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Staff need to be loyal to the State says Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker

NAY PYI TAW, 11 Sept—Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Thura U Shwe Mann met with local people at Myintzuthaka Hall in Kyaukse yesterday morning.

It was attended by Taninthayi Region Chief Minister U Khin Maung Htay, Deputy Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and Pyithu Hluttaw Thura U Shwe Mann and departmental officials.

The Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker viewed the reports. After the assessment, he urged responsible persons from the political parties and Township Development Supporting Committee and town villagers to refrain from doing any acts that can harm national reconsolization and national unity.

The Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker said that the service personnel need to be loyal to the State and the region as Kayah and Dawei are sharing border with the neighbouring country. He urged local people to present their difficulties on the ground.

In his concluding remark, he urged all to present their difficulties to the State and the region and present them to the Hluttaw Affairs and Special Cases Assessment Commission.

He reviewed the reports.

They were welcomed by Mr. Kay Rala Xanana Gusmão, Prime Minister of East Timor, his wife Mrs. Kirsty Sword-Gusmão and a group of 300 journalists and government officials from the political parties and Township Development Supporting Committee and township leaders.

They were welcomed at Yangon International Airport by Chief Minister of Yangon Region U Myint Swe, wife Daw Khin Thet Htay and officials.

They visited the 555 Hill viewpoint and King Bayintnaung statue of Kawthung, Taninthayi Region and drawing of Myanmar-Thai water territory demarcation line.

From there, the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker and party visited the 555 hill viewpoint and the islands on Myanmar’s side.—MNA

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Road sections, bridge upgraded to concrete facilities in Sittway

Efforts are being made for timely completion of the road linking Point (Shukhintha) and Sittway Hotel.

The concrete road will have five feet wide pedestrian on either side, 40 lamp-posts, 114 flowery plants and 150 concrete chairs. It is expected to complete construction in April 2014.

The Rakhine State Chief Minister inspected progress of placing concrete along 9240 feet long road from Sittway Port to Myolechaung Bridge, 1774 feet long road from Myolechaung Creek to Mayyu Junction, 350 feet long road from the junction to Shukhintha concrete road.

The road sections along the road are 11364 feet long, 40 feet wide and eight inches thick.

Moreover, the Chief Minister looked into Hsatsyoekya Bridge linking Ywagyiyaung Ward and Hsatsyoekya Bridge. The bridge is 280 feet long and 80 feet wide with 18 feet wide motorway and three feet wide pedestrian on both sides. Clearance of the bridge is 75 feet wide. It is of RC steel frame type. The bridge will be built through mechanical type system.

**YCDC plans to supply 45 more million gallons of water**

Yangon, 11 Sept—Yangon City Development Committee is implementing the second phase plan of Ngamoeyeik Water Supply Project’s water treatment plant to supply safe water to the dwellers.

The committee manages supply of 160 million gallons of water to Yangonites daily. In late 2013, the committee will increase supply of 205 million gallons of water daily.

To add 45 million gallons of water, the committee manages laying HDPE plastic water pipelines as of 20 April 2012. The pipelines will be laid along the 22.97 miles long route from Thanthuma road in Thingangyun Township to second phase water treatment plant in Hmaawby Ngamoeyeik Project (Nyaunghnnapin). In addition, the committee is to build the water station, power station, waterworks and roads.

On completion, the Yangonites will have 205 million gallons of water. So, 60 to 70 percent of population will consume safe water. Moreover, arrangements have been made to pump up water to the pipe-ended areas. The project will be finished in the last week of September.

In the open season, the second phase project of the water treatment plant (Nyaunghnnapin) of Ngamoeyeik Project will kick off. The townships Thingangyun, South Okkalapa, Thakayta, Dawbon, Mingala Taungnyunt, Mayangon, North Okkalapa and Mingaladon where the pipeline passes will have more volume of water than that in the past.

**Knowledge about environmental conservation shared**

Yangon, 11 Sept—A talk on environmental conservation was held at Shwetawng Aye Dhammayon Monastery. The number of reader at the mini book corner is growing day by day because they cannot spend their valuable time when they are at the court.

**Traffic accident kills one in Toungoo**

Toungoo, 11 Sept—Two trucks collided each other near mile post No 17 8/5 on Yangon-Mandalay Highway near Kanyoe Village of Toungoo Township in Bago Region at 2 pm on 8 September.

A Mitsubishi Canter carrying bags of rice driven by Min Zaw Oo, 41 of Meiktaliaba Ward in Meiktila violently collided head-on with 10-wheelied Nissan with the loads of onion bags driven by Wunna Tun. After that, the Canter body was totally damaged due to hitting a tree by the road again.

In the incident, conductor of Canter Ange Lay (a) Aye Min Soe of Meiktila died on the spot with serious injuries at head, leg and nose. The remaining three persons suffering from serious injuries were rushed to Toungoo District General Hospital.

Toungoo Myoma Police Station opened a file of lawsuit over the traffic accident.
Kerry to meet Russian counterpart on diplomatic solution to Syria crisis

WASHINGTON, 11 Sept —US Secretary of State John Kerry is to meet with his Russian counterpart Sergei Lavrov in Geneva on Thursday to discuss Russia’s proposal for Syria to surrender its chemical weapons to avert a US military strike, a media report said Tuesday.

A US State Department official has confirmed the meeting, according to a report published by the Capitol Hill newspaper The Hill on its website. It did not disclose further details of the meeting or how long Kerry will stay in Geneva.

The meeting was scheduled after a dramatic turn to the Syria crisis occurred on Monday, when Russia proposed Syria place its stockpiles of chemical weapons under international control so as to solve the crisis in a diplomatic way.

Syria has agreed to accept Russia’s proposal to avoid a possible US military strike. Syrian Foreign Minister Walid al-Moallem said in Moscow on Tuesday that his country is ready to “completely cooperate” with Russia to implement the initiative and will reveal the sites of its chemical weapons storage to representatives of Russia and the United Nations.

Washington welcomed Russia’s proposal as paying the way for a possible diplomatic breakthrough in the Syria crisis, while expressing deep skepticism that this could be a “stalling tactic” by Damascus to delay the US military attack on Syria.

US President Barack Obama and his security team have been working hard in recent related talks trying to convince Congress to authorize the use of force against Syria as punishment for the alleged 21 August chemical attack in Damascus, which the US claims killed more than 1,400 people. Syrian government has strongly denied the accusation.

Kerry, speaking in a State Department-sponsored Google hangout on Thursday, stressed that any deal for Syria to surrender its chemical weapons must include a “fully verifiable process.”

White House ramps up 9/11 security measures, citing Benghazi

WASHINGTON, 11 Sept — The White House on Tuesday said it had ordered heightened security of US facilities abroad on the 11 September anniversary, citing the attack that killed four US government employees in Benghazi, Libya, last year.

“The president’s national security team is taking measures to prevent 9/11 related attacks and to ensure the protection of US persons and facilities abroad,” the White House said in a statement.

President Barack Obama’s counterterrorism aide Lisa Monaco has been in charge of reviewing security measures in place for the anniversary, the White House said.

Four Americans including the US Ambassador to Libya were killed in an attack on a compound in Benghazi a year ago. The administration initially said the assault grew out of anti-Western protests.

Later, however, it turned out that Islamist extremists launched the attack on the 11 September anniversary. The administration was forced for months to defend its handling of the events at Benghazi, with critics charging officials deliberately played down the nature of the attack to protect the president’s re-election bid.

Obama vows to explore diplomatic route on Syria chemical weapons

WASHINGTON, 11 Sept — US President Barack Obama vowed on Tuesday to explore a diplomatic initiative from Russia to neutralize Syria’s chemical weapons but voiced skepticism about it being a way out for war-weary Americans to support his threat to use military force.

Obama said a Russian offer to push Syrian President Bashar al-Assad to place chemical weapons under international control opened up the possibility of halting the limited military strike that he is considering against Syria.

Speaking from the White House’s East Room, Obama said US would discuss the diplomatic option with Russian President Vladimir Putin, with whom he has had rocky relations.

