President U Thein Sein attends cornerstones laying for construction of birthplace of the Buddha-to-be, place of administering Dhammaçakka Sutta

NAW PYI TAW, 19 Sept—A ceremony to lay cornerstones for construction of the birthplace of the Buddha-to-be and the place of administering Dhammaçakka Sutta was held in the four Samvejaniya places in Ottarathiri Township of Nay Pyi Taw Council Area, here, this morning.

Also present on the occasion were Chairman of State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee Presiding Nayaka Sayadaw of Bhamo Monastery of Mandalay and members of the Sangha, President U Thein Sein, Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham and wife Daw Nan Shwe Hmon, Vice-President U Nyan Tun and wife Daw Khin Aye Myint, the Chief Justice of the Union, the Chairman of the Constitutional Tribunal of the Union, the Chairman of Union Election Commission, the Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services, Union ministers, senior military officers, deputy ministers, members of Nay Pyi Taw Council, guests and wellwishers.

At Sasana Beikman near Thatta Thatta Maha Bawdi Pagoda, Vice-Chairman of SSMNC Manawhari Monastery Sayadaw Agga Maha Saddhamma Jotikadhaja Bhaddanta Kusala of Hlesek Model Village in Htantabin Township of Yangon Region administered the Nine Precepts.

The President offered gems casket, bronze plaque, stone plaque and golden brick and alms to the Sayadaw.

Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham and wife, and Vice-President U Nyan Tun

President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein offers alms to a Sayadaw.—MNA

Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham and wife Daw Nan Shwe Hmon presents offertries to a Sayadaw.—MNA

Vice-President U Nyan Tun and wife Daw Khin Aye Myint offer alms to a Sayadaw.—MNA

Theme song winners to be selected on 21 Sept

NAW PYI TAW, 19 Sept—An awarding ceremony of theme song competition will be held at Mindon Hall of Sedona Hotel in Yangon at 3 pm on 21 September.

The winning theme songs will be used for the opening and concluding ceremonies of the 27th SEA Games.

A briefing on selecting the winning songs will take place after the awarding ceremony, according to the Ministry of Sports.

MNA
Bags of rice donated to flood victims in Taungtha

NAY PYI TAW, 19 Sept—A river overflowed three feet deep water into Thayayae Village of Taungtha Township in Magway Region on 16 September. A total of 202 people from 50 households were evacuated to Tawtaik Monastery in Nyaunggan Village. There were no casualties in the flood. The Acting Commander of Township Police Force, the Taungtha Township Administrator and officials of Township Management Committee provided one bag of rice each to flood victim households. —Kyemon-Police Information

Khunnan Creek Bridge construction completed

INDAW, 19 Sept—New Khunnan Creek Bridge which is located at the main point on Shwebo-Myitkyina Road in Katha District of Sagaing Region has been completed recently. The bridge is 300 feet long with 24 feet wide motor way flanked by three feet wide pedestrian way on either side. It is of reinforced concrete facility, built by Special Project Group (2) of the Ministry of Construction, spending K 81 million. We are so pleased for completion of Khunnan Creek Bridge. It is important for Shwebo-Myitkyina Union Highway. Thanks to the new bridge, the local people have easy access to Htiyayang, Indaw, Katha townships of Katha District and villages in the region,” said a local.

Kyemon-Indaw IPRD

A damage house seen after collapse in Theinzayat Station of Kyaikto Township.

Kyaikto, 19 Sept—Due to heavy rain on 15 September, 11 inches deep water inundated on 300 feet long section of Yangon-Mawlamyine railroad, east of Sittoung Bridge(Old) near Kanathayacuteri in Nawarat Ward of Kyaikto Township in Mon State. In consequence of inundation on the railroad, Bago-Mawlamyine mail 86-down train that left Mawlamyine stopped over at Theinzayat Station while No 17-up Nay Pyi Taw-Mawlamyine train stopped at Hsathwagon Station, west bank of Sittoung Bridge.

Railroad inundated in Kyaikto Township

Heavy rain, landslide hit Theinzayat of Kyaikto Township

Kyaikto, 19 Sept—On 15 September, heavy rain caused landslides. In consequence, the soil of landslide fell on a house. At 4.30 pm, a house, 16 feet long and 12 feet wide, built at the slope of the hill in Seikkantha Ward of Theinzayat Village was collapsed due to heavy rain and landslide. Meanwhile, house owner USoe and five family members lived in the house. There were no casualties. In 2011, the house caused heading for Mawlamyine at 7.30 pm. Likewise, No 86-down local train left Zayatgyi Station of Thaton Township leading to Bago. According to the observation of Department of Meteorology and Hydrology, the heavy rain showered in Thatayet area with 4.57 inches from 9.30 am to 6.30 pm. Kyemon-Ye Khunang Oo

Fire blazes two-storey building in Pyapon

PYAPON, 19 Sept—A fire triggered by the overheated cable broke out at No. 188 B, upstairs of two-storey building of U Mya Win on Aungshukaha Street in Ward 3 of Pyapon in Pyapon District in Ayeyawady Region at 11.30 am on 17 September. The firefighters managed the fire under control at 11.35 am and totally put out the fire at 11.45 am. A total of 20 policemen led by police officer, 10 members of Fire Services Department led by the officer, 30 members of Auxiliary Fire Brigade, the ward administrator and 50 people participated in fighting the fire under the supervision of the Deputy Commissioner of the District General Administration Department, the deputy township administrator, the commander of Township Police Station, the township electrical engineer, the head of District Fire Services Department and officials.

Kyemon-540

Fire breaks out at Nyaungbinlay Market

NAYPYITAW, 19 Sept—Firefighters from Kyauktada, Songyoung, Ahlon, Tunway, Thakayta and Latha townships managed to totally put out the fire at 10.17 am.

Heroin seized in Pangsai (Kyukok)

NAYPYITAW, 19 Sept—Members of Muse Special Anti-Drug Squad of Shan State together with witnesses lay in wait at the toll gate in Seikkantha Ward of Theinzayat Village to transport heroin at 3 pm on 15 September. They searched the Kenbo motorcycle driven by Shel Ein Pint, 39, of Monkeo Sal-Township. The police seized four blocks of heroin weighing 2.04 kilos worth K 40.8 million hidden under seat of the motorcycle. According to further investigation, RanEl ordered him to transport heroin to Pangsai (Kyukok) at 3 pm on 14 September and contact him with telephone number... near Wanting Creek. He will get 4000 yuans as transport charge. He took 1000 yuans as deposit. Pangsai (Kyukok) Myoma Police Station opened a file of lawsuit against Shel Ein Pint under Sections 15/19(a) of Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.

Kyemon-Police Information

Anti-Narcotic Drives

Fire breaks out at Nyaungbinlay Market

NAYPYITAW, 19 Sept—A fire broke out at Nyaungbinlay Market on Lannmadaw Township, here, on 17 September morning. The fire engulfed some parts of property including one air-conditioner. At 10.30 am, the fire started at a company office at No. 44 on fourth floor of eight-storey A complex. Fire could be put out within 15 minutes. It destroyed one air-conditioner and parts of one UPS and one fiber door. The fire was triggered by the overheated motor from the air-conditioner.
NATO chief urges Europe to fill drone, aircraft gaps

Brussels, 19 Sept — NATO Secretary-General Anders Fogh Rasmussen will urge Europe on Thursday to step up its commitment to defend by buying more surveillance drones, transport and tanker aircraft and strengthening its fragmented defence industry. Senior US officials, and Rasmussen himself, have expressed growing concern that defence cuts pushed through by cash-strapped European governments have created a big gulf between US and European military capabilities and risk weakening NATO.

The European Union has also launched a debate, set to culminate in a summit of European leaders in December, on how Europe can strengthen its arms industry and bolster a common defence policy. In a speech to the Carnegie Europe think tank in Brussels on Thursday, Rasmussen will argue that a strong NATO needs a strong Europe — with strong capabilities, strong defence industries, and strong political commitment. NATO officials said. He is expected to urge European allies to strengthen their capabilities in key areas, saying they should acquire more surveillance drones, more transport and air-to-air refueling aircraft and more upgraded ship radars so they can be integrated into NATO’s planned missile defence system.

