Vice-President U Nyan Tun receives Chairman of Korean Federation of Industries and party

NAV PNY TUN, 19 Sept—Vice-President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Nyan Tun received a delegation led by Mr Chang Soo Huh, Chairman of the Korean Federation of Industries of the Republic of Korea, at the Credentials Hall of the Presidential Palace, here, this morning.

Also present at the call together with Vice-President U Nyan Tun were Deputy Minister for Industry U Myo Aung, Deputy Minister for Commerce Dr Pwint Hsan and departmental heads.

At the call, both sides had a cordial discussion on carrying out of potential investment in Myanmar, matters of strengthening bilateral cooperation in industrial sector of the two countries.—MNA

Vice-President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Nyan Tun cordially greeting Mr Chang Soo Huh, Chairman of the Federation of Industries of the Republic of Korea.—MNA

Former England player John Burns trains Myanmar U-12 players

YANGON, 19 Sept—Former England selected player and former Liverpool player John Burns arrived in Myanmar with the assistance of Digicel Co which is giving sponsorship to Myanmar Football Federation. This morning, the former England player started to provide training on basic football techniques to Myanmar youth footballers. On his four-day schedule from 18 to 21 September, John Burns is giving training to the Myanmar players in two sessions the morning and the afternoon.

He trains 70 players already selected from the MFF Digicel Cup U-12 football tournament (lower Myanmar) that finished on 17 September. In the afternoon, John gave lectures on football theory to 40 football coaches including assistant coaches from football clubs of Myanmar National League and coaches from basic education schools.

Former English Premier League player John Burns had joined EPL clubs namely Liverpool, New Castle, Charlton and Watford. In his capacity as England selected player, John scored 11 goals in 79 matches.

Free health care services provided to people

YANGON, 19 Sept—With the sponsorship of Yangon North District Maternal and Child Welfare Supervisory Committee and Health Department, a team led by doctor Dr Maung Maung Than gave free medical treatment to 246 patients at Aungzeya Min Orphanage Monastic Education Post-Primary School in Ale Village of Hlinethaya Township, Yangon North District, on 9 September.

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Foreign companies donate cash for flood victims

NAV PYI TAW, 19 Sept—A ceremony to donate cash to flood victims by Foreign companies engaged in oil and gas exploration in Myanmar took place at the Ministry of Energy this morning with an address by Union Minister for Energy U Than Htay.

Director-General of Relief and Resettlement Department U Soe Aung accepted the donations and presented certificates of honour to the wellwishers. The donations include US$ 10,000 by Daewoo E & P Co, US$ 5,000 by Total E & P Myanmar Co, US$ 10,000 by SEAPG Co, US$ 10,000 by SEAOAP Co, US$ 10,000 by Patonas Carligal Co, K 5 million by Goldpetrol.

Next, Ayeeyawady Region Planning and Economic Minister U Hla Khine accepted the donations for flood victims in Ayeeyawady Region and presented certificates of honour to the donors. The donations include FEC 10,000 by PTTEP International Ltd (Yangon Branch) and US$ 4,000 by Centre for Management Technology (CMT) and Machine and Solution.

Today’s donations are US$ 59,000, FEC 10,000 and K 5 million. The contributions of foreign companies doing business in Myanmar amounted to over US$ 41 million so far. Other materials donated by the foreign companies include 107 schools, 72 building, ambulance and medical equipment. The companies were also engaged in renovation of health care facilities, water availability, power supply, environmental conservation and transport.—MNA

Workshop on development of Myanmar hotels and tourism industry held

NAV PYI TAW, 19 Sept—The National Level Workshop on development of Myanmar hotels and tourism industry was held at the Ministry of Hotels and Tourism yesterday morning with an address by Union Minister for Hotels and Tourism U Htay Aung.

On the occasion, the Union minister said that the workshop was held with the aim of drawing up the National Development Project (draft) after adopting policy and work programmes to be included in the National Development Project for development of Myanmar Hotels and Tourism.

U Htay Aung also said that there were plans to institutionalize tourism sector calls for cooperation among private, public and people, and stressed the need for the participants to try to meet the above-objections. This was followed by a general round of discussions.

Next, those present on the occasion and guests discussed programmes to be implemented, future tasks, ecotourism and extension of community-based tourism.—MNA

MoU signed on Myanmar-Thailand Alternative Development and Socio-economic Cooperation

NAV PYI TAW, 19 Sept—Myanmar delegation led by Secretary of the Central Committee for Drug Abuse Control Deputy Minister for Home Affairs Police Major-General Kyaw Kyaw Tun attended a ceremony to sign a MoU on Myanmar-Thailand Alternative Development and Socio-economic Cooperation was held in Dwi Tone region in Chin Yine District, Thailand on 17 morning.

On the occasion, the MoU was signed on behalf of the Ministry of Home Affairs Police Major- General Kyaw Kyaw Tun, on behalf of the Government of the Republic of Myanmar, and General Secretary of MLFD Mr. Dinudda Dikul, on behalf of the Thai government, signed the MoU to implement matters on it.

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Chairman of Pyithu Hluttaw Citizens’ Fundamental Rights, Democracy and Human Rights holds talks with head of EU delegation

NAV PYI TAW, 19 Sept—Chairman of Pyithu Hluttaw Citizens’ Fundamental Rights, Democracy and Human Rights U Htay Ou held talks with Ms Vronique Lorenzo, head of EU delegation in Brussels and party at Hall-1 of Hluttaw Complex, here, at twelve noon.

They exchanged views on relations between each Hluttaw, legislative affairs, Human Rights activities, national solidarity and peace and tranquility.—MNA

Local medical battalion gives health care services

NAV PYI TAW, 19 Sept—Members of local medical battalion of Sittway Township are giving health care services at the relief camps in Sittway.

On 17 September morning, they provided medical checkups to the local people, distributed pamphlets about health knowledge, talked about health care knowledge, fogged relief camps against dengue hemorrhagic fever and chlorinated the water.

Those staff gave health care services at relief camp of Sittway.—MNA

Fingerlings released into Moeyungyi Lake

Township Fisheries Department U Tun Hla Aung and staff, members of Township Women’s Affairs Organization, Chairman of Township Fisheries Federation U Thein Shwe party, ward administrators and fishing entrepreneurs released 660,000 fingerlings into the lake.—Myanmar Alin
UN General Assembly begins 67th session

UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon addresses the opening ceremony of the 67th session of the United Nations General Assembly at the UN Headquarters in New York, the United States, on 18 Sept, 2012. The United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) started on Tuesday in New York.—Xinhua

Fire at Mexico Pemex gas facility kills 26

Burnt cars and gas storage tanks are seen at a gas facility of Pemex in Reynosa, on 18 Sept, 2012.—Reuters

PKARACHI, 19 Sept—NATO ordered a cutback on Tuesday on operations with Afghan forces in response to a surge in insider attacks on foreign servicemen, but said the restriction was temporary and would not derail a 2014 handover of security to Afghan forces.

