Appointment of Ambassador agreed on

NAV PYI TAW, 30 Sept—The Government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar has agreed to the appointment of Mrs. Ann Ollestad as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Kingdom of Norway to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar with residence in Yangon.

Mrs. Ann Ollestad was born in 1952, in Oslo, the Kingdom of Norway. She got a Master in Political Science, University of Oslo in 1983 then she worked as a Freelance journalist in the daily newspaper. She joined the Ministry of Foreign Affairs as an executive officer in 1987. Since then, she served in various capacities at different departments of Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Diplomatic Missions of the Kingdom of Norway. Mrs. Ann Ollestad served as a Special Adviser at Norwegian Ministry of Education and Research in 2006. In 2007, she was assigned as an Ambassador of Norway to the Republic of India. She is currently serving as a special adviser, Department for Regional Affairs and Development. She is married.

Mrs. Ann Ollestad will be the first Norwegian resident Ambassador to Myanmar.—MNA

Collaborative support needed for development of Rakhine State, rather than words of praise

NAV PYI TAW, 29 Sept—“We all really need to support ethnic Rakhine, rather than speaking words of praise, as those who have been living in the area which is politically and geographically regarded as significant are putting more efforts than other national races in the difficult tasks of protection of sovereignty and territorial integrity of the Union and preservation of tradition, culture and custom”. Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and Pyithu Hluttaw Thura U Shwe Mann said in meeting with Rakhine families for the development of Rakhine State at International Business Centre-IBC in Yangon this morning.

Also present at the meeting were Deputy Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and Pyithu Hluttaw U Nanda Kyaw Swa, chairmen of Pyithu Hluttaw and Amyotha Hluttaw committees, the Yangon Region ministers, representatives of Myanmar National Human Rights Commission and social organizations, patrons and representatives from 17 townships in Rakhine State, Rakhine associations and guest.

In his greetings, the Speaker said he was very pleased to see not only ethnic Rakhine but also other national races at the meeting. He added he was proud to meet families of Union brethren and to have an opportunity of taking part in the discussions as a family member.

He continued all citizens, especially national races, are responsible for national defence. National races living in hilly regions and plains are in perpetuation of sovereignty. He recognized the role of ethnic Rakhine who are safeguarding land and maritime boundaries and Union territory.

He stressed the need to pay respect to the efforts of national races who are taking care of national sovereignty, territorial integrity, culture, traditions and customs and religion to ensure the perpetual existence of national defence.

Byline: Linlet Kyei Sinn

Improved road transportation brings fruits of development to Chin State

The Union Government and Chin State government have been making efforts for improvement and smooth road transportation in Chin State, maintaining and upgrading roads in the state which is hilly and densely covered with forests.

The roads which have been upgraded to all-weather facilities are Gangaw-Haka Road which is 70 miles and 4 furlongs long, Mindat-Matupi Road which is 102 miles long, Haka-Matupi Road which 172 miles and 7 furlongs long and Kalay-Falam Road which is 115 miles and 1 furlong long. Some sections of the Mandalay-Haka Road passing through Sagaing, Monywa and Gangaw, the Kalay-Haka Road and the Pakokku-Pauk-Tapyin-Kyaukhtu-Mindat Road have also been upgraded.

The 340-foot-in-length Var Bridge on the Kalay-Haka Road was commissioned into service in 1998; the 480-foot-in-length Ka-

Byline: Kyemon 29-9-2013

Trs: AMS

Photo shows Mansaung Bridge on Tiddim-Reed Lake Road in Chin State.
Charity

Cash assistance, relief supplies provided to flood victims

Nay Pyi Taw, 29 Sept—Union Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Dr Daw Myat Myat Ohn Khin on 26 September afternoon comforted the flood victims at Paytaw Monastery’s relief camp in Taungyo Village-tract of Ottarathiri Township in Nay Pyi Taw Council Area.

The Union minister presented K 100,000, eight items of relief supplies, rice for three days and construction materials, and water purified drinking tablets worth K 150,000 for the flood victims through officials.

Likewise, the Union Minister comforted flood victims from Khayangang and Hsinseik villages at the relief camp of Phaungdaw-chetma Monastery in Lewe. The Union Minister also provided clothes, purified drinking water tablets and rice for three days worth K 1.3 million for the victims through officials.

Myoma Market, Nay Pyi Taw—A fire drill on preventive measures was held at the Dhammayon of Tatkon Myoma Market, Nay Pyi Taw.

The prevention and awareness demonstration was conducted by the head of the Township FSD and members of Auxiliary Fire Brigade led by the head of the Township Fire Services Department. The demonstration included the use of the light fire engines and fire trucks and use of fire extinguishers.

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Fire prevention demonstrated

Nay Pyi Taw, 29 Sept—A fire drill on preventive measures was held at the Dhammayon of Tatkon Myoma Market, Nay Pyi Taw Council Area on 27 September.

Head of Nay Pyi Taw Fire Services Department Deputy Director U Aung Myint gave lectures on preventive measures against outbreak of fire. Assistant Director U Lwin Maung Maung of Township Development Affairs Department and Chairman of the Market Board of Trustees U Sein Moe on security measures against fire.

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INTERNATIONAL DAY OF OLDER PERSONS

“The Future We Want—What Older Persons Are Saying.”

Nay Pyi Taw 1-10-2013

National Sports

Township Administrator Cup football tourney kicks off

An, 29 Sept—The Township Administrator’s Cup Inter-Ward/Village Football Tournament kicked off at the sports grounds in Market Ward of An Township, Kyaukpyu District, Rakhine State on 25 September afternoon.

On the occasion, Township Administrator U Kan Saw Hlaing made a speech, urging them to compete in the tournament with sporting spirits and abide by the prescribed disciplines.

Altogether 11 football teams from the township are taking part in the tournament up to 2 October.

Kyemon-Than Maung (An)

Visitors flock to Bagan

NyaungU, 29 Sept—Organized by NyaungU District Women’s Affairs Organization, the Buddhist Culture Instructor Course was opened at the hall of Basic Education High School in NyaungU on 26 September.

At first, Chairperson of the District WAO Daw Soe Soe Ei and U Hla Thein Htut (Pitakat expert) made opening speeches.

Instructors U Hla Thein Htut, U Hla Myo, Daw Htiny Htaw, Daw Thet Thei Oo and Daw Myat Thandha from Dhamma Yangchi Dhamma Dana Group of Yangon gave lectures to the trainees.

The instructor course will be provided to all basic education school teachers in the district.

The course is aimed at broadening the horizon of the students to have high spirit to protect the lineage, religion and Sasana and to know basic knowledge and culture of Buddhism.—Kyemon-Ye Thara Aung (NyaungU)

Kyemon-Nay Oo Maung (Pakokku)

Accident

Bago, 29 Sept—A 22-wheeled vehicle and a Hilux bumped against each other in Bago of Bago Region on 26 September due to slip in the rains.

A 22-wheeled truck driven by Bo Bo Kyaw, 26, heading for Yangon from Mandalay collided head-on with a Hilux driven by U Myo Myint, 48, from Yangon to Mandalay at mile post 48/5 on Yangon-Mandalay Highway near Maha Myaing Traffic Light on Mya Thanda Street.

Bago Myoma Police Station No 3 opened files of lawsuit against both drivers for reckless driving under the law.—Kyemon-Min Siu Thu

Pakokku, 29 Sept—A large number of pilgrims visit Bagan, which is the city of culture in Mandalay Region from the waxing days to fullmoon day of Tawthalin. “The majority of the visitors arrive at the Popa Bodaw Aung Min Khuang in Bagan before paying homage to four tooth relics pagodas there,” said a motorboat operation at Bu Pagoda Jetty.

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Fare of transport by motorboat is K 1000 per passenger. The visitors increase on the days of Bodaw festival, Thadingyut festival and Thadingyut holidays.

