President U Thein Sein sends messages of felicitations to ROK, FRG

THANDWE, 2 Oct — President U Thein Sein met with town elders of Rakhine national races and Islam social leaders from Sittway, Rakhine State, separately today at Bandoola Hall in Sittway and discussed matters on community peace and development affairs.

After the meeting, he inspected the camps for internally displaced persons and normality of the town in a motorcade.

During his tour of Sittway, the President also met with members of the sub-committee for restoration of community peace and development committee and departmental officials.

Rakhine State Chief Minister U Hla Maung Tin reported on measures taken for restoration of community peace, establishment of camps for IDPs and building houses for IDPs and rehabilitation tasks.

After hearing report, the President gave instructions on measures to be taken for gaining community peace, the rule of law and development of socio economy of the local people.

(See page 9)

President U Thein Sein being welcomed by local people and officials on his arrival at Kyaukpyu airport.—MNA

ANA operates its daily flight using new 202-seater Boeing 767

According to Manager Daw Nyo Nyo Khine of All Nippon Airways – ANA Office in Yangon at a press meet on 30 September, ANA's 38-seater Boeing-737 aircraft serving flights to Tokyo from Mingaladon Airport thrice a week will be replaced with a new 202-seater Boeing 767 starting from 30 September.

ANA resumed its Yagon-Japan non-stop flight using 38-seater B-737 aircraft on 15 October 2012 after a 12-year long suspension. ANA used to operate its flights between Japan and Myanmar from 1996 to 2000, she said.

"Arrivals of Japanese visitors had reached 47,000 in 2012 compared to about 20,000 in the previous year. So, ANA will increase its seating capacity by substituting the Boeing-737 aircraft with the new 202-seater Boeing 767," Mr. Mikio Namata, Japanese Ambassador to Myanmar, said at the ceremony to mark the deployment of a new aircraft for daily flight.

Number of passengers traveling between Myanmar and Japan will be on the increase, he added.

Also present at the ceremony were Deputy Minister for Transport U Zin Yaw, Yangon Region Minister for Transport U Aung Khin and officials, and President of Japan-Myanmar Friendship Association U Saw Hla Min. The new aircraft with more than 70 passengers on board operated its maiden flight on that day.

It is learnt that Japan will cooperate with Myanmar on safety aviation and other sectors. The new aircraft bound for Tokyo from Mingaladon Airport will take off at 9.45 pm daily.

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Press release on Thandwe incident

1. A verbal dispute among local people ignited riots on 29 September in Thandwe, Rakhine State. The violent incidents left casualties on both sides and some houses were damaged. The President was deeply touched with the incidents like the people who suffered loss of lives and property.

2. Occurrence of conflicts made a loss not for Rakhine State but for the State while all-out efforts are being made for ensuring peace and stability, rule of law and socio-economic development.

3. Government will take measures for bringing an end to the conflicts as quick as possible, bringing rioters to trial in accord with the law and rebuilding the houses which were burnt down. Public are urged to cooperate with officials in order to avoid recurrence of conflicts.

Press Release Team
Liaison Officer/Volunteer Youth Course concludes

NAY PYI TAW, 2 Oct—The Liaison Officer/Volunteer Youth Course No. 3 concluded at the hall of Yezin University of Agriculture, here, on 28 September morning, with an address by Chairman of the Work Committee for Organizing the XXVII SEA Games Deputy Minister for Sports U Zaw Win.

The training course was attended by 228 students and faculty members and 36 staff from ministries, totalling 264. The course No. 4 will be opened soon.

The liaison officers and volunteer youths will be assigned duties at the stadiums, gymnasiums and sports venues in the XXVII SEA Games to be hosted by Myanmar in 2013.

Kyemon-Phye Sanda

People in 25 villages of Chin State face shortage of food

THANTLANG, 2 Oct—A total of 25 villages in Thantlang Township of Chin State are facing shortage of food due to bad weather and decline of crops production.

“Chin nationals are suffering from shortage of food for four months. This year, our villagers bought rice from India. Now, we have no rice in hand,” said a local.

Stimulant tablets seized in Lashio

LASHIO, 2 Oct—Members of No. 24 Anti-Drug Squad of Lashio led by IP Naing Htanmana together with witnesses, acting on tip-off, searched the house on Nan San Street in Ward 5 of Lashio on 26 September. They did not find the house owner by his son Rauk Mon Wint at alone.

The troops found 20 stimulant tablets with 1 and 88 brand in the packet from the trouers weighing 18 grams.

Lashio Myoma Police Station opened a file of lawsuit against the drug possessor under Sections 15/19(a) of Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.—Kyemon-Zaw Lwin (Lashio)

Motorbike thieves arrested in Nay Pyi Taw Council Area

NAY PYI TAW, 2 Oct—Those who evaded from the case in which Min Min (a) Ko Min and party of motor-cycles theves were arrested by Nay Pyi Taw Police Force on 25 September morning. A squad of Nay Pyi Taw Police Force Office led by IP Thaung Lwin arrested Lin Lin (a) Ko Lin (a) Shan Lay, 17 of Aung Zeya Ward in Zeyathiri Township.

After investigation, the police could expose 13 more motorcycles.

The police search the suspects escaped from the scene.

Kyemon-688

People of Ngathainggyoung happy for subsiding of water level at Ngawun River

NGATHAINGGYOUNG, 2 Oct—Ngawun River water level reached its danger level at Ngathainggyoung Sub-Township of Pathein District in Ayeyawady Region for several times this rainy season.

“Water river level rose three times in our town this rainy season. The local people and students faced hardships in their travels. No we are very happy as the water subsides. We all thank the officials for their contribution to us when we are facing difficulties of flood,” said a parent of student residing near Ngawun River.

During the flooding period, basic education schools were temporarily closed and parents were worried about their children. At that time, they were evacuated to safety.

Kyemon-Thein Zaw (Shweli Oo)

Tourism Industry

Police take care of tourists in Mingun

MINGUN, 2 Oct—Mingun region of Mingun Township is a tourist attractive destination.

Myanmar Police Force assigns duty to members of Tourist Police Force in Mingun region to take care of tourists.

“Tourist Police Force was constituted on 1 April 2013. We have to take care of globetrotters in the tourist destination to be free from crime and loss of property in addition to healthcare services,” a police member said.

A total of 10 police members including one police inspector and four women police members are assigned duty in Mingun region so as to take care of visitors.

The Police opens camps at Pahhtodawgyi, the Great Bell, Myatheindan Pagoda and Pondaw Pagoda jetty in Mingun daily.

Kyemon-Nanda Min Lwin

Crime Reduction

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At present, water level of the river is still subsiding at the town. So, the local people are very happy.

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Kyemon-Thein Zaw (Shweli Oo)
**UN shifts Syria aid focus to prepare for long term**

Syrian refugees rest at a new refugee camp on the outskirts of the city of Arbil, in Iraq’s Kurdistan region, on 20 August, 2013.— **Reuters**

The United Nations is shifting its aid effort for Syria to its third major border city in a bid to help neighbouring countries cope with the humanitarian crisis, the head of the UN refugee agency UNHCR said on Thursday.

More than 100,000 people have been killed in Syria’s 2-1/2-year conflict as rebels fight to oust President Bashar al-Assad. Over 180,000 people are registered with the UN as refugees and 90,000 more as displaced people within Syria. The UN agency UNHCR said 17 countries, including the Arab League, Canada, the United States and New Zealand, were participating in its programme to resettle Syrian refugees, including 12 European countries, Australia, Canada, New Zealand, the United States and Mexico.

But resettlement programmes so far cover only about 10,000 people — a drop in the ocean for a refugee population of 2.1 million and a further 4.25 million displaced people within Syria. With no sign of a rapid end to the conflict, aid agencies are preparing for a third winter of war.

“Already the impact of this crisis in terms of damage has been huge in terms of damage to the Syrian economy, to the Lebanese economy, to Jordan (and the region),” said Anthony Lake, head of UN children’s agency UNICEF.

He told reporters UNICEF in the region was increasingly focusing on building “capacity for the future”, citing for example Lebanon’s public school system where displaced Syrian children will outnumber Lebanese within a few months.— **Reuters**

Britain’s Cameron casts election as battle over free markets

Manchester, (England), 2 Oct—British Prime Minister David Cameron on Wednesday will cast a national election in 2015 as a choice between his “pro-business” ruling Conservative party and what he calls its anti-business socialist rivals.

