Teachers need to play role models of good morality for students: Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham

NAY PYI TAW, 5 Oct—Teachers are obliged not only for teaching but also for serving as role models for students to become students of good morals, said Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham in his address at a ceremony to celebrate the 12th World Teachers’ Day here today.

Teachers need to cultivate the students into having rationalization so that they can justify rights and wrongs, can have civil disciplines, health knowledge, habits of environmental conservation and strength to compete with others in their daily lives of socio-economy, he said.

Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham also stressed the need of improvement of the socio-economy of teachers so that they can concentrate on the subjects they have to teach.

The government has increased the salaries and promoted the heads of primary, middle and high schools to a professional level as part of efforts for promoting the socio-economy of the teachers, he added.

According to the vice-president, the teacher and students ratio of the current academic year is 1:27 in the primary education level, 1:354 in the middle education level, 1:29 in the high education level and 1:15 in the tertiary education level.

The government has allowed the Ministry of Education to have hundred percent posts of the organization set-up of the basic education sector though (See page 8)

MoUs signed for Enhancement of Engineering Education

YANGON, 5 Oct—A ceremony to introduce engineering higher education sector promotion plan jointly implemented by Ministry of Science and Technology and Japan International Co-operation Agency (JICA) was held at Yangon Technological University in Insein Township yesterday morning.

Union Minister for Science and Technology Dr Ko Ko Oo, in his address said that it is a great opportunity for Yangon and Mandalay Technological Universities to have been given a facelift with the help of JICA.

Japanese Ambassador Mr Mildo Numata, Chairman of the Leading Committee for Centres of Excellence Prof U Nyi Hla Nge, officials of Nagasaki and Kyoto universities of Japan and President of JICA Dr Akihiko TANAKA extended greetings. Director-General U Kyaw Swa Soe of Advanced Science and Technology Department and officials, JICA Myanmar Office Chief Representative Mr Masahiko Tanaka and officials of Japanese Universities signed the five-year plan and minutes of the agreement.

The plan will be implemented in cooperation with seven universities of Japan by sending faculty members of YTU and MTU to Japanese universities for upgrading six departments, conducting research between Myanmar and Japanese universities, sharing academic techniques and providing necessary equipment.

YTU and MTU signed MoUs with six Japanese universities. After the ceremony, the Union minister and the president of JICA replied to queries raised by media.—MNA

Washington enters fifth day of shutdown, no end in sight

WASHINGTON, 5 Oct—Washington entered the fifth day of a partial government shutdown on Saturday with no end in sight even as another, more serious conflict over raising the nation’s borrowing authority started heating up.

The US House of Representatives prepared for a Saturday session but with no expectations of progress on either the shutdown or a measure to raise the nation’s $16.7 trillion debt ceiling. Congress must act by October 17 in order to avoid a government debt default. Republican House Speaker John Boehner tried on Friday to squelch reports that he would ease the way for passing a bill to fund the government without demanding that in exchange for a debt ceiling increase, the ObamaCare health insurance programme was held firm in their demand that in exchange for passing a bill to fund and reopen the government, President Barack Obama and his Democrats must agree to delay implementation of Obama’s health care law.

The launch date for Obamacare health insurance exchanges came and went on October 1, meaning Republicans are now in a more difficult political position of trying to stop something that has already begun.

Although essential government functions like national security and air traffic control continue, the economic and policy effects of the shutdown are amplified the longer hundreds of thousands of federal workers remain at home and unpaid.—Reuters
Talks on job opportunities held at Thanlyin University of Cooperative

THANLYIN, 5 Oct—A talk on job opportunities for undergraduate students of Cooperative University (Thanlyin) of Yangon South District and entrepreneurs was held at the Ottara Hall of the university on 29 September.

It was attended by Rector Dr Thein Tun of the university, faculty members, entrepreneurs and students. The rector made an opening address and introduced entrepreneurs and companies to one another. Responsible persons of Myanmar Brewery Co, PAG Co, Gon Thiri Press and UMG Myanmar Co gave talks on job opportunities for the students and preparation for hunting the jobs. Next, they replied to the queries.—Kyemon-Tin Maung Ngwe (Thanlyin)

CPA to stage talks on 13 Oct

YANGON, 5 Oct—MICPA and GIZ will conduct talks on the Legacy of the Banking Crisis and Role of Accountants at the hall of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry on Minye Kyawswa Road in Lanmadaw Township from 8 am to 12 noon on 13 September.

Those interested may attend the talks with registration fee. CPA will get CPE hours. The registration fee is to be paid at the office of Myanmar CPA at 1/19 on Than Kay Mya Park Street, Aihlon Township, the training centre of the Union Auditor-General.

The trainees attending the CPA course are to register for the talk one day ahead of the talk. The trainees attending the CPA course are to register at the talks centre.

Those from the countryside are to inform the office of the association by dialing 90-31718149. Overdue registration will not be considered.—Kyemon

Expansion of Kalay-Chin State road with momentum

KALAY, 5 Oct—Kalay-Chin State Bogyoke Road is under expansion in Kalay of Kalay District in Sagaing Region.

The road is being expanded to 12 feet wide on either side by Public Works of the township.

The road is passing the hilly areas. The facility was narrow in the past.

To be able to reduce the traffic accidents, the road section is being expanded from downtown Kalay to Kalay University at the foot of Chan Hill with the use of heavy machinery.

Kyemon-Zo Hay Hsu (Chin Hill)

Four car accidents in series in Mayangon Tsp

YANGON, 5 Oct—Four vehicles hit one another in series on Kyaikwaing Pagoda Road in Mayangon Township of Yangon Region.

At 12.50 pm on 1 October, a Dyna of No. 121 bus line driven by U Aung Naing Tun, 37 of Pyinmabin Ward in Mingaladon Township leading to West from East along Kyaikwai Pagoda Road hit the rare of Hilux Surf in front of Thamaung Cafe due to break failure. In consequence, four vehicle hit one another. In the incident, four vehicles were damaged.

Kyemon-Zaw Gyi-Panita

Passengers on waterway face difficulties in strong winds at Yangon River

YANGON, 5 Oct—Although monsoon withdraws from the nation, its late weather is still strong.

At 6 am on 2 October, waves in the Yangon River hit boats that crossed it from Thamada Beach of Dala Township to Botataung Port. The passengers were in a dreadful state in waves and strong winds. “Due to change of breeze air, the east winds introduced its way today, So all the passengers are to hold their property on board. All are to be quiet and don’t worry about it, said an experienced passenger. The strong winds hit the boats that rowed from Dala to Yangon. The strong winds formed above the river up to 2 pm.

Kyemon-Thun Htay (Dala)

Local people happily join draw lot for sales of 50 CDMA, WCDMA and GSM SIM cards allotted to Bawga Ward of Kyimyindine Township on 2 October morning.

Kyemon-Tin Win Lay (Kyimyindine)

Thai men, Vietnamese women emerge champions in Futsal Test Match

NAY PYI TAW, 5 Oct—The third placed match and final match of the Pre-SEA Games Futsal Test Match were held at Wunna Theikdi Gymnasium, here, on 3 October morning.

In the match, Vietnamese women’s and Thai men’s teams secured championships. In the third placed match of the women’s event, Myanmar routed Malaysia 6-3. After the match, Vietnam stood first, Thailand second and Myanmar third.

In the men’s event, Myanmar A won over Myanmar B 5-3 and secured the third prize. U n i o n Minister for Sports U Tint Hsan and officials, President of Myanmar Football Federation U Zaw Zaw gave prizes to the winning teams.—MMAL-Nyi Myat Thandaw; Photo: Soe Nyunt

Moe Set Waing, Miss Universe Myanmar

YANGON, 5 Oct—The Miss Universe Myanmar Contest 2013 was held at the National Theatre, here, on 3 October evening.

No. 16 pageant Moe Set Waing, 25 secured Miss Universe Myanmar Award.

A total of 20 contestants in suits of Myanmar dresses, bikini and formal evening attire participated in the contest with healthy body, beautiful smile and intelligence.

Moe Set Waing won one Honda Fit of AGD Bank, K 10 million and one diamond crown worth K 2 million. She also secured Miss Famous and Miss Healthy Skin through the top voting of Facebook and M 188.

Mishael also won Miss Environment Award, Myat Hnin Phyu Miss Healthy Body & Beautiful Skin Award and Miss Body Perfect Award. Aye Chan Moe Miss Photogenic Award and May Chit Pon Miss Beautiful Smile Award.

Contestants from Myanmar participated in the Miss Universe in 1959, 1960 and 1961. Miss Universe Myanmar 2013 was sponsored by Htoo Foundation and partnership companies.

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Union Minister U Tint Hsan awards winner in Futsal Test Match.
**WORLD**

US House Speaker John Boehner speaks to reporters on the government shutdown during a press availability on Capitol Hill in Washington DC, capital of the United States, on 4 Oct, 2013 — Xinhua

Syria submits further details of its chemical arms programme

UNITED NATIONS, 5 Oct —Syria has given international experts additional details about its chemical weapons program that go beyond a 21 September declaration of its poison gas arsenal, the United Nations said on Friday.

The team consists of experts from the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons in The Hague, Netherlands, with help from UN Security Council last week, the UN Security Council demanded the elimination of Syria's chemical arsenal. UN spokesman Martin Nesirky said the director-general of the organization, 

US House Speaker John Boehner said on Friday that the US government needs to deal with its spending problem, stressing that the Republicans want neither a government shutdown nor a default.

