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Union Peace-making Work Committee added with members
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(1) Union Minister U Zeyar Aung
(2) Union Minister U Win Myint

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President U Thein Sein, President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to Her Excellency Ms Dilma Rousseff, President of the Federative Republic of Brazil, on the occasion of the Independence Day of the Federative Republic of Brazil which falls on 7th September 2013.—MNA

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Nay Pyi Taw, 6 Sept—The Leading Committee for Organizing the XXVII SEA Games held the ninth coordination meeting at the hall of President Office, here, this morning, with an address by Patron of the Leading Committee Vice-President U Nyan Tun.

Speaking at the meeting, the Vice-President emphasized that work guidelines had been laid down on services of stadiums, gymnasiums, sports gear and sports techniques for being able to successfully hold the SEA Games, better security measures for safety of the SEA Games, systematic sports management, presentation of entertainment. He noted that the work guidelines comprised creating of greening sports competition, establishment of safety transport, modern ICT management for sports information, plans for security, health and sanitation, setting up of legal environment in line with the Olympic Charter and public participation in organizing the SEA Games. He urged the committees to strive for timely completion of preparatory tasks.

Deputy Ministers for Sports U Thaung Htike and U Zaw Win reported on securing victory in the Games and preparations for holding the competition.

Chairman of the Leading Committee Union Minister U Tin Hsan submitted reports on progress of works by committees, the remaining tasks and difficulties, future tasks and matters to be coordinated with the ministries concerned.

Subcommittee chairmen Union Ministers, deputy ministers and officials presented reports on their respective sectors and remaining tasks. The Vice-President attended to the needs.

Before concluding the meeting, the Vice-President fulfilled the requirements of each committee.—MNA

RBE special express train on Yangon-Kyaikto railroad

Yangon-Kyaikto (RBE) special train will set off its maiden trip on 7 September and then runs every Saturday and Sunday on schedules, according to the press conference held at Sakhantha Hall of Yangon Railway Station.

The Yangon-Kyaikto (RBE) special train is facilitated with three special coaches each of which has 76 seats and two special coaches each of which has 52 seats, totalling 332. The train is aimed at enabling the passengers bound for Kyaikhtioye Pagoda to have comfortable travelling. Each coach is equipped with air-conditioners. The sofa seats can be adaptable to east from west, said General Manager U Tun Aung Thin of Myanma Railways (Lower Myanmar).

Yangon-Kyaikto railroad is 98.75 miles. At present, three trains run up and down routes of Yangon-Kyaikto-Mawlamyine-Ye-Dawei railroad.

The RBE special train will take four hours and 35 minutes for the route. The people wishing to pay homage to Kyaikhtioye Pagoda can travel a trip in a short time, said U Tun Aung Thin, Assistant General Manager (Travelling) U Kyaw Kyaw Myo of Myanma Railways said, “Being an express train, the RBE will stop over at Bago, Waw and Theinzayat stations along its route.

Arrangements have been made for the passengers to be able to buy the tickets for respective sections.

The foodstuffs with strong smell such as durian fruit and smoking will be prohibited on board the train.”

Fares of the sections of railroad are fixed for passengers—K 1700 per passenger for Yangon-Bago section, K 2300 for Yangon-Waw section and K 2800 for Yangon-Theinzayat section. The whole route is K 3500 per passenger. For foreigners, ticket is US$ 5 for Yangon-Bago, US$ 7 for Yangon-Waw, US$ 8 for Yangon-Theinzayat and US$ 10 for Yangon-Kyaikto.

RBE express train was imported from Japan in 2012. If number of passengers for the route grows up, the express train will carry more coaches.

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AFF Women’s Championship as Pre-SEA Games match

Yangon, 6 Sept—The AFF Women’s Championship 2013 organized by ASEAN Football Federation will take place at Youth Training Centre in Thawunna of Yangon from 9 to 22 September.

It will be the test matches for the contending teams bound for the SEA Games to be hosted by Myanmar in December.

The AFF Championship will be participated by Japan U-23, Australia U-19 and Jordanian National Team to addition to those of ASEAN countries. So, it is a great opportunity for the football players.

Ten football teams are divided into two groups—Australia U-19, Vietnam, Thailand, Jordan and Malaysia in Group A and Japan U-23, Myanmar, Laos, the Philippines and Indonesia in Group B.

Myanmar team that has yet to secure gold medals in the SEA Games is standing tall together with the most successful Vietnamese team on the table.

In the first championship in 2004, Myanmar held up its championship trophy by winning over Vietnam and clinched title in 2007 championship by beating Thailand in 2007.

Despite reaching the final matches in the 2011 and 2012 championships, Myanmar had to console with second prizes. Myanmar team is making preparations for taking part in the AFF Championship with its 26 tentatively selected players. Recently, the team has capped 20 finalists.

Vietnamese Coach Mr Kumaica is expected to bring Myanmar team to the highest standard. In July, Myanmar played tune-up matches in Japan as part of preparations for the SEA Games.

That is why the AFF Championship will be the great opportunity for Myanmar women’s team so as to secure victory in the upcoming SEA Games. Kyemon-Bo Ko Ko

Environment

Saplings directly distributed to people

Nay Pyi Taw, 6 Sept—With a view to ensuring active participation of the people, the Forest Department directly distributed saplings including teak, shade and flower trees to the people who really cultivate the saplings in 2013 rainy season.

Under the supervision of Head of Nay Pyi Taw Forest Department Assistant Director U Tet Toe, Staff Officer FSD members, staff practise fire drill

Yangon, 6 Sept—A fire drill was held at Myanmar Convention Centre-MCC on Mindamma Road where the body-building contest will be held for the XXVII SEA Games in Ward 2 of Mayangon Township of Yangon Bo and staff of Pyimana Township Forest Department carried the saplings by vehicle around Kyitaung, Khawma, Muntegwin, Kyaukchet villages in Zeyathiri Township on 24 August and distributed saplings to the local people.

The staff presented teak, eucalyptus, oil eugenia, star-flower and perennial saplings totalling 4300 to local people free of charge.—MNA

National Sports

Win Zaw Tun secures champion in Myanmar Open Chess Tourney

Yangon, 6 Sept—The prize presentation for the Myanmar Open Chess Tournament 2013, jointly organized by Sports and Physical Education Department under the Ministry of Sports and Myanmar Chess Federation was held at Aung San Gymnasium, here, on 3 September afternoon.

Joint Secretary of the federation U Kyi Thein and Mr Anthony Tan of Malaysian Chess Association presented cash awards to winners.

Radio, TV courses conducted in Mandalay for second time

Mandalay, 6 Sept—The radio broadcast and TV programme course is being conducted at the Alindaga fine arts school on 69th street between 37th and 38th streets in Mandalay as of 30 August.

The enthusiasm from Thazin FM and news agencies at home and abroad are attending the course that runs to 8 September.

The course was jointly conducted by Myanmar Journalists Union (MJU), Creative Media House (CMH) and Association Education for Peace of Poland.

Two Polish radio experts give lectures to the trainees and an experienced TV correspondent from Polish, TV programme production. The radio course is facilitated with necessary equipment at the radio workshop.

The practical works are being provided to the trainees of TV course. A similar course has been conducted from 19 to 28 August in Yangon. Professor Port Balcerowicz of Warsaw University of Poland gave lectures on solving of human rights and conflicts in Yangon from 12 to 16 August and from 23 to 27 August in Mandalay.

Kyemon-Ba Oo (Mann)

Accident

12-wheeled Nissan truck plunges into Zeyawady Natsin Creek

Pyu, 6 Sept—A 12-wheeled Nissan truck carrying feedstuff for poultry heading for Mandalay from Yangon plunged into left of Natsin Creek Bridge near mile post No 145 on Yangon-Mandalay Highway in Pyu Township of Bago Region on 3 September morning.

The root cause of accident was dozing of reckless driver.

In the incident, the front part of the vehicle was damaged due to lose of wheels. The conductor of the vehicle evaded from the accident. Zeyawady Police Station opened a file of lawsuit over the case under the law.

Kyemon-Pyu Myint Oo
World leaders pressure Obama over Syria at G20 summit

ST PETERSBURG, (Rus sia), 6 Sept—US President Barack Obama faced growing pressure from Russia’s Vladimir Putin and other world leaders on Thursday to decide against launching military strikes in Syria, which many of them fear would hurt the global economy and push up oil prices.

At a summit of the Group of 20 (G20) developed and developing economies in St Petersburg, Putin greeted Obama with a thin smile and a business-like handshake, a clear sign of the strains between them over how to respond to a chemical weapons attack in Syria.

Obama also wore a slight smile before talks began over dinner on the world economy and then on Syria, and there was none of the arm clutching or hugs between the two presidents that is typical of such occa sions.

The rift over Syria overshadowed the discussions on how to reduce economic growth but not before splits emerged within the group over a US plan to wind down an economic stimulus programme. The G20 accounts for two thirds of the world’s population and 90 percent of its output.

The first round at the summit went to Putin, as China, the European Union, the BRICS emerging economies and a letter from Pope Francis all warned of the dangers of military intervention in Syria without the approval of the UN Security Council.