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Beware of DHF
Austrian coalition faces far-right challenge in vote

People on Segways pass an election poster of Austrian Chancellor and head of the Social Democratic Party (SPOe) Werner Faymann in Vienna on 28 Sept, 2013.—Reuters

VIENNA, 29 Sept.—A resurgent right-wing party keen to end taxpayer-funded bailouts of euro zone laggards takes on Austria’s political establishment in parliamentary elections on Sunday.

The ruling Social Democrats (SPOe) and their People’s Party (OVP) are counting on their record in piloting the Alpine republic through the global financial crisis relatively unscathed to win another five-year term.

Opinion polls show the two pro-Europe parties that have dominated post-war politics seem set to scrape to a combined majority, with the far-right Freedom Party (FPO) hard on their heels.

But the two main-stream parties may need to find a third partner government should two small blocs clear the 4 percent hurdle for entering parliament.

The environmentalist Greens, an opposition party that sided with the coalition on European issues such as creating the European Stability Mechanism (ESM) bailout fund, is the most likely option should the big two need a partner to govern.

Polls close at 1500 GMT, when initial projections are set to appear. Preliminary official results were due around 1730 GMT, but in a very close election the outcome may not be clear until domestic absentee ballots are counted on Monday.

Chancellor Werner Faymann’s SPOe has led the pack from the start, campaigning on a platform of defending jobs and pensions and redistributing wealth via a new tax on millionaires. The more free-market OVP, led by former Minister Michael Spindelegger, has called for liberating business of red tape to promote economic growth and help shore up public finances hit by over-bailed banks.

Heinz-Christian Strache’s FPO is set to improve on its 17.5 percent in the 2008 elections. It may even overtake the OVP despite competition from car-parts magnate Frank Stronach’s new party, also eurosceptic but without the anti-far-right tone.

Faymann has said he wants to form a new coalition with the OVP should he win, while Spindelegger has declined to say the same, leaving the door open for a centre-right coalition.

Reuters

US House votes to fund govt’t through 15 December, delay Obamacare

WASHINGTON, 29 Sept.—US House of Representatives voted in the early hours of Sunday to pass a short-term government funding bill proposed by Republican leaders to fund the federal government’s operations through 15 December and delay the implementation of the Affordable Care Act (ACA), commonly known as Obamacare, for one year.

The bill passed by the lower chamber of Congress contained a one-year delay in the implementation of Obamacare, a repeal of the medical device tax in the ACA to fund Obamacare and a measure ensuring service members to get paid in the event of a government shutdown.

The bill increased the prospect of a partial federal government shutdown on Tuesday, as US President Barack Obama and Senate Democrats have vowed to reject any bill delaying or defunding Obama’s signature healthcare law passed in 2010.

The 2.3 percent medical device tax, which took effect in January, is levied on manufacturers and importers for sales of medical devices in the nation to fund the implementation of Obamacare. House vote have you come so late?” Gul shouted.

The blasts follow an attack by a Taleban faction on Peshawar’s Anglican church last Sunday that killed more than 80 people, the deadliest attack on Christians in predominantly Muslim Pakistan.

The Taleban have repeatedly rejected Pakistan’s constitution.

US House Speaker John Boehner (R-OH) (C) departs after a closed-door meeting of the House Republican caucus during a rare Saturday session at the US Capitol in Washington, on 28 Sept, 2013. (Reuters)

File photo taken on 25 Jan, 2013 shows Italy’s former Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi (L) and People of Freedom Party (PDL) secretary Angelino Alfano delivering a speech during a campaign rally to present the list of the PDL candidates for the general elections in Rome.—Xinhua

Austria

Bombs kill 33 in northwestern Pakistan city of Peshawar

PESHAWAR, 29 Sept.—Twin blasts in the northwestern Pakistan city of Peshawar killed 33 people and wounded 70 on Sunday, a week after two bombings at a church in the frontier city killed scores, police and hospital authorities said.

Islamist violence has been on the rise in Pakistan in recent months, derailing Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif’s efforts to tame the insurgency by launching peace talks with the Taleban. The blasts hit outside a police station in an area crowded with shops and families. Police said it appeared at least one of the explosions had been a car bomb. There was no immediate claim of responsibility.

“Who is burning Peshawar, who is burning Peshawar?” screamed one woman in a long headscarf.

Shopowner Sher Gul said he had made repeated trips on his motorbike to bring six people to hospital. Gul cursed a provincial government minister who came to visit the victims. “We will be blackmailed,” he said.

Shafir is due to meet Indian counterpart Mannohar Singh on the sidelines of the United Nations General Assembly later on Sunday, only hours after Singh described Pakistan as the “epicenter of terrorism in our region.”—Reuters

Antonio Padellaro, defined the announcement of resignation as an “unprecedented fact in Europe.”

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Letta is now expected to seek sup-port from the OVP should he win, but will be even overtake the OVP on the 17.5 percent it got in the 2008 election. It may even overtake the OVP despite competition from car-parts magnate Frank Stronach’s new party, also eurosceptic but without the anti-far-right tone.

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Commercial cargo ship reaches International Space Station

HOUSTON, 29 Sept.—An unmanned US commercial cargo ship flew itself to the International Space Station on Sunday, completing the primary goal of its debut test flight before supply runs begin in December.

After a series of successful steering maneuvers, the Orbital Sciences Cygnus freighter parked about 39 feet from the station at 6:50 a.m. EDT/1050 GMT as the ship sailed 260 miles above the Southern Ocean south of Africa.

Ten minutes later, Italian astronaut Luca Parmitano and NASA’s Karen Nyberg used the station’s robotic arm to pluck the capsule from orbit and prepared to attach it to a berthing slip.

“That’s a long time coming, looks great,” radiated astronaut Catherine Coleman from NASA’s Mission Control in Houston.

Cygnus’ arrival had been delayed a week – first by a software glitch and then by the higher priority docking of a Russian Soyuz capsule ferrying three new crewmembers to the $100 billion outpost, a project of 15 nations.

Orbital Sciences’ new unmanned Antares rocket blasted off from September 18 from a new launch pad on the Virginia coast to put Cygnus into orbit.

NASA contributed $288 million toward Antares’ and Cygnus’ development and awarded Orbital Sciences a $1.9 billion contract for eight station resupply missions, the first of which is targeted for December.

The U.S. space agency also provided $396 million to privately owned Space Exploration Technologies to help develop the Falcon 9 rocket and Dragon cargo ship. The firm, known as SpaceX, holds a $1.5 billion NASA contract for 12 cargo runs to the station, two of which already have been completed.

Samsung addresses EU concerns in antitrust probe

NEW YORK, 29 Sept.—Samsung Electronics Co on Friday offered remedies that may settle a European Union probe over whether it breached antitrust rules through its use of patent lawsuits against rival Apple Inc.

Samsung has agreed to “propose commitments that will be market tested,” EU Competition Commissioner Joaquin Almunia said in a speech in New York on Friday. “We hope to conclude this case.”

The details of the offer were not disclosed, and Samsung could not immediately be reached for comment.

South Korean-based Samsung attempted to settle with the European Commission earlier but the antitrust regulator had said it wanted more concessions. Samsung and Apple, the world’s top two smartphone makers by volume and sales, are locked in patent disputes in at least 10 countries as they vie for control of the lucrative and fast-growing mobile market.

Samsung dropped injunction requests against Apple in Europe after the Commission filed charges against it last year.

The Commission also charged Google’s Motorola Mobility with a similar anti-competitive offense in May.

The Samsung case may help bring clarity to technology patents known as standard-essential patents, or SEPs, across the industry.

Dr Dre’s Beats Electronics gets new funding, buys back HTC stake

NEW YORK, 29 Sept.—Beats Electronics LLC, founded by US rapper Dr Dre and music producer Jimmy Iovine, said private equity firm Carlyle Group LP has agreed to make a minority investment in the audio technology company.

