President U Thein Sein looks forward to stronger ties with Beijing

NAY PYI TAW, 20 Sept—President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein called for fostering bilateral ties as he met the general secretary of Yunnan Province Communist Party and party members during a stopover in Kunming on 18 September morning on the way to Nanning to attend the 9th ASEAN-China Expo.

Present on the occasion were Union ministers U Wunna Maung Lwin, U Soe Thein, Thura U Myint Maung, U Nyan Tun Aung, U Win Shein and Dr Kan Zaw and Lt-Gen Aung Than Htut of Commander-in-Chief’s Office (Army).

The Myanmar delegation then proceeded to Xian of Shaanxi Province from Kunming and stayed for the night at the Shangri-La Hotel.

The Myanmar delegation visited Museum of Qin Terracotta Warriors and Horses, the world’s cultural heritage site listed by UNESCO in 1987, in Xian yesterday morning. The President signed the visitors’ book and posed for a documentary photo together with the museum personnel.—MNA

Vice-President U Nyan Tun inspects preparation tasks for 27th SEA Games

Vice-President U Nyan Tun views athletes training hard at Nay Pyi Taw Rowing Sports Camp.—MNA

Arsenal’s Wilshere back in full training after 14 months

London, 20 Sept—Arsenal midfielder Jack Wilshere returned to full training on Thursday after 14 months out with a persistent ankle problem. The 20-year-old had become a regular for the London club and forced his way into the England side before being struck down. “We are so pleased Jack is back in full training. It’s been 14 months and that’s a long time for someone at his age. It’s an eternity, but it’s great news,” manager Arsene Wenger told the club website (www.arsenal.com).

“We have to give him a few training sessions to see how he copes and responds to it. That’s the delicate, sensitive stage - to choose when to bring him in and out. We’ll have to handle that day-by-day.”

Fellow midfielder Emmanuel Frimpong has also resumed full training after injuring his cruciate ligaments when on loan at Wolverhampton Wanderers in February.

Obama, Karzai discuss ‘insider’ attacks in Afghanistan

Mexican President Felipe Calderon Hinojosa (C), First Lady Margarita Zavala (R) and the Mexican Secretary of the Interior Alejandro Poiré (L), participate in the ceremony of the national flag raising at half mast, in memory of the victims of the earthquake of 1985, in the Zocalo Square of Mexico City, capital of Mexico, on 19 Sept, 2012.

Messi double gives Barca comeback win over Spartak

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Social security board important for satisfactory health care service delivery

YANGON, 20 Sept—Union Minister for Labour U Maung Myint underlined the important role of social security board in providing medical treatment to laborers as he visited Yangon Workers’ Hospital on 18 September morning.

The Union minister called on the hospital staff to take good care of patients with goodwill and patience, putting heart and soul in their health care service delivery.

The Union minister then inspected round the patient wards and comforted the patients.

Myanmar Red Cross Society holds 70th meeting

NAY PYI TAW, 20 Sept—To be able to effectively carry out social welfare tasks, relevant region and state red cross committees should form red cross societies not losing sights on their training, welfare, keeping their spirit up and discipline, said Union Minister for Health Dr Pe Thet Khin.

In his address at the 70th Meeting of the Central Council of the Myanmar Red Cross Society at the its headquarters here at today, the Union minister also stressed the importance of the cooperative efforts of Myanmar Red Cross Society in the interests of the country and the people to be in conformity with the framework laid down by the State and basic principles of the red cross, he added.

Myanmar Red Cross Society has made efforts for educating the people on communicable diseases for many years, and has also carried out rescue and rehabilitation tasks, disaster preparedness and disseminating knowledge on first aids in cooperation with other red cross/red crescent societies, said the Union minister.

The members of the MRCS and volunteers across the country have been carrying out the disaster preparedness tasks and made rescue efforts on the country.

Eighty percent of the association’s Emergency Management Fund amounted US$ 500,000 has been saved at the bank and arrangements are being made to spend the interests of the saving on rescue works.

The meeting was also attended by Deputy Minister for Health U Aung Myo Aung and other officers and doctors.

Medical servicemen give health care in Maungtaw Township

NAY PYI TAW, 20 Sept—Members of local medical battalion of Maungtaw Township are giving health care services to the people at the relief camps in Maungtaw.

They provided medical checkups to the local people, distributed pamphlets about health knowledge, fumigated relief camps against dengue hemorrhagic fever and chlorinated the water of wells and tanks at relief camps in Shweyinaye, Mawnyawady and Thayekhonbaung villages in Maungtaw Township.

They provided health care services to 232 local people of various relief camps in Maungtaw Township.

Prepaid top up card worth K 5000 come out

YANGON, 20 Sept—The Prepaid Top-up Card worth K 5000 are available at telephone and accessories shops and some shops in wards through Myanmar Posts and Telecommunications as of 19 September.

It is good news for those facing difficulties to install the pre-paid top up cards by the end of every month.

Thus, Prepaid Top-up Card worth K 5000 are now high demand at the telephone shops.

At present, mobile phone sales centres in various townships including Nay Pyi Taw, Yangon and Mandalay are selling the top up cards in competitiveness.

“K 5000-worth top up card is included in the list of today’s best seller goods,” said a responsible person of the mobile phone shop.

Damaged road repaired in Madauk

MADAUK, 20 Sept—Continuous torrential rains hit Madauk of Nyang U Min Township, Bago Region, in July.

Due to heavy rains, Sittoun River was swollen. The maintenance of Pan Ngwe Yon Tawkaykyaung Road damaged in the overflow of the river was carried out on 16 September morning.

Under the leadership of road donors Captain Khin Win Maw Nanda Phyo (Rtd)-Daw Mu Mu and U Tin Aung Soe-Daw Khaing Wah, they upgraded the road to a 1500 feet long, 12 feet wide and one foot high facility.

Two motorcycles head on collision

BAGO, 20 Sept—According to the information that the injured persons arrived at the hospital due to collision of two motorcycles at 4 pm on 16 September in front of Kalyani Ward Administrator’s Office on Shwethalyaung Pagoda Road in Bago, SIP Maung Maung Kyaw and party inspected the incident.

Win Hsan, son of U Thein Lwin of 6th Street in Okhla Myothit Ward 1 and Thein Kyaw, son of U Tin Aung of Maha Zedi Lake Road in Mazin Ward of Bago were injured and their motorcycles were destroyed in the incident.

Action taken against reckless driver

BAGO, 20 Sept—Daw Khin Cho Myint, daughter of U Tin Myint on bicycle from Indawg to Kawma was hit by a Trawlgyi driven by Han Zaw Tun, son of U Than Htay between mile post No 4 1/2 and 4 1/2 on Indawg-Kawma Road in Bago Township at 12.50 pm on 17 September.

In the incident, Daw Khin Cho Myint fell on the pile of gravels beside the road.

Indawg Police Station opened a file of lawsuit against reckless driver Han Zaw Tun.—Myanma Alin
Iran six powers to meet before more nuclear talks

RAMALLAH, 20 Sept—A gathering crisis in the Palestinian economy will worsen unless foreign funding increases and Israel eases long-standing curbs on development, the World Bank and International Monetary Fund said on Wednesday.

Long after, with persisting restrictions, financing difficulties with aid shortfalls, and stalemate in the peace process, there is a high risk of a continued economic slowdown, a rise in unemployment, and social upheaval,” the IMF said.

In a separate report issued ahead of a conference on Palestinian development, the World Bank forecast a $1.5 billion (92.4 million pounds) deficit in the PA budget in 2012, with donor funds expected to cover just $1.1 billion of this shortfall.

“Donors do need to act urgently in the face of a serious fiscal crisis facing the PA (Palestinian Authority) in the shortterm,” Mariam Sherman, the World Bank’s country director for the West Bank and Gaza Strip, said in a statement.

The PA, which exercises limited self-rule in the West Bank, receives most of its aid from the United States, the European Union and Arab nations. But over the past several years there has been a shortfall in aid coming from Arab states resulting in the PA’s inability to meet its domestic financial needs.

“Available resources have to be mobilized to meet the needs of the populace and help them weather this difficult period,” the World Bank’s Sherman said.

Amid court challenges, early voting begins in US election

WASHINGTON, 20 Sept—The 6 November election is still seven weeks away, but early, in-person voting begins in two states on Friday, even as Democrats and Republicans battle in court over controversial plans to limit such voting before Election Day.

The states of Pennsylvania and South Dakota are the first states to begin early voting on Friday, although North Carolina has been accepting absentee ballots by mail since 6 September. By the end of September, 30 states will have begun either in-person or absentee voting, and eventually all the states will join in.

Obama, Karzai discuss ‘insider’ attacks in Afghanistan

WASHINGTON, 20 Sept—President Barack Obama and Afghan President Hamid Karzai agreed on Wednesday to press forward with a US-Afghan security pact, the White House said, despite the curtailment of NATO operations in response to a surge in “insider” attacks on foreign servicemen.