The order indefinitely suspending most mentoring operations was issued by the second most senior US commander in Afghanistan, Lieutenant-General James Terry, and applies to all front line missions involving units smaller than an 800-strong battalion. But a senior NATO official said the order was only a “temporary and prudent response” to current threats of insider attacks.

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US West should expect bigger wildfires more often

Salmon, 19 Sept—A warming trend has contributed to a sharp rise in the number and size of wildfires on forest lands in the US West, where big burns are likely to become the norm, according to a report released on Tuesday by a climate research group.

The average annual number of fires that cover more than 1,000 acres has nearly quadrupled in Arizona and Idaho and doubled in California, Colorado and six other Western states since 1970, the study by Climate Central showed.

The report, which analyzed 42 years of records about fires on US Forest Service lands in 11 Western states, linked rising spring and summer temperatures in the region to a fire season that begins earlier, ends later and sparks larger, more frequent blazes. Those include so-called megafires, or blazes that raze upward of 10,000 acres. Those fires erupted at a rate seven times greater each year in the past decade in the western United States than in an average year in the 1970s, according to the report.

In 2012 the fire season in the West has claimed several lives, torched hundreds of homes and forced the evacuation of thousands of residents. Record blazes have also been recorded in New Mexico and Oregon.

Conditions contributing to the increase often include fire suppression practices that fostered trees packed with fuel, early melting of mountain snows and fire seasons in the West that now last 10 weeks longer than in the 1970s, the report said.

Police and security officials gather near the wreckage of a bus which was hit by a bomb attack on the outskirts of Quetta on 18 Sept, 2012.—Reuters

United Nations, 19 Sept—The United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) started on Tuesday its 67th session at the UN Headquarters in New York.

Vuk Jeremic, the former Serbian foreign minister who was elected president of the 67th session, said in an opening address that the General Assembly is the “only forum where all (UN) member states come together as sovereign equals to advance the aims of the UN Charter.”

Pledging to faithfully serve the cause of the United Nations, Jeremic said: “I look forward to engaging with all delegations, in furtherance of shared goals and objectives.”

“Having consulted widely on the matter, I have chosen bringing about reform of the Security Council,” he added.

Jeremic hoped that the two of them will be working together during this session to deepen efforts to strengthen and modernize the United Nations itself.

Following opening week, on 24 Sept, the General Assembly will convene a high-level meeting on the rule of law at the national and international levels, during which UN member states, non-governmental organizations and civil society will work towards strengthening the rule of law.

The annual general debate, during which the General Assembly hears statements by heads of state and government, as well as ministers, will begin on 2 Sept and conclude on 1 Oct.

Afghan security forces who killed 10 people on Tuesday, police said, but the violence did not appear to be connected to protests over a film insulting Islam.

In the commercial capital of Karachi, seven people died and 20 were injured when bombs in a car and a motorcycle exploded outside a market, said senior policeman Nazem Broka. The market was not near the US consulate or frequented by foreigners.

In the western city of Quetta, three people were killed and nine injured when a bomb hit a bus carrying pilgrims from Iran, police said.

SECTARIAN violence is common in Pakistan, about 2,000 people protested against a film mocking the Prophet Mohammad in the eastern city of Lahore and the border town of Chaman.

Pakistan is home to 180 million people, most of whom are Muslim. The government is fighting insurgency and sectarian and criminal violence is common.

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### Science & Technology

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**Arctic sea ice thaw may be accelerated by oil, shipping**

OILED, 19 Sept—Local pollution in the Arctic from shipping and oil and gas industries, which have expanded in the region due to a thawing of sea ice caused by global warming, could further accelerate that thaw, experts say.

The United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) said there was an urgent need to calculate risks of local pollutants such as soot, or “black carbon”, in the Arctic. Soot darkens ice, making it soak up more of the sun’s heat and quickening a melt.

Companies such as Shell, which this week gave up a push to find oil this year in the Chukchi Sea as the winter closed in, Exxon or Statoil say they are using the cleanest available technologies. But the risks of even small amounts of pollution on the Arctic Ocean, emitted near ice with little dispersal by winds, have not been fully assessed.

“A lot of the concerns need urgent evaluation,” said Nick Nuttall, spokesman of Nairb-based UNEP, referring to issues such as flaring of gas or fuels used by vessels in the Arctic.

“There is a grim irony here that as the ice melts, humanity is going for more of the natural resources fuelling this meltdown,” he said. Large amounts of soot in the Arctic come from more distant sources such as forest fires or industry.

The extent of sea ice on the Arctic Ocean has shrunk this summer to the smallest since satellite records began.

### Tech

#### Tech

**Motorola launches Intel-powered smart phone**

Motorola launches a smartphone that uses a new version of Intel’s Medfield mobile processor, which will launch in October.

Motorola’s Razr i is very sensitive mobile gadgets. But the Santa Clara, California-based company is rushing to catch up.

With a 4.3 inch display and Google’s Android platform, the Razr i is very similar to the Razr M unveiled earlier in September for US consumers but its brain is an Intel processor instead of a chip made by Qualcomm.

Choosing Intel’s chips is unusual in the smartphone and tablet industry, where energy-efficient processors used in mobile devices are based on ARM Holdings technology licensed by Taiwan’s MediaTek, Qualcomm and Samsung Electronics using technology licensed by Britain’s ARM Holdings are widely favoured.

Intel dominates the PC industry but has been slow to adapt its powerful processors to work well in battery-sensitive mobile gadgets. But the Santa Clara, California company is rushing to catch up.

The Razr M includes Qualcomm technology compatible with high-speed Long Term Evolution (LTE) networks in the United States, while the Razr i is limited to slower 3G phone networks relied on more in Europe, Latin America and other parts of the world. The new phone which will launch in October uses a new version of Intel’s Medfield smartphone processor running at 2 Gigahertz, faster than the 1.6 GHz versions used in phones launched earlier this year by Orange in Britain, MegaFon in Russia and Lava International in India.

Those phone launches were Intel’s first significant foray into the mobile market, and the Medfield chips used in them have performed better than many sceptics expected. Offering the similar Razr and Razr M phones, powered by Intel and Qualcomm chips respectively, will create a new opportunity for investors to compare the performance of the two companies’ best chips.

The combined market for PCs, smart phones and tablets is expected to almost double over the next four years, but Intel’s share of the processors used in them will dip from 35 percent to 29 percent, according to market research firm IHSSuppli.—Reuters

**China’s Alibaba buys back half of Yahoo’s stake**

NEW YORK, 19 Sept—China’s Alibaba Group said it bought back half of the stake Yahoo Inc owned in the company for about $7.6 billion, moving closer to an initial public offering. Alibaba said it paid Yahoo about $6.3 billion in cash and $800 million in preferred shares in Alibaba Group. It also made a one-time cash payment of $550 million in connection with an amendment to the two companies’ intellectual property license agreement.

