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President U Thein Sein shakes hands with a member of Myanmar Press Council (Interim).—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 1 Sept—President U Thein Sein met the chairman and party of Myanmar Press Council (Interim) at the meeting hall of the 500-acre farmer educative mechanized farm, here, at 9 am today.

The Myanmar Press Council (Interim) reported on progress of work since its establishment, submission of the media bill, future plan for development of journalist ethics and journalism, assistant of journalist ethics and aged. He pledged that necessary assistance would be provided to the tasks of the council without interfering in its freedom.

Again, he thanked them for their endeavours to protect rights and duty of media persons through the law for the first time in the nation. Although there would be differences in drawing the bills, coordination must be made in line with democratic practice, he said.

The President called for considering the historical background of the nation, customs and culture of Myanmar and teachings of religions in drawing the media laws meeting international standards. In media reform process, he stressed the need to observe the practice of mature democracies and experiences of neighbouring countries and infant democracies. The media world should be uplifted step by step to reach the goal, he said. In conclusion, the President pledged quick information from ministries.

Also present on the occasion were Union Minister for Information U Aung Kyi, Deputy Minister U Pike Htwe, Chairman of Myanmar Press Council (Interim) U Khin Maung Lay (Po Thauk Aye), Vice-Chairman U Khin Maung Lay (Po Thauk Kyar) and Secretary U Kyaw Min Swe.—MNA

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It is aimed at ensuring the students to get knowledge about botany, zoology and universe. The students from the Basic Education Schools in Nay Pyi Taw will have free access to the Nay Pyi Taw Zoological Garden, Planetarium and the Nay Pyi Taw Safari Park weekly, said Administrator U Khin Myint from the Nay Pyi Taw Zoological Garden.

This week turn is for fifty-five students and teachers from BEHS No. 18 of Dekkhinathiri Township in Nay Pyi Taw. As part of education assistance programme, Htoo Foundation and Zoological Gardens and Parks Department will jointly arrange lunch and others for their convenience, he added.

“We will make arrangements for students (See page 8)”
**Anti-Narcotic Drives**

Stimulant tablets worth K 1300 million unearthed in Tachilek

Tachilek, 1 Sept—While discharging security duty, the policemen found a suspected pit near Mongphone-A Village in Tachilek Township at 10:30 am on 28 August. They saw a blue plastic container on the slope of the hill while it was raining. When they unearthed it, they saw 13 packets of stimulant tablets each with WY brand covered with charcoal in the plastic container. They found 650,000 stimulant tablets worth K 1300 million.

The officials reviewed the areas along Tachilek-Myanmar-Thanlwin Road in August. A similar incident occurred in Tachilek Township at 4 pm on 29 August. According to the information that a tawelry carrying narcotic drugs left for Tachilek from Kenglu Sub-Township, IP Tin Htay of Tachilek Sub-Township Police Station together with Deputy Commander of Tachilek Township Police Force Police Captain Win Zaw Oo, SIP Aung Kyaw Than, IP Hla Thwin of Tachilek Anti-Drug Squad (Special) and officials raided the areas along Tachilek-Kengtung Union Highway.

On arrival at Yankin-1 Village of Nayawng Village-tract in Tachilek Sub-Township, they found a suspected vehicle at 4:45 pm. The authorities searched the tawelry together with witnesses and seized 31 bags of white powder believed to be caffeine in 31 bags each weighing 25 kilos.

All the bags of white powder were 755 kilos worth K 75,000 each, amounting to K 58,125,000.

A file of lawsuit was opened against driver Tin Tun Naung, 30 of Yankin 1 Village. Officials are striving for arresting more related persons of the cases.

**National Sports**

Former selected footballers of Myanmar and Thailand meet in tune-up match

Yangon, 1 Sept—The former selected Myanmar footballers held a tune-up match with those of Thailand at Aung San Stadium at 4 pm on 30 August. The match ended with a 3-1 win for Thailand.

Under the arrangements of Myanmar Football Federation and Football Association of Thailand, the friendly match was held on 30 August in which the Thai team was not with renowned footballers but it won victory over host Myanmar with brilliant skills.

Former Myanmar team was formed with great veterans Than Toe Aung, Myo Hlaing Win, Kyi Lwin, Win Aung, Tin Myint Aung, Aung Kyaw Kyaw, Aung Tun Tun and so on. Although Myanmar footballers could not hold the speed due to their age, they could show off their skills and power in their works.

Nonetheless, veteran striker Myo Hlaing Win is still holding up his skills, speed, stamina and power in his profession.

Sarawat scored two goals for the guest at 35th and 41st minutes. Maung Maung Htay scored once equalizer for the host. At 73rd minute, veteran midfielder Tin Myint Aung missed the chance to change a great opportunity for penalty kick into the net as one more equalizer.

**Business**

Plan to build Mottama Hotel Zone

Yangon, 1 Sept—Permission is being sought to build a hotel zone on Mottama mountain range, it was learnt. Only then will small scale hotel zone be established on the mountain ranges due to narrowed area of land.

In this regard, Mon State Minister for Planning and Finance Dr Min Nwe Soe said, “Permission is being sought to build the hotel zone on Mottama hill. However, it will not be allowed to build the high-rise buildings covering the scenes of historical religious edifices on the mountain ranges. Permission will be given so as to undertake regional development. We will permit construction of hotels not only on the hills but on islands.”

U Aung Kyaw Moe, Director of Thanlwin Aye Company that submitted application for construction of the hotels said, “We plan to build hotels on 23 acres of land on the mountain ranges. The bungalows will have to accommodate 150-200 guests. We have ordered the architects to create best designs for the buildings. When we receive designs and permit for construction, the project will commence. Three companies including ours submitted the applications for the construction.”

On their visit to Myanmar, Thai entrepreneurs were very interested in construction of hotels on the mountain ranges. The Thai entrepreneurs have already signed the MoU with Myanmar entrepreneurs to do mutual interest works. Thai entrepreneurs offered to open modern Thai restaurant in Mawlamyine, said Secretary of Mon State Chambers of Commerce and Industry U Htin Aung Kyaw.

Necessary assistance will be provided to entrepreneurs from hotels and tourism field for construction of the hotel zone, said Union Minister for Hotels and Tourism U Htay Aung in meeting with entrepreneurs and hoteliers on his visit to Mawlamyine on 27 August.

**Accident**

Decayed lamp-post falls down on bus

Yangon, 1 Sept—A concrete lamp-post in decay condition fell down on the road at 2 pm on 29 August.

The lamp-post was located on the approach road to Bayintnaung Bridge on Yangon-Pathein Road in Mayangon Township.

In the incident, the lamp-post fell on the bus of No 86th bus line. Workers of Mayangon Electrical Station, those of Mayangon Township, Traffic Police members and local people collectively removed the lamp-post from the car.

In the incident, there was no injury and loss.

**Tree falls into Aungmingala Creek in Tamway Township**

Yangon, 1 Sept—Due to heavy rains in recent days, a mangrove caused uproot and fell into Aungmingala Creek in Pathin Nyunt Ward of Tamway Township.

The fallen tree blocked the current of creek.

Workers and officials of Parks and Playgrounds Department under Yangon City Development Committee led by the Township Development Affairs Committee Executive Officer cleared the fallen tree and debris in the creek for proper flow water on 26 August.
Australian PM Rudd makes last-ditch plea to voters as polls slip

ANALYSING SYRIAN CHEMICAL WEAPONS EVIDENCE COULD TAKE THREE WEEKS

Amsterdam, 1 Sept—Fully assessing the evidence collected by weapons inspectors investigating last week’s alleged chemical weapons attack in Syria could take up to three weeks, the organization in charge of the investigation said on Saturday.

The team, which included nine experts from the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW) and three from the World Health Organization, arrived at OPCW’s Hague headquarters on Saturday evening after leaving Syria early in the morning.

“The evidence collected by the team will now undergo laboratory analysis and technical evaluation according to the established and recognized procedures and standards,” the OPCW said in a statement. “These procedures may take up to three weeks.”

Reuters

Abe, Yudhoyono to meet on fringes of G-20 summit

Tokyo, 1 Sept—Japan and Indonesia are arranging a meeting of Prime Minister Shinzo Abe and Indonesian President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono on the sidelines of a two-day summit of the Group of 20 major economies to be held from Thursday in St Petersburg, Russia, a government source said on Saturday.

