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Initiate ways and means for better outcome
President U Thein Sein meets chairmen of Cabinet Sub-committee/Delivery Unit

President U Thein Sein delivers an address at the meeting with deputy ministers who will chair respective Cabinet Sub-committees/Delivery Units. — MNA

NAK PYI TAW, 27 Sept—President U Thein Sein met deputy ministers who will chair respective Cabinet Sub-committees/Delivery Units and delivered an address at the meeting held at the meeting hall of Economic Affairs Committee at the President Office here this morning. It was also attended by Vice-Presidents Dr Sai Maung Khun and U Nyan Tun, the Union ministers at the President Office and officials.

In his speech, the President said today’s meeting is to assign 23 deputy ministers to newly-formed 26 Cabinet Sub-committees/Delivery Units. He stressed the importance for each of the people for correct outcomes.

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Eight Defence Services Personnel Pyithu Hluttaw representatives substituted

According to the request made in accordance with Section 33 of Pyithu Hluttaw Election Law to substitute eight Defence Services Personnel Pyithu Hluttaw representatives nominated by the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services in the first multiparty democracy general election held on 7 November 2010, the Union Election Commission scrutinized and substituted the following Defence Services Personnel Pyithu Hluttaw representatives under the Notification No. 1/2011 of the commission dated 20-1-2011, the Notification No. 4/2011 of the commission dated 24-1-2011, the Notification No. 22/2012 the commission dated 22-4-2012 and the Notification No. 12/2013 the commission dated 12-6-2013 with personnel shown against them.

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    Lt-Col Ye Htut
    BC 17969
    Lt-Col Chit Win

(2) BC 30991
    Lt-Col Khin Maung Win
    BC 20662
    Lt-Col Lwin Oo
    BC 22482

(3) BC 21909
    Lt-Col Tin Moe
    BC 19536
    Lt-Col Aung Kyaw Zeya

(4) BC 21470
    Lt-Col Win Naing
    BC 27015
    Lt-Col Aung Myint Aung

(5) BC 23174
    Lt-Col Tin Kyaw Soc
    BC 33504
    Lt-Col Aung Myat Thein

(6) BC 17678
    Lt-Col Myint Maw
    BC 29516
    Major Moe Thu
    Major Kyaw Myint Aung

(7) BC 27025
    Major Zaw Lin
    BC 33505
    Major Zaw Hilang Win

By order,

(Tin Tun)
Secretary
Union Election Commission

Farmland disputes to be solved in accord with laws and rules in consideration of rights and opportunity of each people for correct results

NAY PYI TAW, 27 Sept—The Union government is making all-out efforts to better serve the interest of the people by adopting policies and plans, said Union Minister for Environmental Conservation and Forestry U Win Tun at the press conference of the Land Utilization Management Central Committee at the Forest Department, here, this morning.

He continued to say that farmland disputes will be solved in line with laws and rules in consideration of rights and opportunity of each of the people for correct outcomes.

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**GSM SIM cards distributed**

PAGONG, 27 Sept—Myanmar Posts and Telecommunications had sold 300 GSM SIM cards to local people for the first time, 300 more cards for second and 300 another cards for third time in Pangsai Sub-Township. (IPRD)

**Aungthukha concrete road under construction in Pyapon**

PYAPON, 27 Sept—As Pyapon in Ayeyawady Region is located in the area of high rainfalls, the local roads are being upgraded to the concrete ones.

As of the third week of September, Aungthukha 2nd Street in Ward 3 is under construction as a concrete one and it is planned to complete the project in the fourth week of the month.

A local people from Ward 3 said, “In our ward, roads and streets are being upgraded to the concrete ones with the cooperation of the local people and Township Development Affairs Committee.

In the past, the local roads were constructed as asphalt ones. The heavy rain caused damages to the roads as well as the vehicles with overloads caused damage to the roads. On completion, the new roads will provide smooth transport to the local people.

But, the overloaded vehicles should not roll on the roads.”

The concrete road is built at a cost of K 3.2 million contributed by the local people and K 10 million by the Township Development Affairs Committee.

The road is 800 feet long, 12 feet wide and six inches thick.

The profits and interests from the Rural Development Bank of Township Development Affairs Committee were spent on the construction of the concrete road with the assistance of the local people.

So far, Pyapon Township has built 42 concrete roads in the town.

**Natural Disaster**

**Heavy rains cause inundation in Hlinethaya Township**

YANGON, 27 Sept—Heavy rains on 24 September morning caused inundation in Hlinethaya Township. Water flowed into the schools of the township. So, the students were moved to the safe schools to continue learning.

The heavy rains hit the township from 3.30 am to 8.30 am on 24 September. In consequence, Basic Education Middle School No 10 on Minbu Street in Ward 9 of the township was inundated in five-inch water. A total of 1650 students from GM to 8th standard were allowed to go back home at 10 am.

At Basic Education High School No 2 on Thakin Mya Road in Ward 12, two hails of the school were inundated under 1.5 feet deep water. About 50 students were moved to another hall to continue their learning. However, there was no loss and damage at the school. (MLA)

**Flood hits urban areas of Zalun**

ZALUN, 27 Sept—Ayeayawady River submerged Kanna Ward of Zalun, one of the townships of Ayeyawady Region causing inundation at roads and residences at 290 houses in Ward 3. The local people are now relying on boats for transport.

Members of the social organizations in Kanna Ward donated meals to flood victims.

Under the supervision of the Township Administrator, members of Fire Brigade, ward administrator and officials of Township Irrigation Department carried out rescue and relief works for the flood victims together with local people. (IPRD)
PM Abe, Iranian President call for nuclear disarmament at UN meeting

NEW YORK, 27 Sept — Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe and Iranian President Hassan Rouhani of Iran were among world leaders who called for international nuclear disarmament at the opening of the first ever high level meeting on the topic during the United Nations General Assembly in New York on Thursday. “The devastation that occurred in Hiroshima and Nagasaki reminds us of the humanitarian consequences resulting from the use of nuclear weapons... such tragedies should never be repeated,” said Abe. Abe also invoked the Japanese constitution’s desire for “eternal peace” in affirming Japan’s commitment to nuclear disarmament. Nuclear threats are now “more diverse and challenging than what we encountered in the cold war era,” said Abe, mentioning attempts by North Korea to develop nuclear weapons and the possibility of nuclear terrorism by non-state actors.

Iranian President Rouhani, speaking on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement, a group of 120 countries that do not align themselves with any major power, said “no nation should possess nuclear weapons.” Rouhani lamented the lack of a nuclear weapon free zone in the Middle East and said that the creation of such a zone was necessary “to avoid unwanted consequences.”

To this end, Rouhani said that all nuclear activities in the region should be subject to International Atomic Energy Agency safeguards and called on Israel to join the Non-Proliferation Treaty.

However, the Iranian President made no mention in his speech of the country’s own nuclear development programme which has been widely suspected to be for military purposes. In his speech to the UN General Assembly on Tuesday, Rouhani expressed willingness to restart talks on the matter. — Kyodo News

US, Russia agree on Syria UN chemical arms measure

UNITED NATIONS, 27 Sept — Ending weeks of diplomatic deadlock, the United States and Russia agreed on Thursday on a UN Security Council draft resolution that would demand Syria give up its chemical weapons stockpiles.

“Tonight we have a shared draft resolution that was the outcome of intense diplomacy and negotiations over the past two weeks,” she said.

US, Russian, French and British diplomats told reporters the vote could come as early as Friday evening, provided the Executive Council of the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons in The Hague approves a plan for the destruction of Syria’s poison gas arsenal beforehand.