Separately, Yahoo said it will return to shareholders $3 billion of the $4.3 billion of after-tax proceeds from the sale. This is in addition to the $646 million, the US internet company said that it has already returned to its shareholders through buybacks.

Yahoo continues to own about 23 percent of Alibaba’s common stock, valued at $8.1 billion, the US internet company said. Together with preferred stock, its stake is valued at about $8.9 billion, Yahoo said.

Yahoo owned about 40 percent of Alibaba Group before a decade’s transaction. Alibaba said it has the right to buy back half of Yahoo’s remaining stake at the time of the Chinese company’s planned initial public offering.

Alibaba, which reached an agreement with Yahoo in May to buy back its stake, took its business-to-business e-commerce platform Alibaba.com private for $3 billion in June.

“The completion of this transaction begins a new chapter in our relationship with Yahoo,” Alibaba CEO Jack Ma said.

Yahoo originally acquired its stake in Alibaba Group in 2005 in exchange for $1.7 billion and the sale of its Yahoo China business to Alibaba Group.

Alibaba received $1 billion in funding from eight international banks including Barclays Bank, Citi, Credit Suisse, Deutsche Bank and Morgan Stanley and another $1 billion from China Development Bank.

It raised the remaining funds through an issue of convertible preferred shares and ordinary shares to investors such as CIC International Co Ltd, Boyu Capital, TPG Growth Holdings Pvt Ltd and DST Global.

**Tech lobbying powerhouse set to open doors in Washington**

WASHINGTON, 19 Sept—Google, Amazon, eBay, Facebook and other Internet companies have formed a lobbying group called The Internet Association to tackle regulatory and political issues in Washington, DC, and it is due to kick off on Wednesday.

It will lobby on issues such as allocation of visas for engineers and matters of privacy and piracy, said the group’s president Michael Beckerman, a former advisor to Fred Upton, the chairman of the US House Committee.

Other members include Expedia, LinkedIn, Monster Worldwide, Yahoo! and Zynga.

Formation of the group marks a stronger alliance of Internet companies as they try to influence regulations pertaining to revenue repatriation, cyber security, and sales tax.

“It is the Internet’s decentralized and open platform model that has unleashed unprecedented entrepreneurship,” said Beckerman.

“Policymakers must understand that the preservation of that freedom is essential to the vitality of the Internet itself and the government. Older tech companies, like Microsoft, have long been active in Washington.

Google, which is being investigated by antitrust regulators in the United States and Europe, has lobbied officials at the Federal Trade Commission, the Federal Communications Commission and the Department of Commerce, according to disclosure forms.

Facebook has lobbied regarding online privacy and immigration reform while also talking to lawmakers and their staffs about matters concerning initial public offerings.

In May, Facebook became the first US company to go public with a market valuation above $100 billion.—Reuters
**BUSINESS & HEALTH**

**Wal-Mart, Humana reward healthy food purchases**

MOUNTAIN VIEW, Calif., 19 Sept—Wal-Mart Stores Inc, the world’s largest retailer, is joining with healthcare insurer Humana Inc to trim the cost of healthy foods for some customers.

More than 1 million members of Humana’s healthy rewards programme will get a 5 percent credit on about 1,300 healthy food items at US Wal Mart stores starting on 15 October, the companies said. The credit can be used against future Wal Mart purchases.

“One of the biggest barriers to healthy nutrition is cost,” said Dr John Agwunobi, president of health and wellness at Wal Mart.

Wal Mart, the largest US food retailer, is striving to improve the nutritional value of the food it sells. Food accounts for more than half of Wal Mart’s annual sales, and its clout in the US market means that changes at its stores can influence other supermarket chains such as Kroger Co and Safeway Inc.

Walmart’s products eligible for the credit include fresh fruits, vegetables, lean cuts of meat, skin milk, brown rice and packaged goods, the company said. The programme works with a Humana Vitality card provided to members of Humana’s rewards unit who receive points for meeting health goals.

**Suzlon seeks to extend October bond maturity**

MUMBAI, 19 Sept—Suzlon Energy(SUZL NS), the world’s fifth-largest wind turbine maker, plans to extend the maturity of convertible bonds due 11 October by four months to give it time to raise funds to repay bondholders.

The company, which had issued $200 million of zero-coupon convertible bonds and another $20.8 million of bonds with a 7.5 percent coupon rate to 10 October bondholders on 10 October to seek approval to extend the maturity to 11 February, 2013. Suzlon is working to arrange funds from various sources including selling “non-core” assets, raising fresh debt and selling shares to redeem the bonds, it said on Tuesday.

Suzlon raised $200 million through dollar convertible bonds in 2007, and the amount outstanding on this tranche is $121.4 million with a conversion price of 97.26 rupees per share, according to Thomson Reuters data.

The second tranche of convertible bonds worth $20.8 million and issued in 2009 has a conversion price of 76.68 rupees.

In January 2011, Wal Mart unveiled plans for its healthy food programme with first lady Michelle Obama, which includes using a “Great For You” icon on certain items.

The emphasis on nutrition comes as the United States is facing soaring obesity rates. A study released on Tuesday predicted that half of US adults will be obese by 2030 unless they change their ways. Obesity contributes to numerous diseases, such as diabetes and certain cancers—Reuters

**Gold hits 6-1/2-month top**

SINGAPORE, 19 Sept—Gold shook off early losses to hit its highest level in 6-1/2 months on Wednesday after Japan joined the United States and Europe in mounting more stimulus measures to boost its economy, raising gold’s appeal as a hedge against inflation.

The Bank of Japan increased its asset buying and loan programme, currently its key monetary easing tool, by 10 trillion yen to 101 trillion yen with the increment aimed at purchases of government bonds and treasury discount bills.

**Busines**

**American Airlines issues layoff notices, cuts flight schedule**

New York, 19 Sept—American Airlines said on Tuesday it has notified more than 11,000 workers they could lose their jobs as part of its bankruptcy reorganization, and said it was cutting flights by one to two percent for the rest of September and October. The US carrier expects fewer than 40 percent of those it sent notices to, or 4,400 people, will actually be laid off in November and December, spokesman Bruce Hicks said.

The layoff notices were required under the Worker Adjustment and Retraining Notification Act, which requires employees to be informed 60 days before major layoffs or plant closures. “The notices will look worse than the actual layoffs,” said Jamie Horwitz, a spokesman for the Transport Workers Union, which represents workers that received WARN Act notice. Horwitz said about 800 employees had agreed to leave American voluntarily, a move that will further reduce the number of expected layoffs.

According to a letter sent by American to the Transport Workers Union, notices of potential layoff were sent to more than 3,000 workers in Dallas and Fort Worth, Texas, where American is based; about 3,000 people in Tulsa, Oklahoma; just over 1,200 in Miami; nearly 900 in Chicago and lesser numbers in other US cities.

In February, American outlined plans to cut as many as 14,000 jobs as it looks to streamline in bankruptcy.