Abe, who places emphasis on deepening ties with members of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations, hopes to strengthen the economic and security relations between Japan and Indonesia.

During the bilateral meeting, Abe and Yudhoyono are expected to discuss cooperation when Indonesia hosts a string of meetings of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation forum and Japan hosts a special Japan-ASEAN summit in December, the source said.

Abe last met with the Indonesian president in Jakarta in January.

Kyodo News

Chinese PM Wen Jiabao makes a tour of the southern Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, which provides great investment opportunities, said Wu, general manager of the Golden Crown Candy Food Guangxi Co, Ltd.

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Wu moved his candy business from coastal Fujian to Guangxi in 2012 to ride the wave of deepening cooperation between China and the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN), “We invested in Guangxi because the region is a gateway to the ASEAN, which provides great geographic advantages and potential markets,” said Wu, general manager of the Golden Crown Candy Food Guangxi Co, Ltd. “We expect to open up the ASEAN market with the help of close China-ASEAN relations and the favoured location of the Beihai Gulf,” said Wu.

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The HTC Desire 600c dual-SIM measures 134.9x66.78x9.55mm and weighs 127 grams. It features a 4.5-inch qHD display. The device is powered by a 1.2GHz quad-core Qualcomm Snapdragon processor coupled with 1GB of RAM. It comes with 8GB of internal storage which is expandable up to 64GB via microSD card. The HTC Desire 600c dual-SIM sports an 8-megapixel rear camera with auto focus accompanied by an LED flash and is capable of 720p video recording. There is 1.6-megapixel front-facing camera with BSI sensor. The HTC Desire 600c also features dual frontal stereo speakers with built-in amplifiers. Connectivity options include 3.5mm audio jack, Micro-USB, Bluetooth, Wi-Fi, DLNA, GPS/AGPS and NFC. It also includes an 1860mAh battery.

The HTC Desire 600c dual-SIM is not a re-hash of its predecessor. Though the device sports almost the same specifications, it is not an identical clone. The HTC Desire 600c dual-SIM is a CDMA variant and supports GSM+CDMA. The phone runs Android Jelly Bean with HTC Sense on top with BlinkFeed and other features. However, it’s not clear at this stage whether the phone is running Android 4.1 or Android 4.2.—PTI

Verizon, Vodafone boards set to vote on $130 billion wireless deal

New York, 1 Sept —The boards of Verizon Communications and Vodafone Group Plc are expected to vote this week-end on a $130 billion deal, funded by about $65 billion of debt, to give the US telecom giant complete ownership of Verizon Wireless, people familiar with the matter said on Saturday. A deal, which the sources said could be announced as soon as Monday, would cap Verizon’s decade-long effort to win full control of the No 1 US wireless provider.

At $130 billion, it would be the third-largest corporate acquisition of all time and mark British telcom giant Vodafone’s exit from the large but mature US market. Vodafone owns 45 percent of the Verizon Wireless joint venture that was formed in 2000.Verizon Communications and Vodafone declined to comment. Verizon plans to pay for half of the purchase with its own stock, the sources said. For the rest, it has tapped JPMorgan Chase & Co, Morgan Stanley, Barclays Plc and Bank of America Merrill Lynch to help raise the funds through a mix of bonds and bank loans, the sources said.

The banks are joint lead arrangers of the financing, with JPMorgan and Morgan Stanley serving as global coordinators, the sources said. The four banks are also advising Verizon, along with former Morgan Stanley banker Paul Taubman and Guggenheim Partners, the sources said. Taubman, the former co-president of Morgan Stanley’s institutional securities business and a top dealmaker, left the Wall Street firm earlier this year after 27 years there. Goldman Sachs Group Inc and UBS AG are advising Vodafone, the sources said. Goldman Sachs declined to comment, while the other banks were not immediately available for comment. Since Verizon, led by Chief Executive Lowell McAdam, already had operational control of the wireless company, the deal is not expected to create any changes for its customers, but its additional financial firepower could help the company boost its service going forward.

After the deal, Vodafone, the world’s second-largest mobile operator, will have assets in Europe and emerging markets such as India, Turkey and Africa. But it raises questions about what the company will do with the windfall. Top investors in Vodafone contacted by Reuters earlier this week were split between those wanting to see the cash returned as dividends and those wanting the firm to invest it.

A deal would come amid a spate of consolidation attempts, both successful and failed, in the telecom industry over the past few years. Most recently, Japan’s SoftBank Corp took control of Sprint Nextel Corp in a $25 billion deal. In a related plan, Sprint agreed to buy out the portion of wireless company Clearwire Corp that it already did not own.

A sign of Verizon Wireless is seen at its store in Westminster, Colorado on 26 April, 2009. "Verizon Wireless" is watermarked in the image. However, Gillett elaborated.

"We’ve seen a lot of progress in screens and a lot of people now buy TVs and computer monitors that are capable of delivering a 3D image. However, Gillett who joined Skype in 2010 before it was acquired by Microsoft, said that developing the technology and taking it to the masses would take more time. “But the capture devices are not yet there. As we work with that kind of technology you have to add multiple cameras to your computer, precisely calibrate them and point them at the right angle.” “We have it in the lab, we know how to make it work and we’re looking at the ecosystem of devices and their capability to support it in order to make a decision when we might think about bringing something like that to market,” he said.
Singapore to extend use of Medisave to cover more chronic diseases

Singapore’s Health Ministry will extend the use of Medisave to cover more chronic diseases, the government said on Thursday, in a move closely linked to that of lowering the financial risk on the social safety net in the city state, to cover outpa- tient treatment of five more chronic conditions, it said on Thursday. The extension, which covers chronic conditions such as osteoarthritis (degenerative joint disease), benign prostatic hyperplasia (enlargement of the prostate gland), anxiety, Parkinson’s disease and nephritis/nephrosis (chronic kidney disease), will take ef- fect starting from next year.

Chronic conditions currently covered under Medisave include diabetes mellitus, hypertension, lipid disorders, stroke, asthma, obstructive pulmonary disease, major depres- sion, schizophrenia, demen- tia and bipolar disorder. As part of an ongoing review, the use of Medisave will also be extended for certain vaccinations and outpatient screenings.

Singapore Prime Minis- ter Lee Hsien Loong re- cently said the government is going to have a shift in its approach to nation building, with measures including the strengthening of its social safety nets. In one of the key changes, the government is revamping the country’s medical insurance system to move towards universal and life-long coverage.

The coverage of Medisave will begin on 1 October, which returns to Washing- ton on 9 September after a summer break, faces two budget fights in quick suc- cession.

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Republicans, who con- trol the House of Represent- atives, have repeatedly tried to repeal the 2010 health- care law. Implementation for a major part of the law will begin on 1 October, when healthcare insurance marketplaces, known as exchanges, will be rolled out in the states. Obama’s Pa- tient Protection and Afford- able Care Act is expected to extend federally subsidized health coverage to an esti- mated 7 million uninsured Americans in 2014 through the marketplaces. Repub- licans contend the law will be a burden on businesses and cost jobs.

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ERAL trade-dependent economy said, follow- ing a revised 2.6 percent rise in July and marking the stronger growth since a 10.9 percent rise in Janu- ary. Growth in shipments by Asia’s fourth-largest econ- omy was better than even the highest forecast from a Reuters poll of 15 analysts, who predicted growth of between 1.1 percent and 6.9 percent. The average export value per working day— useful for analysing month- ly trends — stood at $1.97 billion in August, higher than a revised $1.83 billion in July, Thomson Reuters calculations show. Imports in August rose 0.8 percent in annual terms, compared with the median 2.7 percent rise tipped by the Reuters poll and a revised 3.2 per- cent rise in July.

The Bank of Korea forecast third-quarter se- quential economic growth would accelerate from a seasonally adjusted 1.1 per- cent estimated for the April-June period. South Korea is home to some of the world’s largest makers of cars, ships and smartphones, and the strength of its economy is closely linked to that of lo- cal exporters.

China official PMI hits 16-month high in August

HANG, 1 Sept—China’s factory activity expanded at the fastest pace in more than a year in August with a jump in new orders, official data showed on Sunday, raising hopes that a rapid economic slowdown in the world’s second-largest economy may have been arrested. The purchasing managers’ index (PMI) figure, published by the National Bureau of Sta- tistics, rose to 51.0 in August from 50.3 in July, the highest level since April, ahead of market expectations of 50.6 in a Reuters poll.