Terms of the transaction were not disclosed. However, a person familiar with the matter, who was not authorized to publicly discuss financial details of the deal, said Carlyle would invest $500 million in Beats Electronics, valuing it at over $1 billion.

Equity for the investment will come from affiliates of Carlyle Partners V, Carlyle’s $13.7 billion US buyout fund. Beats Electronics also said it agreed to buy back the minority stake held by Taiwanese smartphone maker HTC Corp in the company.

HTC bought a 50.1 percent stake in the company in 2011, but sold half of it a year later.

Founded in 2008, Beats Electronics sells branded headphones, earphones and speakers, as well as Beats Audio software technology.

Facebook to show users less unwanted ads in newsfeed

SAN FRANCISCO, 29 Sept.—Facebook newsfeeds will contain fewer ads for products or services that users are not interested in, Facebook Inc said on Friday, announcing changes in advertising policy.

It was the Web company’s latest effort to refine the newsfeed ads that have become more important to its business. “When deciding which ad to show to which groups of people, we are placing more emphasis on feedback we receive from people about ads, including how often people report or hide an ad,” Facebook said.

“If someone always hides ads for electronics, we will reduce the number of those types of ads that we show to them,” the company said. Facebook has been trying to make ads more prominent without triggering a backlash among its 1.15 billion users.

The world’s No.1 online social network, which generates roughly 85 percent of its revenue from advertising, now injects one paid ad into every 20 “stories” users see in their newsfeeds, the company said in July.

While big brands such as Toyota and AT&T advertise on Facebook, the company also makes money from marketers of weight-loss and teeth-whitening products. Analysts say some users may not welcome these less glamorous pitches in their newsfeed.

Forrester Research analyst Nate Elliott said Facebook needs to take steps to keep the latter category of ads in the less intrusive, right-hand side of the Web page, while reserving the space within users’ newsfeed for higher-quality ads.

“If Facebook allows unappealing advertising to invade the space they’re in trouble. That harms the user experience, and reduces the value of the inventory for high-quality marketers,” Elliott said. Facebook said some marketers “may see some variation in the distribution of their ads” in coming weeks. The company did not elaborate.

Shares of Facebook finished Friday’s regular trading session up 1.7 percent at $51.24, the highest closing level since the company went public in May 2012.
Small developing countries “very much concerned” at slowdown in global growth

**Africa’s real GDP to grow by 4.8 pct in 2013**

-Africa’s real GDP is expected to grow by 4.8 percent in 2013 and 5.3 percent in 2014, according to the African Economic Outlook (AEO) launched on Thursday. The AEO expects Central Africa to grow by 5.7 percent in 2013 and 5.4 percent in 2014, East Africa to grow by 5.2 percent and 5.6 percent, North Africa by 3.9 percent and 4.3 percent, southern Africa by 4.1 percent and 4.6 percent and West Africa by 6.7 percent and 7.4 percent. The AEO has 10 African countries in its fastest, including Libya, Chad, Sierra Leone, Côte d’Ivoire, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Ghana, Mozambique, Angola, Zambia, and Rwanda.

According to the outlook, Swaziland, Equatorial Guinea, Egypt, Sudan, South Africa, Comoros, Madagascar, Algeria, Lesotho and the Seychelles are the slowest growing African countries in 2013 and 2014. The AEO listed as the drivers of Africa growth as domestic consumer demand, macroeconomic policies and management, as well as the development of mining, agriculture, services and construction.—Xinhua

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**Drug ‘Molly’ is taking a party toll in the United States**

NEW YORK, 29 Sept—
Artist and therapy student Anna and her friends marked a birthday in New York recently with a familiar ritual: They pumped up the electronic music, danced, and celebrated with a special guest called Molly.

"It was a group of about 12 people at someone’s house and we were all just celebrating," Anna recalled. “Somebody had it and, you know, it was a pretty electronic music kind of crowd.”

Molly, an illegal stimulant frequently sold in pill form, has become prominent in the electronic music scene over the past decade, said Anna, 26, who did not want to give her full name because she is in school and “counseling people to be healthy.”

Molly is the street name for a drug that is pushed as the pure powder form of a banned substance known as MDMA, the main chemical in ecstasy. In the last five years, Molly has made its way into popular culture, helped by references to it made by entertainers such as Madonna, Miley Cyrus and Kanye West.

The drug’s dangers became more clear after a rash of overdoses and four deaths this summer, including two at a huge annual electronic music festival in New York City.

The parties of the late 1980s and early ’90s saw the heyday of ecstasy, but its popularity began to wane a decade ago after a number of deaths and hospitalizations.

That’s when Molly made her way onto the scene. Over the last few years, drugs sold under that name have “flooded” the market, said Rusty Payne, a spokes-

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**EU watchdog wants to charge foreign clearing houses**

LONDON, 29 Sept—
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**JPMorgan nears multibillion-dollar mortgage settlement**

CHICAGO, 29 Sept—
JPMorgan Chase & Co (JPM.N) could reach a multibillion-dollar deal as early as Tuesday, putting an end to the bank’s woes from mortgage securities related investigations, the New York Post reported on Saturday.

The bank and government officials met earlier this week to try to negotiate a settlement in the $11 billion range to resolve many of the probes into how it sold mortgage bonds before the financial crisis, a source familiar with the matter told Reuters.

Negotiations have involved the possibility of JPMorgan paying up to $7 billion in cash and $4 billion in consumer relief — a large sum, but representing little more than half the bank’s 2012 profit of $21 billion.

JPMorgan CEO Jamie Dimon met with US Attorney General Eric Holder on Thursday. While it is unusual for a company CEO to meet with the head of the US Justice Department, the bank is seeking to tamp down its legal difficulties.

The settlement, if it goes ahead, would likely include claims from the regulator of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, which has sought some $6 billion from the bank over risky mortgage securities sold to the two government-sponsored entities, according to two people familiar with the matter, Reuters reported.

JPMorgan was saddled with about 70 percent of the debt in nonperforming home loans during the financial crisis.—Reuters

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Iraq Kurd opposition party consolidates position in regional vote

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A boy carries a flower during a memorial service in front of the Westgate shopping mall in Nairobi, Kenya in honour of the victims of last Saturday’s attack by gunmen, on 28 Sept, 2013.—Reuters

Kenya says ‘at war’ with al Shabaab, faces security questions

Nairobi, 29 Sept — Kenya is “at war” with militants who attacked a Nairobi shopping mall, the government said on Saturday as it faced questions about whether it had received advance intelligence warnings of the deadly strike.

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TEPCO pres keen to restart 2 more nuclear reactors in Niigata

Tokyo, 29 Sept — Tokyo Electric Power Co President Naomi Hirose expressed a desire on Saturday to make preparations for restarting two more nuclear reactors at a power plant it operates in Niigata Prefecture.

A day after TEPCO filed for state safety assessments for the idled Nos 6 and 7 reactors at the Kashiwazaki-Kariwa plant, Hirose said in an interview with Kyodo News that he would also like to start the process toward restarting the Nos 1 and 5 reactors as well.

“The case (of the Nos 6 and 7 units) will set the example,” Hirose said, adding, “The general rule is to abide by the agreement we made with the local community regarding safety.”

All of Japan’s 50 commercial reactors are currently offline and have to be checked by the Nuclear Regulation Authority to determine whether they satisfy a set of new safety requirements before they can be restarted. Hirose also said TEPCO can now expect to swing back to a pretax profit for the current financial year through March 2014, even without a further electricity rate hike.

TEPCO, which is struggling due to heavy costs stemming from the 2011 Fukushima nuclear crisis, has set a target to become profitable this year because that is a condition for continuing to receive bank loans.

Despite uncertainty over when the Nos 6 and 7 reactors will be restarted, Hirose said the goal of posting a pretax profit this year “can be achieved” by implementing more cost-cutting measures and recording certain facility maintenance expenses in fiscal 2014 or later.

