Pakistan, and to support civilian democracy and civil society. Ambassador Grossman said that the United States and Pakistan should work together to identify shared interests and act on them jointly, for the benefit of both nations and the region. The US embassy here said in a statement. The United States is committed to continue working on shared counterterrorism objectives to increase market access and economic opportunity for Pakistan, and to support civilian democracy and civil society. Ambassador Grossman said that the United States and Pakistan should work together to identify shared interests and act on them jointly, for the benefit of both nations and the region. The US embassy here said in a statement. The United States is committed to continue working on shared counterterrorism objectives to increase market access and economic opportunity for Pakistan, and to support civilian democracy and civil society. Ambassador Grossman said that the United States and Pakistan should work together to identify shared interests and act on them jointly, for the benefit of both nations and the region. The US embassy here said in a statement.

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**A Huawei logo is seen above the company's exhibition pavilion during the CommunicAsia information and communications technology trade show in Singapore on 19 June, 2012. — Reuters**

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Quality-of-life programme may help cancer patients

New York, 16 Sept — A therapy programme focused on improving quality of life can help people being treated for advanced cancer, researchers from the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota have shown. Patients who attended the sessions—a combination of physical and talk therapy, along with relaxation techniques and spiritual discussions—reported a marked improvement in quality of life during treatment, while cancer patients who didn’t get the education declined on those measures.

Researchers said that although such comprehensive programmes might not be available at smaller cancer centres, doctors can still encourage patients to find the spiritual or emotional help, or encourage them to be more physically active. “Physical activity with a cancer diagnosis is a big stressor for lots of people. It’s still a really scary health

Deep divisions among EU Ministers on setting up banking union

NICOSIA, 16 Sept — Deep divisions emerged on Saturday among European Union (EU) Finance Ministers on how to set up a common mechanism to oversee bank operations in eurozone member states. The Banking Union proposal was put forward by Internal Market and Services Commissioner Michel Barnier, as a first step to allow the proposed European Stability Mechanism (ESM) to provide financial assistance to banks. Barnier said he expected there would be disagreements on the proposal.

German government voiced sharp disapproval over the proposal on the grounds that it was too ambitious and could not be materialized by the end of the year. German Finance Minister Wolfgang Schauble also said that handing over silver rights to the European Central Bank (ECB) would not be in itself sufficient and that Germany would draw money from the ESM. He insisted that countries which have banks in trouble should be allowed to draw money from the ESM.

He said that the proposal would provide a “common method to oversee bank operations in eurozone member states.” The Banking Union proposal was put forward by Internal Market and Services Commissioner Michel Barnier, as a first step to allow the proposed European Stability Mechanism (ESM) to provide financial assistance to banks.

S Korean exports to US boosted by KORUS FTA for 6 months

SEOUL, 16 Sept — South Korea’s exports to the United States were boosted by the bilateral free trade deal, also known as the KORUS FTA, for six months since such deal came into force in 15 March, customs office data showed on Sunday.

According to the Korea Customs Service, South Korean exports to the US reached 29.1 billion US dollars during the period of between 15 March and 15 September, up 3.7 percent from the same period of last year. Imports from the US contracted 7 percent to 21.2 billion dollars over the cited period, sending the trade surplus with the US to 7.9 billion dollars during the six-month period after the KORUS FTA implementation.

The positive figure came as external conditions worsened amid the protracted European fiscal crisis and the global economic slowdown. The country’s overall exports declined 4.3 percent over the cited period, while the trade surplus amounted to 16.8 billion dollars, among which around half was attributed to the US.

Export items, which benefited from tariff cuts or elimination, saw a surge in shipments to the US Auto parts exports jumped 19 percent for the cited period, with shipments of rubber goods expanding 15 percent. Exports in the textile, chemical and machinery sectors soared 22 percent over the same period. — Xinhua

No early link between all-metal hip implants and cancer

LONDON, 16 Sept — All-metal hip implants, which have been shown to have high failure rates and cause a host of other health problems, were not linked to cancer seven years after implantation, new research has found. Concerns have grown in the medical community that the so-called metal-on-metal implants shed metal particles through wear on their ball-and-socket structure. Many patients who have received the devices have had elevated levels of cobalt and chromium particles detected in the bloodstream, leading some doctors to worry about their risk of developing cancer.

Johnson & Johnson and Stryker Corp have recalled several models of all-metal hip implants because of high failure rates—meaning the patient needed another operation to fix a problem, such as dislocation—and set aside billions of dollars to cover patient claims. Neither company was immediately available to comment. Since the recalls, the use of all-metal implants, which were sold as being more durable, has declined sharply.

Some basic science and epidemiological studies have suggested that metal-on-metal hip replacements should be associated with an increased risk of developing cancer after total hip replacement and particularly with an increase in malignant melanoma and haematological, prostate, and rectal tract cancers, the UK National Joint Registry (NJR) said in its annual report, which was released this week at the British Orthopaedic Association meeting in Manchester.

The JR, which collects data on joint replacement surgery and monitors the performance of hip implants, said it used UK National Health Service Hospital EpisodeStatistics to test whether all-metal-on-metal hip implants are associated with an increased risk of cancer in the two years after hip replacement, compared with other surfaces, such as metal-on-polyethylene.

The Jr said in the report no association seven years after implantation but that the devices should continue to be tracked as many cancers can take longer to manifest themselves. “Due to the size of the NJR we could only assess the risk for the first seven years after hip replacement and are happy to report that we could not find any evidence for an increased risk of developing cancer,” the NJR said.

“We must, however, point out that cancers that develop many years later are outside the risk analysis,” the NJR said. “We do not know how many patients had been examined during the initial exposure to carcinogens and thus longitudinal follow-up is needed to provide a definitive answer,” it added. — Reuters

An Awa women holds the hand of her mother who is dying from cancer during her final hours at a palliative care hospital in Winnipeg on 24 July, 2010.

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A woman holds the hand of her mother who is dying from cancer during her final hours at a palliative care hospital in Winnipeg on 24 July, 2010.
INTERNATIONAL NEWS

China’s top legislator starts visit to Sri Lanka

COLOMBO, 16 Sept—China’s top legislator Wu Bangguo arrived here on Monday for an official goodwill visit to Sri Lanka, pledging to lift bilateral ties to a higher level.