“Military action would have a negative impact on the global economy, especially on the oil price — it will cause a hike in the oil price,” Chinese Vice Finance Minister Zhu Guangyao said.

United Nations Secre tary-General Ban Ki-moon later told the leaders over the dinner in a tsarist-era seafront palace that any military action must have the Security Council’s backing.

“Let us remember: every day that we lose is a day when scores of innocent civilians die,” his of fice quoted him as saying. “There is no military solu tion.”

Obama blames forces loyal to Syrian President Bashar al-Assad for the 21 August poison gas attack in the Damascus suburbs that killed up to 1,400 people. Moscow says Obama has not proven that claim and says rebel forces may have carried it out.

In New York, US Amb assador to the United Na tions Samantha Power left no doubt that Washington had given up trying to work with the UN Security Coun cil over the attack.

She said there was “no viable path forward in this Security Council” and ac cused Russia of holding it hostage. Moscow has signalled it would veto any resolution on the use of force unless Washington provided stronger proof.

Obama has asked the US Congress to approve military action and France has said it is ready to sup port US intervention.

Showing he was un deterred by the criticism, Obama said before talks with Japan’s prime minister on the sidelines of the summit that using chemical arms was “not only a trag edy but also a violation of international law that must be addressed.”

Russia’s President Vladimir Putin (L) welcomes US President Barack Obama for a first working session of the G20 Summit in Constantine Palace in Strelna near St Petersburg, on 5 Sept, 2013.—Reuters

Australia’s conservative opposition leader Tony Abbott speaks as he launches his party’s election campaign in Brisbane on 25 Aug, 2013.—Reuters

Australia’s opposition blunders on Internet policy on election eve

CANBERRA, 6 Sept—Australia’s conservative opposition was forced to make a quick about-turn on its Internet policy to rule out more censorship on Friday, in a rare policy bungle on the eve of a general election it is poised to win.

Opinion polls are point ing to a solid victory for op position leader Tony Abbott, ending six years of often tur bulent Labour rule and the past three years of political uncertainty over a hung par liament.

Abbott has run a disci plined campaign, focusing on stability under his Liber al-National Party coalition in contrast to the infighting which saw the Labor Party dump Kevin Rudd as prime minister in 2010, and then recall him in favour of Julia Gillard in late June.

But the opposition’s short-lived policy blunder, suggesting a British-style compulsory filter for “adult content”, could also signal emerging divisions within Abbott’s Liberal Party between social conservatives and free-speech liberals.

“We made a mistake, we acknowledged the mis take. We corrected the mis take. It took about three minutes,” Abbott said in his final media conference of the election campaign.

“We do not support in ternet filtering,” he added, saying his plan would allow people to choose to have fil ters on computers and smart phones if they wanted to block access to pornography.

The latest polls show Abbott’s conservatives set to win about 53 percent of the vote, which would give his coalition as many as 90 seats in the 150-seat parliament.

Economists believe a clear result for either party would boost business con fidence at a time when the economy is adjusting to lower growth and rising un employment as a prolonged mining investment boom ta pers off.

“Removal of uncer tainty is important for inves tors, businesses and consum ers,” said Craig James, chief economist at the CommSec stock broking firm. “There are good reasons to expect a stronger Australian economy once election uncer tainty is resolved.”

Abbott’s campaign has been strongly supported by media magnate Rupert Murdoch and his Australian newspapers, with most of the rival Fairfax Media newspapers on Friday also calling for a change of government.—Reuters

Egyptian terrorism wave after assassination attempt

CAIRO, 6 Sept—Egypt’s interior minister survived an assassination attempt unscathed on Thursday when a car bomb blew up next to his con voy and gunmen strafed his vehicle, prompting him to warn that a wave of terrorism by opponents of the military-installed govern ment was just beginning.

The minister, Moh amed Ibrahim, has been involved in overseeing a violent crackdown on sup porters of Mohamed Mursi, the deposed Islamist presi dent who was overthrown on 3 July by the army following mass protests against his rule.

No organization im mediately claimed responsi bility for the first attempt to kill an Egyptian minis ter since the 1990s, but it appeared to bear the hall marks of an Islamist attack.

“It is likely that it was a suicide explosion as a result of a high explosive device,” an Interior Ministry state ment said.

Mursi’s Muslim Broth erhood — accused by the government of terrorism and inciting violence — condemned it.

But the sophisticated attack, involving a suicide bomber with a massive bomb, as well as a follow-up attack with firearms, showed the risk that Egypt’s crisis could spawn a wave of Islamist attacks like those of the 1980s and 1990s.

Staged in broad day light, it was by far the most audacious act of militancy since Mursi’s overthrow, although radicals have also stepped up an insurgency in the Sinai Peninsula.

Video footage emerged on Thursday showing two men firing rocket propelled grenades at a container ship as it passed through the Suez Canal in the eastern Sinai on Sat urday.—Reuters

Iran’s Foreign Ministry tasked with leading nuclear talks

TEHERAN, 6 Sept—Iran’s Foreign Minister, Mohammad-Javad Zarif, has taken the foreign ministry with the upcoming nuclear talks with the world powers, semi official Fars news agency reported on Thursday.

However, it is not disc losed whether Zarif or an other official from Foreign Ministry will head the Ira nian team in the talks.

Former Iranian For eign Ministry spokesman, Abbas Araghchi, said earlier that “If the Foreign Ministry is tasked with (leading the nuclear) talks, I am sure that the ministry has the required capacity and will do the job well.” By Rouhani’s Thursday decree, Iran’s Foreign Ministry will take over the responsibility from the Supreme National Security Council of the country.

Both Iran’s new govern ment and the world pow ers have shown interest in resuming nuclear talks after the last round of neg otiations, which were held in Almaty, Kazakhstan, in April ended without yield ing much practical results.

Xinhua
Japan’s DoCoMo to begin selling iPhone as early as autumn

Tokyo, 6 Sept—NTT DoCoMo Inc will begin selling Apple Inc’s iPhone as early as this autumn, sources familiar with the matter said on Friday, as it seeks to halt a loss of market share to rivals already offering Japan’s most popular smartphone.

DoCoMo, Japan’s biggest mobile carrier, had long resisted taking on the iPhone, which remains the most popular smartphone in Japan despite the ascendancy of Samsung Electronics Co Ltd’s Galaxy series elsewhere. It has paid heavily for that strategy as it ceded market share to smaller competitors KDDI Corp and Softbank Corp. DoCoMo, a pioneer in mobile Internet and one of the last of the world’s large mobile carriers still not offering the iPhone to its 60 million customers, said in a stock exchange statement that it had nothing to announce on the matter.

Apple is expected to unveil the latest version of its iPhone at an event on 10 September. The Nikkei business daily said an announcement that DoCoMo would begin marketing the iPhone is likely to come on the same day. Shares in Softbank, the first Japanese carrier to offer the iPhone, fell 2.8 percent as per preliminary results of 0115 GMT on Friday, while KDDI dipped 0.1 percent. DoCoMo was 0.5 percent higher after opening up more than 2 percent.

The sources said DoCoMo would continue with its planned winter promotions for handsets made by Sony Corp, Sharp Corp and Fujitsu Ltd. Fujitsu shares, which had risen on news that it would be included in the winter promotions, fell 1.6 percent. Sony rose 0.5 percent while Sharp fell 1.3 percent. Tokyo’s benchmark Nikkei average was down 1.2 percent.

Although DoCoMo’s negotiations with Apple had been shrouded in secrecy, it was widely believed that strict contractual obligations typically linked to iPhone sales would have conflicted with the Japanese mobile leader’s practices. The sources said it was not clear exactly when a DoCoMo iPhone would go on sale. —Reuters

Japan Display ponders new plant, IPO possible in 2014 at earliest

Tokyo, 6 Sept—Japan Display, the world’s top maker of screens for smartphones and tablets, will reach maximum capacity at a recently opened factory by next summer, CEO Shuichi Otsuka said in an interview on Thursday, raising the likelihood of an IPO early next model year.

Japan Display has prospered by serving as a supplier for rivals and a strong yen, Japan Display was formed in 2012 from display units of Sony Corp, Hitachi Ltd and Toshiba Corp, and is 70 percent backed by the government. While other companies forged from troubled divisions at Japanese tech conglomerates, notably chipmakers Renesas Electronics Corp and Elpida Memory, struggled with tough foreign rivals and a strong yen, Japan Display has prospered by diversifying its client base, deciding early on to aggressively seek clients besides Apple Inc.

On Thursday Otsuka said he had said that the earliest launch for an IPO would be in fiscal 2014. The IPO could raise about $1 billion dollars, market watchers believe.

As the new plant goes, or is at least having a test run, there’s a shake-up in the telecoms sector. Toshiba’s AT&T declined to comment. Sawiris was not immediately available for comment. “I can categorically deny that,” America Movil Chief Financial Officer Carlos Garcia Moreno told Reuters in a telephone interview. “We have not had any contact with Verizon, who has been at the helm of the debt-laden Italian telco since 2008, was giving nothing away.” —Reuters

Australian teen tests Apple tolerance with new iPhone leak

SYDNEY, 6 Sept—An Australian teenager who has built an online following by leaking pictures of upcoming Apple Inc products has done it again, showing off the purported fingerprint scanner of the latest iPhone ahead of its expected launch next week.