American Airlines, the third-largest US air carrier, filed for Chapter 11 protection in November, citing a need to decrease labor costs. The company has signed non-disclosure agreements with carriers including US Airways Group as it evaluates a potential merger. US Airways won the backing of unions that represent American ramp workers, pilots and Flight attendants earlier this year by promising to preserve thousands of jobs should a merger with American occur.—Reuters

**Goldens**
**Moscow forces US to close down its aid mission in Russia**

**Main Story**

Washington, 19 Sept — Russia has forced the United States to close its aid mission in Moscow, the US government said on Tuesday, in a blow to US efforts to improve ties and a step that may aid former Russian prime minister Vladimir Putin’s chances of victory in presidential elections next year. The US decision to scale down its aid mission to Russia comes just days after the government of Colombian President Juan Manuel Santos took action against the country’s most wanted drug kingpin, Daniel Barrera, known as “Crazy Barrera.”

**Background**

Washington’s decision to close down its aid mission in Russia is the latest in a series of US diplomatic setbacks in Europe and Asia. The US has been trying to improve ties with Russia ahead of its upcoming presidential elections, but the decision to close down its aid mission in Russia is likely to further strain relations between the two nations.

**Analysis**

The US decision to close down its aid mission in Russia is likely to be viewed with deep suspicion by the Kremlin. Vladimir Putin, who served eight years as president until 2008 and then four years as prime minister, took office in May for a third presidential term after winning nearly two thirds of the vote in an election international monitors say was skewed in his favour. In sign of this reluctance to brook dissent, Putin has pushed through new laws to raise fines for protesters, stiffen punishments for foreign-funded activity, and tighten controls on foreign-funded campaign groups.

**Key Colombian drug lord captured in Venezuela**

**Main Story**

Colombia’s most wanted drug trafficker Daniel Barrera, known as “Crazy Barrera,” was captured on this handout provided by the national police on 18 Sept, 2012.

**Background**

One of Colombia’s most wanted drug traffickers was captured in neighbouring Venezuela on Tuesday with the help of Caracas as well as US and British intelligence agencies, Colombian President Juan Manuel Santos said.

Colombia is one of the world’s top producers of cocaine, and criminal gangs composed of former right-wing paramilitary groups and old cartels have become a major emerging threat to the nation of 46 million people. Daniel Barrera, known as “Crazy Barrera,” was captured across the border in the San Cristobal, Negro state operation that was directed from Washington by a Colombian police general, Santos said in a televised speech.

**Analysis**

The capture of Daniel Barrera, also known as “Crazy Barrera,” is likely to be viewed with deep suspicion by the Colombian government. Santos thanked US and British intelligence agencies as well as Venezuela’s government for their help.

**East Asia maritime diplomacy needed:**

**Main Story**

Brunei, 19 Sept — East Asia maritime issues should be resolved via peaceful diplomatic means, US Secretary of Defence Leon Panetta said here on Tuesday.

**Background**

The United States has concerns about challenges in maritime issues in East Asia and calls for calm and restraint on all sides, Panetta said during talks with Chinese Defence Minister Liang Guanglie. Panetta arrived in Beijing on Monday evening, kicking off his first visit to China as Pentagon chief.

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**Cholera outbreak causes 271 deaths in Sierra Leone:**

**Main Story**

WHO, 19 Sept — A total of 18,508 cases have been reported in the ongoing cholera outbreak in Sierra Leone as of 16 Sept since the beginning of this year, and of these 271 people died, the World Health Organization (WHO) said on Tuesday.

**Background**

The highest numbers of cases are reported from the western area of the West African country where the capital city of Freetown is located, according to the WHO.

**Analysis**

WHO has deployed case management and laboratory experts from the Global Outbreak Alert and Response Network to build capacity among health-care workers and laboratory technicians in case management and laboratory diagnosis.

**Iran launches submarine as US navy drills in Gulf**

**Main Story**

Dubai, 19 Sept — Iran launched a submarine and a destroyer into the Gulf from Bandar Abbas port on Tuesday at the same time as US and allied navies held exercises in the same waters to counter keeping oil shipping lanes open.

**Background**

Teheran has repeatedly threatened to close the Strait of Hormuz, a route for oil exports from the Gulf, if Iran nuclear sanctions are imposed on Israel, which believes Teheran is trying to develop an nuclear bomb.

**Analysis**

The United States, Britain, France and a number of Middle Eastern states are conducting a naval exercise in the Gulf this week, focusing on how to clear mines that Teheran or guerrilla groups might deploy to disrupt tanker traffic.

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**Main Story**

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**M23 rebel fighters dance in celebration in the rain at Runungabo after government troops abandoned the town 23 km (14 miles) north of the eastern Congolese city of Goma, on 28 July, 2012. — Reuters**

**Crises add to Iran’s problems:**

**Main Story**

Iran’s refitted Tareq-901 submarine and Sahand destroyer were launched on the direct orders of Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, the official IRNA news agency reported.

On the other side of the country, Khamenei visited the northern coastal city of Nowshahr on Tuesday to watch naval cadets practice planting mines, freeing hijacked ships, destroying enemy vessels and jumping from helicopters, his official website said.

“The armed forces must reach capabilities such that one can attack the strong fences of the country and the dear people of Iran,” Khamenei told army commanders, according to the Iranian Students News Agency. — Reuters

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On Tuesday it stopped short of saying exactly how the RPI measure should change, but three of the four proposals it will put forward for public consultation would lead to a rate of RPI that is closer to the consumer price index measure. Aligning the long-standing RPI more closely to the newer CPI could save cash-strapped chancellor George Osborne’s billions a year in debt interest payments, but risks alienating bondholders.

“There is a trust issue,” Jonathan Gibbs, an investment director at fund manager Standard Life, told Reuters. “Clearly the chancellor wants to reduce his borrowing costs, but I think there is a genuine danger that if the government is seen moving the goalposts… the market may charge a higher risk premium for its investing in British government bonds.”

As well as being used to calculate returns on British index-linked gilts, RPI is also used to calculate annual rises for many private pensions as well as price changes in long-term rental, transport and utility contracts. RPI has typically run 0.5-1.0 percent higher than CPI, which the Bank of England uses for its inflation target, and removing this difference reflects different calculation methods rather than any difference in the goods and services being sampled. Gibbs said that two of the proposals—no change to RPI and a complete alignment to CPI—were unlikely to happen, but it was harder to see which of two other options would take place.—Reuters

**UK**

Pension returns at risk as UK RPI rises

India and Iran have agreed to cooperate in the civilian nuclear sector, but the agreement has been met with criticism from some members of the international community.

Britain’s Chancellor of the Exchequer George Osborne speaks at the Global Investment Conference 2012 in London on 26 July, 2012.—Reuters

**WORLD**

Five killed, four injured in Iraq attacks

Iraq

Baghdad, 19 Sept—Five people were killed and four others injured on Tuesday in separate gunfire and bomb attacks in northern and eastern Iraq, the police said.

