Kotkaw bridge to be built in Thingan-Nyinaung Tsp

**Union Minister for Border Affairs Lt-Gen Thet Naing Win**
views site chosen for construction of Kotkaw Bridge—MNA

Hanlin city to go to World Heritage List

**Nay Pyi Taw, 9 Sept—**

Of three ancient Pyu city states, Hanlin city has been nominated to the World Heritage List, local people are to cooperate with the department for securing success of tasks, said Union Minister for Culture U Aye Myint Kyu in meeting with local people in Hanlin Village of Wetlet Township on 7 September.

He stressed the need for departmental personnel to take part in regional development tasks. The local people were urged to join hands with the department for preservation of the cultural heritage.

**Region Minister for Social Affairs Dr Myint Thein** reported on cooperation made among departments to nominate ancient Hanlin city to the World Heritage List and pledged to fulfill requirements in that tasks.

The Union minister looked into progress of the stone inscription house and Hanlin archaeological museum.

The Union minister gave instructions on cooperation between the department and the local people in future tasks.—MNA

**Union Minister for Culture U Aye Myint Kyu** observed cultural heritage.—MNA

**US strike on Syria risks emboldening terrorists: Russian, Syrian FM**

**Moscow, 9 Sept—**

Russian and Syrian foreign ministers warned on Monday that a US military strike against the Middle East country would embolden terrorists.

A US attack on Syria could lead to the spread of terrorism, Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov said after holding talks with his visiting Syrian counterpart Walid al-Moualem.

“We believe it is absolutely necessary to respect international law and agreements reached. That applies to the necessity to thorough investigate all reports about use of chemical weapons,” Lavrov told reporters. Moualem, for his part, said the United States wanted to unleash an attack against Syria on behalf of terrorist groups related to al-Qaida, and that was “an aggression”. The Syrian government, he said, was still prepared to participate in the Geneva-II conference without any preconditions.

Noting that “the drumbeat of war is heard from the United States,” Moualem said he did not know what may happen after a US strike, probably a missile attack.

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5th Waxing of Tawthalin, 1375 ME

(9th September, 2013)

**Appointment of Deputy Minister**

Under Sub-sections (a) and (d) of Section 234 of the Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and Para (ix), Sub-section (b) of Section 16 of the Union Government Law, Dr Sai Kyaw Ohn has been appointed as Deputy Minister for Hotels and Tourism.

**Sd/ Thein Sein**

President

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(9th September, 2013)

**Duty assigned as Deputy Minister**

Under Sub-sections (a) and (d) of Section 234 of the Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and Para (ix), Sub-section (b) of Section 16 of the Union Government Law, U Tin Ngwe, member of Nay Pyi Taw Council, has been assigned as Deputy Minister for Livestock, Fisheries and Rural Development.

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(9th September, 2013)

**Duty assigned as Nay Pyi Taw Council member**

Under Para (ii), Sub-sections (a) and (b) of Section 285 of the Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, Section 22 of the Union Government Law and Section 4 of the Nay Pyi Taw Council Law, U Phone Zaw Han, Mandalay Region Minister for Finance and Revenue, has been assigned as Member of Nay Pyi Taw Council.

**Sd/ Thein Sein**

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Republic of the Union of Myanmar
Odd News

One BA-63 automatic rifle found at Phayakaing Creek in Myeik

MYEIK, 9 Sept—While searching the discarded plastic wares along Phayakaing Creek under the Bo 6 bridge in Myeik Central West Ward, Maung Soe Naing, 16, son of U Wei of Shwechintzi Street in Myothit Ward 1 of Myeik took a packet and saw a magazine and parts of gun at 6.30 am on 7 September.

He informed a community leader of Yenmannay Ward of South Myeik Ward over his findings. The 100-house leader informed again local authorities through ward administrator U Tun Win Thein about finding the gun parts.

Deputy Commissioner U Lwin Ko Oo of Myeik District General Administration Department, Commander of Myeik District Police Force Police Lt-Col Shwe Nya Maung, the commander of Township Police Force and party, and local authorities inspected the scene.

They found one BA-63 automatic rifle without butt, six magazines, 28 rounds of ammunition, one magazine of carbine, 20 .9mm bullets and parts of the gun. Kyemon-Khaing Htoo

K 30 million donated to construction of stairway, archway

Mandalay, 9 Sept—The cash donation for construction of the stairway and archway at Shwethedaw Pagoda at Mandalay Hill of Mandalay Region was held on the platform of the pagoda on 5 September.

The ceremony was attended by Abhidhaja Maha Rattha Guru Abhidhaja Agga Maha Saddhammajotika Shweyin Sangharaja Waso Sayadaw. The chairman of the pagoda board of trustees supplicated on matters related to the hill.


National Sports

Myanmar tennis players leave for Dubai of UAE

YANGON, 9 Sept—The Myanmar selected tennis team that will take part in the 2013 Davis Cup by BNP Parabas Asia/Oceania Zone Group IV in Dubai of UAE from 9 to 15 September left here by air on 7 September.

The team comprised Min Min (Captain/player), Zaw Zaw Latt, Nge Hnaung and Aung Kyaw Naing.

MUSE, 9 Sept—The pageant contest was held at the town hall in Muse of Shan State (North) on 31 August afternoon to be able to select the outstanding pageant who will take part in the Friendship Festival to be held in Ruili of the People’s Republic of China.

“We are so happy for the result,” said Daw Nay Chi Thway, supervisor of the pageant team from Namhkam Township.

Communications

Low-priced SIM cards on sales in Hsinbauungwe

HSINBAUNGWE, 9 Sept—Low-priced SIM cards were sold for the second time in Hsinbauungwe Township of Mahaungmye Township of Mandalay Region over turned by the roadside from Yangon-Mandalay Expressway near mile post No 73 at 12.30 pm on 3 September.—Kyemon-Police Information

Mandatory cost contest in Muse

Of them, 10 pages were selected for costume contest and five more for the beauty contest in Ruili of the People’s Republic of China. “We are so happy for the result,” said Daw Nay Chi Thway, supervisor of the pageant team from Namhkam Township.

Traditional costume contest in Muse

A total of 10 teams from Bahrain, Bangladesh, Iraq, Jordan, Kyrgyzstan, Myanmar, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Singapore and Turkmenistan will take part in it. Two groups comprising five teams each are to play the group matches from 9 to 13 September.

Two top teams from both groups are to meet in a match and runner-up teams in another match. Two winning teams will play against each other in the final match. Two winning teams will be allowed to take part in the Asia/Oceania Zone Group III to be held in 2014.

The tournament was organized by International Tennis Federation (ITF).

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A car driven by Myo Min Htay, 22, of Mayangon Township in Yangon Region heading for Nay Pyi Taw from Yangon plunged off the Yangon-Mandalay Expressway near mile post No 101 at 12.05 pm on 2 September after hitting the traffic island due to out of control.—Kyemon-Police Information

A Papero driven by Nyan Lin Aung, 25 of 42nd Street between 80th and 81st streets in Mahaungmye Township of Mandalay Region overturned by the roadside from Yangon-Mandalay Expressway near mile post No 73 at 12.30 pm on 3 September.—Kyemon-Police Information

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Obama growing isolated on Syria as support wanes

The White House had made a “confusing mess” of the Syria issue. Now, he said, “I’m skeptical myself.” Congress will be in session on Monday for the first time since the August recess. Debate on Syria could begin in the full Senate this week, with voting as early as Wednesday. The House of Representatives could take up the issue later this week or next. Obama is expected to spend the next several days in personal meetings with members.

Some Democratic opponents of a military strike, meanwhile, were looking for a way to spare Obama’s administration the effects of a “no” vote.