"American people don't want their government (to) shut down, and neither do I," Boehner said in a Republican news conference at the Capitol Hill. He also loudly denounced the quote in the Wall Street Journal from a White House official who said "we don't care how long this lasts, because we're winning.

"This isn't some damn game," said Boehner angrily, adding "All we're asking for is to sit down and have a discussion and to bring fairness to the American people under Obamacare. It's as simple as that. But, it all has to begin with a simple discussion." But as for the condition to pass a funding bill, Boehner seemed firm to seek changes in the Affordable Care Act, widely known as Obamacare, in a position that President Barack Obama and Senate Democratic Leader Harry Reid strongly opposed.

Boehner’s comments indicated the political stalemate over funding will not end soon, although the partial US federal government shutdown has entered into the fourth day.

With an 17 October debt-ceiling deadline looming, Boehner stressed the need to cut deficit and the urgency of a default on debt. "I don’t believe that we should default on our debt. It’s not good for our country," Boehner said, adding "after 55 years of spending more than what you bring in, something ought to be addressed." —Xinhua

**Powerful typhoon approaches Okinawa, airline services cancelled**

TOYKO, 5 Oct —A powerful typhoon moved toward Japan’s southern island prefecture of Okinawa on Saturday, forcing airline carriers to cancel flights.

The Japan Meteorological Agency warned of high winds and tidal waves on Okinawa’s main island and the Sakishima Islands caused by Typhoon Fitow, the 23rd typhoon of the year.

Japane Airlines Co and All Nippon Airways Co cancelled over 140 domestic flights to and from Naha airport for Saturday.

At 2 pm, the typhoon was about 190 kilometres south-southwest of Naha, the capital of Okinawa, and moving northwest at a speed of 15 kilometres per hour. It had an atmospheric pressure at its center of 965 hectopascals and was packing winds of more than 126 kilometres per hour. —Kyodo News

**At least four killed in Egypt as Mursi supporters mount bold protests**

CAIRO, 5 Oct —At least four people died in clashes on Friday as supporters of deposed President Mohamed Mursi and the Muslim Brotherhood clash with anti-Mursi protesters during a march in Shubra street in Cairo on 4 Oct, 2013. —Reuters

In Cairo, onlookers threw rocks at pro-Mursi protesters, who hurled them back. Riot police earlier fired tear gas to push back the march.

Thousands of protesters headed toward the site in northeast Cairo of one of the former Brotherhood protest camps crushed by security forces in August. By late afternoon, protestors had retreated from the area.

Members of the Brotherhood, which has been banned by court order, tried to reach the presidential palace but were turned back by police.

The state news agency said protesters failed in attempts to reach the defence ministry and a Republican Guard facility.

Fighting also erupted in Egypt’s second city Alexandria and two Nile Delta cities.

The Brotherhood won every election after a popular uprising ousted autocrat Hosni Mubarak in 2011, but became deeply unpopular under Mursi’s rule.

**Hundreds of Sudanese protest, but numbers down after crackdown**

KHARTOUM, 5 Oct —Several hundred Sudanese protesters in Khartoum on Friday to demand the resignation of President Omar Hassan al-Bashir, but crowds were much smaller than last week, when protests provoked a bloody security crackdown.

Amnesty International said on Wednesday that 210 protesters were killed in clashes with security forces last week, quoting figures from a Sudanese doctors’ union. This was well above the 34 reported dead by the government, which has denied shooting any protestors it calls “vandals”.

Authorities have said they arrested 700 people in what was the worst unrest in central Sudan in years, triggered by cuts in subsidies on cooking oil and fuel that doubled pump prices overnight.

In Khartoum’s Bahr al-Gebr District some 500 people took to the streets on Friday, shouting “freedom, freedom”, a Reuters witness said. About 100 people also gathered in the Burri district of the capital, where a week ago a member of prominent family was shot dead, a witness said.

In Port Sudan on the Red Sea, Sudan’s biggest port, about 50 people staged a sit-in front of the security headquarters calling for the release of political prisoners. —Reuters

**Iran’s Khamenei says part of diplomatic push in New York ‘not proper’**

DUBAI, 5 Oct —Iranian Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei on Saturday said he supports moderate President Hassan Rouhani’s diplomatic initiative at the UN General Assembly last week but that some of what occurred there was “not proper”.

In his first comments since Rouhani, committed to easing Iran’s international isolation, spoke by telephone with US President Barack Obama, Khamenei also emphasized he does not trust the United States as a negotiating partner.

The phone call between Rouhani and Obama, the highest-level contact between the two deeply estranged countries since 1979, capped off a week of overtures by Rouhani and his foreign minister Mohammad Javad Zarif to the West.

The landslide election in June of Rouhani, a cen- trist cleric, has raised hopes of a negotiated settlement to Tehran’s long-running dispute with the West over its nuclear program - though it is Khamenei who will make the final decision on the contours of any deal.

“We support the government’s diplomatic moves and place importance on ending efforts, and support what was in this last trip,” Khamenei said in a speech, according to the IRNA news agency. “Of course, we have some of what occurred in the New York trip was not proper.” —Reuters
Diesel exhaust pollution may disrupt honeybee foraging

A colony of honeybees swarm on the ledge of a window outside the Media Centre, in Bern on 17 June. 2013. REUTERS

In a study published in the Nature journal Scientific Reports, scientists from Britain’s University of Southampton found that the fumes change the profile of the floral odors that attract bees to forage from one flower to the next. “This could have serious detrimental effects on the number of honeybee colonies and pollination activity,” said Tracey Newman, a neuroscientist who worked on the study. Bees are important pollinators of flowering plants, including many fruit and vegetable crops.

A 2013 UN report estimated that bees and other pollinators such as butterflies, beetles or birds do work worth 153 billion euros ($203 bln) a year to the human economy. Bee populations have been declining steadily in recent decades but there is scientific disagreement over what might be causing it. Much attention has been focused on whether a class of pesticides called neonicotinoids may be the culprit.

A report from the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) in January said three widely-used neonicotinoids, made mainly by Switzerland’s Syngenta and Germany’s Bayer, posed an acute risk to honeybees.

EU leaders voted in April to ban three of the world’s most widely-used pesticides in this class for two years because of fears they could be linked to a plunge in the bee populations.

Samsung takes aim at second straight year of record profit as memory chips rebound

SEOUL, 5 Oct—Samsung Electronics Co Ltd is on track to post its second consecutive year of record earnings as a rebound in its semiconductor business shields the South Korean tech giant from a slower smartphone market.

The world’s biggest memory chipmaker is likely to see its semiconductor memory chipmaker is like a tech giant from a slower smartphone market, analysts say.

The global chip market is likely to reach a record profit of $3.5 billion in the third quarter, according to a survey of 45 analysts, down 2.3 percent in early trade. In addition to internal constraints and internal turmoil, the global chip market has plunged from a peak of $3.5 billion (35.85 billion) this year, up a third from 2012, according to a survey of 45 analysts by Thomson Reuters IBES.

The market further tightened following a fire in early September at a China plant owned by SK Hynix, the world’s No2 chipmaker. The drop in its supply helped divert customers to Samsung, whose heavy investment in cutting-edge chip-making technologies has made it head and shoulders above smaller rivals like Micron Technology Inc.

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HTC posts first-ever quarterly losses as troubles multiply

TAIPEI, 5 Oct—Taiwan’s HTC Corp slid into the red for the first time in the third quarter, with sales hit hard by fierce competition in the smartphone market, supply chain constraints and internal turmoil.

Underscoring a dramatic decline for a company which boasts award-winning smartphones but has failed to develop a durable brand of handsets, it posted an operating loss of $3.5 billion as sales for the quarter tumbled by a third from the same period a year earlier. At a net level, it booked a loss of $2.97 billion ($100 million), bigger than an expected loss of $1.8 billion, according to Thomson Reuters Smart-Estimates. That compares with a net profit of $3.9 billion in the same quarter last year. Its shares were down 2.3 percent in early trade.

HTC lacks the scale of bigger rivals Apple Inc and Samsung Electronics Co Ltd and its troubles this year have only multiplied. In addition to internal feuding and executive exits, sources have said that it is facing casing shortages for its HTC One Mini. It has also lost some patent cases and media have reported that three of its design executives have been arrested on suspicion of leaking trade secrets.

HTC’s share of the global smartphone market has plummeted from a peak of 9.1 percent in 2011 to 2.6 percent in the most recent quarter, according to research firm Gartner and analysts have said it needs a wholesale reevaluation of its strategy in order to survive.

Mandalay was founded by Myanmar’s second last monarch, King Mindon, who was the most devout ruler of his dynasty and built many pagodas and monasteries. Notable sites are the Maha Muni, Kuthodaw, and Kyaung Taw Gyi pagodas as well as those on Mandalay Hill.

Mandalay Palace
Mandalay Palace was destroyed during World War Two and a replica was built in 1995, with exact copies of the original pavilions and throne rooms. The Glass Palace pavilion has walls of glass mosaic. The original pavilion, built during King Mindon’s reign, was constructed under the supervision of two Italian architects.

Mandalay Hill
Mandalay Hill gave the city its name. The terraced hilltop offers unforgettable sunrise views of the city, the palace walls and the Ayeyarwady River.