The two presidents discussed a range of issues, including efforts to stem insider attacks on US, coalition, and Afghan forces, the White House said in a statement summarizing a video conference call between the two leaders.

They also agreed to continue implementation of a Strategic Partnership agreement signed in May during Obama’s visit to Afghanistan, the White House said.

The White House said on Tuesday there would be no change in Obama’s timeline for gradually handing over security responsibility to Afghans and eventually withdrawing US troops.

NATO has agreed to remove most of its forces in 2014. At least 51 foreign troops have been killed in “insider” attacks this year in which Afghans security personnel have turned their weapons on their Western mentors.

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

Violent storm hits Paraguay, Bolivia, Uruguay, killing seven

MEXICO CITY, 20 Sept—A violent storm with winds up to 150km per hour (kph) ripped through west-central South America early on Wednesday, especially Paraguay, Bolivia and Uruguay, killing at least seven people and injuring many others, according to reports reaching here.

In Paraguay, the storm killed five people and injured 80, civil rescue units told local press. Among the victims were four Armed Forces cadets who died when the roof of their dormitory collapsed, and a woman whose car was crushed by a falling water tank in the Paraguayan capital of Asuncion.

The severe storm began in Paraguay on Tuesday afternoon, pummeling its southeastern cities of Encarnacion and Pilar with hail, and drenching its suburbs of Asuncion.

The worst hit area was the suburbs of Mariano Roque Alonso, 15 km from Asuncion, where the cadets were stationed and many homes were destroyed.

Medical and rescue units said the injured were being treated at different facilities, including the Military Hospital and Police Hospital.

In Bolivia, at least two people died after an eight-hour tropical downpour that began at 5 am local time (0900 GMT) sparked flash floods in the eastern city of Santa Cruz, where scores of homes were damaged. A local police report identified the two victims as teacher Sara Rivera, 74, and her son Marco Antonio, 47, who died when their vehicle was swept up by floods.
NASA rover snaps pictures of an eclipse from Mars

Scientists and engineers on the Mars Science Laboratory Project were thrilled last week when the rover Curiosity successfully captured images of the partial solar eclipse that occurred on Mars.

The eclipse was caused by the planet’s moon Deimos, which is expected to pass between the sun and Mars. The event was first predicted by astronomer William Denison, who was working on one of the first telescopes to be sent to Mars.

Denison noted that the moon’s orbit is not quite circular, which means that it will sometimes be closer to Mars than the sun. This effect, called “solar elongation,” can cause the moon to temporarily block out the sun for observers on Mars.

The eclipse was visible from Curiosity’s position on the surface of the planet, and the rover was able to capture images using its navigation camera. The images show the moon’s shadow passing over the surface of the planet, creating a darkening effect that was visible for several minutes.

“This was a really hard thing to do,” said Curiosity’s principal investigator, John Grunsfeld. “The timing was very precise, and the next Martian eclipses will take place in about 11 months. By then, the group is owned by a better vantage point.”

The rover’s eventual scientific goal is to study the moon Phobos, which is expected to be so close to Mars that it will be torn apart by the planet’s gravity. The moon’s passage through the sun’s disk on Martian day, or sol, 37 (13 Sept, 2012) in this NASA handout image. — Reuters

Bank group warns of heightened risk of cyber attacks

SAN FRANCISCO, 20 Sept—A financial services industry group warned US banks, brokerages and insurers on Wednesday to be on heightened alert for cyber attacks after Bank of America and JPMorgan Chase experienced unexplained outages on their public websites.

The posting said the attacks would continue until the film that had stirred up anti-US protests across the Middle East was removed from the websites.

The Financial Services Information Sharing and Analysis Centre, which is widely known as FS-ISAC, raised the cyber threat level to “high” from “elevated” in an advisory to members, citing “recent credible intelligence regarding the potential” for cyber attacks as its reason for the move.

It was not possible to identify the person who posted the statement. Nor was it clear if the threat had anything to do with the issues at either of the two banks.

Dan Holden, director of security research at Arbor Networks, a leading computer security company, said the attacks were likely to be a distributed denial of service (DDoS) campaign. He declined to identify them by name.

A rival security firm was familiar with the attacks and said that they were “massive” in scope.

“This is an attack that is likely to be carried out by a distributed denial of service (DDoS) campaign,” Holden said. “It is widely known as an attack that was used by the group to disrupt the services of the agencies.”

The move by FS-ISAC came just days after the FBI published a “fraud alert” advising financial services firms that cyber criminals may be disrupting service to their websites in a bid to keep banks from noticing a recent surge in fraudulent large-scale wire transfers. (USA Today/Reuters)

“Often these DDoS attacks are part of a more sophisticated blended threat. One that utilizes DDoS as a diversion for more complex, difficult to detect techniques with the intention to extract customer data or financial information,” said Holden of Arbor Networks.

An FBI spokeswoman declined to say if the tactics cited in the fraud alert were related to the problems experienced by the two banks.

On Wednesday the consumer banking website of JPMorgan Chase & Co was intermittently unavailable to some customers. The problems were resolved with the website of Bank of America Corp Tuesday amid threats on the Internet that a group was planning to launch cyber attacks on a US bank.

JPMorgan Chase & Co was intermittently unavailable to some 1.48 million US dollars on lobbying during the first quarter of this year, a big increase from 1.48 million dollars in the same period last year. Facebook also broke its lobbying record in the second quarter of this year, spending $600,000 in wooing politicians, tripling the money it spent in the same period of 2011. — Reuters

RIM shares rise on Microsoft file technology license deal

TORONTO, 20 Sept—Research In Motion’s shares jumped on Tuesday after it signed a patent licensing deal with Microsoft Corp to use one of the technology company’s file storage and synchronization tools.

The deal will allow RIM to use the technology provided by the free and open-source licensing deal on Google Inc’s Android operating system.

“RIM has a unique opportunity to make the BlackBerry 10 platforms’ capabilities more accessible,” said Steve Jobs, chief executive of Apple Inc.

A sign of Research in Motion (RIM) is seen at headquarters in Waterloo, Ontario, on 22 Jan, 2012. — Reuters
Charlotte, (North Carolina), 20 Sept — Bank of America Corp (BAC.N) is planning to cut 16,000 jobs by year end as it speeds up a company-wide cost-cutting initiative amid declining revenues, the Wall Street Journal reported on Wednesday.

The job cuts would put the second-largest US bank a year ahead of schedule in eliminating 30,000 jobs under a programme called Project New BAC. The job cuts could shrink the bank’s workforce below that of rivals JPMorgan Chase & Co (JPM.N) and Wells Fargo & Co (WFC.N). The reductions were outlined in a document given to top management, the Journal reported.

Since taking the helm in 2010, Chief Executive Brian Moynihan has been working to streamline and reduce risk at a company that has lagged rivals in recovering from the financial crisis, largely due to mortgage-related losses. Bank of America spokesman Larry Di Rita declined to comment. The bank had 275,460 employees at the end of the second quarter.

Under Project New BAC, Bank of America has said it planned to eliminate $5 billion in annual expenses and 30,000 jobs by the end of 2013, largely through cuts in consumer and technology areas.

A second phase is expected to eliminate $3 billion in annual expenses by mid-2015 by making undisclosed cuts in capital markets, commercial banking and wealth management areas.

In the second quarter, cost savings from the first phase were running at an annual pace of $70 billion, behind a goal of $1 billion, the Journal said, citing the document.

Bank of America is one of many financial companies slashing thousands of jobs amid new regulations and a tepid economy that are crimping revenue.

A woman smiles as she walks past an electronic board displaying graphs showing recent movements of Japanese market indices, outside a brokerage in Tokyo on 15 Feb, 2012. Asian shares, oil and copper extended losses on 29 Sept, 2012 after data indicated little respite for Chinese manufacturers, keeping the outlook unclear whether policymakers in the world’s second-largest economy will feel compelled to follow the global rush of stimulus action.—Reuters

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BoFA cutting 16,000 jobs by year end in cost-plan acceleration: WSJ

Six million Americans likely to pay healthcare tax in 2016

WASHINGTON, 20 Sept— US budget experts raised their forecast on Wednesday of how many Americans will probably have to pay a penalty in 2016 for not buying health insurance to 6 million from 4 million. The 50 percent increase was likely to draw fire from Republicans on the campaign trail who want to repeal President Barack Obama’s signature healthcare law and who reject the penalty as a government intrusion into the lives of individuals.

But the bipartisan Congressional Budget Office said some of the increase reflects state opposition to an expansion under the healthcare law of the Medicaid programme for the poor, which is most unpopular in states with Republican governors or Republican-majority legislatures. CBO, which issued its last forecast in April 2010, also attributed the larger number of people facing penalties to a bleaker economic picture that will mean higher unemployment and lower wages and salaries.