Wu, chairman of the Standing Committee of China’s National People’s Congress (NPC), is to have separate meetings and talks with Sri Lankan President Mahinda Rajapakse and Parliament Speaker Chamal Rajapaksa during his four-day stay here. This is the first visit to Sri Lanka by chairman of China’s NPC standing committee. As this year marks the 55th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations, the 60th anniversary of the signing of Rubber-Rice agreement, the development of China-Sri Lanka relations is now facing new opportunities and enjoyment of broad prospects, said Wu in a written speech released upon his arrival.

China is willing to join hands with Sri Lanka to consolidate traditional friendship, expand pragmatic cooperation, and lift the comprehensive and cooperative partnership to a new height, Wu said. Sri Lanka is the third stop of Wu’s four-nation tour, which also includes Iran, Myanmar and Fiji. — Xinhua

Japanese ambassador-designate to China dies in Tokyo: ministry

TOKYO, 16 Sept—Japan’s ambassador-designate to China, Shinichi Nishimiya, died on Sunday in a Tokyo hospital, the Foreign Ministry said.

Nishimiya, 60, was found unconscious on a street near his home on his way to work. Nishimiya was to have left in mid-October to take over from Uichiro Niwa as China’s ambassador to Japan. — Reuters

US-Cuba travel snarled by regulations, politics

HAVANA, 16 Sept — The Obama administration’s much-touted “people-to-people” travel programme to Cuba has run into a host of hurdles, raising questions about the administration’s policy of constructive engagement.

The licences of dozens of tour operators, who have carried an estimated 50,000 Americans to Cuba under the “people-to-people” banner so far, have not been renewed by the Treasury Department’s Office of Foreign Assets Control.

This has caused confusion in both countries as the trips must be planned months in advance and hotel rooms, very much in demand in Havana, blocked out for the Americans.

The problems began after the new guidelines were issued, the companies said.

“We’ve laid off 22 people, cancelled 150 trips, and after permission to bring groups past the morning traffic jam,” said one travel agent.

The inert explosives posed no threat to the public and were supplied by undercover law enforcement, acting US Attorney Gary Shapiro said in a statement.

Daoud was closely monitored and offered several opportunities to change his mind.

According to an FBI affidavit, Daoud used email accounts starting in about October 2011 to gather and send materials “relating to violent jihad and the killing of Americans.” Daoudemailled a lengthy PowerPoint presentation to several people a joint state of affairs of al-Qaeda leader Osama bin Laden and emailed himself several articles on American Muslims Awlaki, a US-born Muslim cleric who the US said was a leader of al-Qaeda’s Yemeni affiliate, the affidavit said.

Awlaki was killed in a drone strike in September 2011. Daoud also registered in an internet forum where members “discuss violent jihad and distribute jihadist propaganda and related instructional materials,” the affidavit said.

Two undercover FBI employees began corresponding with Daoud in May, exchanging several electronic messages with him in which he expressed an interest in “engaging in violent jihad, either in the United States or overseas,” the affidavit said. From late May to mid-June, Daoud “proposed guidance on whether to carry out an attack in the United States, then sought online resources on how to carry out an attack,” the affidavit said.

Elephants play truant from Copenhagen circus

COPENHAGEN, 16 Sept—Two elephants said goodbye to the circus and took a walk along a Copenhagen street packed with rush-hour traffic on Monday, one following the other with trunk linked to tail. Soma, 31, and Vana Mana, 41, star turns at the Circus Benneweers, strolled down the multi-lane Borups Alle in the Danish capital for about 200 meters before their trainer caught up with them.

“They were walking past the morning traffic trunk-to-tail,” a police officer told Danish news agency Ritzau. Police blocked the road so the taskers could return to the circus site unhurt. Nobody was hurt, so it was just two elephants out for a stroll,” the police officer said. — Reuters

CSTO military exercise begins in Armenia

YELOGEV, 16 Sept — Member states of the Collective Security Treaty Organization (CSTO) on Saturday started a joint military exercise dubbed “Cooperation-2012,” aiming to enhance the capability of its rapid reaction force.

Armenian Defence Minister Seyran Ohanyan welcomed the participating servicemen, voicing hope that the military exercise will contribute to the further enhancement of the CSTO’s Collective Rapid Reaction Force (CRRF). Calling the CRRF a “serious regional force” which “can withstand the potential hazards,” the minister stated that the military drill will show how six countries may unite for collective security reasons.

The six-nation CSTO is an intergovernmental military alliance comprising Armenia, Russia, Belarus, Kazakhstan, Tajikistan and Kyrgyzstan. The military exercise, which will run through 19 September, was held at the “Marshal Khugooman’y” training ground of the Armenian Armed Forces. Police, Ministry of Emergency Situations personnel and rescue service units were involved in the exercise, local media reported. — Xinhua
China commentary slams Romney’s “foolish” China-bashing

BEIJING, 16 Sept — US Republican presidential candidate Mitt Romney’s attacks on China and promise to name the country a currency manipulator if elected are foolish and hypocritical, China’s official Xinhua news agency said on Friday. In a strongly worded English-language commentary, Xinhua said Romney’s anti-China rhetoric, if converted into policy upon him assuming office, would trigger a catastrophic trade war and damage the already weak global economic recovery.

“It is rather ironic that a considerable portion of this China-battering politician’s wealth was actually obtained by doing business with Chinese companies before he entered politics,” Xinhua wrote.

“Such blaming-China-on-everything remarks are as false as they are foolish, for it has never been a myth that China’s currency would be of little use to boost the chronically slack job market of the world’s sole superpower, not to mention to magically turn the poor US economic performance around.”

Romney has repeatedly pledged to get tougher with China on its trade and currency practices, including pledging to quickly declare China a currency manipulator if elected. His opponent, President Barack Obama, has accused Romney, who founded and led private equity firm Bain Capital, of outsourcing jobs to both India and China. China says the yuan’s exchange rate is essentially set by market forces, and that the currency has appreciated about 30 percent against the dollar since a landmark revaluation in 2005.