A reading above 50 in- dicates expanding activity, while a reading below 50 points to a contraction. Bei- jing has stepped up efforts to help smaller compa- nies, which could sustain the revival of internal demand in the coming months. “We are seeing clearer signs of eco- nomic conditions improv- ing,” said Haibin Zhu, chief China economist at JP Mor- gan in Hong Kong.

“The main reasons are the lagging effect of credit growth earlier in the year, the second is the re- cent shift in the policy stance and more concrete policy announcement.” As one of the first leading indicators gauging economic momen- tum, the improved reading could bode well for other August data, further confirm- ing a stabilising trend in the economy. The official survey showed an across-the-board recovery in all sub-indices, ranging from new orders and quantity of purchases to in- put prices and employment, pointing to a positive picture for the vast factory sector.

“The PMI figure showed evident recovery in August, suggesting the economy is further stabilising,” Zhang Lijun, an economist at the Development Research Cen- tre, a top government think tank in Beijing, said in a statement accompanying the PMI— Reuters

Tennessee Senator Cruz tells Republicans: No surrender on Obamacare

ORLANDO, (Florida), 1 Sept—Tennessee Senator Ted Cruz, who is leading a con- servative push to eliminate funding for President Bar-ack Obama’s new health- care law, took his fight on Saturday to a forum of Republican activists where he challenged lawmakers in his party not to “surren- der” on Obamacare, Cruz, a potential 2016 Republican presidential candidate, used a speech to an Americans for Prosperity conference in Orlando, Florida, to take to task those in his party who are wary of risking a possi- ble government shutdown in an effort to fight Obama’s signature healthcare law.

“Right now, the peo- ple who are fighting the hard- est against our effort to defund Obamacare, sadly, are our Republican colleagues,” Cruz told several hundred activ- ists. “Well, you know what: you lose 100 percent of the fight if you surrender at the outset.” To loud applause, he added that Republicans should “stand up and win the argument.” Congress,

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Overseas shipments last month rose by 7.7 per- cent from a year earlier, the Ministry of Trade, Industry and Energy said, follow- ing a revised 2.6 percent rise in July and marking the stronger growth since a 10.9 percent rise in Janu- ary. Growth in shipments by Asia’s fourth-largest econ- omy was better than even the highest forecast from a Reuters poll of 15 analysts, who predicted growth of between 1.1 percent and 6.9 percent. The average export value per working day— useful for analysing month- ly trends — stood at $1.97 billion in August, higher than a revised $1.83 billion in July, Thomson Reuters calculations show. Imports in August rose 0.8 percent in annual terms, compared with the median 2.7 percent rise tipped by the Reuters poll and a revised 3.2 per- cent rise in July.

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China is South Korea’s largest export market, tak- ing about one-quarter of shipments, followed by the United States and the Euro- pean Union— Reuters

Employees assemble washing machines on the production line inside a factory of Hepei Rongshida Sanyo Electric in Hefei, Anhui Province on 13 Aug, 2013.—Reuters

Visitors experience traditional therapy of the Hui ethnic group at an expo of medicine and pharmacy of ethnic minorities, in Yinchuan, capital of northwest China’s Ningxia Hui Autonomous Region, on 31 Aug, 2013. The three-day expo kicked off on Friday here.—Xinhua

Xinhua
Putin names new envoy for far east region after floods

Vladivostok, 1 Sept—President Vladimir Putin on Saturday named a new envoy to oversee Russia’s far eastern region, yet denied the switch was linked to his call for an inquiry into local officials’ handling of serious floods there.

Putin appointed Yuri Trunov, a Kremlin aide, as deputy prime minister and personal envoy to the region in a step that concentrates his power, and further sidelines his prime minister, Dmitry Medvedev.

The announcement came as Putin wrapped up a regional tour in which he visited cities on the Amur River in eastern Siberia that have suffered the worst flooding in more than a century, causing damage estimated at $1 billion. Although Putin has ordered an investigation into the floods, he went out of his way to exonerate the outgoing Viktor Ishayev, first appointed on his return to the presidency in May 2012.

Trunov, a 57-year-old political heavyweight who is a senior figure in Russia’s party of power, controlled the award of oil and gas exploration licenses as a cabinet minister from 2004 to 2012, when he moved with Putin to the Kremlin.

“This was a planned change,” Putin told a meeting in the Pacific port city of Vladivostok, thanking Ishayev “for everything that you have done.” —Reuters

Iran to stage massive military drill in September

TEHRAN, 1 Sept—The Iranian army will stage a large-scale military maneuver in late September, a senior Iranian commander said on Saturday.

Quoted by Press TV, Brigadier General Farzad Esmaeil, commander of Khattam al-Aubya Air Defence Base, said the exercise, dubbed the Modafe-an-e Asem-e Velayat 5 (Defenders of the Velayat Skies 5), will be larger than the previous one held in the eastern part of Iran last year. Various long-range radars and passive defense systems will be tested during the drill, he said, was quoted as saying without elaboration on the area and scope of the exercise. Modafe-an-e Asem-e Velayat 4 military drill was held jointly by the country’s army and the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps in November last year.

In the 2012 drill, an upgraded high-precision long-range S-200 ground-to-air defense system, and indigenous missile defense systems named Qader, Ya Zahra 3, Merzad 3 and Hog, were tested, according to Press TV.

Also, electronic and surveillance systems were used to detect manned and unmanned enemy aircraft flying at low altitude. F-14 and F-4 fighter jets, shoulder-launched weapons, as well as Sayyad 40, a mobile electronic interception system, and Rassed 32, a smart surveillance system were also tested then.—Xinhua

Abe to propose to Putin holding 1st foreign-defence min talks in fall

Tokyo, 1 Sept—Prime Minister Shinzo Abe will propose to Russian President Vladimir Putin at their summit talks next week in Russia that their foreign and defence ministers hold their first meeting in the fall, possibly in October, Japanese government sources said on Saturday.

Slated to meet with Putin on Thursday in St Petersburg on the fringes of a summit of the Group of 20 economies, Abe intends to call for the so-called two-plus-two meeting to be held during a Japan visit by Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov as a key step toward resolving a long-standing territorial row, the sources said.

Abe aims to broaden cooperation and deepen mutual trust with Russia in areas including national security as well as the economy and energy in a bid to lead to progress in bilateral territorial talks, with emphasis on strengthening security cooperation.

In the April summit, Abe and Putin agreed to expand exchanges between troops of the Japanese Self-Defense Forces and the Russian military, and enhance bilateral cooperation against terrorism and piracy, as well as to launch the two-plus-two—the fourth for Japan following those with the United States, Australia and France.

On the territorial dispute, the two leaders are expected to reaffirm in their upcoming talks their willingness to promote talks as their disparity remains, according to reports.

Kyodo News

Afghan security forces inspect the site of suicide bombing in Kundahar Province of southern Afghanistan on 31 Aug, 2013. At least six people were killed and 20 others wounded on Saturday morning in a suicide bombing in Kundahar city, the provincial capital of southern Afghan Provinve of Kundahar, an official said.—Xinhua

Former president of South Africa Nelson Mandela chats with Britain’s Prime Minister Gordon Brown (unseen) during a meeting at his hotel in central London on 24 June, 2008.—Reuters

Mandela still in hospital, not discharged

JOHANNESBURG, 1 Sept—Former South African President Nelson Mandela, who has been receiving medical treatment for three months for a lung ailment, is still in hospital in Pretoria in a critical but stable condition, the government said on Saturday.

The presidency said reports by some international media that the revered anti-apartheid leader, who is 95, had been discharged and returned to his home were “incorrect.” “Mandela is still in hospital in Pretoria, and remains in a critical but stable condition,” the presidency said in a statement, using the traditional clan name by which Mandela is affectionately known in South Africa.

“At times his condition becomes unstable, but he responds to medical interventions,” it added, repeating a medical bulletin it had issued a week ago which had said the ailing Nobel Peace Prize laureate was showing “great resilience.”

News of Mandela’s hospitalization in June with a recurring lung infection attracted worldwide attention since he is a senior figure in Russia’s president has waged an insurgency for the last two decades in prison under white minority rule included 18 years on the notorious Robben Island penal colony. His lung infection dates back to this time, when he and other prisoners were forced to work in a limestone quarry.