Kuthodaw
The Kuthodaw Pagoda, is called the ‘largest book in the world’. King Mindon held the Fifth Buddhist Synod in 1872 when the canon was recited and corrected as necessary by presiding body of monks. The canon was inscribed on 729 marble slabs and housed in individual pavilions inside the Kuthodaw Pagoda compound.

Kyauk Taw Gyi
The Kyauk Taw Gyi ‘great stone’ image at the foot of Mandalay Hill also earned merit for King Mindon. The image was carved from a single block of alabaster. To consecrate the image the painted in the eyes.

Maha Muni Pagoda
The Maha Muni Pagoda was built to enshrine the Maha Muni image, which is nearly 4 metres (13 feet) high. The image is covered with so much gold leaf that its body has lost all proportion. Each of the four walkways leading to the pagoda has a different character according to the wares sold in the shops.

Shwe Inn Bin Monastery
The Shwe Inn Bin Monastery was built according to the rules for monastic architecture. It is a beautiful building, well over a hundred years old, with doors that swing upwards.

Shwe Nandaw Golden Monastery
One of the most beautiful monasteries in Myanmar, it was once the private residence of King Mindon, and his heir moved it outside the palace and donated it to a monastery. This teak pavilion carved all over with motifs and mythical creatures was once entirely covered in a thick layer of gold. Inside and out. Only the interior gold remains because that on the exterior was worn away by the harsh tropical climate.

Maha Dhamikaryama (Shwe Kyin) Monastery
The Maha Dhamikaryama (Shwe Kyin) Monastery was built in 1862, at the foot of famous Mandalay Hills. It is a wooden structure that rests of 262 teak pillars.
NEW YORK, 5 Oct—US stocks are likely to face another week of rising turbulence as efforts to settle the budget dispute in Washington drag on, leaving investors worried about the more critical issue of raising the US debt ceiling. The budget impasse has led to a partial US government shutdown for the past four days, already longer than many investors had expected.

While stocks ended higher on Friday, the S&P 500 posted a loss for the week and the CBOE Volatility index — the market’s fear index — rose to 16.89, up from 13.12 on 20 September. The index is still at relatively low levels, but options-market trading suggests investors are starting to guard against increased volatility.

The larger issue for investors is that efforts to solve the budget problem could become entangled with the issue of raising the debt limit. If the $16.7 trillion borrowing cap is not increased, it could lead to a possible US default.

“If it’s not likely, but it’s certainly a remote possibility. That is the big fear, because that’s an event that has not been discounted by the market,” said Quincy Krosby, market strategist at Prudential Financial in Hartford, Connecticut. “And it’s not just a one-off event; it’s a global event.”

The Treasury has said the United States will exhaust its borrowing authority no later than 17 October. Republican House Speaker John Boehner told his party colleagues he would work to avoid a US debt default, according to reports, helping stocks on Friday. But there is little hard evidence that the stand-off is nearing a resolution. The dilemma has stopped the market’s climb that took it to a record close 18 September, when the Federal Reserve decided against trimming its stimulus plan. The S&P 500 has lost 2 percent since that date.—Reuters

Traders work on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange, on 4 Oct, 2013.—Reuters

Mumbai, 5 Oct—Cooper Tire & Rubber Co (CTB.N) on Friday said it has filed a complaint in a US court to push India’s Apollo Tyres (APLO.NS) to close its $2.5 billion acquisition of the American company in a timely manner. Apollo, which is seeking to create the world’s seventh-largest tire company through the takeover, said it was disappointed by the legal action and was working to complete the deal as expeditiously as possible.

“We are disappointed that Cooper has taken this unusual step and questioned their motives. The litigation simply has no basis,” Apollo said in an emailed statement. Cooper’s move is the latest complication in the deal that has been plagued by opposition from some workers since its announcement. Cooper filed a complaint in the Delaware Chancery Court, saying Apollo was delaying settling issues with some of its labour from the United Steel Workers (USW) union, who have asked that new agreements be drawn up between them and the Indian company before concluding the deal. Apollo is aiming to gain a foothold in China and the United States — the two biggest auto markets — through the pending acquisition. But the deal is being opposed by workers at Cooper’s joint venture in China, and has run into further trouble over demands made by the US labour union. “We have been working diligently to assist Cooper in resolving its outstanding issues with the United Steel Workers,” Apollo said. “We look forward to closing as expeditiously as possible once we reach agreement with the USW and complete the marketing of our financing,” it added. It said it was also supporting Cooper in reaching a resolution in its “financially damaging dispute” with its Chinese joint venture partner. Workers at Cooper’s China joint venture, Cooper Chengshan Tire Co in China’s eastern Shandong Province, have been striking against the deal for about three months, while its local partner has filed a lawsuit seeking to dissolve the business pact. The acquisition is to be funded entirely through new debt, most of which will be raised through Cooper.

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Metoprolol, a drug of the beta-blocker family, has been available for more than 30 years to treat arterial hypertension and other cardiovascular conditions. It costs less than three dollars. In this new study, researchers from the Centro Nacional de Investigaciones Cardiovasculares (Carlos III CNIC) in Spain and Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai in the United States examined the potential usefulness of metoprolol in heart attack patients undergoing standard angioplasty treatment procedures.

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The researchers found that patients who received metoprolol had much smaller infarcts than those who received the control treatment, and that this smaller infarct size was linked to greater heart contractility.—Xinhua

Lockheed to furlough 3,000 workers due to US shutdown

NEW YORK, 5 Oct—Lockheed Martin Corp said about 3,000 employees would be furloughed on Monday due to the US shutdown. The company said the number of employees was expected to increase every week if the shutdown continued.

Lockheed said the furloughed employees include those who work at government facilities that have closed and those whose work requires a government inspection that cannot be completed.

A political standoff over the US budget has shut down non-essential government services and hurt companies that rely on federal employees and funding. “We anticipated that we must take these actions and we continue to encourage our lawmakers to come together to pass a funding bill that will end this shutdown,” Lockheed Chief Executive Marilynn Hewson said.—Reuters

WASHINGTON, 5 Oct—Women who gain excessive weight in pregnancy are more likely to have overweight and obese children, a study showed on Tuesday. The findings, published in the US journal PLoS Medicine, suggested pregnancy may be “an especially important time” to prevent obesity in the next generation.

Researchers from Boston Children’s Hospital looked at 41,133 mothers with two or more children to find out whether childhood obesity was resultant because of the conditions during pregnancy or other factors, such as diet and genes, also played a role. They linked the birth records of mothers with two or more children to school records that included the child’s body mass index (BMI) at an average age of 11.9 years, and then made statistical comparisons between siblings.

Comparing siblings minimizes the conventional sources of confounding, because on average siblings have the same relative distribution of obesity genes, the same home environment and same socioeconomic and demographic influences, they said.—Xinhua

Working in the New Light of Myanmar

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The researchers found that patients who received metoprolol had much smaller infarcts than those who received the control treatment, and that this smaller infarct size was linked to greater heart contractility.—Xinhua

Lockheed to furlough 3,000 workers due to US shutdown

NEW YORK, 5 Oct—Lockheed Martin Corp said about 3,000 employees would be furloughed on Monday due to the US shutdown. The company said the number of employees was expected to increase every week if the shutdown continued.

Lockheed said the furloughed employees include those who work at government facilities that have closed and those whose work requires a government inspection that cannot be completed.

A political standoff over the US budget has shut down non-essential government services and hurt companies that rely on federal employees and funding. “We anticipated that we must take these actions and we continue to encourage our lawmakers to come together to pass a funding bill that will end this shutdown,” Lockheed Chief Executive Marilynn Hewson said.—Reuters

WASHINGTON, 5 Oct—Women who gain excessive weight in pregnancy are more likely to have overweight and obese children, a study showed on Tuesday. The findings, published in the US journal PLoS Medicine, suggested pregnancy may be “an especially important time” to prevent obesity in the next generation.

Researchers from Boston Children’s Hospital looked at 41,133 mothers with two or more children to find out whether childhood obesity was resultant because of the conditions during pregnancy or other factors, such as diet and genes, also played a role. They linked the birth records of mothers with two or more children to school records that included the child’s body mass index (BMI) at an average age of 11.9 years, and then made statistical comparisons between siblings.

Comparing siblings minimizes the conventional sources of confounding, because on average siblings have the same relative distribution of obesity genes, the same home environment and same socioeconomic and demographic influences, they said.—Xinhua

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Kerry calls US government shutdown a brief disruption

NUSA DUA, (Indonesia) 5 Oct—The shutdown of the US government is a “momentary episode” and does not change the US commitment to Asia or elsewhere, Secretary of State John Kerry said on Saturday.

Kerry is acting as stand-in for President Barack Obama who canceled his Asia tour, including to the Indonesian resort island of Bali for a meeting of Asia-Pacific leaders, because of the stalemate in Washington over the government shutdown.

“Do not mistake this momentary episode in American politics as anything more than a moment of politics. This is an example of the robustness of our democracy,” Kerry said. But he added that if the shutdown were prolonged or repeated, people would question the US ability to “stay the course.”—Reuters

Netanyahu struggles to set the terms in Iranian dispute

Israel’s Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu walks from the podium after delivering his address to the 68th United Nations General Assembly at UN headquarters in New York on 1 Oct, 2013. —Reuters

BEHEM, 5 Oct—Angela Merkel’s conservatives and the opposition Social Democrats (SPD) agreed to meet again in 10 days to explore forming a “grand coalition” government after an initial three-hour meeting on Friday was called constructive by both sides.