Based on an estimate the utility presented in August to its lenders, it would be necessary to raise electricity rates again if no re-starts were restarted within fiscal 2013.

Kyodo News

US renews travel caution after mall attack in Kenya

Nairobi, 29 Sept — The US government has renewed its travel alert against trips to Kenya, warning Americans of the risks after the recent terror attack that killed 67 people in the East African country. The levels of risk vary throughout the country. Terrorist acts can include suicide operations, bombings, kidnappings, attacks on civil aviation, and bombings of mass destruction.

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Middle East should be free from weapons of mass destruction

The newspaper reports “Every day, we get in-
Hsipaw to offer rice to monks in Maha Muni Pagoda

HIPSAPW, 29 Sept—Rice offering ceremony will be held alongside 118th anniversary Pagoda Puja at Hsipaw in northern Shan State scheduled to be held soon.

Organizers sought advice from venerable monks for holding the rice offering ceremony at the pagoda on 25 September.

Edutecative talks given in Nyaungshwe Tsp

NYAUNGSHWE, 29 Sept—Edutecative talks on safety of tourists, crime rate reduction, anti-human trafficking and AIDS were given at General Administration Department office in Nyaungshwe Township on 26 September.

Egg and milk offered to students in Labutta

LABUTTA, 29 Sept—Egg and milk were offered to students of Basic Education High School No 1 in Labutta on 26 September.

Thanatpin Township WVO grants stipends

THANATPIN, 29 Sept—War Veterans Organization in Thatnapin Township presented stipends to students of Township WVO in a ceremony held at Thatnapin Township WVO office on 25 September.
The most valuable heritage

The whole world today is facing climate change because of the unhealthy natural environment acting as host for super storms, heat waves, cold waves, melting ice, floods, and droughts all destructive to mankind. Many global countries including Myanmar are conserving flora and fauna as measures for curing the natural environment.

We need a healthy natural environment for the continued existence of all living things and non-living things on this planet. So, the protection and conservation of nature is a must for every one of us.

One of the possible ways to save the Earth’s biodiversity is through establishing forest reserves which can also help balance the climate. In this context, we in Myanmar are setting up more tree plantations and forest reserves apart from protecting and conserving the existing forests.

In fact, throughout the eras, we have been looking after the nature, especially through greening projects all over the country. On the other hand, the country’s growing population needs more food, and more food means more croplands.

The rapid expansion of sown acreage has adverse effects on the nature and trees in one way or another. But the more sinister cause is the indiscriminate felling of trees by locals for their livelihood in some cases, and by greedy businesses in other cases.

The fragility of nature was more visible in the arid regions where annual rain fall is less than 40 inches. But thanks to the State-sponsored greening projects, and fuel wood substitute projects, trees are thriving again in the regions lying in the central part of the country. In addition, the State is accelerating the conservation and regeneration of mangrove forests that were decreasing at the hands of some businesses.

Today, we are launching the nation-wide greening task through accelerated tree plantation works as a healthy natural environment is the most valuable heritage for the future generations.

Collaborative support ...

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the map of today’s Myanmar. Collaborative support is needed rather than words of praise.

The third draft of the bill to protect the rights of national races was submitted to Region/State Advocate-General Office including Attorney-General Office of the Union and coordination is in progress. Today-meeting will carry on with the bill. A joint committee to review the Constitution chaired by the deputy Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann poses for documentary photo with those present at the meeting with families of development of Rakhine State.—MNA

Hluttaw speaker is carrying out the task for the constitutional amendment. The law to promote the rights and interest of farmers will emerge soon. The law will be of great benefit to farmers.

In accord with the motto of “People's voice is Hluttaw voice; People's desire is Hluttaw desire; People's hope is to be realized by Hluttaw, the implementation of the public interest meets with success to a certain extent,” but mission is still not accomplished.

He said listening to the voices of people during his tours of Shan States (South) and (North) and (East) and Taninthayi Region is beneficial for him. He acknowledged those working abroad who love their own country and want to take part in nation-building endeavours.

He made a vow that the Hluttaw, on its part, will take care of the tasks to develop Rakhine State and coordinate with the government for the development of Rakhine State.

Next, U Zaw Aye Maung, Yangon Region minister for Rakhine national race, U Bo Min Pyu, advocate, U Thein Shwe, Rakhine representative, U Hla Maung Thein, chairman of Rakhine association, Maung Zaw Myo Naing of Yangon Institute of Education, Daw Saw Khin Tint, chairperson of Rakhine Literature and Culture Association (Yangon), and representatives from 17 townships in Rakhine State reported to the Speaker on matters related to the development of Rakhine State.

Then, the Speaker received gifts, traditional Rakhine turban and a statue emblematic of Rakhine national race, presented by the Yangon region minister for Rakhine national race.

In his concluding speech, the Speaker reiterated reports presented at the today’s meeting will be submitted not only to the nearest Pyidaungsu Hluttaw session and the President but also the Rakhine State government and Hluttaw. Today’s reports are beneficial for Rakhine State as well as the Union. It will be a Master Plan for the whole country sometime.

After the meeting, the Speaker cordially greeted those present.

Chin State Hluttaw continues eighth day session

NAV PI TAW, 29 Sept—The sixth session of first Chin State Hluttaw continued its eighth day session on 27 September morning and attended by Chief Minister of Chin State U Hong Ngai, State Hluttaw Speaker U Hauk Khin Khan and 18 representatives.

At the meeting, Hluttaw representatives approved the bill and discussed amending a bill.—MNA

Cambodia’s flood kills 28, affect 73,600 families

PHNOM PENH, 29 Sept—Floods has killed at least 28 people, including 16 children, and affected 73,600 families in Cambodia in the last two weeks, a disaster control official said on Sunday.

Some 7,900 families have been forced to flee their houses for higher grounds as more than 62,000 houses, 385 schools and 245 Buddhist pagodas are inundated, Keo Vy, chief of the Cabinet of the National Committee for Disaster Management (NCDM), said.

Ten out of the kingdom’s 24 cities and provinces are being hit by the Mekong River and flash floods, he said.

“As water still continue to rise, there will be more people affected and evacuated in coming days,” he told Xinhua.

He said tourism city Siem Reap-Angkor is also being hit by flash floods due to heavy rainfall in the last two days, but floodwaters may not last for long time.

Prime Minister Hun Sen on Friday ordered authorities to closely monitor flood situation and prepare to evacuate affected people to safe grounds.

He said the impact of low pressure system and tropical storm Wutip has been causing heavy rainfall in the Mekong River basin and in Cambodia.

“The government would like to advise concerned ministries and authorities to be on high alert and prepare rescue measures to evacuate people to safe grounds so that fatalities and property damage by floods will be reduced,” he said in a directive.

Floods usually hit Cambodia between August and October. In 2011, the country was hit the worst from floods, killing up to 250 people, according to the NCDM.—Xinhua
Sitagu free eye hospital gives free health care in Hsipaw

The free eye hospital under the aegis of Sitagu Sayadaw Dr Ashin Nanissara, free eye care services were provided to the patients from 26 to 29 September in commemoration of the 25th anniversary of Sitagu eye hospital under the supervision of Secretary of Hsipaw Maha Mun Buddha Image Sayadaw Bhaddanta Paññasi. Eye specialist Daw Khin Ohn Han and specialists and staff of the hospital, members of Region Maternal and Child Welfare Supervisory Committee, members of village library supervisory committee, staff members of three district IPRDs and trainees.

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Bago Region MCWSC, WAO give free health care in Madauk

Next, DVD on health knowledge were distributed to the patients, medicines to local people and cash to older persons. The health knowledge talk was attended by Township Administrator U Thihain Soe, Head of Township Health Department Dr Khin Zaw, Chairperson of Township MCWA Daw Moe Moe Aye and party and departmental officials.