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Over 200 killed in attacks across Afghanistan in August

KABUL, 1 Sept—At least 203 people, most of them civilians, were killed and hundreds wounded in bombings and attacks across Afghanistan last month, according to official figures.

Among a total of 50 major bomb attacks launched by the Taleban and other militant groups, around 20 were of the suicide nature.

The Taleban insurgent group has intensified attacks since they launched an annual rebel offensive in April this year.

On Saturday, five civilians and a policeman were killed and 20 others wounded when a suicide bombing hit a branch of a local bank in Kandahar city, the provincial capital of southern Kandahar Province.

The obvious target of the attack was soldiers who were waiting to withdraw their monthly salaries, witnesses said. Many soldiers were wounded in the blast.

The Taleban, which has waged an insurgency since their regime was toppled by a US-led invasion in late 2001, urged civilians to stay away from official gatherings, military convoys and centers regarded as the legitimate targets by militants.

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Twelve foreign soldiers were killed last month across Afghanistan, with half of them dead in IED blasts.

The Taleban also launched several massive attacks on logistic convoys, particularly those carrying goods for the foreign forces.

In western Farah Province, 12 policemen, five drivers and 72 militants were killed in two separate attacks on lorries on 19 and 27 August. More than 30 vehicles and oil trucks were also destroyed in the attacks.—Xinhua
Tachilek whirlwind blows down lamp-posts, trees

A total of 15 teak plants and two lamp-posts by the Union Highway in Pasawin village, one teak plant in the yard of Basic Education High School (Haunglaik), two lamp-posts near Arkha market and one XXVII SEA Games billboard at the entrance to Tachilek were blown down. Tachilek District Deputy Commissioner U Thaung Tin Htway, District Police Force Commander Police Lt-Col Nay Myo Htut, Township Development Affairs Committee Executive Officer U Ko Ko, officials and DAC arrived at the scene after the whirlwind.

They cleared debris that had blocked the road about 30 minutes later. The Forest Department is calculating the damages of the whirlwind as old teak plants were among those blown down by the strong wind. There was no damage to houses and vehicles and there were no casualties either.

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Odd News

WWII bomb shell unearthed

NAY PYI TAW, 1 Sept—A WWII bomb shell was unearthed while constructing box culverts in Ywakaik ward in Pyimmana in Nay Pyi Taw Council Area on 29 August. It is one foot long and one inch round. Workers reported to the authorities of the discovery. The respective authorities visited the site and inspected the bomb shell.

MMAL-145

Cash donated for offering gold foil to Thiri Mingala Mwaydawgyi Pagoda

Horong, 1 Sept—First cash donation ceremony was held in Thiri Mingala Mwaydawgyi Pagoda in Hopong and Pa-O Self-Administered Zone at the eastern archway of the pagoda on 20 August.

The Chairman of the Leading Body of Pa-O Self-Administered Zone and wife, members of the leading body, Assistant Director U Toe Lwin of the zone and guests attended the ceremony.

The congregation led by Leading Body Chairman U Khun San Lwin received sermons from Sayadaw U Aloka, Chairman of Township Sangh Nyayaka Committee. The chairman, members and local people of the self-administered zone donated over K 7 more than million for offer gold foils to the pagoda.

The officials accepted the donation and returned certificates of honour.

MMAL-Township IPRD

Myanmar students attend Asian Science Camp

YANGON, 1 Sept—Four Myanmar students led by Executive Director of Mandalay Technology University Thura are participating in seventh Asian Science Camp 2013 of Epochal Tsukuba-Tsukuba International Congress Center in Tsukuba of Japan.

The programme is aimed at boosting friendship among outstanding science students in Asia through interactions with scientists of the world. Scientists including Novel Prize winners will give lectures at the event. The programme includes talks, plenary meetings, workshops of students and scholars, innovation contest and excursions.

A total of 200 students from 24 countries participated in the Asian Science Camp 2013. Maung Ye Lwin Phyoo of University of Medicine-2 (Yangon), Maung Than Hay Aung of Yatanarpon Cyber City Technological University, Ma Yin Yin San of Hpa-an Technological University and Maung Win Maw Oo of Chindwin College in Yangon are representing Myanmar in the event.

MMAL-Aung Thura

Lewe Township Police Force meets townsolders

LEWE, 1 Sept—Nay Pyi Taw Council Area Lewe Township Police Force met members of organizations and township in the township at Lewe Myoma Police Station on 24 August.

It was attended by about 100 townselfers and police officials.

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Educative talks on human trafficking given

NAMHKAM, 1 Sept—An educative talk on prevention against human trafficking in Manta village in Namhkam Township in Muse District in northern Shan State was held on 20 August.

It was jointly organized by Myanmar Police Force and Township Information and Public Relations Department. It was attended by about 75 local people including in-charge of St Thomas social welfare group in Manta village in Namhkam Township.

MMAL-Township IPRD

Communications

Motorbike taxi drivers get low-priced SIM cards

NAY PYI TAW, 1 Sept—Budget SIM cards were sold to motorbike drivers in eight township in Nay Pyi Taw Council Area at respective townships General Administration Department offices simultaneously on 27 August.

A total of 415 motorbike taxi drivers in Zabuthiri Township won lots to buy GSM SIM cards and 15 CDMA SIM cards.

A total of 165 SIM cards were sold to motorbike drivers from 17 gates.

Motorbike drivers from No (1) Yanaung ward in Pyinmana also won lots to buy 185 SIM cards.

MMAL-Ko Ko Yupa
The Kalayani Stone Inscription

The Kalayani Stone Inscription was erected in 1476 A.D. by King Dhammaceti, one of the most powerful Mon kings who had reigned in Hansavati (Bago). It is today kept at a shed in the precinct of the Kalayani Ordination Hall in Bago, since there is no one who could do for the Mon stones, all the rubbings were sent to London University where C.O. Blagden, the then Dean of School of Oriental and African Studies, deciphered them, checking them against Taw Sein Ko’s translated work with the assistance of Robert Halliday, the lexicographer of Mon-English Dictionary and a Mon learned monk Silavamsa who had a Mon palm-leaf manuscript. U Lu Pe Win translated the Mon version and sent it to Myanmar with annotations and published it in 1958.

In fact, King Dhammaceti, despite being one of the most powerful kings in Myanmar, not of royal blood. He was born of the parents of mediocrity in Mottama in 1406. He was sent to the Sanukala Monastery as a novice in Hansavati to study Buddhist scriptures. There, he was taught various arts and sciences such as grammar, prosody, logic, astrology, medicine, etc. As he had no match in knowing the Buddhist scriptures and other mundane subjects, he was reputed as “Dhammadhara” (“Dhamma knowledge” and “dharma “knowing or keeping in mind”). However, some sources mention that he was given the title of Mahatiripatika by his preceptor for his learnedness in the Three Baskets of the Dhamma. While at the Sanukala Monastery, he happened to make friends with a novice who was later known as Dhammanana. Then he proceeded to Bagan to learn and became a scholar more qualified than his preceptor with a good knowledge of Myanmar and Mon. With the deaths of Inwa King Min Khun Ad (1422) and Hamsavati King Rajadhirat (1424), the two young brothers Bannaram Khant, crown-prince and Bannaykan Mottama, his eldest son, rose up against him. At the news of Mon region convulsed by civil wars waged between royal brothers, King Thihathu, the successor to King Kyan, Khaung, sent a great army to Lower Myanmar and laid siege to Dagon for a month. As Bannaram Khant, crown-prince, who then seized Dagon, did not dare to seek military assistance from his elder brother Banna-dhammaraja. So he had to present his widowed sister Shin Saw Pu to establish a marriage relation with Inwa king. Thus Shin Saw Pu, leaving behind a son and two daughters, had to accompany the Mon king and his courtiers who were installed as Chief Queen of King Thihathu in AD 1424. But Nai Pan Hla and Robert Halliday contend that she was kidnapped by emissaries of Myanmar king on the way to Dagon and carried off to Inwa. At that time, Dhammadhara and Dhammanana, after asking their teacher for permission, set out for Inwa for further studies. After 25 days, they reached Inwa, then crossed the Ayeyawady River to Sagaing and stayed at the monastery of Aryadha. Inwa. There they heard that two Talaing monks who came from Hamsavati had not been received in Hansavati. Dhammadhara and Dhammanana, after asking permission, happened to choose the monk with the richest regalia and porteges Dhammadhara and thus they had a free access into her presence. But Taw Sein Ko attributes her acquaintance with Dhammadhara and Dhammanana to their intelligence and nationality.