Representative Jim McGovern of Massachusetts suggested that the president withdraw his request before it is defeated, saying on CNN’s “State of the Union” that there was insufficient support for it in Congress.

There are no signs that Obama is considering the possibility that the administration might delay a vote surfaced on Sunday when Secretary of State John Kerry, speaking in Paris after meeting Arab foreign ministers, did not rule out returning to the United Nations Security Council to secure a Syria resolution.

A US official who asked not to be named later squelched that speculation: “We have always supported working through the UN, but have been clear there is not a path forward there.”

Some of Prime Minister Enrico Letta’s government is stripped of his seat in the Senate. The process that could lead to at least temporary political exile for the 76-year-old billionaire may take weeks. With tensions high between partners in the governing coalition, open conflict at Monday’s meeting could trigger a crisis. The 23-member panel, with representatives from the main parties, is dominated by Berlusconi adversaries. At least 14 lawmakers are likely to vote in favour of expulsion.

Financial markets have been increasingly on edge as political tensions have escalated ahead of the election, driving up government borrowing costs. With Italy struggling with a 2 trillion euro public debt and mired in its longest recession since World War Two, business leaders warned that political turmoil could snuff out the first glimmers of a turnaround.

“Political stability is a pre-condition for economic recovery, and if there were to be a crisis, the recovery would be at risk”, Federico Ghizzoni, chief executive of Unicredit, Italy’s largest bank by assets, said at the weekend.

So far, Letta’s centre-left Democratic Party (PD) has insisted that Berlusconi could make clear whether or not he supports anything Assad’s government, which the United States accuses of using chemical weapons in a week but immediately made clear he was sure that would never happen.

When asked by a reporter whether there was anything Assad’s government could do or offer to stop any attack, Kerry said: “Sure, he could turn over every single bit of his chemical weapons to the international community in the next week - turn it over, all of it without delay and allow the full and total accounting (of it) but he isn’t about to do it and it can’t be done.”

It did not appear that Kerry was making a serious offer to the Syrian government, which the United States accuses of using chemical weapons in an August attack.

Kerry said the control of chemical weapons in Syria was limited to Assad, Assad’s brother Maher and an unnamed general.
Scientists try fashion makeovers to stand out from pack

RIO DE JANEIRO/SÃO PAULO, 9 Sept—The US government tapped into computer networks of companies including Google Inc. and Brazilian state-run oil firm Petrobras SA, according to leaked US documents obtained by Globo, Brazil’s biggest television network. A week after it broadcast a report that the US National Security Agency spied on the presidents of Brazil and Mexico, Globo said the agency had also spied on major companies. It showed what appeared to be an NSA presentation, dated May 2012, that it said was used to show new agents how to spy on private computer networks.

In addition to Google and Petrobras the presentation suggested the NSA had tapped into systems protected by France’s foreign ministry and the Society for Worldwide Interbank Financial Telecommunication, an international bank cooperative known as Swift, through which many international financial transactions take place. The report did not say when the alleged spying took place, what data might have been gathered or what exactly the agency may have been seeking. As with its previous report, Globo disclosed the information in coordination with Glenn Greenwald, an American blogger and journalist for the Guardian newspaper, who has worked with former NSA analyst Edward Snowden to expose the extent of US spying at home and abroad.

During an interview in the Globo broadcast, Greenwald said he obtained documents from Snowden contain “much more information on spying on innocents, against people who have nothing to do with terrorism, or on industrial issues, which need to be made public.” In an email exchange with Reuters, Greenwald declined to discuss the report further.

Petrobras, which has made some of the world’s biggest oil finds in recent years, did not respond to requests for comment on Sunday. Spokespeople for Swift and Google couldn’t be reached for comment. Officials at the French embassy in Brazil also could not be reached.—Reuters

US taps into networks of Google, Petrobras, others

India to launch its maiden Mars mission in November

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Technology already on the market allows partly automated driving in which motorists stay in control but get a hand from the vehicle. Daimler for instance offers therapeutic assistance, which can maintain distance to other cars in stop-go situations, in its top-line S-Class Mercedes, and BMW will roll this out in its new 13 electric car before the end of the year. Rivals including Audi and Volvo Cars are moving in the same direction. Daimler sees itself ahead in the race to develop robot cars because it says its technology can handle city driving as well as motorways. It uses readily available sensors rather than specially designed technologies for research vehicles.

Daimler aims to launch self-driving car by 2020

Since the first touchscreen smartphone hit the market in 2007, software features have made it easier to replicate and improvements in speed, weight, display size and resolution have become routine. The explosion of me-too products is already hurting profit margins and nibbling at Apple and Samsung’s lead in a much broader market. Apple Inc and Google Inc’s Motorolas are among those trying to score style points as game-changing technological innovation becomes harder to achieve in the maturing business.

A phone with a wooden back on it rests in a display at a launch event for Motorola’s new Moto X phone in New York, in this Aug 1, 2013, file photo.—Reuters

Munich, 9 Sept—Germany’s Daimler AG plans to start testing a fully self-driving car by 2020 as part of its campaign to regain the top spot among premium carmakers, its development chief said.

“Daimler said automated vehicles at all times, so test vehicles at Daimler and BMW need special approval in Germany. There’s also the challenge of convincing car buyers: it will show the world’s biggest, although experts say the move from dream to reality will take 10 to 15 years. German auto supplier Continental aims to enable cars to drive themselves at speeds of up to 30 km per hour (18 miles per hour) by 2016, and at up to 60 km/h by 2020. Google is reportedly discussing an alliance with Continental on self-driving cars that could be announced as soon as this week.

Daimler’s Weber said it was hard to forecast exactly when drivers would turn into passengers in their own cars. “A fully autonomous driving will not come over night, but will be realized in stages,” he said. One obstacle to overcome is making it legal for cars to steer themselves. European Union laws currently call for drivers to be in control of cars at all times, so test vehicles at Daimler and BMW need special approval in Germany. There’s also the challenge of convincing car buyers: it will show the world’s biggest, although experts say the move from dream to reality will take 10 to 15 years. German auto supplier Continental aims to enable cars to drive themselves at speeds of up to 30 km per hour (18 miles per hour) by 2016, and at up to 60 km/h by 2020. Google is reportedly discussing an alliance with Continental on self-driving cars that could be announced as soon as this week.

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Researchers say two-drug therapy for deadly MERS virus effective in monkeys

WASHINGTON, 9 Sept — A combination of two licensed antiviral drugs could be used to treat the deadly Middle East Respiratory Syndrome (MERS) virus that causes an acute respiratory illness in humans and has killed about half of the individuals known to be infected, a US study said on Sunday. The findings, published in the journal Nature Medicine, showed that the combination of the two drugs, known as interferon alpha-2b (IFN-2b) and ribavirin, “reduces virus replication and improves clinical outcome” in a recently developed monkey model of the MERS virus infection.

The two drugs are routinely used together to treat viral diseases such as hepatitis C, and its combined use has been investigated for the treatment of MERS virus in cell culture in a previous study, according to the researchers. Given the current lack of treatment options, the researchers concluded that the combination “should be considered as an early intervention.” In their study, investigators at the National Institutes of Health infected six rhesus macaques with the MERS virus and, eight hours later, treated half of them with the two-drug regimen.

Compared to the untreated animals, the treatment group showed no breaches of viral load and minimal X-ray evidence of pneumonia, the researchers said. They also found that the treated animals had lower amounts of virus and less severe tissue damage in the lungs. These findings lent support to the potential clinical application of the combination treatment for the MERS virus infection in humans.