“Just two weeks ago, tonight’s outcome seemed utterly unimaginable,” Power said. “Two weeks ago, the Syrian regime had not even acknowledged the existence of its chemical weapons stockpiles.”

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The meeting took place on the sidelines of the UN General Assembly in New York and included Iranian Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif at the beginning of their bilateral meeting at the United Nations on 23 Sept. — Reuters

Russia not to join Arms Trade Treaty

MOSCOW, 27 Sept — Russia will not join the United Nations Arms Trade Treaty (ATT) before its defects are removed, a senior diplomat said on Thursday at an arms exhibition.

“We had proposed to make amendments to the treaty to bring it into compliance with international law,” Deputy Foreign Minister Sergei Ryabkov told a meeting during the Russian Arms Expo 2013 held in Nizhni Tagil in the Urals.

“However, neither the EU nor NATO want to hear us so far,” the Interfax news agency quoted him as saying.

Ryabkov said the treaty has many defects, which may result in the illegal transfer of weapons “to certain unauthorized non-state subjects.” Moscow will make the final decision depending on “when the treaty comes into force and when the first conference to review its clauses will take place,” the diplomat said.

The United States signed the treaty on the sidelines of the annual UN General Assembly in New York on Wednesday.

Six major powers, Iran agree to meet in Geneva next month

UNITED NATIONS, 27 Sept — Six major powers and Iran on Thursday agreed to meet in Geneva next month for further talks on resolving the standoff with Tehran on its nuclear programme, the European Union’s foreign policy chief Catherine Ashton said on Thursday, calling it a “good moment in diplomacy”.

Meanwhile, the draft confidentiality bill gives due consideration to press freedom

TOKYO, 27 Sept — A draft bill to bolster the protection of national secrets by imposing tougher penalties on civil servants who leak such information stipulates that due consideration will be given to freedom of the press, government officials said on Thursday.

The draft legislation presented by the government to the ruling Liberal Democratic Party on Thursday does not address the public’s right to know, they said.

The government aims to enact the bill, aimed at imposing tougher penalties on individuals who disclose information classified as “secret secrets” related to Japanese foreign policy, national security and public order, in an extraordinary Diet session slated to convene on 15 October. The move reflects the government’s plan to launch in Japan an institution similar to the US National Security Council. The government maintains it is necessary to strengthen penalties for those who leak national secrets as it is necessary to share information with the United States and other countries.

However, about 80 percent of the public who commented on the outline of the legislation between 3 and 17 September expressed opposition to it. Opponents are concerned that the imposition of strict penalties on offenders for leaking national secrets could restrict people’s right to know and the freedom of the press.

Kyodo News

Reuters
Google introduces new ‘Hummimgbird’ search algorithm

The world has changed so much since then: billions of people have come online, the Web has grown exponentially, and now you can ask any question on the powerful little device in your pocket.

The results of a Google image search on eBay are shown on a monitor in this photo illustration taken in Encinitas, California, on April 16, 2012. — Reuters

EBay to buy Braintree to boost PayPal’s mobile presence

The deal gives EBay access to Braintree’s Venmo, an app that lets consumers make payments on smartphones and tablets, and take out a rapidly growing rival.

“This is a clear win for consumers who want to make payments with their mobile devices,” said Simon Bond, EBay’s vice president of mobile and payments. “With this acquisition, we are taking another important step forward in our goal of becoming the leading mobile payment platform.”

US develops device able to detect survivors buried deep in rubble

The technology has the potential to quickly identify the presence of living victims to guide rescue workers to more precisely deploy their limited resources,” Price said.

The device works by beaming microwave radar signals into the piles of debris and analyzing the patterns of signals that bounce back, a radar technology regularly used by NASA’s Deep Space Network to locate spacecraft.

“FINDER illuminates the search area with a low power microwave signal, and looks for the small changes in the reflection caused by the victims’ body surfaces moving from breathing and heartbeats,” said John Price, programme manager for the First Responders Group in Homeland Security’s Science and Technology Directorate.

Strontium launches high-seed Nitro UHS-1 microSD cards in India

The Nitro UHS-1 Class 10 cards are said to offer up to 85MB per second read speeds, and are also compatible with all Android and Windows Phones. They also come with a free copy of My Backup Pro app, which reportedly costs Rs. 341 on Google Play store.

The Strontium Nitro UHS 1 microSD cards are also supposedly temperature proof, x-ray proof, and waterproof. — PTI

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Brussels, 27 Sept.—The central government announced on Wednesday it will give up more administrative power to let the market better play its role, streamlining procedures for administrative approvals and easing investment controls.

On the effects materialize, the State Council will have cut 221 administrative powers since Premier Li Keqiang unveiled an administrative reform initiative in March.

The latest round of reforms consists of cutting 75 approval requirements and procedures, according to a State Council executive meeting chaired by Li on Wednesday.

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The government will also speed up reforms to transform government functions and economic development patterns.

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An Alitalia plane passes an Air France plane on the tarmac of Charles de Gaulles International Airport in Roissy near Paris, on 8 January, 2013.—REUTERS

Rome, 27 Sept.—Struggling Italian carrier Alitalia will seek a capital increase of at least 100 million euros ($135 million), it said on Thursday after reporting another heavy loss for its first half.

But its top shareholder Air France-KLM (AIRC.PA), which holds a 25 percent stake, voted against the capital hike proposal, a close source to the matter said. The Franco-Dutch group declined to comment.

Alitalia, which struggled to make a profit throughout its life and was bailed out repeatedly by the Italian state before being privatized in 2009, again faces a cash crunch.

Its net loss for the first six months was 294 million euros, on top of losses of more than 840 million euros the group had already accumulated since its privatization in 2009.

Analysts said it needed a sizeable cash injection and a strong foreign partner.

“The shareholders will be called to approve a capital increase of no less than 100 million euros,” the company said. It did not specify the terms of the capital increase, which usually includes a share issue.

“With this capital hike they are just buying time, but it doesn’t really solve the problem,” said Andrea Giardin, a transport analyst at Milan’s Bicocca University. “First they need to find the money to recapitalize. A shareholder meeting to decide the capital increase was called for 14 October, and the board will meet again next Thursday.

Shareholders are also asked to underline the remaining 35 million euros of a 150 million euro convertible bond in Alitalia’s board approved in early 2013 and to approve a mandate to seek bank financing for another 300 million euros.

The airline said net debt at the end of June stood at 946 million euros, while liquidity was equal to 128 million euros. Reuters

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WASHINGTON, 27 Sept.—Contracts to buy previously owned US homes fell for the third straight month in August but fewer Americans filed new claims for unemployment benefits last week, will give up more administrative power to let the market better play its role, streamlining procedures for administrative approvals and easing investment controls.

Another economic report on Thursday showed a worrisome decline in consumer prices during the second quarter.

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Job seekers wait to meet with employers at a career fair in New York City, on 24 October, 2012.—REUTERS

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New York/ Rome, 27 Sept—Italian Prime Minister Enrico Letta receives a visit from New York on Friday to face the threat of a government collapse following renewed threats from Silvio Berlusconi's centre-right party to pull out of his fragile coalition.

Letta will immediately meet President Giorgio Napolitano to discuss the crisis, which has loomed ever closer since Berlusconi was convicted of tax fraud last month and sentenced to four years in prison, commuted to a year under house arrest or in community service. The sentence has prompted fury in the centre-right and repeated threats to pull out of the unwieldy coalition with Letta's centre-left Democratic Party (PD), formed after February's deadlocked parliamentary elections.