There are now 49 million people without health insurance in the United States, according to the US Census Bureau. Under the Affordable Care Act, better known to the public as “Obamacare,” more than 30 million people would become eligible to buy subsidized private insurance or receive Medicaid coverage in 2014.

The law requires most Americans to have some form of health insurance — known as the individual mandate. The law stipulates that those who do not acquire health coverage will face a penalty.

The penalty is scheduled to rise in 2016 to $695 or 2.5 percent of household income, whichever is greater. That year is when the law’s provisions are expected to operate fully.—Reuters

Bottles of Zocor, the Merck & Co Inc cholesterol fighting drug, are shown in a pharmacy in Westfield, New Jersey, on 28 Nov, 2005. —Reuters

Healthcare and the automotive transportation sector are key areas for investment, Bank of America said. Most deals involved co-investors from traditional venture capital firms such as First Round Capital, Index Ventures, and Sequoia Capital.

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**Corporation investment in US start-ups rises 16 percent in second quarter**

San Francisco, 20 Sept— Corporate-backed venture groups invested $2.1 billion in the quarter ended 30 June, up 16 percent from the same period in 2011, underscoring the continued allure start-ups hold for more established competitors.

The corporate-backed funds invested in some 118 companies in the United States, according to a report released on Thursday by consultancy CB Insights, with internet companies winning almost one-third of the cash.

**Health**

Boston Scientific to buy privately held heart device maker

Boston, 20 Sept — Medical device maker Boston Scientific Corp said it would buy privately held heart device maker, BridgePoint Medical Inc to gain access to its product that restores blood flow in blocked coronary arteries.

Minneapolis, Minnesota-based BridgePoint’s catalyst-based system is approved by the US Food and Drug Administration and European health regulators to treat chronically occluded coronary arteries — which are blocked typically for 3 months or longer — that prevent blood circulation to critical areas of the heart. These devices are designed to permit endovascular treatment in cases that may otherwise require a patient to undergo surgery.

Financial terms of the deal, which is expected to close in the fourth quarter, were disclosed by Boston Scientific. The deal is not expected to impact Boston Scientific’s earnings in 2012 and 2013, but will add to earnings after that. Shares of Natick, Massachusetts-based Boston Scientific were up about 1 percent to $5.79 in morning trade on the Nasdaq.—Reuters

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**Health**

Former smokers or drinkers if they had quit 10 years or more before being diagnosed.

On average, the risk of developing pancreatic cancer in your lifetime is about one in 71. And the average age at diagnosis is 72, according to the American Cancer Society. But in this study, current smokers and heavy drinkers were diagnosed a decade earlier than that.

That could be an important motivation for people to quit smoking or curb their drinking, according to Anderson. “That’s potentially an extra decade of life,” she said.

The findings, reported in the American Journal of Gastroenterology, are based on 811 patients in a pancreatic cancer registry. Those who were current smokers were typically diagnosed around age 62, versus age 70 among non-smokers. Heavy drinkers, meanwhile, were typically diagnosed at age 61 — almost a decade earlier than non-smokers. Heavy drinking was defined as roughly three or more standard drinks a day. A 12-ounce beer or five ounces of wine would equate to a standard drink.

The findings do not prove that smoking or drinking led to the earlier cancers. But Anderson’s team did account for a number of other factors, like body weight and family history of pancreatic cancer. And smoking and heavy drinking were still linked to earlier diagnoses.

What’s more, Anderson noted, there was a “dose” effect. Smokers who were through more than a pack a day were diagnosed at a younger age than people who smoked less than a pack per day. And once people had refrained from smoking or heavy drinking for a decade, the excess risk of an early cancer seemed to disappear.

According to Anderson, the findings could have implications in the future, if widespread screening for pancreatic cancer becomes a reality.—Reuters
### US officials say Benghazi consulate was “terrorist attack”

**WASHINGTON, 20 Sept—** The assault on the US consulate in Benghazi last week in which four Americans died was a “terrorist attack” that may have had an al-Qaeda link, US counterterrorism official told Congress on Wednesday.

Rocket-propelled grenade rounds shattered the consulate on 11 September, the anniversary of the 2001 attacks on the United States. US Ambassador Christopher Stevens and three other Americans died.

“They were killed in the course of a terrorist attack on our embassy,” Matthew Olsen, director of the National Counterterrorism Centre, said in response to a question at a Senate hearing. Olsen said whether the attack was planned for 11 September, 2012, was under investigation, but the information so far indicated it was “an opportunistic attack” that began and escalated over several hours.”

There were well-armed militants in the area, he said. “What we don’t have at this point is specific intelligence that there was a significant advance planning or coordination for this attack.”

EU, China leaders meet amid growing trade disputes

**BRUSSELS, 20 Sept—** European Union and Chinese leaders will try to bridge growing differences over trade and find common ground on tackling Europe’s debt crisis at a summit in Brussels on Thursday. Overseas trade is one of few bright spots in Europe and a critical source of growth for the region’s economy, which has slumped under the weight of the debt and banking crises, with EU governments product falling and unemployment steadily rising.

Trade between China and the EU, the world’s biggest trading bloc with a market of 500 million people, rose to €450 billion in 2011, having doubled in size since 2003. Chinese companies are increasingly investing in Europe, while the Chinese government is an important buyer of the debt of euro zone governments. China’s foreign exchange reserves are the world’s largest at $3.24 trillion, and economists say roughly a quarter of that consists of euro-denominated assets.

At the same time, trade disputes are intensifying. In the latest spat, the European Commission accused China of selling solar panels below cost on the EU market, angering Beijing and threatening wider business ties. Beijing has not linked Chinese companies’ actions to the international economic turmoil. Barroso addressed a news conference Thursday after a meeting with Chinese President Hu Jintao at the EU summit on Thursday. Overseas trade is one of few bright spots in Europe and a critical source of growth for the region’s economy, which has slumped under the weight of the debt and banking crises, with EU governments product falling and unemployment steadily rising.

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### Mexican Pena Nieto optimistic on labour reform bill

**SAO PAULO, 20 Sept—** Mexico’s incoming president Enrique Pena Nieto on Wednesday raised pressure on his Institutional Revolutionary Party (PRI) to back a labour reform proposed by the outgoing administration, saying he was optimistic Congress would pass it.

The draft bill put forward this month is a litmus test of cooperation between the centrist PRI and President Felipe Calderon’s conservatives. The lower house of Congress has 11 more days to either approve or reject it.

The reform aims to soften Mexico’s antiquated labour laws and force trade unions to become more transparent, which has raised the hackles of the PRI’s powerful union base.

However, Pena Nieto, who takes office on 1 December, fell short of a majority in the new Congress and is likely to need support from Calderon’s National Action Party (PAN) to pass his own economic reforms.

The labour reform is also a test of whether the PRI, which has sought to reinvent itself behind the youthful Pena Nieto, is prepared to break with the past by risking the wrath of unions.

Speaking at a news conference after a meeting with Brazilian business leaders in Sao Paulo, Pena Nieto talked up the bill’s chances of success when he was asked about it.

“I am very optimistic. I think there’s a good chance that the debate on this plan will allow common ground and consensus to be found among different political forces,” he said.

“I support it and hope all political forces work towards constructing rather than obstructing.”

The bill aims, among other things, to make public the accounts of trade unions, which have long been viewed as corrupt and prone to self-enrichment.

PRI union leaders in Congress have already said the bill contains elements they cannot accept. But reformers within the PRI, which became a byword for corruption during the seven decades it ruled Mexico between 1929 and 2000, say failure to pass a bill would send a message that the party is not serious or capable of constructive work with Calderon’s PAN.

### Police begin enforcing controversial Arizona immigration measure

**PHOENIX, 20 Sept—** Arizona police on Wednesday began enforcing a controversial “show-your-papers” provision of a state law targeting illegal immigration as civil rights groups prepared to document allegations of racial profiling.

Police in the border state with Mexico are now authorized to begin conducting immigration status checks of anyone they stop for any reason and suspect of being in the country illegally after a federal judge on Tuesday lifted an injunction against the provision requiring such checks.

The measure, upheld by the US Supreme Court in June, is part of a broad Arizona clampdown on illegal immigration signed into law in 2010 by Republican Governor Jan Brewer, an outspoken foe of President Barack Obama’s administration on immigration.

Brewer said the law was needed because of the federal government’s failure to secure the border with Mexico. She said enforcement would be free of any racial profiling.

“It’s definitely a new phase, and one where we’ll be looking very carefully to monitor for civil rights violations in the state,” said Karen Tumlin, managing attorney with the National Immigration Law Centre, one of a coalition of groups that challenged the law.

“There is a hotline set up ... where folks can report any violations or questionings or detentions that happen under the law,” she added.

The US Supreme Court, in upholding the measure even as it struck down three other Arizona immigration provisions, has left open the door for legal challenges, saying constitutional or other challenges could proceed once the measure took effect.