In northern Iraq, four people were killed and two other wounded when gunmen using silenced weapons opened fire on their car in the city of Kirkuk, some 250 km north of Baghdad, a local police source told Xinhua on condition of anonymity.

Also in Kirkuk, gunmen wounded a teacher at Kirkuk University, while he was driving his car in the district of al-Qadissiya in southern the city, the source said.

Canada, UAE sign nuclear cooperation agreement

Canada

Ottawa, 19 Sept—Canada and the United Arab Emirates (UAE) signed an agreement here on Tuesday to start civilian nuclear cooperation. The agreement allows Canada’s nuclear industry to deal with designated civilian nuclear installations in the UAE under safeguards by the International Atomic Energy Agency.

In accordance with Canada’s non-proliferation policy, nuclear items can only be exported to countries that meet several requirements, which include assurances that such items will be used solely for “peaceful, non-explosive end-uses” and that they will be subject to “adequate physical protection measures to ensure that they are not stolen or otherwise misused.”

Canada must also have control over both the storage and subsequent use of any separated plutonium, as well as the high enrichment of uranium and the subsequent storage and use of the highly enriched uranium. Canadian Foreign Affairs Ministry said the UAE has met the conditions by implementing a comprehensive nuclear safety regime and regulatory framework designed to ensure that all nuclear-related installations are operated safely. UAE Foreign Affairs Minister Sheikh Abdullah bin Zayed Al Nahyan hailed the agreement as a “model” for Iran, which is locked in a standoff with the West over its nuclear programme.

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A habit is a practice that a person has formed in life. It is some action that has become automatic. The habits are formed by repetition. When we do certain things for a length of time, doing that things soon become a habit. Forming a good habit is somewhat time-consuming and it is an uphill battle.

Once a good habit or a bad habit has been formed it is very difficult to break it, and so we should try to form only good habits. A person’s character is made up of habits. The one with good habits or good characters will find it easier to succeed in life than the one with bad habits or bad characters. This rule is widely acknowledged in the teachings of nearly all philosophers and religions.

Looked at from the point of the country going through a transition, we have to wrangle over the issue of bad habits which have been deeply entrenched in the society. In this era of consumerism, most people greedily hunt for material happiness showing a total disregard for their characters. They came through their experience none the worse for wear, and are still enjoying a better life.

As the government employees are a source of great strength for the country going forward, they are to try their utmost to get themselves rid of bad habits, for the new administration does not tolerate corruption. The new administration is well known for its advocacy of hard work, integrity and morality.

At a time when reform process has become as a surprise to many in the international community who are waiting any subsequent changes to make a better assessment, all the citizens including government employees should do away with bad habits that harm the image of the country and the people.

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U Phone Maw Shwe, Region Chief Minister and wife Daw San San Myint, region ministers, senior military officers of the local station and officials awarded winners in the respective events. The prize winners entertained the guests with songs.—MNA

We trade in air in different ways!

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Plans under way for buying housing for low-income families

NAY PYI TAW, 19 Sept—"In cooperation with the ministries, state and region government bodies and entrepreneurs, plans are being arranged for buying housing for low-income families, one of the national goals. The sustainable implementation of housing complex with high standard of living and housing financial management are as important as the plans that mentioned earlier. In accordance with national policies, Department of Human Settlement and Housing Development is formed as National Housing Corporation", said Union Minister for Construction U Kyaw Lwin, in his speech, at workshop on Myanmar Housing Development and Housing Finance Management of the Ministry of Construction held at Office-11, here on 17 September morning.

He added that arrangements are being made to improve both socioeconomic status of people and income for each and every families, approaching public development works.

The Union Minister kept on saying that lands utilization management is crucial for urbanization projects and investment project in order to create job opportunities. Supervising the quality control should be done for preventing natural disaster and durability in housing industry.

13 scholars read out the papers. The first session of the workshop concluded yesterday evening. As the second session of one continued holding today, 9 scholars read out the papers on Sustainable Financing for adequate and affordable housing, Housing Finance Mechanism, The Role of Financial Institution in Housing Finance, Housing Finance Mechanism from Thailand and Comparison of Neighbouring Countries Experienced in Housing Finance Mechanism. They reviewed the papers in respective sessions. The Union Minister made concluding remarks. —MNA

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Workshop held for emerging Myanmar Labour Migration Policy

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Financial and monetary affairs discussed

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Weightlifting referee examination on 30 September

YANGON, 19 Sept—With a view to enabling the referees of international level to discharge duties in the weightlifting event of the XXVII SEA Games to be hosted by Myanmar in 2013, the weightlifting referee examination will be held at the hall of Myanmar Weightlifting Federation at Aung San Stadium at 9 am on 30 September. The candidates are to sit for the exam in English. Those wishing to sit for the examination are to enlist at the generation (Aung San Stadium), Tel: 388160, not later than 27 September.

Paddy seeds handed over to farmers

YANGON, 19 Sept—Heavy rains flooded 24 village-tracts of Taikkyi Township in August. In the floods, 3909 acres of paddy fields were destroyed in the villages. Yangon Region Government donated 1470 baskets of Yadana Toe strains of paddy seeds and Diamond Star Co 300 baskets of paddy seeds to the farmers for regrowing paddy in the subsided farmlands. At the hall of the Township General Administration Department, Acting Township Administrator U Aung Hlaing Myat and members of the agricultural supervisory committee handed over paddy seeds to the farmers who had lost paddy farms in the recent floods.

Relaxation of export/import policies conducted

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Laos, Thailand send personnel to testify in Mekong River trial

KUNMEN, 19 Sept — Laos and Thailand will send relevant personnel to China on Thursday to testify in a trial concerning a deadly attack that left 13 Chinese sailors dead on the Mekong River last year, local authorities said on Tuesday. Witnesses from the two countries will take the stand to testify in the case, the Yunnan Provincial Public Security Department said.

Although the incident happened overseas and all the suspects are foreigners, the fact that the victims are all Chinese and that the crime occurred on Chinese ships indicates that China has jurisdiction over the case, the department said.

In the wake of the accident, the Ministry of Public Security called together a special investigation task force and sent investigators to Thailand, Laos and Myanmar to work on the case with police there.

A joint investigation by police from China, Laos, Myanmar and Thailand found that Naw Kham, core members of the gang and a small number of Thai soldiers planned and conducted the murder of 13 Chinese sailors on two cargo ships on 5 Oct last year.

Naw Kham, the principal suspect in the attack, and another five suspects will stand trial at 9:30 am on Thursday at the Intermediate People’s Court of the provincial capital of Kunming, the court said.

They will be charged with intentional homicide, drug trafficking, kidnapping and hijacking by the Kunming People’s Procuratorate.

Thirteen Chinese sailors were confirmed dead after two cargo ships, the Hua Ping and Yu Xing 8, were hijacked on 5 Oct, 2011 on the Mekong River.