Late on Wednesday, lawmakers from Berlusconi's People of Freedom (PDL) party threatened to resign en masse if a special Senate committee meeting on 4 October voted to strip their leader of his seat in the upper house following his fraud conviction.

Speaking just hours before he was due to leave New York, where he has been courting foreign investors, Letta said the threat was "a humiliation, not of me personally, but of Italy".

He wanted the PDL to make it clear whether they supported his government or not, although he declined to say whether he would call a vote of confidence in parliament.

"I want this clarification to take place before the Italian people, who should be able to make up their own minds so that everyone assumes their responsibilities," he said.

With the government due to pass urgently needed deficit cutting measures on Friday, Letta said Italy required stability while it struggles to emerge from two years of recession and debts in its 2 trillion euro ($2.7 trillion) public debt.

Earlier, Napolitano, who would have to decide whether to dissolve parliament or try to build a new coalition if the government fell, issued a sharp rebuke to Berlusconi's party allies, accusing them of undermining parliament.— Reuters

IAEA offers Japan help in monitoring seawater at Fukushima plant

VIRGINIA, 27 Sept.—The UN nuclear watchdog is ready to help Japan with ocean monitoring in connection with the recent leak of radioactive water at the Fukushima Daiichi nuclear plant, its chief Yukiya Amano said during an interview with Kyodo News and other Japanese media outlets.

Concerns have been lingering over the outflow of toxic water from the plant into the adjacent Pacific Ocean, especially among Japan's neighboring countries. While Japan has already been monitoring seawater, its survey methods have not been uniform.—Kyodo News

Maladives court orders security forces to enforce run-off election postponement

MALÉ, 27 Sept.—The Maldives Supreme Court on Friday ordered security forces to take action against anyone who violates the constitution, after the archipelago's election chief said it would hold a presidential run-off on 28 September as scheduled despite a court ruling to postpone it.

In a special court session after midnight, six out of seven Supreme Court judges ruled that the court's earlier order of 23 September to postpone the run-off should be upheld. In its order, the court told security forces to "stop any individual from disobeying" the postponement. The run-off vote is being delayed after a complaint of voting irregularities from the losing party.

"Since it is stated clearly (in the constitution), it is illegal to disobey or challenge a Supreme Court order within the jurisdiction of the Maldives," the order said.

Election Commissioner Fuwad Thowfeek, amid reports of international pressure on the government to push ahead with a run-off, had said on Thursday that the Supreme Court had no right to override the constitution, which stipulates that a run-off vote must be held within three weeks of the first round.

"We don't believe any organization or institution can overshadow the constitution. So we are working toward the constitution," he told Reuters, amid calls for his arrest by some politicians for contempt of court.

"I don't care about punishment from the Supreme Court. They should uphold the constitution," he said.

The first round of voting, on 7 September, was won by ex-president Mohamed Nasheed, whose removal from power 20 months ago ignited months of unrest.

"We welcome the Election Commission decision. I ask all parties to respect this decision," tweeted Nasheed, forced from office in February 2012 when mutinying police and soldiers overthrew the former opposition leader and gave him an ultimatum to leave.— Reuters

Japan, US hold “2-plus-2” talks 3 Oct on security guidelines

NEW YORK, 27 Sept.—Japan and the United States said on Thursday the two governments will hold so-called two-plus-two security talks 3 Oct in Tokyo involving their foreign and defence ministers.

The Japanese Foreign Minister Fumio Kishida told reporters in New York the ministers "will discuss future defence cooperation and the deployment of military forces in Japan based on the perception that the security environment in the Asia-Pacific region has been significantly changing."

Kishida, Japanese Defence Minister Itsunori Onodera, US Secretary of State John Kerry and US Defence Secretary Chuck Hagel will attend the meeting, the Japanese and US governments said.

The four are expected to mainly discuss a possible review of bilateral security cooperation guidelines that define the roles played by the Japanese Self-Defence Forces and the US military, a Japanese government source said earlier.

"The meeting represents the next step in further strengthening the US-Japan alliance, providing an opportunity to build on our already broad and comprehensive bilateral relationship," the US State Department said. The last round of such two-plus-two talks was held in June 2011.

On 4 Oct, Kerry will travel on to Indonesia to take part in meetings including review of the Asia-Pacific Economic Co-operation forum, the department said, describing APEC as "the premier forum for facilitating economic growth, cooperation, trade and investment in the Asia-Pacific region."

The US Defence Department said Hagel will arrive in Japan on 2 Oct after visiting South Korea.

Energy poverty, monopoly on gas supplies threaten Bulgaria

SOELI, 27 Sept.—Energy poverty and limited access to gas supplies are two major concerns for Bulgaria's energy security, according to a report presented here on Wednesday.

The report "Index of Risks to Energy Security in Bulgaria," prepared by the Centre for the Study of Democracy, said the average Bulgarian households have been spending more and more of its income on energy resources.

In 2012, 14.4 percent of household income was spent on energy, compared to 10.3 percent in 1999, the report said.

Heavy dependence on Russia for gas supplies through a single pipeline was another risk for the Balkan country, the report said.

"The main directions in this regard should be aimed at the coconstruction of regional gas interconnectors and reverse links with neighbouring countries, where unfortunately the progress is limited or frozen," Martin Tsanov, an analyst at the centre, told reporters.

33 people killed in attacks in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 27 Sept.—Up to 33 people were killed and 92 wounded in separate shootings and bombings, including a suicide attack, across Iraq on Thursday, police said.

The deadliest attack occurred at a crowded market in central Baghdad, the Iraqi capital, when a suicide bomber blew up his explosive vest and killed up to 20 people and wounded some 71 others, an Interior Ministry source told Xinhua on condition of anonymity.

The explosion destroyed many nearby shops and stalls and left several civilians burned, the source said.

Earlier in the day, the source put the toll at 11 killed and 35 wounded by roadside bomb explosions, but later explained one of the four blasts was from the suicide bombing and the other three were from nearby gas cylinders and an electricity transformer.

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**LOCAL NEWS**

**Police Affairs**

Zeyathiri Township Police meet townselders

Nay Pyi Taw, 27 Sept—Zeyathiri Township Police Force in Nay Pyi Taw met with the township in Shwedagon Police Station on 22 September.

It was attended by Township Police Force Commander Police Major Than Win, Shwedagon Police Station Commander Police Captain Bo Han, Township Police Force Commander Police Major Than Htay and Deputy Police Station Deputy Police Captain Bo Han, Than Win, Shwedagon Police Station Commander, IP Thaung, Police Station Deputy Commander IP Taung Htaik Oo, village-trace administrators of Shwedagon, Bawdwingyi, Pyisanaung, Thaikchaung and Thazi villages, townselders, members of social and religious organizations, slow vehicle administrators of Shwedagon, and Thazi villages.

Zeyathiri Township Police meet townselders

Shwedagon Police Station Deputy on 24 September.

They met with townselders in Shwedagon Police Station on 22 September.

They met with townselders from 10 to 176 students.

The Township Police Force Commander called for cooperation of the people in anti-human trafficking and anti-narcotics efforts, rumour response and reporting suspects to the police.

He said the people in the villages still lacked of obedience to the law despite the country practising the democratic system. He stressed the need of public awareness.

The police officers gave talks on crime reduction measures and security measures and responded to the questions raised by townselders.

**First jade pagoda construction completed by 70 percent**

Myeik, 27 Sept—Construction of Veročana Jade Pagoda which will become the first-ever jade pagoda has been completed by 70 percent.

The pagoda is situated near Sagaing-Myitmine Bypass in Hsinyaw Myintu Village in Amarapura Township in Mandalay Region.