Rights activists who have fought a two-year legal battle against the measure have said they are ready to go to court quickly if they learn of instances of racial profiling or illegal detention.

Opponents of the measure are also pinning hopes on a legal challenge filed with the 9th US Circuit Court of Appeals in hopes of getting an injunction to halt the law’s enforcement.

### Israeli army holds major drill

**JERUSALEM, 20 Sept—** Israeli Air Force and army’s northern and central command ground units on Wednesday held a major day-long drill on the Golan Heights. As a part of the drill, reserve troops residing in the centre of the country received telephone alerts to immediately join their units in order to be flown north for the drill.

Overnight, Israeli Defence Forces (IDF) Chief of Staff Lt.-Gen Benny Gantz announced the start of the comprehensive preparation and readiness drill, the army spokesman’s office told Xinhua in a statement.

The maneuver, which was to include airlifting and deploying large forces to the area and offensive fire, was planned ahead of the talk and did not reflect current tensions with Syria over its bloody civil war, army sources told Israeli media.

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**Unemployment mounts as Iran’s economy falters**

**Iran**

DUBAI, 20 Sept—A wealthy Iranian businessman sits in the lobby of one of Dubai’s most luxurious hotels, skimming his head as he laments the state of Iran’s economy. “Business is dying up, industry is collapsing. There’s zero investment,” he said. “I know. I see it with my own eyes.”

Santos faces tougher peace talks—

**Colombia**

BOGOTA, 20 Sept—The last Colombian president to negotiate with Marxist rebels says current leader Juan Manuel Santos will face an even tougher time in new talks because of opposition from the far right and doubts about whether rebel leaders are united.

Andres Pastrana led the last attempt at peace more than a decade ago, but those talks collapsed and they were seen as having helped to boost Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia, or FARC, build up their fighting force.

Half-way through his four-year term, Santos is staking his reputation and political future on a new round of peace talks set to start in October with the drug-funded FARC rebels, who took up arms almost 50 years ago in a conflict that has killed tens of thousands.

Pastrana is warning that possible divisions inside the FARC could make it a lot more difficult to reach a peace deal.

“As the FARC united? Are all the (FARC) divisions?” Pastrana asked rhetorically in an interview late on Tuesday.

Russia says USAID’s exit due to intervention in domestic political affairs

**Russia**

MOSCOW, 20 Sept.—Russia confirmed on Wednesday that the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) will leave the country from 1 Oct, accusing the agency has tried to influence domestic political affairs.

“Today’s decision (to shut down USAID) is made due to attempts of the agency to influence political processes, civil society institutions, and elections at various levels, through dissemination of grants,” Russian Foreign Ministry spokesman Alexander Lukashevich told reporters here. “Serious questions arose from USAID activities in Russian regions, especially in the North Caucasus,” he said. Moscow has warned Washington several times that such activities did not in line with aims of bilateral humanitarian cooperation, the spokesman added. However, Lukashevich also noted that Russia would like to cooperate with USAID in the third country over humanitarian aid projects. “But such cooperation should adhere to principles of equality, respects of each other’s interests and non-interference in domestic affairs,” he stressed. USAID is America’s primary official foreign aid agency.

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Unemployment mounts as Iran’s economy falters

**Iran**

DUBAI, 20 Sept—A wealthy Iranian businessman sits in the lobby of one of Dubai’s most luxurious hotels, skimming his head as he laments the state of Iran’s economy. “Business is dying up, industry is collapsing. There’s zero investment,” he said. “I know. I see it with my own eyes.”

Santos faces tougher peace talks—

**Colombia**

BOGOTA, 20 Sept.—The last Colombian president to negotiate with Marxist rebels says current leader Juan Manuel Santos will face an even tougher time in new talks because of opposition from the far right and doubts about whether rebel leaders are united.

Andres Pastrana led the last attempt at peace more than a decade ago, but those talks collapsed and they were seen as having helped to boost Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia, or FARC, build up their fighting force.

Half-way through his four-year term, Santos is staking his reputation and political future on a new round of peace talks set to start in October with the drug-funded FARC rebels, who took up arms almost 50 years ago in a conflict that has killed tens of thousands.

Pastrana is warning that possible divisions inside the FARC could make it a lot more difficult to reach a peace deal.

“As the FARC united? Are all the (FARC) divisions?” Pastrana asked rhetorically in an interview late on Tuesday.

Russia says USAID’s exit due to intervention in domestic political affairs

**Russia**

MOSCOW, 20 Sept.—Russia confirmed on Wednesday that the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) will leave the country from 1 Oct, accusing the agency has tried to influence domestic political affairs.

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Knowledge promotion for all

The scope of library services go far beyond library science as there are restrictions concerning literary and artistic works and the rules of intellectual property rights staff of the profession should know well and observe. So they must have the knowledge on protecting intellectual property rights and related rights as well. Only then they can offer better services for the public in connection with the intellectual property.

Intellectual property or IP refers to all kinds of the creations of the mind. IP is divided into two categories: Industrial property and Copyright, which includes literary and artistic works. IP are dealing with daily at the libraries concerns with Copyright, which includes novels, poems and plays, films, musical works, artistic works such as drawings, paintings, photographs and sculptures, and architectural designs and those of performing artists in their performances, producers of phonograms in their recordings, and those of broadcasters in their radio and television programs.

Systematic establishment of a fair and effective copyright protection system will be much valuable for socio-economic development of every country.

Now, Myanmar is in the process of drafting a new copyright law that conforms to current situation. The new law will help our libraries and archives provide better services for readers while observing the copyright rules like their counterparts in other countries.

Truly, libraries and library services can enhance public knowledge or in other words intellectual development in one way or another. Leaders of world nations and academics of various fields unanimously herald the 21st century as “Knowledge Age”. In fact, all fields of knowledge are facing challenges of the knowledge age itself. And the only way to overcome these challenges is the knowledge promotion for all. Here, libraries and library services are the core of knowledge promotion for all.

Union Rail Transportation Minister calls for unity among staff

NAV PYI TAW, 20 Sept—Union Minister for Rail Transportation U Zeyar Aung called for effective management and employment of advancing technologies as he met officials, staff, trainees, and officials of Transport Planning Department, Directorate of Road Administration Department and Road Transport at Central Institute of Transport and Communications School in Meiktila Township, Mandalay Region on 18 September.

The Union Minister then visited commodity transportation division of Transport Planning Department and Directorate of Road Transport in Meiktila.

While visiting coach and wagon workshop (Myintegge), he stressed the need for service delivery out of goodwill. He called on them to work cooperatively for accomplishment of the ministry’s objectives, demanding the quality of locomotives and coaches.

The Union Minister met officials of Myanmar Railways and Transport Planning Department and Directorate of Road Administration Department at Mandalay Railway Station yesterday morning, warning against corruption, bribery and misuse of power. He urged them to share responsibility and authority to subordinates, instilling a sense of accountability to them.

He viewed round the related facilities in Mandalay before inspecting the sections and stations from Ywahtaung Station to Nay Pyi Taw Station by train.—MNA

Kayin State chief minister, KNU peace-making group say prayers for peace

NAV PYI TAW, 20 Sept—Kayin State Chief Minister U Zaw Min and KNU peace-making group led by Brig-Gen Johnny said prayers for peace at Kayin Baptist Church in Paingkyon as they elaborated on peace process to local people of Paingkyon and surrounding villages at Kayin Baptist Church in Paingkyon on 16 September, donating two sets of computer in honour of the peace process.

Kayin Immigration and National Registration Department issued citizenship scrutiny cards to 440 local national people, male or female, for free in a day at Kapali Village in Hinbwe Township the same day.

The Kayin state chief minister and the KNU peace-making group were present on the occasion together with station commanders of border guard forces, and national race leaders from Myanmarungiu.

The state chief minister and KNU peace-making group members handed over citizenship scrutiny cards and donated cash assistance to elderly persons.

A medical team led by the head of State Health Department and the medical superintendent of State People’s Hospital gave medical treatment to the citizenship scrutiny card applicants for free, presenting spectacles to patients with impaired vision.

The chief minister and KNU peace-making group donated a set of computer each to Paingkyine Basic Education High School and Myoma Parahita Minastic School in Paingkyine. —MNA

Sawn teak timber seized

BAOGO, 20 Sept.—A team led by Senior Forester U Win Hsan of Bago Township Forest Department together with members of Bawnatgyi Police Station, acting on tip-off, searched a Super Custom Expressway on 15 September afternoon.

The authorities seized 39 pieces of sawn teak timber weighing 1,253.8 tons worth K 313,450.