Multiplier First-aid Course conducted in Taninthayi Tsp

Plan to build high-rise housing in Chanayethazan Tsp

Under the supervision of Taninthayi Township Red Cross Supervisory Committee, the multiplier basic first aid course was conducted at the office of Taninthayi Township Red Cross Society from 28 to 22 September.

Chairman of the hospital may dial 09-5278173, 09-5278109 and 09-3070442.—Kyemon-Sai (Hsipaw)

CSCs issued in Myeik

Amyotha Hluttaw representative U Tin Shan, Head of Myeik District IRND U Aung Tun Baw and Headmaster U Myint Aung viewed issuance of the cards to the students.

Myeik Township Immigration and National Registration Department issued cards to 320 students of Basic Education High School No 1. Kyemon-Myeik District IPRD

Village administrator cup football tourney concludes

Palaw, 29 Sept.—The final match of the Village Administrator Cup Football Tournament was held at Pyinnge Village sports ground on 25 September afternoon.

In the final match, Pyinnge village beat Ywale Ward. Village administrator U Tun Wai presented prizes to the winning teams and gave K.150,000 to champion Pyinnge Village. Altogether 12 football teams participated in the tournament.

The final match was enjoyed by about 1600 spectators of the villagers. Kyemon-Palaw IPRD

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Kyemon-Kyaw Kyaw Latt

The green light for construction have been given to five companies for construction of Seiktarama Housing Project.

The housing project will commence in November 2013 and it will complete in March 2015. The present Pyidawtha Housing has 28 buildings. Each building gives accommodation to four staff, totalling 112.

While new buildings are being constructed, the staff families from the old housing will be temporarily accommodated at the housing.

Kyemon-Maung Pyi Thu (Mandalay)
More than 30 still missing after Australia-bound refugee boat sink

Indonesian police said there was a total of 80 people on the boat, of whom 25 were rescued. That leaves up to 33 people still missing.

“We found the boat broken and destroyed,” Indonesia’s counter-terrorism agency, which went to the scene of the sinking with police, said via a text message.

“The illegal immigrants were from four countries (including) Syria, Jordan and Yemen.” On Saturday, police said some of the passengers had also been from Lebanon.

About 400 boats carrying asylum seekers have arrived in Australia over the past 12 months and about 45,000 asylum seekers have arrived since late 2007, when the former Labour government relaxed border policies, eventually tightening them again in the face of a voter backlash.

Reuters

Guinea votes in long-delayed parliamentary election

Conakry, 29 Sept—Guinea voted on Saturday in a parliamentary election touted as the completion of its transition to democracy after a 2008 military coup and the end to decades of political instability.

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Elected lawmakers will replace a transitional council that has been in place since 2010, and a smooth election could usher in a period of stability needed to attract investments in Guinea’s mining sector where investor interest has waned due to the political violence and the collapse of metal prices.

Guinea’s bauxite, iron ore, gold and diamond reserves have failed to translate into prosperity and progress for the country of 11.5 million people due to years of misrule.

The vote, if successful, will also free up 140 million euros ($200 million) in European Union aid.

More than 5 million voters are expected to cast ballots for about 2,000 candidates vying for 114 seats in the National Assembly.

No party is expected to win an outright majority and coalition-building would be needed in the aftermath.

In a country where the president holds real power, the legislative election is seen as a rehearsal for the 2015 presidential election when incumbent President Alpha Conde’s five-year mandate ends.

“The will be no threat of destabilization, everything will go well. The government will take its responsibility and make sure of that and the country will be calm,” Conde said after voting in Conakry on Saturday. “I hope the vote of the Guinean people will be respected.”

Saturday’s vote pits a coalition backing Conde’s RPG party against an opposition alliance centered around Cello Dalein Diallo, leader of the UFDG party, who Conde defeated in the 2010 presidential run-off.

Several hundred people had gathered at polling stations in the capital Conakry as they opened by 0730 GMT and results are expected by 1730 GMT.

A woman casts her ballot at a polling station in Guinea’s capital Conakry on 28 Sept, 2013. —Reuters

Syria’s crisis could end within weeks if halting support to rebels

Damascus, 29 Sept—Syrian Foreign Minister Walid al-Moallem said on Saturday that the long-standing crisis in Syria could end within weeks if countries that support the rebels in Syria halted their support.

Moallem made the remarks during an interview with the Russian TV channel after the UN General Assembly session in New York, during which he said that as long as the US, Europe and some Gulf countries are supporting the terrorist group, the crisis will continue.

On the other hand, if those countries halt their support and truly adopt the political solution, the crisis could end within weeks, he said.

“Many countries speak about supporting a political solution. This is important but this means that they need to be committed to stop their financing, and arm the terrorist group. Especially neighboring countries like Turkey, Saudi Arabia and Qatar,” he continued.

Speaking in a televised statement at the White House on Friday, Obama confirmed his direct phone chat with Iranian President Rouhani regarding nuclear program, the first talk between the two countries’ presidents for more than 30 years.

Xinhua

Four people injured in blast at Ankara missile factory

Ankara, 29 Sept — Four people were wounded in a blast in a missile factory in the Turkish capital of Ankara on Saturday, the semi-official Anatolia Agency reported.

The explosion took place at a factory run by ROKEKSAN, a local defense firm that produces short- and medium-range missiles for the Turkish Armed Forces, in Elmadag District.

Two workers who were seriously injured were taken to hospital for medical treatment, said the report.

The blast occurred while workers were performing a controlled explosion during the disposal of waste materials, said the report.

An investigation has been launched into the incident to find out if there is any attempt for sabotage at the production facility.

Xinhua

A Free Syrian Army fighter smokes while monitoring an area through a mirror inside a room in Deir al-Zor on 28 Sept, 2013. —Reuters
Aftershock kills 15 in quake-hit Pakistan province

QUETTA, 29 Sept—At least 15 people were killed on Saturday when an aftershock hit a Pakistan province where hundreds were killed in an major earthquake earlier this week.

Saturday’s 6.8 magnitude aftershock destroyed most of the town of Nokjo in the western Province of Baluchistan, police said. The town is home to at least 15,000 people.

At least 515 people were killed in Tuesday’s earthquake in the same province, officials said on Friday.

The death toll from Saturday’s aftershock may rise, said Khan Wasey, the spokesman for the paramilitary Frontier Corps.

Aid deliveries have been complicated by the fact the remote region is home to separatist insurgents who fear the army, which is overseeing aid operations, may take advantage of the crisis to move more forces into the area.

On Saturday, four soldiers were killed when insurgents attacked an aid convoy being escorted by government forces, an army spokesman said. The insurgents have twice fired on helicopters carrying aid workers or supplies.

The Baluch insurgents accuse military forces of human rights abuses and Pakistan of exploiting Baluchistan’s mineral wealth while local people live in poverty. Human rights groups say the military frequently abducts and kills ethnic Baluch.

The rebels frequently attack the Pakistan armed forces and have also been responsible for executing civilians like teachers and doctors from other ethnic groups.

Thai govt calls for patience in face of flood

BANGKOK, 29 Sept—The Thai government on Saturday urged people to be patient and trust the government in tackling the flood situation when the eastern part of the country is severely submerged.

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The deputy PM assured that the scenario like the devastating flooding in 2011 in which all major dams in Thailand were at full capacity would not happen. He said the major dams in Thailand are now at half of its capacity and can contain more than 10,000 million cubic metres.

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Vietnam calls for long-term development plan with global cooperation

UNITED NATIONS, 29 Sept—Vietnamese Prime Minister Nguyen Tan Dung on Friday called on the United Nations to use the money to be generated from the surcharge is aimed at securing fiscal resources for reconstruction. “It is necessary to make efforts to secure resources in a convincing way.” The government plan to bring forward the end of the surcharge is aimed at decreasing the tax burden on the corporate sector prior to the planned sales tax hike next April to 8 percent from 5 percent.