“IFN-2b and ribavirin treatment would be expected to provide the greatest benefits early in infection; however, the prolonged disease course in humans suggests the treatment window may be considerably longer,” they wrote in their paper.

The researchers were also quick to point out that the rhesus macaque appears to develop only mild to moderate forms of the MERS disease, making it difficult to extrapolate the outcome of this treatment in severe human cases.

The two drugs are licensed for the treatment of hepatitis C. They are approved by the US Food and Drug Administration (FDA).

South Korea probes three foreign brokerages including Goldman

SEOUL, 9 Sept – South Korean financial regulators are reviewing three foreign brokerages including Goldman Sachs Group Inc’s local unit for possible breach of domestic capital markets regulations, a source at one of the regulators said.

The Financial Supervisory Service (FSS) is investigating whether Goldman Sachs sold foreign bonds in the domestic market through its Hong Kong unit, which does not have any license to sell such products directly in South Korea, the source told Reuters on Monday.

The source declined to be identified due to the sensitivity of the subject and because the probe is still ongoing. The FSS said on Sunday that it was reviewing three foreign brokerages, without identifying them in its brief statement.

The regulator is investigating their business practices to see if they are following domestic capital markets regulations, according to the statement.

Broader economic co-op serves both interests of China, EU

BEIJING, 9 Sept — Beijing hopes China and the European Union (EU) can take advantage of their economic complementarities to enlarge their cooperation. Ambassador of the People’s Republic of China to the European Union (EU), Wu Hong, said in an article published on Friday by European Voice, when commenting on the “friendly settlement” between Chinese companies and the European Commission for the photovoltaic panels file.

For Wu, China and the EU are important trading partners with deeply intertwined interests. “The EU has its advantages in capital, technology, innovation, talent, managerial expertise and environmental protection.” These make it an indispensable partner to China in its pursuit of modernization.

While China’s huge market, robust demand and healthy returns are providing a strong boost to the EU’s recovery from the crisis, “broader economic cooperation is in the interests of both sides,” Wu said.

The solar-panel case is a reminder that protectionism cannot remove trade frictions. The EU’s choice to pursue trade remedy measures cost both sides tremendous time and resources, and also undermined the EU’s image in China and weakened the confidence of Chinese companies in doing business with Europe, “warned the Chinese ambassador. He stressed the importance of a “bigger cake” by multiplication as the enlargement of converging interests and exploitation of the potential of bilateral cooperation, to provide a larger development space to cooperation between China and the EU.

In order to ensure bilateral economic ties develop steadily in a long run, Wu said “the key lies in expanding cooperation and bringing interests closer together, so that both sides share the fruits of growth.” China and the EU should accelerate planning for their cooperation in 2020 and re-double their efforts to enhance cooperation in trade, investment, infrastructure, science and technology, innovation, green development and urbanization, with a view to optimizing the benefits of bilateral cooperation, said Wu. Wu suggests China and the EU to make investment a priority. Currently, less than 3 percent of the EU’s investment is in China. The same is true of Chinese investment.

“At present, our mode of cooperation is trade-led. It should be transformed into an approach driven by both trade and investment. Leaders from China and the EU have agreed to open negotiations on an investment agreement and the European Commission is seeking a negotiating mandate,” Wu expressed his hope that talks on the matter launched as soon as possible in order to ease access to each other’s markets and feasibility studies conducted into the potential for a free-trade agreement. —Xinhua

Nikki gears gains on Olympics, China data boosts Asian shares

TORONTO, 9 Sept — Japanese shares rallied and the yen dropped on Monday after Tokyo won its bid to host the 2020 Summer Olympics, while Asian shares also gained on mildly upbeat Chinese trade data that underscored signs of stability in Asia’s powerhouse. The dollar licked its wounds and US debt yields were off two-year highs after a disappointing US jobs report on Friday, which raised speculation the Federal Reserve may maintain the size of its likely reduction in stimulus many investors expect later this month.

“The data was undoubtedly weak. I suspect the Fed will start tapering this month but maybe they will just trim bond buying by $5 billion a month for now,” said a US bond trader at a Japanese bank. The Fed currently buys $85 billion of bonds per month. Japan’s Nikkei share average N225 gained 2.2 percent, hitting a one-month high as investors bet hosting the Olympics would boost the economy —from construction and higher prices —by 3 trillion yen ($30 billion) over the coming seven months. In the short-term this (Olympics-bid win) will be positive mainly through a boost on Olympic-related shares,” said Ryota Sakagami, chief equity strategist at SMBC Nikko Securities in a report.

“In the longer run, its impact depends on how much the government can push for infrastructure investments and promotion of tourism business but it is likely to be positive for the Japanese economy and shares,” he said. MSQT’s broadest index of Asia-Pacific shares outside Japan MAJP0000CUS rose 0.7 percent thanks to improved Chinese trade figures released over the weekend. Hong Kong shares rose 0.9 percent , HSI while South Korean shares .KS11 rose 0.8 percent, both hitting their highest level in about three months. Mainland Chinese shares also extended gains after positive Chinese August inflation data added to optimism following solid trade figures, with the CSI300, CS3000 of the leading Shanghai and Shenzhen A-share listings up 2.1 percent. —Reuters

A visitor walks past logos at the Tokyo Stock Exchange in Tokyo on 13 June, 2013. —Reuters

Traders work on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange near the Goldman Sachs stall on 16 July, 2010. —Reuters

Goldman Sachs representatives in Seoul declined to comment. Regulators are focusing their review on Goldman’s sale of Malaysian state-backed securities to domestic investors including Korea Investment Corp, the country’s sovereign wealth fund, according to the source.

The local operations of Credit Suisse Group AG and Royal Bank of Scotland Plc are the other two foreign brokerages being investigated, the source said. Credit Suisse and RBS were not immediately available for comment. The probe began in late August and is expected to last for another week or so, according to the source. —Reuters

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**Thai Airways Airbus 330 skids off Bangkok runway, 14 injured**

**Bangkok, 9 Sept —** An Airbus 330-300 operated by Thai Airways skidded off the runway at Bangkok’s main international airport after the nose wheel collapsed on landing late Sunday night, injuring 14 passengers, the airline said.

The flight from Guangzhou, China, was carrying 288 passengers and 14 crew members. Passengers were evacuated using emergency slides and the 14 injured were sent to a Bangkok hospital, Thai Airways said. “Thai Airways International Flight TG 679 from Guangzhou was scheduled to arrive at Suvarnabhumi Airport at 23:00 hours local time. The nose gear failed as the plane touched the runway causing the plane to skid,” the airline said in an emailed statement.

“Sparks were noticed from the vicinity of the right landing gear near the engine; the matter is under investigation” by Thai civil aviation officials, it said.

Bangkok’s futuristic Suvarnabhumi Airport opened seven years ago and has since become one of the busiest airports in Asia. Built to handle 45 million passengers a year, Suvarnabhumi Airport is already seeing 53 million passengers annually.

The airport is expanding a new passenger terminal and adding more parking bays and a new runway to enable it to handing 60 million fliers by 2017, according to the Airports of Thailand Public Company Ltd.—Reuters

**Nearly complete count says Kremlin ally wins Moscow election**

**Moscow, 9 Sept —** Kremlin ally Sergei Sobyanin won a Moscow mayoral election on Sunday, according to results released by electoral officials after a nearly complete vote count, but opposition leader Alexei Navalny claimed the results were falsified.

A count of votes from more than 99 percent of polling precincts gave Sobyanin, the acting mayor, nearly 51.3 percent, the city electoral commission said, enough to clear the 50 percent threshold needed to avoid a second-round runoff.

Navalny, who was second with 27.3 percent, alleged that the vote count was marred by “many serious violations.” He said in a statement: “We consider the official election results to be deliberately falsified.”