Obama said the US Senate to put off a vote on his request for an authorization of military force to let the diplomacy play out. It has been far from certain whether Obama would win a vote in the restive Congress on the Syrian issue.

A negative outcome would be a huge embarrassment for the president.

Obama set no deadlines for diplomacy to run its course, but said any deal with Assad would require verification that the Syrian president keeps his word.

“It’s too early to tell whether this offer will succeed. And any agreement must verify that the Assad regime keeps its commitments. But this initiative has the potential to remove the threat of chemical weapons without the use of force, particularly because Russia is one of Assad’s strongest allies.”

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Obama used much of his speech to lay out the case against Syria, saying there was plenty of evidence showing that the Syrian government was behind on 21 August chemical weapons attack that killed 1,429 people, including more than 400 children.

Italian lawmakers delay showdown over Berlusconi

ROME, 11 Sept — Italian lawmakers on Tuesday pulled back from a vote on the 11 September anniversary.

The meeting ended at around midnight (6 pm ET). Hearings will resume on Thursday at 9 am ET, Senator Benedetta Della Vedova of Mario Monti’s Civic Choice said.

“The discussion will start again in the next few days and it will take a long time,” the Senate group of the anti-establishment 5-Star Movement, which is most hostile to Berlusconi, said in a tweet as the meeting neared its end.

After a tense day in which centre-right leaders threatened to pull out of Letta’s coalition, potentially triggering snap elections, a sign of reduced hostilities came when Berlusconi called off a meeting with his lawmakers scheduled for Wednesday. Many observers had expected that meeting to sanction the end of the Letta government if the center-left had maintained the uncompromising stance it had shown at an initial committee meeting on Monday.

Two Koreas agree to reopen joint industrial zone on 16 September

SEOUL, 11 Sept — North and South Korea have agreed to resume operations at the shuttered joint industrial zone in the North’s border city of Kaesong from next week, according to a statement released on Thursday by South Korea’s Unification Ministry.

The agreement was reached on Wednesday during the second round of a joint committee meeting held at Kaesong to work out details on how to resume operations at the complex that came to a halt in early April amid heightened tensions on the Korean Peninsula.

Under the agreement, South Korean firms will be allowed to restart operations at the zone after a trial run on Monday, the statement said.

The two Koreas also agreed to host a road show for foreign investors at the zone in October in an effort to develop Kaesong into an international industrial zone.
Three space station crewmembers
land after 166-day mission

CAPE CANAVERAL, Florida, 11 Sept—Two Russian cosmonauts and a US astronaut left the International Space Station on Tuesday, leaving a skeleton crew to maintain the outpost until replacements arrive later this month.

Outgoing station commander Pavel Vinogradov, NASA astronaut Christopher Cassidy and Russian cosmonaut Alexander Misurkin bid their crewmates good-bye and climbed aboard their Russian Soyuz capsule to prepare for a 3.5-hour flight back to Earth after 166 days in orbit.

“The time has gone by so incredibly fast,” Cassidy said during an inflight interview last week.

“It’ll be really sad to leave. This is an incredible experience ... but by the same token, I’m ready to go. It’s time for some other people to come ... and I’m really excited to go back and see my friends and family.”

Before leaving, Vinogradov, a veteran of three spaceflights, transferred command of the $100 billion station, a project of 15 nations, to fellow cosmonaut Fyodor Yurchikhin, who remains aboard with Italian astronaut Luca Parmitano and NASA’s Karen Nyberg.

“We had a great envi- ronment here, very friendly and very warm,” Vinogradov said through a translator in a ceremony on NASA TV on Monday marking the change in command.

Strapped inside their Soyuz capsule, Vinogra- dov, Cassidy and Misurkin pulled away from the station’s Poisk module at 3:35 pm EDT/1135 GMT as the two ships sailed 258 miles above Mongolia, said NASA mission commentator Brandi Dean.

Three hours later, the Soyuz hit the top of Earth’s atmosphere, giving the men their first sampling of gravity since their launch on 28 March. The final leg of the journey took place under parachutes, with the capsule finally coming to a stop on the steppes of Kazakhstan at 10:58 pm EDT/0258 GMT, marking the end of the Expedition 36 mission. The space sta- tion has been continuously staffed by rotating crews of astronauts and cosmonauts since November 2000. Fol- lowing medical checks, Vi- nogradov and Misurkin will be flown to Star City near Moscow. Cassidy will fly on a NASA jet back to Johnson Space Centre in Houston.

A replacement space station crew, headed by veteran cosmonaut Oleg Kotov and including rook- ies Sergey Ryazansky and Michael Hopkins, is due to launch on 25 September.

Apple aims to extend market reach with two new iPhones

CUPERTINO, (Califor- nia), 11 Sept—Apple Inc unveiled on Tuesday an iPhone with a fingerprint scanner to help it stand out in a crowded field of similar smartphones, plus a cheaper plastic model for emerging markets that proved pricier than expected.

The “iPhone 5C” comes in five hues—blue, green, pink, yellow and white—and starts in the United States at $99 with a contract, or $549 without. But an unlocked 5C will go for 4,488 yuan ($730) and above in China, more than the average urban resident earns in a month and a price that may disappoint those hoping for a more aggres- sive assault on the world’s largest cellular market.

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It also needs to sharply expand its existing distri- bution. The company on Wednesday will address speculation that it is on the verge of signing a distribu- tion pact with China Mobile Ltd, the country’s biggest wireless carrier with more than 740 million subscrib- ers. Otherwise, details of the two new iPhone models had been telegraphed ahead of time in several media re- ports, leaving the US launch devoid of major surprises, and Apple shares dropped more than 2 percent on Tuesday to $494.64.

The pricier “5S” begins at $199 with a contract and also comes in three colours - gray, silver and gold. It sports a faster processor, a camera that takes bursts of photos and chooses the best, and the fingerprint-scanner that unlocks the phone with a touch. It also includes a separate chip, called the “M7 Motion co-processor”, which can track motion data continuously without sev- erely curtail the under- ground market for smugg- led phones in the world’s No 2 economy.

The 5C marks a depar- ture from Apple’s focus on purely premium phones, but not as much as some expect- ed. “It means Apple will hold on to margins but clearly they are not going after the very low-end of the market, which will disappoint some inves- tors,” said Shannon Cross of ReuteRs.

Many Internet users depend on wireless net- works to connect devices in their homes, such as printers and laptops, and companies should not be snooping on their communications or collecting private data.”

Writing for a three- judge panel, Circuit Judge Jay Bybee said Wi-Fi communications did not qualify as a “radio communi- cation,” or an “electronic communication” that was “readily accessible to the general public,” such that Google deserved an exemp- tion from the Wiretap Act.

“If even it is com- plomace for members of the general public to con- tact a neighbour’s un- encrypted Wi-Fi network.”—Bybee wrote, “members of the general public do not typically mistakenly inter- cept, store, and decode data transmitted by other devices on the network.”

Netflix launches video streaming service in The Netherlands

NEW YORK, 11 Sept—Netflix Inc launched its vid- eo streaming service in The Netherlands on Wednes- day, offering movies and TV shows from Hollywood and local producers as the US-based company ex- pands its reach into Europe.

The service will cost 7.99 euros ($10.60) a month for an on-demand con- tent watchable on Internet- connected TVs and mobile devices, Netflix said in a statement. The company announced in June it would enter The Netherlands mar- ket this year but had not re- vealed a specific date.

Netflix boasts 29.8 million streaming subscrib- ers in the United States and 7.8 million in international markets, delivering mov- ies and TV shows to Can- ada, Great Britain, Ireland, Scandinavia and parts of Latin America and the Car- ibbean.—ReuterS

Google loses appeal in Street View privacy case

TORONTO, 11 Sept—A federal appeals court re- jected Google Inc’s bid to dismiss a lawsuit accusing it of violating federal wiretap law when it accidentally collected emails and other personal data while building its popular Street View program.

The 9th US Circuit Court of Appeals refused to exempt Google from liabil- ity under the federal Wiretap Act for having inadvertently intercepted emails, user names, passwords and other data from private Wi-Fi net- works to create Street View, which provides panoramic views of city streets.