In a speech to his party’s annual conference in the northern English city of Manchester, Cameron will place Britain’s economic recovery at the heart of his bid for re-election.

He will champion private enterprise as the way to improve living standards and accuse the opposition Labour party of planning to interfere in free markets and subvert capitalism.

Pitching the Conservatives as the party of aspiration and tax cuts, Cameron will seek to counter Labour’s charge that he has stoked a recovery for the wealthy while failing ordinary voters who are grappling with prices rising faster than wages.

“Profit, wealth creation, tax cuts, enterprise: these are not dirty, elitist words—they’re not the problem, they really are the solution because it’s not government that creates jobs, it’s business owners,” Cameron will say.

Extracts of the speech were made available in advance. After cutting the biggest budget deficit since World War Two by a third, Cameron is trying to convince voters that despite three years of economic stagnation, the Conservatives are the only party that can be trusted with the $2.5 trillion economy.

Signs of a recovery had cheered the Labour’s lead in opinion polls, though Labour drew ahead again after promising to take on vested interests, tax bankers more, and freeze energy bills.

Britain’s Prime Minister David Cameron listens as London Mayor Boris Johnson delivers his keynote speech to the Conservative Party annual conference in Manchester, northern England on 1 Oct, 2013.— **Reuters**

**World Bank pledges more funds for poor in troubled states**

Washington, 2 Oct—World Bank President Jim Yong Kim pledged on Tuesday to increase funding for poor people living in states in or close to conflict as part of a new lending strategy for the global development bank and warned of the impact of US fiscal uncertainty on developing nations.

In a speech in Washington, where a partial government shutdown began on Tuesday after a standoff between President Barack Obama and congressional Republicans over healthcare reforms, Kim said the implications could be far-reaching.

US fiscal uncertainty “combined with other sources of volatility in the global economy, could do great damage to emerging markets and developing countries in Africa, Asia, and Latin America that have lifted millions of people out of poverty in recent years,” he said.

RBC Global Asset Management estimates that each week of shutdown will shave about 0.1 percentage point off US economic growth, potentially helping to trim demand for imports.

Kim has sought to energize the bank around a poverty-eradication goal since he assumed his post last year and he has launched a major reorganization to make the institution more nimble and useful, especially to middle-income countries, and work more closely with the private sector. Inequality and limited opportunities for the poorest people in each country can drive instability and breed conflict, Kim said, pointing to developments in the Middle East, where a wave of protests drove decades-old rulers from power.

This is what happens when prosperity is reserved for a select few,” he said in a speech on Tuesday. “All of those left outfeel deeply the burn of inequality.

To achieve its goals amid greater competition for development funds and a tight budget, the World Bank must focus on “bold” projects and technical solutions to countries, he said.

That will involve working with the bank’s private sector arm, the International Finance Corporation (IFC), to encourage businesses to create jobs in poorer countries. It will also require focusing on so-called fragile states, which will house most of the world’s poor people in the next five years. Kim said the bank’s fund for the region will plan to increase its funding to fragile states by 50 percent over the next three years, as would the IFC.

According to a draft strategy paper presented to the bank’s board last month, and seen by Reuters, the new focus will require cutbacks in other programmes.

Kim made no mention of cuts in his speech ahead of the International Monetary Fund-World Bank annual meetings next week. The bank is also still figuring out its financing strategy and may start relying more on fees from advisory services and on earmarked funds from specific governments. The bank’s board will discuss the finances after the meetings.— **Reuters**

Chief negotiators completing preparations for TPP ministerial summit

Koji Tsruoka, Japan’s chief negotiator for the Trans-Pacific Partnership free trade talks, speaks with reporters in Bali, Indonesia on 2 Oct, 2013, before the start of the second day of the chief negotiators’ meeting. — **Kyodo News**

Chief negotiators of the 12 countries in the Trans-Pacific Partnership free trade negotiations worked on last-minute preparations on Wednesday before their ministers and leaders gather in Bali, Indonesia with the aim of reaching a basic agreement of the pact.

“Focus is on achieving a deal we can report to our people,” Japan’s chief negotiator Koji Tsruoka told journalists in the morning before the start of the second day of the chief negotiators’ meeting. Noting the chief negotiators are receiving reports from working groups, Tsruoka added, “I think we are making progress as scheduled.”

The chief negotiators of the TPP talks for creating one of the world’s largest free trade areas are tiring with sorting out issues for political decisions by the ministers at meetings starting Thursday, followed by a summit on Tuesday.

The TPP meetings are being held on the sidelines of the annual Economic Cooperation Forum gatherings, which started its senior officials’ meeting on Tuesday.

The 12 members of the TPP are to reach a basic agreement in October to clear the way for concluding negotiations by the end of the year. By the first day of the talks, the negotiators discussed five out of 21 fields covered by the envisioned pact and were expected to address some of the remaining fields that require sorting before the ministerial meeting.— **Kyodo News**
Twitter sorts out lock-up agreements ahead of releasing IPO plans

SAN FRANCISCO, 2 Oct — Twitter Inc’s bankers are contacting early investors this week asking them to sign and return a form to prepare for the IPO and could soon disclose its S-1 documents that lay out Twitter’s IPO plans and its well-guarded financial numbers. Quartz, the business news website, first reported on Sunday that Twitter intended to make its IPO public this week.

Companies often use lock-up agreements to prevent insiders from selling shares simultaneously following an IPO, thereby flooding the market and depressing the stock price. The lock-ups, which are expected to be valued at up to $15 billion, tweeted on Sept 12 that it had filed with US regulators to go public, and a key milestone toward its initial public offering. The email from Goldman Sachs, the lead underwriter of Twitter’s IPO, asked shareholders to sign and return a form by 5 pm Pacific time on Wednesday acknowledging that they would be prohibited from selling shares for 6 months after the firm lists, according to two sources who received the email.

Twitter declined to comment. Twitter and Goldman are moving swiftly toward its initial public offering. The email from Goldman Sachs, the lead underwriter of Twitter’s IPO, asked shareholders to sign and return a form by 5 pm Pacific time on Wednesday acknowledging that they would be prohibited from selling shares for 6 months after the firm lists, according to two sources who received the email. Twitter declined to comment. Twitter and Goldman are moving swiftly toward its initial public offering.

Facebook expands ad service for app developers

SAN FRANCISCO, 2 Oct — Facebook Inc is expanding an advertising service aimed at developers of smartphone and tablet apps. The social network’s latest move is to bolster its fast-growing mobile business.

Facebook’s so-called mobile app ads — which allow companies to promote their mobile apps to Facebook’s 115 billion users — will include new capabilities designed to boost the amount of time that consumers use the third-party apps, the company said on Tuesday.

Since the start of the year, more than 145 million third-party apps have been installed by Facebook users, said Deb Liu, Facebook’s director of platform monetization, providing the company’s first public data about that portion of its business. Roughly 8,400 advertisers used Facebook’s mobile app ads in the second quarter, Liu said.

China to issue air pollution warnings in Beijing, Tianjin

BEIJING, 2 Oct — China plans to pilot an air quality warning system in the heavily-polluted cities of Beijing, Tianjin and surrounding areas next month amid the country’s increasing efforts to tackle the much-concerned problem.

China Meteorological Administration and the Ministry of Environmental Protection has jointly released the plan that put the alert system at three levels — I being the highest and III the lowest.

When the air quality index is set to go beyond 500, a level I warning will be issued, and level II and III are for the index to be at between 300 to 500, 200 to 300, respectively, for three consecutive days.

The plan came as China has been under growing pressure to address the causes of air pollution after heavy smog smothered large swaths of the country earlier this year.

The government aims to cut the density of inhalable particulate matter by at least 10 percent in major cities nationwide by 2017. PM 2.5, a key indicator of air pollution, should fall by about 25 percent from 2012 levels in Beijing and surrounding provincial areas by 2017, according to a recent government plan.

We’re ready for takeoff. Sit back and enjoy your iGizmo

NEW YORK, 2 Oct — In as little as a few months, airline passengers could play video games, read e-books, watch movies and listen to music while their flights take off or land, ending a long-standing ban on devices being used during those risky phases.

But looser rules under consideration for portable electronic devices (PEDs) are likely to allow airplanes to make some major changes.