At least one killed, 30 abducted in military-rebel clash in S Philippine

**Manila, 9 Sept —** A heavy firefight erupted near Zamboanga City in southern Philippines between the military and the Moro National Liberation Front (MNLF) rebels early Monday morning, killing at least two civilians, wounding four others, local media reported. More than 300 suspected members of the Moro National Liberation Front (MNLF) had taken over four villages in Zamboanga City Monday. They took away more than 30 people as hostages, reports said. “Their target is the City Hall. They want to raise their flag of independence at the city hall,” radio station DZBB reported.

A restaurant staff member serves churrasco, or grilled meat popular in Latin America, carving it in front of customers at Restaurante Carioca in Tokyo’s Minato Ward on 6 Aug, 2013. —Kyodo News

**Israel allocates 5,000 work permits for Palestinians from the West Bank**

**Jerusalem, 9 Sept —** The Israeli cabinet approved on Sunday the allocation of 5,000 work permits to Palestinians from the West Bank, the Israeli Governmental Press Office revealed in a statement.

The move is part of a set of gestures Israel is providing for the Palestinian Authority following the recent renewal of Israeli-Palestinian peace talks held on 30 July in Washington DC, after a three-year halt in negotiations.

According to the cabinet communique, “the allocation among the various branches of employment will be formulated between the defence, finance, economy, construction and housing and interior ministries.”

The proposal was submitted by Defence Minister Moshe Ya’alon, and it was stated that it aims at helping the Palestinian economy.

In November 2012, the Israeli Justice and Interior ministries announced granting work permits for Palestinians married to Israeli citizens, as well as 3,000 general permits for Palestinian working in construction. According to data provide to Xinhua by Coordination of Government Activities in the Territories (COGAT), a body which administers the Defence Ministry’s policies and directives on the West Bank, there are currently 50,000 Palestinians authorized to work in Israel, 39,000 of which are permanent.

The data also reveals that the unemployment rate among Palestinians in the West Bank is estimated at 17.5 percent.

**S China school explosion kills two, injures 17**

**Guilin, (Guangxi), 9 Sept —** Two people have been killed and 17 others injured in an explosion near a school in south China’s Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region on Monday morning. The injured, including 10 students, were all hospitalized and one of them is in critical condition, according to local public security bureau.

The rest of the injured are adults who were accompanying the students to school or passing by the site. Witnesses told Xinhua the explosion happened at around 8 am, when a man riding a three-wheeled motorcycle passed the entrance to Balijie Primary School in Guilin.

A Xinhua reporter saw a body lying at the site, which was cordoned off by local police.

“First, the motorcycle caught on fire and then it exploded with a huge sound that could be heard from far, far away,” a witness told Xinhua.

A dozen motorcycles are scattered around the explosion site and the window panes of some cars and stores by the school were damaged.

Police are investigating the cause of blast.

**S Korea considering joining TPP**

**Seoul, 9 Sept —** South Korea has decided to join the US-led Trans-Pacific Partnership and is studying the schedule and potential impact, a Seoul daily reported on Monday, citing a high-ranking South Korean government official. “We are considering taking part in the TPP,” the official told the Chosun Ilbo. He also said Seoul has told China of its decision and won tacit approval.

China worries the US-led free trade initiative will sideline it in the global race to access new markets, the report said. Another South Korean government official said it is just “a matter of time” before South Korea joins the TPP. The government is apparently considering making an official announcement of its decision later this month at the earliest, the report says.

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JICA, Health Ministry to build health care centres in Magway Region

NAY PYI TAW, 9 Sept—A plan is underway to construct rural health centres in Magway Region in 2014 so as to improve health care services for the rural people.

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A total of 24 boxers—15 men and nine women—are under training of trainers.

The SEA Games will include muay event categorized into nine men’s classes and five women’s classes. Each country can take part in the event with nine men and three women. It was reported that 14 gold, 14 silver and 14 bronze medals will be awarded to the winners in the game.

Air Asia to ply Nay Pyi Taw-Bangkok for US$ 50 per passenger

NAY PYI TAW, 9 Sept—A direct flight from Nay Pyi Taw to Bangkok, city of Thailand, will start from October, according to Air Asia airline, and the flight ticket will be sold for US$ 50 per passenger.

“Air Asia is the first airline of its kinds running daily flights for Nay Pyi Taw-Don Mong route. New airplanes will be used in plying the flights taking one and a half hours in cheap cost. It is targeted to provide transport facilities to the SEA Games to be hosted in Nay Pyi Taw. In addition to those, these flights can pay visits to Bangkok can take cheap airline daily,” said the Chief Executive Officer of the airline.

At present, Air Asia runs its flights to Bangkok of Thailand via Yangon and Mandalay international airports. The new flight will be plying from Nay Pyi Taw to Bangkok directly.

The new flight will be launched on 28 October. The ticket charge is US$ 50 per passenger comprising airport tax. The flights will be run three times a week from 28 October to 15 November, and after 15 November, the flight will be run daily.

“We are pride of transporting athletes and passengers to the SEA Games. Quality of airlines is one of the leading roles in growing volume of foreign investment in Myanmar,” said the CEO.

Air Asia is one of the cheapest airlines in Asia. Since its 11 years establishment, the airline has transported over 180 million of passengers.

Disaster

Landslides on Tachilek-Monghsat road section

TACHILEK, 9 Sept—Due to heavy rains on 5 September, the torrential rains flowed down on Tachilek-Monghsat road section near Phethi Village, two miles from Tachilek in Shan State (East).

The torrential rain eroded the road, causing landslides.

Deputy Commissioner of Tachilek District U Thaung Tin Htwe, Township Administrator U Ye Htwe and officials inspected the conditions of landslides.

Thawdawin Construction Co is repairing the road for the runs of small vehicles and motorcycles as quickly as possible. Efforts are being made for ensuring regular transport of commodities by large vehicle and prevention against occurrence of more landslides.

HRD

Reading habit raised in rural area of Tatkon Township

TATKON, 9 Sept—A talk on taking census and raising reading habit was held at Hsinthe Village of Tatkon Township of Nay Pyi Taw Council on 5 September afternoon.

Head of Township Information and Public Relations Department Daw Tint Tint Khaing gave talks on population, households, census-taking and durability of libraries and replied to queries raised by the local people.

The talk was attended by over 200 people.

Transport

Thazi-Mylingyan train gives smooth transport to local people

MEIKHTILA, 9 Sept—the local people wishing to take train from Meikhtila Station are enjoying smooth transport thanks to Thazi-Mylingyan train.

“No 111-up mail train running Thazi and Myilingyan arrives at Meikhtila Station at 7.03 am the right time.

It departs from the station at 7.18 am. The 112-down train arrives at the station at 6.42 pm. Most of the passengers from Meikhtila ride the train for Mahlaing, Yonzayi, Taungtha and Myilingyan. The local people transport domestic products and crops to the other regions by the train to sell them in Meikhtila. They buy the products from Meikhtila and re-sell them in their regions. Meikhtila produces plenty of fruits and vegetables,” said a passenger who takes Meikhtila-Mylingyan train up and down.

It is said that the train will carry goods like local products to six provinces and areas from 111-up. The passengers are happy to say that the train gives smooth transport.

The 111-up train takes passengers to Mahlaing, Taungtha, Yonzayi, Taungtha and Myilingyan. It is said that the passengers are satisfied with the smooth transportation.

MMAL-Chan Tha (Meiktila)
“Some books are to be tasted; some to be swallowed; and some few to be chewed and digested.”

Bacon said so in one of his essays that attracted the people of those days, and the posterity to have concentration on books and reading.