The German chancellor’s Christian Democrats (CDU/CSU) emerged as the dominant party from the 22 September election but need a coalition partner and Friday’s meeting marked the start of complex horse-trading that could last two months or more.

The SPD is seen as Merkel’s most likely partner but is in no hurry to back her again after its support was decimated during the 2005-09 grand coalition. Merkel will meet leaders of the Greens party, another potential coalition partner, on Thursday.

The announcement that a second round of exploratory discussions with the SPD would take place on 14 October was not surprising but that and positive comments from participants suggested there may be enough common ground between Germany’s two main parties for formal coalition talks in October that could lead to a new government next month.

“The atmosphere was good, business-like and constructive,” Hermann Groehe, Merkel’s deputy in the CDU, told reporters. “Both sides have in mind the major challenges lying ahead for our country and Europe. There is a lot of common ground there.”—Reuters

Merkel, SPD welcome further talks on German government

German Chancellor and leader of the Christian Democratic Union (CDU) Angela Merkel arrives with senior party leaders at the Parliamentary Society, for preliminary coalition talks between Germany’s conservative (CDU/CSU) parties and Social Democrats (SPD) in Berlin on 4 Oct, 2013.—Reuters

Bus plunges down hillside outside Mexico City, killing 14

MEXICO CITY, 5 Oct—At least 14 people died on Friday when a bus hurtled down a hillside on the outskirts of Mexico City, ejecting six victims through the windows and leaving 25 injured, police said.

Before it careened off the highway, the bus was en route to the city of Toluca in the hills of the State of Mexico, which surrounds much of the capital.

“There wasn’t a collision with another vehicle, but instead the bus veered off the asphalt and plunged down the mountainside about 100 or 120 metres,” Miguel Angel Contreras, the attorney general of the State of Mexico, told reporters.

The cause of the accident remained unclear, he said.

Local television footage of the accident’s aftermath showed the bus upside down, wreckage strewn amid broken tree branches as emergency workers searched for survivors. —Reuters
Policemen participate in public welfare tasks

YANGON, 5 Oct—As a gesture of hailing the 49th Anniversary Myanmar Police Force Day, the public welfare tasks were undertaken in districts and townships of Yangon Region recently.

In Yangon East District, a total of 520 policemen carried out sanitation tasks at Shwe pwayint Pagoda. Yangon East General Hospital, Workers Hospital and Sanyapya General Hospital.

Likewise, a total of 250 policemen participated in sanitation at Yangon General Hospital in Latha Township of Yangon West District, 150 policemen at Thanlyin General Hospital in Yangon South District and 99 policemen in Insein General Hospital in Yangon North District. Commander of Yangon Region Police Force Police Col Win Naing and staff officers inspected sanitations of the policemen. MMAL-Soe Win (SP)

Foreigner care course kicks off

NA PYI TAW, 5 Oct—The foreigner care course No 18/2013 was opened at the assembly hall of the Ministry of Home Affairs (Yangon) in Saya San Ward of Bahan Township, Yangon Region, at 2 pm on 30 September. It was attended by Commander of No. 2 Police Battalion Control Command Police Brig-Gen Thura Bo Ni, Commander of Yangon Region Police Force Police Col Win Naing, Police Col Kyaw Soe of Special Branch, police officers and trainees totaling 60.

On behalf of the Chief of Myanmar Police Force, Commander of No. 2 Police Battalion Control Command Police Brig-Gen Thura Bo Ni made an opening address. The training course will run up to 20 November. MMAL-Police Information

Stimulant tablets seized at Yangon International Airport

NA PYI TAW, 5 Oct—Members of Yangon Special Anti-Drug Squad searched the passengers at the domestic departure lounge of Yangon International Airport on 28 September.

They saw stimulant tablets from the TV game player of Kyaw Swa Win, 24 of Sawbwyagon Ward in Insein Township through X-ray machine.

So, they searched the tablets from the package and seized 798 stimulant tablets from the packets weighing 79.8 grams worth K 3,390,000. According to the investigation, he will transport the tablets by air to Naung To, 43 of Kanpya Ward in Myeik.

Therefore, members of No. 34 Anti-Drug Squad (Kawthoung) managed to arrest Naung To. Mingaladon Myoma Police Station opened files of lawsuit against him, under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.

Veteran athletes honoured for their excellent performance in victorious efforts

NA Pyi Taw, 5 Oct—A ceremony to honour veteran athletes who secured gold medals in the SEA and Asian games was held at Wunna Theikdi Gymnasium, here, on 30 September.

At first, Chairman of Leading Committee for Organizing the XXVII SEA Games Union Minister for Sports U Tint Hsan made a speech and presented gift to Deputy Speaker of Pyithu Hlttaw U Nanda Kyaw Swa who had brought honour to the State.

Next, Deputy Speaker U Nanda Kyaw Swa, Union Ministers U Tint Hsan and U Aye Myint Kyu, Deputy Ministers U Zaw Win and U Han Sein presented gifts to veterans who uplifted prestige of the State.

On behalf of the veteran athletes, Deputy Speaker U Nanda Kyaw Swa and U Tin Aung (Goal) spoke words of thanks.

At the ceremony, a total of 93 veteran athletes were honoured with K 20.9 million cash award.

EMPHASIS to be placed on people-centred works

MYITKYINA, 5 Oct—District and township level officials are to emphasise on people-centred works, health care services and education tasks in their term, said U La John Ngan Hsai, Chief Minister of Kachin State in meeting with departmental officials at the hall of Bhamo District General Administration Depart-ment recently.

The Chief Minister urged them to try their best in undertaking their tasks and to carry out rural development and poverty alleviation. Deputy Commissioner U Teza Aung and officials reported on their work processes.

The Chief Minister attended to their needs after hearing their reports.

Myaungmya District holds Performing Arts Competitions

MYAUNGMYA, 5 Oct—The opening ceremony of the 20th Myanmar National Races’ Performing Arts Competitions and Myaungmya District for 2013 was held at the hall in Myaungmya on 28 September morning.

Myaungmya District Deputy Commissioner U Tun Min Zaw, Penal Judges and Township Administrator U Ko Ko Latt formally opened the competition.

Lawn mowers, water pumps donated

MUSE, 5 Oct—Muse Youth Welfare Association of Muse District in Shan State and U Sein Win and Brothers (Mandalay) jointly donated lawn mowers and water pumps for Muse Township Fire Brigade and Development Affairs Department.

On 30 September, the ceremony was held at the hall of Muse- Namkham Border Merchants Association. Deputy Commissioner U Kaung San Oo of Muse District General Administration Department handed water pumps donated by Youth Welfare Association for Muse, Namkham and Kutkai townships to respective township administrators.

The executive officer of Muse Township Development Affairs Committee accepted the lawn mowers donated by U Sein Win and Brothers (Mandalay). MMAL-L Soe IPRD

Union Minister for Sports U Tint Hsan presents certificates to Myanmar outstanding veteran athlete.

MAYAUNGMYA, 5 Oct—Contestants from Myanmar, Wakema and Emme took part in the events of the competitions. This was followed by the prize presentation ceremony.

The deputy commissioner and officials presented prizes to the winners.

After that Special prize winning Myaungmya Agriculture Institute performed entertainment.

SEA Games Health and Medical Committee holds meeting

The opening ceremony of the competitions.

The meeting of XXVII SEA Games Health and Medical Committee in progress.

Veteran athletes attended the ceremony.

The meeting of XXVII SEA Games Health and Medical Committee held a work coordination meeting at the Ministry of Health, here, on 3 September morning.

Cash donated to IDPs

SHWEGU, 5 Oct—The XXVII SEA Games Health and Medical Committee held a work coordination meeting at the Ministry of Health, here, on 3 September morning.

The Deputy Minister for Health Dr Than Aung made a speech, saying that the committee is responsible for showing off capabilities of health care services at the SEA Games.

Deputy Commissioner of Township Police Force Police Major Aye Maung and departmental officials, township level authorities and social organization members attended the XXVII SEA Games Health and Medical Committee.

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Consumer protection

More frequently, we heard about cases of food poisoning and use of foreign agents in our daily meals. Stories revealing chemical dyes were found in pickled tea leaves and packets of chili and ginger powder in the market have been heightening a growing concern to Myanmar consumers. The rise in use of food additives that develop the risks for cancer is a matter of considerable public concern, especially for the grass roots of our society.

The ordinary people living from hand to mouth don’t know what they are eating and their health is put at risks. Health-conscious is totally beyond their scope of knowledge. There is no other choice for them to avoid unsafe kitchen essentials that still win a victory in ghettos, suburban areas and rural regions as they have a difficult life and their purchasing power on food is very limited.

Due to a latest revelation that urea is found in the fish paste, people are made aware of the problem that they are dicing with danger. Fish paste is the most common food for the poor. Their daily meals are always prepared with rice, a bowl of inexpensive simple dish and a side dish of boiled fish paste. So the inclusion of urea in the fish paste is a shattering blow to them.