The proposal, however, has met resistance from ruling party lawmakers worried about the impact on reconstruction. Ishiba also indicated that companies should make it clear how they will use the money to be generated by the tax reduction, apparently urging them to allocate it for wage hikes and capital investment.

President Xi to visit Indonesia, Malaysia, attend APEC summit

BANGKOK, 29 Sept—Chinese President Xi Jinping will pay state visits to Indonesia, Malaysia and attend the 21st economic leaders’ meeting of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) forum in Indonesia’s Bali from 2 to 8 October, the Foreign Ministry announced on Sunday.

Ministry spokesman Qin Gang read in a statement that President Xi was invited by Indonesian President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono and Malaysian Supreme Head of State Abdul Halim Mu’adzam Shah, respectively.

A teacher of Phuket Confucius Institute introduces photos to local students at an exhibition jointly held by Phuket Confucius Institute and the Bangkok branch of Xinhua News Agency in Phuket, Thailand, on 28 Sept, 2013. As part of the Xinhua Gallery, the exhibition which presents photos and pictures of the contemporary China opened here on Saturday.

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Xinhua

Disaster reconstruction funds must be secured

OKYO, 29 Sept — A senior member of the ruling Liberal Democratic Party stressed the need Sunday to secure fiscal resources for continued reconstruction of areas hit by the March 2011 disaster if a special corporate tax surcharge to fund rehabilitation projects is ended a year early.

“The LDP is worried about whether it will be possible to secure financial resources for reconstruction,” Shigeru Ishiba, LDP secretary general, said on a Fuji Television Network programme. “It is necessary to make efforts to secure resources in a convincing way.” The government plan to bring forward the end of the surcharge is aimed at decreasing the tax burden on the corporate sector prior to the planned sales tax hike next April to 8 percent from 5 percent.

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**Michael Jackson’s coach trains Chinese teen**

GUANGZHOU, 29 Sept—US vocal coach Seth Riggs has been the master behind the magic of several superstars, including Michael Jackson, Stevie Wonder and Madonna. Now the 83-year-old is coaching a new Chinese singing sensation — and she’s just 13 years old.

In early September, Riggs and his family traveled to the Chinese mainland for the first time, offering hands-on vocal training to teen singer “Dou Dou” in south China’s city of Shenzen.

“I came to visit a friend here and he said we have a girl for you to work with. We want you to help her because she needs to get to the next level,” Riggs said.

“Dou Dou,” also known as Huang Jiaqi, is a budding star who made her name by singing the 2008 Beijing Olympics theme song “You and Me.” During the 2012 London Olympics, she gave her first overseas concert at the Hackney Empire Theatre in London at the invitation of the International Olympic Committee.

However, like many young singers transitioning into adolescence, Huang has struggled to find the right methods to keep developing her talent. Riggs’ training is expected to help her learn how to maintain and develop her skill.

During their half-month-long stay, Riggs and his wife Margareta Svensson trained Huang for three to four hours every day. “Riggs taught me how to sing songs in the right way, get me through the transitional period and eventually have a more mature voice,” Huang said, adding that she has gained a lot from the training sessions.

“She has a wonderful ear and she stays right on pitch when she sings. She had to change from singing like a little girl to singing like all of us,” Riggs said. “She got on very quickly. We are very impressed with her.”

Riggs used a teaching method known as “Speech Level Singing” to train Huang, the same technique he used to coach Michael Jackson.

Riggs created the method while still a music student, as he was unsatis-
fied with his own singing at that time. He discovered a way of singing that utilizes the same vocal techniques used when speaking. The method allows singers to sing with greater power, clarity and expression, but with less effort.

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**Chinese airlines suffer from false terror threats**

BEIJING, 29 Sept—Chinese airlines and airports have suffered more than 80 cases of false terrorist threats so far this year causing panic among the public, a court official said on Sunday. Those involved in fabricating and deliberately spreading false terrorist threats will receive harsh punishments ranging from detention to a jail term of up to five years, or more for those whose actions have severe consequences, said Lyu Guanglun, an official with the Supreme People’s Court at a press conference.

The court published explanations effective from Monday, on how cases should be tried.

From 15 to 18 May, there were six cases of fabricating bomb threats in China, causing plane diversions, emergency landings and delays of 22 flights in Beijing, Shanghai and Guangzhou, said the court’s spokesman Sun Jungong.

According to the explanations, once flights have been delayed or security checks have to be carried out again due to false terrorist threats, those involved will face criminal charges. Those causing direct economic loss above 500,000 yuan (81,700 US dollars) to airlines will receive jail terms of more than five years. People who make and spread terror threats to cause disorder or evacuation in airports, stations, ports, shopping malls and theaters will face criminal charges.

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**Aircraft turns over at Sek Kong Airfield in HK**

HONG KONG, 29 Sept—A Hong Kong Aviation Club Cesna 172 fixed-wing, single-engined aircraft with registration number B-HRH turned over on the field by the side of the runway end when landing at Sek Kong Airfield at 10:02 am on Saturday, according to a circular posted on the government’s website.

One pilot and three passengers were on board the aircraft when the accident occurred. All the four people managed to escape from the aircraft, with two sustaining minor injuries and no hospital treatment was required, according to the circular.

The accident is under investigation, and the preliminary report is expected to be released within a month.

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**Special PLA medical squad starts service**

BEIJING, 29 Sept—A special medical service squad of the Chinese People’s Liberation Army (PLA) has started work, the PLA Daily reported on Sunday.

The flagship newspaper of China’s armed forces said the squad passed an appraisal on Saturday.

The squad was established on Aug. 1 and has been in training for two months.

The squad will promote reform in medical support methods during warfare and play an important role in non-combat military operations such as disaster rescue and relief, the report quoted an unnamed PLA official as saying.

The 40-member squad is comprised of 37 officers majoring in medical care and three female soldiers majoring in nursing.

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**An autistic child plays during an Autism campaign in Jakarta, Indonesia, on 28 Sept, 2013.**

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**An aircraft turns over at Sek Kong Airfield in HK**

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**A crew member of the Chinese PLA medical squad presents an artwork during the charity auction of the 2013 Beijing Design Week in Beijing, capital of China, on 28 Sept, 2013. A total of over 500,000 yuan (about 81,700 US dollars) earned through the auction will be donated to the Beijing Gaozhanxiang Culture and Arts Foundation.**
Paris Hilton debuts track with Lil Wayne

Los Angeles, 29 Sept—Socialite Paris Hilton has unveiled a track featuring rapper Lil Wayne from her forthcoming second album. A 15-second extract of the music video of the song Good Time shows Hilton dancing at a party and frolicking by a pool in a bikini, reported Ace Showbiz.

The star’s record label, Cash Money—which is also home to Wayne—are excited by her latest shot at being a pop star.

“I am very excited. I’m very appreciative that she’s part of the team. She’s very talented, and a beautiful young woman. She played us music, and I was taken aback. I was impressed by her music, and I didn’t know she could sing so well,” Cash Money co-founder Birdman said.

Hilton made her first attempt at cracking the pop market in 2006 with debut Paris, which contained the single Stars Are Blind—a top ten hit in more than 10 countries—but the album wasn’t a huge seller.

Her second album is rumoured to contain big name guests including Flo Rida, LMFAO, David Guetta and Afrojack, and is thought to have a dance music edge.

Taylor Swift to star in The Giver?

New York, 29 Sept—Country star Taylor Swift has reportedly cast alongside Meryl Streep and Jeff Bridges in sci-fi thriller The Giver.

The 23-year-old I Knew You Were Trouble singer was spotted getting cozy with Australian newcomer Brenton Thwaites at Toronto International Film Festival earlier this month.