The next guidelines, under review by the Federal Aviation Administration, put the onus on airlines to ensure planes are operated safely, according to members of a government-industry committee that recommended policy changes to the agency.

“It’s not about certifying devices to be used on airplanes. It’s about certifying airplanes to enable use of devices,” said Douglas Johnson, a committee member and vice president of technology policy at the Consumer Electronics Association.

Johnson also said he hoped the government shutdown would not slow action on the new guidelines so that they could be in place by year-end.

For now, rules banning use of electronic devices below 10,000 feet remain in effect. FAA officials did not respond to questions about formal messages they said were unavailable due to the shutdown.

Passengers and electronics makers have long sought to ease restrictions on portable electronics use on flights, and the committee’s effort is likely bring the biggest update in years.

The new guidelines pose some tricky questions for air carriers. For example: How will cabin crews deal with safety announcements when passengers are plugged into their own devices?

A pilot wearing a flight uniform sits in the cockpit of a passenger plane inside the new airport terminal in Dusseldorf, western Germany. The terminal was opened on 2 Sept 2013.— Reuters

Facebook’s new mobile app ads will allow the maker of a travel app to offer to promote an airfare or hotel room, for example, while a music app like Spotify could promote a band’s new song. Previously, Facebook’s mobile app ads were designed only to entice its users to install a third-party app on their smartphone or tablet, but not to encourage repeat visits to the app.

Shares of Facebook have doubled since July, as the company has increased its mobile advertising revenue.

Safety data is used for resource allocation, environmental monitoring and agricultural management such as soil mapping. So it must be regularly cross-checked to ensure that observations are accurate,” Dekker explained.

Xinhua
Asian shares up cautiously on hopes for short shutdown

HONG KONG, 2 Oct—The US dollar treading water and most Asian stock markets edged up on Wednes-
day as investors appeared hopeful the first partial US government shutdown in 17 years will be short-lived
and not have a broader im-
pact on the economy.

However, one immedi-
ate impact is a drop-off in
US economic data at a time
when the Federal Reserve
has already nudged expecta-
tions on when will start reducing its stimulus.

The failure of Con-
gress to agree on a bill that funds govern-
ment operations meant up to one mil-
nion workers were put on unpaid leave, as Democrats
and Republicans fight over President Barack Obama’s healthcare programme.

On Tuesday, a survey by the private Institute of
Supply Mangement (ISM) showed robust US manu-
facturing activity, with ex-
pansion at the fastest pace
in almost 2-1/2 years.

But with the govern-
ment shutdown, the news
didn’t have a big impact on
the index SPX advanced
0.8 percent on Thursday.

Japan’s Nikkei .N225,
the most expensive in Asia
based on price-to-earnings
ratios, came in for profit-
taking and was down 1.2 percent.

Korean stocks were up 0.4 percent and
Indonesian stocks .JSE
gained 1.2 percent. China
markets are closed until
Tuesday for holidays.

“Markets are taking it one day at a time with a
near-term impact unlikely and any prolonged gov-
ernment deadlock only in-
creases the likelihood of a delay in US tapering,”
said Kenneth Ackintewe, a Singapore-based portfolio
manager at A Berdeen Asset
Management.

If anything, the US shutdown offered a brief
window of opportunity to investors looking to cut
some of their emerging market exposure, particu-
larly if the US dollar fell further. Citi strategists also
believe shutting down the US government reinforces
the chance that QE taper-
ing will be delayed. Also,
they say an additional 10-
15 basis points drop on the
10-year Treasuries to 2.50
percent “would not be in-
conceivable”.— Reuters

Fonterra confirms talks with Danone over
botulism scare damages

Fonterra confirmed its recent talks with
Danone over the botulism scare in New
Zealand. Fonterra was recalling the recall in nine
countries of products contain-
ing whey powder concentrate that could cause botulism
whey protein concentrate
while Fonterra had offered
to pay 14 million NZ dollars
(270.24 million US dollars)
and relatively harmless bac-
teria.

Prime Minister John Key
said investigations in New
Zealand government has
drawn to a close the discus-
sion on when will it start
shutdown. Fonterra said it
“strongly denies any legal
liability to Danone in rela-
tion to the recall.”

Danone subsidiary Nu-
tericis was forced to recall
infant formula made with
the suspect whey protein
concentrate. New Zealand Prime Minister John Key
told Prime Minister That the
dispute was resolved.

The statement did not
confirm or deny the re-
ports, saying, “The discus-
sions between Fonterra and
Danone have been confiden-
tial with a view to reaching
a mutually acceptable com-
mercial outcome, however some aspects of these
discounts were public this morning in the
press.”

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concentrate. New Zealand Prime Minister John Key
reported met Danone ex-
ecutives in Paris last month
and assured them the results
from investigations into the
recall would be made pub-
lic.

The announcement at the beginning of August
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The acquisition, which is subject to shareholder
and regulatory approval, is KKR’s third Asian deal
in a week as it begins to in-
vest its new $6 billion Asia
fund, the region’s largest
ever.

The companies did not disclose the deal value,
but a person familiar with the matter said New York-
headed KKR paid around
$550 million.

For KKR, the deal of-
fers a stake in a firm that is
inexpensive compared with
peers and part of China’s
booming consumer market.

Foreign firms have been keen to access China’s
home appliances sector, which is forecast to grow
by about one-fifth in the next
two years to $105 bil-
lion, according to data from consultancy Euromonitor.

KKR’s purchase comes less than two months after
Whirlpool Corp (WRH.N), the world’s largest maker
of home appliances, agreed to
buy a majority stake in Chi-
na’s Haier Rongshida San-
yo Electric Co Ltd (600693. SSh for $352 million.

In 2011, Carlyle Group
(CG.O) agreed to invest
up to $194 million for a
9 percent stake in Haier Elec-
tronics Group (1169.HK),
a company controlled by
Qingdao.
ADB further trims 2013-2014 forecast in developing Asia

MANILA, 2 Oct — The Asian Development Bank has further trimmed its 2013 economic growth forecast for developing Asian countries, which include countries such as China and India, to 6 percent, from 6.5 percent. Its growth projections in 2014 to 6.2 percent, saying on Wednesday that moderate growth in China and India plus fear over rising US interest rates have further dampened growth in the region. Updating its Asia Development Outlook report for this year, the Manila-based bank said, “Softer-than-expected economic activity in China and India and jitters over the US QE programme will weigh on Asia and the Pacific’s growth prospects in the near term.” “Asia and the Pacific 2013 growth will come in below earlier projections due to more moderate activity in the region’s two largest economies and effects of QE nervousness,” ADB chief economist Changyong Rhee said in a statement.

While economic activity will edge back up in 2014, current conditions highlight the need for the region to exercise vigilance to safeguard financial stability in the short term while accelerating structural reforms to sustain economic growth in the longer term,” the statement said. The ADB predicted in April that developing Asia will grow 6.6 percent this year, up from 6.1 percent in 2012, and 6.7 percent in 2014. In July, the ADB trimmed by 0.3 percentage point its 2013 growth forecast in developing Asia to 6.3 percent and cut its 2014 forecast to 6.4 percent, saying tepid demand from major industrial economies plus slower growth in China’s economy have damped growth prospects.

“Shifting expectations on the timing of the wind-down of the US Federal Reserve’s QE programme sparked the recent exodus of foreign capital from emerging markets, including India and Indonesia,” the report says.

While the sudden outflow of capital exposed vulnerabilities in the region, the report says fears of a crisis are “unnecessary,” citing solid current account surpluses and ample foreign exchange reserves in most of the region’s developing economies.

KyoDox News

Annual debate of 68th session of UN General Assembly concludes

UNITED NATIONS, 2 Oct — The annual debate of the 68th session of the UN General Assembly concluded on Tuesday, during which more than 130 heads of state and government, as well as ministers, gave their views on regional and international affairs.

General Assembly President John Ashe, at the close of the debate, said that the member states are “responsible for the implementation of action by working to create a post-2015 development agenda.”

“We are the ones responsible for finding common ground. And with the directions and the reference points laid before us this week, it is now up to us to identify our common agenda and move forward on it,” he said.

With the theme on “The Post 2015 Development Agenda: Setting the Stage!”, the week-long general debate, which opened on 24 September, provided heads of state and other senior government officials an opportunity to weigh in on the shape of the world’s development strategy for the period after the 2015 deadline of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), and a host of national and global concerns, such as poverty eradication, climate change, human rights, and a range of peace and security issues.