Sonny Dickson, who lives with his parents in suburban Melbourne, attracted attention in August after he released detailed pictures and videos of the new grey and champagne casing on the upcoming iPhone.

On Thursday, Dickson leaked what he says are the first detailed pictures of the new model’s new “home” button with its rumoured biometric fingerprint scanner. While the design differences have yet to be technically assessed, they could have a whole lot to do with the rumored biometric fingerprint scanner that numerous pundits and analysts have predicted. In fact, we’d count on it,” Dickson said on his website, sonnydickson.com.

Apple, which zealously controls information of its new product launches in the face of rampant interest from consumers, has invited media to an event on 10 September, where it is expected to unveil at least one new model iPhone. Supply chain sources told Reuters in June that Apple is expected to launch two new models this year, one with new fingerprint technology and a cheaper version in a plastic casing, widely referred to as the iPhone S5 and iPhone 5C respectively.

Apple plans to dress up the 5C model in a range of five or six colors to differentiate it from the more expensive model that has traditionally come only in black and white, according to the sources.

Apple declined to comment on Dickson’s actions, and he says they have never contacted him about it. Dickson told Reuters he has five to 10 sources in China who buy Apple prototype parts directly from factory line workers, which are then sold from $250 to $500. His sources then send him photos and videos of the parts, which are posted under his name on his website and YouTube channel, which generate ad revenue. Initially communicating via Weibo, a Chinese microblogging service, Dickson said he and his suppliers moved to a secret website to discuss business.—Reuters

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La Paz, 6 Sept.—The Chinese-built Bolivian satellite Tupac Katari is undergoing testing in a space simulator to determine whether it can withstand the extreme temperatures of outer space, the Bolivian Space Agency (BSA) said on Thursday. The test phase aims to verify the satellite’s various functions and detect any possible malfunction, said Ivan Zambrana, BSA director and supervisor of the Tupac Katari project.

This “thermal vacuum” testing phase will last one month and allow the agency to make any necessary repairs prior to the scheduled launching on 20 Dec, Zambrana added. Zambrana stressed the importance of the satellite to Bolivia’s telecommunications industry, a pillar of the economy. Last year, the industry brought in some 1.5 billion US dollars. “So, a project that costs 300 million dollars for 15 years is considered normal,” said Zambrana.

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WASHINGTON, 6 Sept — Lab mice receiving gut bacteria from obese humans are likely to put on more weight compared to those given bacteria from the guts of lean humans, US researchers said on Thursday.

The findings, published in the US journal Science, demonstrate the transmission of physical and metabolic traits via gut microbes, representing an important step toward the ultimate goal of developing anti-obesity treatment with bacteria.

Researchers from the Washington University recruited four human twin pairs discordant for obesity and transferred the gut microbiota in fecal samples from each of them into the guts of germ-free mice that had been raised under sterile conditions, without any microbes of their own.

They found that the recipients of the obese twins’ microbiota gained more fat than the recipients of the lean twins’ microbiota if the mice were fed a standard diet. “This wasn’t attributable to differences in the amount of food they consumed, so there was something in the microbiota that was able to transmit this trait. Our question became: what were the components responsible?” said Jeffrey Gordon, director for the Centre of Genome Sciences and Systems Biology at Washington University School of Medicine and a co-author of the paper.

When the researchers housed mice receiving microbes from a lean twin with mice given microbes from an obese twin for five days, they discovered that the obese mice slimmer down but the lean mice appeared unaffected.

Analysis of the bacterial communities showed that specific members of the so-called Bacteroidetes phyllum could pass from the lean mice and colonize the obese mice, suggesting that these bacteria were largely responsible for protection against weight gain.

According to the researchers, none of the bacteria from the obese mouse could invade the lean mouse to make them accumulate fat.

To learn more, the researchers formulated diets for the mice that were representative of modern Western diets — low in fiber and high in saturated fats — and found that both the obese and lean mice appeared to be unaffected by the others’ gut microbes.

However, when the animals were given the “healthier,” high-fiber and low-fat human diet, the results were the same as before.

The findings indicated that more complex interactions between diet, body mass and gut microbiota underlie human metabolic disturbances than researchers have appreciated. “We now have a way of identifying such interactions, dependent on diet, and thinking about what features of our unhealthy diets we could transform in ways that would encourage bacteria to establish themselves in our guts, and do the jobs needed to improve our well-being,” Gordon said. “In the future, the nutritional value and the effects of food will involve significant consideration of our microbiota — and developing healthy, nutritious foods will be done from the inside-out, not just the outside-in,” he said.

New Light of Myanmar

GSK cancer vaccine disappoints in melanoma trial

LONDON, 6 Sept — An experimental cancer vaccine from GlaxoSmithKline failed to help melanoma patients in a closely watched late-stage clinical trial, dealing a blow to the high-risk, high-reward project. Britain’s biggest drugmaker said on Thursday that it would continue with the Phase III trial of its MAGE-A3 therapeutic vaccine to see if it benefited a subset of patients with a particular genetic signature.

The trial has two joint targets, known as co-primary endpoints, looking at both the broad population and a co-primary target, known as co-primary endpoints, looking at both the broad population and a co-primary target.

When the researchers housed mice receiving microbes from a lean twin with mice given microbes from an obese twin, it is one of two particularly high-risk developmental GSK products that industry analysts believe could, in theory, become multi-billion dollar sellers. The other is a heart drug called darapladib, designed to fight clogged arteries in a different way to statins. In both cases, however, analysts have been wary of modeling firm sales forecasts, given the above-average risk of failure, and as a result GSK stock fell only one percent by 1410 GMT. Shares in its US partner Age
cus, however, slumped 33 percent, reflecting the high hopes riding on the project at the small biotech firm.

Agensia provides one of the components in GSK’s vaccine. Citigroup analyst Andrew Baum said that already low consensus expectations for the product are now likely to fall further. He currently forecasts sales of only 149 million pounds ($233 million) in 2018 for the MAGE-A3 vaccine in both melanoma and lung cancer. That figure is about half the industry consensus.

Unlike traditional preventative vaccines, the MAGE-A3 treatment is designed for people with established disease, helping their immune systems to prevent the return of disease after surgery.

Other companies, including Bris
tol-Myers Squibb, Roche and Merck & Co have had some recent notable successes in clinical trials of innovative drugs to boost the immune system, but GSK is still pushing the scientific boundaries with its MAGE-A3 vaccine.

Asha to Ashes: Microsoft’s emerging market conundrum

SINGAPORE/NEW DELHI, 6 Sept — Microsoft Corp’s acquisition of Nokia’s handset business gives the software behemoth control of its main Windows smartphone partner, but leaves a question mark over the bigger business it has bought:

Nokia’s cheap and basic phones that still dominate emerging markets like India. Microsoft Chief Executive Steve Ballmer has said he sees such phones — of which Nokia shipped more than 50 million last quarter — as an entree to more expensive fare. “We look at that as an excellent feeder system into the smartphone world and a way to touch people with our services even on much lower-end devices in many parts of the world,” he said in a conference call to analysts on Tuesday. But analysts warn that’s easier said than done.

The problem, said Jayanth Kolla, partner at Convergence Catalyst, an India-based telecom research and advisory firm, is that Microsoft simply lacks Nokia’s retail and supply chain experience in the Finnish company’s most important markets. “The de
tices business, especially the non-smartphones business in emerging markets, is a completely different dynam
ic,” he said. Kolla pointed to the need to manage tight supply chains, distribution, and building brands through word-of-mouth. “Microsoft doesn’t have it in its DNA to run operations at this level,” he said.

South Korea


BERLIN, 6 Sept — Samsung Electronics, the world’s largest maker of television, expects a recovery in the TV market in the second half of this year, helped by an improving US economy and the launch of new high-end sets.

With LCD TV prices falling by 15 percent on average every year, main
stream manufacturers are adding new features and going upmarket with bigger screens that boast four times better resolution than lower-priced LCD models from Chinese rivals. “The first half of the year was quite tough for the television market. Now that the US economy is recovering we foresee that the second half will be quite positive or will recover,” Kim Hyun
suk, head of Samsung’s TV business, told Reuters in an interview.

“We will have new technology coming into the market such as UHD (Ultra High-Definition) televisions.” Speaking on the side
lines of IFA, Europe’s largest consumer electronics trade show, Kim said Samsung’s focus will remain on the premium segment, offering increased model ranges and competitive prices. Samsung is feeling pressure from Chinese manufacturers such as TCL Corp, the world’s fifth largest TV maker.

Global LCD TV demand grew 3.7 percent in the second quarter, thanks to a 29 percent rise in China.

Excluding China, LCD TV shipments fell 3.5 percent, dropping 14 percent in Europe and 9 percent in North America, research firm DisplaySearch said.

The China market now accounts for 27 percent of global demand on a unit ba
sis, bigger than Europe and North America.