The Chinese government has generally been silent in the run-up to the November presidential poll due to a policy of non-interference in the affairs of other countries. But state media has waded into the debate to lambaste what it sees as attempts to play the “China card”, in a reflection of official thinking and concern the country’s name works within the United States. “It is rather ironic that a currency-bashing had been “a cancer” in US electoral politics, seriously plaguing the relations between the two countries.”

“It has also become a handy tool for US politicians who try to court the votes and support of ill-informed voters by ratcheting up antagonistic sentiment towards China, while truly serious social and economic woes within the United States have been left unfixed.”

“Such blaming China should “put its own fiscal house in order, substantially slash its tremendous military expenditure, and optimize its economic structure”, it added. “It is advisable that politicians, including Romney, should abandon short-sighted China-bashing tricks and adopt at least a little bit of statesmanship on China-US ties.”

Four soldiers killed in mine blast in Turkey

ANKARA, 16 Sept — Four soldiers were killed and five others wounded in a mine blast in southeastern Turkey’s Hakkari Province on Saturday, according to a statement released by the Hakkari governor’s office. The mine, planted by members of the outlawed Kurdistan Workers’ Party (PKK), exploded on Saturday afternoon as a military convoy was passing on the Hakkari-Cukurca highway, causing this tragedy, said the statement.

China’s National Meteorological Centre (NMC).

Beijing, 17 Sept — China’s meteorological authority said Sunday the super typhoon Sanba will bring rainstorms to the country’s northeastern regions over the next two days. Sanba, the 16th typhoon of the year, was positioned at about 65 kilometers east of the Japanese island of Okinawa at 5 am, according to a statement posted on the website of China’s National Meteorological Centre (NMC).

The typhoon will move northwest at a speed of around 25 km per hour and bring heavy rainfalls to China’s northeastern provinces from Monday to Tuesday, the centre said.

Storms will hit the north and southeast of Heilongjiang Province and eastern Jilin Province over the next two days, while some regions will see downpours of 100 to 120 millimetres, the NMC forecast.

Construction of Trans-Anatolia gas pipeline to start by end of 2013

BAKU, 16 Sept — The construction operations of the Trans-Anatolia gas pipeline (TANAP) are expected to start by the end of 2013, Azerbaijani media reported on Saturday, quoting Rovnag Abdullayev, president of the State Oil Company of Azerbaijan Republic (SOCAR) as saying. In the next year, the company will buy land sections for the pipeline construction and all design and regulatory work within the project will be conducted in parallel to accelerate its implementation, Abdullayev said.

In December of 2011, Turkey and Azerbaijan signed a Memorandum of Understanding for the establishment of a consortium which will build a gas pipeline to transport gas from Azerbaijan’s Shah Deniz field to Europe through Turkish territory.

On 27 June, 2012, Turkey and Azerbaijan signed a deal to build the 5.6-billion-euro (about 7.3-billion-US-dollar) pipeline which will span 2,000 km. —Xinhua

Baku, 16 Sept — South Korea’s trade surplus reduced to 2 b USD in August

SEOUL, 16 Sept — South Korea’s trade surplus reduced to 2 billion US dollars in August as exports kept surging while imports slowed, customs office data showed on Sunday. The country’s trade surplus reached 2 billion dollars in August, slightly down from a preliminary figure of 2.64 billion dollars estimated earlier by the Ministry of Knowledge Economy.

The trade balance stayed in the black for seven straight months, but the August surplus was down from a surplus of 2.78 billion dollars in the previous month due to slowing exports amid the global economic slump.

Exports, which account for around half of the South Korean economy, contracted 6.2 percent on-year to 42.97 billion dollars in August. The figure maintained the minus growth for two straight months.

Imports tumbled 9.7 percent on-year to 40.97 billion dollars in August, faster than the export contraction, contributing to the August trade surplus. By item, outbound shipments of auto parts and machinery grew 1.0 percent and 3.6 percent each on-year in August, but exports of ships, automobiles, telecommunications devices, consumer electronics and oil products plunged 34.5 percent, 31.3 percent, 10.6 percent and 4.8 percent respectively last month. Exports to the Middle East and the European Union expanded 18.5 percent and 3.2 percent each over the cited period, but shipments to China and the United States, South Korea’s two largest trading partners, contracted 4.8 percent and 2.8 percent respectively. — Reuters

14 killed as blast hits passenger van in NW Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, 16 Sept — At least 14 people were killed as a passenger van was hit by a roadside bomb in Pakistan’s northwest Lower Dir area on Sunday morning, reported local media Geo.

According to the local media reports, the incident took place at about 7:30 am when a passenger van carrying an estimated 15 people was hit by a roadside planted bomb in the Bunar area of Lower Dir, a district which partially borders Afghanistan at its western side. The blast left 14 people killed and several others injured, said police, adding that the van was also completely destroyed in the blast.

Other details about the bomb attack are not immediately available. No group has claimed responsibility for the attack yet. Meanwhile, local media reported that five militants were killed and two militant hideouts were destroyed in an army operation launched earlier Sunday morning in the country’s northwest tribal area of Orakzai. — Xinhua

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Effective aid management system

International assistance means aids from developed countries to developing countries or poor countries in terms of cash, goods, services or technological or technical help. Financial aids mean grants, cheap loans and soft loans for developing countries and poor countries. As for the goods, they are directly delivered to the recipient countries. In some cases aids in the form of services are provided for economic and social sectors and economic cooperation. Technological and technical aids are mainly for human resources development through training programmes. Priority areas of foreign aids towards developing countries are health, education, agriculture, clean water supply and socio-economic development assistance for poverty reduction; assistance in quality control, standardization and copy right issues, and information technology for trade and investment progress of developing countries in connection with their sustainable development; cooperation in training and research programmes; assistance in addressing problems such as environmental issues, epidemics, population explosion, food shortages, drug menace, and terrorism; humanitarian assistance; assistance in resettlement, internal peace and security; and assistance for government administrative-capacity building. Generally, foreign aid can be divided into two types. The first type is the formal development assistance agreed between the two countries concerned or the multinational development assistance. The second is aids given by or through the NGOs. Normally, only the data on first type of aids are officially issued. It is difficult to measure the amount of second type aids.