As the United States turns its strategic focus increasingly towards Asia, it is banking on Europe to take more military responsibility in its backyard. But during the 2011 Libyan conflict, European states had to rely heavily on the United States for air-to-air refueling, intelligence and surveillance.

Rasmussen will also say that Europe needs a strong defence industrial base, arguing that the continent’s defence industry remains too national and fragmented, NATO officials said.

He will welcome proposals put forward by the European Union’s executive commission in July to make the industry more efficient and competitive.

The Commission proposed helping Europe’s defence industry cope with falling military budgets by funding research and aiding the development of new technologies with military uses. British Defence Secretary Philip Hammond voiced skepticism over the Commission’s proposals last week and said London would oppose any moves to enforce new rules on the region’s defence industry that damaged British companies’ competitiveness.

Putin dissatisfied with Russian armed forces rearmament pace

Moscow, 19 Sept — Russian President Vladimir Putin on Wednesday voiced his dissatisfaction with the slow pace of the nation’s military reforms, warning that outdated military equipment threatened to hurt the efficiency of the entire armed forces.

There was scant progress in balanced development of weaponry for the Russian armed forces, Putin told a meeting on the federal armament programme held in the central Russian city of Izhevsk, home to many military enterprises.

Naming the equipment for reconnaissance, combat management and rear support as the weak links in military production, Putin warned that outdated military equipment threatened to hurt the efficiency of the entire armed forces.

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Earth’s ozone layer recovering, but effect on climate change unknown

THE HOLE in the earth’s stratospheric ozone layer over Antarctica is closing slowly and should be completely recovered in the latter half of this century, but its effect on global climate change is still uncertain, a New Zealand expert said on Thursday.

The Montreal Protocol, which effectively banned chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs), had helped reduce the size of the ozone hole, University of Canterbury academic Dr Adrian McDonald said in a statement.

The protocol, which entered into force in 1989, is an international treaty to phase out substances believed to be responsible for ozone depletion.

If the international agreement was adhered to, the ozone layer was expected to recover by 2100, McDonald said.

Ironically, stratospheric ozone depletion may have indirectly protected Antarctica from the worst of greenhouse gas-related warming.

“The hole in the ozone recovery, the future of Antarctic climate is less certain, though the complex interactions in the atmosphere associated with climate change makes this region particularly hard to predict,” he said.

“The increasing ozone hole has until now acted to change the circulation of the Southern Hemisphere so that the strong winds linked to the jet streams have moved towards the pole,”

McDonald said ozone recovery should act to move the winds back towards the equator, but greenhouse gases might counteract this effect on the jet stream patterns, which help to control the width of tropical and polar weather belts.

Due to its widespread adoption and implementation, the Montreal Protocol has been hailed as an example of exceptional international co-operation.

Xinhua

BlackBerry’s BBM chat coming to Android, iPhone this weekend

The struggling Canadian smartphone maker had announced plans to open up the service, often referred to as BBM by both fans and the company, back in May.

Once a unique tool to send short messages without running up SMS charges, BBM now competes with mobile instant messaging products from Facebook, Apple and others, and less directly with the micro-blogging service Twitter.

Android users will be able to download the application on Saturday, while iPhone users can get it on Sunday.

Reuters

Cyber security costs soar at global financial institutions

Dubai, 19 Sept — With the global rise of hacker attacks, banks are keeping up with the latest technologies to secure their own and customers’ assets, experts said here at an ongoing banking transaction fair.

Cyber security at global financial institutions is a central topic at this year’s Sibos, a four-day exhibition held for the first time in the Middle East.

Nigel Hayward, chief technology officer for international treasury services at US bank JP Morgan, said his bank was increasing its spending on IT security by more than 10 percent next year. “And what I hear from our industry peers, costs on fighting hacker attacks are mushrooming at all financial service providers,”

According to a study released on 25 June by Russian anti-virus software producer Kaspersky and research firm B2B International, 649,000 US dollars is the average cost at large companies to the wake of a cyber attack rise.


Most IT security experts at the Sibos, which is organized by Belgium-based global transactions service provider SWIFT and attended by 7,800 delegates, agreed that cyber security shall not be considered as a cost center but as an investment into a bank’s financial soundness and reputation.

Reuters

Orbital Sciences’ new cargo ship blasts off for space station

WALLOPS ISLAND, 19 Sept — An unmanned Antares rocket blasted off from a seaside launch pad in Virginia on Wednesday, sending a cargo capsule to the International Space Station.

The 13-story rocket, developed by Orbital Sciences Corp., lifted off at 10:58 am EDT from the state-owned Mid-Atlantic Regional Spaceport on Wallops Island.

The two-stage booster, making its second flight, soared southeast over the Atlantic Ocean, leaving behind a pillar of smoke and flame visible from New York City to South Carolina as it headed into orbit.

Perched on top of the rocket was Orbital Sciences’ new Cygnus freighter, one of two robotic spacecraft developed in partnership with NASA to fly cargo to the space station following the space shuttles retirement.

On Sunday, the capsule was expected to reach the space station, a $100 billion research complex that flies about 250 miles above Earth.

This is a very exciting day for Orbital Sciences executive vice president Frank Culbertson told reporters after launch. “It’s difficult to get a rocket off a launch pad, no matter how many times you do it,” he said.

Privately owned Space Exploration Technologies, which began work about 18 months before Orbital Sciences, has made three trips to the station.

Nasa invested $486 million in Orbital Sciences and SpaceX and awarded the firms contracts totaling $3.5 billion to fly cargo to the station.

This mission is intended to show Orbital Sciences’ ability to transport cargo to the space station. A successful flight may boost its chances for additional NASA work, and could attract commercial and scientific customers for the Antares rocket and Cygnus capsule. “We have a lot of interest from people who are waiting to make sure we do, in fact, succeed with this before they place a firm order,” Culbertson said.

Reuters

Sony aims to sell 5 million PS4 consoles in less than five months from launch

TOKYO, 19 Sept — Sony Corp aims to sell 5 million PlayStation 4 game consoles in less than five months from a launch that will coincide with the release of rival Microsoft Corp’s Xbox One.

It sold 5.5 million of predecessor PS3 from its November 2006 launch to the 31 March, 2007 financial year end.

Sony, for whom the PS4 is central to restoring profitability at its hardware operations, will start selling the console on November 15 in the United States. The Xbox One will go on sale a week later.

PS4 sales in Japan will begin on 22 February, giving Japan sales just over a month to contribute to Sony’s end-March target, disclosed by game unit chief Andrew House in a presentation at the Tokyo Game Show on Thursday.

Preorders totalled 1 million as of August.

Sony, like Microsoft, has extended its latest console beyond gaming by making it a living room entertainment hub controlling movie, television and internet content.

Microsoft’s Phil Spencer, in charge of Xbox content, on Wednesday told Reuters the Xbox business would soon unveil television projects, following on from an agreement to produce a television series of its popular Halo game in collaboration with Steven Spielberg.

Reuters
Lufthansa, Ex-Mirae CIO to launch Asia long/short hedge funds

Hong Kong, 19 Sept—Goldman Sachs Investment Partners and Cong Li, the former chief investment officer of Mirae Asset Global Investment (Hong Kong), are preparing to start separate Asian hedge funds as fund launches gather pace in the second half of the year in the region.

Goldman is raising money for Oryza Capital, an Asia-focused long/short equities hedge fund it set up this month, according to a document seen by Reuters. The fund has initial capital of $80 million, the document showed.

Oryza's 14-member team is led by Goldman partners Hideki Kinuhata in Tokyo and Hong Kong based Ryan Thall who will focus on mid and large cap stocks, the document showed.

A Goldman Sachs spokeswoman declined to comment.

In a separate development, Cong Li is setting up Zenas Capital Management in Hong Kong and will invest in Greater China stocks, a hot performing region for hedge funds this year. Li left Mirae in July where he managed more than $9 billion.

He told Reuters that he will launch the fund in mid-October and expects to raise more than $100 million in the next year.