India is a case in point. Nokia has been there since the mid 1990s and the coun
try accounted for 7 percent of its 2012 revenue while the United States generated just 6 percent, according to Thomson Reuters data. Its India roots run deep: it has a presence in 200,000 outlets, 70,000 of which sell only its devices. One of its big
gest plants in the world is in the southern city of Chen
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Microsoft Chief Executive Steve Ballmer (L) and his Nokia counterpart Stephen Elop introduce new Nokia phones with Microsoft’s Windows 8 operating system at an event in New York in this 5 Sept, 2012 file photo. — Reuters

Microsoft’s Windows 8 operating system is feeling pressure from Chinese manufacturers such as TCL Corp, the world’s fifth largest TV maker.
Kerry to discuss Syria, Middle East on Europe trip

WASHINGTON, 6 Sept—US Secretary of State John Kerry will discuss Syria, Egypt and Israeli-Palestinian peace talks in a weekend trip to Europe, the US State Department said on Thursday.

Kerry is scheduled to leave on Friday for Vilnius, capital of Lithuania, which currently holds the rotating presidency of the European Union (EU).

He will attend a meeting of EU foreign ministers in Lithuania on Saturday, and is set to discuss issues in the Middle East, including Syria, Egypt, and the Israeli-Palestinian peace talks.

Later Saturday, Kerry is scheduled to go to Paris to meet senior French government officials, and on Sunday, see representatives of the Arab League.

According to the State Department, he will provide an update on Israeli-Palestinian peace talks during the Sunday meeting, while Syria will also be discussed.

On Monday, Kerry will meet Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas in London. The meeting will be the first since Kerry succeeded in convincing the Palestinians to return to the negotiating table with Israel in July, after a break of three years due to Israel’s settlement construction in 2010.

Kerry’s trip comes as US President Barack Obama is trying to convince US Congress to authorize a military strike against Syria for its alleged use of chemical weapons against civilians on 21 August.—Xinhua

Two Koreas agree to restore military hotline

SEOUL, 6 Sept—South and North Korea have agreed to restore a military hotline along the west coast, paving the way for the resumption of a shuttered joint industrial park, Yonhap News Agency reported on Thursday.

The agreement was reached during an inter-Korean meeting to discuss details on the resumption of operations at a joint industrial complex located in the North’s city of Kaesong, Yonhap said, citing Unification Ministry officials.

The military hotline, which was severed in March amid heightened tensions on the Korean Peninsula, will be restored Friday, the report said.—Kyodo News

Brother of Mexico drug cartel chief gets 20 years for US money laundering

SAN ANTONIO, 6 Sept—The brother of two kingpins of Mexico’s infamous Zetas drug cartel was sentenced on Thursday to 20 years in US federal prison for his role in laundering money for the gang through the buying, training and racing of American quarter horses.

Jose Trevino Morales, 42, his wife and two mid-

dlemen convicted with him in May handled millions of dollars in drug proceeds for the Zetas, laundering cash through a network of straw buyers in Texas, Oklahoma, New Mexico and California, authorities said.

FBI agent Armando Fernandez said Trevino sought to avoid financial reporting requirements by making sure that no more than $10,000 in cash was ever deposited in a single bank at any time.

The money was ultimately invested in the American quarter horse industry, and some of the horses turned out to be big winners on the racing circuit. One horse, Mr Piloto, won a $1 million purse in the 2010 All American Futurity at Ruidoso Downs in New Mexico.

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Myinmu bus lines committee holds annual general meeting

MYINMU, 6 Sept—Private Bus Lines Supervisory Committee of Myinmu Township in Sagaing Region held annual general meeting at Shwe Pyi Thit Hall of Myinmu Township General Administration Department on 1 September, in conjunction with donation ceremony.

Township Management Committee Chairman U Thein Zaw delivered an address at the ceremony. Chairman of Private Bus Lines Supervisory Committee U Tin Tun Win, Secretary U Min Lwin and Member U Sein Lin read out annual report, future plans and financial statement.

Township Education Officer Daw Kyi Kyi Mar spoke words of thanks for donation. The officials of the committee provided cash assistance for education of offspring of members of the committee and presented bonus to bus lines. They donated K 1.2 million to Basic Education Primary School.—MMAL-Ko Ko Naing (Myinmu)

Award committee evaluates entries for anti-human trafficking contests

BAGO, 6 Sept—Award scrutiny committee for painting, poster, cartoon, poem, essay, novel, short story and photo contests in commemoration of Myanmar Anti-Human Trafficking Day scrutinized the entries and selected the winners in eight separate programmes at Police Transit Camp in Bago in Bago Region on 1 September.

Chairman of Bago Region Anti-Human Trafficking Committee U Maung Maung Than, Commander of Bago Region Police Force Police Col Mya Win, Deputy Commander Police Li-Col Zaw Khin Aung, Commander of Bago Region Anti-Human Trafficking Corps Police Major Ye Win Aung, committee members and invited guests attended the event.

Chairman U Maung Maung Than observed the evaluation and made recommendations.

MMAL-Thant Zin

Myanmar Taekwondo athletes undergoing joint training in ROK

YANGON, 6 Sept—Under a government-to-government programme, Myanmar Taekwondo athletes left for Seoul of Korea for a joint training from 4 September to 25 October as part of preparation for XXVII SEA Games.

The team was formed with leader secretary U Zaw Win, manager Daw Wah Wah Tun, chief coach U Kyaw Than Oo, nine male athletes and nine female athletes.

They were seen off by Myanmar Taekwondo Federation President U Mya Han and Joint Secretary U Phyo Zaw Aung at Yangon International Airport on 3 September.

MMAL-Tin Soe (Myanmar Alinn)

Winners awarded in township reading habit promotion festival

YANGON, 6 Sept—With the support of Myanmar Libraries Foundation and under aegis of Dagon Myothit (South) Township General Administration Department, Township Education Department, Township Information and Public Relations Department and Township Writers Association jointly organized the award presentation for reading habit promotion festival at No (2) Basic Education High School in Dagon Myothit (South) Township recently.

Award winners in essay contest, poem recitation contest and reading contest were honoured at the ceremony. Myanmarars distinction winners in matriculation exam were also awarded at the ceremony.

The township administration, the township education officer, the district information and public relations officer, the chairman of Township Writers Association and officials presented awards.

Award winning students recited poems and patron of Township Writers Association Nay Soe Thaw spoke words of thanks.

MMAL-Sa Mon Oo (Hinthada)

Fingerlings released into farmlands in Toungoo

TOUNGOO, 6 Sept—Local farmers led by Toungoo District Fisheries Department released 50,000 fingerlings into the farmland of U Than Myint in Mohkhaung Village of Toungoo Township on 30 August.

It was attended by Head of Toungoo District Fisheries Department U Win Tin, Township Administrator U Thein Zaw Win and the Commander of Township Police Force and local people.

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CSCs issued to eligible citizens in Myitkyina

MYITKYINA, 6 Sept—Myitkyina Township Immigration and National Registration Department Officer U Soe Naung and staff made field trips to Citapu ward in third week of August to issue Citizenship Scrutiny Cards.

CSCs were presented to the ward administrator on 2 September.

A total of 287 CSCs were presented to eligible citizens in the ward.

MMAL-Moe Kya (Myitkyina)

Myanmar fish products exporters visit Vietnam

YANGON, 6 Sept—A 12-member delegation led by Deputy Minister for Commerce Dr Pwint Hsan which included members of Myanmar Marine Produce Exporters Association visited Vietnam on 29 August under Myanmar-Vietnam Trade Promotion Scheme, according to a press release of a weekly regular meeting of marine produce exporters.

Treasurer of the association Dr Toe Nanda Tin shared her experience that one-acre fish farm in Vietnam could produce 500 tons of fishes.

MMAL-Khin Cho Win (MNA)

Sar Pan Eain Library in Salin Tsp marks fifth birthday

SALIN, 6 Sept—Fifth anniversary of Sar Pan Eain Library was held in Sinkyone village in Salin Township in Minbu District in Magway Region on 3 September.

Outstanding students and reading prizes winners were also awarded at the ceremony.

Township Information and Public Relations Officer U Aung Myint Oo gave talks on reading habit, sustainability of libraries, and census-taking in 2014.

MMAL-Township IPRD

Tens of thousands of saplings distributed to Tatkon Tsp

NAY PYI TAW, 6 Sept—A total of 100,000 saplings were distributed to the people in Tatkon Township in Nay Pyi Taw Council Area, according to the Township Forest Department.

A collective tree planting ceremony was held in the yard of Irrigation Department by departmen- tal personnel, members of social organizations and students with some 6000 attendance.

It was jointly organized by Township General Administration Department and Tatkon local station. A total of 43800 saplings of 100,000 saplings have been distributed to the whole township.

Remaining saplings will be planted by the road and station yard.

MMAL-Kyaw Thu Win (Myanmar Alinn)

Business

Myanmar could only produce 10 tons of fishes from the same areas with the technologies that have far lagged behind.

She stressed the need to carry out technical exchange with Vietnam and Israel as suggested by the Vietnamese officials.