Thanks to the emergence of cuneiform writing and palm-leaf writing, the written words and pictures gained popularity in the ancient word. It was the first sign of civilization that would be spawned and spread worldwide. Each continent and each nation had its distinctive way of expression which had developed and disseminated. Finally, the invention of printing press by Johannes Gutenberg brought about the uplift of the civilization.

No doubt, a book, which is a source of knowledge has a long history. According to the encyclopedia, the word “book” comes from the early English word ‘boc’ which means tablet or written sheets. People assumed that the first printed books in Europe appeared during the mid-1400’s. Even historians cannot definitely say when the first books appeared, but there is evidence that books were written in Egypt as early as 2700 BC. The first books printed in Europe using movable type appeared in Mainz, Germany between 1453 and 1456. One of the first books printed was a bible in Latin. Since then, millions of books have been printed on almost every subject and in every written language.

Nowadays, in one language only, scores of new books are published in a month, and millions in a year. Think of the number of books published in one month, and millions in a year. Now, back books dominated the publishing market. New publishing companies store digitized books on various subjects. From ordinary books to e-books, there is evidence that books can be published whenever necessary.

While millions and millions of books in various languages are coming out, thousands of books are being published in Myanmar. However, if you raise a question, “How many readers are there in our country?”, we cannot give you a correct answer. Objectively, compared to the present population of Myanmar, the (actual) readers may be very limited.

Developing and even developed nations are now facing the challenges of the people who do not read although they know how to read or even they are educated. It is for this reason that literacy movements are being waged on the one hand and reading and writing campaigns being launched on the other. Through the experiences, teaching illiterates to be literate is easier than driving or organizing those who are already literate to read. This is simply because we cannot deny the fact that the man who never or hardly reached our rural areas. The Infor- mation Reading Centre has introduced Mini-book Corner series to the reading public. Now, readers can join the readers channel on TV organized by veteran writers and celebrities.

In addition to the weekly and monthly magazines and periodicals, private newspapers have emerged as the medium for our heading mass public and taking shape. As long as modern technologies develop in the publishing world, millions and millions of books are and will be coming out day by day. However, the number of reading public is still limited compared to the population of our country.

What I mean is that we had better make our younger generation have interest in reading and books.

Doubltlessly, reading helps broaden the horizons of the public and enables them to distinguish between the right and the wrong. The new age is the Knowledge Age. In this age, competition for prosperity is intense. If one fails to read books to acquire knowledge, one will not know as much as it should be and one will lag behind others who read more in prosperity. Without reading, one cannot have one’s reasoning power.

Reading is a crucial element in an enriching, successful life. Serious reading can change our minds; and escape literature can bring a little excitement to a sober existence. Furthermore, without good reading skills, the subject matter of any discipline is incomprehensible.

The future of our civilization might depend on reading. Let’s read more and more!
**Tourism**

**Magway Region Chief Minister calls for development of tourism industry**

**Magway, 9 Sept—**

The meeting on tourism development in Myanmar was held at Nan Htaik Thu Hotel in Magway on 5 September, attended by Chief Minister of Magway Region U Phone Maw Shwe and officials in addition to hoteliers of Magway Region.

Officials discussed tourist attractions of Shwesettaw sanctuary, golden deer, Natyayakan on 5280 feet high hill in Ngaphe Township, 76 miles from Magway.

They expressed their opinions that visit of one tourist is equal to exportation of four tons of rice; and neighbouring countries are earning a large amount of foreign exchange through tourism industry.

Dr Thet Lwin explained there are many tourist attractive areas in Pakokku region.

The Chief Minister of the region called on departments concerned to contribute to development of tourism industry in Magway Region.

“It is the first time of its kinds in meeting between the Chief Minister and departmental officials and entrepreneurs in a cordial manner. Similar coordination can see success in tourism industry,” he said.

**Electrification**

**Village electrification launched in Nampaung Village of Lashio Township**

**Lashio, 9 Sept—**

A ceremony to launch supply of electricity to Nampaung Village in Lashio Township of Shan State (North) took place on 5 September morning, attended by Shan State Minister for Electric and Industry U Sai Tun Yin.

Shan State Minister U Sai Tun Yin, Shan State Hluttaw representative U Sai Kyu, State Electrical Engineer U Sai Tun Hla, U Ohn Myint of Mega Myint Co and Chairman of Nampaung Village Electrification Committee U Sai Khan cut the ribbon to open the ceremony.

The state minister launched the supply of electricity.

The village is supplied electricity from Lashio Sub-Power Station. The work cost K 360 million.

The electrification task was funded K 5 million by Commander of North-East Command Brig-Gen Aung Soe and the remaining cost by local people.

A total of 12.5 miles long power line was installed from the sub-power station to the village. Two 200 KVA transformers are installed in the village to supply electricity to the local people. The power line can supply the 400-house village sufficiently.

At the hall of the village, Mandalay Region.

The state minister met with about 300 people and invited reports on requirements by the people.

Village administrators from Nampaung, Khasho, Nampaung and Thanlwin villages submitted reports on their requirements. The state minister attended to the needs as much as he can. He donated two computers, Asia World Co two computers, Mega Myint Co (Taunggyi) one computer and Mya Thin Kyu Private Electronic Co (Lashio) one computer to Nampaung Basic Education High School.

In Shakhai Village of Mehan Village-tract, the state minister held a talk with about 400 local people at the Dhammayon. Responsible persons of the electrification committee submitted reports in detail for electricity supply tasks. The state minister attended to the needs.

**HRD**

**Mini book corners updated with new publications**

**Meiktila, 9 Sept—**

The books in general genre kept in the first week of July 2013 have been updated at the mini book corners at the busy places of major cities in districts, regions and states of Information and Public Relations Department.

Each major towns of regions and states and district Information and Public Relations Departments has been equipped with 20 to 40 mini book corners. The corners are supplied with religious, social, sports, health, education, public ethics, culture, fine arts, politics, agriculture, livestock breeding and biography genres. These public book corners are accessible for the travelers and people. Monthly, the publications in the book corners are updated. This month, the books in volume 1, number 3 have been changed with new ones. Some of publications were lost but the reading habit of the people are in momentum, said a staff of Meiktila District Information and Public Relations Department of Meiktila.

**Construction**

**Myanaung-Kyangin road under expansion**

**Myanaung, 9 Sept—**

Public Works under the Ministry of Construction in Ayeyawady Region is expanding the four furlongs long road section from Myanaung-Kyangin road under expansion.

The state minister called on the project to be smooth, said Daw Cho Cho of Public Works (Myaung).

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**Mt Popa Lovers Association celebrates its first birthday**

**Kyaukpadaung, 9 Sept—**

A workshop on environmental conservation organized by Mt Popa Lovers Association with youths, in commemoration of its first birthday, was held at Shwe Nadi Parahita Monastic Association with youths, in commemoration of its first birthday, was held at Shwe Nadi Parahita Monastic Education School in Kyaukpadaung of Mandalay Region.

The workshop aimed at performing environmental conservation at Mount Popa ran from 1 pm to 4 pm on 3 September.

Saya U Sithu Lwin, Dr Daw Than Than Sein and executive U Kyaw Win Swe submitted papers. As of 6 mile posts 3/4 to 4/0 on Myanmar-Kyangin to become the road three feet wider on either side.

Myanmar-Kyangin road is 12 feet wide only. At present, the road is being expanded to be 18 feet wide one. The road is being constructed with the use of laterite meeting set standards. The road surface is being repaved to be smooth, said Daw Cho Cho, Junior Engineer II Daw Cho Cho of Public Works (Myaung).