Cong Li is among the first generation of Chinese fund managers, dating back to 1998 when China’s mutual fund industry started. He moved to Mirae Asset in 2006 from Haemoon Investment Group in Hong Kong. Before that, he worked at Hua An Fund Management Company in Shanghai between 1998 and 2003.

Jason Jin, a junior portfolio manager and investment analyst at Mirae Asset, has also joined Li.

The MSCI China share index fell 7.6 percent through August of this year. Yet hedge funds this year could allow its minority investor to sell shares in a stock market listing, a process that will let Fiat’s plans to take full control of the US automaker.

The trust, a type known as a voluntary employee benefit association or VEBA, is unhappy with the price Fiat has offered for its Chrysler stake and is exercising its right to push Marchionne to take Chrysler public. A Chrysler spokeswoman declined comment to CNBC on the company’s IPO.

Chrysler and JPMorgan could not immediately be reached for comment by Reuters outside of regular US business hours. Reuters
Vietnam attaches importance to relations and co-op with Cuba

HANOI, 19 Sept—Vietnam always attaches importance to relations, and tries its utmost to further developing bilateral cooperation with Cuba, said Vietnamese Prime Minister Nguyen Tan Dung when meeting with Cuban Minister of Foreign Trade and Investment Rodrigo Malmierca Diaz here on Wednesday.

Vietnam is ready to boost agricultural cooperation in particular with Cuba, and expects Cuba will provide favourable conditions for Vietnamese businesses’ long-term investment in Cuba, said Dung.

Dung also hailed Rodrigo’s visit to Vietnam, saying it will positively contribute to promoting all-sided cooperation between Vietnam and Cuba.

For his part, Rodrigo expressed pleasure at the fine development of the Cuba-Vietnam friendship and cooperation, saying both countries should continue to expand ties in all fields, especially in economics.

GS Yuasa eyes equipping Ethiopian homes with solar power systems

OSAKA, 19 Sept—GS Yuasa, a solar maker, said on Wednesday it has landed a 50 million yen order from the Japan International Cooperation Agency to study the feasibility of equipping poor Ethiopian households with a compact solar cell-based power generation and storage system.

The Kyoto-based battery maker will start in November researching the market potential for selling the company’s “Akari Solar Light Kit” consisting of a solar panel, a load storage battery and USB ports for recharging cellphones and light-emitting diode lamps, possibly in 2015.

At present, many households in African countries use kerosene lamps as their communities do not have access to electricity from power generation plants.

GS Yuasa expects sizable demand for the solar panel-based power supply systems from such households in the danger of fire and rising cost of oil to fuel kerosene lamps.

The company, which has been selling solar cell-based power generation and storage systems around Asia and Latin America, said it expects to post several billion yen in annual sales of the compact power source systems.

Russia says to show Syrian evidence of rebel chemical arms use

Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov speaks during a news conference following his meeting with his Egyptian counterpart Nahil Fahmy in Moscow on 16 Sept, 2013. -Reuters

Russia will show the UN Security Council evidence it has received from Syria’s government pointing to the use of chemical weapons by rebels in the Damascus suburb of Eastern Ghouta, Russian news agencies quoted Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov as saying on Wednesday.

Lavrov, who has said a report by UN investiga
tors did not dispel Russia’s suspicions that rebels were behind an August 21 mustard gas attack, spoke after one of his deputies was given unspecified evidence by the government while visiting Syria.

“We will present all this in the UN Security Council, of course,” Interfax quoted Lavrov as saying. —Reuters

Two Iranian warships dock in Sudan to load fuel

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Khartoum, 19 Sept—Two Iranian warships on Wednesday entered Sudan’s regional water on their way to dock at Port-Sudan harbour to load fuel and food, local media Ashourq reported.

The visit of the two Iranian warships, a destroyer ship and a supply vessel, aimed at getting fuel, water and food supply, said Al-Sawarmy Khalid Saad, a Sudanese army spokesman, describing it as a regular and routine procedure.

Last December, two Iranian warships docked at Port-Sudan harbour in eastern Sudan where they stayed for three days. Earlier than that, another two Iranian warships docked at the same Sudanese port shortly after an Israeli aerial attack against Al-Yarmouk arms factory complex in the Sudanese capital Khartoum, demonstrating a close ties between the two countries.

However, the Sudanese army reiterated then that the Iranian warships came within routine work and aimed at bolstering the ties between Khartoum and Tehran. —Xinhua

Looting hits Acapulco as Mexico storm death toll reaches 80

ACAPULCO, (Mexico), 19 Sept—Looting broke out in the flooded Mexican beach resort of Acapulco on Wednesday as the government struggled to reach tens of thousands of people cut off by flooding that had claimed at least 80 lives.

Stores were ransacked by looters who carried off everything from televisions to Christmas decorations after floodwaters wreaked havoc in the Pacific port that has experienced some of the worst storm damage to hit Mexico in years.

Tens of thousands of people have been trapped in the aftermath of two tropical storms that hammered vast swathes of Mexico. More than 1 million people have been affected. Acapulco’s Airport terminal was under water, stranding tourists.

However there was no let up in sight.

One of the tropical storms, Manuel, became a hurricane late on Wednesday, barreling north along Mexico’s southwestern coast and threatening more flooding and mudslides.

Ships were plundered in the city’s upscale Acapulco neighbourhood of Diamante, home to luxury hotels and plush apartments, where dozens of cars were ruined by muddy brown floodwaters. Marines were posted outside stores to prevent further theft.

Unfortunately, it wasn’t looting from need of food. It was stealing for stealing’s sake,” said Muriel Retamond, head of a local hotels’ association. “They even stole Halloween decorations and an outboard motor.”

Acapulco’s tourist trade was already grappling with a surge in drug gang violence, which earned the city the dubious distinction of being the most dangerous in Mexico.

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The New Light of Myanmar

WORLD
Agricultural law books presented to Bago Region Hluttaw

YAMETHIN, 19 Sept—A one-day training course for anti-elephantiasis vaccination was conducted for 220,903 people from 246 villages from 68 wards/village-tracts carried out on 9-15 September.

Staff of township health centres, rural dispensaries, and Maternal and Child Welfare Association, ward/village-tract administrators and members of social organizations participated in the door-to-door vaccination campaign.—MMAL-011

Bridge damaged by bad weather

NAYPYITAW, 19 Sept—One pile of an RC bridge in Kayin State was eroded on 15 September.

One of four pillars of Khin Nein Mu Bridge was broken due to bad weather.

Members of Kawkareik District Police Force, and staff of Township General Administration Department and Township Public Works inspected the damage.

The traffic is currently in control and only small vehicles are allowed to pass the bridge one by one.

The District Police Force took charge of the traffic.

Staff of Public Works are repairing the bridge.—MMAL-Police Information

Vessels in Chindwin River suspended

KALAYWA, 19 Sept—The vessels in Chindwin River have been suspended since 12 September as the water level of the river continues to increase and could pose threat to the vessels.

Both passenger vessels and cargo ships were suspended on a temporary basis.

There are plans to prevent loss of those who already have ordered tickets, according to region vessel supervisory committee.

The water level of Chindwin River has increased 1-2 feet in Khantit Hspaw and 2-3 feet in Mawlaik, Kalaywa and Moneya in second week of September, according to the Meteorology and Hydrology Department.

MMAL-NaySu (Chin Yoma)

University students in distress, as flood hits campus

MANDALAY, 19 Sept—The Yadanabon University (Mandalay) in Amarapura Township of Mandalay where students are sitting their final exams is being deluged with flood.

Many students have to pass the one-foot deep water on their road to the school building to sit for the exams while some others use boats.

The circular road of Taungthaman Lake has also been flooded, causing difficulties for the students.

Many corners in the country, especially riverside areas, witnessed flood this month as river water level has increased after several days of heavy rains.—MMAL-Maung Maung Soe (Mandalay) Photo: Tin Maung (Mandalay Sub-printing House)
In the aftermath of flooding

Due to heavy incessant rains in the central Myanmar most recently, the water level of rivers has reached its danger level. The water level in some regions stood above its danger level, resulting in river flooding. Especially, the regions in the central Myanmar along Ayeyawady River had to suffer flooding.