Vietnam made offers to purchase fish products from Myanmar which invited the former to open a feed factory in Myanmar.

MMAL-Khin Cho Win (MNA)

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Charity

“For attractive lips, speak words of kindness. For lovely eyes, seek out the good in people. For a slim figure, share your food with the hungry. For beautiful hair, let a child run their fingers through it once a day,” says the famous quote of Sam Levenson, an American writer.

The next variation is planet shamanism. According to ancient Egyptians, Babylonians, the Greeks, Romans, Hindus, Tibetans and Chinese etc, all heavenly bodies, sun, moon, stars, constellation and planets govern our earth.

There are planets that influence the lives of all living beings, flora and fauna [including humans]. Hindu culture and civilization which spread across the world from outside. Shaman is benefactors of all living creatures including men. They bring good to all living creatures if their commands and laws are obeyed, but they cast evil as punishment on evil creatures if they cast evil as punishment on all, if their commands and laws are disobeyed. Evil natural phenomena are manifestation of their anger inflicted upon living creatures.

Therefore men have to worship them by propitiating to appease their anger and to beg for their forgiveness and favour. For such ritual function, direct contact with deities is not possible for everyone. There emerged agents who can contact with deities. Hence priest or spirit medium, a professional go-between to contact and conduct all ritual functions. In every community of all Asian countries. The deceased family members, grandparents or elderly relatives are given a little space at home for their spirits to live. They are offered daily foods and drinks, candle and incense. Among some tribes on the hill regions, children are left alone at home when they go to fields and farms for work. They call upon their deceased ancestors’ spirits to look after their children and house. To invoke and contact the ancestors’ spirits, there is an old lady who acts as shaman medium. She had learnt that shamanism from her elders. She is consulted by members of her own family clan only. Such family clan shaman dreams of polemics or pa-yoga means to appease their anger and help, regardless of the ethnic minorities in Myanmar and they all have their own shamanism and shamans. Eight major ethnic nationalities are (1) the Kayahs (2) the Kayaks (3) the Kayins (4) the Mons (5) the Bamas (7) the Rakhyins and (8) the Shan.

Maha Saddhamma Jotika dhaja Sithu Dr. Khin Maung Nyunt

ADB, Japan to assist in construction of Kayin State-Yangon road

Manila, 6 Sep—The Asian Development Bank (ADB), using a $1.5 million grant provided by the Japanese Fund for Poverty Reduction, will assist the Government of Myanmar in designing and preparing an approach to upgrade a 70-kilometer section of road connecting Kayin State with Yangon.

This technical assistance (TA) will lay the groundwork for a loan under consideration by ADB to upgrade the road between Kawkairek and Eindu, which would help those living in Kayin State have easier access to employment, education and health care, and reduce travel times while increasing traffic volumes. The road is part of the Greater Mekong Sub-region program’s East-West Economic Corridor (EWEC) and will ultimately strengthen road links with Thailand. The TA grant will also help train staff at the Ministry of Construction and Public Works in project preparation and implementation, focusing on issues of design, budgeting and procurement.

Moe Thu
Interfaith Friendship

District/Township Interfaith Friendship Committee

TAGAHL, 6 Sept—Head of Pakokku District Religious Affairs Department U Than Soe on 28 August held a meeting for formation of Interfaith Friendship Committee (District/Township).

The meeting was attended by responsible persons of Buddhism, Islam, Christianity and Hinduism at his office.

A total of 29 persons from all religions held a coordination to set up the committee so as to solve religious affairs in district and township.

The district committee was constituted with U Tin Win (Buddhism) as chairman, U Win Naing (Buddhism) as General Secretary, four persons each from four religions as vice-chairmen and secretaries and four persons from four religions as members, totalling 14.

The township committee was formed with U Hsan Nyunt (Buddhism) as chairman, U Myo Myint (Buddhism) as general secretary, four vice-chairmen, four secretaries and four members, totalling 14.

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Dy FM attends 192nd Anniversary Independence Day reception of Brazil

YANGON, 6 Sept—Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Thant Kyaw and wife were welcomed by Brazilian Ambassador to Myanmar Mr. Jose Carlos da Fonseca Junior and wife at the reception to mark the 192nd Anniversary Independence Day of the Federative Republic of Brazil, at the National Theatre on Myoma Kyaung Road, Dagon Township, here, at 6:45 pm today.

Those present on the occasion enjoyed Brazilian traditional music.—MNA

Deputy Minister U Thant Kyaw and wife attend reception of Brazil’s Independence Day.—MNA

Cooperation in microfinance discussed

NAW PYI TAW, 6 Sept—Union Minister for Cooperatives U Kyaw Hsan met with Executive Managing Officer Mr. Michio Atsuda of Acom Co., Ltd of Japan at his office, here this morning.

They discussed cooperation with the ministry in microfinance for rural development and socioeconomic status of local people and matters on finance services of Acom Co Ltd.

MNA

Natural Disaster Management Capacity Building Course kicks off

MAGWAY, 6 Sept—The natural disaster management capacity building course No7/2013, jointly organized by Magway Region government and Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement, was opened at Nanhlaikthi Hotel in Magway on 26 August morning.

Magway Region Minister for Social Affairs U Aung Kyaw Min made a speech. Director U Chaung Htay of Relief and Resettlement Department explained the purpose of training course.

A total of 30 trainees from General Administration Department, Myanmar Police Force, Social Welfare Department, Relief and Resettlement Department, Fire Services Department, Health Department, Women’s Affairs Organization, Maternal and Child Welfare Association and Red Cross Brigade attended the course from 26 to 31 August.

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Outstanding police honoured: Bago Region

Minister for Security and Border Affairs Col Thet Tun gave instruction at coordination meeting at Police Hall of Bago Region Police Force on 5 September. The commander of Region Police Force and officials presented awards to outstanding policemen who made vigorous efforts in crime reduction and exposed criminal cases.—KYEMON-SAN WAI (HANTHAMAY)

Trees planted along both sides of road to Tharekkhan Pagoda

PAKKOKU, 6 Sept—Wanwarawpaka tree growing and blood donation association (Pakokku) held the tree growing ceremony along the three miles and two furlongs long road from Shwegu Pagoda to Hsingyo Shwegu Tharekkhan Pagoda on 1 September morning.

About 150 members of the association, students and people participated in growing 2100 saplings.

Pakokku Township Forest Department distributed saplings to the association.

U Po Noe-Daw Htwe Shin of Kyu Village helped them carry saplings from the nursery of Pakokku Forest Department to the tree planters by car.

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EnD HUmAn TRAFFICkING

2013 Anti-Trafficking in Persons Day’s Objectives

To mobilize the participation of all citizens in combating human trafficking as a national cause.

To enhance human trafficking awareness among and protective efforts.

To enforce criminal justice response in uncovering human trafficking case and bringing perpetrators to justice.

To strengthen cooperation and coordination among all counter trafficking stakeholders government agencies, civil society organizations, UN agencies, international organizations and general public.
US intercepts Iranian order for attack on
US interests in Iraq

WASHINGTON, 6 Sept—The United States has intercepted an Iranian order for a military strike in Iraq to attack US interests in Baghdad in the event the Obama administration launches a military strike in Syria, the Wall Street Journal reported on Thursday.

The American Embassy in Baghdad was a likely target, according to unnamed US officials quoted by the newspaper. The Journal said the officials did not describe the range of potential targets indicated by the intelligence.

In addition, the State Department issued a warning on Thursday telling US citizens to avoid all but “essential” travel to Iraq. President Barack Obama has asked the US Congress to back his plan for limited strikes in response to a chemical weapons attack on civilians that the United States blames on Syrian President Bashar al-Assad’s forces.

The Journal reported that the Iranian message was intercepted in recent days and came from the head of the Revolutionary Guards’ Qods Force. The newspaper said the message went to Iranian-supported Shi’ite militia groups in Iraq. The Journal reported that the message informed Shi’ite groups to be prepared to respond with force after any US military strike on Syria.

“Travel within Iraq remains dangerous given the security situation,” according to the State Department’s warning, which replaced an earlier one “to update information on security incidents and to remind US citizens of ongoing security concerns in Iraq, including kidnapping and terrorist violence.”

South Africa intensifies crackdown on rhino poaching

CAPE TOWN, 6 Sept—South African law enforcement agencies have intensified the crackdown on rhino poaching, arresting 24 alleged rhino poachers in the past two weeks, the government said on Thursday. The arrests brought the number of suspected rhino poachers arrested across the country since Jan, 2013, to 191, the Department of Environmental Affairs said.

The latest arrests were made in the Kruger National Park and the North West, Mpumalanga and Limpopo provinces. In addition to the arrests, four suspected rhino poachers were shot dead in two separate operations last month. Minister of Environment and Water Edina Molewa commended law enforcement agencies for the good work they have done in the fight against rhino poaching, the department said.

But the department said the arrests happened amidst the increasing number of poaching incidents reported in South Africa.

The total number of rhinos poached since the beginning of the year has increased to 618, with the Kruger National Park continuing to bear the brunt of rhino poaching, with 381 rhino having been killed for their horns since January. Among the total number of rhinos poached, 64 have been killed in Limpopo, 62 in KwaZulu-Natal, 62 in North West and 42 in Mpumalanga.