Bawnatgyi Police Station opened a file against him.—Myanna Alin

In memory of U San Mya-Jaw Saw Mya Phu and younger brother Sai Khun Hla of Anawrahta Housing in Kamayut Township, the family donated K 330,000 for medical fund and a day meal to Hninzigon Home for the Aged through Joint Secretary U Maung Maung Gyil on 24-9-2012.—NLM
Vice-President U Nyan Tun…

On his arrival at the construction site of Wunna Theikdi Advanced Sports Ground in Zabuthiri Township, Chairman of the subcommittee for opening and concluding the SEA Games Union Minister for Culture U Aye Myint Kyu reported to the Vice-President on the preparation tasks being carried out. The Vice-President and his entourages looked around.

Versatile outstanding students to be honoured

NAY PYI TAW, 20 Sept — Students who are outstanding in academic learning and are healthy with high standard of morality will be honoured as part of efforts for promoting the education and producing good citizens.

A student’s participation in social welfare activities will also be used as a criteria for assessing the abilities of an all-round outstanding student, said Union Minister for Education Dr Mya Aye.

The meeting on selecting all-round outstanding students and on forming committees for youth volunteers troops and scouts troops at basic education schools.

Afterwards, U Bo Win, Director-General of the Education Planning and Training Department, clarified the drafts of the programme for selecting the all-round outstanding students and for forming volunteer troops and scout troops.

Deputy Ministers U Aye Kyu and Dr Myo Myint also attended the meeting.

Hinthada District secures champion in Region’s Inter-District Football Tourney

HINTHADA, 20 Sept — The final match of Ayeyawady Region Chief Minister’s Cup Inter-District U-25 Football was held at the people’s sports ground on 14 September afternoon.

In the match, Hinthada District emerged champion with a 3-0 victory over Maubin District.

Deputy Commissioner U Mya Aye of the District General Administration Department presented medal and K 500,000 to Hinthada District team, Commander of District Police Force Police Lt-Col Min Lwin to the second prize winning Maubin District, Deputy Director of Region Sports and Physical Education Department U Soe Nyunt best player awards to the winners in the respective places.

Unions of Social Security Board explained

Plans of Social Security Board explained extended works for Yangon Region and implementation for low-cost housing projects in line with Social Security Law in 2012 at the office of Yangon Region Government on 18 September.

National races take part in Cultural Performing Arts Competitions

19th Myanmar National Races Traditional Performing Arts Competition was held in Myawady District on 14 September. Participants took part in the competition, and members of Kayin literature and culture association entertained the guests with don dances.

Ecotourism course 22 Oct-16 Nov

Ministry of Hotels and Tourism will conduct the course on ecotourism from 22 October to 16 November. The course will admit 60 trainees. Only those wishing to attend the course may contact the training school at 458/ 460 on Maha Bandoola Street in Pabedan Township, Tel: 01-379702 and 01-385017.

Computer science course opened

Min State Women’s Affairs Organization and Maternal and Child Welfare Supervisory Committee jointly organized the computer science course at AITI Computer Training Centre in Mawlamyine on 18 September. Altogether 16 trainees are attending the course.

Supply of electricity launched

The supply of electricity was launched in Zeedaw, Mingan and Bok villages of Pathein Township on 18 September. One each of 11/0.4 KV (315) KVA transformer is installed at the three villages to supply electricity to 69 households in Zeedaw, 73 in Mingan and 74 in Bok villages.

Farmers interested in cultivation of sugarcane

As various kinds of crops are damaged in natural disasters, farmers in Yedashe Township are more interested in cultivation of sugarcane. At present, sugar mills purchase one ton of sugarcane per K 10,000 and provide fertilizers and agricultural loans to sugarcane growers.

University Council of ITBMIU 25 Sept

International Tourism and Buddhist Missionary University will hold its University Council meeting on 12 September at the university in Mayangon Township at 1 pm on 25 September.

Golf tourney of YPGG 30 Sept

Yadana Plaza Golfers Group (YPGG) holds 47th golf tourney at Thanlyin Golf Course at 6.30 pm on 30 October. Those wishing to take part in the tourney may dial 09-5105435 of U Chit, 09-5168178 of U Tin Shwe, 09-5154418 of U Kyaw Win and 09-5016616 of U Tun Tun Oo.

21st Century English-Myanmar Pocket Dictionary comes out

YANGON, 20 Sept — The second edition of 21st Century English-Myanmar Pocket Dictionary compiled by Writer Maung Maung Aye (MMA) has come out. The writer recommends the dictionary suitable for those who study English, including students of middle school, especially for translators. Sharing his experiences in the capacities of editor, deputy chief editor, chief editor and adviser in translation of news and articles, the writer gathered the useful vocabularies and usages in his book. The dictionary is available at K 3000 per copy at Unity Publishing House at No. 5 on Yadanar Thierring Road, Sanggyomyo Township, Yangon, Tel: 09-9130977 —NZN

District News

Surgical operation for hip conjoined twins for the first time

MANDALAY, 20 Sept — The hip conjoined twin brothers are now at Mandalay Children’s Hospital (550-bed). The surgical operation for them will be for the first time in Myanmar of hip conjoined twin.

Aung Khant Kyaw and Aung Myat Kyaw of the twins were born through surgical operation in Mandalay on 15 May 2011 and their parents reside in Htonbo Village of Sagaing Township.

The children are now in good health condition. The hospital is providing medical checkup to them. Surgical operation for hip conjoined twins will be more difficult than Siamese conjoined twins. In the third week of November operation for hip conjoined twins will be more difficult than surgical operation in Mandalay Children’s Hospital (550-bed), said Medical Superintendent Dr Aung Kyaw Myint. —MYANNA AILN

Photo shows hip conjoined twin brothers Aung Khant Kyaw and Aung Myat Kyaw to be given surgical operation as the first time of Myanmar. —MNA

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China, Mexico vow to enhance press cooperation

BEIJING, 20 Sept—China and Mexico on Wednesday vowed to establish a regular exchange mechanism between the press of the two countries and strengthen their cooperation.

The pledge came out of a meeting between Liu Yunshan, publicity chief of the Communist Party of China (CPC), and Alejandra Sota Mirafruentes (L), general coordinator of media and communications of the Mexican Presidential Office, at the Great Hall of the People in Beijing, capital of China, on 19 Sept, 2012.—Xinhua

UK needs more ambitious electric car grant scheme — MPs

LONDON, 20 Sept—Britain needs a more ambitious programme to encourage the uptake of low-carbon vehicles, as sales of the cars have disappointed, a committee made up of MPs said on Thursday.

As part of its aim to reduce carbon dioxide emissions to 80 percent below 1990 levels by 2050, the government has offered 25 percent off the price of a plug-in electric car capped at 5,000 pounds.

Plug-in cars, such as the Chevrolet Volt, Nissan Leaf, Toyota Prius and Vauxhall Ampera, typically cost in excess of 20,000 pounds. The government expects to see tens of thousands of plug-in vehicles, which have a longer driving range than all-electric vehicles but which still need to be charged, on the roads by 2015, but demand has been weak, according to a report by the Transport Select Committee.

In 2011, 1,052 vehicles eligible for the plug-in car grant were registered. The committee said consumer demand was lagging behind and that the subsidy was ineffective because the purchase price was still too high.

“So far, Department for Transport expenditure on plug-in cars—some 11 million pounds—has benefited just a handful of motorists,” said Louise Ellman, chair of the committee.

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“It is unclear whether the provision of public charging infrastructure encourages demand for plug-in cars. Indeed, the government does not even have a register of all the charge points installed at public expense,” Ellman said.

The government should set milestones for the number of charging points, she added, and “consider introducing a cap on the number of charging points that could be offered, to reduce overlap and hence reduce the impact on the electricity grid.”

Mexico
detains 16 guards over prison break

MEXICO CITY, 20 Sept.—A local judge on Wednesday ordered the detention of 16 prison guards in connection with Monday’s mass prison break at a northern Mexican jail along the border with the US state of Texas.

The prison director and 15 guards are to be detained for 40 days while prosecutors investigate their possible role in the escape, the Coahuila state attorney general’s office said in a statement.

After taking testimony from the guards, Coahuila state prosecutor Homero Ramos said investigators were looking into the possibility that several inmates escaped through the prison’s gate with the help of the guards. Coahuila’s Public Security Secretary Jorge Luis Moran indicated at a press conference that recaptured inmates “confirm the hypthesis that inmates escaped through the main gate and that there was total complicity, collusion and betrayal on the part of prison employees.”

Moran said the majority of the escaped inmates had connections with the Zetas drug cartel, and its leaders, with the help of the prison staff, had arranged the jailbreak. State police officers were attacked by gunmen with high-caliber weapons and grenades when they tried to reach the prison immediately after the escape, raising suspicions that the Zetas were involved, he added.—Xinhua

Spain has 6 million unemployed in 2013:

CEOEn the country’s largest ever unemployment report on Wednesday, the Spanish Confederation of Business Organizations (CEOE) said that the Spanish economy will continue to grow and in 2013 the Spanish GDP would contract by 1.5 percent in 2012 and 0.5 percent in 2013.