Flooding can cause a range of health impacts and risks, including death and injury, contaminated drinking water, hazardous material spills, increased population of disease-carrying insects and rodents, moldy houses, and community disruption and displacement.

Although most floods do not cause serious outbreaks of infectious disease or chemical poisonings, they can cause sickness in workers and others who come into contact with contaminated floodwater. In addition, flooded areas may contain electrical or fire hazards connected with downed power lines.

Eating or drinking anything contaminated by flood water can cause water-borne diseases such as cholera and dysentery. It is crucial for people in the flood-affected areas to get clean water and food. Local communities across the country can prevent floods and heavy rains from their dilapidated homes and buildings by updating infrastructure, improving drinking water safeguards, and creating public plans for hazards in the aftermath of the flood.

Follow-up News

Please read “The Speak-er and party were seen off at Yangon International Airport by Deputy Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw U Nanda Kyaw Swa, Deputy Speaker of Amyotha Hluttaw U Mya Nyin, chairpersons of the committees of Pyithu Hluttaw and Amyotha Hluttaw, officials of the Yangon Region Hluttaw Office, the Ambassador of Malaysia to Myanmar and Charges d’Affaires ai from Malaysia, Thai and Brunet Embassies” in the news under the heading of “Pyidaungsu Hluttaw in the news under the heading of “Pyidaungsu Hluttaw” on page 16 of this daily is seeking the cooperation of the noble Lord Buddha for the necessary funds for the construction of pumping station on the bank of Ayeyawady River, fixing ground tank and main distribution pipeline for Parami Water Supply System and construction of water pond, installation of solar panel and water pumping system and water distribution pipeline to the village at Kyaw Village and Taungtha Village Water Supply System. The Japanese government had spent US$ 212,038 for the three projects. —MNA

Low pressure formed over Northwest Bay of Bengal

NAY PYI TAW, 19 Sept— According to the observation at 16:00 hrs MST today, a low pressure area has formed over Northwest Bay of Bengal, announced the Meteorology and Hydrology Department. —MNA

President U Thein Sein attends cornerstone ceremony ...

(from page 1) and wife offered provisions to the Sayadaw. Next, the Chief Justice of the Union, the Chairman of the Constitutional Tribunal of the Union, the Chairman of the Union Election Commission and the Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services donated offerings to members of the Sangha.

At the ceremony, 93 wellwishers made cash donation of over K 175.8 million.

The Chairman Sayadaw delivered a sermon, and the congregation shared the merits gained.

The President put gems in a casket, bronze plaque, stone plaque and jade brick at the place dedicated to the birthplace of the Buddha to-be. The President and party laid jade bricks at the place dedicated to administering the Dhammacakkha Sutta.

Maha Bo Tree and Golden Throne is one of four Samvejaniya places in Nay Pyi Taw. Arrangements are being made for building three remaining Samvejaniya places.

Handing over and opening of water supply systems for locals in Sagaing, Magway Regions held

YANGON, 19 Sept— Under the Grant Assistance for Grass-roots Human Security Projects (GGP) Scheme of Japanese Government, the handing over and opening of Water Supply Systems for the villages in Sagaing and Magway Regions were held from 12 to 14 September.

The ceremonies were attended by Mr. Go NAKAYA, Second Secretary of Japanese Embassy, departmental officials, members of water supply committee and locals from Sagaing, Myaing and Chawk Townships.

Parami Ward was established in 1990 and situated at the western side of Sagaing Mountain Range. Dwellers in the ward are solely relying on tube wells and they are suffering shortage of drinking water in the dry season.

To ensure better access to safe and clean water, the Japanese government granted, under the GGP scheme, provided the necessary funds for construction of pumping station on the bank of the Sayadaw.

Winners in 4th Junior Golf Myanmar Tournament 2013 awarded

YANGON, 19 Sept— The prize-awarding ceremony of the 4th Junior Golf Myanmar Tournament 2013, organized by Junior Golf Myanmar and supervised by Myanmar Golf Federation, took place at Pun Hlaing Golf Club, here, yesterday.

After the tournament, Executive of MGF U Chan Han presented special prizes to the youngest winners Zaw Htet Aung, Thin Wai Khang and Aung Htite Pha and awarded R&A’s golf set to youngest best golfer Min Than Lwin Aung.

After that, General Manager Ma Yin Yin Aye of Pun Hlaing Golf Club presented awards to Kaung Myaik Kyaw who stood first at under-10-class with 179, followed by Phyo Zan with 191, Kyaw Soe Han with 208, Win Bo with 218 and Aung Phone Myat with 222 shots.

Then, Secretary U Myint Aung of MGF presented prizes to Tun Hlaing Khang who stood first at under-14-class with 151, Tun Myint Myat with 153, Win Bo with 154 and Kyaw Zin Tun with 156 strokes. —MNA
Combined system of small-scale hydropower, solar power and bio-fuel generator...

He stressed the need to set the aim of supplying electricity to two LED SW bulbs, charging mobile phone and one TV for each house and lamp-posts of the village. The government will provide necessary energy policy, fund and technical assistance.

At first, he said that it is necessary to choose 100 model villages in regions and states and 50 villages in each of self-administered zones and division for implementing rural electrification based on renewable energy. Water supply tasks such as digging and dredging the lakes, damming the reservoirs, building embankments and drainage system are to be carried out in dry regions for socio-economic development of the local people. Thus, the water supply projects are to be implemented through windmill-fired water pumping system and solar PV-fired water pumping system, he noted.

For rural electrification and sufficiency of drinking water, the ministry is to hold stakeholder workshops occasionally with participation of business companies, volunteers, NGOs, UN agencies, INGOs, experts and social organizations.

Placing more emphasis on services than sharing of technology would certainly bring about sustainable success in rural electrification. In doing so, it should be regarded as one of the essential needs of the public such as health care service.

Besides fulfilling the basic needs for promoting socioeconomic status of the rural people, poverty alleviation and advancing of education, top priority is given to rural electrification and sufficiency of clean water, he added.

Then, Union Minister U Thein Nyunt and Committee Chairman Union Minister U Ohn Myint reported on progress of work, Region Chief Ministers, on undertakings for regional development, and committee members on plans for supporting in respective sectors.

Vice-President U Nyan Tun attended to the needs and gave concluding remarks—MNA

Union Minister for Defence receives Thai Permanent Secretary of Defence

NAT PTI TAW, 19 Sept—Union Minister for Defence Lt-Gen Wai Lwin received a delegation led by Thai Permanent Secretary of Defence General Tanongsak Apirakyotin at his office, here, at 10.45 am today. They had a cordial discussion on cooperation between Tatmadaws of the two countries.—MNA

Union FM addresses 24th Session of Human Rights Council

NAT PTI TAW, 19 Sept—U Wunna Maung Lwin, Union Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, who had already arrived in Geneva, Switzerland to attend the 24th Session of the Human Rights Council, delivered an address at the Session on 13th September 2013.

In his statement, the Union Minister mentioned that the Government and people of Myanmar are working together on reform agenda covering the political, social, economic and administrative spheres, the Government lays down a firm foundation for an all-inclusive political process; gives priority to the maintenance of law and order in Rakhine State and other parts of the country while managing the situation responsibly, pursues a zero tolerance policy against the perpetrators of the violence, regardless of faith or race, and also addresses seriously the legal status of people in Rakhine State. The Union Minister reiterated that Myanmar has been cooperating with the United Nations, INGOs and NGOs to facilitate their humanitarian assistance providing to both the communities in Rakhine State without any discrimination and the Government gives high priority to advocacy to promote understanding and accept peaceful and harmonious co-existence between the communities of different faiths or races. He continued to say that the Government has facilitated the eighth visit of the Special Rapporteur, Mr. Thomas Ojea Quintana, who paid a ten-day working visit to the country, Myanmar constructively participated and submitted its report in the UPR process in 2011 and is now making preparations for the second cycle; Myanmar and OHCHR are continuing their negotiations on a host country agreement for the OHCHR country office, and the Myanmar National Human Rights Commission was established soon after the Government took office in 2011, and a draft law on its composition, mandate and functioning has been approved by the Amyotha Hluttaw. The Union Minister also mentioned in his statement that the lifting or relaxation of economic sanctions on Myanmar has paved the way for economic opportunities for the benefit of the 60 million people.—MNA

Japan Products Expo 2013 at Tatmadaw Convention Hall till 22 Sept

YANGON, 19 Sept—The opening of Japan Products Expo 2013, organized by Myanmar Professional Services Co Ltd, took place at Tatmadaw Convention Hall, here, this morning. Yangon Region Chief Minister U Myint Swe, Japanese Ambassador to Myanmar Mr. Mikio NU-MATA, Executive Director Mr. Toshihiro MIYAZAKI of JETRO (Myanmar) and officials cut the ribbon to open the expo and looked round the booths.