**Environment**

**Kyemon-San Zarni Aung (Lashio)**
North Korea’s leader has a baby daughter

SEOUL, 9 Sept—North Korean leader Kim Jong-un has a baby daughter, seemingly guaranteeing the future of a dynasty that has ruled the isolated and impoverished state for three generations, according to US basketball star Dennis Rodman who met Kim last week.

Kim’s wife Ri Sol had appeared to be pregnant in pictures issued last year by North Korea’s state news agency, although no confirmation was available. She then disappeared from public view, returning last October.

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9 Sept—The 10-member committee tasked to get the old one, “ruled by Kim Jong-un, is the third member of his family to rule North Korea and is believed to be 30 years old. He was effectively anointed as his father’s successor in 2010, despite the fact he is the third son.

Given the traditional nature of North Korean society, it is unlikely that Ju-ae would succeed her father, although female relatives of Kim, such as his aunt, occupy key positions in government.

Egyptian official indicates rewriting of constitution, drawing mixed reaction

Cairo, 9 Sept—Egypt may rewrite its constitution instead of amending it, said Amr Moussa, who was elected on Sunday to lead a panel to look into constitutional matters.

“Probably, a new constitution will be drafted, instead of amending the old one,” said Moussa in a statement. A 50-member panel tasked to get the country’s constitution right elected Moussa as its chairman on Sunday.

Following the ouster of President Mohamed Morsi, a 10-member committee of legal experts was formed to propose amendments to the controversial constitution drafted under Morsi. Morsi’s constitution, approved in a December 2012 referendum with only a 33-per cent turnout, was suspended after his ouster in early July.

The 50-member panel will have 60 days to review the amendments proposed by the 10-member committee, but did not rule out a brand new constitution. Moussa said the former panel, composed mainly of Islamists, did not consider the opposition and did not deal with it seriously.

He said the mistakes of the Muslim Brotherhood with which Morsi was affiliated, would not be repeated, and that all his panel’s sessions will be aired on state TV. Moussa said all the political factions are represented in the new panel, not like the former one which targeted one political faction, in reference to Islamists. He said his panel will take 60 days to finish its work, and may request more time if necessary. The important thing, he said, is to get a consensus-based constitution.

Chinese central gov’t approves mechanism to boost economic reform

BEIJING, 9 Sept—The State Council, China’s cabinet, has approved setting up a joint meeting mechanism under which key regulators will hold regular or irregular meetings on economic reforms. Under the State Council’s leadership, the joint meeting mechanism will work to tackle key problems in economic reform, study fundamental reform programmes, and carry out research on crucial reforms, said a statement on the government’s website on Friday.

The country’s top economic planner, the National Development and Reform Commission, will coordinate meetings among other 34 ministries, administrations and other organizations, including the Ministry of Education, the Ministry of Science and Technology and the People’s Bank of China.

Chinese president arrives in Tashkent for Uzbekistan visit

TASHKENT, 9 Sept—Chinese President Xi Jinping arrived here on Sunday evening for a state visit to Uzbekistan aimed at further boosting bilateral relations and cooperation.

In a written speech delivered upon his arrival, Xi lauded the time-honoured friendship between China and Uzbekistan, saying the Silk Road has linked the two peoples together since more than 2,000 years ago.

Since establishing diplomatic relations 21 years ago, the two countries have witnessed all-round and rapid development of bilateral ties. Xi said, adding that history has proved that it is a right strategic choice for them to pursue everlasting friendship and mutually beneficial cooperation.

Xi said he is looking forward to exchanging views with President Islam Karimov on bilateral relations and cooperation, as well as other global and regional issues of common concern. “I am confident that this visit will be successful and inject fresh vigour into the development of the China-Uzbekistan strategic partnership,” Xi said.

Xi flew to the Uzbek capital after wrapping up a state visit to Kazakhstan. Earlier in his ongoing overseas trip, he visited Turkmenistan and attended a Group of 20 summit in the Russian city of St. Petersburg.

107-year-old Arkansas man killed in shootout with police

LITTLE ROCK, Arkansas, 9 Sept—A 107-year-old man was killed in a shootout with a police SWAT team at a home in Pine Bluff, Arkansas, where he had earlier threatened two people with a gun, authorities said on Sunday.

The fatal shots were fired on Saturday night after Pine Bluff police responded to a report that the man, Monroe Isadore, pointed a gun at two people in the home in Pine Bluff, a city of roughly 48,000 people about 45 miles south of Little Rock, according to police who confirmed local TV reports.

When police arrived at the home on Saturday afternoon, they removed the two people from the house and then entered to begin negotiations. Isadore then shot at them through the door, according to the reports confirmed by police.

No officers were struck, and police called for backup, including a Special Weapons and Tactics unit.

Negotiations were started and SWAT officers inserted a camera into the room where Isadore was holed up. Officers saw that Isadore had a handgun, according to the reports confirmed by police.

When negotiations failed, SWAT officers about 45 miles south of Little Rock, according to police who confirmed local TV reports.

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Police said the coroner confirmed Isadore’s age as 107.
Chinese premier calls for efforts to tackle urbanization challenges

BEIJING, 9 Sept — Chi- nese Premier Li Keqiang has called for efforts to tackle challenges in the country’s urbanization wave and seek quality and efficiency in this process. “China’s urbanization needs to be supported by integrated reforms, said Li in a recent meeting with academics and experts from the Chinese Academy of Sciences (CAS) and the Chinese Academy of Engi- neering (CAE).”

More than 100 experts from the two academies have conducted research on different aspects of urbaniza- tion, and they recently shared the research findings with the premier. A survey by the CAE showed that most of mi- grant workers born before 1980 are unwilling to go back to the countryside. The rural-urban population shift has become an inevi- table trend.

Academi cans also found that more than 100 million migrant workers in Chinese cities cannot enjoy the same public services as urban residents, highlight- ing the need for reforms. A number of other is- sues including job creation and environmental protec- tion in the urbanization process were also raised by academi cans.

Li said urbanization is a complex and big project and the government must hear opinions from all sides. The premier reitered that China will put the peo- ple in the heart in pushing for urbanization, adding that China will take an ur- banization path that incor- porates the ideas of green and efficient growth.

Taipei to ban Kanebo whitening substance

TAIPEI, 9 Sept — Tai- pei will ban Kanebo Cos- metics Inc’s skin-whitening chemical substance follow- ing consumer complaints of white blotches, the island’s health authorities said on Monday.

Lu Li-fu, spokesman of the Food and Drug Admin- istration under the Ministry of Health and Welfare, said the ban will come into force as soon as this week after all necessary procedures are completed. Lu said 47 users are confirmed to have de- veloped symptoms relating to the blotsches since Kane- bo Taipei began to import skin-whitening products from Japan in 2011.

Before a recall of the products began in July, Kanebo Taipei imported about 280,000 units from Japan.

The recall came after Kanebo Cosmetics in Ja- pan apologized in July af- ter some users complained about patchy whitening of their skin after us- ing products containing a whitening chemical called 4-(4-hydroxyphenyl)-2-bu- tanone, which the company named “Rhododenol.”

Kanebo has been mar- keting cosmeatics that use the ingredient as an active substance since 2008. De- spite a dermatologist’s alert in May regarding the blotch problem, the company only did not decided to recall the prod- ucts on 28 June and did not begin the recall plan until 4 July.

Kanebo Taipei began recalling 19 products that contain the chemical on 5 July. As of 10 August, over 63,700 units were recalled. Consumers opting to keep the products containing the substance should stop using them, Lu said.