Mandalay Region Hluttaw Speaker U Win Maung, Deputy Speaker U Aung Htay Kyaw, Region Forestry and Mining Minister U Than Soe Myint and 74 Hlutaw representatives visited the construction site of Veročana Jade Pagoda.

Chairman of Aye Aye Khaing Construction Company Donor of Veročana Jade Pagoda elaborated on the construction of the pagoda.

The region forestry and mining minister said the pagoda is the first-ever jade pagoda in Myanmar and the world. As jade is the favorite gem of the Chinese people, the pagoda is expected to attract more Chinese visitors to the region, he added.

The construction is being undertaken by Aye Aye Khaing Construction Company and it lies by Yangon-Mandalay Expressway.

The construction of the pagoda has been completed by 70 percent.

**Anti-Narcotic Drives**

Ownerless stimulant tablets seized in Tachilek

Tachilek, 27 Sept—A military column based in Sanshu village in Tachilek Township in Tachilek District in eastern Shan State found stimulant tablets in a plastic box on 21 September.

A total of 24 bags of 2000 stimulant tablets worth K 96 million were found in the plastic box. The tablets were handed over by servicemen of the police force.

**HRD**

Loikaw public library provides free Wi-Fi services

Loikaw, 27 Sept—The library of Information and Public Relations Department in Kayah State offered free Wi-Fi services.

A total of 25-50 enthusiasts are using Internet daily. Most of the Internet users are local youths. Servicemen of the local police station provided security to the library and Internet users and bookworms.

**Lightning strikes bulls in NyaungU Tsp**

NyaungU, 27 Sept—Two bulls were struck by lightning in upper NyaungU Township on 22 September.

They were livestock of farmer U Wah Moe in upper NyaungU Township. They were killed a few minutes after the lightning—MMAL Kyaw Nway (NyaungU).

**Aids provided to flood victims in Seikpyu**


They provided mosquito nets and stationery to 176 students.

**Natural Disaster**

Heavy wind causes electricity outage in Singu

Singu, 27 Sept—Heavy wind in Singu on 24 September morning destroyed trees, lamp posts and fences of the pagoda precincts, causing electricity and telephony services shortage.

Authorities immediately cleared the rubbles and replaced the fallen lamp posts with new ones as five lamp posts were cut off by the heavy wind.
Raise awareness of Rabies

Rabies is a zoonosis (a disease that is transmitted from animals to humans) that is caused by a virus. The disease is known to be present in more than 150 countries, and territories of all continents, with the exception of Antarctica. According to the World Health Organization, about 60,000 people die of rabies every year, mostly in Asia and Africa, according to the World Health Organization.

World Rabies Day is observed annually on 28 September with the aim of raising awareness about the impact of rabies on humans and animals, providing information and advice on how to prevent the disease.

Rabies virus infects domestic and wild animals, particularly of cat, dog, rabbit, fox and bat and is spread to people through close contact with infected animals’ saliva via bites or scratches. Roughly 99% of human rabies cases result from rabid dog bites.

The fatal rate of rabies is highest among the diseases that transmitted to people from animals, according to the research released in 2012 by International Livestock and Research Institute (ILRI).

Dogs are the main host and transmitter of rabies in Myanmar where rabies occurs mostly in summer. Despite the fact that rabies is a vaccine-preventable disease, it is one of the leading causes of preventable deaths in Myanmar. Many people, especially from rural areas, have fallen victim to rabies mainly because of lack of awareness and difficulty access to post-exposure prophylaxis (PEP).

Following measures can help reduce the risk of contracting rabies—vaccinating dogs, cats, rabbits, against rabies; keeping pets under supervision; not handling wild animals or stray; contacting healthcare officer upon observing a wild animal or a stray, especially if the animal is acting strangely; bitten by an animal, washing the wound with soap and water for 10 to 15 minutes and contacting a healthcare provider to determine if post-exposure prophylaxis is required.

Vaccinating of dogs has so far been proved the most cost-effective strategy for preventing rabies in people. The problem of rabies has been brought before parliament and the Ministry of Health is also putting more efforts to reduce the chances of rabies incidence through larger free-of-charge dog vaccination campaigns.

To prevent unnecessary deaths caused by rabies, greater efforts must be put into public awareness campaigns.

Responsible organizations such as Ministry of Education, Ministry of Health and media are urged on World Rabies Day to create public awareness of rabies to prevent needless deaths.

Water levels of Sittoung, Ngawun reach above its danger level

NAY PYI TAW, 27 Sept—According to the observations at 12:30 hr on 27 September, the water level of Sittoung River at Ngathainggyoung has exceeded 34 cm above its danger level and it has reached its danger level commencing 3:30 am on 16 September. It may fall under its danger level within next three days, announced Meteorology and Hydrology Department.

A reporter raising questions.—MNA

Initiate ways and means ...

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the deputy ministers to better understand missions and visions of the whole administrative machinery and ways and means and policies of the government.

He continued that the government and 60 million citizens have similar desires and the government’s aim is to meet the desires of the entire people. Of two desires inspired by the people, one is to see the country with peace and stability and rule of law and another is socio-economic development of the nation which lagged behind in development all respective support-government is making great strides in its sweeping reform process, politically, economically and administratively.

In political reform process, the government is trying hard for ensuring political stability, emergence of all inclusive political process and putting an end to more than 60 years old armed conflicts. Rural region development and poverty alleviation for socio-economic development of rural people is the main priority in economic reform process. Moreover, local and foreign investors are invited to acquire capital and technology necessary for revitalization of national economy.

Works for the development of industrial sectors and SMEs that will contribute more job opportunity and greater value-added local products and telecommunication coverage in rural areas are in progress to gain quick wins. In administrative sector, emphasis is being given on implementation of people-centred administrative system. Reform processes took place in the first 30 months of the government. Some works met with success, but other fails as burgeoning of democratic practices is still weak. The country has also experienced challenges and problems, like other newly reformed nations.

The President recounted what he said at the meeting on 9 August that the government will continue to implement the tasks in the remaining 30 months of the government with goodwill for the sake of the country and its people, taking advantage of strengths and weaknesses of the past experiences. Delivery Unit/Taskforce will coordinate tasks to be accomplished in each and every sector on the ground.

Twenty-six Cabinet Sub-committees/Delivery Units have been formed under the Cabinet Committees led by the Vice Presidents and ministers. The President said he would like deputy ministers to be reliable taskforces of the President as they are leaders or chairmen of the sub-committees.

Although political transformation of the nation won international recognition, more efforts are still needed for national development, so as to improve better socio-economic status of the people as Framework for Economic and Social Reforms-FESSR call for.

Farmland disputes to be ...

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The township/village level committees were formed with respective support of committee chairmen, town council representatives, farmers and farm owners as they represent the people.

He stressed that the government needs to practise steps of procedures for the farmlands handed over. He reminded it is necessary to scrutinize whether the person has rights of demand for the confiscated farmlands, rights of ownership, whether there is dispute or objection. He said that it is necessary to abide by the Farmland Law 2012, the Farmland Law 2012, the Vacant, Virgin and Fallow Lands Law 2012 and Rules 2012, existing laws of the ministries concerned and the laws of Nay Pyi Taw, Yangon and Mandalay City Development Committees. He stressed the need to lay down a precise farmland utilization policy in conformity with the present time to not occur more disputes of farmlands. So, the government will be effective and efficient with the presentation of reports to Cabinet Committees formed with the Union ministers.