“It’s a landmark deci- sion that affirms the privacy of electronic communica- tions for wireless net- works,” said Marc Roten- berg, executive director of the Electronic Privacy In- formation Center in Wash- ington, DC.

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Auto execs more downbeat than desperate at 2013 Frankfurt show

FRANKFURT, 11 Sept—
At the last Frankfurt motor show in 2009, the big story was not the cars, but the euro zone crisis and specifically how the continent’s car companies could survive.

This year, the crisis is waning but caution remains. As sales continue to lag, especially in Southern Europe, the most interesting new models are not sports or luxury cars, but family station wagons, the epitome of practicality.

The most troubled car companies, France’s Peugeot SA (PEUP.PA) and Italy’s Fiat SpA (FIA.MI), have cut product development spending so much that they have little new to display. But cutting-edge designs are also few and far between on the stands of even such market leaders as Volkswagen AG (VOWG_p.DE).

As a barometer of Europe’s economy, the show’s atmosphere has improved in two years—from desperate to downbeat—while the attitudes of Europe’s top auto executives reflect much of the market’s ambivalence.

“Perhaps a little bit of optimism is justified,” said Trevor Mann, Nissan Motor Co Ltd (7201.T) executive vice president. “But I think the recovery generally will be slow (and) we should not get too carried away.”

Alfredo Altavilla, chief operating officer of Fiat’s Europe, Middle East and African regions, added: “The real answer is that no one has any visibility beyond the quarter. The trend is stabilizing (but) it’s too soon to say that it’s picking up.”

Britain’s house prices jump in August, setting in train increased growth

LONDON, 11 Sept—
The British economy could be set in train for a period of increased growth, backed by rising housing prices which recorded their fastest rise in almost seven years.

The Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors (RICS) house price survey released on Tuesday revealed increased optimism, with new buyer inquiries jumping to +66 from +54.

The survey also showed surveyors across the country reporting rising prices at +40, up from +37 a month before.

James Knightley, senior UK economist at ING, said: “The strengthening housing market is already having a positive feedback into consumer confidence as households feel wealthier. With credit availability improving and the cost of borrowing falling, this could become a virtuous positive spiral, which is likely to support economic activity more broadly as households become more inclined to spend.”

The British economy has struggled to recover from the after-effects of the financial crisis and the subsequent recession, and very flat-lined between 2010 and the first quarter of this year. The past two quarters have shown encouraging growth, 0.3 percent and 0.7 percent increases respectively, with most economists revising upwards their expectations for growth this year and next.

RICS survey respondents remarked that government measures designed to stimulate the mortgage and housing market such as the Funding for Lending Scheme (FLS) and Help to Buy had helped spark the improvement in house-buying activity.—Xinhua

FDA panel supports approval of Glaxo lung drug Anoro

WASHINGTON, 11 Sept—
A federal advisory panel recommended approval of GlaxoSmithKline Plc’s new drug to treat chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), but suggested the company be required to conduct further safety studies once the drug is approved.

The panel of expert advisers to the US Food and Drug Administration voted 11-2 on Tuesday to approve the inhaled drug, Anoro Ellipta, which is designed to improve lung function in people with the disease, which is typically associated with smoking.

Anoro is a combination of vilanterol, a long-acting beta-agonist (LABA) which opens the airways, and umeclidinium, a long-acting muscarinic receptor antagonist (LAMA) which improves lung function. GSK is developing the product with partner Thera
tics Inc.

The FDA is not required to follow the advice of its advisory panels but typically does so.

Anoro is expected to generate sales of more than $2 billion a year by 2018, according to the average estimate of six analysts polled by Thomson Reuters. A decision is expected by 18 December.

Much of the panel’s discussion centred on the drug’s safety profile, which showed an improvement in the number of non-fatal heart attacks experienced by patients taking Anoro in certain clinical trials compared with those taking a placebo.

A similar imbalance was not seen in a longer study of the drug at a higher dose, however, leaving many panel members scratching their heads and worried that additional heart problems could emerge once the drug is used outside the closely-monitored confines of a clinical trial.

Dr. James Stoller, chair of the Education Institute at the Cleveland Clinic, said the data left him with a “non-specific sense of unease” and he voted against the drug.

US Airways, American defend planned merger in court filing

WASHINGTON, 11 Sept—
US Airways defended its proposed merger with American Airlines on Tuesday, arguing that the deal was lawful and should be allowed to go forward.

“Conservative estimates place the net benefits to consumers at more than $500 million annually,” the company wrote in its 50-page filing.

US Airways accused the Justice Department of ignoring the size of small, aggressive low-cost carriers such as JetBlue Airways and Spirit Airlines, saying that, along with Southwest Airlines Co and regional airlines, now carry 40 percent of US air traffic. “The demonstrable success of low-cost carriers is a market-driven response to consumer demand, but the (Justice Department) complaint inexplicably ignores their profound and permanent effect on industry competition,” US Airways said.

American also weighed in, saying that those opposed to the deal were “ignoring the realities of the airline industry.”

“This transaction, viewed through the lens of the actual US airline industry today, rather than some idealized vision of the past, does not violate the anti-trust laws,” American said in its 15-page filing. “The airline industry is intensely competitive today and would remain so after this transaction.”—Reuters

Infectious diseases kill 1,497 in China in August

BEIJING, 11 Sept—
A total of 1,497 people died of infectious diseases on the Chinese mainland in August, with AIDS the top cause of death, according to figures released by health authorities on Monday.

AIDS infections resulted in 1,102 deaths last month, according to a statement posted on the website of the National Health and Family Planning Commission.

Tuberculosis was the second-biggest killer by claiming 161 lives.

A total of 619,396 infectious disease cases were reported on the Chinese mainland last month, according to the statement.

Ten cases of cholera were reported, but no deaths were reported in this regard.

Plague and cholera are categorized as Class A infectious diseases — the most serious infectious disease category.
Tropical storms Gabrielle, Humberto swirl in Atlantic

MIAMI, 11 Sept—Tropical Storm Gabrielle regenerated and bore down on Bermuda on Tuesday while Tropical Storm Humberto strengthened to the verge of becoming the season’s first Atlantic hurricane, forecasters said.

The burst of activity came right on schedule as the Atlantic-Caribbean tropical storm season hit its traditional peak. Gabrielle was about 30 miles south-southwest of Bermuda and forecasters at the US National Hurricane Center said it was expected to pass over the mid-Atlantic island later Tuesday.

Its top winds had jumped to 60 mph, up from 40 mph earlier, and a slight further increase in strength seemed likely, the forecasters said. They said Bermuda was already being lashed by rough seas, heavy wind gusts and rain and several flights to the island had been canceled in anticipation of the storm.

The ancient British territory has strict building codes and tends to withstand tropical storms without major damage. Gabrielle first formed last week in the northeastern Caribbean, soaking Puerto Rico as it crossed into the Atlantic.

Humberto had top winds of 70 mph and was expected to cross the 74 mph threshold to become a hurricane later Tuesday or early Wednesday.

It is the eighth tropical storm of the Atlantic-Caribbean hurricane season, which runs from 1 June to 30 November and historically peaks on 10 September. But it would be the first this year to reach hurricane strength. The first hurricane of the season usually forms by 10 August. Since the dawn of the satellite era in the mid-1960s, the latest date for the first hurricane to arrive was set in 2002 when Hurricane Gustav made its debut on 11 September.—Reuters

Iran says time for solving nuclear issue not “unlimited”

TEHRAN, 11 Sept—Iran’s President Hassan Rouhani said on Tuesday that time for solving the nuclear issue of the Islamic republic is not “unlimited” and both sides should seize the time. “The world should know that the time span for resolving the nuclear issue will not be unlimited and they (powers) should seize the time and we will, Rouhani in a televised speech on Tuesday night.

“The end results of the upcoming talks between Iran and the world powers over Iran’s nuclear issue should be based on a win-win approach and a win-lose formula is meaningless,” the Iranian president.

Police fire teargas to disperse protests in Turkish cities

ISTANBUL, 11 Sept—Turkish police used teargas to disperse crowds in Istanbul and Ankara who were rallying against the death of a protester earlier in the day, witnesses said.