Mexico refinery blast kills one, injures five

MEXICO CITY, 2 Oct — At least one person was killed and another five injured on Tuesday in an explosion at a crude oil refinery in the central state of Hidalgo operated by Mexico’s state oil company Petroleos Mexicanos (Pemex), the company said.

The blast occurred in the afternoon at the Miguel Hidalgo refinery located in Tula, Hidalgo, some 100 kilometres north of the capital Mexico City.

In a statement, Pemex reported that the accident happened at 03:15 pm local time (0915 GMT) at 500-1 unit in the Hidros Plant Unit 1 of the Miguel Hidalgo refinery while realizing maintenance work. The explosion came during the scheduled start-up of the Hidros 1 plant, and work has not been suspended due to the accident, Pemex said.

The six injured are being treated at a Pemex hospital and a clinic operated by the Mexican Social Security Institute (IMSS) that is near the blast site, the company said, adding that one of the injured died later.

Pemex said the six victims of the accident, three are workers of the company and the other three are from contractors, were treated in hospital, but did not specify the severity of injuries of the five wounded.

The cause of the deadly blast remains unknown and authorities have given no explanation.

Pemex is the biggest enterprise in Mexico, the largest taxpayer in the country and one of the largest oil companies in Latin America.

Xinhua

Iraq violence kills nearly 900 in September, gunmen storm police station

BAGHDAD, 30 Sept, 2013 — Nearly 900 civilians were killed across Iraq in September as sectarian violence worsened, raising the death toll for 2013 to more than 24,000, the United Nations said on Tuesday.

Most of the bloodshed was instigated by Sunni Islamists militants. In addition to 887 civilians, 92 members of the security forces were killed. September’s toll brought the number of people killed so far this year to 5,740, exceeding the toll for all of 2012, when the first yearly increase in civilian deaths was record-

ed since 2007 following the withdrawal of US troops in December 2011.

Overall, Baghdad was the worst-affected governorate. “A terrorists continue to target Iraqis indiscriminately, I call upon all political leaders to strengthen their efforts to promote national dialogue and reconciliation,” the UN envoy to Iraq, Nickolay Mladenov. Aetter reaching a climax in 2006-07, violence in Iraq eased when Sunni tribesmen banded together and found common cause with US troops to rout al-Qaeda, forcing it underground.

But the group has been reinvigorated this year by growing resentment of Iraq’s Shi’ite-led government, which minority Sunni and other Arabs accuse of marginalizing them since the overthrow of Saddam Hussein in 2003. The civil war in neighbouring Syria, where mainly Sunni rebels are fighting to topple a leader backed by Shi’ite Iran, has also put strain on Iraq’s delicate intercommunal balance.

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Xinhua

Ambassador John Ashe of Antigua and Barbuda and current President of the United Nations General Assembly.

E enlisted women march on the Cyprus Independence Day military parade in Nicosia on 1 Oct, 2013. Troops paraded in the capital city on Tuesday to celebrate the 53rd Independence Day of the country.—Xinhua

Civilians look at a damaged Shi’ite mosque a day after a suicide bomber drove up to a police station in Tikrit and blew himself up, killing at least two guards.

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MAGWAY, 2 Oct—Landmark Mayathalun Pagoda in Magway has been damaged in the rush of time. The fault lines could be seen clearly even on the outer layer of the pagoda. “It should be preserved immediately as Mayathalun Pagoda is the historic one,” a pilgrim said. Magway Region government has started preservation of the Shweinmyaw Pagoda on the western bank of Ayeyawady River with the construction of the retaining wall. MMAL-Kyaw Swe (Magway) B.O.T system.

The coal-fired power plant project is expected to complete in 2015. Upon completion, the project will generate 25 megawatts in the first phase and from 400 to 500 megawatts in the second phase.

It would also contribute to the development of Shan State and create job opportunities, said Union Minister for Electric Power U Khin Maung Soe at the signing ceremony.

Upon completion, the project will supply power to Shan State. The agreement was inked by U Maw Thar Htway, Director-General of the Hydropower Implementation Department, and Ms Sirilak Chaisri, President of the Lumphoondum Co Ltd at the Ministry of Electric Power.— MNA

Magway’s landmark pagoda needs urgent preservation

Coal-fired power plant project inked for Kengtung

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The Speaker also received Israeli Ambassador Mr. Hagay Moshe Behar at the same venue.

MMAL-Tin Maung (Mandalay)

International KBZ Insurance opens Mandalay HQ

MMAL-Thun Wathan yesterday run a coal-fired power plant in Kengtung in Shan State East under JV-B.O.T system in progress.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 2 Oct—Hydropower Implementation Department of the Ministry of Electric Power and Lumphoondum Co Ltd signed an agreement to run coal-fired power plant in Kengtung in Shan State East under JV-B.O.T system.

Traffic Enforcement

Myanmar to deploy 1000 traffic police in SEA Games period

Yangon, 2 Oct—Myanmar Traffic Police Corps will deploy 1000 traffic police to ensure less traffic jams and traffic accidents in upcoming XXVII SEA Games to be hosted in Myanmar.

“We would pay attention to reduce traffic in each host cities along the route of athletes and supporters. More than 1000 well-trained traffic police will be deployed,” said Police Col Kyaw Htway of Traffic Police Corps.

Myanmar will host XXVII SEA Games in Yangon, Nay Pyi Taw, Mandalay and Ngwehsaung beach.

Some 200 traffic police will be deployed in Nay Pyi Taw, 260 in Mandalay, 600 in Yangon and 50 in Pathin and Ngwehsaung.

They will pay attention to easing the traffic jams and prevent traffic accidents in SEA Games period.

MMAL-Thun Wathan

International KBZ Insurance opens Mandalay HQ


It was attended by Mandalay Region Chief Minister U Yen Myint, region ministers, Chairman of International Kanbawza Insurance U Aung Ko Win, Managing Director of Yen Myint and invited guests.

Chairman of Mandalay Development Affairs Committee Mandalay Mayor U Aung Moun, Private Insurancel Industry Supervisory Committee U Aye Min Thein and Inspector of Mandalay Township opened the new office.

The company is providing insurance services under the supervision of the insurance industry supervisory committee.

The company is selling fire insurances, vehicle insurance, life insurance, and others.

MMAL-Tin Maung (Mandalay)

Self-reliant water supply undertaken

Yangon, 2 Oct—Maehe Village carried out supply of water to the local people from Shweingnet spring, three miles east of Maehe Village between Magway Region and Nantsiaung region in Indaw Township of Sagaing Region. Indaw Township Development Affairs Committee supplies safe water to the local people through 110 pieces of four-inch diameter for the first time and laying of pipelines.

With regard to laying of pipelines and water supply tasks, each house contributed K 40000 to the fund for the project.

MMAL-Win Shwe (Sagaing)

Commemorative pennants were presented to the officials.

Eighth standard students sang the nationalistic spirit.

Thanks to the newly-upgraded school, the local students from Kyaukabyn and its surrounding areas get easy access to middle school education.

MMAL-Township IPRD

Human Resources

Upgraded BEAMS inaugurated in Ywangan Tsp

YWANGAN, 2 Oct—A ceremony to commission newly-upgraded Basic Education Middle School had been held at the school in Kyaukabyn Village of Ywangan Township in Danu Self-Administered Zone in Shan State.

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At the opening ceremony, the students performed dances and music.

Next, the Township Administrator and the Township Education Officer made speeches.

Townsiders spoke words of thanks.

MMAL-Township IPRD

Business

Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw Thura U Shwe Mann shaking hands with Israeli Ambassador Mr. Hagay Moshe Behar.—MNA

Electrification

Convention Hall of Mandalay Region Chief Minister U Aung Ko Win and invited guests.

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MMAL-Township IPRD
New Light of Myanmar

NATIONAL

Myanmar spares no effort to overcome any challenges, go ahead on journey that set out to build nation of peace, democracy and prosperity

NAV PWE TAW, 2 Oct—The following is the continuation of the speech delivered by Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Wunna Maung Lwin at the General Debate at the 68th United Nations General Assembly in New York on 30 September.