How do we ensure poor consumers who think that no lunch and dinner is complete without a bowl of fish paste to be free from danger of chemicals in the food they eat? We should not blame them for having not much health knowledge and rarely taking food safety into account. Health activists highlight effective awareness program for health education. It is probably right as a long-term plan.

We, here, would very much like to call for tighter food safety laws and regulations desperately needed for consumer protection. Education is not enough to properly protect consumers, especially the poor, from being unfairly treated by greedy persons. Moreover, we should be really concerned about being said that Myanmar’s food safety regulations are woefully behind international standards.

Union H & T Minister meets executives of MTF

YANGON, 5 Oct—Union Minister for Hotels and Tourism U Hauk Aung met the executives of Myanmar Tourism Federation at Yuzana Garden Hotel, here, this morning.

At the meeting, the Union minister made clarifications on development of tourism industry in Myanmar, future prospects, cooperation with international organizations that will provide assistance to main project of tourism industry, programmes for development of hotels and tourism industry in Rakhine State and ongoing tasks for creation of Ngapali beach as an integrated tourism zone.

The executives of MTF reported on region-wise hotels and tourism requirements and the Union minister attended to the needs.—MNA

A slight earthquake of magnitude 4.3 Richter Scale with its epicenter inside Myanmar about 35 miles northwest of Myitkyina about 270 miles northeast

of Mandalay seismological observatory was recorded at 15 hrs 22 min 20 sec M.S.T today, announced the Meteorology and Hydrology Department.

Slight earthquake hits inside Myanmar

The newly promoted organizational set up has ensured teachers to become executive official rank at the age of 32 and around 36.

The Vice-president also called on teachers to make efforts for learning themselves sustainably.

Teachers are responsible to produce intellectuals and intelligentsia for the country to be ready for the 2015 ASEAN Community. During the ceremony, three emeritus teachers, one outstanding teacher and outstanding teachers who won prizes in the contests to mark the World Teachers’ Day.—MNA

Special refresher course No. 53 for basic education teachers concludes

With the aim of producing skilled labourers for the labour market, the government has also planned to add vocational training to the subjects of the students, he added.

Scouts have already formed at schools with the aim of training the students to become those fully equipped with discipline, good morality and loyalty to the country as from 2012-2013 academic year, U Kyaw Thu said.

School councils have also been formed as part of efforts to install students with democratic practices, he said in his address.

During the ceremony, outstanding trainees were honoured by U Kyaw Thu.—MNA

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other ministries are allowed to get the two third of their organization set up, Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham said.

Union Minister views progress of research on paddy, cotton strains

NAY PYI TAW, 5 Oct—Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing looked into storage of water at Meiktila Lake in Meiktila this morning.

At Shwetaung Farm in Wundwin Township, the Union minister inspected 430 acres of thriving Palethwe hybrid paddy plantation and paddy seeds production farm. He also visited Ngwechi-6 long staple cotton plantations and viewed production of Palethwe hybrid paddy seeds, long staple cotton, green gram and inputs at the briefing hall.

He heard reports on progress of research on Palethwe hybrid paddy strain and cotton strains.

The Union minister and departmental heads presented gifts to the staff.

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**Local News**

Draw lot donation offered to over 600 members of the Sangha in Meiktila

**Meiktila, 5 Oct**—The draw lot and meals offering was held on a grand scale for 637 members of the Sangha at Yadana-U Monastery in Pyithuha North Ward of Meiktila at 8 am on 4 October.

The draw lot ceremony was held for 637 members of the Sangha from Wandaungyae, Sasana Weponla Pali Tekkatho, Nyaunggon, Chaungthagy, Yadana-U and other 16 monastery.

The local people offered alms to members of the Sangha.

**Charity**

Cash donated to Pakokku Home for the Aged

**Pakokku, 5 Oct**—In commemoration of the International Day of Older Persons, Social Welfare Department under the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement, donated K 100,000 to the Pakokku Home for the Aged where a total of 36 older persons are under care.

On behalf of the Union minister, Headmistress Daw Thein Win and teacher Daw San Myint of Wadan Ward under care.

**Relief and Rehabilitation**

Relief supplies provided to flood victims of Taninthayi Township

**TANINTHAYI, 5 Oct**—A total of 39 houses in Chaunglamu Village in Theinkhun Village-tract in Taninthayi Region collapsed in flood of Chaunglamu River at 9 pm on 27 September.

The Taninthayi Region Government makes arrangements for providing timber and construction materials for rehabilitation of the flood victims.

Under the instructions of the Chief Minister, Myanmar Red Cross Society donated 100 blankets, 100 mosquito nets, 100 tarps, 100 kitchen utensils, 10 sets of carpenter and 100 purified water containers.

Region Red Cross Society Staff Officer (Grade-I) U Kyi Tin and party handed over the donations to Taninthayi on 30 September.

Under the supervision of the Township Administrator, Deputy Commander Officer U Shwe Win of Township Red Cross Battalion, Deputy Commander U Thein Win and party presented aids to the flood victim families at Dhamma Rekkhita Monastery of the village.

Till 2 October, the village was inundated with five feet deep water at the beach of the creek. So, the victims are difficult to rebuild their houses.

The closed basic education schools in Taninthayi Township were reopened on 29 September. In addition, express buses run along Myeik, Taninthayi, Bokpyin and Kawthoung routes regularly.

**Agriculture**

Pest prevention, different species of quality paddy strains taken out

**Myeik, 5 Oct**—The talks was organized by Agriculture Department.

The educational talks and taking out of different paddy plants was held at paddy fields of U Ye Win and U Tin Aung in Magyigon Village of Palaw Township on 2 October.

It was attended by members of District and Township Agricultural Supervisory Committees, village administrators and about 50 local farmers.

**Relief items provided to flood victims in Taninthayi Township.**

**Microfinance issued to shopkeepers in Myeik.**

**Myeik, 5 Oct**—A ceremony to issue microfinance to shopkeepers of Thihza Zeya Market was held at the administrative office in Myoithit ward of Myeik Township on 3 October.

Chairman of Township Poverty Alleviation Work Committee Township Administrator U Thein Win made a speech.

The chairman and officials presented K 100,000 each to 136 market families.

The loans were funded by Myeik Public Corporation Ltd.—Kyemon-Myeik District IPRD

**Officials issue microfinance loans to shopkeepers in Myeik.**

**YeU, 5 Oct**—Under the arrangements of Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department and Irrigation Department under Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation, a ceremony to feed milk to students was held at Myet Lay Hall of Basic Education High School No. 1 in YeU Township of Sagaing Region on 3 October morning.

It was attended by Chairman of the Township Management Committee U Myo Chit, township level officials, members of the School Board of Trustees, NGOs, departmental person- nel and ward administrators.

At first, Chairman of the Township Management Committee U Myo Chit made a speech. Head of Township LBVD Dr Khin San Tin explained advantages of milk. Staff Officer of Irrigation Department U Aung Naing and family fed milk and egg to over 600 pre-primary and primary students.

A plan is underway to feed milk and egg to students of remaining basic education schools.

**Vegetables and milk fed to students in YeU**
Family says woman killed in Washington car chase had post-partum depression

STAMFORD, (Washington), 5 Oct.—The woman who engaged police in a dramatic car chase through the streets of Washington, prompting a lockdown of the US Capitol before officers shot her dead, suffered from post-partum depression, her sisters told CNN on Friday, while questioning why she had to die. Miriam Carey, 34, had her one-year-old baby in the car with her on Thursday when she tried to drive her black Infiniti coupe through a barrier near the White House, then sped away toward Capitol Hill, leading police on a high-speed chase that ended when her car got stuck on a median and police shot her.

The incident came at a time of high political tension in the US capital, with Congress debating how to resolve the shutdown of the federal government when shots rang out.

Investigators probing the incident are focusing on whether Carey had mental problems that triggered her actions, said a US official, speaking on condition of anonymity.

Carey was diagnosed with post-partum depression a few months after the birth of her baby, her sister, Amy Carey-Jones, told CNN host Anderson Cooper on Friday evening. “My sister did experience post-partum depression, with psychosis, they labeled it,” Carey-Jones said, echoing comments reported earlier by ABC News which quoted Carey’s mother as saying her daughter had post-partum depression and had been hospitalized as a result.

Carey-Jones, who said she spoke often to her sister, disputed reports suggesting that her sister might have suffered from schizophrenia or bipolar disorder. Carey took medication, which she was tapering off, and participated in counseling and “had her challenges” with the illness, Carey-Jones said. “There was not moments of her walking around with delusions, that’s not what was going on,” she said.

Carey-Jones, who was sitting with her sister Valerie Carey, said her family had “a lot of questions” about her sister’s death and why police opened fire.

Tornadoes touch down in US Midwest causing damage, injuries

NEW YORK, 5 Oct.—A series of tornadoes, some about a mile across, swept through the US Midwest on Friday, causing a number of injuries and significant damage to homes and businesses, officials said.

Mile-wide tornadoes were spotted in western Iowa’s Woodbury County and more than 150 miles away in the small town of Plymouth, said Steven Weiss, chief of the science support branch at the federal Storm Prediction Centre. Large tornadoes moved east from northeast Nebraska into northwest Iowa, he said. Up to 13 people were hurt in Wayne, Nebraska, as a twister moved through the northeast corner of the state, NBC News reported.

Several businesses were destroyed and highways and in and out of the city were closed for a couple of hours after the storm, said Lee Wrede, a police dispatcher in Wayne.