Governments of the donors countries usually provide aids to foreign countries in their political interest or strategic interest. Only some of the development assistance the rich countries have presented to developing or poor countries is on moral or humanitarian grounds.

Whatever aims the donors have the recipients should have the effective aid management system to use foreign aids for the long-term benefit of the people and nation while protecting their interest, dignity, sovereignty and the natural environment.

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Aftewards, a townselder reported to the Vice-President on measures to be taken for maintenance of roads and the Namkhamphaung Creek in Namkham and for opening a school for children from 12 villages along the bank of the Shweli River.

Afterwards, Deputy Minister for Education U Ba Shwe, Deputy Minister for Construction U Soe Tint, the township administrator and the in-charge of the township development affairs committee also reported on measures to be taken according to the report of the townselder.

After hearing reports, the Vice-President urged the local authority to carry out the tasks in accordance with the rules and regulations and assisted in implementing the tasks.

Afterwards, the Vice-President cordially greeted the local people and teachers.

He also attended the cash donation ceremony at the Namkham People’s Hospital. During the ceremony, the Shan State Chief Minister donated K 1 million; Shwe Than Lwin Co Ltd one set of Sky Net receiver, five business companies K10 million each and U Nyan Linn Oo of Panu Hsay militia K 7 million to the funds of the hospital through the head of the Shan State Health Department.

The Vice-President and party flew to Muse in the evening and met with departmental officials, Hluttaw representatives and traders at the Muse-Namkham Border Merchants Association.

Speaking on the occasion, the Vice-President said on behalf of the Union Government, he made tour of Shan State (North) to supervise rehabilitation tasks in areas in Shan State (North) which were hit by flood due to torrential rains and also came to Muse and Namkham to assist in overcoming the difficulties the two border towns are facing.

He continued to say that he was there to address issues reported by the local authority regarding the difficulties in the border area and they are: to speed up the flow of goods in the border area; to eliminate the illegal transportation through illegal routes, to overcome the hindrances to the border trade, to develop the border towns including Muse and Namkham, to assist in livelihood of the local people and to ensure the inclusive development.

Regarding the task for speeding up the commodity flow in the border area, he said that measures would be taken to implement the automatic licensing and non-automatic licensing, to use the local currency in the border trade, to issue the individual trading card and to grant the FDA permission reported by the traders and to adopt necessary ways to protect the consumers.

Regarding the illegal transportation, he said the government would do relaxation of some controls to be able to become legal transportation and would organize the mobile inspection teams to control the illegal transportation. He also urged the local people to take part in the drive for elimination of the illegal transportation.

Regarding the difficulties found in the border trading, the Vice-President said the government would build the commodity yard and designate warehouses and build ware houses in Muse. Besides, the authority of both countries would negotiate for preventing seizure in the neighbouring countries when beans and pulses, coriand were transported to it, he added.

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As regards the opening of a new gate on Nanthapha (or) on the route, there will be no plan at all to open a new gate as tragedies were experienced in opening gates. Brokerage and shed will be opened at appropriate sites to transport commodities from the country.

In initiating urbanization of such border towns as Muse and Nanhkam, only systematically drafted projects and plans should be implemented. Value-added products, for example high standard furniture, jade jewelry and so on, should be exported, rather than raw materials. This would create job opportunities for local people.

Social issues related to education, health and culture must be tackled.

The tour was aimed at helping establish public companies and organizations with the participation of local nationals for regional development and urbanization, rather than giving permission to an individual to establish value-added factories. The guidance of the President regarding the economic reforms, the second step for the development of the country, to safeguard the interests of the people, the interests of the country, and national environment should be taken into consideration. He called for participation of the people in the bid.

The Vice-Chairman of Muse-Nan Hin Border Trade Merchants Association explained construction of container yards, sheds and gates in Muse.

Deputy Minister Dr Pwint Huan gave account on measures for border trade and regional development.

The Vice-President attended to the needs of Myanmar Yadana Shwe Khin donated K 1 million; Kaung Kaba Kyaw Company, K 10 million; Honon local people, K 7 million; Thein Than Chi Company, K 3 million; Star World Company and High Way Family Company, K 2 million each; Honon local People, K29.1 million, U Kyaw Win, K 1 million; U Sai San Lin, K/0.5 million; U Sai Luang and wife Daw Nn Hui Wun, K 0.2 million; U Sai Tun Myint, K 100,000; to basic migration schools.

The Vice-President and party then cordially greeted those present at the ceremony.

Union Culture Minister visits fine arts school, university in Yangon

YANGON, 16 Sept — Union Minister for Culture U Aye Myint Kyaw assisted in teaching at the State School of Fine Arts (Yangon) and National Culture and Fine Arts University (Yangon) here, this noon.

During his visit to the State School of Fine Arts (Yangon), the Union minister held a meeting with the principal, instructors and teachers of the school and called for promoting artistic skills of the students and passing rate of the matriculation examination.

After the visit to the school, the Union minister proceeded to the university in Dagon Myothit (South) and held a meeting with the rector, pro-rector (teaching), professors, associate professors, faculty members and staff of the university.

During the meeting, he stressed the importance of conserving the traditional cultural heritage and called on faculty members to learn the performing arts including music, painting, sculpture, film and plays and share the knowledge with the students.

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Prevention of Ozone Layer — MNA

Progress of National Archives inspected

NAY PYI TAW, 16 Sept — Union Minister for National Planning and Economic Development Dr Kan Zaw yesterday morning visited construction of National Archives, here, where he heard reports on progress of five halls, plans for coming fiscal years and allotment of funds presented by Director-General Dr Aung Myo of the National Archives.

He called for participation of local organizations with the interests of the country, the interests of the people, the development of the country, to safeguard the natural environment should be taken into consideration.

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After hearing the reports, the Union Minister instructed officials to minimize loss and waste in worksite, carry out tasks in harmony with budget, complete construction tasks on schedule and standardize the archives meeting that of ASEAN countries — MNA

Myanmar Music Organization (Central) reconstituted

Myanmar Music Organization (Central) was reconstituted with 32 members at its office in Tamway Township on 27 August. Former Chairman of the organization U Maung Maung Latt and executives handed over duties and functions of the organization to new elected Chairman U Tin Oo Lay and party.