Two years after his accession, King Thihathu was assassinated by a man named Arcyadha, who was jealous of Shin Saw Pu for her royal favour she had won. His son Min Hla Nge was also poisoned to death three months after his accession in AD 1425. Then Kalay Taung Nyoe, the former lover of Shin Bo Mei, was made king of Inwa. Shin Saw Pu was committed to Pakhan Tapaya. In 1426, King Moe Nyn occupied Inwa throne. Shin Saw Pu was reinstated in her status and put back in her palace compound. However, overcome with loneliness resulting from relegation and disappointment caused by Arcyadha and the assassination and usurpation in Inwa court, she no longer wanted to stay at Inwa. So she, with the magic means employed by her confidants and porteges Dhammadhara and Dhammanana, escaped unscathed down to Hansavati along the course of the Ayeyawady River in AD 1429.

Shin Saw Pu, under the regnal title of Banna Htaw, ascended the Hansavati throne in AD 1453. But during her latter part of reign, she was beset by affairs of mundane desires, affairs for a religious life. So she decided to hand over Hansavati throne to one of her two benefactors Dhammadhara and Dhammanana. But they were equally intelligent and learned. So the queen to her wit’s end chose two alms-bowls and had one filled with the choicest food and the other with royal regalia. Then, she invited the two monks into the court and asked them to choose which one. Dhammadhara happened to choose the bowl filled with the royal regalia. So Dhammadhara was asked to leave the Holy Order and given the hand of her daughter as bride for his marriage and then made king of Hansavati with the regnal title of Ramadhipati Sri Parama Mahadhama Rajadhirja in AD 1472.

As King Dhammaceti was an ex-monk, he was so pious and soft-minded that even the children could get an easy access into his presence. He loved the people as his own offspring. At the time of his accession, he decided to lay emphasis on undertaking the Buddhist and judicial reforms. He renovated many old pagodas and compiled the Dhammadhara (Code of Law). At that time, as some monks were jealous, he was forced to split into various sects, he felt a surging need to purify the Sasana. So one day, King Dhammaceti said to himself: (See page 9)
The Kalyani Stone...

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"... The excellent commentators (Athakatha compilers) have declared that the religion will endure for 5000 years; but, alas! only 2047 years have now passed away since the Enlightened One attained Buddhahood and the religion has become impure, tainted with heresy and corruption and the Upasampada ordination has also become invalid. This being the case, how can the religion last till the end of 5000 years?...

So thinking, he invited many senior monks to assemble and consult with them and selected 44 monks to dispatch to Sri Lanka to be re-ordained at the hands of the orthodox monks of the Mahavihara Monastery.

At the beginning of 1476, the king then formed a chapter of fourteen senior monks who had been ordained in Sri Lanka to consecrate the Kalyani Ordination in Bago. Ven. Suvannasobha Thera was appointed Upajjaya (preceptor) in performing the Ceylonese form of ordination.

It is said that on the 9th waning day of Tabaung due to the epidemic diseases, robbers, thieves and soldiers of unpious kings, Buddhism declined in Ramanna. In 1601 S.E, king Anawratha conquered the three Mon mandalas and brought sets of Tripitakas and learned monks to Bagan. In 526 M.E, King Parakramabahu purified Sasana in Sri Lanka. Ven. Uttarajiva, the teacher of Bagan, accompanied by Chappada, went over to Sri Lanka and he returned to Myanmar, leaving Chappada behind in Sri Lanka. After learning Tipitakas and commentaries, Chappada came back to Bagan, bringing with him other four learned monks- two Indian monks Sivali and Anandatthera, one Ceylonese monk Rahulaithera and one Khmer monk Tamalindathera. Ven. Sariputta (Dhammavilasa), who had studied under Ven. Ananda, a native of Kancipura, taught Tipitakas to many monks at Dala and compiled a Dhammasat, which was later known as DhammavilasaDhammasat. Then King Dhammaceti sent 44 senior monks to Sri Lanka to be re-ordained there. On their return, the Kalyani Sima was constructed and they, together with the king, endeavoured to purify the Sasana.

It is found that the Kalyani Stone Inscription records the declining situation of Buddhism in Myanmar just before the time of King Asoka, holding of the Third Buddhist Council in Pataliputta with his support, dispatch of nine missions to nine countries at the end of the council to propagate the genuine teaching of the Buddha and the religious endeavours of Bagam kings in Bagan Period and those of King Dhammaceti in Dhammavilasa Period to purify and promote Buddhism by making maritime contacts with Sri Lanka. A point calling for special notice is that this stone inscription indicates the exact location of Suvannabhumi landed by Vens. Sona and Uttara by placing it half on the side of Mt.Kelasa and half on its base, which is today near thaton at the Gulf of Mottama. As the Kalyani Stone Inscription is the enshrinement of historical documents of Buddhism in Myanmar, it is indeed of great value to historians and archaeologists, local or foreign.

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Narcotic drugs seized in Lashio, Tachileik

Townships

Navy Pyi Taw, 1 Sept— Members of Lashio Special Anti-Drug Squad of Shan State together with witnesses searched the house of Maw Shwe Kyaw, 46, on Natsin Street in Region 13 in Ward 5 of Lashio at 8 am on 31 August.

The policemen seized 1975 pink stimulant tablets from the plastic bag held by Maw Shwe Kyaw.

With regard to the case, Lashio Myoma Police Station opened a file of lawsuit against Maw Shwe Kyaw under Section 15/19(a)/22(b)/21 of Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.

Navy Pyi Taw, 1 Sept—Acting on tip-off, members of Kawthoung Anti-Drug Special Squad and witnesses searched the house of Thein Zaw (a) Lar Pu, 29 of Bankachun Village in Kawthoung Township at 7 am on 31 August.

Then Zaw (a) Lar Pu managed escape from the house. Members of the squad found Aung Myo Min (a) Myo Myo, 25 of Inamyakhtak Ward in Bankachun. The squad seized 50 grams of opium speciosa, one percussion lock firearm, one-home-made gun and four

Opium speciosa, hand-made guns seized in Kawthoung

Kalyan, 1 Sept— Construction of a school building in Nan Han Nwe village in Kalay Township in Sagaing Region with the support of small project office of Japan has been completed by 98 percent. The construction started on 15 March.

“Our village has the population of 1206 from some 250 households. Most of them make their living on farming,” U San Hlaing, the Headmaster of the Basic Education Primary School of the village, said.

“We have less resources to repair the primary school. This is the historic school. It was established in 1914, years before Myanmar’s independence,” he added.

The school provided primary education to 198 primary school students and 78 middle school students in the previous year.

“We tried for six years for foreign aids,” the headmaster said. The efforts came to fruition after being approved by the Ministry of Education which issued a recommendation for the aids. The Japanese embassy donated 117,668 FEC for the construction of the school building.

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LOCAL NEWS

Invitational Sepak Takraw Contest concludes at Yadana Labha Muni Pagoda

Paleik, 1 Sept—The final match and prize presentation of the Invitational Sepak Takraw Contest in commemoration of the Buddha Pujiya of Yadana Labha Muni Pagoda was held in Paleik of Singaing Township on 29 August. Mann Myodaw (B) secured the first prize in the novice class, East Village second and Mann Myodaw (A) third. The selected team event followed on 29 August. Aung Si Hein stoof first, Paleik Youth second and Hsan Nyunt third in the selected event.

Altogether 30 teams competed in the Sepak Takraw contest.

Winners in the selected event secured K 300,000 for the first prize, K 200,000 for the second and K 100,000 for the third. Novice teams won K 150,000 for the first prize, K 100,000 for the second and K 50,000 for the third.

The youth football tournament had been held in commemoration of the Buddha Pujiya. This year, the football tournament was substituted with Sepak Takraw event, said Chairman of the Pagoda Board of Trustees U Ye Nyunt. The matches of the Sepak Takraw tournament were crowded with spectators.

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Marine Rescue Course kicks off in Hsipaw

Hsipaw, 1 Sept—Hsipaw Township Fire Services Department in Shan State (North) organized the Basic Marine Rescue Course on 29 August for enabling the people residing near the River to have knowledge and skills in preventive measures against natural disasters.

It was attended by local people residing near the River beaches and fishermen.