Police blocked protesters from reaching Istanbul’s Taksim Square—the focus of recent anti-government protests.

Dozens of riot police backed by water cannon advanced down a main pedestrian and some fired teargas canisters and plastic pellets into side streets as protesters fled.

In the capital Ankara, more than 1,000 people gathered in the central square of Kizilay before police used water cannon and teargas to break up the crowd.

Broadcasters CNN Turk said protests also occurred in the southern Province of Hatay at the funeral of Ahmet Atakan, 22, who died in the early hours of Tuesday at a demonstration against Prime Minister Tayyip Erdogan’s handling of nationwide protests this summer.

The cause of Atakan’s death was in dispute, with witnesses saying he suffered a blunt trauma to the head, while police said he fell from a rooftop.

Teargas in Istanbul forced UEFA match officials to temporarily halt play at an Under-21 match between Turkey and Sweden after gas affected players at the Recep Tayyip Erdogan Stadium near Taksim, CNN Turk reported.

American high school students send “miracle boat” back to Japan

LOS ANGELES, 11 Sept—A boat found earlier this year on the coast of a northern California city as a result of the 2011 tsunami that devastated northeastern Japan has begun its journey back to Japan, thanks to the efforts of a group of American high school students.

The 6-metre-long fishing boat, confirmed to belong to Takakai High School in Rikuzentakata, Iwate Prefecture, and called the “miracle boat” by school principal Akihito Yokota, left Crescent City last Friday for San Francisco where it will be kept until its departure date later this month, according to the students.

Rikuzentakata is one of the areas hit hardest by the 11 March, 2011 tsunami, and known for a “miracle pine”—the only one of about 70,000 pines on a stretch of coast there to survive the waves and which has been preserved as a symbol of reconstruction.

The boat, found on 7 April, began its journey back after a group of Del Norte High School students, with six core members, helped coordinate it with Japanese freight company Yusen Logistics Co.

“We thought it was a good thing to do,” said 16-year-old member John Stevens.

“It would be a symbol of hope for them and it would let them know that we haven’t forgotten them.”

Earlier in the summer, Stevens and some fellow classmates scrubbed and cleaned the boat of barnacles that had covered it. The boat was later put in an empty storefront display in the city as a reminder of the tragic event in Japan.—Kyodo News

US envoy on N Korea suggests time not ripe to resume 6-party talks

SEUL, 11 Sept—A senior US envoy urged North Korea on Tuesday to fulfill its denuclearization obligations and suggested the time is not ripe to resume the long-stalled six-party talks as the country keeps insisting that it is a nuclear power.

“Right now, we simply do not see the positive attitude of North Korea toward fulfilling its obligations, its commitments to living up to the UN Security Council resolutions,” Glyn Davies, US special representative for North Korea policy, told reporters.

Davies, who arrived in Seoul on Monday for a two-day visit, made the comments after talking with Cho Tae Yong, South Korea’s chief delegate to the six-party talks.

“We need to see some signs that they are sincere about what is the central issue of the six-party process, which is the peaceful denuclearization of the Korean Peninsula,” Davies said.

Cho, standing alongside Davies, also stressed North Korea should realize the purpose of the six-party talks is to achieve North Korea’s denuclearization and should take whatever actions are necessary to reach that goal.

“Inally, North Korea should decide to give up nuclear weapons and come forward on the path of peace,” Cho said.

Davies arrived in China later Tuesday and is to visit Japan later this week.

The six-party talks involving the two Koreas, the United States, China, Japan and Russia have been suspended since late 2008.

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Animals

A masked demonstrator uses fireworks against riot police with a homemade device during a protest in central Istanbul on 10 Sept. 2013.—Reuters

New Light of Myanmar
Self-reliant transformer launched in Ottwin Tsp

OTTWIN, 11 Sept—A ceremony to launch 11/0.4 KV, 315 KVA transformer was held in Bawdagon Village of Paungtaw Village-tract in Ottwin Township on 5 September. The transformer was installed on a self-reliant basis of the local people, spending over K$6.9 million within four months. Bago Region Minister for Electric and Industry U Baby Ohn, Deputy Region Electrical Engineer U Win Myint and Township Administrator U Kyaw Shwe made speeches. Village Electrification Committee U Lay Win explained tasks to supply electricity to the village. The ceremony was attended by about 100 people.

National Sports

Cash assistance provided to aerobic athletes

PYAWBWE, 11 Sept—The cash assistance was provided to members of the Pyawbwe Township aerobic team that will take part in the Mandalay Region Women’s Affairs Organization Aerobics Contest on 7 September evening. Cash was provided by Pyawbwe Township Sports and Physical Education Department and Township WAO. Chairperson of Township WAO Daw Myint Myint Htwe gave instructions to the athletes and presented cash assistance to the athletes through coach trainer Daw Tin Thura Htwe. The athletes of the township will take part in the single, triple and team events.

Sittway youths participate in administrator cup football tournament

SITTWAY, 11 Sept—The Sittway Township Administrator’s Cup U-25 Football Tournament 2013 was held at Danyawady sports ground in Sittway on 8 September afternoon, with an address by Township Administrator U Tin Myint.

Among the spectators were township level departmental officials and coaches.

In the debut of the group matches, Football Field team played against Minsa Ward.

Altogether 32 teams are taking part in the first round knock-out matches.

The second round will be held with 16 teams in groups. After that, the quarterfinal, semifinal and final match followed in the programme.

Shan State govt provides cash assistance to flood victims

MONGPHAYT, 11 Sept—Shan State government provided cash assistance to flood victims of Suklaung Village in Mongphyat Township of Shan State. On 10 August, four households were evacuated to the safe place due to overflow of Namlon Creek.

Therefore, Shan State government presented K120,000 to the households for reconstruction of their houses.

On 6 September, Township Administrator U Zaw Myo Nyunt and officials handed over the cash assistance to the flood victims at their house.

Two-star floating hotel under construction in Mandalay

MANDALAY, 11 Sept—A floating hotel with two star is under construction for tourists at Mayagyan Jetty of Ayeyawady River in Mandalay.

Construction started in December 2012 and it is expected to complete construction tasks before the XXVII SEA Games, said U Lay Myint, the manager of the construction tasks.

At present, the construction tasks have been completed by 80 per cent. The hotel will be 235 feet long, 53 feet wide and 13 feet draught. It will have seventy 20x18 feet rooms, 40 double rooms, four family rooms and two suites.

Heavy rains in Bhamo Township of Kachin State caused inundation at Lepanoda, Khunta and Tatkale wards on 7 September. On 8 September, the roads were flooded and the local people used boats in their transportation.—MMAL-MINTADATHAR

Food poison kills baby in Kawlin Township

KAWLIN, 11 Sept—Two sisters Ma Kyu Kyu Naing, 27 and Ma May Myat Noe, ate one cake from the tea shop in Taungpon Village of Kawlin Township in Sagaing Region at 3.30 pm on 1 September.

A half hour later, they became unconsciousness with froth after vomiting due to food poison. Nanda Myitta social association transported Ma Kyu Kyu Khang at 4 pm to Kanbalu People’s Hospital by car.

After the car had left there, Ma May Myat Moe, ate the remaining parts of cake and was unconscious like Ma Kyu Kyu Khang. Officials from Rural Health Centre in Kokkogon Village of Kawlin Township sent her to Kanbalu People’s Hospital but she was pronounced dead at 1.30 am on 2 September.

MMAL-092

Odd News

Illegal foreign cigarette seized in Pangsai (Kyukok)

NAO PAY TAW, 11 Sept—Members of Pangsai (Kyukok) police station of Shan State, acting on information, together with witnesses, raided the house of Ma Wam Hong, 49 of Ward 4 in Pangsai (Kyukok) on 5 September.

They seized 481 cartons of cigarette boxes with Yan brand and 688 China-made Honghe brand cigarette cartons, 174 cartons of China-made Hongsathan brand cigarette, 1345 cartons of Hescanlest brand cigarette and 15 sheets of golden papers for cigarette boxes.

Pangsai (Kyukok) police station opened a file of lawsuit against Ma Wam Hon under the law.