The President called on 26 Cabinet Sub-committees to show result-based performance in respective public sectors and to coordinate matters that are hindering socio-economic development, also to end the remaining 30-month period.

As the Union ministers at President Office are assigned to the National Reform Seating Committee, Cabinet Sub-committees are to report to the Seating Committee at the same time while presenting reports to Cabinet Committees and ministers so as to make sure the President can direct efforts on reform processes. It is required to make public some matters.

The President concluded the speech, highlighting the importance of the deputy ministers with special duties as they will play the role of coordinators between the parliament and the government, between Region/State governments and Union Ministries, between international organizations and experts at home and abroad, private sectors, etc. He stressed the need to raise expertise of members of delivery unit/taskforce, to work harder to be able to win the confidence of the government, to listen to the voices of the people in dealing with public development tasks and to perform the given tasks with the sense of accountability, service as role models for government organizations.

A journalist questioning.—MNA

The Union government sought the assistance from the experts at home and abroad and UN agencies and NGOs. After drawing the policy, the national level land utilization plan will be mapped out. Deputy Minister for Home U Min Kyaw Oo from Ministry of Home Affairs explained directives of the President office and the Union government for solving the cases of confiscated farmlands, formation of the Land Utilization Management Central Committee, setting up of the committees at different levels and handing over of confiscated farmlands and Deputy Minister for Agriculture and Land Affairs U Oo Tha, implementing the reports of the investigations commission.

As the Union ministers, deputy ministers and departmental heads replied to queries raised by the media. The press met with the remarks by Leader of the Press Release Team Union Minister U Win Tin. Also present at the press meet were Union Minister for Construction U Kyaw Lwin, deputy ministers, departmental heads and media persons.
Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham calls for upgrading, …

(from page 16) and sufficient qualified tour guides to be able to sustain the tourism growth.

Myanmar, with its friendly and open engagement to the international community, on going political and economic reforms, tourism business is bringing back hundreds of thousands of visitors and entrepreneurs.

The number of international visitor arrivals in the first eight months of 2012 has reached over one million, with an increase of 58 percent, compared to the same period of 2012. It is expected that the number of tourists would reach 1.8 to 2 million this year while the foreign visitor arrivals hit 1.06 million last year.

To facilitate the vi-

Union Attorney-General participates in APEC Pathfinder Dialogue


At the dialogue, the Attorney-General of the Union discussed enactment of laws and bylaws including local laws enacted in Myanmar according to the international conventions and contracts.

He said that Myanmar exercising laws that meet international standard is actively participating in the activities of APEC.

World Maritime Day-2013 marked

YANGON, 27 Sept— The World Maritime Day-2013 was held at Asia World Port, here, this morning, with an address of Union Minister for Transport U Nyin Tun Aung.

The Union Minister in his address said that the transport sector has stood with pride by reducing and protecting environmental pollution according to rules and regulations of IMO since long time ago. The international organizations are to protect the environment, energy, safety and security. The cooperation of the International Maritime Organization plays a crucial role in sustainable development of the maritime world.

Next, the Director-General of the Department of Marine Administration read out the message sent by Secretary-General of IMO Mr Koji Sekimizu.

The Union Minister and party viewed documentary photos and activities of the IMO.—MNA

Myanmar, Vietnam sign agreement on visa exemption for ordinary passport holders

NAY PYI TAW, 27 Sept— The Republic of the Union of Myanmar and Socialist Republic of Vietnam, inspired by the desire to strengthen the existing friendly relations in all fields between the two countries and desiring to simplify the procedures and facilitate the traveling of citizens of the two countries, U Wunna Maung Lwin, Union Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and Mr. Pham Binh Minh, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam signed the Agreement between the Government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and the Government of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam on Visa Exemption for Holders of Ordinary Passports in New York, the United States of America at 14:35 hours on 26 September 2013.—MNA

Coord meeting on enacting precise measurements technology discussed

NAY PYI TAW, 27 Sept—Union Minister for Science and Technology Dr Ko Ko Oo delivered a speech at the coordination meeting on precise measurements technology bill at the Ministry, here, this morning.

He continued to say that the precise measurements technology bill is to be discussed at coming Pyithu Hluttaw session.

NAY PYI TAW, 27 Sept—Hailing the 49th Anniversary Myanmar Police Day, a total of 63 members of Myanmar Police Force and family members of Magway Region Police Force donated blood at Magway General Hospital. They were comforted by Commander of Magway Region Police Force Col Win Kyi and officers.

Magway Region Police Force donates blood

The bill could create good results not only for the people but also for the nation. So, the people from every corner of the country should cooperate in quality businesses.

He noted that the Ministry of Science and Technology is planning to set up national level precise measurements science department which can cooperate with international community to implement the law. It is important to turn out the scientists who will be capable of doing calibration in line with international norms. So measurements which are currently used in respective ministries must be adjust with that of national level precise measurements science department to ensure that they are in line with the new law.—MNA

Union Minister for Information U Aung Kyi presents prize to a winner.—MNA

Resident Representative of the UN Mr Ashok Nigam reads out UN Secretary-General’s message

Executive Director of World Tourism Organization Mr Zoltan Somogyi reading message of Secretary-General of WTO.—MNA

Attorney-General of the Union Dr Tun Shin addresses Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Pathfinder Dialogue.—MNA

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World School Milk Day marked in Myeik

Myeik, 27 Sept—In commemoration of the World School Milk Day, a ceremony to feed milk to students was held at No. 12 Basic Education Primary School in Myeik on 25 September afternoon.

Head of Myeik District

Natural Disaster

Taninthayi River inundates schools, residences in Taninthayi Township

Myeik, 27 Sept—Due to heavy rains, Taninthayi River rises 24.6 feet high in Taninthayi Township of Myeik District in Taninthayi Region at 6 pm on 25 September, causing seven feet deep inundation in Chaunggyi Ward and 7.5 feet deep in Chaunggye Ward. The locals were evacuated to the safe places.

The flooded villages temporarily closed 15 Basic Education Primary Schools, 8 Basic Education Post Primary Schools, 3 Basic Education Middle Schools, four Basic Education High Schools, totalling 30.

Myeik—Taninthayi-Bokpyin road was inundated. The low-lying area Aunggyi Village was under five feet deep water, Kawmawin Village under 5.5 feet deep and Uyinkwin Village five feet deep.

Due to inundation, the local people faced difficulties in transport, and so they rely on waterway for transportation.

Hlutaw representatives, Township Administrator U Kyaw Thu and officials provided rice, edible oil and instant noodle donated by Taninthayi Region government and wellwishers to the flood victims at relief camps.

No. 306 Artillery Battalion donated 300 baskets of bari, eggs, instant noodle and snacks to the flood victims.

Head of Township Health Department Dr Than Than Aye and doctors, nurses of medical team and members of Red Cross Society, the medical team from No. 557 Light Infantry Regiment and Township Traditional Medicine Team, members of Fire Brigade and ward administrators evacuated the flood victims to the safe places and relief camps.

Up to 25 September, floods hit 1635 acres against 22085 acres of farmlands from 18 village tracts.

Workers and technicians substitute the 60-lb rail tracks with 75-lb ones for ensuring safe and smooth runs of trains and for prevention of railway accidents in the yard of Mohnyin Station on 22 September.

Kalein-aung, 27 Sept—The monthly coordination meeting was held at the hall of the Sub-Township Administrator of Kalein-aung in Dawei District of Taninthay Region on 25 September morning.

Assistant Director Daw Ni Ni Cho of Region Information and Public Relations Department explained long-term development of village libraries, raising the reading habit, opening of the sub-township library in Yayluk Village, facts about population and households, and taking census process in 2014.