Xinhua

Asian Seismological Commission meeting held in Mongolia

ULAN BATOR, 19 Sept — Scientists from nearly 120 countries are discussing the latest in seismic research during the ninth General Assembly of the Asian Seismological Commission.

Mongolian Deputy Prime Minister Dendev Terbishdagva said at the meeting’s opening on Monday that the gathering held great significance for Mongolia’s efforts to prevent possible seismic disasters and improve rescue operations in case of earthquakes.

Terbishdagva said that by hosting the assembly, Mongolia can receive advice and recommendations from international professional organizations on how to train its people and make the country better prepared for possible disasters.—Xinhua

Vietnam to create favourable conditions for German businesses: PM

HANOI, 19 Sept — The Vietnamese government will create favourable conditions for German businesses to invest in Vietnam, especially in the fields of production, infrastructure construction and other key projects, said Vietnamese Prime Minister Nguyen Tan Dung here on Tuesday.

Dung made the remarks during a meeting with visiting German Federal Minister of Economics and Technology Philipp Roesler.

Roesler said that his visit aims at further promoting cooperation between the two countries and emphasized that Germany will support Vietnam in the fields of finance and technology and increase the level of official development assistance for Vietnam.

On the same day, the German minister and Vietnamese Minister of Planning and Investment Bui Quang Vinh co-hosted the Vietnam- Germany Business Forum to boost economic and investment ties. As of mid-August, Germany has invested in 184 valid projects in Vietnam, worth 904 million US dollars, ranking 24 out of 95 countries and territories investing in Vietnam.

Vietnam and Germany established diplomatic relations in 1975.—Xinhua

Japan declares US Osprey safe, to fly in Japan by October

“…We have confirmed the safety for the Osprey to operate, and on the premise that there will be maximum consideration provided for the public, we have decided to allow the United States to start operating the Osprey.…”

—The Osprey crash in Morocco in April killed two US Marines, while the one in Florida in June left five injured. Thirty people, including 26 Marines, were killed in test flights or training accidents from 1991 through 2000 during the aircraft’s development.

The first 12 MV-22s arrived by ship on 23 July at Iwakuni, the only US Marine Corps station on the main Japanese islands. The Defence Department ultimately plans to base them at Futemna, a Marine Corps Air Station on Okinawa. They were grounded for the time of the investigation.

An MV-22 (Osprey) aircraft arrives for a test flight with the Japanese delegation at the Pentagon landing field in Washington on 3 August, 2012.—REUTERS

Philippine gov’t concerned on rising underemployment

MANILA, 19 Sept — The Philippine Department of Labour and Employment (DOLE) on Tuesday raised concern on the increasing number of underemployed Filipinos.

DOLE Secretary Rosalinda Baldoz noted that under the latest labour force survey (LFS) conducted in July, there were 8.546 million underemployed persons in the country, or 22.7 percent of the working population, an increase of 1.451 million from a year earlier.

“One indicator in the July 2012 LFS that seriously concerns us at the DOLE is the rising number of underemployed persons. These are employed persons who want additional hours of work in their present job or who have to have additional job or who want a new job with longer working hours,” she said.

She said that the increase in under-employment rate occurred largely among wage and salary workers in private establishments where most of the employment expansion during the quarter had been materialized.

But except for the underemployment rate, all the other LFS indicators showed that the country’s unemployment rate is within its target range of 6.8 percent to 7.2 percent for 2012, the DOLE chief said.

The unemployment rate eased from 7.1 percent in July 2011 to 7.0 percent in July 2012, as the survey indicated.

Xinhua

JAPAN PLANS TO BEGIN DEPLOYMENT OF MV-22 HELICOPTER-PLANE AFTER INVESTIGATION INTO CRASHES

Revenue from the aircraft’s sales and export projects will help pay for future development and production costs. The United States will begin operation of the first 12 MV-22 Osprey helicopters at ahtdocs depot in California next month.

The USMC has said that the helicopter-plane is safe for use, “We have confirmed that the Osprey is safe and we will begin deployment at some point in October, Defence Minister Satoshi Morimoto said. “We have confirmed that the two accidents were caused by human factors and not by the aircrafts’ systemic problems or by technical problems,” he said, addressing reporters together with Foreign Minister Koichiro Gemba.

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Yangon United Football Club
Bieber, One Direction top list of young music acts

**Entertainment**

LOS ANGELES, 19 Sept—Justin Bieber topped Billboard’s “21 Under 21” list of the world’s top young musical acts for the second year in a row, fending off stiff competition from British boy band One Direction.

Bieber, 18, “remains more powerful in the pop universe than ever”, Billboard said, having released two No 1 albums in the last year - holiday set “Under the Mistletoe” and his latest pop album, “Believe”. Bieber is the supernova of teen pop stars with charisma, popularity and swagger to spare ... it’s Biebs’ world, and we’re just along for the ride”, the music publication said.

Consistently Bieber is the third act on the list, having released two No 1 albums in a row, fending off young musical acts including Miley Cyrus, Demi Lovato and One Direction.

One Direction, whose five members range in age from 18 to 21, burst onto the US pop scene just six months ago after lucky to live in it,” the music publication said.

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**Shipping Agency Department**

Myanma Port Authority
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Phone No: 256924/256914

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**Modern Art**

“The Scream” painted by Edvard Munch at a Museum of Modern Art for six months, the museum said on Tuesday.

“The Scream” between 1893 and 1910. The 1895 pastel-on-board image of a man holding his head and screaming as he stands beneath a red and yellow sky is the only one in private hands.

It was reportedly bought by US financier Leon Black and is the most expensive artwork ever sold at auction. The other versions are in museums in Norway.

Black is the lead partner of Apollo Global Management and No 330 on Forbes’ list of billionaires.

He sits on the boards of the Museum of Modern Art (MoMA) and New York’s Metropolitan Museum of Art.

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Comedian Jon Stewart addresses the crowd during the “Rally to Restore Sanity and/or Fear” in Washington, on 30 October, 2010.

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FedExCup uncertainty for Furyk at East Lake Golf

New York, 19 Sept—Jim Furyk arrived in Chicago, says "marked man" when he and Tiger Woods will be a threat at this week’s Tour Championship.An elite field of 30 players will tee off in Thursday’s opening round at East Lake Golf Club where the 10th FedExCup Play-offs is on the line along with a staggering $10 million bonus for securing the season-long winning title.

Furyk landed both honours two years ago but this week he lies 18th in the FedExCup points standings and would need a lot of help from higher-ranked players to pull off a repeat double.

"Nope, I have no idea," the American told reporters on Wednesday when asked if he was fully versed in what he needed to do to emulate his 2010 FedExCup success. "I know I would have to win (the Tour Championship), and a lot of (other) things would have to happen. But I’ve never really worried about that.

"I had two or three friends try to text me, ‘do you know what you have to do’? No. It’s hard enough winning a golf tournament. I can’t control the rest." For Furyk to complete the ‘double’ this week he would need to win the Tour Championship and, among several other requirements, top-ranked Rory McIlroy would have to finish 12th or worse and second-ranked Tiger Woods fifth or worse.