Wrede said there had been a number of injuries but things could have been worse. “We were extremely lucky,” he said. “A lot of things worked right.”

A hazardous materials team responded to a possible gas leak at the Van Diest Supply Co, an agricultural chemical distributor in Wayne County, emergency officials said.

Jodie Faw of the Nebraska Emergency Management Agency said there were injuries in the state, but could not provide details. Multiple buildings and a softball field were damaged, she said.

Contaminated cough syrups sickens 35 people in Paraguay

MONTEVIDEO, 5 Oct.—The number of people who have fallen sick to contaminated cough syrups has increased to 35, Paraguay’s Ministry of Public Health said in a statement on Friday.

All the patients are hospitalized in stable condition, with 27 people discharged after showing clinical improvement, according to the statement issued in Asuncion, Paraguay’s capital.

The ministry said no case of death attributable to the drug’s ingestion has been reported.

The intoxication incident first occurred on Monday when 21 children got poisoned after taking cough syrups made with dextromethorphan hydrobromide.

China on alert against Typhoon Fitow

BEIJING, 5 Oct.—China’s maritime authorities on Saturday issued an orange alert, the second highest level for a wave warning, as Typhoon Fitow approached land.

Fitow, the 23rd of the year, is expected to reach the southeastern part of the East China Sea on Saturday afternoon or night, the National Marine Environmen
tal Forecasting Centre said.

The typhoon will bring waves as high as 12 meters in the south East China Sea and waters around the Diaoyu Islands from Saturday noon to Sunday midday, with waves of up to five metres in the north of the East China Sea and in the Taiwan Strait, according to the centre.

The centre also warned of storm tides, with water levels expected to increase by as much as 90 centime-
ters in coastal areas of Zhe-jiang and Fujian Provinces from Saturday night to Sun-day noon. The centre urged ships to be cautious. It also advised coastal authorities to take precautionary measures, carry out patrols and make sure dikes and fishery facilities are secure.

China has a four-tier, color-coded weather warn-
ing system, with red rep- resenting the most severe, followed by orange, yellow and blue.

Somali militants say ‘Western’ forces attack coastal base from beach

MOGADISHU, 5 Oct.—Somali militants said on Saturday “Western” forces attacked a house in one of its coastal bases in the town of Barawe under the cover of dark, killing one rebel fighter.

Foreign forces landed on the beach at Barawe, about 180 km (110 miles) south of Mogadishu, and launched an assault that drew gunfire from rebel fighters, Sheikh Abdiass Abu Musab, spokesman for al Shabaab’s military operations, told Reuters. “Westerners in boats attacked our base at Barawe beach and one was martyred from our side,” Musab said. One Barawe resident said he had heard a gunbattle during the night.

It was not immediately clear why the Barawe base had been targeted specifically, nor whether the assault was related to the attack on a Kenyan mall two weeks ago, which the al-Qaeda-linked group said it carried out and which killed at least 67.

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Marines stand on the deck as Chinese People’s Liberation Army Navy destroyer Qingdao arrives in Sydney Harbour, Sydney, Australia, on 4 Oct, 2013. More than 20 warships from 17 nations have arrived in Sydney Harbour to take part in the historic International Fleet Review. The fleet, which includes ships from the United States, the United Kingdom, France, India, Singapore and China, made their arrival Friday morning.—XINHUA

China on alert against Typhoon Fitow

Xinhua

A Russian employee of its embassy to Libya receives interview at airport in Moscow, Russia, on 4 Oct, 2013. Russia said Thursday that most employees of its embassy in Libya were evacuated to Tunisia and will return to Moscow on Friday, after the embassy was attacked by unknown gunmen.—XINHUA

Amy Carey, sister of Miriam Carey, the woman involved in the Capitol Hill shooting, is seen with her husband at a news conference outside their home in the Brooklyn borough of New York, on 4 Oct, 2013. REUTERS

Contaminated cough syrups sickens 35 people in Paraguay

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Chefs prepare Chinese food during the “Masti” gastronomic fair, in Buenos Aires, Argentina, on 4 Oct, 2013. The fair was organized by the Association of Chefs and Entrepreneurs related to Argentine Gastronomy (ACEL-GA).—XINHUA

Xinhua
**Chinese president concludes Malaysia visit with fruitful package**

**Ho CHI MINH, 5 Oct—**The Vietnamese legendary General Vo Nguyen Giap, the commander of Vietnamese army during the wars against French colony and the United States, passed away on Friday at the age of 102 in a hospital in Vietnam’s capital Hanoi.

The General died on Friday night at the Army Central Hospital 108, where he had been receiving treatment since 2009, reported local online VNExpress.

Born in 25 August, 1911, General Giap has led Vietnamese army and people in significant battles, including the Dien Bien Phu against French colony in 1954 and the Ho Chi Minh Campaign against the United States in 1975.

Giap was decorated as a military commander in battles as a person of a person in daily life. During the 1930s, Giap remained a school teacher and journalist. He joined the Communist Party of Vietnam in 1931. In 1939, Giap fled to China together with Pham Van Dong, where he joined Ho Chi Minh, the late President of Vietnam. After wars, General Giap remained Vietnam’s defence minister and deputy Prime Minister and retired in 1991.

**Nepal launches national plan of action on teenage development**

**KATHMANDU, 5 Oct—**The International Day of the Girl Child is marked around the world on 11 October, but Nepal celebrated the day a week ahead by launching the National Plan of Action (NPA) on Holistic Development of Adolescents in Kathmandu on Friday.

The reason behind prepping the event was to avoid collision with the upcoming Dashain Festival, the biggest festival in country that sees seven days of national holiday, said UNICEF, a key partner of the government in launching the act.

The NPA was finalized following the consultations with 2,000 adolescents and 1,000 adult stake holders from all over the country. An inter-ministerial task team under the leadership of the National Planning Commission (NPC) along sever al INGOs and NGOs assisted actively in the process.

Vice Chairman of the NPC, Rabindra Kumar Shaity, reiterated the NPC’s commitment to provide full support to create conducive environment to realize the aspirations set by the NPA for the holistic development of adolescents of Nepal.

Once implemented, the NPA aims to create an enabling policy environment, develop a sensitive and responsive system and streamline coordinated efforts to address the harmful social norms, challenges and development needs of adolescents.

**Thailand to host int’l seminar on rule of law**

**BANGKOK, 5 Oct—**Thailand will host an international symposium on the rule of law in the Thai capital city next month. Her Royal Highness Princess Bajrakitiyabha, the Thai ambassador extraordinary and plenipotentiary to Austria and former chair of the 21st UN Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice, will preside over the opening ceremony for the seminar, entitled the Bangkok Dialogue on Rule of Law on 15 November, according to Thai Justice Minister Chaisak Nitisiri.

The seminar, the first of its kind in Thailand, will be attended by distinguished academics, world leaders and dignitaries including Liberian President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf and Thai Prime Minister Yingluck Shinawatra. The event will primarily discuss ways and means to promote and maintain rule of law in all nations around the globe on sustainable, peaceful basis, Chaisak said.

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**Chinese President Xi Jinping (L) addresses the China-Malaysia Economic Summit in Kuala Lumpur, capital of Malaysia, on 4 Oct, 2013. Chinese President Xi Jinping and Malaysian Prime Minister Najib Razak joined the summit here on Friday.**

**KUALA LUMPUR, 5 Oct—**Chinese President Xi Jinping left Malaysia on Saturday for Indonesia’s Bali island to attend the joint Summit Meeting of ASEAN and China on the sidelines of the 22nd ASEAN summit in Indonesia. Xi Jinping said in a one-on-one meeting with his Malaysian counterpart that China and Malaysia should fully seize the opportunities presented by the AJE and the bilateral comprehensive strategic partnership and take the ASEAN-China Comprehensive Strategic Partnership Summit as an important opportunity to further push forward the China-Malaysia relations.

China and Malaysia signed a joint statement on the establishment of the China-Malaysia Comprehensive Strategic Partnership, agreeing to jointly promote and develop the China-Malaysia Comprehensive Strategic Partnership into a strong and reliable pillar of the China-ASEAN Comprehensive Strategic Partnership and a model of China’s relations with Southeast Asian countries.

The Summit Meeting of ASEAN and China was jointly attended by the leaders of China and Malaysia, the ASEAN Chair country, and countries that have signed agreements with ASEAN on establishing strategic partnerships.

The ASEAN-China Comprehensive Strategic Partnership is an important milestone in the development of China-ASEAN relations, and embodies the political will and common consent of the two sides to serve as a significant milestone in the development of China-ASEAN relations and an important strategic decision to further enhance China’s comprehensive strategic partnership with ASEAN.

Xi Jinping said that China and Malaysia, as neighbors, should recognize each other’s common interests, respect each other’s differences and maintain the overall stable and harmonious development of the China-Malaysia relations.

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**Singapore’s food industry grew rapidly despite labour shortage**

**SINGAPORE, 5 Oct—**Singapore’s food industry has grown quite rapidly in the last five years despite labour shortages, Deputy Prime Minister and Finance Minister Tharman Shanmugaratnam said on Friday.

“The labour market will remain tight. The supply of land will also remain tight,” Tharman said.