At first, the Head of Township Fire Services Police Force, Magway and Ayeyawady Police Forces, No 2 Police Battalion Control Command and Rakhine State Police Force must take part in the tournament at Shwemantaung Sports Ground in Mandalay.

Zone C comprises Bago and Sagaing Region Police Forces, Kayah and Kayin State Police Forces, No 1 Police Battalion Control Command in Kyaukse, Zone D Mandalay Region Police Force, Development Affairs Police Force, Shan and Kayin State Police Forces and Yangon Region Police Force are to play at Insein Point of Yangon.—Kyemon-Tun Tun Naing

CSC, household registration higher in Myinmu

Myinmu, 1 Sept—Local people apply growing numbers of citizenship scrutiny cards and household registrations at Township Immigration and National Registration Department in Myinmu Township.

The department issues CSCs and household registration to the locals for buying low-cost SIM cards smoothly.—Kyemon-Ko Ko Naing (Myinmu)

Sports and Nutrition talked at Mandalay Institute of Sports and Physical Education

Mandalay, 1 Sept—An educative talk was given at the gymnasium of Sports and Physical Education Institute of the Sports and Physical Education Department under the Ministry of Sports with the aim of enlarging the scope of the trainees who are attending the sports events for 2013-2014 academic year.

At 2 pm on 28 August, Leader of Nutrition Branch of Mandalay Region Health Department Dr Pan Myat Kyu and matron Daw Khan Mu Mu Soe gave lectures on sports and nutrition at the hall of the institute.

It was attended by Deputy Principal of the institute U Myint Khaing and course instructors, medical officers and trainees, totaling 600.—Kyemon-469

Fingerlings released into farmlands in Toungoo

Toungoo, 1 Sept—With the aim of growing paddy and fish and boosting production of paddy per acre yield, Toungoo District Fisheries Department and farmers released 50,000 fingerlings into 200 acres of farmlands of integrated farm of U Than Myint in Mokhaung Village in Toungoo Township, Bago Region, on 30 August.

Also present on the occasion were departmental officials at district and township levels and guests.—Kyemon-129

Knowledge about HIV/AIDS shared in Singaing

Singaing, 1 Sept—Singaing Township Information and Public Relations Department and Township Maternal and Child Welfare Association jointly organized the talks on HIV/AIDS disease at the hall of Basic Education Primary School in Thabyebin Village of the township on 30 August.

Chairman of the Township MCWA Daw Myint Myint Sein spoke on the occasion and explained purpose of giving the lectures.

Head of Township IPRD Daw Tin Tin Hwe and Health Staff Daw Khan Than Nwe gave lectures on health knowledge and facts about HIV/AIDS disease and healthy life.

Later, Mandalay Region Maternal and Child Welfare Supervisory Committee donated school uniforms and stationery to students of the village BEPS.

Disaster Risk Reduction
Ammonia leak at Shanghai refrigeration plant kills 15, injures 26

SINGAPORE, 1 Sept—Singapore’s Deputy Prime Minister (PM), Coordinating Minister for National Security and Minister for Home Affairs Teo Chee Hean is scheduled to meet Hu Chunhua, secretary of the Guangdong Provincial Committee of the Communist Party of China (CPC) and Guangdong Governor Zhu Xiaodan there. He will also visit the Sino- Singapore Guangzhou Knowledge City.

During Teo’s stay in China from Monday to Tuesday, he will lead the Singapore delegation for the 10th China-ASEAN Exposition (CAEXPO) in Nanning, Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region. He will deliver a speech at the opening ceremony of the 10th CAEXPO on Tuesday, the foreign ministry said in a statement.

Singapore PM to visit China

Chubu Electric Power eyes household rate hike in April

NAGOYA, 1 Sept—Chubu Electric Power Co is considering raising electricity rates for households by 5 to 8 percent on average from next April, sources familiar with the matter said on Saturday. The utility serving Nagoya and other areas in central Japan has been unable to put its Hamaoka nuclear plant back online, and its financial position has worsened due to surging fuel costs for thermal power generation amid the yen’s weakening trend.

The Hamaoka plant in Omaezaki, Shizuoka Prefecture, has been shut down since May 2011 at the government’s request after the Tokyo Electric Power Co’s Fukushima Daiichi complex suffered meltdowns in the wake of an earthquake and tsunami two months earlier. Chubu Electric is also planning pay cuts for employees from April 2014. The company is expected to report its third consecutive group net loss for the current business year. Six of the nine Japanese power suppliers that own nuclear reactors have already decided to raise electricity rates.

The latest move by Chubu Electric indicates that business conditions are getting harder for even companies with less dependency on nuclear power generation.

On Sunday, Tohoku Electric Power Co, Shikoku Electric Power Co and Hokkaido Electric Power Co are raising household electricity rates by an average of 8.94 percent, 7.80 percent and 7.73 percent, respectively. They join Tokyo Electric Power, Kansai Electric Power Co and Kyushu Electric Power Co, which have already raised rates.—Kyodo News

Chubu Electric Power Co’s Hamaoka nuclear plant in northeastern Shikoku

Five killed, 24 injured in SW China earthquake

KUNMING, 1 Sept—Five people died and 24 others were injured after a 5.9 magnitude earthquake struck southwest China on Saturday morning, local authorities said.

The quake hit the border area of Shangri-La and Deqen counties in Yunnan Province and Derong County in Sichuan Province at 8:04 am, according to the China Earthquake Network Centre.

Four people died and six others were injured in Deqen County, and the quake has toppled 600 residential units and damaged 55,500 others. Some 9,200 local residents have been forced to relocate, according to a statement from the Yunnan Provincial Civil Affairs Department.

The injured also include four residents from the Tibetan Autonomous Prefecture of Garze, which administers Derong County, in Sichuan Province. Quake and aftershock-triggered landslides have cut off traffic toward the Xingfu Village in Nixi Township of Shangri-La, which is believed to be the epicenter.

The quake also affected telecommunications and electricity supply in Deqen and Derong counties, complicating rescue efforts.

The quake was felt in 12 townships in Derong. Local authorities have rushed to carry out rescue and disaster relief work.

Five people were killed and 13 others were injured after an 8.1 magnitude earthquake hit the border area of Shangri-La and Deqen counties in Yunnan Province and Derong County in Sichuan Province at 8:04 am.

Rescuers arrive at the quake-hit Shangri-La County in southwest China’s Yunnan Province, on 31 Aug 2013. Four people were killed and 13 others were injured after an 8.1 magnitude earthquake hit the border area of Shangri-La and Deqen counties in Yunnan Province and Derong County in Sichuan Province at 8:04 am.

Cambodia’s ruling party welcomes talks with opposition under constitution

PHNOM PENH, 1 Sept—The ruling Cambodian People’s Party (CPP) said on Saturday that the party will welcome any top leaders’ meetings with the opposition party that were based on the country’s constitution.

“The CPP always has the good will to prepare any top leaders’ meetings with the Cambodia National Rescue Party (CNRP) in order to discuss and resolve national issues relevant to our two parties based on the country’s constitution and other effective laws,” CPP’s President Chea Sim wrote in a letter to CNRP’s President Sam Rainsy.

Chea Sim’s letter was made after Sam Rainsy on Friday called for negotiations with the CPP’s top leaders over the disputed poll results in which the CPP of long-serving Prime Minister Hun Sen won a majority of vote.

Rainsy insisted that the CPP should jointly form an independent committee to look into alleged poll irregularities even though the CPP has repeatedly rejected the request, explaining that it was against the country’s constitution.

He also set 7 September for a massive nonviolent protest against the poll results if the CPP did not resume talks with the CNRP towards the formation of the proposed committee.

The initial election results of the 28 July election showed that the CPP won the poll with 68 of the 123 parliamentary seats, and the CNRP took the remaining 55 seats.

But the CNRP claimed that it should win 63 seats, with the CPP getting the remaining 60 seats if alleged poll irregularities were fairly resolved.

King Norodom Sihamoni on Friday urged the two parties to resolve their disputed election results based on the kingdom’s constitution.—Xinhua

Chubu Electric Power Co’s Hamaoka nuclear plant in northeastern Shikoku

Pressures rise at Tokyo Electric Power Co’s Fukushima Daiichi nuclear plant following a leak at the unit’s primary coolant in Japan on 30 August 2013.
Somalia says ties with China growing

Mogadishu, 1 Sept—Somalia says its relations with China is growing following a week-long official visit by the country’s foreign minister Fawzia Yusuf as she returned to the capital Mogadishu on Friday.