Mr. President,

In the process of Myanmar’s transition to democracy, expectations are high within the country as well as from the international community. For the government and people of Myanmar, the task is daunting. There are many challenges ahead. We are still in the critical transition period. However, we are resolute to march forward along our chosen path. There will be no turning back. But we will not take anything for granted. It is incumbent upon the government and people of Myanmar to be vigilant all times so that we will not fall into the trap of the detractors of the reform process.

We need continued support and encouragement of the international community. We always welcome the friendly and constructive advice and helping hands of friends far and near in our nation building process. However, we are fully cognizant of the fact that ultimately the people of Myanmar themselves are responsible to decide their own destiny and shape their own future.

Mr. President,

The government of President U Thein Sein is laying a solid foundation for democracy, peace and development for the people of Myanmar. Myanmar’s transition to democracy has been applauded by observers as one of the most promising efforts of democratisation in the world today. The success we have achieved so far on the road to democracy has been made possible through the joint efforts of the leadership and the people of Myanmar driven by the strong and genuine desire to change. The road ahead is long and full of challenges.

We would spare no effort to overcome any challenges we go ahead on the journey that we have set out to build a nation of peace, democracy and prosperity. As we continue our journey, we need the understanding, continued encouragement and support of the United Nations and the international community. We will never lose sight of our goals and we are determined to fulfil the aspiration of the people of Myanmar.

I thank you.

On 26 September, the Chairman Sayadaw gave words of advice and the Union Minister supplicated that the Lord Buddha’s Desana brings peace to the people. The Myanmar arhats demonstrated their skills in dancing and sports at the festival. At the closing ceremony on 27 September, the Union Minister urged all to join hands for perpetuation of the Buddhism.

While in Sri Lanka, the Myanmar delegation met with Tanzanian Sayadaw, the vice-chairman of the Sangha Maha Nayaka of Sri Lanka and Mongolia abbot. They also visited Buddha Tooth Relic and Myanmar monastery in Kandy Bo tree in Maha Kyaungdawgyi Nanmonkway, J etavana Pagoda and Bhikkhu University in Anuradha and M. yanmar Embassy. The Myanmar delegation arrived back here by air on 30 September evening. — MNA

Myanmar delegation attends 2nd Asian Festival of Buddhist Culture

YANGON, 2 Oct—A Myanmar Buddhist delegation led by Chairman of State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee Sayadaw Abhidhaja Maha Rattha Guru Abhidhaja A G A Maha Sadhanamajikha Dr Bhaddanta Kumarabhivamsa and Union Minister for Religious Affairs U Hsan Hsint left here by air on 24 September to attend the 2nd Nippon Foundation donates food packets to IDPs of Mohniny

MOHNIYN, 2 Oct—Nippon Foundation donated food packets to IDPs of Mohniny. The Myanmar gathering of 20 meet with counterparts from Syria’s Foreign Ministry later on Tuesday to begin planning their mission.

The United Nations Security Council has ordered the OPCW to help Syria destroy its chemical weapons by mid-2014. It gives inspectors about nine months to complete their task. In a week, the OPCW mission will be expanded as more inspectors arrive.— Xinhua
President U Thein Sein... (from page 1)

After the meeting, the President’s entourage went to Kyaukpyu by special flight.

At the hall of the Kyaukpyu Airport, the President met with members of the supporting committee for development of Kyaukpyu and townsmen and clarified political, economic and administrative reforms, the people-centered administration and plans for development of Kyaukpyu.

The president and party left Kyaukpyu for Thandwe by special flight in the evening.— M NA ever they need. Regarding the role of the Tatmadaw in Myanmar, it is walking right on the road to democracy, he said.

The Myanmar delegation led by Senior General Min Aung Hlaing arrived back here this afternoon.

General Hla Htay Win comforts victims in Thandwe

NAY PYI TAW, 2 Oct— Together with Lt-Gen Hla Htay Win, Commander-in-Chief of the General Staff (Army, Navy and Air) General Hla Htay Win toured Thandwe, Thabyuchai, Pauktaung, Mekyun, Kyaukkyi and Kyekyane Villages in Thandwe Township this afternoon and viewed the collapsed houses damaged by recent riots.

In meeting with local people of the both sides in Thabyuchai Village, General Hla Htay Win said that concerted efforts are being made for restoring peace and stability, rule of law and carrying out rehabilitation tasks and pledged to attend to the needs of locals. He presented household equipment and makeshift tents for victims through townsmen.

The situation in Thandwe Township has come to normalcy, it is learnt.— M yawady 2013.—

Local people in Thandwe urged to cooperate with authorities to deter conflicts from erupting again

NAY PYI TAW, 2 Oct— While providing security to the local people in Thandwe Township, Police forces dispersed mobs after about 14 houses were burnt down in Thabyuchai Taungpaw Village in the township yesterday.

Similarly, the police fired warning shots as mobs set on fire some houses near Shwehlay Basic Education High School around 3.25 pm yesterday.

A group intercepted three motorcycles and attacked five people on board on the Thandwe-Taungup Road near Lintshyi Village in Shwehlay Village-tract yesterday evening, leaving four injured, and one is still missing.

The injured were taken to Thandwe Hospital.

One building in Kyikaney Village was set on fire last night and the local people and security forces extinguished the fire and controlled it around 1.30 am today.

No plan to enact law...

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Decided to discuss it.

In responding to the query raised by U Sai Hla Kyaw from Langhka Constituency on “whether there is a plan to conserve Inlay region enacting a particular law and how the authorities concerned to monitor local and foreign NGOs activities at Inlay region, Deputy Minister for Environmental Conservation and Forestry U Aye Myint Maung said that UNDP and NGOs are working under the terms of the contract. Their respective work proposals of local NGOs are to be selected by the technical advisory team with Australia based International Development Convention Centre and UN-HABITAT’s Urban and Housing Rehabilitation Programme, efforts are being made for planning Inlay region socio-economic development project in collaboration with international hilly region comprehensive development convention center.

At present, there is no plan to enact a particular law on conserving Inlay region because Inlay region is conserved in line with the existing laws on conservation of Inlay region, he said.

The meeting came to an end in the afternoon, and the third-day session continues tomorrow.— M NA 2013.—

Amyotha Hlutaw session...

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The ministry will upgrade 17-mile Mogang (Pakho)—K amaling road spending K 200 million funds for special maintenance work, he added.

“I submitted this question to the minister in July. Vice-President Dr Sai Maik Kham, on his tour of Kachin State, said the Ministry of Construction and the Ministry of Mines will be responsible to upgrade the road. I would like to stress the need of greater transparency in handling over the tasks to the companies. Close supervisions is also needed to know whether they are carrying out the tasks correctly. The Ministry of Construction and the state government should perform close supervision on road inspection task.” U San Pyae responded to the deputy minister’s answer in the interview with him.

A approval was sought for extended formation of members of political, economic and legal affairs commission.

M yanmar-Japan Rice Industry Co., Ltd. (MJRI) opens office

YANGON, 2 Oct—Myanmar-Japan Rice Industry Co., Ltd. (MJRI) opened its office at UMFCCI in Lannmadaw Township here on 30 September. MJRI’s first project in Twantay is expected to produce 100,000 tons of rice per year. Deputy Director Daw Cho Cho Win of Directorate of Investment and C ompanies Administration presented certificate to the MJRI Chairman and the Managing Director of M ibui Co., Ltd.— M NA
Basic journalism instructor course opened

Trainees of basic journalism instructor course seen with trainers in documentary photo.

Trainees of basic journalism instructor course were presented to trainees individually.

The training was attended by U Sein Hlaing Bo (Bago), U Tin Htut (Mawlamyine), U Ba Oo (Mandalay), U Saw Myint (Sittway), U Myint Oo (Mubin), U Win Kyi (Magan) and U Sein Win, U Saw Lin Aung, U Myint Kyaw, U Khin Mawng Myint, U Kyaw Kyaw Lin, U Zarri Win, U Aye Zaw, Daw Aye Aye Zin and Daw Eint Khaing Oo from Yangon.

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Drains dredged in Meiktila Industrial Zone

Deputy Commissioner U Tin Maung Soe, Township Administrator U Myo Hlaing and Head of Township Settlement and Land Records Department U Thein Tun Zaw supervise dredging of the five furlongs long and six feet wide drain between 4th and 5th streets of Meiktila Industrial Zone.