Singapore has tightened its foreign labour policies in recent years to push for a re-structuring and upgrading of its economy, with some of the labour intensive industries complaining of a manpower shortage.

Tharman said that a new partnership for Capabilities Transformation Project for the food industry will be launched. The project, which is between Unilever Food Solutions and the Restaurant Association of Singapore, will help local restaurateurs in areas such as menu planning and high volume production cooking.

George Quack, chairman of the BreadTalk Group, a chain bakery that has expanded fast in recent years in Singapore as well as China and Malaysia, also said that the service industries need to overcome the challenge by developing the existing workforce.

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**Competition and protectionism dim China’s ceramic industry**

**FUZHOU, 5 Oct—**Though autumn is just arriving in China’s warm south, local ceramic firms have already felt the chill.

Su Jiandui, general manager of the artistic ceramics business of Longpeng Group Co., said that a reduction in the beta rate value of 10 billion yuan (1.6 billion US dollars).

Su said the local production of ceramic artware manufacturer Dehua, the biggest ceramic artware manufacturer and export base in China, has felt the chill.

Dehua, the biggest ceramic artware manufacturer and export base in China, has more than 14,000 such firms and a total annual output value of 10 billion yuan (1.6 billion US dollars).

But due to a lack of self innovation, producers have not been able to make good profits as most products exported are of low quality, said Su. Su was the vice head of the economic and trade bureau of Dehua County.

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**People watch cows race at the Bay Nui cow race festival in Vietnam’s southern An Giang Province, on 4 Oct, 2013. The festival attracts the participation of 64 pairs of cows from districts of Vietnam’s An Giang, Kien Giang and Soc Trang Provinces.**

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**The L’Incomparable Diamond necklace is displayed by Jeweller Mounawad during a media preview ahead of the Singapore JewellFest which will be held on 11 to 15 October in Singapore, on 4 Oct, 2013.**

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**The leaders also witnessed the signing of a series of mutually beneficial pacts.**

Xi and Malaysian Prime Minister Najib Razak agreed to upgrade bilateral ties to a comprehensive strategic partnership and agreed on a target to boost bilateral trade to 160 billion US dollars by 2017.

Malaysia’s English-language newspaper New Straits Times said in a front-page report on Saturday that the agreements inked during Xi’s visit opened “a new chapter” in bilateral ties.

Malaysia is the second leg of Xi’s ongoing Southeast Asia tour which has also taken him to Indonesia.

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**Vietnamese legendary General Vo Nguyen Giap dies at 102**

The Vietnamese legendary General Vo Nguyen Giap, the commander of Vietnamese army during the wars against French colony and the United States, passed away on Friday at the age of 102 in a hospital in Vietnam’s capital Hanoi.

The General died on Friday night at the Army Central Hospital 108, where he had been receiving treatment since 2009, reported local online VNExpress.

Born in 25 August, 1911, General Giap has led Vietnamese army and people in significant battles, including the Dien Bien Phu against French colony in 1954 and the Ho Chi Minh Campaign against the United States in 1975.

Giap was decorated as a military commander in battles as a person of a person in daily life. During the 1930s, Giap remained a school teacher and journalist. He joined the Communist Party of Vietnam in 1931. In 1939, General Giap fled to China together with Pham Van Dong, where he joined Ho Chi Minh, the late President of Vietnam. After wars, General Giap remained Vietnam’s defence minister and deputy Prime Minister and retired in 1991.

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**Vietnamese local minority women greet General Vo Nguyen Giap during a visit to the historic Dien Phu military headquarters building in Muong Phang, Dien Bien Province in this 19 April, 2004 file photo.**

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**The seminar, the first of its kind in Thailand, will be attended by distinguished academics, world leaders and dignitaries including Liberian President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf and Thai Prime Minister Yingluck Shinawatra. The event will primarily discuss ways and means to promote and maintain rule of law in all nations around the globe on sustainable, peaceful basis, Chaisak said.**
Portugal gets 5.5 billion euro more aid from troika

LISBON, 5 Oct—Portuguese Deputy Prime Minister Paulo Portas said on Thursday that the international lenders have agreed to grant another batch of aid totaling 5.5 billion euros (about 7.4 billion US dollars) for the bailedout country after their two-week assessment on the bailout programme. However, Portas told a Press conference that the troika comprising the European Commission, the International Monetary Fund and the European Central Bank has rejected Portugal’s demand for easing its 2014 deficit reduction target from 4 percent of its GDP to 4.5 percent.

Due to the early signs of economic recovery in Portugal, he said, the troika also decided to revise its growth forecast for the country. Portugal’s economic contraction is expected to decrease from 2.3 percent to 1.8 percent in 2013 and its economic growth in 2014 to grow 0.8 percent, up from the previously forecast 0.6 percent.

Portas said that Portugal’s current experiencing a transition period and the government will stick to its solid financial policy to get the country out of the economic crisis at the earliest. So far Portugal has received 6.73 billion euros (about 9 billion dollars) in aid from the troika under the 78-billion-euro (105 billion dollars) bailout agreement clinched between the two sides in May 2011. The Portuguese government’s harsh austerity measures are widely blamed for the lingering recession of the past two years, which also caused growing discontent among the public.

Half of land disputes in Vietnam remain unresolved

HANOI, 5 Oct—About half of land disputes and environment-related complaints in Vietnam in 2012 were unresolved pending state action, according to the Vietnam’s first ever justice index.

The Vietnam Justice Index 2012, which was released on Thursday in Hanoi by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the Vietnam Lawyers’ Association, showed that nearly half of surveyed people found land disputes the most common type of disagreement and a disturbing issue in their localities.

Around 38 percent of land disputes are related to land use rights certificates, compensation and real-location, Vietnam’s News Agency reported on Friday. The survey found that one fifth of all complaints on the handling of social entitlement policy and environmental pollution prevention by state agencies are about the lack of feedback from these agencies. Up to 60 percent of respondents thought that local government prioritizes economic growth over environmental protection.

The survey also revealed that it often took state agencies a longer time to handle administrative complaints than permitted by law, with some cases stretching to as long as 27 months.

Bakhodir Burkhanov, UNDP Country Director in Vietnam said the findings captured citizens’ true assessments of state institutions’ performance in the administration of justice and adherence to the rule of law. Wealthier, better-educated citizens demand higher quality and more efficient services, and they want less bureaucracy and more accountability from authorities.—Xinhua

Chinese island conferred with int’l planning award

THE HAGUE, 5 Sept—The planning project of Changxing Island in northeastern China has been awarded the annual awards of excellence by the International Society of City and Regional Planners (ISOCARP), Dutch design company KuiperCompagnons said on Thursday.

Changxing Island, the sixth largest island in China, is located in Liaoning Province along the east coast of the Bohai Bay, north of the city Dalian, and is part of the Dalian Administrative Area. It was designed by the KC and John Tang Associates from Hong Kong. The design partnership said in a statement that the character of the island and the surrounding archipelago has been rapidly transformed from a rural aquaculture and agriculture-based economy to an urbanized and industrialized economy, centered on a newly constructed deep-water port servicing the shipbuilding and petrochemical industries.

A boy takes photos of his mother by chrysanthemum in a park in Changchun, capital of northeastern China’s Jilin Province, on 2 Oct, 2013. Various kinds of chrysanthemum were on display during the national holidays.

“DURGA PUJA INVITATION”

THE SARADITYA DURGA PUJA (Sandhi Mai Daw Puzaw Pwe) will be celebrated from Thursday, the 10th October to Monday the 14th October 2013 at Hindu temple Sri Sri Durga Bari No. 307, Bo Aung Kyaw Street, Kyauktada Township, Yangon.

All are Cordially invited to attend the Durga Puja Celebration with family and friends.

Durga Puja Celebration Committee 2013

Ministry of National Planning and Economic Development
Central Equipment Statistics and Inspection Department
Office No (32), Nay Pyi Taw

Invitation to proposal for competitive bidding

1. Proposals for competitive bidding are invited to purchase the following brand new heavy machinery (in kyat) for Central Equipment Statistics and Inspection Department, Ministry of National Planning and Economic Development, Office No (32), Nay Pyi Taw:

(a) Excavator
   6
(b) Bulldozer
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(c) Road ROLLER
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(d) Dump Truck
   18

2. Only person, company, committee or its’ formal representative person are allowed to purchase the proposals for competitive bidding forms and tender’s disciplines.

3. Proposals for competitive bidding forms are available at 10000 Kyats per copy at Central Equipment Statistics and Inspection Department, Office No (32), Nay Pyi Taw and Mechanic and Stores Branch, Tharayone Street, No 5 ward, Mayangon Township, Yangon during office hours from 8-10-2013 to 17-10-2013.

4. Only proposals and documents issued by the department will be accepted.

5. The ceremony to open proposals for competitive bidding will be held at Ministry of National Planning and Economic Development, Office No (1), Nay Pyi Taw at 9:00 am on 22 October 2013 (Tuesday).


Director General
Central Equipment Statistics and Inspection Department

UN Expo in Kenya seeks green solutions for development

NAIROBI, 5 Oct—The upcoming South-South Development Expo in Kenya will showcase and enhance transformative and innovative local solutions to global problems, said UNEP on Thursday.

“The Expo is an opportunity to showcase these catalytic and forward-looking projects, transformations and ideas that can underpin a transition towards an inclusive green economy for over seven billion people, rising to nine billion by 2050,” United Nations Environment Programme Executive Director Achim Steiner said in a statement.