The pair were introduced by Harvey Weinstein, whose Weinstein Company will produce The Giver, reported New York Post.

“Harvey introduced Taylor to Brenton in Toronto because they were both going to be in the film,” a source said. True Blood star Alexander Skarsgard is also being considered for a role in the movie. The Giver is set in a dystopian society, which is disturbed when a 12-year-old boy named Jonas (Thwaites) is selected to learn from an elderly man, The Giver (Bridges), about the pain and strife of the real world.

I look up to Oprah Winfrey and Madonna

Los Angeles, 29 Sept—Singer Nicki Minaj’s days are long filled with studio time, fragrance creation, as well as filming TV and movie spots, and the rapper admits building her “queendom” can be overwhelming at times.

Part of Minaj’s drive comes from the desire to stay relevant in the ever-evolving music world.

Taylor Swift was spotted at Toronto International Film Festival earlier this month

Ben Affleck in awe of Justin Timberlake

Los Angeles, 29 Sept—Actor Ben Affleck says it is “inspiring” to work with pop star Justin Timberlake with whom he has teamed up for crime drama Runner Runner.

“I love Justin. Being around Justin is inspiring, he works really hard, he’s incredibly gifted. There’s nothing the guy can’t do. I really am the biggest fan of his. I’m trying to win tickets to the show,” Affleck said in a statement.

Affleck also said he suffered low self-esteem due to Timberlake’s multi-talented personality.

“He dances like Michael Jackson, sings, writes music...There’s 400 million boy bands, he’s the one guy that became a gigantic star,” he added.

Runner Runner is slated to release on 4 October.

Jack Johnson tops Billboard 200, Lorde lands top digital song

Los Angeles, 29 Sept—Hawaiian folk singer Jack Johnson landed his fourth No 1 album on the Billboard 200 album chart on Wednesday, while New Zealand newcomer Lorde overtook Katy Perry and Miley Cyrus to top the digital songs chart.

Johnson’s “From Here to Now to You” sold 117,000 copies in its first week, according to figures from Nielsen SoundScan. It was the only album to cross the 100,000 sales mark this week.

Country music singer Justin Moore debuted at No 2 with his third studio album, “Off the Beaten Path,” selling $6,000 copies, while fellow country music artist Chris Young came in at No. 3 with “AM,” selling 52,000 copies.

Other debuts included Maybach Music Group’s “MMG: Self Made 3,” at No 4, a compilation featuring the record label’s artists including Meek Mill, Wale and Rick Ross.

Swedish DJ Avicii landed at No. 5 with his debut studio album, “True,” which features the hit single “Wake Me Up!”

Country crooner Billy Currington rounded out the top 10 with his latest album, “We Are Tonight.”

On the digital songs chart, which measures download sales, Lorde shot to the top with her single “Royals,” selling more than 307,000 downloads in the past week. “Royals” has also been played on music-streaming service Spotify 20 million times since its release in March.

Nicki Minaj says that she wants to reinvent herself

‘If you can do what you do, I can do this,’ because what I’m doing is such a small fraction of what their days must be like’, she added. Part of Minaj’s drive comes from the desire to stay relevant in the ever-evolving music world.

Musician Jack Johnson performs during his concert as part of his To The Sea tour in Brasilia on 25 May, 2011. —Reuters
**SPORTS**

**Slick Arsenal win to stay top, United, City lose**

LONDON, 29 Sept—Arsenal held on to top spot with a 2-1 win at Swansea in the Premier League on Saturday after Tottenham drew with Chelsea and both Manchester clubs suffered shock defeats that left them trailing London’s big three.

Arsenal continued to make a mockery of gloomy close-season predictions as they went two points clear with second-half goals from Serge Gnabry and Aaron Ramsey before a late consolation from Swansea’s Ben Davies. United suffered more misery when they went down 2-1 at home to West Bromwich Albion in their worst start to a Premier League season with the champions in the bottom half after six games. Morgan Amalfitano and Sai Dow Bora scored for the visitors either side of a Wayne Rooney leveleri at Old Trafford to leave United 12th a week after a home to Chelsea while Southampton’s watertight defence held firm as they climbed to fourth spot with a 2-0 victory at home to Crystal Palace.

City also suffered an unexpected reverse at Aston Villa, who scored three second-half goals to win 3-2. Spurs stay second, two points adrift of their north London rivals, after a 1-1 draw at a team that suffered shock defeats that Saturday after Tottenham in the Premier League on Saturday. Arsenal continued to suffer a shock defeat at local rivals City.

Marianne Vos of the Netherlands celebrates on the podium after winning the gold medal in the women’s elite road race at the UCI Road World Championships in Florence on 28 Sept. 2013. —Reuters

**Vos goes solo to retain road race world title**

FLORENCE, (Italy) 29 Sept.—A brutal burst of acceleration by Dutchwoman Marianne Vos to crush her rivals yet again to retain her cycling road race world title in awe-inspiring fashion on Saturday.

The Olympic champion made her move on the steep ramp on the Via Salviati and never looked back, widening the gap with her rivals in the final four kilometers.

Swede Emma Johansson took second place after outsprinting Italian Rosella Ratto.

“It is hard to win one title but to defend one is really tough,” said Vos, who was the overwhelming favourite going into the 140-km race.

“The Italians made it a very tough race... I was not too confident in the last lap but on the steep climb I saw an opportunity.”

The Italian team, with double world champion Giorgia Bronzini, were out to isolate Vos, but she never looked troubled, having Anna van der Breggen to thank after her team mate protected her all day. “She has been in fine form all season and she was the one we wanted to have in the finale to keep it together,” a beaming Vos told a news conference.—Reuters

**Moyes needs response after worst United start in 24 years**

LONDON, 29 Sept.—If David Moyes wondered how difficult it would be to replace Alex Ferguson at Manchester United then the scale of the task was brought home by a stinging Premier League defeat to West Bromwich Albion on Saturday.

The United manager, who stepped into the shoes of the club’s most successful servant in the close-season, put a brave face on their third loss in their opening six league games but must now rebuild morale on the back of their worst start in 24 years.

“You’re always going to have bad results in football, it is how you deal with them,” he told the BBC after the shock 2-1 defeat at Old Trafford.

“We will move on and look forward to the next one. There are lots of games here and you get ready for the next one. I’m concerned after the game but only because we didn’t play well. We can put it right.”—Reuters

**Kvitova downs Kerber to take Tokyo title**

TOkyo, 29 Sept.—Czech Petra Kvitova overcame a second set meltdown to dispatch Angelique Kerber 6-2, 0-6, 6-3 in the final of the Pan Pacific Open in Tokyo on Saturday to claim her 11th WTA tour title.

The 2011 Wimbledon champion sealed victory on her fourth match point when Kerber could only find the net after the Czech left-hander had forced her back with a customary deep forehand.

It was Kvitova’s second WTA title of the year following her success in Dubai in February and the win is expected to move her up from 11th to seventh in the rankings as she closes in on a spot at the WTA Championships in Istanbul next month.

“It’s always a great feeling if you win a title at a tournament. It means a lot for me. I’m glad I have some points toward the Championships,” Kvitova said after her win at the $2,369,000 hard court tournament.

“I still have some tournaments left but I want to focus on today, I just want to enjoy.”

The match up between the duo, both ousted former world number ones in the last four, was the first all-left-handed WTA final since 2009 and first in 20 years at a ‘Premier’ level.

Seventh seed Kvitova, 23, made a fast start by using her bludgeoning groundstrokes to wrap up the opener 6-2 before the momentum shifted heavily in favour of the German.

Kerber, 25, began to find her range and broke Kvitova three times in the second set to level the contest but was unable to carry that momentum into the decider.

The German, seeded five in Tokyo and ranked ninth in the world, double faulted to hand Kvitova a key break in the second game of the third set as the Czech raced into a 4-0 lead after another booming forehand gave her a second break.