Fawzia, who is also deputy prime minister, said she met with top Chinese officials to discuss ways of strengthening bilateral ties between the two nations.

“We share historic relations with China and that relationship is growing for the benefit of both of our nations,” said Fawzia after she arrived at the International Airport in Mogadishu.

Somalia said it wanted China to assist in its reconstruction as the horn of Africa nation is reeling from more than two decades of civil conflict which left the country’s state infrastructure in ruins. Speaking to Xinhua earlier this week, Somalia’s State Minister for Foreign Affairs Mohammed Nur Gaal said the Somali government attaches great importance to its relations with China.

The Somali government invites the Chinese government and companies to invest in the country as the East African country is witnessing a relative stability for the past two years, Gaal said.

“Now that the country is stabilizing, the development need particularly in institution building and in infrastructure and social services gain great prominence and these are the areas where China can play a greater role,” said Gaal.

“We also welcome investments from China as we make the regulatory preparation to pave the way for foreign investment in Somalia,” he added.—Xinhua

Four suspected militants killed in Yemen drone strike

Aden, 1 Sept—At least four suspected al-Qaeda militants were killed on Friday in a presumed US drone strike in Yemen’s central al Bayda Province, a local government source said.

The strike took place in the District of Rada’a and killed the local al-Qaeda leader there and three others, the government source told Reuters. Tribal sources put the death toll at five.

“The drone targeted a place where they were meeting,” a local source said. Yemen is the main stronghold of al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula (AQAP), one of the militant group’s most aggressive wings.

It is among a handful of countries where the United States acknowledges using drones, although it does not comment publicly on the practice.

Yemen’s president said last week that AQAP’s leader had vowed in an intercepted phone call to carry out an attack that would “change the face of history”, and that this was what had led to the temporary closure of many US and other Western embassies in the Middle East, Africa and Asia earlier in August.

Restoring stability to Yemen, one of the poorest Arab countries which has next door to the world’s top oil exporter Saudi Arabia, is an international concern.

President Abd-Rabbu Mansour Hadi has angered many of his countrymen by giving unequivocal support for Washington’s controversial drone strikes, which have increased under President Barack Obama. Hadi has also asked the United States to supply drones to the Yemeni army.—Reuters

In landlocked South Sudan, one road is a lifeline—and a bottleneck

Nimule, (South Sudan), 1 Sept—Almost two weeks after truck driver George Wala loaded building materials in the Kenyan port of Mombasa bound for a company in South Sudan he still hadn’t reached his destination.

“I’ve been waiting for two days to clear my goods but no customs official has had time for me yet,” the 30-year old Kenyan said, standing next to his truck in the muddy border post of Nimule, South Sudan’s southern gateway to Uganda.

Every day up to 130 trucks from Uganda, Kenya, Ethiopia or even farther away arrive at the customs clearing area the size of a football field in the small border town. Once a sleepy outpost built by colonial ruler Britain to mark its southernmost presence in Sudan, Nimule has become an economic lifeline for South Sudan since the world’s newest state seated

Train derailed in Taipei, 12 injured

Taipei, 1 Sept—A train derailed in Taipei on Saturday morning after encountering a landslide, injuring 12 passengers, with three in serious condition, said the Taiwan railway authority.

The Kaohsiung-bound train had about 250 passengers on board when it came across a landslide at a tunnel entrance on Saturday at 7:33 am. Beijing Time, leading to separation of the fifth and sixth passenger cars and derailment of the sixth, said the Taiwan railway authority in a Press conference.

Altogether 12 passengers were injured, with three in serious condition and suffering fractures. All the injured have been sent to hospitals by the authority.

As of 10 am, it was still raining heavily at the site of the accident, and the car remained stuck in the landslide. Railway staff and soldiers have been sent to the site to rescue and evacuate passengers.—Xinhua

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New Light of Myanmar, 2 Sept—At least 120,000 people have been killed in Yemen, a local source said.
Judi Dench as Irish woman searching for son grips Venice

VENICE, 1 Sept—Judi Dench brought pathos and laughter to Venice on Saturday with her performance in the title role of “Philomena”, the true story of an Irish woman who searches for the son who was taken from her and sold by nuns.

“Philomena” is based on “The Lost Child of Philomena Lee”, the 2009 book by Martin Sixsmith which prompted thousands of adopted Irish children and their mothers to come forward and tell their stories.

Philomena goes to America to look for her son with world-weary journalist Sixsmith, played by co-writer Steve Coogan, creating what Frears describes as “an odd-couple film, an extraordinary road trip.”

“I really liked the British humour which contrasts with the religious issues,” said Jacopo Mucchioni, a 22-year-old student from Rome who attended the screening.

Put to work in a Catholic laundry after having a baby out of wedlock in 1952, Philomena loses her son to strangers and is prevented from finding him again, but does not lose her Catholic religion.

Philomena’s uncomplicated faith is emphasized by the cynicism of Sixsmith, who lost his job as a British government spin doctor in 2002, dressed in a Dallas-based by controversy over an email that allegedly said September 11 was a good day to bury bad news.

“Child of God”, the chilling tale of a cave-dwelling necrophiliac, and “Night Moves” about three eco-warriors who plot to blow up a dam.

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Dukout Fanning, actress of the movie “Night Moves” poses at red carpet during the 70th Venice International Film Festival in the Lido of Venice, Italy, on 31 Aug, 2013. Xinhua

Director Franco finds comedy in tale of murderous backwoodsman

VENICE, 1 Sept—Director James Franco says the character Lester Ballard in his new film “Child of God” has a trace of Charlie Chaplin in him, though the tale of a cave-dwelling necrophiliac is mostly as dark as can be.

Based on Cormac McCarthy’s novella of the same name, the movie premiered at the Venice Film Festival on Saturday portrays a Tennessee backwoodsman who has never recovered from his father’s suicide and sinks into ever deeper levels of anti-social and psychopathic behaviour.

Franco said he sought permission from the “No Country for Old Men” writer to film the seemingly unfilmable story because it provided a way “for me to examine something that’s pushed out of civilized society.”

But he also found elements of a fumbling, awkward comedy that reminded him on Chaplin, though of a much darker nature than anything the silent film star ever put on screen.

“He’s kind of, in some ways he’s kind of clumsy, he’s, you know, almost comedic,” Franco told Reuters in an interview.

“Not laugh-out funny but he’s a little ridiculous in some ways and I felt like that’s something I’ve never seen before on the screen, a killer like this that’s a little foolish or almost like Charlie Chaplinesque.”

That awkwardness shows through in one scene when Ballard, played by Texan actor Steve Haze, struggles to push a woman’s body up a ladder into an attic.

“It’s not a movie like ‘Texas Chainsaw Massacre’ that is drawing people in with the violence,” Franco said.

“It’s using the dark subject matter as, for me, using it as a metaphor or as an extreme example of something that is more general, a more general kind of a theme which is extreme isolation, extreme loneliness and also somebody that is unable to fit into the civilized society.”

“I’m not trying to do a sympathetic portrayal of him. I don’t condone murder but it’s a film, it’s a piece of art. So in that sense you can use this extreme subject matter to talk about something more general and that was what was interesting,” Franco said.

Director and actor James Franco posures during a photocall for his movie “Child of God” during the 70th Venice Film Festival in Venice on 31 Aug, 2013. Reuters

Expert says europe tries to rescue its film identity

VARNA (Bulgaria), 1 Sept — European film market is dominated by American productions, so the old continent is trying by various means to save its film identity, a prominent Bulgarian expert said recently in an interview with Xinhua.

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It is the role of European festivals, said Grozev, who also is Artistic Director of the International Film Festival “Love is Folly,” one of the three largest movie festivals in Bulgaria.

Europe holds huge amount of film festivals, Grozev said. Of course, Venice, Cannes, Berlin are the largest, but there are many small festivals around them, each of which has found its niche, the expert said.

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**SPORTS**

**Vidal double leads Juve to 4-1 win over Lazio**

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**Negredo helps nervy Man City edge past Hull**

LONDON, 1 Sept—Manchester City mined their rich resources to break Hull City’s dogged resistance in a nervy 2-0 Premier League win on Saturday with their new Spanish striker Alvaro Negredo coming off the bench to prove his worth.