“South Africans are encouraged to continue supporting the work of the security forces, rangers and conservationists,” the department said. “The commitment to conservation requires the support of everyone in order to stem the tide of rhino poaching.”

The authorities have set up anonymous tip-off lines 0800 205 005, 08600 10111 or Crime-Line on 32211 to encourage the public to report incidents of poaching.

South Africa blames rhino poaching on the rising demand for rhino horns. Rhino horns are superstition-ously believed to cure many diseases, notably cancer, although no scientific evidence to prove this.

US proof of chemical weapons use far from convincing

ST PETERSBURG, 6 Sept—Russia cannot take the US proof of chemical weapons use in Syria as they are far from convincing, Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov said here on Thursday.

Responding to a question over Syria during a Press conference in the Group of Twenty (G20) summit, Peskov said Russia is not blocking the work of the UN Security Council but encourages its partners to consider the situation in Syria “in a responsible manner” and not to use the so-called fact to justify their own actions, he noted.

“We cannot accept the proof which, from our point of view, is not proof at all and that is far from being convincing,” Peskov said.

The Security Council is the “only legitimate body” in international affairs that can use legitimate forces, he said, adding “neither Russia nor the US” can make such decisions alone.

Moscow believes that decisions should not be made before UN experts finish their probe and provide evidence on who had used the chemical weapons in Syria, he added.

Moscow saw it unacceptable if “anyone in the world imposes its will on another state and tries to change the international law regime under which the world lives,” said the spokesman.

As for the relationship between President Vladimir Putin and his US counterpart Barack Obama, Peskov said they are “constructive although there are multiple serious disagreements.”

G20 leaders adopt St Petersburg development strategy

ST PETERSBURG, 6 Sept —The Group of Twenty (G20) leaders on Thursday approved here a strategy outlining development priorities for the group members over the medium term.

The St Petersburg Development Strategy, prepared by the development working panel of G20, detailed such priorities as reforming G20’s commitment to shared growth and improving the group’s approach to development.

Russian President Vladimir Putin, whose country holds the rotating presidency of G20 this year and plays the host to the 2013 G20 Summit, told fellow summiters that though situation had improved thanks to measures taken by G20 member states, it is still too early to become complacent and the group’s main task is to bring back sustainable and balanced growth to the global economy.

“Unfortunately, this problem has not yet been resolved; systemic risks and conditions conducive to the recurrence of an acute crisis persist,” said President Putin. “Just recently the IMF lowered its 2013 global growth forecast to 3.1 percent.”

Strike against Syria requires UN backing

SANTIAGO, 6 Sept—Chile’s President Sebastian Pinera said on Thursday that a military strike against Syria required the backing of the United Nations Security Council.

“I want to say that the Chilean government believes that any military action in Syria must be within the context of the multinational institutional structure that we have at the United Nations and the Security Council, and not by a unilateral decision of a single or a group of countries,” Pinera told a Press conference in the presidential palace of La Moneda.

US President Barack Obama has been seeking congressional support for a punitive strike against Syria’s alleged use of chemical weapons, even at a time when the United Nations awaits a report on the Syrian incident from its team of chemicals experts.

“We are waiting to hear the report of UN experts sent to Syria, so that it can be heard by all the countries in the international community, and also by the Security Council, and the respective decisions can be adopted there,” he said.

On the purported use of chemical weapons in Syria, Pinera said the government of Chile strongly condemned the abuse of its people in Syria, especially if chemical attacks were proved true.——Xinhua
**S Korea bans fishery imports from 8 Japan prefs including Fukushima**

*Soul, 6 Sept —* South Korea said on Friday it has placed an import ban on all fisheries products from eight Japanese prefectures, including Fukushima.

“The measure comes as our people’s concerns are growing over the fact that hundreds of tons of radiation-contaminated water are leaked daily from the site of Japan’s nuclear accident in Fukushima,” the Ministry of Oceans and Fisheries said in a Press release, according to Yonhap News Agency.

The Japanese government on Friday responded by saying that Japan has stringent food safety standards based on international rules and regularly measures radiation levels.

“We have provided the South Korean government with relevant information since the leakage of contaminated water (at the Fukushima Daiichi nuclear plant) came to light,” Chief Cabinet Secretary Yoshihide Suga said at a Press conference in Tokyo.

“We will continue to ask South Korea to take measures based on scientific facts,” he added.

The South Korean government said it will request additional radiation tests in Japan, if “even a minute dose of radioactive material, such as cesium or iodine, is detected in any products from any other region of Japan,” Yonhap reported.

The government also decided to lower the allowed dose of radiation in fisheries products from the current 370 becquerel per kilogramme to 100 Bq/kg.

South Korea last year imported 5,000 tons of fishery products from the eight affected prefectures, out of a total of 270,000 tons of imports from Japan.

South Korea had imposed a ban on some Japanese fisheries products following the Fukushima nuclear disaster in March 2011 that led to the Fukushima nuclear disaster.

**Pakistan to hold grand conference on security, Taleban talks**

*Islamabab, 6 Sept —* Pakistani government will convene a grand conference of mainstream political parties next week to evolve a national strategy to curb militancy and address the overall law and order and security situation in the country. However it was delayed as the government wanted to hold more consultations to make the event successful, officials said.

The government said the APC will also discuss the government should opt for talks with the Taleban.

**Panel recommends opening 165 mountains for expeditions in Nepal**

*Kathmandu, 6 Sept —* A government panel has recommended the names of 165 new peaks to be opened for the upcoming adventure season, officials said on Thursday.

The opening of new peaks is expected to uplift the economic conditions of local people, boost country’s tourism industry and uplift the local economy.

Sherpa, a former president of Nepal Mountaineering Association, said that if the initiative is implemented, it will boost country’s tourism industry and uplift the local economy.

Currently, around 326 peaks are allowed for expedition and adventure sports in Nepal. If the initiative is endorsed by the Nepali government, the number of peaks will be increased to 491.

The proposed peaks include 8,000-metre mountain, 12 mountains above 7,000-metre but below 8,000, 143 mountains which are above 6,000 meters and nine mountains above 5,000 metres.

The government opened 122 new peaks in 2003, and nine other peaks in 2004, but since then no new peaks have been opened.

**Philippine gov’t says ready to resume talks with rebels**

*Manila, 6 Sept —* The Philippine government said on Thursday that it remains open to continue peace discussions with the leftist rebels but the latter must show some goodwill and sincerity.

President’s Spokesperson Edwin Lacierda made the statement amid reports that the leftist New People’s Army (NPA) members, who attacked government troops this week in southern Pinayba Valley, using inflammatory devices with bacteria and deadly toxins.

Army doctors reportedly found traces of human feces and snake venom in wounds of the seven soldiers wounded during Tuesday’s attack.

“The position of our government is that we are open on the peace process. (But) what we need is sincerity,” he said.

The government panel negotiating peace with the NPA said it may resume peace talks with the insurgents if they agree on a new negotiating framework.

Government negotiators added that the NPA should have a clear agenda for ending violence and bringing peace in the country.

The NPA, an armed wing of the Communist Party of the Philippines, has been waging a war against the government for over four decades.
**claims day notice**

**MV New Energy VOY NO (+)**

Consignees of cargo carried on MV NEW ENERGY VOY NO (+) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 8.9.2013 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of S.P.W(7) where it will lie at the consignee’s risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

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

**shipping agency department**

**MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY**

**AGENT FOR: M/S RK SHIPPING & TRADING PTE LTD**

Phone No: 256924/256914

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**claims day notice**

**MV Vinaship Ocean VOY NO ( )**

Consignees of cargo carried on MV VINASHIP OCEAN VOY NO ( ) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 7.9.2013 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of S.P.W(3) 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: M/S Vinaship Ocean Shipping Co Ltd**

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**AGENT FOR: M/S Minh Star**

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**claims day notice**

**MV spring sky VOY NO (28)**

Consignees of cargo carried on MV SPRING SKY VOY NO (28) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 7.9.2013 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of M.I.T.T where it will lie at the consignee’s risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

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**Regional leaders push for talks over DR Congo crisis**

KAMPALA, 6 Sept — Leaders from Africa’s Great Lakes region and their foreign and defence ministers on Wednesday started gathering here to resolve the latest escalation of fighting in the eastern part of the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC).

The leaders are holding an emergency summit called by Uganda, the chair of the International Conference of the Great Lakes Region (ICGLR), a regional peace and security body bringing together 11 member countries.

In recent weeks, fighting resumed between the Congolese troops and the M23 rebels. The UN Intervention Brigade was also involved in the fighting which saw the M23 being dislodged from some of its strategic places around Goma, the capital of North Kivu Province.

The fighting also affected relations between the neighbouring DRC and Rwanda, which is protesting the shelling of its areas by unknown people from across the border.

The flare is the latest since the new rebellion surfaced in 2012, despite various efforts to stabilize the country. The DRC has witnessed decades of war, leaving a large number of people dead and forcing hundreds of thousands of others to flee to neighbouring Uganda and Rwanda.