MMAL-Police Information

Foreigners pass Myanmar-Thai Friendship Bridge No 1 in Tachilek

TACHILEK, 11 Sept—Myanmar-Thai Friendship Bridge No 1 was upgraded at International Gate in Tachilek.

The foreigners are allowed with passport and visa for their of entry and exist as of 28 August 2013. So far, five Myanmar men and nine women, totalling 14 and 10 foreigner men and five women, totalling 15 entered the nation. Meanwhile, 11 Myanmar and 17 foreigners exited there.

Two foreigners submitted EV (B) visas to travel within four months. Two foreigners showed off EV (B) visas and 15 EV(T) visas for exit.

MMAL-Maung Yin Kyaw

Crime

Foreigners were from the Netherlands, Italy, Thailand, China, Ireland, Germany, Spain, Australia and France.

MMAL-Maung Yin Kyaw
**ARTICLE**

**Politics and Media**

**Min Ba Htoo**

As there is no need to produce high quality products that can compete with those of foreign countries, adhering to local and foreign norms and standards.

Production of quality products can protect market collapse. Every product bearing “Made in Myanmar” label should meet international standard. Every product should provide guarantee in every step of their production. High quality products can penetrate into local markets as well as international markets. Mass production of high quality products can contribute to economic development of the country.

**Shankan Village in Dala Tsp illuminated by solar-powered lamp-posts**

The entrance road to the village was built by Yangon Region government.

**MWEA executive leaves for Thailand**

**Yangon, 11 Sept.—**

Executive Daw Soe Amy Kyaw of Myanmar Women Entrepreneurs’ Association left here by air yesterday morning to attend the Regional Workshop on the Development of Women’s Potential in Tourism and Services to be held in Thailand from 11 to 13 September.—MNA

in rural areas of Myanmar for electrification like that of other developing nations.

Khin Maung Htwe
Navy Pyi Taw, 11 Sept—Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Soe Win received Asian Affairs Special Envoy of China Mr Wang Yingfan of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the People’s Republic of China at Zeyathiri Beach, here, at 2 pm yesterday.

At the call, they cordially discussed cooperation between the two armed forces of the two countries and matters on internal peace process.—MNA

Union FM explains situation in Rakhine State

YANGON, 11 Sept—U Wunna Maung Lwin, Union Minister for Foreign Affairs gave a briefing on the situation in Rakhine State at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, here this morning. It was attended by diplomats and representatives from foreign missions here.

At the briefing, the Union Minister explained the ground situation in Rakhine State and the efforts made by the Government of Myanmar for peace, stability and developments in the region. The Union Minister also answered questions raised by the diplomats, it is learnt.—MNA

Union Minister receives Korean MP

NAY PYI TAW, 11 Sept—Union Minister for Education Dr Mya Aye received MP Mr Jeasung Choi and party of the Republic of Korea at his office, here yesterday afternoon.

They mainly focused on donation of Korean traditional folk tales books translated into Myanmar for basic education schools which will cooperate in education sector between the two countries and participation of Myanmar football team formed with outstanding student footballer at Basic Education Schools’ level in Korean football friendship match.—MNA

Scania Office Yangon opened

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**Sailing contest organizing committee meets**

Navy Pyi Taw, 11 Sept—The Organizing Committee for Sailing Contest of XXVII SEA Games was held at Ayeyawady Region Government office in Pathein yesterday.

Region Chief Minister U Thein Aung and Deputy Minister for Sports U Zaw Win explained successful holding of sailing contest meets.
**LOCAL NEWS**

**Electrification**

**Ayadaw equipped with 33 KVA transformer**

The sub-power station is being upgraded in Ayadaw Township of Monywa District in Sagaing Region for sufficiently supply electricity to the local people.

In early August, a 33 KVA transformer was installed at the sub-power station of the Township Electrical Engineer’s Office in region 3 of the township.

**Power line**

The power line, which is due to growing population of Ayadaw Township, was installed from Ohndaw-Shwebo power line via Wathagyi Village of Wellet Township to Ayadaw.

On completion, the 18 miles long power line will supply electricity to Ayadaw and its environ villages sufficiently.

**Kyanaing**

The commander of Township Police Force, the head of Township Immigration and National Registration Department, the township Law Officer and the executive officer of Township Development Affairs Committee will set up the Township Development Affairs Committee and Executive Officer.

The DAC Executive Officer will serve as secretary of the committee.

The seven member committee will seek approval from the region government for undertaking development tasks of the township.

**Kyemon-648**

**Construction**

**Kyemon-Mawgyun Bridge on Mawgyun-Yangon Road under preparations**

**Local people participate in building a temporary road before building the bridge.**

**Disaster**

**Yamonna circular road in Mawgyun disappears in erosion**

The houses at Yamonna near West Tonhle Creek are being abolished due to impacts of erosion, 24 houses out of 29 were abolished from the eroded area. Five remaining houses are being abolished.

The houses at Yamonna circular road was about 150 feet distance to the creek. At present, over 1000 feet long Yamonna Road disappeared in erosion.

The current of Sawke Creek and West Tonhle Creek strongly erode the road. Now, the water started to erode the houses and Zizawa Road in addition to Yamonna Road.

The local people wish to construct new road and retaining walls as soon as possible.

**HRD**

**Traffic rules talks held at Myiek BEHS No 2**

Myiek, 11 Sept—The traffic rule talks was held at the hall of No 2 Basic Education High School in Myiek of Taninthayi Region on 7 September morning to disseminate knowledge about traffic rules to the students.

Police Captain Nay Win of No 52 Traffic Police Platoon explained disciplines for drivers, prevention against traffic accidents, traffic congestion and loss of life in traffic accidents.

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**Fingerlings released into Inlay Lake**

Nyaungshwe, 11 Sept—A ceremony to release fingerlings into Inlay Lake at Phaungdawbyan Yeiktha of Nyaungshwe ward. Shan State Agriculture and Livestock Breeding U Sai Hsa Lu, Inn National Races Affairs Minister U Win Myint, departmental officials and party released 200,000 fingerlings into Inlay Lake.

Kyemon-Nay Myo Thurein (Nyaungshwe)
Vietnam lifts radiation inspection on Japanese food imports

TOKYO, 11 Sept—Vietnam lifted earlier this month a radiation inspection requirement for fresh food imported from Japan, ending the measure taken after the Fukushima nuclear meltdown in 2011, according to the agriculture ministry.

The measure, removed on 1 September, had required that all imported fresh food originating from Fukushima, Ibaraki, and Tochigi prefectures be checked for radioactive materials, and that samples of fresh food items from other parts of Japan be checked for radiation. Vietnam no longer considers the measure necessary, the ministry said on Tuesday.

Japan’s Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries Minister Yoshimasa Hayashi had asked the Vietnamese authorities to lift the regulation during his visit to the country in May.

South Korea announced last week an expanded import ban on foods from Japan to include all fisheries products from Fukushima and seven nearby prefectures. The previous ban had been limited to 50 fisheries items from the region.

On Tuesday, Hokkaido Gov Harumi Takahashi expressed concern about Seoul’s move, saying, “We are paying serious attention to the South Korean measure.”

She noted Hokkaido is the largest exporter of fisheries products to South Korea among Japan’s 47 prefectures. The South Korean ban does not cover Hokkaido.

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IAEA to send probe team to Japan over toxic water leak

VIENNA, 11 Sept—The International Atomic Energy Agency will dispatch a team of nuclear experts to Japan in the autumn to investigate the leakage of radioactive water at the crippled Fukushima Daiichi nuclear power plant, agency Director General Yukiya Amano said on Monday.

Amano dismissed the plan in the speech at the outset of the IAEA regular board meeting which started on Monday, stating the massive buildup of radioactive water at the disaster-struck power plant was a problem that needed to be tackled urgently.

Plant operator Tohoku Electric Power Co has struggled to manage the accumulation of radioactive water at the plant since the nuclear crisis began more than two years ago. Recently it admitted that 300 tons of highly radioactive water had leaked from a storage tank, some of which could have flowed into the adjacent Pacific Ocean.