Nay Pyi Taw Council IPRD serves WiFi free

Nay Pyi Taw, 27 Sept—The District Information and Public Relations Department opens the library daily except Monday and Tuesday from 9.30 am to 5 pm with the aim of widening the scope of readers as public service media.

Those present and wellwishers fed milk and egg to 123 students from KG to fourth standard.

Kalein-aung IPRD

Regional development tasks undertaken in Kalein-aung Sub-Township

Mohnyin escaped from party raided the house of Daw Bauk Htwe, 50, daughter of U Thet Lwin in North Nakha Ward in Mohnyin Village of Phakant Township on 17 September afternoon.

They seized heroin from 20 boxes of soap and 9800 stimulant tablets with WY brand and K 10.5 million which may be proceeds from the house.

They searched the residence of the house and found heroin from the bag and seized it.

A total of 59800 seized stimulant tablets and 885 grams of heroin were worth K 142,874,000.

Phakant Myoma Police Station opened files of lawsuit against Daw Bauk Htwe, 30, daughter of U Dun Hsa Khong of Hnawshan Village in Phakant Township and Daw Ji Lin (a) Daw Kyi, 45, daughter of U Zaw Nan of the same village under Sections 15/19(a)/2010/21 of Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.

According to the further investigation, Daw Khin Mar Lwin (a) Kalarma, 50, daughter of U Thein Lwin of North Nakha Ward in Mohnyin escaped from the scene and then, he was arrested in Myitkyina on 19 September.
Philippine president to visit South Korea mid-October

M A N A L A , 2 7 S e p t . — P h i l i p p i n e P r e s i d e n t B e n i g ­ n o S . A q u i n o w i l l e n d e r a two-day state visit to the Republic of Korea next month, the Department of Foreign Affairs said on Friday.

According to DFA, Aquino will be in Seoul from 17 to 18 Oct, upon the invitation of South Korean President Park Geun-hye. “President Aquino and President Park will hold their first summit meeting to discuss bilateral issues, particularly political, defence, economic, and development cooperation, and to exchange views on regional and international challenges, among others,” the DFA said.

Four injured in chopper crash in Nepal

K A T H M A N D U , 2 7 S e p t . — A helicopter crashed on Thursday at Nepal’s Lukla airport, a popular gateway to Mt Everest, injuring all four people on board, one seriously, police said.

The five-seater chopper belonging to privately owned Dynasty Air crashed at 8:15 am after it got caught in wires fencing the airstrip located about 140 kilometres northeast of Kathmandu.

“One passenger was seriously injured, while the other three, including the pilot, have minor injuries,” Badri Bikram Thapa, police chief of Solukhumbu district where the airstrip is located, told Kyodo News by phone.

Thapa said the chopper caught fire after the crash, but the fire was immediately doused and people on board escaped. All four on board are Nepali nationals. They have been airlifted to Kathmandu for treatment.

Kyodo News

Nine killed by flood in Thailand

B A N G K O K , 2 7 S e p t . — N i n e p e o p l e w e r e k i l l e d b y f l o o d w h i l e 2 9 o f T h a i l a n d ’ s 7 7 p r o v i n c e s h a v e b e e n h i t b y f l o o d , t h e c o u n t r y ’ s D i s a s t e r P r e v e n t i o n a n d M i t i g a t i o n D e p a r t m e n t r e p o r t e d o n T h u r s d a y . A t o t a l o f 1 9 1 d i s t r i c t s o f 2 9 p r o v i n c e s h a v e b e e n h i t b y f l o o d s i n c e 1 7 S e p t . , a f f e c t i n g m o r e t h a n t w o m i l l i o n p e o p l e i n t h e c o u n t r y . M o r e o v e r , a b o u t 6 . 9 , 0 0 0 h o u s e s , 4 5 0 , 0 0 0 a c r e s o f f a r m l a n d , 2 , 3 1 0 r o a d s a n d 1 4 5 b r i d g e s w e r e d a m a g e d . T h e c o u n t r y h a s b e e n h i t b y h e a v y r a i n f a l l s i n t h e l a s t w e e k d u e t o a d e p r e s s i o n . — X i n h u a
Ukraine's grain harvest to hit record high in 2013

Kiev, 27 Sept—Ukraine's grain output would reach a record high of 60 million tons this year, Prime Minister Mykola Azarov said here on Thursday.

Ukrainian farmers have already reaped around 36 million tons of grain. The average yield reached 31.6 centners (about 3,160kg) per hectare, up 17 percent from last year, Azarov told a government meeting.

The sound development of the agricultural industry would support other sectors, such as science, mechanical engineering and transport, he said.

High crop output would allow the East European nation to boost grain exports and expand its sales markets. Ukraine planned to export grain to the European Union, the Commonwealth of Independent States, Bangladesh, India, Japan and other nations, Azarov said.—Xinhua

Vietnam, China working group discuss sea cooperation

Hanoi, 27 Sept—The working group on Vietnam-China cooperation in less sensitive issues at sea agreed on two joint cooperation projects during their fourth round of negotiations which ended on Thursday in Viet nam's capital Hanoi.

During the three-day negotiation, the two sides reached consensus to conduct joint research on management of marine and island environment in the Tonkin Gulf, reported Vietnam's state-run online radio Voice of Vietnam. They will also conduct comparative research on Holocene sedimentary deposits in Vietnam's Red River Delta and in China's Yangtze River Delta.

The two sides agreed to work closely together to soon sign the two projects in order to start the implementation in late 2013.

The fifth round of negotiations is scheduled to take place in China in the first half of 2014.—Xinhua

Kenya steps up security in northern region after twin blasts

Mandera, 27 Sept—Kenya's security forces on Thursday heightened security along its border with Somalia after twin blast killed three people among them two police officers in the latest incident of insecurity in the East African nation.

The two police officers and a civilian were killed and six others injured in two simultaneous terrorist attacks in northern Kenya bordering the war-torn Somalia.

The twin attacks in Wajir and Mandera border towns, which occurred on difference of eight hours from each other, also left 12 vehicles and entire government offices completely reduced into shreds of metals bars and dust of crumpled rubble, an indication of the heaviness of the impacts of the attacks.

In the first incident, the Mandera County police commander Roni Bunei said they have beefed up security along the border to thwart any cross border incursions of terrorists from neighbouring Somalia.

"We have increased police presence in the region to ensure peace at all time," Bunei said on Thursday.

He said two officers, who were manning the camp at the time, come under hail of indiscriminate fired bullets punctuated with hurling of hand grenades.

"We lost two of our officers and another one was severely injured," he said. "We are now airlifting the critically wounded officer to Nairobi for better treatments," he said.—Xinhua

Major emission reduction from livestock within reach: UN agency

UNITED NATIONS, 27 Sept—Wider use of available best practices and technologies could help reduce greenhouse gas emissions from the livestock sector by as much as 30 percent, according to a new study released on Thursday by the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO).

The report, "Tackling climate change through livestock: A global assessment of emissions and mitigation opportunities", represented the most comprehensive estimate to date of livestock's contribution to global warming, as well as the sector's potential to help tackle the problem.

"The potential for achieving emission reductions lies in enabling all livestock producers to change to practices already being used by the most efficient operators," FAO said in a news release.

According to the UN agency, greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions associated with livestock supply chains add up to 7.1 gigatones (GT) of carbon dioxide equivalent (CO2-eq) per year, or 14.5 percent of all human caused GHG releases.