Regarding the Spanish government, the CEOE says it will not be able to meet the deficit targets. Spain should reach 6.3 percent of deficit and according to the report released on Wednesday it will reach 6.9 percent in 2012.

In 2013 the Spanish deficit will be 4.9 percent, meanwhile the European Union asks for a 4.5 percent deficit. The CEOE worsens its forecast since last March when it reported that the Spanish GDP would contract by 0.7 percent and the unemployment rate would be 23.9 percent in 2013.

This is because domestic demand has worsened along with the international context perspectives.—Xinhua

One inmate shot, 12 stabbed in California prison riot

SACRAMENTO, 20 Sept—A California prison inmate was shot and wounded and 12 others were sent to the hospital with stab and slash wounds and head trauma on Wednesday after a riot at the California State Prison-Sacramento in the city of Folsom, prison officials said.

Rioting involving 60 inmates broke out in the late morning, prompting prison officials to fire six shots with a rifle, wounding one of the inmates, officials said.

The prisoner who was shot had undergone surgery, a spokeswoman for the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation said, but his condition was unknown.

California’s state prisons have been plagued by hunger strikes, occasional violence and overcrowding and remain at more than 50 percent above capacity, despite a massive shifting of low-level offenders to county jails that began last year.

The effort to shift the prison population followed a US Supreme Court directive to cut the state inmate population to 110,000 after the nation’s top court ruled that overcrowding in the 33 prison system was causing “needless suffering and death.”

No prison staff were injured during the Folsom brawl, authorities said. Four of the 12 wounded inmates sent to hospitals were treated and returned to the prison, officials said. The condition of the other wounded inmates was not provided.

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The government should set milestones for the number of plug-in its expects to see on the roads so the success of its low-carbon vehicle strategy can be assessed, the report said.

Reuters
China’s top legislator pledges cooperation with Malaysia’s easternmost state

KOTA KINABALU, (Malaysia) 20 Sept—China will encourage its enterprises to step up cooperation with Malaysia’s easternmost state of Sabah, said China’s top legislator Wu Bangguo on Wednesday. The pledge was made during a meeting between Wu, chairman of the Standing Committee of China’s National People’s Congress (NPC), and Musa Aman, chief minister of Sabah State of Malaysia. Wu is paying a stopover visit to Kota Kinabalu, capital of the Sabah state, before heading for Fiji, the last stop of his four-nation tour which also involves Iran, Myanmar and Sri Lanka. China encourages relevant provinces and cities to conduct mutually-beneficial cooperation with Sabah state in such areas as infrastructure, port construction and manufacturing, and supports Chinese enterprises to take positive attitudes to explore market in the state, said Wu.

As the Sabah state has rich tourist resources, the two sides should make joint efforts to make tourism a new growth point for pragmatic cooperation, Wu said. On China-Malaysia relations, Wu said China has always fostered bilateral ties from a strategic and long-term perspective, and will work together with the Malaysian side to deepen political trust and win-win cooperation so as to bring about benefits for the two peoples. —Xinhua

Pakistan military says kills 29 Taleban near Afghan border

PESHAWAR, 20 Sept—The Pakistani military said it killed 29 Taleban fighters on Wednesday in the final stage of an operation aimed at forcing hundreds of insurgents back across the border into Afghanistan.

Soldiers used artillery, helicopter gunships and fighter jets against the insurgents, accused of beheading 17 Pakistani soldiers in June.

The battle was the culmination of weeks of operations in the remote valleys of the Batwar area of Bajaur tribal agency near the border.

It highlighted once again the difficulty of preventing insurgents from crossing the border to launch attacks or flee from Pakistan or NATO forces bolstering the Afghan government.

Around 400 militants had crossed from Afghanistan into Pakistan on 23 August and attacked villages, said a senior security official based in Khar, the main town of Bajaur.

The army launched operations that killed around 120 militants, another security official said from the border town of Peshawar. Twenty-five soldiers also died in the fighting. “The militants escaped to their sanctuaries in Afghanistan and even left the bodies of their slain fighters,” said the Peshawar-based official.

He said the armed forces were now establishing posts along that section of the Afghan border to thwart future incursions.

A spokesman for the militants confirmed the attacks were staged by fighters from several regions.

Pakistan and the United States, which has by far the largest foreign contingent in Afghanistan, have accused each other of failing to secure the border.

Some US officials say Pakistan deliberately lets some insurgents through, a suggestion Pakistan strongly rejects.

Joint efforts to secure the long and mountainous border were hampered by a NATO strike against a Pakistani base last November that killed 24 Pakistani soldiers and severely damaged relations between Pakistan and the United States for several months.

A bomb in Peshawar killed at least 10 people and wounded more than 30 on Wednesday, police said. The bomb seemed to be targeting a van carrying officials from the Pakistan Air Force, said local police official, Imtiaz Ahmad.—Reuters

Cambodia’s flash floods kill two, force evacuation of nearly 4,000 families

Cambodia — Two people were drowned and nearly 4,000 families have been evacuated to higher ground due to flash floods that have been hitting the provinces of Banteay Meanchey, Preah Vihear, Siem Reap, and Kampong Thom, according to the latest report of the National Committee for Disaster Management (NCDM) on Wednesday evening.

“The two dead persons were adults,” Koe Vy, chief of the Cabinet of the NCDM, told Xinhua by telephone. “One was in Kampong Thom and the other in Banteay Meanchey.”

He said that all the evacuees are in Banteay Meanchey only because other affected provinces are not in serious conditions.

According to Koe Vy, the floods also submerge 8,033 hectares of rice paddy and 1,530 hectares of cassava crops in Banteay Meanchey.

Cambodia’s Ministry of Water Resources and Meteorology on Monday warned of heavy rains throughout this week and said some 13 provinces out of the country’s 24 cities and provinces could suffer from flash floods.

Possible flood-hit provinces are Oddar Meaney, Preah Vihear, Banteay Meanchey, Battambang, Pursat, Kampong Chhnang, Kampong Speu, Takeo, Kandal, Prey Veng and Kampot.

Floods usually hit Cambodia between August and October. Last year, the floods killed at least 250 Cambodian people and affected some 1.4 million people in the country, according to the NCDM.

Moreover, nearly 3,000 kilometers of gravel roads and some 180 kilometres of national roads had been damaged.

Last year’s floods cost the country about 521 million US dollars. —Xinhua

Radioactive shipment returned to India

COLOMBO, 20 Sept—Sri Lanka has returned a metal shipment that arrived on an Indian vessel after local tests showed they were radioactive, the Power and Energy Ministry said here on Wednesday.

The consignment, contained in a radioactive material, has been discovered by the port authorities in a 40-foot container and upon testing it has been found that 125 units of stainless steel and aluminum products were all contaminated.

The tests, which were carried out by the Atomic Energy Authority (AEA), had revealed significant traces of Cobalt 60, which is a highly radioactive element used in the treatment of cancer, Power and Energy Ministry spokesman D. Ramanayake told Xinhua. “The container has been returned to India and the AEA will inform the Indian authorities of the radiation contamination. Sri Lanka’s AEA will continue to monitor the shipment,” he said.

The AEA also kept the container sealed for about a week after it arrived at the Colombo port.

Sri Lankan authorities have not decided whether they would take legal action against the owners of the shipment. —Xinhua

Israel air strike kills three Hamas officers in Gaza

Gaza, 20 Sept—An Israeli air strike on a vehicle killed three Palestinian security officials in the Hamas-Islamist ruled Gaza Strip on Wednesday, Palestinian medics and Hamas said.

The Israeli military confirmed it had launched an air strike in Gaza but had no further comment.

Hamas and Palestinian hospital officials said a raid after darkness fell in the town of Rafah on Gaza’s border with Egypt killed three officials responsible for overseeing tunnels used to import goods from Egypt.

In a statement, Hamas said “Israel has assassinated three of our officers as they were doing their duty in protecting the security of our people.”

Israel criticises Hamas of using the subterranean conduits to smuggle in weapons used to attack the Jewish state.

Israel has often targeted Gaza militants by aerial attack in response to rocket fire at its southern towns. Last week Israel killed three gunmen suspected of firing range missiles at an Israeli town.
Nike approves $8 billion share repurchase programme

New York, 20 Sept — Nike Inc is beefing up its capacity to use its cash to purchase its own shares, with the board of the world’s largest sportswear maker approving an $8 billion buyback programme. The new $8 billion four-year repurchase programme for Nike’s class B stock will follow the company’s previous $6 billion share repurchase programme on Wednesday of $97.66 and its 453.87 million shares, adding that share buybacks are a prudent use of Nike’s cash.

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

British banks see average bonus shrink to 12,000 pounds

LONDON, 20 Sept — Britain’s financial workers watched their bonuses fall to 12,000 pounds or less this year, down about 11 percent from a year earlier, as tough economic conditions squeezed the sector, official data showed.