The expo covers a total of 150 booths from 55 companies displaying electronics, home decoration items, personal goods and foodstuff manufactured by Japan till 22 September.

Yangon Region Chief Minister U Myint Swe and party at Japan Products Expo 2013 at Tatmadaw Convention Hall.—MNA

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Magway Region Advocate- General appointed

Under the Sub sections (a) and (b) of Section 266 of the Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, Sub-section (c) of Section 19 of the Union Government Law and Section 22 of the Attorney-General of the Union Law, U Zeya has been appointed as Magway Region Advocate-General.

Sd/ Thein Sein
President
Republic of the Union of Myanmar

MYANMAR GAZETTE

NAY PYI TAW, 19 Sept—The President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar has confirmed the appointment of the following heads of service organizations on expiry of the one year probationary period.

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Reproductive knowledge for young people shared in Kyauk padaung

Township General Administration Department on 17 September morning, The talk was attended by Township Administrator U Saw Tun Win, Chairperson of Township General and Child Welfare Association Daw Nam Thida Cho Sin and executives, ward administrators and trainees.

On the occasion, Town-ship Administrator U Saw Tun Win and Township Health Assistant U Maung Maung Tar made opening speeches. Next, Daw Khaiing Zaw Lin who attended the volunteer instructor course for reproductive knowledge (Nay Pyi Taw) explained the reproductive knowledge for young people. Altogether 50 trainees—25 male and 25 female—from 12 wards and 13 villages are attending course from 17 to 21 September.

The reading discussion is beneficial to the local people. Emphasis was placed on durability of the mobile library, raising of census of reading habit in the road. The authorities seized 389,600 stimulant tablets from two polyethylene bags from the estate of the car.

Raising reading habit, taking census talked in ChaungU Tsp

Kyauk padaung, 19 Sept—Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association organized the talks on reproductive knowledge for young people and shared practices of correct reproduction at the hall of Township General Administration Department on 17 September morning.

They saw a Pajero driven from Wampon that U turned the way before the checkpoint and stopped the car on the road. Two persons from the Pajero run away to the rubber plantation on the left side of the road.

Those wishing to donate cash and kind to office of the hospital may dial 059-23544 or 09-8750179.

Embankment repaired in Myanmar

Nay Pyi Taw, 19 Sept—Four feet high area of broken embankment caused by over-flow of Ayeyawady River was repaired in Ward 4 of Kanaung Village-tract in Myanmar Township on 16 September. The floods hit Wards 1, 2, 3 and 4 of Myanmar. Members of Kanaung Police outpost, staff of Irrigation Department, members of Auxiliary Fire Brigade, local people and local authorities totalling 50 repaired the embankment in stop inundation.

Anti-Narcotic Drives

As a friend match, Older Persons

Sitagu Hospital opens free out-patient clinic

Dawei, 19 Sept—Under the aegis of the Sitagu Sayadaw, the Sitagu Archo-nista Hospital opened the free clinic for out-patients in Bonnaw Ward of Dawei in Tanintharyi Region. As of 21 August, the clinic provides health care services to the local patients.

Doctors and specialists from the Dawei General Hospital of Health Department cooperate with well wishers doctors of Township Doctors Association give health care to the local patients from 10 am to 3 pm every Tuesday and Thursday.

The local people are pleased for health care of the clinic.

Over 100 patients from Dawei, Yehyu, Launglon and Thayetchaung townships receive health care services at Sitagu Hospital.

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Kyemon Police Information

389,600 ownerless stimulant tablets seized in Tachilek

Nay Pyi Taw, 19 Sept.—A combined team comprising members of Tachilek Special Anti-Drug Squad of Shan State checked vehicles at the Pakhok checkpoint in Mongphone B Village-tract in Tachilek Township in Shan State (East) on 16 September. They saw a Pajero driven from Wampon that U turned the way before the checkpoint and stopped the car on the road.

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KYEMON Police Information

National Sports

Township Administrator Cup Football Tournament commences

Loilem, 19 Sept—The Loilem Township Administrator Cup Football Tournament was kicked off at Loilem District Sports Ground in Loilem of Shan State at 2 pm on 15 September. At the ceremony, Township Administrator U Hlwan Moe Han explained the purpose of holding the football tournament and took the salute of the football teams.

As a friendly match, Older Persons

25 male and 25 female from 12 wards and 13 villages are attending course from 17 to 21 September.

Raising reading habit, taking census talked in ChaungU Tsp

ChaungU, 19 Sept—With the aim of promoting reading habit of rural people and enhancing social economic life of the local people through reading, ChaungU Township Information and Public Relations Department conducted the mobile library and raising of reading habit in the precinct of Phayagyi Monastery in Ngashan Village at 1 pm on 17 September. Head of Township Information and Public Relations Department Daw Yu Yu Win explained durability and development of village libraries, raising of reading habit of rural people with the assistance of mobile library and purpose of promoting the reading habit and taking census in 2014.

The township personnel and officials of the various organizations.

Kyemon-Win Min Thant District IPRD

Next, Myanmar Libraries Foundation and Region IPRD donated books and publications to the village library through the Head of Township IPRD.

Librarian U Hsan Min Naing of Oasis Library in Ngashan Village said that the mobile library is beneficial to the local people for reading various subjects of books and publications. The reading discussion is also widening the scope of the local people. Emphasis will be placed on durability of Oasis Library with the advice of the Township Information and Public Relations Department.

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China to help ASEAN train law enforcement officials

VIETNAM, 19 Sept.—China will invite 1,500 law enforcement officials from ASEAN member states to attend training courses in China, said Thongthanh Sengphone, Laos AMMTC leader and Minister of Public Security, at a press conference here on Wednesday.

The comments came two days ahead of the 9th ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on Transnational Crime (9th AMMTC), which ran parallel to the 3rd AMMTC+China and concludes on Thursday.

AMMTC+China resolved to promote high-level exchange of visits and mutual trust as well as building even closer law enforcement cooperation.

“The establishment of the ASEAN-China Forum will provide focused analysis on the various areas of transnational crime and promptly respond to the threats and challenges faced,” Sengphone said.

China will hold a meeting in 2014 to assess the implementation of the agreement and consider reviewing the memorandum of understanding (MOU) between ASEAN and China.

Additionally, Sengphone announced that an additional 100 Chinese language learning scholarships would be provided to ASEAN countries.

The last AMMTC+China was held parallel to the 8th AMMTC in Bali, Indonesia in 2011.

Three dead after N China colliery collapse

HONGKONG, 19 Sept.—Three miners have been confirmed dead and another has been rescued after a colliery pit collapsed on Monday night in Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region, local authorities said on Thursday.

Rescue operations at the Huangyaoshan coal mine ended at 4:20 am on Thursday as rescuers retrieved the body of the last trapped miner. The rescued worker is receiving medical treatment and is reportedly in a stable condition.

Four workers were trapped after the accident occurred at 11:54 pm on Monday at the mine located in the township of Xujigui in Jungar Banner. The mine is owned by Shenhua Yili Energy Co, Ltd.

China’s mining industry is plagued by frequent accidents due to poor safety measures and lax supervision.

The accident occurred on the same day when five people choked to death after inhaling poisonous gas underground in a pit mine in central China’s Hunan Province.

China opens second sea water treatment plant

SINGAPORE, 19 Sept.—Singapore opened its second sea water treatment plant on Wednesday, raising the proportion of water demand met by desalinated water to about 25 percent.

Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong officially opened the Tuaspring Desalination Plant on Wednesday.

Situated on a 14-hectare site in Tuas in Western Singapore, it will supply 70 million gallons of water per day for 25 years.

It is the second plant to be developed and operated by Singapore’s biggest listed water treatment company Hyflux. Construction of the plant began in 2011.

The plant uses a reverse osmosis process to remove impurities from seawater. It also features an on site combined cycle gas turbine power plant which will supply electricity to the desalination facility.

Singapore’s first desalination plant, SingSpring Singapore, was opened in 2005 and supplies 30 million gallons of treated water a day, making up 10 percent of Singapore’s total water supply.

Treated seawater is one of Singapore’s four “national taps.” The other three are imported water from Malaysia, recycled water and water from reservoirs.

Singapore’s daily water demand is now about 400 million gallons.

Cambodia’s rice exports up 107 pct in 8 months

PHNOM PENH, 19 Sept.—Cambodia has seen a remarkable rise in the exports of milled rice in the first eight months of the year due to increasing demand on international markets, official figures showed on Wednesday.

The data, from the single window secretariat for facilitating milled rice exports, recorded that the country has exported 236,730 tons of milled rice during January-August period this year, up 107.57 percent from 114,070 tons over the same period last year.

Seventy-two companies have exported Cambodian rice to 52 countries around the world, the report said, adding that five main Cambodian rice importers are Poland, France, Malaysia, Thailand and China.

Cambodia was expected to export up to 400,000 tons of milled rice in 2013, up from about 205,000 tons in the previous year, thanks to rising demand on international markets and the country’s efforts in developing rice industry, Agriculture Minister Chan Sarun said late last month.

He said that the Southeast Asian nation is likely to achieve the target of one million ton milled rice exports by 2015.

With over 80 percent of the population being farmers, the country produced 9.31 million tons of paddy rice last year.

Of this amount, beside local consumption, it had around 3 million tons of milled rice left over for export this year.

Last year, the country earned $60.6 billion in tax payments.

China helps ASEAN train law enforcement officials

The Jaipur metro train is seen during its trial run in Jaipur, India, on 19 Sept. 2013.—Xinhua

The Tokyo Game Show, one of the world’s largest gaming events, begins at the Makuhari Messe convention centre in Chiba City, near Tokyo, on 19 Sept. 2013. A record 332 exhibitors, including 162 from abroad, are showcasing game titles and devices at the four-day video game expo.—Kyodo News

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Charter flight connects Alaska, China’s Harbin

HARBIN, 19 Sept — A direct charter route has connected China’s Harbin City and Anchorage of Alaska in the United States, cutting flight time to seven hours between the two places.

The first North American flight by Boeing 767 left Anchorage and arrived at Harbin, provincial capital of Heilongjiang in northeast China, on Tuesday night, said Zhao Wenhua, deputy chief of the provincial commercial department.

The plane is scheduled to fly back to Anchorage on Wednesday night. And another round trip will be carried out on 29 and 30 September. It usually takes over 10 hours to arrive in the United States from China, and the new route between Harbin and Anchorage is the shortest.

The route is likely to boost tourism and trade between the two regions, as well as to make Heilongjiang Province a hub for cargo to and from the United States.

Search for US pilot continues in China

SHENYANG, 19 Sept — Rescuers are still searching for a missing US pilot a day after a light aircraft crashed into a lake in northeast China’s Liaoning Province on Tuesday, local authorities said.

The accident occurred around 1 pm when a Lancer aircraft with pilots David Riggs and a Chinese translator onboard crashed into Cailu Lake in Liaoqing’s capital city of Shenyang during a trial flight.

Rescue forces, including an 11-member team from the Beilai Rescue Bureau under the Ministry of Communications, were dispatched to the scene immediately after the accident.

The translator was pulled from the water but died in hospital. Riggs remains unaccounted for.

Search scope has been expanded to more than 70 metres around the impact, according to Zhang Fang, a chief rescuer from the Dalian branch of Beihai rescue bureau.

A seat and two seat-backs have been salvaged with another seat trapped in the aircraft. “The aircraft crashed into the water, which badly damaged the aircraft and the pilot was probably fastened in his seat,” Zhang said.

The search has been continued in several countries between the late 1990s and the early 2000s. 

80,000 displaced by fresh fighting in DRC

UNITED NATIONS, 19 Sept — Some 80,000 people have been driven from their homes in a new outbreak of violence in the eastern Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) over the past month following repeated clashes between the national army and rebels, the United Nations reported on Wednesday.

“Cases of rape, kidnappings and other abuses by armed men have been reported,” Madronde Moumbi, spokesman for the UN Stabilization Mission in the DRC (MONUSCO), said in a briefing, warning that the population was living in precarious conditions.

“Entire villages have been emptied of their populations,” he said. “Many of those displaced from violence from the belligerents, are believed to still be in the forests in inaccessible areas.”

Humanitarian organizations were very concerned with the situation in the Ituri region of Orientale Province where the national army and the Front patriotique de l’Ituri (FRI), the Ituri Patriotic Front, have repeatedly clashed since 22 August.

The new outbreak of violence is to the north of the Goma region, where a MONUSCO unit has been helping the national army battle another rebel group, the M23, in North Kivu Province which has seen little respite from fighting since UN peacekeepers helped bring relative stability and elections to much of the rest of the vast country over the past decade following vicious civil wars.

The MD2 is a group of former rebels of the National Congress for the Defence of the People (CNDP), which was rooted out in early 2000. Some CNDP fighters were then integrated into the army, before launching a new rebellion in April 2012, citing the failure of the government to implement the peace accord signed on 23 March 2009 between the two sides.

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**Selena Gomez dating Union J’s George Shelley?**

LOS ANGELES, 19 Sept —Singer-actress Selena Gomez has reportedly moved on from her past romance with Justin Bieber and is currently dating boyband Union J’s member George Shelley.

Gomez is said to have flown boyband Union J to one of her shows in Portugal and spent a night with Shelley, causing him to miss his flight back home.

The 21-year-old singer also hosted a private party at her Lisbon hotel suite and invited Union J members as well as her crew, reported Aceshowbiz.

“She invited all the Union J boys and some other members of her entourage to her room and they had a great time drinking and dancing. Selena and George were all over each other and things got very heated.”

“Everyone else left the room at 2 am so they were able to spend the night together,” a source said.—PTI

**Lady Gaga to feature in The Secret Service?**

LONDON, 19 Sept.—Pop star Lady Gaga has reportedly offered a role in an upcoming spy movie titled The Secret Service.

The 27-year-old will star opposite actor Colin Firth, reports express.co.uk. The Poker Face hitmaker has previously been part of the action movie Machete Kills and now she is said to be expanding her Hollywood resume by taking on a small role in the new film.

“Gaga only had to commit one day to film her scenes early next year... She didn’t take much persuading,” a source told The Sun newspaper.—PTI

**Elton John lauds young artists, then mixes his new songs with old**

LOS ANGELES, 19 Sept —At 66 years old, Elton John says he can make whatever kind of music he wants, regardless of commercial pressure, but he professes to love what young musicians are doing today.

At a rare free concert in Los Angeles on Monday night, John told the audience that it’s time to turn the spotlight to younger artists, even as he prepares to release his 30th solo studio album “The Diving Board.”

“I (my music) don’t play on the radio. It’s other people’s turn. But at my age, I can do what I want,” the British singer-songwriter, clad in his usual long glittering coat, said on Monday during a question-and-answer session between concert segments at the University of Southern California.

Despite the lead and energetic performance that included popular 1970s hits “Tiny Dancer” and “Levon,” John’s age was a prominent theme of the evening, and he opened the show with the number, “Sixty Years On.”

John, who studied music for six years at London’s Royal Academy of Music after winning a scholarship at age 14, told the audience, many of whom were music students, that he puts special emphasis on the youth. “Listen to everything. Don’t be dismissive,” instructed John, who said he dropped out of music school to pursue rock because “his fingers were like ‘cocktail sausages’ and not long enough for a career in classical music.

“I pay tribute to the young. I have faith in the young and I love listening to new music,” he added.