"Two years ago I was (ranked) 11th (going into the Tour Championship) and needed a little work," added Furyk, who triumphed by one shot at East Lake in 2010. "(But this week) those top 10 to 12 guys probably have a really good opportunity.

"Then past that, it’s going to take a lot of help because the guys that are up there at the top have been playing very well.–”Reuters

McIlroy a targeted player at Ryder Cup, says Furyk

Atlanta, 19 Sept—World number one Rory McIlroy is the player to beat at this week’s Tour Championship and will be a “marked man” when he and his fellow Europeans defend the Ryder Cup next week outside Chicago, says American Jim Furyk.

Northern Irishman McIlroy has won three times in his last four PGA Tour starts and, according to Furyk, is the “present-day” Tiger Woods.

“Obviously, he’s a marked man,” Furyk told reporters at PGA Tour Golf Club on Tuesday. “He’s the number one player in the world. He’s going to garner all the attention, as he should. He’s played phenomenal this year.

“(He) won the PGA (Championship) by a ton of shots, won his last two events coming in here and no matter how he plays here at the Tour Championship, he’s right now the present-day Tiger Woods where everyone’s eyes are on him.

“Tiger is still Tiger and everyone would love to see that pairing in the Ryder Cup,” said Furyk, referring to a mouth-watering potential match-up in the last singles

McIlroy has won a season-high four times on the PGA Tour, and began his current sizzling run with a staggering eight-shot victory at last month’s PGA Championship to claim his second major title.–Reuters

Montpellier’s Garry Bocaly (R) challenges Arsenal’s Gervinho during their Champions League soccer match at the Stade de la Mosson stadium in Montpellier, on 19 Sept, 2012.—Reuters

Arsenal recover to ruin Montpellier’s debut

Montpellier, 19 Sept—Arsenal recovered from an early setback and the absence of manager Arsene Wenger from the dugout to ruin Montpellier’s Champions League debut with a 2-1 victory in the opening Group B match on Tuesday. With all eyes on former City 3-2 in a favourable Olivier Giroud, returning to his old club just months after firing them to the title, goals from Lukas Podolski and Gervinho cancelled out Younes Belhanda’s early penalty to earn Arsenal the points as they began a 15th straight season in the Champions League.

Montpellier batted denials for an eternity after the break but Arsenal survived to maintain their record of never having lost a European tie against French opposition in France. “It was great to score again. I like these situations, it was a great pass by (Giroud) and I feel good in those moments,” Podolski said.

“We played well in the first half but not so good in the second. But we got the three points and that is important. We know we can improve.” Montpellier coach Reno Girard told reporters: “We can have a lot of regrets because the match was almost over for us. You cannot be happy when you lose but I think we bothered them like they usually are.” It had all started so well for Montpellier. There were just nine minutes on the clock when Thomas Vermaelen was adjudged to have fouled Belhanda on the edge of the box and the Moroccan got up to chip his spot kick past Arsenal keeper Vito Mannone.–Reuters

Classic win for Real, joy for PSG and Malaga

London, 19 Sept—Real Madrid fashioned a stirring comeback to beat Manchester City 2-1 in a classic Champions League Match with a last-gasp Cristiano Ronaldo strike in their Group D opener on Tuesday.

There were also wins for Paris St Germain, who beat Dynamo Kiev 4-1 on their return to the competition after a 16-year absence, newcomers Malaga, who beat Zenit St Petersburg 3-0 and former Champions League holders Porto who won 2-0 at Dinamo Zagreb.

In a clash of ex-European title winners Berussia Dortmund beat Ajax Amsterdam 1-0 while seven-times European champions AC Milan were booted off after a 0-0 home draw against Anderlecht.

But the outstanding game of the night was in Madrid where all five goals at the Santiago Bernabeu stadium came in the final 22 minutes, newcomers Malaga, who beat Zenit St Petersburg 3-0 and former Champions League holders Porto who won 2-0 at Dinamo Zagreb.

Real Madrid’s Cristiano Ronaldo celebrates scoring the winning goal against Manchester City during their Champions League Group D soccer match at Santiago Bernabeu stadium in Madrid on 18 September, 2012.—Reuters

Real Madrid vs Manchester City in London on 19 Sept, 2012.—Reuters appearances for Real, said in an interview with Spanish television. “The match was very important for us and we are back in the fight,” added the Portuguese international, who took his tally to 39 Champions League goals in two minutes.

Milan’s draw with Anderlecht small step forward

Rome, 19 Sept—AC Milan head coach Massimiliano Allegri said his side’s 0-0 with Anderlecht in the Champions League on Tuesday was “a small step forward”.

“My lads played with effort, courage and intensity, while Anderlecht never had a shot on target. It is a small step forward, as we kept a clean sheet, so now we’ve got to score against Udinese,” he said. “The positives are that we did not allow any clear scoring opportunities, but the negative is that we wasted some good chances and at the moment that’s just the way things are going. My lads did the most they could in a moment that is not easy.”

“Our opponents seem to score with their only chance, so we were worried towards the end that Anderlecht would get a lucky winner.”

“It’s a shame, as a victory would’ve been important for the lads tonight, as it’s certainly not a positive moment psychologically. I still think we’re on the right path and am relaxed, just as I was before the game,” he said.

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**China’s Xi meets Panetta, wants better military ties with US**

BEIJING, 19 Sept.—China’s leader-in-waiting Xi Jinping on Wednesday held his first talks with a foreign official since vanishing from the public eye nearly two weeks ago, telling US Defence Secretary Leon Panetta he wanted to advance ties with the United States.

Vice-President Xi’s disappearance had prompted widespread rumours that he was ill or worse ahead of this year’s five-yearly Communist Party Congress when he is expected to be named party chief.

Asked if he had learned why Xi had been out of view for some time, Panetta referred the question to the Chinese government but added: “Frankly, my impression was that he was very healthy and very engaged.”

He said their scheduled 45-minute meeting had run over by more than half an hour, in part because the vice president “was very much engaged in the discussion” and wanted to raise a range of bilateral strategic issues facing the two countries.

“I believe that your visit will be very helpful in further advancing the state-to-state and mil-to-mil (military-to-military) relations between our two countries,” Xi told Panetta during a welcoming ceremony at the Great Hall of the People.

Pentagon spokesman George Little called the discussions “constructive and candid, covering issues ranging from North Korea to ‘the importance of the peaceful resolution of maritime territorial disputes’.”

Panetta’s visit has come at a fraught time for China, which is in the midst of a row with US ally Japan over who owns a small group of islands in the East China Sea. The dispute has triggered anti-Japanese protests in China in the past few days.

Critics in China believe that a US move to shift its strategic focus to the region has encouraged countries like Japan to be more bold when dealing with Beijing.