Meiktila, 2 Oct—The dredging of drains were carried out for prevention of inundation on roads and railways. The industrial zone comprises weaving, bean grinding, dyeing, lathe and other medium scale industries in group.

Myanmar Police Force Day observed in Thanatpin Township

Police Captain Naing Win presents certificate of honour to a village administrator.

Thanatpin, 2 Oct—A ceremony to mark 49th Anniversary Mynar Police Force Day was held at the office of Thanatpin Township Police Force in Bago Region on 1 October morning. Head of Thanatpin Police Station Police Captain Naing Win explained emergence of Mynar police force in its history.

Next, Township Administrator U Thein Win presented certificates of honour to outstanding police members and Police Captain Naing Win and officials, gifts and certificates to ward and village administrators for their excellent performance in the rule of law tasks in cooperation with the police force and prizes to outstanding students in the poem, painting and essay contests in commemoration of the anti-trafficking in persons.

Kyemon-Ye Htut (Minywa)

Natural Disaster

Panlaung River swollen some villages in Singaing Township

A total of 2831 people from 786 households along 674 houses along the bank of Panlaung River 999 cattle were evacuated to the safe places.

Local authorities, members of Township Police Force and Fire Brigade provided necessary assistance to the flood victims.

Kyemon-Tun Tun Naing

Village road is inundated in Singaing Township.

Performing Arts Competitions commences

The competition was formally opened by Yangon Region Minister for Finance and Revenue Daw San San Nwe and Deputy Commissioner U Hlaing Soe Than of Yangon East District General Administration Department. The opening ceremony was attended by the tenants of the anti-trafficking in persons.

Kyemon-Than Maung (Yankin)

Take preventive measures against dengue hemorrhagic fever

Photo shows opening ceremony of Performing Arts Competitions of Yangon East District.

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Kyemon-Than Maung (Yankin)
Japan to avoid power shortages in winter without nuclear power

Tokyo, 2 Oct—Japan is expected to avoid power shortages in the winter even if all of the country’s 50 reactors remain offline, an estimate provided by the Economy, Trade and Industry Ministry showed on Tuesday.

“In all the areas serviced by nine regional utilities (that own nuclear power plants), supply capacity is expected to exceed demand by 3 percent, the minimum level to ensure stable electricity supply,” METI said in a document presented to a panel of experts to discuss the country’s electricity situation.

Hokkaido Electric Power Co, which supplies power to the country’s northernmost main island, is expected to secure 6.9 percent more power supply capacity than anticipated demand in February, or about 390,000 kilowatts, when the use of heating will likely hit a peak.

But the government will consider measures to deal with possible emergency situations in the Hokkaido region as only a limited amount of power can be delivered from Japan’s main island of Honshu.

Based on the discussions by the panel, the government plans to decide necessary power-saving measures for the winter in the end of October at the earliest.

As done this summer, the government is likely to call on the public and companies to cooperate in saving power, instead of setting numerical power-saving targets.

The levels of extra power supply capacities of Kansai Electric Power Co and Kyushu Electric Power Co are estimated at 3 percent, respectively, but there will likely be room for other utilities to send electricity to Kansai and Kyushu utilities.

Thermal plants are making up for the loss of atomic energy following the devastating accident at Tokyo Electric Power Co’s Fukushima Daiichi nuclear complex in 2011. All 50 commercial reactors in Japan are now offline, after the only two operating reactors shut down for regular checkups in western Japan in September.

More than 10 reactors are now being checked as to whether they are safe enough to resume operation in light of new nuclear regulations introduced in July. But none of them are likely to restart by the end of this year because the review procedures are expected to take time.

Kyodo News

Japanese PM greets Hun Sen for being re-elected as Cambodian Prime Minister

Phnom Penh, 2 Oct—Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe extended his congratulations to Hun Sen for being re-elected as the Prime Minister of Cambodia for another five-year term after his ruling party won the 28 July election.

“On behalf of the government and the people of Japan, I would like to express my congratulations to you for being re-elected as the Prime Minister of Cambodia and for the formation of a new government,” he said in a message to Hun Sen that was released to the media by Cambodia’s Ministry of Foreign Affairs on Tuesday.

“I wish to see further progress in the parliamentary democracy through dialogue and cooperation between the ruling party and the opposition party so that Cambodia (can) implement various measures steadily toward economic and social development under your leadership,” he said.

Abe added that Japan would continue to actively support Cambodia in its nation-building efforts.

“I will actively cooperate with you in order to make closer ties between Japan and Cambodia and to strengthen cooperation in seeking solutions to issues on international arenas,” he said.

Hun Sen, 61, who had been in power for 28 years, was re-elected as the prime minister of Cambodia on 24 September by his ruling party’s formed parliament as the opposition party’s lawmakers boycotted the parliamentary session since they refused to accept the results of the 28 July election.

Xinhua

Newly-married couples ride bicycles during a group wedding in Boxing County of Binzhou City, east China’s Shandong Province, on 1 Oct, 2013. Altogether 35 couples took part in the traditional wedding ceremony on the first day of the national holidays.— Xinhua

4.7 magnitude quake hits central New Zealand

Wellington, 2 Oct—An earthquake measuring 4.7 magnitude was felt in New Zealand capital on Wednesday morning.

There was no reports of casualties or damages.

The moderate quake hit just before 5.30 am on Wednesday local time (16:30 GMT on Tuesday).

New Zealand government geological agency GNS Sciences said.

It was centred 30 km east of Seddon in Cook Strait at a depth of 22 km.

It was felt across Marlborough and in Wellington.

The early morning shake is another in a long series of earthquakes to hit the area since July, with the biggest being a magnitude 6.5 quake on 21 July and a 6.6 quake on 16 August.

Xinhua

Taipei customs seize 20 kg of TNT at airport

Taipei, 2 Oct—Taipei customs have seized 20 kilograms of TNT at a Taipei airport from a flight from Hong Kong but the recipients of the package told police that the explosives were intended for use as a pyrotechnical stage prop.

Officials said on Tuesday.

The Criminal Investigation Brigade said they have taken samples of the explosives and are awaiting test results.

Taipei Customs officials said the explosives were found in a package sent via express delivery, with accompanying documentation listing the contents as lighting fixtures.

Customs officials found a bomb-like device with fuses attached after screening the package by X-ray and opened the package.

An unnamed recipient of the package told police investigators that the explosives were intended as a stage prop for television filming.

Kyodo News

Vietnam hosts 24th regional meeting on vocational, technical education

Hanoi, 2 Oct.—The 24th Governing Board meeting of the Regional Centre for Vocational and Technical Education and Training under the Southeast Asian Ministers of Education Organisa
tion (SEAMEO VOCOTECH) opened in Vietnam’s northernmost main island of Honshu.

Addressing the opening ceremony, Vietnamese Deputy Minister of Education and Training Bui Van Ga said that in its role as chairman of the 2013 SEAMEO, Vietnam has put forth many action plans and cooperated actively with other SEAMEO VOCOTECH re-

search programmes. With its contributions, Vietnam wants SEAMEO VOCOTECH to become a trusted address in professional education in the Southeast Asian region, Vietnam’s state-run news agency quoted the Vietnamese official as saying.

To achieve its socioeconomic development goals, the Vietnamese government is completing a project to reform its educational system in the context that the country has developed the socialist-oriented market economy and promoted international integration, said the deputy minister.