John, who underwent surgery this summer for appendicitis, raved about young artists like 16-year-old New Zealand singer-songwriter Lorde and described working in the studio with rappers Eminem and Kanye West as inspirational.

“If you want to coast and play Bennie and the Jets, you might as well, just (expletive) off. Coasting is dangerous,” he said, noting it was not an album he would have put out in his 20s, when he wrote songs like “Rocket Man.”

The new album was written by John and long-time lyricist Bernie Taupin and produced by Grammy and Oscar winner T Bone Burnett.—Reuters

**Selena Gomez is thrilled to work in Life Of Crime**

LOS ANGELES, 19 Sept —Actress Jennifer Aniston is thrilled to work recently when she got dragged into the audience by an excited fan.

The 32-year-old Halo hitmaker was singing “Irreplaceable” during a concert in Brazil, when she got dragged into the audience experience at a concert had a bit of a frightening moment for younger artists, even as he professes to love what young musicians are doing today.

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Meanwhile, the actress is keen for her beloved white shepherd mix Dolly, which she adopted as a pup in 2006, to star in a movie.” Jen taught Dolly to sit, shake and roll over in dance Justin Theroux recently described working in the studio with rappers Eminem and Kanye West as inspirational.

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**Jennifer Aniston thrilled to work in Life Of Crime**

LOS ANGELES, 19 Sept —Actress Jennifer Aniston is thrilled to work in the new movie Life Of Crime and says the script is wonderfully written.

“For me, it was just such a different role than (those that) usually come to me,” the 44-year-old told showbizspy.com.

“So I was thrilled and I was honoured and it was riveting and wonderfully written,” she added.

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The actress and her fiancé Justin Therox recently adopted a puppy named Sophie in a bid to replace aniston’s beloved mutt Norman, who died in 2011 at the ripe old age of 15.

“Dolly and Sophie get along brilliantly, but Jen loves Dolly like a daughter. Her dream is to do a Marley & Me sequel with Dolly in the lead,” said a source.

**Beyonce dragged into audience at concert in Brazil**

LONDON, 19 Sept—Pop star Beyonce Knowles had a bit of a frightening experience at a concert recently when she got dragged into the audience by an excited fan.

This prompted her security personnel to leap into action and pull her back to safety. After getting back on the stage Beyonce said, “It’s alright, it’s alright” and also greeted the man, asking his name. Thereafter the singer continued with her show.

Earlier this year Beyonce’s hair had got caught up in a fan during a concert in America but she remained calm and continued to perform.—PTI
Messi steals Ronaldo’s thunder again, Chelsea crash

London, 19 Sept.—Cristiano Ronaldo’s thunder again by plundering yet another hat-trick for Barcelona and Basel routed Jose Mourinho’s Champions League return with a shock win at Chelsea on Wednesday.

Former champions Milan and Porto began the group phase with victories but last year’s runners-up Borussia Dortmund suffered a jarring defeat at Napoli after being reduced to 10 men and having manager Jurgen Klopp exited to the stands.

A day after Ronaldo threw down the gauntlet with a hat-trick for Real Madrid in a 6-1 thrashing of Galatasaray, prolific Argen­tine Lionel Messi responded with a clinical finish to clinch the Tour Championship along with the Fed­exCup.”

Tiger targets sixth win to lock up Player of Year

Atlanta, 19 Sept.—Tiger Woods heads into this week’s Tour Championship at East Lake Golf Club with his sights set on a sixth vic­tory of the season which, in all likelihood, would secure him PGA Tour Player of the Year honours.

Though he has not claimed a major title since the 2008 US Open, the American world number one feels his 2013 cam­paign has been one of the most consistent of his ca­reer, having included two wins in the prestigious World Golf Championship events.

The top seed in the FedExCup standings going into the PGA Tour season finale, Woods is one of just five players in the field of 30 who would automatic­ally guarantee overall playoff honors and the $10 mil­lion bonus with victory this week. Each of the remain­ing 25 players has a mathe­matical chance of claiming both titles but would need several other scenarios to go his way.

“I’m excited to be back here at East Lake,” Woods told reporters on Wed­nesday before heading out for a practice session ahead of Thursday’s opening round.

“Tiger’s playoff have been pretty successful. I’ve gotten to the No 1 spot coming into the Tour Championship and that’s kind of where I wanted to be, especially having the year I’ve had.”

“Winning five times this year has been pretty good, and to have the No 1 spot, just like the other four guys in the top five, we con­trol our destiny. I’m look­ing forward to the week and getting started tomorrow.”

As much as bearing the season ending Tour Championship would have been on the battle for Player of the Year honours, Woods replied: “This tournament has a lot of value to it. There are guys who have won a couple of times but they’ve had major championships in there. I’ve won five times.”

Liverpool’s Coutinho needs surgery, out for six weeks

London, 19 Sept.—Philippe Coutinho has ruled out until late October after injuring his shoulder in their 2-2 draw at Swansea City in the Premier League on Monday.

Liverpool said the 21-year-old will require surgery following the in­jury that forced him off in the second half after a chal­lenge by Ashley Williams at the Liberty Stadium.

“After being assessed by the Reds medical staff, it’s been decided that Coutinho will now have surgical stabilisation on the AC joint in his shoulder.”

Haas once again a long shot to win at East Lake

Atlanta, 19 Sept.—Bill Haas faces long odds in his bid for his FedExCup play­offs honors at this week’s season-ending Tour Cham­pionship but no one in the elite group of 30 players has better experience in knowing what is possible.

Two years ago, the un­assuming American came into this tournament ranked a lowly 25th in the points standings and yet, helped by the misfortune of a few other players, he went on to com­plete an astounding double by winning both titles.

With both points leader Webb Simpson and Luke Donald failing to do well enough in the final round, Haas beat compatriot Hunter Mahan in a thrilling playoff to clinch the Tour Cham­pionship along with the Fed­ExCup and its $10 million bonus.

This year Haas faces a similarly uphill task, sit­ting 15th in the FedExCup standings after the first three playoff events and needing a great deal to go his way at East Lake for him to pull off a repeat.

“I wouldn’t say I have Bill Haas of the US watches his tee shot on the second hole during the lind round of the Memorial Tournament at Muirfield Village Golf Club in Dublin, Ohio on June 14, 2013 in this file picture.”

Inter Milan head coach Rafael Benitez (R) talks to Philippe Coutinho during a team training session at White Hart Lane in London on Nov 1, 2010.

Tiger Woods

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China calls on ICC to heed pleas from Africa on Kenyan leaders’ trials

BERLIN, 19 Sept—China called on the International Criminal Court (ICC) to heed the pleas of African nations and the African Union with respect to the trials of Kenyan leaders, a Foreign Ministry spokesman said here on Wednesday.

Spokesman Hong Lei made the remarks at a daily news briefing in response to the ICC trials of Kenyan President Uhuru Kenyatta and his deputy William Ruto.

“We have noticed that there are different voices in Kenya on the ICC trials, and that quite a few African nations have raised serious questions about the trials,” said Hong. President Kenyatta and Deputy President Ruto were elected by Kenyans in a free vote. Hong said, adding that an African Union summit in May urged the ICC to transfer the trials of Kenyan leaders to Kenya.

“We hope the international community will respect the Kenyan people’s choice, and the ICC will heed the advice of African nations and the African Union,” he said.—Xinhua

European politicians pressured for Qatar to get World Cup

BERLIN, 19 Sept—Top European politicians pressured world soccer’s governing body (FIFA) to award the 2022 soccer World Cup to Qatar, FIFA president Sepp Blatter said on Wednesday.

The tiny and energy-rich Gulf state was awarded the World Cup three years ago in a surprise decision which Blatter said was partly because of European politicians urging FIFA members to vote for it.

“Clearly yes,” Blatter told Germany’s Die Zeit newspaper when asked whether there was political pressure before the vote.

“There was direct political influence. European heads of governments advised voting FIFA members to vote for Qatar because of the wide financial interests linked with that country,” Blatter said.

European soccer boss Michel Platini, a possible successor to Blatter, has said in the past he had dinner with then French President Nicolas Sarkozy and the head of Qatar’s government prior to the vote but denied being told by the French politician to vote for the Middle Eastern bid.