Mobile phone handsets marketable

Sales of handsets are more marketable than SIM cards at mobile shops. Prices of handsets are different based on brands of countries. Ministry of Communications, Posts and Telegrams sell SIM cards to service personnel through installment system as of June and July.

Construction companies assigned for schools

A coordination meeting to assign duties to construction companies and organizations for basic education schools and gyms was held at the hall of Ayeyawady Region Government on 14 September. The construction tasks will be undertaken for 2012-2013 academic year.
Palestinian farmers wither in tough climate

Palestine

BETI UMAR, 16 Sept — Once a mainstay of the local economy, Palestinian agriculture in the rocky West Bank is in decline as farmers struggle to protect their livelihoods and their lands. Deprived of water and cut off from key markets, farmers across the occupied territory can only look on with a mix of anger and envy as Israeli settlers capriciously irrigate their own plantations and export at will. The pressure to keep farming is strong, not least because Palestinian farmers believe that Israeli and Jewish settler will expel whatever farm land if they leave it uncultivated. But with restrictions on water use and land, what farmers produce often fails to match the lower cost or higher quality of Israeli supplies to the Palestinian stores. Palestinian agriculture represented just six percent of its GDP in 2010 from 13.7 percent in 1994, the World Bank said. The Palestinian statistics bureau said where the sector once-flourishing agriculture, employs just 12.7 percent. work force in 1994, now it employs just 12.7 percent. Palestinian farmers are fighting a daily, losing battle against Israeli restrictions on land and water," Palestinian Minister of Agriculture Walid Alasaf told Reuters. In a report issued this month, a United Nations agency said the impact of the Israeli occupation on the productive base of the Palestinian economy, and especially its once-flourishing agriculture, "has been devastating." "The economy has lost access to 40 per cent of West Bank land, 82 percent of its ground water, and more than two thirds of its grazing land," said the UN trade and development agency, UNCTAD. Under agreements signed in 1994, Israel controls more than 80 percent of Palestinian water resources by occupying the areas where the water is most plentiful. International aid groups say it is much more generous in distributing the water to its own citizens than the Palestinians, who claim not just the territory, but also the underground aquifers, for themselves. — Reuters

Air Force names woman to lead basic training amid sex scandal

SAN ANTONIO, 16 Sept — The US Air Force said on Saturday it selected a woman to serve as the new commander of basic training as the service wrestles with allegations that male instructors sexually assaulted and harassed female trainees. Colonel Deborah Liddick will succeed Colonel Glenn Palmer, who was relieved in August as commander of the 237th Training Group at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, the unit that provides basic training to roughly 35,000 Air Force recruits each year. Liddick’s appointment comes at a critical time for Air Force basic training. Thirty-eight women have come forward with what the Air Force considers to be credible claims of being the victim of improper sexual contact at the hands of trainers. Seventeen male military training instructors have been investigated in sexual contact between instructors and female recruits. Four were convicted or pleaded guilty before courts-martial at Lackland. One instructor was convicted of sexually assaulting female recruits and was sentenced to 20 years in prison. The others were sentenced to terms ranging from 30 days to 12 months. The Lackland probe is the biggest sex scandal in the military in 16 years, and the biggest ever for the Air Force. Liddick, who is scheduled to take command on Friday, currently is serving as chief of the maintenance division at Randolph Air Force Base, also in San Antonio. Liddick has no experience supervising basic training, but Colonel Mark Camerer, who took command two weeks ago of the 37th Training Wing that supervises all Air Force training, cited her command record. — Reuters

Berkhout, 16 Sept — The main tourist service agency, Berliner Touristik, is the city’s main tourist service agency. “Berlin is regaining the status of a top tourist destination. We are a moving target. The average Berliner is honouring by the tourists,” he said.”

Paris and London have had hundreds of years to get used to their many visitors. We’ve only had 20 so far,” he said, referring to the fall of the Berlin Wall in 1991.
The fall led to the reunification of Germany, the reestablishment of Berlin as the German capital and some glittering restorations, which have made the city an attractive destination for tourists.

Tourist-bashing turns ugly in Berlin

GERMANY

Berlin, 16 Sept — Tourist to Berlin is booming as never before and filling the debt-ridden city’s coffers with needed cash, but not all Berliners are cheering the influx of visitors. Some blame the tourists, especially the young 20-something “Easyjet set” who ride the budget airline to party through the night in the uber-cool, hedonistic German capital, for a host of ills from rising rents to noise pollution. “Noisy tourists go home,” read a brochure in the eastern district of Friedrichshain. “Berlin doesn’t love you,” say stickers plastering traffic lights in nearby Kreuzberg. A gallery in an area known for its trendy bars featured for months a6 scrambled sign in the window: “Sorry, no entry for hipsters from the US.” “We’ve seen people insulted for looking like tourists or getting disappearing looking,“ David Schuster, an activist for a local leftist group that has launched a tourist-friendly awareness drive. “There’s some resentment that tourists party loudly or throw up on the streets,” Schuster said. “I think many Berliners do too, but they feel entitled to act that way.” Berlin, now Europe’s third most visited city after the more established magnets London and Paris, can ill afford to scare away the tourists. Tourism generated gross revenues of 10.1 billion euros last year, equal to nearly 10 percent of the city budget, a recent study by the Berlin government said. That is more than either real estate or consumer goods production, two other expanding branches of Berlin’s otherwise plodding economy, it showed. Nine new hotels are set to open by 2013.

Yet this summer, visiting investors at a business convention were attacked by some hundred demonstrators and a newly opened “organic hotel” was vandalized by anti- gentrification activists. These protests represent those of a small minority, said...
EXPO Energy

Industry Expo opens in NW China

TAITUAN, 16 Sept — The Fourth China (Taiyuan) International Energy Expo kicked off Sunday in Taiyuan, capital of coal-rich Shanxi Province, to discuss the latest trends in China’s energy industries. Some 30,000 people, including representatives from 137 companies from 18 countries and regions, are expected to attend the expo, which will feature demonstrations of industry breakthroughs in the fields of coal and coal-fired gas, water, electricity, natural gas and new energies.