Xinhua

Debris of residents’ houses that razed to the ground by fire is seen at a fire site near West Kelapa Gading in north Jakarta, Indonesia, on 1 Oct, 2013. A fire on Tuesday morning wiped out more than 200 homes in the densely populated area of north Jakarta. No casualties have been reported. The cause of the incident is under investigation.— Xinhua

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Khin Su Mon
daughter of
George Tun K yai ning Daw Sandar Tun
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son of
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got engaged
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in the year Two Thousand and Thirteen

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE
MV MALACCA HIGHWAY VOY NO (1665)
Consignees of cargo carried on MV MALACCA HIGHWAY VOY NO (1665) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 3.10.2013 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of M.I.P.L where it will lie at the consignee’s risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon. Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am and 11:20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm to Claims Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the Vessel.
No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

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(9/2013)

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US big three automakers sales slowdown in September

CHICAGO, 2 Oct – Ford and Chrysler’s sales rose modestly in US market in September, while General Motors’ sales fell 11 percent in a month that had two fewer selling days than September 2012, according to figures released on Tuesday. General Motors said its September auto sales of 187,195 slid 11 percent year-on-year, while its retail sales fell 6 percent and fleet sales dropped by 27 percent.
GM’s Buick and Cadillac brands posted sales increases for the month of 6.5 percent and 9.9 percent, respectively, while Chevrolet sales declined 14.7 percent and GMC sales fell by 9.7 percent. Ford said its US September auto sales rose 5.8 percent. Fusion sedan sales jumped 62 percent in September while sales of the Fiesta subcompact rose 29 percent over the same month in 2012, setting a September sales record. Ford brand sales were up 6.3 percent for the month, while Lincoln brand sales dropped 5.1 percent.
Chrysler Group LLC said its September sales rose by 0.7 percent. The company sold 776 more vehicles compared with the same month a year ago. Chrysler, Dodge and Ram Truck brands posted sales increases in September from the same month in 2012, while Fiat and Jeep brands both saw sales drop from September 2012. US monthly auto sales have been posting year-on-year gains for more than two years, but analysts are projecting that trend will end with September’s sales. Analysts are projecting a decline by as much as 4.4 percent, according to the Detroit News.
The main driver of the anticipated drop is two fewer selling days in September 2013 compared with the month in 2012. The big Labour Day sales weekend typically is included in September auto sales, but this year was included in August figures due to reporting on a sales month vs. calendar month basis.

German TV maker

LOEWE files for insolvency

FRANKFURT, 2 Oct – German’s TV set maker Loewe files for insolvency on Tuesday and a request for self management in bankruptcy is already delivered to the district court Coburg, local newspaper Handelsblatt reported.
The company said it only has sufficient funds to keep operations running until the end of this year, which means that it has to find a new investor before the end of the year to avert closure.
The TV maker filed for protection from its creditors in July. Since then, it has been looking for an investor to speed up its restructuring programme.
Loewe fell into difficulties after it failed to keep up with competition from rivals like Samsung, LG Electronics and Chinese TV set makers.
A significant move was made by Loewe in July with setting up a strategic partnership with China’s Hisense International Co, Ltd in July. Yet the Chinese TV maker didn’t bring any fresh money to Loewe, leaving it still looking for an investor.

Founded in Berlin in 1923, Loewe is a premium flat-screen TV set producer which also makes audio speakers and home entertainment systems.
Sales of the company fell to 250 million euros (328 million US dollars) in 2012 from 374.3 million euros in 2011.

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Lifeguards patrol on the seashore at Dadonghai scenic area in Sanya City, south China’s Hainan Province, on 1 Oct, 2013. Lifeguards work were strengthened to guard the safety of tourists here during the seven-day national holidays.

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Tourists go boating on the West Lake in Hangzhou, capital of east China’s Zhejiang Province, on 1 Oct, 2013, the first day of the seven-day national holidays.

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New Light of Myanmar
Pierce Brosnan joins campaign to save dogs

LOS ANGELES, 2 Oct—Former James Bond star Pierce Brosnan is backing a new campaign to reduce the number of dogs and cats who end up in shelters.

The 60-year-old actor has teamed up with TV dog behaviourist Cesar Millan to help raise awareness of the importance of having pets neutered and spayed to stop unwanted pooches from being put down, reported US magazine Glamour.

Brosnan has designed artwork for vehicle licence plates to raise funds for the cause, with profits from the sales going towards programmes throughout the state of California.

"The most humane way not to kill a dog is to spay and neuter. When we kill four to five million dogs nationally per year, what that says about our behaviour is that we have become a disposable society. To me, a spay and neuter campaign is just as important as the Buckle Up campaign; it saves lives," Millan said.

Lindsay Lohan’s parents banned from TV show

LOS ANGELES, 2 Oct—Troubled actress Lindsay Lohan’s parents have reportedly been banned from appearing on the actress’ upcoming reality TV show.

The Mean Girls star, who successfully completed a 90-day stint in rehab in July (2013), has struck a deal with Oprah Winfrey’s OWN Network to film her struggle to rebuild her life.

It has now emerged the star’s estranged parents, Michael and Dina Lohan, have been axed from the series because producers feared their presence would confuse viewers, reported TMZ Online.

According to editors, the makers of the show have vowed to focus entirely on Lohan’s recovery rather than her family issues.

The actress is reportedly set to receive a USD 2 million paycheck for the series.

Adele to play Dusty Springfield in biopic?

LOS ANGELES, 2 Oct—Singer Dusty Springfield in a new biopic.

The 25-year-old Some- one like you singer would portray the legendary singer who passed away in 1999 at the age of 59 after giving several hits like Wishin and Hopin and I just Don’t Know What to Do with Myself, reported Daily Telegraph.

“Adele is attached to a project, but it’s in the early stages of development,” a source said.

Adele is also reportedly set to appear in another movie called The Secret Service to be released in November 2014. It is rumoured that former football star David Beckham, Lady Gaga and Taylor Swift will also appear in the film.

Taylor Swift doesn’t rule out dating celebrities

LOS ANGELES, 2 Oct—Despite having her share of heart breaks, singer Taylor Swift does not rule out the idea of dating celebrities in the future.

Swift has dated known names like Joe Jonas, Harry Styles and actor Taylor Lautner in the past, reported dailymail.co.uk.

“You can’t say ‘I’m never gonna date a high-profile person in the arts! But whoever I date, famous or not — whether I ever date again — all chaos will break loose,” said Swift to Glamour magazine.

The Love Story singer believes when two people are perfect for each other, they tend to overlook the mistakes.

“Here’s what I’ve learned about deal-breakers. If you have enough natural chemistry with someone, you overlook every single thing that you said would break the deal,” said Swift.

But she has not found her perfect match.

“I’ve seen my friends take someone back after they’ve cheated because they fit perfectly. But I don’t know, because I’ve never had a perfect fit with someone,” she said.

PTI

The action hero made his Bollywood debut with Kambakkht Ishq in 2009.

New Delhi, 2 Oct—Hollywood action hero Sylvester Stallone was reportedly offered a role in an upcoming Bollywood film, but he refused the project.

The 67-year-old declined the offer as it was clashing with the shooting schedule and release of his forthcoming film Escape Plan, said a statement.

In 2009, Stallone made his Bollywood debut with Kambakkht Ishq. He featured alongside actors Akshay Kumar and Kareena Kapoor in the film. Escape Plan, an action thriller that also features Arnold Schwarzenegger will release on 25 October.—PTI
Ramires double leads Chelsea to four-goal romp

Chelsea's Ramires (top C) celebrates with his team mates Branislav Ivanovic (top R) and Juan Mata (L) after scoring a goal as Steaua Bucharest's goalkeeper Ciprian Tatarusanu reacts during their Champions League match at the National Arena in Bucharest on 1 Oct, 2013.— Reuters

Dortmund stuns Marseille 3-0 with Lewandowski double

Borussia Dortmund's Marco Reus (C) celebrates with his team mates after scoring a goal against Olympique Marseille during their Champions League Group F match at the Signal Iduna Park in Dortmund on 1 Oct, 2013.— Reuters

Reuters

Arsenal's Mesut Ozil (C) controls the ball during their Champions League match against Marseille at the Emirates stadium in London on 1 Oct, 2013.— Reuters

Ozil's magic leads Arsenal to 2-0 win over Napoli

London, 2 Oct—Mesut Ozil bewitched Napoli to conjure up a 2-0 Champions League win for Arsenal on Tuesday and end the Italian side's unbeaten start to the season.

The Germany midfielder scored the opening goal, his first for Arsenal, with a superb left-foot effort from the edge of the penalty area after eight minutes and set up Olivier Giroud for Arsenal's second after 15.

Any lingering doubts that the former Real Madrid player was worth the 43 million pounds ($68 million) that Arsenal paid for him in August were swept away in a magical first-half display full of precision passing, great movement and feints, and Aaron Ramsey played his full part as the sorcerer's apprentice.

Arsenal's second win after their 2-1 success in Marseille put them six points in Group F alongside Borussia Dortmund, who beat Marseille on Tuesday. Arsenal and Dortmund meet in the next two rounds of games.

Djokovic, Nadal kick off race to top ranking with easy wins

London, 2 Oct—World number one Novak Djokovic and the man who can dislodge him from the top spot by next week, Rafael Nadal, kicked off their China Open campaigns with straight set victories on Tuesday.