The 2022 World Cup is mired in controversy with Blatter recently admitting it was a mistake to plan for a summer tournament in the desert state.

Staging the tournament in the Middle East has sparked widespread consternation because, if it is held over its traditional dates in the middle of the year, players will have to contend with 30 degrees Celsius heat.

Calls to move the World Cup to the northern hemisphere winter have also proved unpopular as it would disrupt domestic league competitions in countries such as Spain, England, Italy, Germany and France.

FIFA President Sepp Blatter addresses the media after meeting the presidents of the soccer federations of Israel and Palestine at the FIFA headquarters in Zurich on 3 Sept, 2013.—REUTERS

Construction of BCN World resort to create 10,000 jobs in Spain

BARCELONA, (Spain), 19 Sept—The construction of the first resort of BCN World, a macro complex that will be built 100 km away from Barcelona, will create 17,000 jobs, said on Wednesday BCN World’s president Xavier Asensio.

Asensio said that the construction of the first resort, called Barcelona Dream, will create 10,000 direct jobs and a further 7,000 indirect new jobs.

When the construction of the first resort finishes, there will be a total of 5,000 new jobs. The hotel and restaurants will take on around 2,100 workers, the casino and a theatre 2,250 and 650 people will work in administration.

Three main groups will participate: in the construction of this first resort at a cost of 1 billion US dollars: the Macau casino operator Melco Crown, the British group Value Retail and the Spanish hotel company Sol Melia.

The construction will start in about six months, when the parliament of the region of Catalonia passes legislation to allow gambling in the area and they expect to finish the first part in two years.—Xinhua

Air France to cut 2,800 more jobs by next year

PARIS, 19 Sept—France’s flag carrier Air France planned to raise its lay-off numbers from July’s 2,600 to 2,800 in 2014 responding to the “weak demand” and stronger compet­itions, the air company announced on Wednesday.

The slash of the jobs is part of the Air France-KLM’s, the Franco-Dutch air­line’s restructuring program, which is designed to lowering the airline firm’s debt by 2 billion euros out of its 6.5 billion-euro debt (8.65 billion US dollars) by the end of 2014.

Speaking to the press after a work meeting with union representatives on Wednesday, Managing Director Frederic Gagey ad­mitted that the company will suffer a loss for the sixth year running in 2013, owing to the “weak demand.”—Xinhua

A Palestinian man harvests fresh guavas during the 2nd Guava Festival in the West Bank city of Qalqilya, on Sept. 18, 2013. Qalqilya is a major producer of guava fruit for domestic consumption and export to Jordan, Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates markets.—Xinhua

Brazil to continue measures to contain inflation

BRASILIA, 19 Sept—Brazilian Central Bank President Alexandre Tombini said on Wednesday the central bank will continue to im­plement the inflation-control measures introduced in April for a “relevant pe­riod” of time.

Addressing a hearing at the National Congress, Tombini said that inflation is currently at an “uncom­fortable” level, making it necessary to expand mon­etary restrictions and fulfill the bank’s role in stabilizing prices.

“Confidence is a nec­essary condition for the consolidation of the coun­try’s economic growth,” he noted.

Regarding the ex­change rate, the bank chief said his agency’s policy of flooding the market with dollars had been success­ful, since it allowed the rate to fall from 2.42 reais per dollar to 2.26 reais, and alleviated pressure on the for­eign currency to rise above inflation.

Brazil’s economy con­tinues to be fundamentally sound, said Tombini, point­ing to 15 percent growth in the gross domestic product (GDP) from May to June, which is expected to expand in the third quarter. Brazil’s monetary policy responds to the upper limit of the government target inflation for 2013 as well as 2014 and 2015, which stands at 4.5 percent, with a two-point margin, said the bank chief.—Xinhua
Combined system of small-scale hydropower, solar power and bio-fuel generator will be best for establishment of village small-scale power line system

Speaker of Pyidaungsu, Pyithu Hlutjaw Thura U Shwe Mann attends 34th AIPA

NAY PYI TAW, 19 Sept—A coordination meeting of the Rural Region Electrification and Water Supply Committee was held at the hall of the Ministry of the President Office, here, yesterday with an address by Vice-President U Nyan Tun. In his address, the Vice-President said that rural power and safe water supply plays a crucial role in socio-economic development of rural people. So far, about 17000 villages of over 64000 villages have been supplied with electricity through linkage of power line with national grid, diesel generators, small-scale hydropower, bio-fuel generators and solar system in regions and states.

As energy sources such as candle, gasoline, battery and diesel engine are so expensive, it needs to apply cheap and environment-friendly renewable energy sources such as small and medium scale hydropower, wind power, solar power, bio-gas and village-level small-scale power line.

He noted that the resources can be applied for rural region electrification through single house solar system, solar panel supply system, solar lamp charging system and small-scale hydropower system and bio-gas system. He pointed out that successful implementation of project and durability depends on affordability of consumer people, cost-effectiveness of electricity producer, and adequate funds of the Union cost government or regional government. The investment for the renewable energy is larger than that of running renewable energy. That is why, he stressed the need to invite investors and seek financial assistance at home and abroad for reducing heavy cost in PPP investment process.

He said that a combined system of small-scale hydropower, solar power and bio-fuel generator would be the best way for establishment of the village small-scale power line system. It is necessary to choose the business model.

Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hlutjaw and Pyithu Hlutjaw Thura U Shwe Mann poses for documentary photo with Brunei King Sultan Hassanal Bolkiah and parliamentaray speakers at AIPA—MNA

BRUNEI DARUSSALAM, 19 Sept—The 34th ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary Assembly (AIPA) is taking place at Grand Hall of The Em­pire Hotel in Bandar Seri Begawan of Brunei Darus­alam as of 17 September.

Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hlutjaw and Pyithu Hlutjaw Thura U Shwe Mann attended a meeting between Parliamentaray heads from ASEAN countries and Speaker of State Legislative Council (LegCo) of Brunei AIPA President Mr Pehin Orang Kaya Laila Seia Bakti Diraja on 19 Septem­ber.

At the meeting, Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann posed for a documentary photo together with Brunei King Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah and other parliamentaray speakers. Brunei King Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah delivered an opening speech at the opening of 34th ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary Assembly (AIPA), and then the heads from member countries also made addresses on the occasion.

In his speech, Pyidaungsu Hlutjaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann explained active role of Myanmar MPs in national reconsolidation and peace-making process. Myanmar is actively participating in activities of AIPA and cooperation between the parliaments. He pleased that Myanmar continues supporting AIPA’s activities.

Myanmar Tatmadaw delegation arrives back

NAY PYI TAW, 19 Sept—A Myanmar Tatmadaw delegation led by Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing left Wing-6 of Royal Thai Air Force this morning by Myanmar Tatmadaw Special Flight after attending 1st Thailand-Myanmar High Level Committee Meeting in Thailand.

They were seen off there by Supreme Com­mander of the Royal Thai Armed Forces General Tanasak Patimapragorn and military officers, Myanmar Ambassador to Thailand U Tin Win and the military attache. The Myanmar delegation arrived back here this afternoon.

The Myanmar Tatmadaw delegation attended a dinner hosted by Supreme Commander of the Royal Thai Armed Forces General Tanasak Patimapragorn at Napalat Ballroom in Dusit Thani Hotel in Bangkok of Thailand yesterday.

After the dinner, Senior General Min Aung Hlaing and Supreme Commander of the Royal Thai Armed Forces General Tanasak Patimapragorn exchanged gifts.

The dinner was also attended by Chief of the General Staff (Army, Navy and Air) General Hla Tin Win, senior military officers from the Office of Commander-in-Chief and the Myanmar military at­tache to Thailand.

Supreme Commander of the Royal Thai Armed Forces General Tanasak Patimapragorn was accompanied by Deputy Commanders-in-Chief of the Royal Thai Armed Forces and senior military officers from the Royal Thai Armed Forces.

Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing and Supreme Commander of Royal Thai Armed Forces General Tanasak Patimapragorn exchange gifts—MNA