Running under a theme of “green energy and transformation,” the three-day event will also allow Shanxi, designated as a pilot zone for energy transformation in 2010, to showcase its latest developments in diversifying its resource-based industry structure. This year’s exhibition areas will cover 36,000 square meters. Displays of large-scale renewable energy technology, as well as energy-saving equipment, are the focus of this year’s exhibition. Forums and conventions will also be held, during which experts, company heads and government officials will discuss the latest trends in the energy industry. — Xinhua

Population aging in S Korea to destabilize financial market

SEOUL, 16 Sept — Population aging in South Korea would likely have a negative impact on the country’s financial stability as a reduction in productive population users in slow growth and low asset prices, a report by the central bank showed on Sunday. According to the report by the Bank of Korea (BOK), the rate of the country’s population production aged 15-64 to the total population was estimated to drop to 52.7 percent in 2050 after peaking at 73.1 percent in 2012. The report’s empirical analysis showed the sharp fall in working-age people entails chronic labor shortage and weak labor productivity, leading to a low rate of economic growth and per-capita income expansion. It will result in the weakening of households’ debt-serving capabilities. The falling productive population makes labor supply scarce relative to capital, driving up wages, compared with the rate of return on capital. The marginal product of capital reduces in accordance with the one of labor. As a result, potential economic growth slows unless there are sharp gains in total factor productivity such as innovative technology and labour quality improvement.

The lower rate of return on capital would lessen investment demand, which in turn results in lower real interest rate. The faster fall in lending rates than deposit rates will lead to aggravating profitability of banks, according to the report. Prices for assets such as real estate and equities would fall sharply amid stronger risk-avertment sentiment as seen in the cases for the United States in late 2000s and Japan in early 1990s when drop in asset prices caused instabilities in the financial markets, said the report.

South Korea, which became an aging society in 2000, was expected to become an aged society in 2018 before becoming a super-aged society in 2026, according to the United Nations’ (UN) world population prospects.

Japan finds another gap in its disaster readiness — Mount Fuji

JAPAN

Tokyo, 16 Sept — When Toshitsugu Fujii became head of a Japanese task force on disaster response at the head of a Japanese task force, Toshitsugu Fujii became Japan’s tallest point at 3,776 meters (12,388 feet) and put pressure on the volcano’s magma chamber. The volcano is active and if an eruption were to occur it would potentially threaten a vast area including Tokyo, 100 km (62 miles) away. Still, Japan’s tallest point at 3,776 meters (12,388 feet) and a national symbol that adorns Japanese passports has been silent since 1707. “Although there are no signs of any irregularities at present, we need to watch it very carefully for another two or three years,” said Eiakike Fujita, a senior volcano researcher at the National Research Institute for Earth Science and Disaster Prevention.

Chinese, Russian PMs hold phone talks on upcoming meetings

BRUSSELS, 16 Sept — China and Russia will work closely together to push for success in the upcoming 17th regular meeting between the two countries’ prime ministers and the prime ministers’ meeting of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO), Premier Wen Jiabao said on Saturday.

In face of the complex and delicate international situation, China and Russia have worked closely together in addressing various challenges and have made progress in their comprehensive strategic partnership of coordination, Wen said during a telephone conversation with Russian Prime Minister Dmitry Medvedev.

The two countries must keep close communications and coordination to push for success in the two upcoming meetings, safeguard their common interests, and promote peace, cooperation and prosperity in the region, Wen said. Medvedev, for his part, said the two countries are friendly neighbours and that Russia attaches great importance to its relations with China. Russia is ready to work together with China and, through the two meetings, to raise bilateral relations to a new level, he said.

The SCO, which was founded in Shanghai in 2001, currently has six full members, including China, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Russia, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan.

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Quake reveals disparity between China’s east, west

YIWANG, 16 Sept — China’s state council could not help crying after she was asked why her parents did not take her home for the 5.7-magnitude earthquake last Friday. The earthquake, which claimed 11 lives in southwest China’s Yunnan Province, toppled her family’s home in Kuiyang village, Kuiyang town. Her parents, who were working at a factory in east China’s Zhejiang Province, did not return to see Chi and her sister because of the cost of travelling.

Chi, 17, a Grade 12 student of Yiwang County No 1 Middle School, has only seen her parents twice in the past seven years. Struggling to support the family, Chi’s parents went to the east when she was 10. Chi’s parents send 5,000 yuan (788.6 U.S. dollars) each year for her and her 15-year-old sister for tuition and a living allowance.

Without a cell phone, Chi was not able to get in touch with her other sister, who is eight, or her grandparents in the village after the earthquake.

Like Chi’s family, many villagers in Yiwang county live in tile-roofed houses or thatched cottages on the hillside, which are not strong enough to stand an earthquake. They are also prone to landslides and rolling stones.

Chi’s parents contributed to the economic boom in east China over the last decade but their home province of Yunnan in southwest China, lagged behind.

Cambodian top legislator heads for Indonesia for ASEAN meeting

PHNOM PENH, 16 Sept — Cambodian President of National Assembly Heng Samrin on Sunday led a parliamentary delegation to attend the 33rd ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary Assembly (AIPA-33) to be held from 16-23 September on the Lombok Island, West Nusa Tenggara of Indonesia.

The participation is made at the invitation of Speaker of the Indonesia’s House of Representatives Marzuki Alie, chairman of AIPA for 2012, according to a Parliament Press release. The AIPA-33 is held under the theme “Strengthening Parliamentary Roles toward ASEAN Community in 2015,” the Press release said.

During the Assembly, a number of issues have been set to be discussed in the committees for political, economic, social, organizational, women’s roles affairs and for dialogues with observers.