The main sources of emissions are: feed production and processing, which account for 45 percent of the total, outputs of GHG during digestion by cows, with a rate of 39 percent, and manure decomposition, accounting for 10 percent. The remainder is attributable to the processing and transportation of animal products, the agency said.

Wider adoption of existing best practices and technologies in feeding, health and husbandry, and manure management—as well as greater use of currently under-utilized technologies such as biogas generators and energy-saving devices—could help the global livestock sector cut its outputs by becoming more efficient and reducing energy waste, said the news release. "These new findings show that the potential to improve the sector's environmental performance is significant—and that realizing that potential is indeed doable," said Wang Ren, the FAO assistant director-general for Agriculture and Consumer Protection.—Xinhua

Turkey, Somalia vow to strengthen cooperation in counter-terrorism

ANKARA, 27 Sept—The Turkish and Somali government officials pledged on Thursday to strengthen counter-terrorism cooperation after attacks took place in Somalia targeting Turkish buildings and citizens.

Turkish Deputy Prime Minister Bekir Bozdag told reporters that Turkey and Somalia will put forward the slogan "To thwart any cross border attacks from Somali-based terrorists groups from attacking workers at the Turkish embassy and Turkish NGOs after meeting with Somali Prime Minister Abdi Farah Shirdon.

In addition, Bozdag said he discussed with Shirdon how to deepen bilateral relations between Turkey and Somalia, adding that Turkey will open a university in the African country. For his part, Shirdon conveyed his condolences for the July 27 terrorist attack on the Turkish embassy in Mogadishu, where one guard was killed. He urged an increase in bilateral ties in economy, health, education, security and other areas.—Xinhua

Passengers wave in a train of a subway line in Harbin, capital of northeast China's Heilongjiang Province, on 26 Sept, 2013. China's first underground subway line in a frigid region on Thursday started a trial run in Harbin. The 17.48-km line with 18 stations has been designed to withstand extreme winter cold in the city, which has a record low temperature of 38.1 degrees Celsius below zero.—Xinhua

Turkey, Somalia vow to strengthen cooperation in counter-terrorism
Jennifer Lawrence to star in movie adaptations of ‘East of Eden,’ ‘Burial Rites’

LOS ANGELES, 27 Sept—Pop star Britney Spears will sing live for Las Vegas show

LOS ANGELES, 27 Sept—Colombian singer Carlos Vives has scored five Latin Grammy nominations.

British actress Jennifer Lawrence has reportedly received Oscar nominations for her performance in the movie ‘Silver Linings Playbook.’

Victoria Beckham partners with Skype to tell her fashion journey

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A launch has been confirmed for this Autumn and the company said they are thrilled about their new partnership. The company posted a banner reading, “In just five short years, Victoria Beckham and her team have built a hugely suc-

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“Skype will bring the story of a driven designer and businesswoman to life in a groundbreaking storytelling format, as well as offer inspiration to fashion enthusiasts, aspiring creatives and entrepreneurs.

We’re thrilled to be a part of the Victoria Beckham story, and look forward to sharing it with you soon.” This is the first move into fashion by Skype and the new venture comes after Victoria revealed she often uses its video services to conduct importance conference calls.

Colombian singer Carlos Vives scores 5 Latin Grammy nominations

LOS ANGELES, 27 Sept—Colombian singer Carlos Vives has received five Latin Grammy Award nominations.

While his song “Volvi A Nacer” was nominated for record of the year and song of the year, Illya Kuryaki & the Valderramas, a duo who take their name from the fictional television spy and former Colombian soccer player Carlos Valderrama, landed nominations in key categories of album of the year for “Corazón Profundo,” while his song “Mi Marciana” was nominated for song of the year.

Sanz’s album “La Musica No Se Toca” was nominated for best urban song and best alternative album. The Latin Grammy Awards will be held on 21 November in Las Vegas and broadcast on US Spanish-language network Univision.

Robert Pattinson holds hands with mystery woman

LOS ANGELES, 27 Sept—Robert Pattinson was spotted holding hands with a mystery brunette at friend Shoshana Bush’s birthday party.

The pair seemed to be very much into each other most of the night, reported Us magazine.

“The party was so fun. Everyone was dancing to Frank Sinatra hits. Rob was there with his new girlfriend. I don’t know her name,” a source said.

They also danced together at the poolside of the low-key get-together.

There were like 40 people at the party, it was intimate, and Rob was next to her the entire time no matter where he was,” the source added.—PTI

Selena Gomez, Demi Lovato at war for movie role?

LOS ANGELES, 27 Sept—Both the singers are reportedly keen to star in the biopic on US singer Linda Ronstadt, who’s struck down by Parkinson’s and can no longer sing.

Singers Selena Gomez and Demi Lovato are reported at loggerheads over a movie role that has apparently got Oscar potential.

The duo is keen to star in the biopic on US popular singer Linda Ronstadt, who’s been struck down by Parkinson’s disease and can no longer sing, reports showbiz411.com.

“Linda was one of the greatest singers of her generation, and her life story is mesmerizing,” a source said. “It’s a dream role with huge Oscar potential. Selena and Demi are both crazy for the part, and claws are being bared!” the source added.—PTI
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Milan, 27 Sept—Maverick AC Milan forward Mario Balotelli has apologised for sending off against Napoli which earned him a three-match ban but claimed he was provoked.

Balotelli was dismissed for arguing with the referee at the end of Sunday’s 2-1 home defeat and suspended the following day.

"I was told my team mates, who train hard every day. I also apologise to the referee," he said in an interview with Sky Sports Italia. "I reacted the wrong way to provocations. "Mario has made a mistake," he added. "He has been provoked and made a mistake in reacting. "If Mario makes a bad mistake, Mario should be punished... But against Napoli it was the same old story, the fouls against me I didn’t count for anything, I was the only one who could do anything wrong."—Reuters

**New Light of Myanmar**

**Mourinho blocked my progress, says Villas-Boas**

London, 27 Sept—Extra spice was added to Tottenham’s clash with Chelsea on Saturday as Andre Villas-Boas said he went into management when his coaching ambitions were thwarted by Jose Mourinho.

The two Portuguese managers will be in opposing dugouts for the first time when their teams meet in the Premier League, four years after Villas-Boas quit Mourinho’s backroom staff at Inter to take a job back home with Academica.

"My relationship with him professionally and personally was excellent, as you can imagine, because we worked so many years together," he told reporters at Tottenham’s training facilities in Enfield on Thursday.

"We talked at the Premier League managers meeting when we were there in August, but since then no," Villas-Boas added. "The Tottenham boss may feel he has a point to prove at White Hart Lane against the team who sacked him after only eight months in the job."—Reuters

**Germany striker Klose doubtful for World Cup qualifiers**

Berlin, 27 Sept—Germany forward Miroslav Klose could miss the World Cup qualifiers against Ireland and Sweden next month after undergoing foot surgery late on Wednesday.

Klose, 34, claimed he was provoked.

Lazio’s Miroslav Klose gives instructions to his teammates during their Italian Serie A soccer match against Udinese at the Olympic stadium in Rome on 25 August, 2013.—Reuters

Tottenham Hotspur manager Andre Villas-Boas attends their Europa League soccer match against Dinamo Tbilisi at White Hart Lane in London on 29 August, 2013.—Reuters

England goalkeeper Jack Butland dives for a ball during a soccer training session at the St George’s Park training complex near Burton Upon Trent, central England on 2 February, 2013.—Reuters

England keeper Butland joins Barnsley on loan

England goalkeeper Jack Butland joined second tier Barnsley on an emergency 93-day loan from Premier League Stoke City on Thursday.