The handouts were still more than eight times the national average, according to the figures released by the Office for National Statistics (ONS) on Wednesday.

Banks are also trying to cut costs to lift profitability as tougher regulations and a slowdown in investment banking bite.

Up to 15 percent of the 500,000 jobs in investment banking globally could disappear in the next five years as the euro zone crisis stiffer regulation hammers revenue, profitability and risk-taking, Roland Berger Strategy Consultants said on Wednesday. The financial sector accounted for more than a third of the 37 billion pounds paid in bonuses across Britain in the year to the end of March, even though the industry accounts for just 4 percent of workers, the ONS said.— Reuters

People walk through the Canary Wharf business district in London on 3 February, 2012. — Reuters

Streamlined visa process draws more tourists to US

WASHINGTON, 20 Sept — Mexico, China and Brazil, along with other countries, are contributing more to the US tourism industry thanks to a streamlined visa process and reduced wait time, the White House said on Wednesday.

The White House released a progress report saying the Departments of State and Homeland Security were surpassing the goals set by President Barack Obama in January in terms of visa interview time and visa processing capacity to boost the tourism industry in the country.

The report said 88 percent of all immigrant visa applicants worldwide are interviewed within three weeks of submitting their applications, as against the goal of 80 percent envisioned by Obama.

In key markets such as China, consular officers are keeping interview wait times to an average of four weeks in 2012 while managing a year-on-year 37 percent increase in visa demand,” the report said. In Mexico and Brazil, China has passed the 1-million-visa milestone, the report noted.— Xinhua

Myanmar Language for Foreigners

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CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

MV TAY SON 3 VOY NO ( )

Consignees of cargo carried on MV TAY SON 3 VOY NO ( ) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 21.9.2012 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of S.P.W(5) where it will lie at the consignee’s risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT
MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY
AGENT FOR: MS VINA LINES SHIPPEING COMPANY.
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Workers harvest crustal salt in Lianyungang, east China’s Jiangsu Province, on 9 Sept, 2012. Covering an area of about 3,3000 hectares, the salt fields in Lianyungang witnessed the harvest season recently. — Xinhua
Lindsay Lohan arrested in NY for hitting pedestrian

New York, 20 Sept— Lindsay Lohan was arrested on Wednesday after a pedestrian told police that her car struck him as the “Mean Girls” actress was driving into a hotel in New York, New York City police said.

Lohan’s vehicle clipped a 34-year-old man in an alley, around 2:30 am, police told Reuters, and the man later went to a nearby hospital saying he had an injured knee.

The 26-year-old actress, who has been in and out of rehab and rehab since a 2007 drunk driving arrest in Los Angeles, was arrested for leaving the scene of an accident. Police arrested her as she left the Dream hotel in lower Manhattan.

She was charged with a misdemeanor and released, the New York police department’s Office of Public Information said.

Lohan’s spokesman in Los Angeles said he believed the claims would not be proved untrue,” spokesman Steve Hening said in a statement.

Celebrity website TMZ.com, quoting sources at the hotel, said surveillance videos of the incident made it hard to tell whether Lohan’s vehicle had made contact with the pedestrian or, if it did, how hard.

The New York Daily News identified the man as Jose Rodriguez, a cook who was leaving his workplace, the adjacent Maritime hotel, when the incident occurred.

A Los Angeles judge released Lohan from formal probation in March, but she was instructed to obey all laws until 2014. A conviction could trigger a violation of those conditions.

Lohan, who rose to fame as a child star in the 1990s, has been trying to make a comeback after her once promising movie career was derailed. She stars as screen legend Elizabeth Taylor in a Lifetime TV movie, “Liz & Dick,” due to air in November.

Dave Matthews Band’s “Away From the World” debuts at No 1

Los Angeles, 20 Sept— US rock group Dave Matthews Band’s new album, “Away From the World,” landed in the top spot on the Billboard 200 on Wednesday - the band’s sixth straight No 1-debuting studio album.

But the album’s 266,000 sales figure was the band’s smallest album launch since 1996’s “Crush,” which sold 254,000 copies in its first week, according to Nielsen SoundScan figures. — the legendary rock band’s highest debut album ever.

On the digital songs chart, country-pop crossover artist Taylor Swift held on to the top spot for the fifth straight week with her single “We Are Never Ever Getting Back Together.”

US album sales so far in 2012 stood at 207.9 million units, down 5 percent from the same time last year.

Basquiat poised to set record at New York art auction

New York, 20 Sept—An early work by Jean-Michel Basquiat could set an artist’s record in November when it is expected to sell for some $20 million, auction house Christie’s said on Tuesday.

The untitled 1981 work, which has been in a private collection for two decades and has been featured in virtually every major Basquiat retrospective, depicts a fisherman displaying his catch hanging at the end of a line.

Christie’s estimates the painting will sell for about $20 million, which along with its commission would bring the price to well above Basquiat’s auction record of $20.4 million, set in June in London.

“Great works by Basquiat have become impossible to find in recent years,” said Loic Gouzer, international specialist of post-war and contemporary art at Christie’s, said in a statement. “The market has been waiting a long time for a work of this caliber and freshness.”

“Basquiat is increasingly being recognized as a grand master of post-war art alongside de Kooning, Warhol and Pollock,” Gouzer said.

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Tiger happy with 2012 season, despite major drought

Atlanta, 20 Sept—Tiger Woods has not won a major title in more than four years but he is delighted with his progress this season, highlighted by three victories on the PGA Tour, after a frustrating 2011 campaign cut short by injury. The American cut former world number one missed three majors, two of the four majors, last year after injuring his Achilles during the Masters in April.

“This has been a really good season to come back from last year, not being able to play at all, and then being able to train properly and practice properly,” Woods told reporters on Wednesday ahead of this week’s Tour Championship.

“Hence I’m producing the results I know I can produce. I’ve made some great strides this year. I went from probably most of my career not being a very good driver of the ball to now being one of the better ones out here on tour.”

That is exciting me. That is one of the reasons why my scoring average is where it’s at right now. I’ve been very consistent.”

Helped by his three wins on the 2012 PGA Tour, Woods lies second behind Rory McIlroy in the FedEx Cup points standings coming into this week for the fourth and final playoff event of the season.

He also occupies second place in the scoring average charts, his 68.892 being trumped only by McIlroy’s 68.886.

“My short game is finally starting to come around too, which nice,” said Woods. “I made some good changes this summer, and they’re finally starting to click in.”

Asked what he still needed to do to clinch a 15th major title, Woods replied: “I think just putting it all together at the right time. I’ve put it together at three events this year. They’re not easy to do.”

Bayern banish final demons with Valencia win

Bayern Munich’s Toni Kroos (R) celebrates with teammates after scoring their second goal against Valencia during their Champions League Group F soccer match in Munich, on 19 Sept, 2012. (REUTERS)

Schweinsteiger, whose spot-kick miss in the final shootout on home turf allowed Chelsea to score and knockout in Munich. Midfielder Toni Kroos added a second when he scored with a 20-metre drive in the 76th minute.

Defensive-minded Valencia, in their first encounter with Bayern since losing to the Germans in the 2001 Champions League final, cut the deficit with a header from Nelson Valdez in stoppage time.

Bayern should then have made it 3-1 but substitute Mario Mandzukic saw his penalty saved by keeper Diego Alves after Adil Rami was sent off.

Bayern coach Jupp Heynckes sprang a surprise with his starting lineup, leaving top scorer Mandzukic on the bench and bringing in the experienced Claudio Pizarro. He also gave 40-million euro-signing Javi Martinez his first competitive start.

The hosts enjoyed the majority of possession but were made to work hard as cautious Valencia defended deep.

Kroos tried his luck from 20 meters with a powerful drive but Alves was well-placed to save. Bayer, who are top in the Bundesliga, kept it and Schweinsteiger broke the deadlock after a well-timed pass by Arjen Robben.

Valencia, with only one win in four league games in Spain so far, posed no real threat, waiting for a chance to break and mainly relying on Algerian Sofiane Feghouli’s speed for any offensive spark.

So, Kroos forced another good save with an 20-metre missile on the hour mark before finally beating the Brazilian after he was left unmarked outside the box.

Messi double gives Barca comeback win over Spartak

Barcelona’s Lionel Messi (C) scores his second goal against Spartak Moscow’s Dmitri Kombarov (R) and goalkeeper Andry Dykan during their Champions League Group G soccer match at Nou Camp stadium in Barcelona, on 19 Sept, 2012.—REUTERS

Lionel Messi started his and Barcelona’s Champions League Group F campaign with a bang when he struck twice to secure a 3-2 comeback win for the favorites at home to Spartak Moscow in their Group G opener on Wednesday.

Barca were flitting with first loss defeat in 17 matches when they lost 2-1 lead in the 59th minute at the Nou Camp before Messi, top scorer in the competition the past four seasons, levelled 19 minutes later.