Following regional pressure late last year, the Congolese government and the M23 started peace talks mediated by the Ugandan government.

Regional experts say the negotiation option must be explored to the end, warning that war can worsen the already bad humanitarian situation.

James Mugume, permanent secretary of Uganda’s Ministry of Foreign Affairs, told Xinhua in an interview on Wednesday that having meaningful negotiations the fighting has stopped.

“you must stop the fighting then hold the peace talks as agreed in the peace and security framework,” he said.

“you should never tire of meetings when you are resolving an intricate problem that dates back to the colonial days. It is a big country; there are many issues, so you have to be patient.”—Xinhua

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**Number of Somali people in crisis falls to lowest level since 2011**

UNITED NATIONS, 6 Sept — The number of people in crisis in Somalia has fallen to the lowest level since famine was declared in 2011, Philippe Lazzarini, the UN resident and humanitarian coordinator for Somalia, has said.

The improvement in food security in Somalia is attributed to a combination of ongoing humanitarian response, successive seasons of good rainfall and low food prices, UN associate spokesman Farhan Haq quoted Lazzarini as saying on Wednesday.

Haq, however, did not give the exact number of the famine-affected population.

The top coordinator warned that the needs in Somalia remain enormous, underlining the need to continue providing life-saving assistance and scaling up investments in programming to build communities’ ability to cope with future shocks, Haq said.

“If we act to build up resilience now, we can ensure that the next period of poor rains does not turn into a deep humanitarian crisis,” Lazzarini was quoted as saying.—Xinhua

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**Fire fighters try to put out “fire” on oil tanks during a fire drill at a chemical plant in Penglai City, east China’s Shandong Province, on 3 Sept, 2013.—Xinhua**
Angelina Jolie, Steve Martin to receive honourary Oscars

LOS ANGELES, 6 Sept — Oscars season kicked off on Thursday as actors Angelina Jolie, Angela Lansbury, Steve Martin and Italian costume designer Piero Tosi were the first to receive honourary Governors Awards, the Academy of Motion Pictures Arts and Sciences said.

The Governors Awards are an Oscar statuettes given to those in film that have made significant contributions to the industry through their body of work. They will be presented at a ceremony in Hollywood on 16 November.

Jolie, 38, is the youngest of the four recipients, and is being honoured for her career, including her Oscar-winning role in 1999’s “Girl, Interrupted,” her directorial debut with 2011’s “In the Land of Blood and Honey,” and her humanitarian work.

Comedic actor and three-time Oscar host Martin, 68, has a long-standing career playing witty or dim characters in comedy films such as 1979’s “The Jerk,” “The Pink Panther” series and 2005’s “Shopgirl.” Despite a career spanning 60 years, Martin has never received an Oscar nomination. The actor tweeted on Thursday that he was “proud to win an honourary Oscar this year. A salute to comedy and all the great people I’ve worked with.”

Lansbury, 87, is a three-time Oscar nominee for her roles in 1944’s “Gaslight,” 1945’s “The Picture of Dorian Gray” and 1962’s “The Manchurian Candidate.” She is also widely known for her role as fictional writer-sleuth Jessica Fletcher in television series “Murder, She Wrote.”

Five time Oscar-nominated costume designer Tosi, 86, garnered recognition for his work on Italian director Luchino Visconti’s films such as 1957’s “White Nights” and for 1963’s “The Leopard” and 1971’s “Death in Venice.”

The honourary Governors Awards are presented ahead of the Academy Awards, which will close out the Hollywood awards season on 2 March, 2014.

Jennifer Hudson tackles ‘intimidating’ role of Winnie Mandela

LOS ANGELES, 6 Sept — For Oscar and Grammy-winning actress and singer Jennifer Hudson, the decision to play anti-apartheid activist Winnie Mandela in her first lead role was no easy matter, especially when she saw what the former South African first lady meant to the nation. In the biopic “Winnie Mandela,” which opens in US theatres on Friday, Hudson plays the ex-wife of Nelson Mandela from the time she met him as a young woman, through decades as the public face for his imprisoned husband’s fight against white rule.

The film also depicts Winnie Mandela’s fall from grace when she is embroiled in murder and human rights violations before her husband is released from prison after 27 years in 1990 and goes on to become South Africa’s first black president. “It was very intimidating for me, actually,” said Hudson, who came to understand the pressure of her role when she arrived in South Africa and heard people talk about Winnie Mandela.

“Winnie is something they clearly treasure and take very seriously,” she added. “I thought, if I am going to do this I have to be all in. I thought maybe I should go home. And then I thought, this is a story that I would want to be a part of.”

A model uses a playing card to keep her hair in place as she walks the runway during a rehearsal before a presentation of the Honor Spring/Summer 2014 collection during New York Fashion Week, on 5 Sept. — Reuters

NEW YORK, 6 Sept — Designers from around the world began unveiling their latest looks at New York Fashion Week on Thursday, as fashion buyers and editors assembled to see what will be aau courant for spring with trend watchers expecting a season of simple silhouettes.

Hundreds of shows are slated in New York over the next eight days, displaying looks for spring 2014, before attention moves on to events in London, Milan and Paris.

The range on New York catwalks can be vast, from Custo Barcelona’s goyoyu prins to Carmen Marc Valvo’s beaded evening wear, Diane von Furstenberg’s lush colors and Ralph Lauren’s polished classics. Longtime designer Carolina Herrera can be relied on for sleek sophistication and veteran Michael Kors for his clean lines. Matthew Mirano has made a name for himself at age 22 designing for pop singer Lady Gaga.

Others are harder to figure out in advance. Publicity material for Concept Korea said the collection by Kael E Suktae was inspired by a phrase from the Bible: “The stone the builder rejected has become the cornerstone.”

Roseanne Morrison, fashion director at The Doneger Group, experts in retail trends and forecasting, said she expects an abundance of skirts, A-line sheaths, cropped tops and soft pants in a departure from skintight looks of recent years. “I think we’re just moving into this whole mood of simplicity ...
**LONDON, 6 Sept—** Southampton striker Rickie Lambert will lead England’s attack in the World Cup qualifier against Moldova on Friday after Daniel Sturridge was ruled out through injury.

Manager Roy Hodgson hopes the in-form Sturridge, who has returned to Liverpool for treatment on a thigh problem, may recover in time for Tuesday’s qualifier in Ukraine.

Hodgson was already without striker Wayne Rooney for both games due to a head injury and Lambert, who scored on his debut in a friendly against Scotland last month, will start against Moldova at Wembley alongside Danny Welbeck and Theo Walcott.

England are well-placed to qualify for next year’s tournament in Brazil although they trail Group H leaders Montenegro by two points with a game in hand. Ukraine are third, a point behind England.

The build-up to the Moldova game has been dominated by FA chairman Greg Dyke’s assertion that much doubt we are at the top of bookmakers lists to win the World Cup next year at the moment,” Hodgson said. “So let us first qualify and then aim to get a bit better when Brazil comes round.

“The four remaining games are of vital importance. I don’t quantify games as one being easy or one being hard. Moldova have proven very hard to beat and we know they will be hard to beat on Friday night and I will need my best players.

“I think we need 10 points. I think that would see us mathematically certain.”

**Mexico will amaze Formula One, says Perez**

MONZA, (Italy), 6 Sept— Mexico’s return to the Formula One calendar in 2014 after more than 20 years’ absence will be one of the highlights of the season, the country’s leading racer Sergio Perez said on Thursday.

The McLaren driver, who will be hoping to have a car capable of winning his home race after a lacklustre season for the British team this year, told reporters at the Italian Grand Prix that it would be huge.

A draft calendar circulated to teams before Sunday’s race at Monza had a record 21 rounds and Mexico listed for a 9 November date, the week before the US Grand Prix in Austin, Texas, subject to track approval.

“It’s very exciting. It’s not confirmed yet, it’s just a pre-calendar but I feel there are very big chances now of this happening,” Perez said.

“It will be great for my country, great for the sport. Formula One will be amazed how popular this grand prix can become...it will be huge for Formula One as a sport to go there.”

Mexico last hosted a grand prix at the Autodromo Hermanos Rodriguez in 1992, when Nigel Mansell was triumphant for Williams who were a top team in those days.

They have scored just one point this season, however, and that is not the only way in which the sport’s landscape has changed with new venues like Russia and India opening up.

Last year’s inaugural race in Austin drew a strong Latin crowd from both sides of the border and Perez agreed having the two races together would be like having two home grands prix in succession with big crowds at both.

**Davenport heads list of Hall of Fame nominations**

NEW YORK, 6 Sept— Former American world number one Lindsay Davenport, a winner of three grand slam singles titles, headlined the list of nominees up for induction into the International Tennis Hall of Fame.

Davenport was announced as a nominee along with two-times grand slam winner Mary Pierce of France and 1994 Wimbledon champion Bec Martineau of Spain, the Hall of Fame said in a statement on Thursday.

The 37-year-old Davenport produced 55 singles titles and a 753-194 record over a 17-year career that included grand slam titles at the 1995 US Open, 1999 Wimbledon, and 2000 Australian Open.