But Kerber refused to give up and she broke back in the fifth game when Kvitova netted a backhand and then held serve to make it 2-4.

Kerber of Germany during her singles final match at the Pan Pacific Open tennis tournament in Tokyo on 28 Sept. 2013. —Reuters

Petra Kvitova of the Czech Republic celebrates after defeating Angelique Kerber of Germany during their singles final match at the Pan Pacific Open tennis tournament in Tokyo on 28 Sept. 2013. —Reuters

**New Light of Myanmar**

**Moyes reacts following their English Premier League soccer match against West Bromwich Albion at Old Trafford in Manchester on 28 Sept. 2013. —Reuters**

**Arsenal’s Aaron Ramsey (R) scores a goal during their English Premier League soccer match at the Liberty Stadium in Swansea, Wales on 28 Sept. 2013. —Reuters**

**Arsenal’s Aaron Ramsey (R) scores a goal during their English Premier League soccer match at the Liberty Stadium in Swansea, Wales on 28 Sept. 2013. —Reuters**
12 trapped in N China coal mine accident

FENGYANG, (Shanxi), 29 Sept — Twelve workers were confirmed to be trapped after flooding in a coal mine in north China’s Shanxi Province early Saturday morning, the coal mine company said.

The accident occurred at 3:10 am at the Zhensheng Coal Mine of Shanxi Coking Coal Group Co, Ltd in Fenyang City, when 42 workers were working underground. Twelve miners remain trapped underground and 30 others were lifted out of the mine shaft safely, according to the company.

Further rescue efforts and investigation are underway.

China emerges as Mozambique’s largest creditor

MAPUTO, 29 Sept — China emerged as Mozambique’s main international financial creditor last year, extending loans worth 1.15 billion US dollars at the end of 2012, the report said, citing the ministry of mines. The loans covered both soft loans and commercial ones.

Chinese projects in the country include various road and bridge constructions such as the ring road of the capital city Maputo.

Messi helps Barca set club record and then limps off

MADRID, 29 Sept — Champions Barcelona made it seven wins out of seven in La Liga, setting a club record to a campaign, with a 2-0 victory at promoted Almeria on Saturday.

World Player of the Year Lionel Messi struck the opener after 21 minutes with a wonderful solo effort and added a second goal in the 56th minute to help Barca move three ahead of second-placed Real Madrid in the 56th minute to help move Barca on to 21 points.

Barca coach Gerardo Martino rang the changes on the sidelines of the In-

Singapore has open skies agreement with more than 50 countries

SINGAPORE, 29 Sept — Singapore has signed open skies agreement with Sierra Leone, Slovenia and Tanzania, the Ministry of Transport said on Saturday.

So far Singapore has air services agreements with more than 120 countries, of which more than 50 are open skies agreements, it said.

The open skies agreements with the three countries were signed by Transport Minister Lui Tuck Yew and his counterparts on the sidelines of the International Civil Aviation Organization Assembly in Montreal, Canada.

Under each of the agreements, designated airlines will be able to fly between Singapore and the other country, as well as via and beyond to any third country, without restrictions in capacity, frequency or aircraft type.

The agreements underscore Singapore’s commitment to establishing a liberal air services framework in Singapore and internationally, Lui said.

Barcelona’s Leo Messi (L) celebrates with Cesc Fabregas (C) and Adriano Correia after scoring against Almeria during their Spanish First Division soccer match at Estadio Mediterraneo stadium in Almeria on 28 Sept, 2013. —REUTERS

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Preparations underway for international sports event in Nay Pyi Taw

NAY PYI TAW, 29 Sept—Union Minister for Hotels and Tourism U Htay Aung met with general managers and staff of hotels in Nay Pyi Taw Hotel Zone at Shwe Namdaw Hotel, here, yesterday.

He said 4145 suites will be ready to provide service to visitors in Nay Pyi Taw when the 27th SEA Games took place in Nay Pyi Taw, Yangon, Mandalay and Ngwehsaung and it is planned to accommodate athletes at the sports village in Nay Pyi Taw. He stressed the need to take constant training from now on to be able to provide visitors with hospitality and good service. Next, the hotel managers and officials explained preparations being made in their hotels respectively.—MNA

Agreement on Yangon City water supply project inked

YANGON, 29 Sept—With the aim of improving water supply system of Yangon City Development Committee, the YCDC and Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) signed an agreement for assistance at the hall of the YCDC yesterday afternoon.

Yangon Region Minister for Development Affairs Mayor U Hla Myint, Head of JICA-Myanmar Office Mr Masahiko TANAKA made speeches and signed the agreement.

Water level of Sittoung River may fall under its danger level

NAY PYI TAW, 29 Sept—According to the observation at 12:30 hrs MST today, the water level of Sittoung River at Toungoo has exceeded 5 cm above its danger level commencing 1:30 am today. It may fall under its danger level within next 24 hours commencing this noon, announced the Meteorology and Hydrology Department.

Low pressure stills persist

NAY PYI TAW, 29 Sept—According to the observation at 12:30 hrs MST today, a low pressure area has formed over Northwest Bay of Bengal, announced by Meteorology and Hydrology Department.

Gunmen kill at least 40 in attack on Nigerian college

DAMATURU, Nigeria 29, Sept—Gunmen killed at least 40 people on Sunday in an attack on a college in northeast Nigeria, a Reuters witness said, in a region where Islamist militants have targeted schools and universities.

Islamist sect Boko Haram has intensified attacks on civilian targets in recent weeks in reaction to a military offensive against its insurgency. Boko Haram and spin-off Islamist groups like the al Qaeda-linked Ansaru have become the biggest security threat in Africa’s second largest economy and top oil exporter.—Reuters

Pre-SEA Games Futsal Test Match 2013

NAY PYI TAW, 29 Sept—Pre-SEA Games Futsal Test Match 2013 was held at Wunna Theik-diddy Futsal gymnasium, here, this morning, with an address by Chairman of Myanmar National Sports Committee Union Minister for Sports U Tint Hsan.

The Union minister said that he believes Myanmar will get experience from holding Pre-SEA Games Test Match and it will promote amity among the countries. The athletes will have a chance to know development, honesty and hospitality of Myanmar, he added. He then enjoyed the women’s match competition between Thai and Malaysian teams.

Road signs to be erected in Yangon before 27th SEA Games

As the 27th South-East Asian Games is drawing near, Ministry of Sports has been making preparations for the games, putting finishing touches to their preparations for hosting the games.

Twenty-five games will be held in Nay Pyi Taw, seven in Yangon, one (sailing event) in Ngwehsaung and one (women’s soccer match) in Mandalay.

In Yangon, Youth Training Centre (Thuwanna) in Yangon will host the men’s soccer match; Thelhyu Stadium the weightlifting; Insein MCC Hall the body-building contest; National Indoor Stadium-1 wrestling competition and Kampoo competition and Dagon Myothit (North) the shooting contest.

Foreign visitors from sports field will tour around Yangon during the 27th SEA Games. As part of efforts for giving the reception to them, the departments under the Yangon City Development Committee are working hard to beautify the city.

Road and Bridge Department has erected road signs and road safety signs at junctions in Yangon.

“We have planned to erect 400 Road signs and road safety signs in Yangon before the SEA Games,” said an official from the Engineering Department (Road and Bridge).

Athletes seen at the opening ceremony of Pre-SEA Games Futsal Test Match 2013.—MNA

Four men’s and women’s teams from four nations will compete in the event. Afterwards, the Union minister enjoyed the competition of snooker and billiards and formally opened the gymnasium.

The Union minister, Deputy Minister U Zaw Win and officials awarded prizes to winners.—MNA

By: Ko Gyi Tin

Photo: Myint Aung (MPI)

So far, nearly 200 road signs and road safety signs have been erected in Yangon, according to the department. Besides, YCDC is committed to upgrading the city into having the image of a city.

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