Singapore gov’t to help poor more in health care

SINGAPORE, 9 Sept — Singapore government will do more to help Singapore- ans cope with their medical bills, but those who are bet- ter off should not expect to receive the same degree of help as those who are poorer, a government minister has said.

Chan Chun Sing, min- ister for social and family development, sought to allay residents’ worries about rising medical costs at a community dialogue as he spelt out the govern- ment’s approach to health- care financing, local daily Straits Times reported on Monday.

“If each and every one of us just wants to take the maximum for ourselves, then we become a very self- ish society,” Chan said.

“Those who have less, we should help them more,” he said in reply to a resident’s question about how to cope with rising medical costs.

Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong, speaking at a rally last month, said the government will play a bigger role to build a fair society and will spend more to subsidise hous- ing and healthcare costs.

 Philippine gov’t condemns attack by rebels

MANILA, 9 Sept — The Philippine government con- demned in the “strongest possible terms” on Mon- day the attack allegedly by members of the faction of the Moro National Lib- eration Front ( MNLF) in southern city of Zamboanga. Presidential Spokesperson Edwin Lacierda said that it is incumbent on all people of goodwill to reject the vio- lence that has erupted.

“The ongoing attack of armed individuals in Zamba- ngo City, including ini- tial reports of the possible use of civilians as human shields, is a cause for great concern,” he said.

He assured that authori- ties have been responding to the situation in a man- ner that will reduce the risk to innocent civilians and restore peace and order to Zamboanga City at the soonest possible time.

At least one army sol- dier was killed and sev- eral others were wounded. Some 30 individuals were also reportedly being taken as hostages. Lacierda urged the public to refrain from spreading speculation as fear and alarm spread by disinformation would only help those intent on disrupt- ing the lives of residents of Zamboanga City, Missaudi- led MILF reportedly de- clared independence last early month in a village in Sulu Province. His fac- tion has been opposing the framework agreement be- tween the government and the Moro Islamic Libera- tion Front, the largest rebel group in the country.

Hor Namhong said the Chinese premier has been opposing the supplies as they would re- lieve the difficulties of staff in the country.

He highly spoke of excellent friendship rela- tions between Cambodia and China in all fields and vowed to further enhance the ties in the future.
Algiers, 9 Sept — Algerian President Abdelaziz Bouteflika gave the green light for the army to carry out military operations against terrorists near the border with Tunisia and Libya, a security source told Xinhua. The source said the army mobilized 20,000 soldiers of its special forces and elite units to carry out combing and searching operations that should end by the beginning of 2014 along the 965-km border with Tunisia and the 1000-km border with Libya.

Last week, during his meeting with army chief of staff, Bouteflika approved military plans to deal with frequent incursions of militants across the border from Tunisia and Libya. Also last week, a security source told Xinhua that Algeria deployed 12,000 troops to step up control on the border with Tunisia, as some 60 checkpoints and outposts were established.

Xinhua

Cars run in rain in Yinchuan, capital of northwest China’s Ningxia Hui Autonomous Region, on 7 Sept, 2013. A rainstorm hit Yinchuan on Saturday and local meteorological centre issued yellow alert for thunder and lightning. China has a four-color weather warning system, with red being the most serious type of alert, followed by orange, yellow and blue. —Xinhua
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Designers in New York keeping it simple with black and white

New York, 9 Sept—It’s all there in black and white. Stylish clothes being unveiled for spring 2014 are highlighting the pronounced simplicity of black and white. The colours are either elegant black and white palette. Her looks was most entirely to a black and white was accenting the Y-3 Adidas collection for sporty minimalism, cut-outs. Another show to the season’s top was trimmed with white black tree-branch pattern. Opening with all-cream looks, the show closed with a series of gray suits and dresses conservatively cut, but in an unlined, and revealing, open-weave fabric. “Minimalism reigns in a decisive pattern of black, white, and shades of gray,” the New York-based designer said in a statement accompanying the show. “Stylish clothes be arriving on 10.9.2013 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of M.I.T.T where it will lie at the consignee’s risk and expenses subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

Vin Diesel’s “Riddick” claims top spot in North America box office

LOS ANGELES, 9 Sept—Action star Vin Diesel’s latest film “Riddick” won the top spot at the North America box office by unseating three-time winner civil rights epic “The Butler” this weekend and is estimated to roll up 18.67 million US dollars in ticket sales. “Riddick’s the third installment on the actor-led sci-fi action franchise and was debuted in 3,107 theatres in the United States and Canada. It is a sequel to the 2000 release “Pitch Black” and 2004’s “The Chronicles of Riddick.”

In the new installment, Riddick, an ex-con who can see in the dark, leaves his comfortable world as leader of the Necromonger group to seek out his homeland. Once double-crosse and left for dead, he battles beasts and bounty hunters while he works to rebuild himself physically and moral- ly.

Universal Pictures released Riddick in the United States while the Entertainment distributed the film in Canada. The ticket sales of “Riddick” is well below industry forecast for a start between 20 million and 25 million dollars. As always as the case with Vin Diesel’s films, the majority of first-night audience was male (which made up 59 percent) and 53 percent over 30 years old.

Both critics and audience liked “Riddick,” which earned a 59 percent positive rating from reviews aggregate Rotten Tomatoes, and a solid “B” from CinemaScore. “Lee Daniels’ The Butler” parted with its three-week-long winning streak to finish at No 2 slot with 18.1 million dollars worth of tickets revenue, a hefty 40 percent drop from last week.—Xinhua

Bruno Mars to headline 2014 Super Bowl halftime show

NEWARK, (New Jersey), 9 Sept—Grammy-winning singer Bruno Mars was named on Sunday as the headliner of the halftime show at next year’s Super Bowl. Mars and his band, The Hooligans, were introduced before hundreds of screaming fans at the Fox NFL on Sunday broadcast, which was held live from Times Square in New York City to kick off the first full weekend of professional football.

“It’s just an honour,” Mars said. “We just got off tour so being able to come to New York City and announce this right now is incredible. We’re celebrating, we’re celebrating for sure.”

The National Football League says the Super Bowl halftime show is the most-watched music event in the world. It says more than 110.5 million viewers saw last year’s show featuring R&B superstar Beyonce.

Next year, Super Bowl XLVIII will be held on 2 February at the MetLife Stadium in East Rutherford, New Jersey. Mars, 27, whose style ranges from pop to reggae, will join a roster of music legends who have headlined the Super Bowl halftime show, including Bruce Springsteen, Prince and Madonna.

Asked if he planned any surprises, Mars said: “It’s five months from now, so I got a couple of phone calls to make. “The Hawaiian born singer, whose real name is Peter Gene Hernandez, is a 14-time Grammy nominee and has sold more than 115 million singles worldwide.

He is currently on a 91-city tour, a statement from the National Football League said. Bill- board magazine says Mars scored his first five No 1 hits on the “Hot 100” chart faster than any male recording artist since Elvis Presley.

Bowen Mars performs during the 2013 MTV Video Music Awards in New York in this 25 Aug, 2013 file photo. REUTERS

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Williams shows no signs of fading, matches Federer

New Zealand loss blow for New Zealand despite strong resources

Argentina, Colombia close in on World Cup berths

Mercurial Johnson teases Australia with fiery one-day spell

Wrestling body credits ‘modernization’ for sport’s Olympic return
Baseball-softball vow to fight on after Olympic rejection

BUENOS AIRES, 9 Sept.—Baseball and softball have vowed to make another pitch to be readmitted to the Olympics after striking out on Sunday.

Riccardo Fraccari, the president of the International Baseball Federation, told Reuters that baseball and softball were not giving up hope of getting back into the Olympics.

The two sports joined forces as the World Baseball Softball Confederation (WBSC) to bid against wrestling and squash for the one available berth on the Olympic programme for the 2020 and 2024 Games.