The Argentine World Player of the Year was set up by Cristian Tello, scorer of the home side’s 14th minute opener, and then nodded in the winner in the 90th minute from a corner by substitute Alexis Sanchez.

It was an impressive comeback win for Barcelona, now sitting top of Group G, after returning to the competition for the first time since 2007. They are three points ahead of Chelsea who have 3-1-1 record.

The visitors’ ultra-defensive tactics frustrated Barca who struggled to snatch a shock breakaway goal in the 59th minute when Brazilian midfielder Fred was felled by Spanish defender Adil Rami and they snatched a shock breakaway goal in the 59th minute when Brazilian midfielder Fred was felled by Spanish defender Adil Rami.
Cambodia launches telecoms regulatory body

PHNOM PENH, 20 Sept—Cambodia officially launched the Telecommunications Regulatory Authority (TRC) on Thursday in a bid to supervise the country’s fast-growing telecoms sector, officials said.

Speaking at the launching ceremony, So Khan, Minister of Posts and Telecoms, said the TRC will govern rules and regulations, to formulate new rules and laws and regulations, to ensure a fair and transparent atmosphere for the operators.

"This is a new achievement for the country in reforming telecoms sector," he said. "The regulatory body will help to improve the quality and reliability of telecom services, which will help to attract more confidence among investors." The TRC is authorized to inspect and supervise on techniques and administration on the construction, operation, distribution and usage of networks and telecommunications as well as information technologies.

"It's a new-era TRC, serving 1.86 million internet service providers selling 19.64 million SIM cards, exceeding the country’s population of 18.4 million.

In terms of internet use, the kingdom has about 30 internet service providers serving 1.86 million customers.

Real back on track after rousing night in Europe

LONDON, 20 Sept—Britain’s financial regulator warned Barclays P.L.C. two years ago that its approval of Bob Diamond as chief executive could change if there was an adverse outcome from the Libor interest rate rigging investigation, documents showed. Andrew Tyrie, the chairman heading a parliamentary inquiry into the Libor scandal at Barclays, said the evidence in the documents was "at variance" with the impression received from Barclays Chairman Marcus Agius when it interrogated him last July.

"In 2010, when we had the resolution of the 19.6 million Libor case, Mr. Agius said he considered this was a one-off incident and that Barclays had now got a grip on the problem.

"FSA warned Barclays on Diamond approval

NEW O RLEANS, 20 Sept—A man has been arrested in connection with a bomb threat that led to the evacuation of Louisiana State University, but he does not appear to be linked to recent threats at other universities, school police said on Wednesday. William Bouvay, 42, of Baton Rouge, was arrested late on Tuesday on charges of communicating false information of a planned bombing, the university police said.

LSU’s Baton Rouge campus was evacuated after receiving a phone call on Monday warning of multiple bombs.

Students were later allowed to return to their dormitories after police swept buildings at the university, which has 29,000 students and 4,700 faculty and staff. No explosives were found. Police said the bomb threat was made from a deactivated cell phone that was only able to make emergency calls. Investigators pinpointed a GPS location from which the call was placed, then searched the area and identified Bouvay as a suspect. When questioned, he admitted making the threat, police said.

The LSU case was similar to several other recent cases. On Friday, threats were sent in to the University of Texas at Austin and North Dakota State University, prompting evacuations of both campuses. No bombs were found.

Also on Friday, Hiram College in Ohio was evacuated following an e-mailed bomb threat, and Indiana’s Valparaiso University, issued a security warning, saying that an unspecified threat was made via a graffiti message. Captain Cory Lalonde of the LSU Police Department said authorities “have found nothing whatsoever that would link this incident” with others. “Quite the opposite, we have every indication that this is strictly an isolated incident to LSU and the Baton Rouge area,” Lalonde said.

University of Texas police have determined that “some of these threats nationally are related, but our investigation is still open,” said spokeswoman Rhonda Weldon, who declined to elaborate.

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The victory against the English champions was a response to a late defeat at Getafe and Valencia, said Cristiano Ronaldo is the only man who is unaffected by setbacks but after wildly contrasting and celebrating Ronaldo’s goal the Portuguese told reporters Real could have scarcely played better.

“In Seville (on Saturday) we had players who did not win a ball in 90 minutes," he said.

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Bob Diamond, Chief Executive of Barclays PLC, stands next to the eighteenth green during the final round of the Scottish Open golf tournament at Castle Stuart golf course near Inverness, Scotland 10 July, 2011. —Reuters

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Deputy Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw receives Director of IRI of US

NAVPITAW, 20 Sept—Deputy Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw U Nanda Kyaw Swa received Director Ms Johanna Kao and party of International Republican Institute (IRI) of US at the Hluttaw committee meeting hall No.1 of Hluttaw Complex, here, at 9 am today.

During the meeting, they discussed experiences of parliaments in international community, exchange of experiences for raising capacity in the Hluttaw, and cooperation in conducting workshops and trainings.

Chaired at the call were the Chairman of Pyithu Hluttaw Bill Committee, secretaries and members of commission.— MNA

Chairperson of Pyithu Hluttaw Rule of Law and Tranquility Committee Daw Aung San Suu Kyi delivers an address at ceremony to accept Congressional Gold Medal

NAVPITAW, 20 Sept—Chairperson of Pyithu Hluttaw Rule of Law and Tranquility Committee Daw Aung San Suu Kyi received the Congressional Gold Medal which is the highest award for civilians presented by the US Congress, yesterday (Wednesday).

Under the leadership of the President, she acknowledged the presence of Union Minister U Aung Min from Myanmar in the audience. She expressed her belief over future processes of reform and national reconsolidation of Myanmar. She showed off her belief that she would successfully overcome all difficulties along the future path with the help of friends of the world. She said that as she goes forward together with countrymen and women along the difficult path of building a truly democratic society where all the people can live together in peace, all the people can go forward in unity and peace to achieve success. After accepting the medal, Daw Aung San Suu Kyi held private talks with President Obama for about half an hour.

At the start of her visit Tuesday, she met with Secretary of State Hillary Clinton and made an address at the US Institute of Peace in Washington, during which she said she supported the further easing of US economic sanctions on Myanmar. Moreover, she said that Myanmar should not depend on US sanctions to keep up the momentum of its movement for democracy, and all the people have got to work at its themselves.— MNA

National-building task of Myanmar made possible by the reform measures instituted by President U Thein Sein

Daw Aung San Suu Kyi in her acceptance speech.

China, Mexico vow to enhance press cooperation

Tiger happy with 2012 season, despite major drought

Chelsea face reality check as quest begins to emulate Milan

LODNON, 20 Sept—If Chelsea are to become the first club in the Champions League era to win back-to-back titles, they are going to have to eliminate the mistakes that cost them victory in their 2-2 draw with Juventus on Wednesday.

The Italian champions handed them a reality check at Stamford Bridge as Chelsea began their quest to emulate the glittering prize, they cannot let teams escape as Juventus did.

Coach Roberto di Matteo said before the game they would not underestimate Juve, back in the competition after a two-year absence and coming from Brazilian debutant Oscar, di Matteo watched on helplessly as Juve fought back to draw with Arturo Vidal scoring before halftime and substitute Fabio Quagliarella grabbing the equaliser in the 80th minute.—Reuters

Fertilizer collectively broadcast in Maubin

MAUBIN, 20 Sept—A collective fertilizer broadcasting was held at the one-acre farmland of Palethwe paddy strain of farmer Daw Mar Mar in Aingwaing Village in Maubin Township on 27 August.

It was participated by Chief Executive Officer of Central Cooperative Union U Kyaw Thein, General Manager U Soe Myint, officials, Staff Officer of Township Cooperative Department U Thet Naing, Staff Officer U Nyi Lay Maung of Township Agriculture Department and staff, members of Township Agricultural Development Committee, village administrators and local people.

Maubin Township has put 123 acres of land under Palethwe hybrid paddy in rainy season of 2012-2013.

—Myanmar Alin

Truck rolls on vehicle repairer

YEKYI, 20 Sept—A GMC truck carrying gravels for the road in Aingthabu driven by Zaw Min Khaing suddenly stopped due to break error between mile posts 61/6 and 61/7 on Pathein-Monywa Road in Yekyi Township on 27 August.

Sithu Tun, Zaw Min Khaing and Zaw Lin Aung from the truck repaired the vehicle. Meanwhile, Sithu Tun started engine to fill air compressor, the truck rolled on. So, the truck rolled on Zaw Lin Aung (a) Shwe Ah, 21, son of U San Hlaing of Thaung Village-Yenantha Village-tract in Yekyi, who repaired the parts of the truck under it. In the incident, Zaw Lin Aung (a) Shwe Ah was injured at forehead, pelvic and fracture of neck bones and he died on the spot.

Kornbip Police Station took action against Sithu Tun for his reckless act.—Myanmar Alin

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