The IAEA previously sent a team of experts to Japan in May to investigate leakage of radioactive water at a power plant.

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Violence claims 12 lives in Pakistan’s Karachi

ISLAMABAD, 11 Sept—At least 12 people were killed and several others injured in separate incidents of violence in Pakistan’s southern port city of Karachi over the past 24 hours despite the ongoing targeted operation by police and paramilitary troops in various areas of the city, local media and police said on Wednesday.

In the latest incident, a man was shot dead in downtown Nazimabad area of the city. Police said that the victim was a person of a mosque community and investigation into his killings are being carried out. In another incident, two people from an ethnic minority community were killed in firing by unknown gunmen at a rickshaw. The attackers fled the scene after the incident and police said that the firing might be outcome of personal enmity.

In a separate incident in the wee hours of Wednesday morning, two policemen were killed in firing by unknown gunmen at Haideri road of the city. Senior Superintendent Police of the area said that the cops were killed in firing by unknown gunmen at a police mobile.

Earlier on Tuesday, seven people including two political workers and a frontier constable were killed and several others were injured in separate incidents of firing. Local paramilitary troops, Rangers, apprehended several under Arms Ordinance, 22 suspects involved in street crimes, extortion and other crimes on Tuesday.

Rangers also apprehended several alleged criminals affiliated with a banned outfit and seized a heavy quantity of arms and ammunition from their custody.

Meanwhile, Karachi police apprehended 148 alleged criminals, including 23 absconders, 40 others under Arms Ordinance, 22 under Narcotics Ordinance, four under Terrorism Act and three alleged extortionists on Tuesday.

Police started targeted operation to nab the criminals involved in street crimes, target killings, extortion and other crimes on the directives of the city’s Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif.—Xinhua

Singapore PM to visit Vietnam

SINGAPORE, 11 Sept—Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong is scheduled to visit Vietnam from Wednesday to Friday, during which Lee and his Vietnamese counterpart Nguyen Tan Dung will formally launch a strategic partnership agreement between the two countries, the city-state’s Prime Minister Office (PMO) said on Tuesday.

The key event is in sync with the commemorative activities of the 40th year of the two countries’ bilateral ties.

During his stay in Ha Noi, Lee will call on main Vietnamese leaders, including General Secretary of the Communist Party of Vietnam Nguyen Phu Trong and President Truong Tan Sang. He will also have meetings with Prime Minister Dung and President of the National Assembly Nguyen Sinh Hung. During his stay in Quang Ngi Province in Central Vietnam, Lee and Dung will “co-officiate the ground-breaking ceremony of the 5th Vietnam-Singapore Industrial Park”, the PMO said in a statement.

Local media Channel NewsAsia said one symptom of the success of ties between both countries are the Vietnam-Singapore Industrial Parks, with four developed already. It said the four industrial parks have attracted investments from 22 countries totaling nearly 6.4 billion US dollars, providing nearly 140,000 jobs for Vietnamese.

The fifth park located in Quang Ngai will “co-nprise a 600 hectare industrial park and another 520 hectare site zoned for commercial and residential purposes near downtown Quang Ngai city”, the report said. Dung visited Singapore in late May when he made a keynote speech at Shangri-La Dialogue here.

Lee will be accompanied by Grace Fu, Minister in the Prime Minister’s Office, Second Minister for the Environment and Water Resources Cheng Hsing Yew and Second Minister for Foreign Affairs; Lee Yi Shyan, Senior Minister of State for Trade and Industry; and Minister of State for National Development and some Members of Parliament and senior officials.—Xinhua

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Yangon City Development Committee
Invitation for Tender

1. Yangon City Development Committee hereby invites Tenders from interested foreign companies, local companies and foreign companies in joint ventures for the lease of land described below for the implementation of the Secondary Central Business District Project, Yangon, Myanmar:

Location: Corner/Minmar Road and Taw Win Road, Mayangon Township, Yangon Region.
Land Area: (36.551) Acres

2. The land will be developed in accordance with plans approved or to be approved by the Yangon City Development Committee.

3. The project may include the development of Hotel, Convention Center, Exhibition Halls, Theatres, Cinema Halls, Food Centers, Electronic Centers, Shopping Mall and Office Apartment.

4. The Tenders shall be submitted in two envelopes, one for financial proposal and the other for technical proposal. The Tenders shall be prepared in compliance with the Instructions to Tenders.

5. Tenders may obtain further information about the tendering from the following office, during office hours:

   Engineering Department (Buildings), Yangon City Development Committee

6. A complete set of tender documents may be purchased at the above address from the date of 19th September, 2013 upon payment of a non-refundable fee of USD 1000 (US Dollars one thousand only) by means of overseas account transfer to Current Account No. - 1-DA-0691886(MFTFB), Myanmar Foreign Trade Bank, Yangon or upon payment of a non-refundable fee of Kyat 1,000,000 (Kyat one million only) to Yangon City Bank Account No. DY: 9 through above department.

7. Tenders shall be delivered to the above office on or before 15 hrs. on 2nd December, 2013. Any Tender submitted after the designated date and time will not be considered.

8. All Tenders must be accompanied by tender security in the form of a bank guarantee valid for six months in the amount of USD 1,000,000 (US Dollars one million only) issued by local or foreign bank which must be correspondent bank of to Myanmar Foreign Trade Bank, Yangon.

9. Tenders will be opened in a session to be held at the office of Yangon City Development Committee in the presence of representatives of tenders on the date and time as may be notified to the tenders.

Tender Invitation Committee
Yangon City Development Committee

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Two militants killed, 2 arrested in anti-terror operation in Tunis

Tunis, 11 Sept—Two militants allegedly affiliated to al-Qaeda were killed on Monday morning in an anti-terrorism operation in Tunisia’s capital Tunis, said a statement of the Interior Ministry.

Two others, belonging to an armed branch of the radical Islamist group Ansar al-Sharia, were arrested in the operation. The two men were wanted for their involvement in the latest assassination of opposition figures and a weapons trafficking ring.

Xinhua
**CLAIMS DAY NOTICE**

**MV BANGKACHAI VOY NO (122)**

Consignees of cargo carried on MV BANGKACHAI VOY NO (122) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 12.9.2013 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of S.P.W(1) 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.

**SINGING AGENCY DEPARTMENT MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY AGENT FOR: M/S WONGSAMUT OCEAN SHIPPING CO LTD**

Phone No: 256916/256919/256921

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**Ministry of Information**

**Myanmar Radio and Television**

**Invitation for open Tender to purchase of Machinery**

1. Open tender is invited for purchasing of following machinery in Myanmar Kyats.
   - Transformer (315/110/0.4 K.V & constructing of Two Pole Structure - 6 Lots for re-transmission plant (Taunggyi, Minbu, Popa, Kyaungkon, Pyay, Mawlamyine).
   - Tender Forms are available at Myanmar Radio and Television, Nay Pyi Taw (Tatkon) on 9-9-2013 between (9:30 am to 16:30 pm).
   - Tender Forms can be submitted on 23-9-2013 between (09:00 am to 16:30 pm) at the present of tender committee member. Overdue tender forms shall not be considered.
   - Rules, list of machinery and detail facts can be taken at following address.
   - Prize scrutiny will make at the Ministry of Information, Office No (7) Nay Pyi Taw.

**Purchasing Committee**

Myanmar Radio and Television
Nay Pyi Taw (Tatkon)
Ministry of Information
Ph: 067-79079, 79135

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**Singers Swift, Musgraves top Country Music Awards**

**nominations**

New York, 11 Sept—

Singers Taylor Swift and newcomer Kacey Musgraves on Tuesday led the nominees for this year’s Country Music Association awards, one of the genre’s top prizes. Swift, 23, and Musgraves, 25, each scored six nominations, followed by husband-and-wife singers Blake Shelton and Miranda Lambert with five nominations each. Country singer and “American Idol” judge Keith Urban landed four nominations along with group Florida Georgia Line. The Country Music Association is a trade organization comprising individuals working in the genre and members vote winners across singing categories.