As scheduled, Cambodian Prime Minister Hun Sen will also leave for the AIPA-33 on 17 September at the invitation of Marzuki Alie. Marzuki Alie visited Cambodia on 9 September to invite Heng Samrin and Hun Sen for the AIPA-33.— Xinhua

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Two al-Qaeda members killed in gunfight in southern Yemen

Aref, (Yemen), 16 Sept — At least two al-Qaeda members were killed in an ongoing fierce gunfight with soldiers of Yemeni armed forces in the turbulent southern province of Abyan on Saturday, a security official told Xinhua. The gunfight broke out after contingents of army troops came under heavy fire from al-Qaeda militants in the coastal town of Shaker, while cordoning a desert area on specific intelligence inputs suggesting presence of terrorists, the official said on condition of anonymity.

Two of the al-Qaeda militants were engaged in gunfight with army troops on the outskirts of Shakratown...

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Greetings -

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
**International Sports**

**United and Arsenal give top four familiar feel**

Manchester United’s Alexander Buttner (C) celebrates his goal against Wigan Athletic with team mates during their English Premier League soccer match at Old Trafford in Manchester, northern England, on 15 September, 2012.—Reuters

United beat Wigan 4-0 at Old Trafford, with Paul Scholes among the scorers on his 700th appearance for the club, while Arsenal hammered Southampton 6-1 at the Emirates to hand the promoted side a fourth straight defeat leaving them bottom.

Chelsea and City failed to win but the European champions stayed top after the west London derby at Stamford Bridge.

Arsenal's Theo Walcott shoots and scores against Southampton during their English Premier League soccer match at the Emirates Stadium in London on 15 Sept, 2012.—Reuters

**Barca’s Puyol facing six weeks out with knee injury**

**Soccer**

Barcelona’s Carles Puyol faces four to six weeks on the sidelines after falling awkwardly and twisting ligaments in his left knee in their 4-1 La Liga win at Getafe on Saturday, the club said in a statement on Saturday.

The 34-year-old tried to play on after having some treatment on the touching, but lasted only a few more minutes before giving way to Javier Manquillo in the 57th.

"Puyol is very important for us and we hope he recovers soon," Barca coach Tito Vilanova told a post-match news conference. "We always seem to have problems with injuries, but this time it has hit the central defenders."

Puyol had just returned to action after fracturing a cheekbone against Osasuna last month and had surgery on his right knee back in May which forced him to miss Spain’s triumphant Euro 2012 campaign.

If tests on Sunday confirm the initial assessment, Puyol will miss Barcelona’s opening Champions League game at home to Spartak Moscow on Wednesday and the visit of Spanish champions Real Madrid in the league on 7 Oct.

**Tennis**

**Czechs go 2-1 up as injured Del Potro pulls out**

** blistering eight under 64 pushing the South Korean five strokes clear of the field after the weather-delayed British Open second round.**

**Compatriot Inbee Park (69) was in second place on four-under 140 at the final major championship of the year. Japan’s Miki Miyarato (70) and seven-times major winner Karrie Webb of Australia (70) shared third spot.**

**Shin hit all 18 greens in regulation, never found a bunker and only missed one fairway as she fired six birdies before**

**Golf**

South Korea’s Jiyai Shin plays her tee shot on the third hole during the second round of the British Women’s Open Golf tournament at Royal Liverpool Golf Club, northern England, on 15 Sept, 2012.—Reuters

**Barner’s Theo Walcott shots and scores against Southampton during their English Premier League soccer match at the Emirates Stadium in London on 15 Sept, 2012.—Reuters**

Hoylake record 64 helps Jiyai Shin storm five shots clear

**RIO DE JANEIRO, 16 Sept.—** The younger brother of Real Madrid and Brazil midfielder Kaka has signed a deal to play with Major League Soccer outfit New York Red Bulls.

Rodrigo Lecson dos Santos Leite, known as Digao, agreed to a one-year contract on Friday after impressing coaching staff during a week-long trial. L卓 reported.

"We want to continue evaluating him for the remainder of the season," Red Bulls sporting director Erik Soler said. "He has earned a solid amount of experience for a number of European sides and we are glad to add him to our roster."

Among Digao’s new teammates is former Arsenal and France international forward Thierry Henry, who signed with the club in 2010. Digao, a 194cm central defender, has not played since being released by AC Milan in 2011.—Xinhua
Martinez survives knockdown, defeats Chavez to reclaim title

LAS VEGAS, 16 Sept—Argentina’s Sergio Martinez survived a torrid final round to defeat Julio Cesar Chavez Jr and claim the WBC middleweight title in Las Vegas on Saturday. A series of Chavez left hands early in the final round knocked Martinez down, and had him badly hurt but the challenger returned fire and hung on to reach the final bell in a fight that, until the knockdown, he had been dominating.

"Julio fought a great fight," Martinez said. "He showed he had heart right until the end." Until the final round, the 37-year-old Martinez, 50-2-2 (25 KOs), was far too fast and skilful for Chavez, 46-1-1 (32 KOs). He bloodied his opponent’s nose and closed his left eye with southpaw right jabs and straight left hands, and progressively weakened him with left-hand uppercuts. For his part, Chavez seemed intent on attempting to pin the smaller Martinez in a corner against the ropes and dig to the body with hooks and uppercuts.

But each time it appeared Chavez might be starting to turn the uppercuts, Martinez returned fire and hung on to reach the final bell in a fight that, until the knockdown, he had been dominating.

"I started way too late. Going into the fight, I thought I was going to be able to do all night what I did in that final round. "A rematch is justified," Martinez said.

Sergio Martínez, of Argentina celebrates after fighting Julio Cesar Chavez Jr of Mexico at the Thomas & Mack Centre in Las Vegas, Nevada on 15 Sept, 2012.—Reuters

Real lose at Sevilla, Messi double for Barca

MADRID, 16 Sept—Real Madrid’s stuttering start to La Liga continued when they lost 1-0 at Sevilla to slip eight points behind leaders Barcelona who were 4-1 victors at Getafe earlier on Saturday.

With only one win and a draw from their first three games, champions Real were under pressure to react after Lionel Messi came off the bench to score twice and help Barca maintain their 100 percent record.

Sevilla’s Piotr Trochowski netted at a corner in the second minute and Real labored in their bid to equalize in a bruising and hot-tempered battle at the Sanchez Pizjuan.