She also won a gold medal at the 1996 Atlanta Olympics and had a 33-3 record in Fed Cup competition for the United States.

Frenchwoman Pierce, known for her hard-hitting game, won 18 singles titles while compiling a 511-237 record that included triumphs at the 1995 Australian Open and 2000 French Open. She was also on France’s Fed Cup team for 10 years, playing an important role in helping the nation win their two titles in 1997 and 2003. She was also a member of the French Olympic Team in 1992, 1996, and 2004.

Martineau, 41, had 33 singles titles during her career, none bigger than her win over Martina Navratilova in the 1984 singles final at the All England Club to become the only Spanish woman to ever win the title.
**Obituary**

Daw Khin Tha (88) Years

Beloved daughter of U Thaung and Daw Ooh; residing at No.149 West Horse Racing Road; beloved wife of (U Aung Kyaw); beloved mother of U Kyaw Htay (Immigration Officer, Retd), Daw Khin Htay Myint (Police Inspector, Retd); grandmother of Pyae Phyo Kyaw (System Engineer, solution-Consultant-Solutions Pte Ltd) + Ma Phyu Kyaw Tun, Ko Kyaw Hein + Ma Zin Mar Phyu (N.U.H), Maung Zar Ni Kyaw (N.T.U) passed away at Shwegondaing Specialist Centre on 6-9-2013 (Friday) at 1:00 am. The remains will be cremated at Yayyaw Cemetery at 4:00 pm on 9-9-2013 (Sunday). (Buses will depart from home at 2:30 pm).

Bereaved Family

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**British team switches to Nike from Adidas in seven-year deal**

**New Delhi, 6 Sept —** At least 13 people, including seven school children, were killed and more than 100 others injured in a major road mishap in the southern Indian state of Kerala on Friday, a senior police official said.

"The mishap happened when a private bus in which the victims were travelling hit a tree and then plunged into a deep gorge at Perumthalmanna in the state’s Malappuram District,Jessica, the driver lost control of the speeding vehicle while overtaking another bus," he said on condition of anonymity.

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**George Zimmerman’s wife files for divorce in Florida, lawyer says**

MIAMI, 6 Sept—The wife of George Zimmerman filed for divorce on Thursday, her lawyer said, less than two months after Zimmerman was acquitted of murder in the shooting of unarmed teenager Trayvon Martin in Florida.

Shellie Zimmerman, 26, sought the divorce after she said last week in an interview with ABC News that the trial had strained their marriage of six years.

Her lawyer, Kelly Sims, did not specify the reason for the divorce in an email to Reuters, and a Seminole County Court clerk in central Florida said she had not seen any filing yet.

"Shellie has, indeed, filed a petition for dissolution of marriage in Seminole County this afternoon," Sims told Reuters. He said Shel- lie Zimmerman was seeking custody of the couple’s two dogs plus “equitable distribution” of their assets and debts. The court filing listed her assets at $12,729 and debts at $103,756, mostly from school loans, an auto loan and credit card bills, he said.

“There comes a time when you know you just can’t continue living with someone. That time is now for Shellie," Sims said.

Zimmerman was acquitted in July of killing 17-year-old Martin as he walked back to the townhouse where he was staying after buying snacks at a nearby convenience store, ending a case that captivated and polarized the US public on issues of race, gun and self-defence laws.

John Donnelly, a family friend who testified in George Zimmerman’s defense at his trial, told Reuters that Shellie was “devastated” when her husband “just packed up and left” after her acquittal and was gone for a month without telling anyone his whereabouts.

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**Stansilas Wawrinka wins at Wimbledon before becoming US Open shocker**

**New York, 6 Sept—** Defending champion Andy Murray was the latest grand slam winner to be bundled out of the US Open, thrashed in straight sets by Stanislas Wawrinka in a quarter-finals shocker on Thursday. Ninth-seeded Wawrinka dominated an out of sorts Murray 6-4, 6-3, 6-2 in just over two hours, winning the battle from 2013 baseline and the net against the Wimbledon champion. The victory on a wind-blown Arthur Ashe Stadi- um court lifted the 28-year- old Swiss to his first grand slam semi-final.

The surging Wawrinka, who raced from 2013 record to 41-15 with the upset win, raised both arms in triumph after third seed Murray dumped a second—serve return into the net on match point.

“It feels amazing for sure, especially here,” the excited Swiss said. “He’s defending champion, he’s a tough opponent. It was a crazy match for me. To beat him in three sets is just amazing.”

Wawrinka broke the Scot’s four times and never faced a break point against a player noted for his ability to return.

The Swiss cracked 45 winners past a listless Murray and won 31 of 42 forays to the net in the one-sided match.

Murray admitted to something of a Wimbledon hangover after ending a drought of 77 years without a British winner since Fred Perry’s 1936 triumph at the All England Club.

“When you work hard for something for a long period of years, it’s going to take a bit of time to really fire yourself up and get yourself training 110 percent,” the Scot said.

“That’s something that I think is kind of natural after what happened at Wimbledon. But I got here. I got to the quarter-finals of a slam, which isn’t easy.”

Much more was expected from Murray. It was for the other Swiss player that fac- tored at Flushing Meadows - Roger Federer. Reuters
Thailand ready to extend helping hand to Myanmar

In the afternoon, they met Prime Minister Mrs Yingluck Shinawatra of Thailand at the Government Residence. The Speaker discussed drawing of demarcation lines, development of border regions, Ocean Policy, unity among the two countries, tourism industry, trade and mutual understandings on culture, traditions and religion.

The Thai Prime Minister said that Thailand will make efforts for cooperation between the two countries. It needs to adopt rules and laws for swift completion of borderline designations for trade development. Better cooperation between the two countries would contribute to economic development thereby resulting in development of the ASEAN Community. Thailand is seeking ways to make cooperation with Myanmar for development of tourism industry. She reaffirmed that efforts will be made for enabling the two countries to share the prosperity. Both countries are making cooperation in narcotic drug problem, labour affairs and child and the aged care. Thailand has extended deadline for foreign workers registration by one year.

She continued that Thailand gave shelter to Rohingya on the human rights grounds only, and they have been given a chance to go back to homeland. She praised Myanmar for its political reform and democratization processes. Thailand is ready to extend a helping hand to Myanmar, she added.

The Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker said that Myanmar’s successive governments have been making all-out efforts for eradication of narcotic drugs. These issues could be resolved only after the peace has been restored in border regions.

Defence Services must have legal knowledge: C-in-C

YANGON, 6 Sept—Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing met servicemen and family members at Inma and Thayawady stations today separately.

At the meetings, the Senior General pointed out that as reform process is being undertaken in politics, administrative and economic sectors, the Defence Services Personnel Representatives are to follow the public-centred governing system. Defence Services Personnel Representatives participating in legislative matters for the State should have legal knowledge. He urged them to participate in reform process in cooperation with the people.

Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker U Khin Aung Myint shakes hands with Prime Minister Mrs Yingluck Shinawatra of Thailand.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 6 Sept—Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker U Khin Aung Myint and party held talks on human rights law with Chairman of National Human Rights Commission of Thailand Prof Amara Pongsapich and party during his visit to Thailand on 4 September.

Afterwards, the Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker and party held a frank discussion on constitution with President of the Supreme Court Chief Justice Paoy Wayuaparb and party at Supreme Court of Thailand.

After that, the Myanmar delegation attended a lunch hosted by President of the Senate of Thailand Mr Nikom Wurapatpan at Four Seasons Hotel.

Water level of Chindwin River may reach danger level

NAY PYI TAW, 6 Sept—According to the 9:30 hr M.S.T observation today, the water level of Chindwin River at Hkamti is observed as 72 cm (about 2.5 ft) below its danger level. It may reach its danger level during the next 48 hours, announced the Meteorology and Hydrology Department.

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Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Thura U Shwe Mann meets Lashio residents

LASHIO, 6 Sept—Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and Pyithu Hluttaw Thura U Shwe Mann met the Hluttaw representatives, departmental officials, Township Development Supportive Committees and local people at Town Hall in Lashio of Shan State (North) yesterday evening and touched upon regional development.

At the meeting, the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker said that the Hluttaws enacted the laws beneficial to the citizens and its procedures were gaining momentum as the Hluttaw tenure was over 30 months. He invited reports on difficulties in their region.

Then, the Hluttaw representatives and those attended reported on regional development, education, health, transport, eradication of drugs and the rule of law, and the state chief minister clarified work progress.

The Pyidaungsu Hluttaw speaker also said that farmers’ interest protection and promotion law will be enacted soon. He called for people’s representatives to serve public interest and to listen to people’s voices. He underscored cooperation for flourishing democracy system in accord with democratic practices.

Yesterday evening, the speaker met the leaders of people’s militia from Shan State (North). He also met with a delegation led by U Hse Htin from Shan State Progressive Party/Shan State Army this morning. MNA

Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing comforts patients at male ward of Military Hospital in Pyay. MNA

Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and Pyithu Hluttaw Thura U Shwe Mann meets Hluttaw representatives, departmental officials, Township Development Supportive Committees and local people.—MNA