Barnsley said the 20-year-old, who played for Birmingham City last season and made his England senior debut in a friendly against Italy in 2012, would be in the squad for Saturday’s match at Leicester City.

Butland, Stoke’s third-choice goalkeeper, has yet to make his first appearance for the club and Barnsley’s number one Luke Steele has a back injury.

"Jack is an outstanding young talent but when we signed him it was on the understanding that he needed to continue his development by playing first team football on a regular basis," Stoke chief executive Tony Scholes told the club website—(www.stokecityfc.co.uk). "We’re pleased that such a good opportunity for Jack to go out on loan has presented itself and we’re sure it will be beneficial to both Jack and the Club."—Reuters

**Mind guru’s return was all important for Stenson**

Atlanta, 27 Sept — Henrik Stenson’s game was a mess 18 months ago but his decision to reunite with a former mind guru sparked a dramatic change in fortunes that culminated in a remarkable $11.4 million (7.1 million pounds) FedExCup payday in Atlanta on Sunday.

He first worked with Torsten Hansson in 1994 and Stenson went on to claim a string of victories around the world and a spot in the 2006 and 2008 European Ryder Cup teams.

A win at the 2009 Players Championship in Florida, golf’s unofficial fifth major, lifted him to fourth in the world rankings but the 6-foot 1 Swede then suddenly suffered a form slump that saw him crash out of the top 200.

"He contacted me a couple of weeks before the 2012 French Open to ask if I was interested in working with him again," Hansson told Reuters. "I said, ‘Of course, you are one of the main people in my life and I could never say no.’"

"I knew what we needed to do, what we had to sort out. People who end up in a chaotic and confused situation need to work with someone that can help them get back to where they want to go."

"The 37-year-old Stenson picked up a cheque for $1.4 million for winning the Tour Championship at East Lake Golf Club on Sunday plus a $10 million bonus for ending the US season in first place in the FedExCup playoff series."

"Henrik had a lot of problems in 2011 and 2012 and we had to start with what I call ‘the five processes’," said Hansson. "We started off well because he almost won the French Open."

"The first process is physical, the second is mental, the third is technical, the fourth is the strategic and tactical one and the fifth is the social process."

"All five are very important – you can be off with one of them but there is no way you can be off with two. If you have conquered the five processes like he has right now you can achieve anything," Hansson added.—Reuters
Botswana to have direct flight to London

GABORONE, 27 Sept — A new private airline Kalahari Airways plans to start flights early next year from Cape Town to London via a 30-minute stopover at Botswana’s capital Gaborone. Denis Coghlan, chief executive officer of the Botswana based airline, on Wednesday said the company will offer daily direct flights to London from Cape Town via Gaborone, avoiding the inconvenience of transiting through Johannesburg with its multiple security checks. “Later we will add Durban to Hong Kong via Gaborone with a 30-minute stopover at Botswana’s capital Gaborone. The company will offer daily direct flights early next year from Cape Town-London security checks. “Later we will add Durban to Hong Kong via Gaborone with a 30-minute stopover at Botswana’s capital Gaborone. The company will offer daily direct flights early next year from Cape Town-London.”

“Knowledge of Chinese language is strategic skill

MILAN, 27 Sept — In the globalized world, the knowledge of China’s language and culture is an increasingly important skill, Italian experts said here on Thursday.

Speaking at a conference in Milan, president of Italy China Foundation Cesare Romiti said that “expertise in China and its market has become fundamental.”

Romiti, an economist and former executive of both state-owned firms and private companies, was among the first personalities in Italy to strengthen ties with China 10 years ago, when he founded the association to promote business and cultural links between the two countries.

Since it was started in 2009, the Italy China Foundation’s School of Permanent Training has taught Chinese culture and language to hundreds of students and businessmen, also setting an example for other Italian cities where learning Chinese language has now become a trend.”

We believe that today’s youth will be the ruling class of tomorrow, and an in-depth knowledge of China through its language and traditions will foster increased cooperation between our countries at all levels,” Romiti stressed.

Echoing his words, Education Councillor of Milan Municipality Franco Cappelli noted that the knowledge of Chinese language is a key prerequisite to establish deep relations with a country that has an increasing leadership role globally.— Xinhua

Back problem could keep Swede Hanson out of Seve Trophy

NEW YORK, 27 Sept — A recurring back problem may prevent Ryder Cup stalwart Peter Hanson from representing Continental Europe in next week’s Seve Trophy match against Britain and Ireland at St Nom de Brestiche on the outskirts of Paris.

The 35-year old Swede has been sidelined for more than a month because of the injury that caused him to pull out during the first round of the British Open at Muirfield in July.

Hanson’s mind coach Torsten Hansson told Reuters on an interview on Thursday. “He is practising again and from the results we get from that we will take it to the next level.

If we get what we want, he will play in the Seve Trophy and than take a couple of weeks off before playing in China,” he added, referring to the BMW Masters in Shanghai from 24-27 October.

“I don’t blame anybody but the first diagnosis should have been that the disc was compressed to one mm and from that you have to do things like he is doing right now. The disc is supposed to be seven mm high, it is the highest and biggest in your whole spine, but Peter’s is just one mm because it’s been damaged for a long time.”

Hansson said his fellow Swede, who helped Europe win the Ryder Cup in 2012 and 2010, would be affected by the problem for the rest of his career and had to cut back on his practice and gym work.

“There is no way that disc will go back to seven mm again but you can get it to a manageable situation,” he explained.

“With that sort of training he can play top level again. I’m absolutely positive about that,” Hanson told the six times European Tour winner was simply glad to be out on the course again. — Reuters

Nepalese army soldiers practice for Fulpati, the seventh special day of Bada Dashain festival, at Tundikhel in Kathmandu, Nepal, on 26 Sept, 2013. According to traditions, Hindu devotees across the country will offer assortment of sacred shrubs and flowers to worship goddess Durga. — Xinhua

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Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham calls for upgrading, providing adequate tourism facilities to sustain tourism growth

Trilateral discussion between Myanmar, Thailand and Japan for implementation of Dawei SEZ in progress.—MNA

17th ASEAN Senior Officials Meeting on Civil Service Matters held

YANGON, 27 Sept—First Myanmar-Thailand-Japan trilateral discussion on implementation of Dawei SEZ in progress here today. Myanmar side led by Chairman of Special Working Group for Implementation of DSEZ and its related projects was held here today. Myanmar side led by Chairman of Special Working Group for Implementation of DSEZ and its related projects. Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham and Union Minister for Transport U Han Sein and respective subcommittee chairmen and Thailand side headed by Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Commerce Mr. Niwatthumrong Boonsongpaisan and Japanese delegation led by Deputy Director General of Southeast and Southwest Asian Affairs Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs Mr. Hidenao Yanagi attended the meeting.

At the meeting, the leaders from Myanmar, Thailand and Japanese delegations made opening speeches. Then, Region Chief Minister U Myat Ko clarified matters on rehabilitation of the villages, Deputy Minister U Han Sein construction of infrastructures and Dawei SEZ Rules and Regulations Subcommittee Chairman U Set Aung, aims and work procedures of the Dawei SEZ.

They also discussed matters on rapid cooperation procedures for three countries in Dawei SEZ and the meeting ended in the evening.

By order, (Tin Tun)
Secretary
Union Election Commission

NAY PYI TAW, 27 Sept—Union Election Commission and the Second meeting of the 17th ASEAN Senior Officials Meeting on Civil Service Matters held here today. Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham stressed the importance of continuing to provide adequate facilities including smooth entries, convenient and safe transport, good quality services of hotels, inns, restaurants, (See page 9)