But they missed out after the International Olympic Committee (IOC) members voted overwhelmingly to reinstate wrestling.

Baseball-softball finished second in the three-way ballot.

“Congratulations to wrestling and FILA. It’s an honour to have presented before the IOC, along-side great competitors like squash and wrestling,” Fraccari said.

The WBSC will continue working hard and will continue listening and learning from the IOC, so that baseball and softball can come under the Olympic umbrella to serve and strengthen the Olympic Movement, as our sport expands and globalises further.

The odds were stacked against baseball and softball winning the vote. Wrestling was only kicked off the Olympic programme seven months ago, but immediately introduced a raft of reforms to win back its place.

Baseball and softball were on the Olympic programme from 1992 to 2008 but were voted out in a secret ballot in 2005, becoming the first sports to be removed from the Olympics since polo in 1936.

Uruguayan found alive after four months lost in the Andes

BUENOS AIRES, 9 Sept.—A 58-year-old Uruguayan man who disappeared four months ago in the remote Andes Mountains was found alive on Sunday, after he spent a brutal winter eating rats and raisins to survive, local media reported.

Raul Fernando Gomez Circunegui in May set out to cross the mountains from Chile to Argentina on foot because his motorcycle broke down. He then reportedly lost his way during a snowstorm.

Argentine officials from the northwestern Province of San Juan stumbled upon Gomez in a shelter 2,840 metres (9,318 feet) above sea level when they traveled there to record snow levels.

A teeble Gomez was able to hobble over and open the shelter’s door, alerting the crew to his presence.

“The truth is that this is a miracle. We still can’t believe it,” San Juan Governor Jose Luis Gioja told the local Diario de Cuyo newspaper.

“We let him talk to his wife, his mother and his daughter. ... I asked him: ‘Are you a believer?’ He told me, ‘no, but now I am.’

Sugar, raisins, rats and the shelter’s leftover supplies kept Gomez alive through the Southern Hemisphere’s winter. He lost 20 kilos (44 pounds) during the ordeal and is dehydrated, according to media reports.

Photos of an emaciated, bearded Gomez resting on a bed were splashed on the websites of Argentine newspapers Clarin and La Nacion.— Reuters

Oracle win shows New Zealand has not locked up America’s Cup

SAN FRANCISCO, 9 Sept.—Oracle Team USA edged out Emirates Team New Zealand in a blistering fourth race for the America’s Cup on Sunday, reminding the Kiwis, who won the first three races of the event, that the American yacht is formidable.

While government-backed New Zealand won the third heat of the 17-race final series on San Francisco Bay, software billionaire Larry Ellison’s Oracle team led the first half of that match and controlled the entire fourth race, cruising into the finish about eight seconds in front of the Kiwis.

Though Oracle started the finals behind by two races due to a jury-imposed cheating penalty, the series now looks like a contest between two well-matched, high-tech 72-foot catamarans.

“Lesser team probably would have crumpled in the fourth race,” a jubilant Oracle skipper Jimmy Spithill said at a news conference. “It feels good to shift the momentum over towards us.” Oracle had better starts near the fog-enshrouded Golden Gate Bridge than New Zealand in both Sunday races. In the first Spithill forced the challengers into a right-of-way infraction that prompted a penalty.

But the Kiwis got around the Americans in an upward tacking duel on the third leg off Alcatraz Island. Oracle was unable to regain the lead, trailing by 28 seconds at the finish line. The New Zealand boat looked fast upwind, turning a 17-second Oracle lead at the mark ending the first downwind leg, into a 29-second advantage over Oracle at the windward turning mark near the Golden Gate. Oracle’s AC72 seemed to excel when the wind increased to over 20 knots (23 miles per hour) in the second race of the day. Spithill, an Australian, used aggressive pre-start tactics to claim the advantageous position as the race kicked off.— Reuters

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11. News

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14. News/International

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21. India Drama Series

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Pyidaungsu Hlutaw
Announcement No (3/2013)
5th Waxing of Tawthalin, 1375 ME
(9th September, 2013)

Eighth Regular Session of First Pyidaungsu Hlutaw summoned

It is hereby announced that in accord with Section 79 of the Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, Section 13 of Pyidaungsu Hlutaw Law and Rule 3 and Sub-rule (b) of Pyidaungsu Hlutaw Law, Eight Regular Session of First Pyidaungsu Hlutaw has been summoned to take place in Nay Pyi Taw at 2 pm on 1 October, 2013 (Tuesday) (12th Waning of Tawthalin, 1375 ME).

/sd/ Thura Shwe Mann
Speaker
Pyidaungsu Hlutaw

Republic of the Union of Myanmar
Pyithu Hlutaw
Announcement No (2/2013)
5th Waxing of Tawthalin, 1375 ME
(9th September, 2013)

Eighth Regular Session of First Pyithu Hlutaw summoned

It is hereby announced that in accord with Section 126 of the Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and Section 35 of Pyithu Hlutaw Law, Eight Regular Session of First Pyithu Hlutaw has been summoned to take place in Nay Pyi Taw at 10 am on 1 October, 2013 (Tuesday) (12th Waning of Tawthalin, 1375 ME).

/sd/ Thura Shwe Mann
Speaker
Pyithu Hlutaw

Republic of the Union of Myanmar
Amyotha Hlutaw
Announcement No (2/2013)
5th Waxing of Tawthalin, 1375 ME
(9th September, 2013)

Eighth Regular Session of First Amyotha Hlutaw summoned

It is hereby announced that in accord with Section 155 of the Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and Section 35 of Amyotha Hlutaw Law, Eight Regular Session of First Amyotha Hlutaw has been summoned to take place in Nay Pyi Taw at 10 am on 1 October, 2013 (Tuesday) (12th Waning of Tawthalin, 1375 ME).

/sd/ Thura Shwe Mann
Speaker
Amyotha Hlutaw

Special Appellate Bench sits

Nay Pyi Taw, 9 September—A Special Appellate Bench consisting of Chief Justice of the Union U Tun Tun Oo and all judges of the Supreme Court of the Union handed down six special civil appeal cases and heard two special criminal appeal cases and four special civil appeal cases at the Supreme Court of the Union this morning. MNA

Republic of the Union of Myanmar
Union Government
Notification (No. 58/2013)
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(9th September, 2013)

Appointment of members of advisory group to the President

The following persons have been appointed as members shown against each advisory group to the President formed under Notification No (1/2011) dated 19-4-2011 and Notification No (53/2013) dated 7-8-2013 of the Union Government.

(1) U Than Swe
Political Advisory Group
Ambassador (Retd)

(2) U Thaung Nyunt
Legal Advisory Group
Minister (Retd)

By order
Zaw Than Thin
Secretary
Union Government

Notice to Hlutaw representatives

The 5th regular sessions of PyithuHlutaw and AmyothaHlutaw will be held at the meeting hall of the Hlutaw Complex in Nay Pyi Taw at 10:00 am on 1 October(Tuesday),2013, and Pyidaungsu Hlutaw at 2:00 pm on that day. Invitation letters have been sent to Hlutaw representatives.

Hlutaw delegation leaves for Indonesia

Yangon, 9 September—A Myanmar delegation led by Pyidaungsu Hlutaw Public Accounts Joint Committee Secretary U Maung Toe left here by air this morning to attend Workshop on Parliamentary Budget to be held in Jakarta of Indonesia from9to13September. They were seen off by the officials from the Hlutaw Office at Yangon International Airport. Pyithu Hlutaw Legal Affairs and Special Cases Assessment Commission Member U Khin Soe accompanied the delegation.—MNA