The awards will be handed out in a televised ceremony on November 6 in Nashville, Tennessee, country music’s capital. Shelton, who won CMA’s top accolade Entertainer of the Year last year, is nominated for the award again along with Jason Aldean, Luke Bryan, Swift and country music veteran George Strait.

Swift, country music’s cross-over pop star, is also nominated for top female vocalist, album of the year, best single, top musical event and top music video. Her latest album “Red” has sold about 4 million copies and earned her four top 10 singles on the US pop chart.

**Singer-songwriter Musgraves, whose top hit**

Australian country singer figured it was time to make some changes.

**Clint Eastwood’s wife files for legal separation in California**

Monterey County Superior Court in Northern California.

McCline declined to comment about why Dina Eastwood, 48, a former television journalist, had filed for separation or if she would eventually seek a divorce. The Eastwoods married in 1996.

A representative for Clint Eastwood, 83, was not immediately available for comment.

Eastwood rose to fame a gunslinger in “spaghetti Westerns” such as “The Good, the Bad and the Ugly” in the 1960s and as tough cop in the 1970s “Dirty Harry” movies.

**Disney delays ‘Pirates’ sequel after pushing up ‘Ant-Man’**

Los Angeles, 11 Sept—

Walt Disney Co said on Tuesday that it would delay the release of the film “Pirates of the Caribbean 5,” the latest in the blockbuster series starring Johnny Depp. The movie had been scheduled to open in theaters on 10 July, 2015.

Disney’s announcement gave no reason for the film’s delay. A person familiar with the project said studio executives did not think the script and other aspects of the film were ready for it to start production. No date was given for the film’s release.

The delay on “Pirates 5” comes a day after the studio said it would move up the release of another big-budget film, “Ant-Man,” from October 2015 to 31 July, 2015, three weeks after the John Depp film was originally scheduled to be released.

“Ant-Man” is based on a super hero created by Marvel Comics, whose “Iron Man” and other action heroes have been made into hit movies. —Reuters

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**Honour, actor and director Clint Eastwood (L) and his wife Dina Eastwood arrive at the Los Angeles County Museum of Art (LACMA) Art + Film Gala in Los Angeles, California in this 5 November, 2011 file photo**

Los Angeles, 11 Sept—

The wife of actor-director Clint Eastwood has filed for legal separation after 17 years of marriage, her attorney said.

Attorney C Michael McClure said he filed the petition on Monday on behalf of Dina Eastwood in Monterey County Superior Court in Northern California.

McCline declined to comment about why Dina Eastwood, 48, a former television journalist, had filed for separation or if she would eventually seek a divorce. The Eastwoods married in 1996.

A representative for Clint Eastwood, 83, was not immediately available for comment.

Eastwood rose to fame a gunslinger in “spaghetti Westerns” such as “The Good, the Bad and the Ugly” in the 1960s and as tough cop in the 1970s “Dirty Harry” movies.

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**Argentina crush Paraguay to seal World Cup berth**

**COLUMBUS, (Ohio), 11 Sept.—** The United States qualified for the World Cup finals in Brazil after second half goals from Eddie Johnson and Landon Donovan gave them a 2-0 home win over Mexico on Tuesday.

With Honduras drawing 2-2 with Panama and Costa Rica held to a 1-1 draw in Jamaica, the Americans stand on top of the CONCACAF standings on 16 points with two games remaining.

Costa Rica, who also qualified on Tuesday, are on 15 points with Honduras on 11 points still fighting for the third automatic qualification spot.

The defeat leaves Mexico deep in trouble though—they are in fifth place, level on eight points with fourth-placed Panama and with only a slim chance of making third place.

“El Tri,” who started qualification as clear favourites to top the group, still have plenty of work ahead to even get the fourth spot and get a shot at Brazil via a playoff with Oceania winners New Zealand.

The Americans had to wait for almost an hour after the game to know their spot in Brazil was secure—needing Honduras to pick up at least a point.

While players sat in the changing room watching the late game on television, hundreds of fans stayed in the stadium hoping to celebrate qualification and were rewarded with the US team returning to the field to complete a lap of honour.

“This is a huge achievement for all of us,” coach Juergen Klinsmann told reporters.

“We can all be extremely proud of this team who gave everything. It’s a huge milestone whenever you make it to the World Cup, the biggest competition in this sport, especially hosted in Brazil, one of the biggest soccer nations.

“It means a lot to all of us. To our fans and to this country as well,” said the German, who took charge of the team in 2011.—**Reuters

**Spain wait on Nadal ahead of Davis Cup playoff**

**MADRID, 11 Sept.—** Spain captain Alex Corretja will wait until Rafa Nadal arrives in Madrid before deciding whether the US Open champion should play in Friday’s singles in the Davis Cup World Group playoff at home to Ukraine.

World number two Na-
dal won his second Flushing
downs Meadow on Monday when he beat top-
ranked Novak Djokovic in the final and after a day’s rest in New York will ar-
rive in the Spanish capital on Wednesday.

The 27-year-old is back in the Davis Cup for the first time since helping his country defeat Ar-
tegina in the 2011 final in Se-
ville.

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times in the last five years, need to beat Ukraine to protect their elite World Group status after losing in Canada in the first round in February.

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**Shevchenko makes debut on Europe’s second-tier circuit**

**LONDON, 11 Sept.—** Former European Footballer of the Year Andriy Shevchenko will swap his boots for golf spikes on Thursday when he makes his debut on the continent’s second-tier Challenge Tour.

The former AC Milan and Chelsea striker will com-
pete alongside ex-Ryder Cup player Oliver Wilson and former European Tour win-
er Nick Dougherty at the Kharkov Superior Cup in his native Ukraine.

“This is the first big event for me and of course it is the first event in Ukraine so it’s a huge event for golf in this country,” Shevchenko said in a news release on Tuesday.

“I have played with many good players in pro-
ams but this is different. I hope I play well...but I just want to have a good time and enjoy the week.”

The tournament offers a prize fund of 200,000 euros ($265,300) and will be held at the Superior Golf and Spa Resort in Kharkov. “The course is quite difficult,” said former Ukraine forward Shevchenko who was voted European Footballer of the Year in 2004.—** Reuters

**US seal World Cup berth with win over Mexico**

**Asuncion, 11 Sept—** Lionel Messi converted two penalties as Argentina booked their ticket to the 2014 World Cup finals with a crushing 5-2 away win over Paraguay on Tuesday. Argentina lead the South American group on 29 points with two qualifying leaders remaining next month.

The top four qualify automaticaly and the group leaders can now only be overtaken by Colombia and Chile.

“We know how difficult it is to qualify and this is our reward for all the good work we’ve been doing,” Messi told Fox Sports.

“It wasn’t easy to play with the poor state of the pitch but the main thing was to go for our qualification,” he added at the Defensores del Chaco stadium.

Captain Messi put his team ahead in the 12th minute at the same venue where Argentina had lost the equivalent qualifier un-
der Diego Maradona four years ago.

Messi converted from the spot after Sergio Aguero was brought down by goalkeeper Roberto Fernández.

But Paraguay, who be-
gan the match with only the slightest hopes of reaching the fifth-place playoff berth, conjured up a fine equaliser when striker Jose Nunez deflected a left cross past Sergio Romero from a narrow angle six minutes later.

The visitors were soon back on the front foot, however, and Aguero gave Argentina a crucial 2-1 halftime lead in the 32nd minute.

Messi chopped down a ball with his back to goal into Aguero’s path and the striker nudged it forwards before hitting a low left-
footed shot inside the base of the far post.

Winger Angel Di Ma-
ria increased Argentina’s lead five minutes into the second half, running onto a through ball from play-
maker Fernando Gago and shooting home across Fer-
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Police try to recover iPad video of Zimmerman domestic dispute

MIAMI, 11 Sept.—Police were trying to piece together an iPad video that captured a domestic dispute between George Zimmerman and his estranged wife to determine if any charges would be filed in the case, a police spokesman said on Tuesday.

Shellie Zimmerman used the iPad to film the altercation on Monday, but her husband later smashed the device into pieces during the confrontation, said the spokesman for the Lake Mary, Florida police, Zach Hudson.

“We want to get more information off that iPad so we can have a clearer picture of what was going on,” Hudson said.