But Panetta, in remarks later to cadets at a Chinese military academy, sought to convince Beijing that the shift in focus was not an attempt to hem in China.

Panetta told students at the Armed Forces Engineering Academy that expanding US missile defenses in Asia were aimed at North Korea, not China, and that deepening US defence ties with allies in the region were to reinforce a security system that had helped China flourish.

“Our rebalance to the Asia-Pacific region is not an attempt to contain China,” he said. “It is an attempt to engage China and expand its role in the region. It is about creating a new model in the relationship of two Pacific powers.”

Panetta’s remarks echoed the message delivered in meetings with defence and political leaders during his three-day visit.—Reuters

**Fans say homophobia more likely than racism**

LONDON, 19 Sept.—Homophobia may now be a bigger problem in British soccer than racism, a report published by the government said on Wednesday.

The study, undertaken by a cross-party parliamentary committee, found that while anti-racism schemes had proved successful, fans were becoming increasingly aware of homophobic chants at grounds.

“Evidence is now emerging that homophobia may now be a bigger problem in soccer than other forms of discrimination,” the report said. “Recent research found that 25 percent of fans think that soccer is homophobic while 10 percent think that soccer is racist.”

**Study: two-thirds of Oklahoma adults to be obese by 2030**

HOUSTON, 19 Sept.—About 66.4 percent of adults in the US state of Oklahoma could be obese by 2030, according to a new study released Tuesday.

The number of obese adults, along with related disease rates and health care costs, are on course to increase dramatically in every state across the United States over the next 20 years, said the report by Trust for America’s Health and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation.

By 2030, 13 US states could have adult obesity rates above 60 percent, 39 states above 50 percent and all 50 US states could have adult obesity rates above 44 percent, the study predicted.

Mississippi could have the highest obesity rate at 66.7 percent by 2030, while Colorado the lowest rate at 44.8 percent, said the study.

The report warned that the increased obesity rates will result in increases in disease rates. If states’ obesity rates continue on their current trajectories, the number of new cases of type 2 diabetes, coronary heart disease and stroke, hypertension and arthritis could increase 10 times between 2010 and 2020—double again by 2030, the report said.

The study warned that obesity could contribute to more than 6 million cases of type 2 diabetes, 5 million cases of coronary heart disease and stroke, and more than 400,000 cases of cancer in the next two decades.

By 2030, medical costs associated with treating preventable obesity—related diseases are estimated to increase by 48 billion US dollars to 66 billion per year in the United States, and the loss in economic productivity could be between 980 billion and 550 billion annually by 2030, said the report.

Xinhua

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**District News**

**FIRE DRILL EXERCISED: Fire preventive measures and fire drill was held at Yangon West General Hospital in Kyimyindaing Township on 5 September. Head of Sangyoung Zone Fire Services Department Ye Thanin Thein Myint gives talks and a nurse participates in fire drill.**-MYANMA ALIN

**Three killed, 10 injured in Azerbaijan plant fire**

BAKU, 19 Sept.—Three people were killed and 10 others injured when a fire engulfed a detergent factory in Azerbaijan, local media reported on Tuesday. Ehtibar Mirzayev, deputy emergency situations minister, told said the fire, which broke out Monday afternoon in Sumgayit, a Caspian coastal city 31 km northwest of Baku, also triggered explosions of fuel tanks.

Some 150 fire-fighters and 2 helicopters were fighting the blaze, which had been extinguished early Tuesday.

Mirzayev said all the dead were welding workers and the injured include employees of the Fire Prevention Service of the Emergency Situations Ministry.

Sumgayit is the third-largest city in Azerbaijan.—Xinhua

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**Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and Amyotha Hluttaw leaves for People’s Republic of China**

**YANGON, 19 Sept—**To attend the ceremony in commemoration of the World Peace Day, a Myanmar delegation led by Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and Amyotha Hluttaw U Khin Aung Myint left here for the People’s Republic of China by air at 11.15 am today.

The delegation led by Speaker U Khin Aung Myint was seen off by Yangon Region Chief Minister U Myint Swe, chairmen, secretaries and members of Amyotha Hluttaw Committees and Commissions, the Deputy Speaker of Yangon Region Hluttaw and Charge d’ Affaires ai of the Chinese Embassy Mr Lu Zhi.

Speaker U Khin Aung Myint was accompanied by member of Amyotha Hluttaw Bill Committee Dr Nyi Nyi Tun, Embassy Mr Lu Zhi.

Region Hluttaw and Charge d’ Affaires ai of the Chinese Committees and Commissions, the Deputy Speaker of Yangon region Hluttaw and Yangon Region Chief Minister U Myint Swe and officials. 

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**Mandalay Region clinches title in U-12 Football Tourney**

**NAY PYI TAW, 19 Sept—**The MFF U-12 Digicel Cup 2012 of inter-basic education school (Upper Myanmar) reached the final match yesterday afternoon.

At Bahoso Stadium in Mandalay, Mandalay Region won over Magway Region 4-1.

Officials of the Sports and Physical Education Department presented first, second and third prizes to Mandalay, Magway and Kayah State teams respectively and medals to the individual winners.

Deputy Director-General U Myo Thant of No. 2 Basic Education Department awarded the championship trophy to Mandalay Region team.—MNA

**Noteworthy amounts of rainfall**

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**Thai soccer boss says FA will not be disbanded**

**FIFA Executive Committee member Worawi Makudi.**

**BANGKOK, 19 Sept—**Thailand’s Football Association is not facing disbandment over allegations of corruption, it’s president Worawi Makudi said on Wednesday.

Makudi, a FIFA executive committee member and one of the most influential people in Asian soccer, appeared last week before a parliamentary committee to explain the Football Association of Thailand’s (FAT) setting up of the FAT to set up a company with the aim of making profits. He said it could be dissolved and probed by the Revenue Department.

Worawi has faced graft allegations in the past but was eventually cleared of any charges.

In 2011, FIFA launched a formal investigation after he was accused of spending $860,000 in football development grants for projects on land he personally owns. Soccer’s world governing body eventually cleared him of any wrongdoing.

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Supachai Chaisamut, a spokesman for the house corruption committee, said on Friday it was illegal under Thai law for an association such as the FAT to set up a company with the aim of making profits. He said it could be dissolved and probed by the Revenue Department.

"I believe there is a force out there that is committed to discrediting the association," he added without elaborating.

**Reuters**

**Paddy seeds handed over to farmers**

**YANGON, 19 Sept—**Heavy rains flooded 24 village-tracts of Taikkyi Township in August. In the floods, 3909 acres of paddy fields were destroyed in the villages. Yangon Region Government donated 1470 baskets of paddy seeds and Diamond Star Co 300 baskets of paddy seeds to the farmers for regrowing paddy in the subsided farmlands.

At the hall of the Township General Administration Department, Acting Township Administrator U Aung Hlaing Myat and members of the agricultural supervisory committee handed over paddy seeds to the farmers who had suffered losses in the recent floods.

Myanma Alin