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**Garcia grabs Deutsche Bank lead with 64**

NORTON, (Massachus-sets), 1 Sept—Sergio Garcia was not planning to play in the Deutsche Bank Championship but with a one-shot lead after Saturday’s second round, the Spaniard will certainly be glad he did not take the week off. Garcia held a one-stroke lead from American Robert Castro and Sweden’s Henrik Stenson at a low-scoring TPC Boston on Saturday.

Garcia, only opted to play in the tournament because he missed the next cut in the FedExCup playoffs and he eagled the 18th hole to complete an impressive seven-under-par round of 64, leaving him at 13-under for the tournament.

The Spaniard’s only major hiccup came on the par-four 14th where he double bogeyed as did Castro. Stenson was immaculate as he recorded a bogey free eight-under par 66, a round matched only by England’s Justin Rose, the US Open champion who also avoided bogeys as he moved within four shots of the lead.

**Nadal cruises as upsets continue at US Open**

NEW YORK, 1 Sept—Rafa Nadal, growing in confidence with each match, blasted his way into the fourth round of the US Open on Saturday with an ominous display as the upsets continued at the last grand slam of the year.

The world number two turned on a master class of power and precision as he brushed aside Croatia’s Ivan Dodig 6-4, 6-3, 6-3 to lead a trio of Spanish men into the fourth round.

French Open runner-up David Ferrer also moved through, beating Mikhail_Kukushkin 6-4, 6-3, 6-4, 6-4, while a third Spaniard, Tommy Robredo, ended the Cinderella run of British qualifier Dan Evans, winning 7-6 (6), 6-1, 6-4, 7-5.

**Camila Giorgi of Italy celebrates defeating Caroline Wozniacki of Denmark at the US Open tennis champi- onships in New York on 31 Aug, 2013.—Reuters**

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Italian, Camila Giorgi, who had to come through the qualifiers to reach the main draw, sent Wozniacki packing with a 4-6, 6-4, 6-3 win on Arthur Ashe Stadium while Flavia Pennetta knocked out the former US Open champion Svetlana_Kuznetsova 7-5, 6-1. Roberta Vinci also won for Italy.

Nadal has been in great form in the past month, winning warm-up tournaments in Montreal and Cincinatti. He has not dropped a single set in getting to the last 16 at Flushing Meadows and believes he is still improving. “I played better today than in the previous matches. (That’s) always a posi- tive thing,” he said.

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Giant panda in Madrid zoo gives birth to male cub

MADRID, 1 Sept—A giant panda in Madrid zoo has given birth to a healthy male and the one-day-old, pink-skinned cub is already larger-than-average 210 grams and was 15 centimeters long. “The team of specialists and veterinarians have confirmed it is a boy with a good set of lungs,” the zoo said in a statement. “The new giant panda cub... has proven it has a lot of character.”

Visitors will be unable to see Madrid’s baby panda, which has not yet been named, for several months. Its Giant Panda mother was now unlikely to give birth to a second cub, the zoo said. Female pandas can often have two offspring at a time. Like Madrid’s new cub, most pandas bred in captivity are conceived through artificial insemination. Reproduction is difficult as females are only able to conceive for about two or three days in the spring.

There are roughly 300 giant pandas in captivity throughout the world, and fewer than 1,600 living in the wild, in a few mountain ranges in central China. Britain is also gripped with “baby fever” over the possible birth of a panda at Scotland’s Edinburgh zoo, expected within weeks.

Only 10 giant Pandas are now living in captivity in Europe, including in Madrid and Beauval in France. Vienna zoo’s Giant Panda female gave birth to a cub in mid-August.—Reuters

Japan shut out of medals again at judo worlds

RIO DE JANEIRO, 1 Sept—Masashi Nishiyama made an early exit in the men’s 90-kilogram division as Japanese wrestlers failed to make the medals podium for the second day in succession Friday at the judo world championships.

Nishiyama was sent to an ippon defeat in the second round against Islam Bozbaye of Kazakhstan. Cuba’s Asley Gonzalez defeated Varlam Liparteliani in the final to win the gold medal.

“Was a bit of a pushover. Before I realized it I was going on the defensive. I wasn’t aggressive enough,” said Nishiyama. “Once this tournament is over I will have a think about what to do next.”

In the women’s competition, Ruika Sato suffered a yosei defeat in the 78-kilogram quarterfinals against eventual winner Sol Kyong of North Korea and she also lost in the repechage. Akari Ogata lost in the first round to Marhinde Verkerk of the Netherlands.

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Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker pays goodwill visit to Thailand

YANGON, 1 Sept—To pay a goodwill visit to Thailand, a Myanmar delegation led by Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker U Khin Aung Myint left here for Thailand by air this morning.

The delegation was seen off at Yangon International Airport by Deputy Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw U Nanda Kyaw Swa, Deputy Speaker of Amyotha Hluttaw U Mya Nyein, Secretary of Amyotha Hluttaw Political, Economic and Legal Affairs Commission U Myint Thein, representatives of Amyotha Hluttaw, Speaker of Yangon Region Hluttaw U Sein Tin Win and Deputy Speaker U Tin Aung, officials from the Hluttaw Office and officials from Thai embassy.

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Attacks killed 800 Iraqis in August: UN

BAGHDAD, 1 Sept—About 800 Iraqis were killed in August, the United Nations said on Sunday, condemning a wave of violence in the country that has reached levels not seen since 2008.

Most of the 804 killed were civilians, targeted in shootings and bombings mainly claimed by the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant. More than 2,000 people were wounded, the U.N. figures showed.

The number of people who were killed last month was however lower than in July, when the U.N. reported that there were 1,057 victims, the highly monthly toll since 2008. Violence in Iraq was at its height in 2006-2007 when the number of people killed per month sometimes exceeded 3,000.

Nearly 5,000 civilians have been killed and 12,000 wounded since the beginning of 2013, the United Nations Assistance Mission for Iraq (UNAMI) said in a statement.

Reuters

Clashes in Iranian dissidents’ camp in Iraq kill 15

BAGHDAD, 1 Sept—At least 15 people were killed in clashes following a mortar attack on an Iranian dissident camp north of the Iraqi capital Baghdad on Sunday, two security sources said.

It was not immediately clear who had fired the mortars, and those who died were killed in later confrontations between security forces and camp residents, the sources said.

One of the sources said Iraqi security forces had opened fire on a crowd which had stormed a post at the entrance to Camp Ashraf, a site that Iraq’s government wants closed down. About 50 people were wounded, the source said.

The United Nations in Iraq strongly condemned Sunday’s “tragic events”, without giving details on what had happened.

Reuters

Cultural delegation leaves for PRC

YANGON, 1 Sept—Rector U Kyaw Oo and Head of Training Department U Thit Lwin Soe from National Culture and Fine Arts University (Yangon) of Fine Arts Department under the Ministry of Culture left here by air this afternoon to attend 2013 China-ASEAN Vocational Education Exhibition and Forum to be held in the People’s Republic of China from 2 to 5 September.

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Sittoung River may reach danger level

NAY PYI TAW, 1 Sept—According to the 14:30 hr M.S.T observation today, the water level of Sittoung River at Madauk is observed as 13 cm (about 0.4 foot) below its danger level.

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UCSY facilitated with Samsung-KOICA Digital Library

YANGON, 1 Sept—Thanks to the contribution of Samsung Electronics Company and under the arrangement of KOICA and Samsung Employee Volunteer Programme, faculty members and students of Yangon University of Computer Studies have easy access to Samsung-KOICA Digital Library in their study of technological subjects.

The digital library is facilitated with high quality electronic equipment linking Internet. The readers can study books and publications form international libraries through online. The library is serving the users through modern technologies so as to record and study the lectures of faculty members and apply programming subject.

“I believe the Digital Library can support as the new educational environment that will lead the quality and effectiveness of education at UCSY, especially in increasing accessibility to new and various information,” said Mr Nam Kwon Hyoung, Chief Resident Representative of KOICA Myanmar office.

In addition to providing technology and machinery for the library, Prof Dr Shin Jang Koon and party of KOICA and volunteer group from Samsung spent US$100,000 on health care services to local people in Shwepyitha Township.

Sagawah

Photo shows quality electronic equipment linking Internet seen at Samsung-KOICA Digital Library at the University of Computer Studies in Yangon.

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