Defending champion Djokovic needed just 54 minutes to crush his Czech qualifier Lukas Rosol 6-2, 6-3 without hitting a single double fault in a dominant first round display.

The Serb, aiming for his fourth China Open title in five years after missing the 2011 tournament through injury, improved his perfect tournament record to 15-0 after converting four of his eight break points against Rosol.

“I didn't want to underestimate my opponent knowing that he had few big wins in his career and he has a big serve,” Djokovic told the ATP website (www.atpworldtour.com) referring to his opponent who had caused one of the biggest upsets in the sport when he beat Nadal at Wimbledon 15 months ago.

"I needed to be very fresh from the start and try to bring that intensity, positive intensity to the court, and that's what happened! I really feel special in China in relation to the fans, because I don't get to see that often. The fans basically wait for you every single day and night in the hotel," said Djokovic who takes on Spaniard Fernando Verdasco in the second round.

Nadal had to work longer to subdue Colombiant qualifier Santiago Giraldo 6-1, 6-4 in 90 minutes at Beijing's National Tennis Stadium. The Spaniard, who needs to reach the final in Beijing to reclaim the number one ranking, had no problem bagging the first set but Giraldo put up a stiffer resistance in the second before going down.

Nadal meets Philipp Kohlschreiber of Germany next.— Reuters

Reuters
FIFA likely to delay decision on 2022 World Cup dates

The FIFA World Cup trophy is displayed after its arrival at Juan Santamaria Airport in Alajuela on 27 Sept, 2013.

Reuters

London, 2 Oct—Despite widespread speculation that FIFA will vote to switch the dates of the 2022 World Cup on Friday, soccer's world governing body will probably delay making a decision and instead set up a task force to analyse the pros and cons of moving the tournament from the searing heat of the Middle East summer.

Athough the executive committee could agree in principle to move the dates of the World Cup, FIFA vice-president Jim Boyce told Reuters it should not rush into a decision and he wanted a task force set up to examine the issue.

"We will discuss when the World Cup will be held (and we will also) consider the plight of immigrant workers in Qatar whose harsh living and working conditions made headlines last week," he said.

Thomas Bach, the new president of the Interna tional Olympic Committee (IOC), said he doubted the World Cup would clash with the Winter Olympics in 2022, if the finals were moved from their traditional June and July dates, adding that FIFA was likely to opt for November 2022, if it switched.

In a development related to the vexed situation regarding the awarding of the 2018 World Cup to Russia and the 2022 finals to Qatar on the same day in December 2010, Michel Garcia, the head of the investiga tive unit of FIFA ethics committee, will tour all the countries involved in the bidding processes, he was quoted as saying in France Football on Tuesday.

Garcia, a former US Attorney in New York, is examining allegations of corruption in the voting that led to the awarding of the two World Cups.

A highly-placed FIFA source told Reuters the game's world governing body now had to grapple with a huge political, social and financial problem of its own making.

"This is because the executive committee members who awarded the finals to Qatar in December 2010 ignored recommenda tions from FIFA's own inspection report group that ranked Qatar second from bottom among the five con tenders. They should never have chosen Qatar. It was flawed from day one," a source said.

Boyce, who joined the executive committee six months after the vote was taken, told Reuters in a telephone interview from his home in Belfast: "I don’t think there is any possibility of a decision being taken about moving the World Cup this week."

Reuters

14 fishermen rescued, four dead, 58 missing after Typhoon Wutip

Haikou, 2 Oct—Rescuers on Tuesday saved 14 fishermen, retrieved four bodies and are continuing their search for 58 others missing in the South China Sea after Typhoon Wutip has sunk three fishing boats since Sunday afternoon.

A total of 88 fishermen and their boats, all from south China’s Guangdong Province, went missing near Shanhui Island in the Xisha Islands, about 330 km from China’s island Province of Hainan. Fourteen survivors were rescued on Monday.

Zhang Jie, a spokesman with the Hainan Maritime Affairs Bureau, said on Tuesday that 22 vessels and four airplanes are still combing the sea for more survivors.

Huang Honghui and Gong Zhimei were among the 14 rescued on Tuesday. The two were drifting amid big waves in a life raft when they were spotted by rescuers on a helicopter at 11:47 am.

"I was thinking about my son. It was the thought of family and life that supported me. Huang and I kept encouraging each other. We never gave up hope," Gong said.

He hadn’t seen such big waves in his life. The ship was quickly sunk.

Reuters

Dublin, (Ohio), 2 Oct—Zach Johnson joined up with his United States team mates ahead of this week’s Presidents Cup despite suffering from the flu for the past three days.

United States captain Fred Couples said on Tuesday. The 2007 Masters champion arrived in Columbus a day after his team mates, missing the official team photo taken earlier on Tuesday not expected practice with the team.

"Zach got in (this morning), he had what he considers the two- or three-day flu, which was bad enough that he couldn’t fly and even be here," said Couples.

"He’ll be ... I’m going to say fine. I haven’t seen him but we’ve talked a few times, so he’s doing okay."

"He said he wants to come out, chip and putt. We haven’t really addressed that yet, but he’ll play tomorrow and he’s ready to go."

The United States have won the last four editions of the tournament against the Internationals and start as favourites again at Jack Nicklaus’ Muirfield Village course.

Couples suggested Phil Mickelson and Keegan Bradley are also expected to team-up again after forming a duo at last year’s Ryder Cup.

"Keegan and Phil are already a great team together, that worked out last year at the Ryder Cup. No one would have thought that. But they make a good team and that’s kind of how it works, just like Stricker and Tidger did a few years ago," he said.

Stricker, 46, could partner with Woods again at some stage in the tournament although Couples also suggested the former may be paired with rookie Jordan Spieth.

US team member Tiger Woods hits from a bunker on the fourth hole during the first practice round for the 2013 Presidents Cup golf tournament at Muirfield Village Golf Club in Dublin, Ohio on 1 Oct, 2013.

Reuters
Pyithu Hluttaw speaker receives NDI Director, Israeli Ambassador

Nay Pyi Taw, 2 Oct—Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw Thura U Shwe Mann received a delegation led by Mr. K Scott Hubli, Governance Programs Director of NDI at the Pyithu Hluttaw Hall of Hluttaw Complex, here, at 9.40 am today. (See page 7)

Amyotha Hluttaw session continues

Nay Pyi Taw, 2 Oct—Eighth regular session of Amyotha Hluttaw continued today.

Deputy Minister for Construction U Soe Tint replied to the question on upgrading of Mogaung-Phakant motorway raised by U San Pyae of Constituency No (7) that Pa-ha-ma Shwe Naga construction company carried out special maintenance work following the instruction of the ministry to start road works as peace and stability returned to Kachin State, with the result that Mogaung-Phakant trip that used to take passengers four or five days, now takes about four and a half hours. (See page 9)

Warning of High tide

Nay Pyi Taw, 2 Oct—The Public are hereby informed that exceptionally high spring of from 20.3 feet to 20.9 feet high above the datum are expected to occur in the Yangon river during the period 5th to 9th October 2013. That it is not serious because the high tide reached up to 21.7 feet high above datum in the year 2011-2012 and that the warning is issued only because high tide reaches over 20 feet high above datum, announced by Meteorology and Hydrology Department. MNA

No plan to enact law for conservation of Inlay region

Nay Pyi Taw, 2 Oct—The second-day session of Pyithu Hluttaw continued with 11 agendas today. Regarding the bill on recall of representatives that was suspended for discussion by the Hluttaw on 23 August, Chairman of the Pyithu Hluttaw Bill Committee U Thun M. sat urged the Hluttaw to continue the discussion in consideration of public suggestions and the sending of a letter by the Union Election Commission. The Hluttaw (See page 9)

New Zealand goodwill delegation arrives in Yangon

Yangoon, 2 Oct—At the invitation of Pyidaung-su Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann, a goodwill delegation led by Speaker of the House of Representatives of New Zealand Rt. Hon. David Cater arrived here this afternoon. They were welcomed by Speaker of Yangoon Region Hluttaw U Sein Tin Win, Deputy Speaker U Tin Aung and officials concerned from the Hluttaw Office at Yangon International Airport.

The New Zealander delegation visited Shwedagon Pagoda in the evening. MNA