Barca are top with 12 points from four games, two ahead of second-placed Malaga who were 3-1 winners at Levante. Seville’s Fio Trochowski arrived late and unmarked at a corner to hammer a volley into the roof of the net. Almost immediately there was a melee at the other end of the pitch as tackles flew in thick and fast and tempers flared. It was almost a miracle that both sides finished with 11 men. Real, who host Manchester City in one of the most attractive of the Champions League openers on Tuesday, struggled to test experienced keeper Andres Palop while Cristiano Ronaldo had a quiet game.

Substitute Luka Modric had a shot tipped on to the post in the second half and Sergio Ramos headed over a gaping goal but as the game stretched out either side could have scored in a breathless finale.

At Getafe, World Player of the Year Messi started as a substitute in a league game for the first time in a year as he was given a breather after midweek international duty.

Barcelona’s Lionel Messi scores from the penalty spot against Getafe during their Spanish first division soccer match at Coliseum Alfonso Perez, stadium in Getafe, near Madrid, on 15 Sept, 2012.—Reuters

Britain’s new Culture Secretary urges TV channels to show more women’s sports

LONDON, 16 Sept—Britain’s new Culture Secretary Maria Miller on Saturday urged the television channels to show more women’s sports after the success of Jessica Ennis and other female athletes in the Olympics. The Daily Telegraph said that in a letter to broadcasters, Miller ordered them to stop baring coverage of women’s football, rugby, cricket and tennis in their schedules.

She wants television channels to carry on the mainstream coverage the BBC gave to women in the Olympics when 16 million people tuned in to watch Jessica Ennis take gold in the heptathlon. One of her biggest worries is that broadcasters will fail to capitalise on the public appetite for watching women’s sport that grew over the summer. She said there is a real risk that “football will dominate again and the stories of our female Olympic and Paralympic stars fade into the background”.

In her letter to Lord Patten, the BBC chairman, Miller called on the BBC to “keep the momentum going” by improving coverage of women’s sport throughout the year.—Xinhua

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Pyithu Hluttaw delegation led by Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann leaves for Australia, Singapore to pay goodwill visits

YANGON, 16 Sept—At the invitations of Speaker of Australian House of Representatives Mr. Peter Neil Slipper, President of Australian Senate Mr. John Hogg and Speaker of Singaporean Parliament Mr. Michael Palmer, a Pyithu Hluttaw goodwill delegation led by Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw Thura U Shwe Mann left here by air this evening to pay goodwill visits to Australia and the Republic of Singapore.

They were seen off at the Yangon International Airport by Deputy Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw U Nanda Kyaw Swe, Yangon Region Chief Minister U Myint Swe, Yangon Region Hluttaw Speaker U Sein Tin Win and Hluttaw representatives, Singaporean Ambassador to Myanmar Mr. Robert Chua, Australian Charge d’Affaires Ms. Ruth Stewart and officials from Hluttaw office.

Planning and Financial Development Committee Chairman U Seen Tha, Economic and Trade Development Committee Chairman U Maung Maung Thein, Chairman of International Relations Committee U Hla Myint Oo, Chairman of Transport, Communications and Construction Committee U Tin Swe, Chairman of Investment and Industrial Development Committee U Hla Myint and responsible personnel from Hluttaw office were accompanied Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann.—MNA

Myanmar traditional boat race at Meiktila PhaungdawU Buddha Pujaniya

Meiktila, 16 Sept—Myanmar traditional boat race will be held in the 129th Buddha Pujaniya of ancient PhaungdawU Pagoda in Myoma Ward of Meiktila soon.

“Laung boat race is included in the festivities of the Buddha Pujaniya of PhaungdawU Pagoda annually. Local people from Nwasantaung, Inpeti, Oknhebok, Lukhin and Nandawgon around Meiktila Lake take part in the boat race. The race was categorized into two classes. The first prize winner in the junior class is qualified for taking part in the senior class next year. The three-successive-year winners in the senior class will possess championship shield. Both races are under rules for three round matches,” said a member of the boat race organizing committee.

In the contest, two contestant boats in their ways are to take part in the 500 feet near the finishing line to be free from dangers in their ways are to take part in the 500 feet class and 11 in junior class, totaling 17 will take part in the boat race.

Llorente makes scoring return as Bilbao draw

MADRID, 16 Sept—Spain striker Fernando Llorente came off the substitutes’ bench and scored with his first touch as he returned to help Athletic Bilbao grab a thrilling 3-3 draw at Espanyol in La Liga on Sunday.

The 27-year-old, who had asked for a transfer in the close season and been linked in the media with a move to Juventus, was brought on for his first appearance in the league this season after 69 minutes.

With his side losing 2-1, he broke away and fired low across the goal to equalise two minutes later, celebrating with a huge roar to the small contingent of travelling fans. Espanyol had stormed ahead in the first half with goals from Javi Lopez and Joan Verdu. Bilbao started their fightback when Aritz Aduriz headed home in the 56th but, after Llorente levelled, Samuele Longo sprinted clear to net a third for the hosts with 10 minutes remaining.

Longo was sent off for a second bookable offence as he celebrated with Espanyol fans in the stands, and Aduriz bagged his second goal with a spectacular volley soon after to earn a point for Bilbao.

Marcelo Bielsa’s side, who reached the finals of the Europa League and King’s Cup last season, have now scored eight goals in their first four games and lie 13th in the standings with four points.

Barcelona top the table with the only perfect record in La Liga on Sunday after 69 minutes.

Maulaik (1.93) inches
Pathein (1.81) inches
Gwa (1.38) inches
Dawei (1.34) inches

China’s top legislator starts visit to Sri Lanka

Visitors look at the work “Airplane” at the DOCUMENTA (13) fair for contemporary art on 15 Sept, 2012 in Kassel, central Germany. The exhibition of modern and contemporary art will end on 16 Sept, 2012.

Performers participate in a celebration parade marking the opening of Shanghai Tourism Festival 2012, in east China’s Shanghai, on 15 Sept, 2012. A total of 21 floats and 30 performing teams participated in the parade here on Saturday.

Arsenal’s Theo Walcott shoots and scores against Southampton during their English Premier League soccer match at the Emirates Stadium in London on 15 Sept, 2012.