Shellie Zimmerman called 911 on Monday and said her husband had threatened her with a gun and punched her father in the face at an Orlando suburban home where the couple lived during George Zimmerman’s murder trial and the fatal shooting of unarmed black teenager Trayvon Martin.

She later decided not to press any charges against Zimmerman, who was briefly detained for questioning by police. Kelly Sims, a lawyer for Shellie Zimmerman, said she does not plan to seek a restraining order against him.

The couple blames each other for the altercation, the incident, Hudson said.

Zimmerman’s attorney, Mark O’Mara, said on Monday that Zimmerman was carrying a gun during the incident. But police said they did not find a weapon when they searched Zimmerman and suggested he may have given the impression he was armed.

“If you normally carry a gun on your person and you reach into that area because you have a scratch in the middle of an argument, are you in fear?” Hudson said. “And the answer is probably yes.”

Police have sent the iPad to a crime lab to see if the video footage can be recovered. The video’s contents will determine if either of the couple will be charged with domestic battery. Under Florida law, police can make an arrest in a domestic violence case even if a victim decides not to press charges.

The iPad is critical evidence in part because George claims Shellie hit him with it.

Zimmerman was acquitted in July of murder­ing Martin as the 17-year-old walked back to the townhouse where he was staying, ending a case that polarized the US public on issues of race, gun and self­defense laws.

O’Mara blamed Monday’s incident on “fallout” from the Martin case and Shellie Zimmerman’s decision last week to file for divorce. Shellie, 26, and her father arrived at the house with a truck and trailer on Monday to remove her belongings. Video from a house surveillance camera shows Shellie following George into the house and filming him with her iPad. Another piece of surveillance video shows George methodically breaking apart the iPad in the front yard.

Oracle calls time out in America’s Cup after Kiwi trouncing

SAN FRANCISCO, 11 Sept.—Em­battled defending champion Oracle Team USA postponed a second America’s Cup race on Tuesday, saying it needed to regroup after Emirates Team New Zealand won its fourth commanding victory on San Francisco Bay.

Software billionaire Larry Ellison’s Amer­i­can team appeared shell­shocked and asked for the time out after before the end of race two, under a rule giving the teams the right to delay one race in the 17­race series for the world’s oldest sporting trophy. The so­called postponement card is generally reserved for boat breakdowns.

“We feel like we need to regroup,” skipper Jimmy Spithill said at a post-race press conference. “It’s obvious we’ve got to make some changes.”

Oracle faces an uphill battle, having started the regatta with a two­race penalty and without its first­choice wing­sail trimmer, Dirk de Ridder. An international jury punished the team for illegally modi­fying its smaller, 45­foot practice catamarans in a preliminary regatta.

The unprecedented cheating penalty means that for Oracle to keep the Cup it must win 11 races — two more than government­backed New Zealand.

Emirates Team New Zealand (L) trails Oracle Team USA at the the first mark during Race 5 of the 34th America’s Cup yacht sailing race in San Francisco, California on 10 Sept, 2013. (Reuters)

though the score on the wa­ter is 4­1, Oracle officially lags the Kiwis 4­0 due to the infraction.

On Tuesday, Ora­cle won the race start and cruised in its 72­foot cata­maran past New Zealand to lead the first two legs of the five­leg heat, that saw average winds of 20 knots (23 mph). Then Oracle tried to do something that has never been done before — to lift its foils above the water while tack­ing.

It bungled the rounding manœuvre with a eight­second lead at the second mark, almost stopping dead, which allowed the Kiwis to close the gap.

Inter-African border control operations to fight drug trafficking

ALGIERS, 11 Sept.—Combined control operations on borders between African countries to counter narcotic trafficking will be launched soon, President of Interpol Mireille Ball­estrassi said on Tuesday.

At the opening of 22th Inter­pol African Regional Conference in Ouarzazate, 415 km west of the Algerian capital of Algiers, Ball­estrassi said that drug traf­ficking is ‘‘wreaking havoc in Africa and Asia’’

Under the main themes of terrorism, drug traf­ficking and piracy, the Inter­pol chief said that these joint actions would be “ex­tremely successful” as they would lead to seizing large quantities of drugs, weapons and smuggled ivory.

She also hailed the key role of Algeria in this in­ternational criminal police organization, stressing the importance of the participa­tion of all forces between African countries responsible for law enforcement, security, intelligence, customs, border guards.

Meanwhile, the repre­sentative of Algeria at the executive committee of the Interpol, Abdelkader Kafi Boudhaba, was quoted as saying by APS news agency that a total of six people involved in criminal cases have been extradited to Al­geria since 2011.

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Senior General Min Aung Hlaing receives Chairman of Japan-Myanmar Friendship Association

NAY PYI TAW, 11 Sept—Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing met former member of Japanese House of Councilors and Chairman of Japan-Myanmar Friendship Association Mr Hideo Wantanbe at the Zeyathiri Beikman, here this afternoon. They cordially exchanged views on further promoting relations and cooperation between the governments and Tatmadaws of the two countries and Myanmar’s reforms.—MNA

Union Ministers, IRRI DG, officials of international organizations attend concluding of ploughing in Pyinmana

NAY PYI TAW, 11 Sept—Union Minister at the President Office U Soe Maung, Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing and Deputy Minister for Commerce Dr Pwint Hsan together with IRRI Director-General Dr Robert S Zeigler, representatives of ADB, USAID, FAO, KIOCA, JICA, SIDA, IFAD, LIFT, WFP, SwissAID, SAMEO-SEFCA and experts attended the concluding ceremony of ploughing in Pyinmana Township, here, this morning. Pyinmana Township cultivated 16,535 acres of monsoon paddy on mechanized farms, exceeding 834 acres against the target of 15,701 acres. They viewed thresher, tractors, multi-purpose power-tillers, paddy transplanting machines and farming equipment displayed at the agricultural machinery showroom near Chaung Village. They also looked into thriving Paletthee monsoon paddy plantation, dragon fruit plantation and display of fruits, vegetables and value-added agricultural produce at the Ngalaik Dam irrigated mechanized farm.—MNA

Appointment of Ambassador agreed on

NAY PYI TAW, 12 Sept—The Government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar has agreed to the appointment of HE Mr. Rogelio Granguillhome Morfin as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United Mexican States to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar. HE Mr. Rogelio Granguillhome Morfin was appointed as Ambassador of Mexico to the Republic of Korea from 1999 to 2004 and Ambassador of Mexico to the Republic of India from 2004 to 2009. He also served as head of the Unit for Economic Relations and International Cooperation from 2009 to 2011. Mr. Rogelio Granguillhome Morfin has been serving as Ambassador of Mexico to the Republic of Singapore since July 2013. HE Mr. Rogelio Granguillhome Morfin will be concurrently accredited as Mexican Ambassador to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar with residence in Singapore.—MNA

Myanmar Connect 2013 for linkage of Myanmar and international telecom markets

NAY PYI TAW, 11 Sept—The Myanmar Connect 2013 took place at Delegates Listening Room (1) of Myanmar International Convention Centre (MICC), with an address by Union Minister for Communications and Information Technology U Myat Hein. Over 400 intellectuals from 25 countries discussed further development of communications and information technology sector in Myanmar, progress of communications law in Myanmar, prospects of flourishing Myanmar telecom market through linkage between Myanmar and international telecom markets, and drawing the plans for raising market investment, rights and visions and development of communication technology sector in Myanmar. In the afternoon, the delegates to the ceremony met media persons. The meeting jointly organized by the Ministry of Communications and Information Technology and Capacity Media ran two days.—MNA

Publication of the actions of ministries concerned in response to suggestions sent to Public Service Capacity Assessment Committee

NAY PYI TAW, 12 Sept—As part of free primary education programme, a meeting on improving activities of school development and providing more stipends which is jointly organized by the Ministry of Education and the World Bank (WB) was held at the Ministry of Education, here, this morning. The meeting was attended by Deputy Minister for Education Dr Zaw Min Aung and directors-general, Education Team Leader Mr James Stevens of the World Bank, Washington and officials. The meeting continues tomorrow.—MNA

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