Several former African presidents and senior UN officials will attend the meeting which serves as a strategic opportunity for countries, businesses, organizations and citizens, according to the statement. The expo will be held from 28 October to 1 November.

Farmers harvest rice at Xining

Town in Jingxi, China’s Zhumen Autonomous Region, on 3 Oct, 2013.

China’s southern Jiangxi province holds a harvest festival to celebrate the good yield.

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DURGA PUJA INVITATION
Kate Winslet wants to age gracefully

LONDON, 5 Oct—Actress Kate Winslet is against plastic surgery to reduce wrinkles and says she wants to grow old gracefully.

Winslet aspires to look like Hollywood legends Meryl Streep and Judi Dench when she is older, reports contactmusic.com.

“My generation of actresses is incredibly lucky. We have people like Meryl Streep and Judi Dench to look up to. Isn’t it interesting that those are the actresses we all want to watch? The ones who look real,” Time Out magazine quoted Winslet as saying.

“You can see their lives in their faces. Those are truly beautiful women,” she added. The actress, who has two children — Mia, 12, and Joe, 9 — is expecting her third child with her husband Ned Rocknroll. She insists that weight gain and a subsequent diet plan is the last thing on her mind.

“Look. I’m 37 years old. I don’t want to spend my time thinking about the size of my arse. I want to be healthy and I want to have as much fun as I can have. I want to be around for my children.”

Robert Downey Jr’s son seeking drug treatment

LOS ANGELES, 5 Oct—Actor Robert Downey Jr’s son is undergoing treatment for substance abuse issues.

The Iron Man star’s ex-wife Deborah Falcone, has revealed that 20-year-old Indio is currently receiving “holistic, natural and orthomolecular” therapy at an undisclosed treatment facility, reported OK! magazine.

“We are hoping to do it the homoeopathic way rather than with medications. He’s being treated with vitamin supplements and organic foods,” she said.

Falcone said her son, who is a promising musician and actor, was only taking one prescription pill a day and does not have addiction issues.

However, Downey Jr reportedly fears his son is battling the same issues he fought 20 years ago, when he was in and out of drug rehab facilities and jail.

Beyonce connected with her baby during delivery

LOS ANGELES, 5 Oct—Singer Beyonce Knowles, who shares a close bond with her 20-month-old daughter Blue Ivy, says that during her delivery, she felt a communication with her unborn daughter.

This communication helped her forget about the pain she suffered during labour.

“I felt like when I was having contractions, I envisioned my child pushing through a very heavy door. And I imagined this tiny infant doing all the work, so I could (not) think about my own pain …. we were talking. I know it sounds crazy, but I felt a communication,” November issue of Australia’s Marie Claire magazine quoted Beyonce as saying.

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Jane Fonda to get American Film Institute’s life achievement award

LOS ANGELES, 5 Oct—Actress Jane Fonda will be honoured with the American Film Institute’s 42nd AFI life achievement award.

Fonda will be present-ed with the award at a gala tribute on 5 June. Her fa-ther, Henry, was honoured with the award in 1978, making the Fodas the first father and daughter to be recognized by the American Film Institute, said the Hollywood Reporter.

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“Jane Fonda is American film royalty. A bright light first introduced to the world as the daughter of Henry Fonda, the world watched as she found her own voice and forged her own path as an actor and a cultural icon. Today she stands tall among the giants of American film,” said Howard Stringer, the AFI board’s chair.—PTI

Julianne Moore lands a star on Hollywood Walk of Fame

Chloe Moretz were present at the event, reported E! Online.

The iconic actress received the 2,507th star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame thanks to her lengthy film career that has includ-ed four Oscar nominations — two Best Supporting Actress nominations for her roles in Boogie Nights and The Hours, as well as two Best Actress nominations for The End of an Affair and Far From Heaven.

Wearing a yellow Dolce & Gabanna dress and a pair of white heels, the Game Change actress posed with Moretz for pictures and planted a kiss on the 16-year-old star’s cheek. In another pic-ture, Moore was all smiles as she posed with husband Bart Freundlich, 15-year-old son Cal and 11-year-old daughter Liv.

“Julianne Moore has captured our hearts on the big screen with her amazing work. She is one of the most gifted and charismatic actresses of our time and we are honored to have her immortalized on the Walk of Fame,” said Anna Martin-zew, Producer of the Walk of Fame ceremonies. —PTI

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Serena Williams of the US returns a shot against Caroline Wozniacki of Denmark during their quarter-final match in the China Open tennis tournament at the National Tennis Stadium, in Beijing on 4 Oct, 2013. 

Reuters

United picked right manager despite bad start

MANCHESTER, 5 Oct—Manchester United manager David Moyes played down the Premier League champions’ shaky start to the season on Friday, saying the club had picked the right man to lead the team.

Back-to-back league defeats at Manchester City and, more shockingly, at home to West Bromwich Albion have been part of their worst opening for 24 years and have given a big zarre must-win feel to Saturday’s trip to bottom club Sunderland.

Asked if he was concerned about the run of results and the club’s 12th place in the standings, Moyes told a news conference: “We’re concerned that we didn’t win against West Brom, that is the biggest concern.

“There’s a long way to go in the Premier League, (it’s) a long season, you’ll see great changes as the season goes on so we’ll hang in there and get ourselves as close to the top as soon as we can.”

Three defeats in six league games have led fans to question whether ex-Everton manager Moyes is up to the job of succeeding Alex Ferguson and phrases such as “hang in there” and “close to the top” will not inspire belief that he has a winner’s mentality.

There was also surprisingly no word on striker Wayne Rooney’s shin injury that kept him out of Wednesday’s 1-1 draw at Shaktar Donetsk in the Champions League, a contrast with Ferguson who often started his news conferences with updates on sidelined players.

“I’ve not seen him yet this morning,” Moyes said of the England forward who has been enjoying something of a revival in form in a side otherwise lacking spark.

On their way to a 20th league title last season, United lost just five matches but even though they are more than halfway to that total so early in the season, Ferguson said this week he still backed Moyes 100 percent.—Reuters

Chelsea not ready to dominate like before

LONDON, 5 Oct—Jose Mourinho said his Chelsea squad is not strong enough to dominate the Premier League like his side did at the start of his first spell in charge at Stamford Bridge in 2004-05.

Then, Mourinho’s expensively-assembled squad sealed Chelsea’s first title in 50 years with a brand of power football that earned them a Premier League record 95 points.

His return to Stamford Bridge has coincided with a bunching up of England’s top clubs, however, and talk of the most open title race for years, with early leaders Arsenal, a rejigged Liverpool and Tott Hotspur all in a fight along with Manchester City and Manchester United.

Chelsea have dropped seven points in their open six games and are in the table, albeit displays in the sec of a 1-1 draw at Tr last week, followed away victory again Bucharest, hinted that the London club were moving through the gears.

While encouraged, the Portuguese said he was not expecting his side, or any other team for that matter, to steam ahead.

“In relation to my team at this moment we are not strong enough to be dominant in every match and win consecutively. That is my point of view.” Mour- ihno told a news conference ahead of Sunday’s trip to Norwich City.

“I think the league will be open until the end,” he added.

Reuters
Fiji, Sweden discuss immigration cooperation

SUVA, 5 Oct—Fijian Minister for Defence, National Security and Immigration Joketani Cokanasiga met Swedish Minister for Migration and Asylum Tobias Billstrom Tuesday and discussed bilateral cooperation on immigration, Fiji’s Ministry of Information said.

During their meeting in New York, Billstrom expressed the Swedish government’s appreciation to Fiji in the successful conclusion of the Declaration on International Migration and Development that was adopted by the United Nations General Assembly earlier this week, according to Fiji’s Ministry of Information.

Billstrom also expressed Sweden’s support to the Group of 77 on the issues of asylum and migration issues as all countries must work actively to put them on the international agenda.

On this note, he said the Swedish government believes that Sweden must make migration process, including labor mobility, easier for people to go and work in Sweden.

Billstrom assured Cokanasiga, who noted that Sweden is on Fiji’s visa exemption list, that his department will try to follow through to reciprocate Fiji’s generosity.

An average of 2,000 visitors from Sweden visit Fiji annually, according to Fiji government statistics. Cokanasiga delivered the lead statement at the UN General Assembly on High Level Dialogue on International Migration and Development in Fiji’s capacity as the 2013 chair of Group of 77 plus China, reiterating that the global nature of migration and the challenges surrounding that must be addressed.

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Germany’s coach Joachim Loew gestures during their 2014 World Cup qualifier against Austria in Munich on 6 Sept, 2013. — Reuters

Germany’s coach Joachim Loew gestured again for qualifiers

BERLIN, 5 Oct—Germany coach Joachim Loew again overlooked three years, recently praised the Bayer Leverkusen striker to raise hopes of a long-awaited Germany return, which the player had ruled out only weeks earlier.

The coach opted for Borussia Moenchengladbach’s Max Kruse, who has three caps, as has the only attacking choice for the 11 October encounter against Ireland and the trip to Sweden four days later.

“We had a discussion with Stefan and I told him that I count on (injured) Mario Gomez and Miroslav Klose and that there are some other players I want to try out this year,” Loew said. “I cannot look into future but we said that if I needed him for the World Cup in case a player was out of form or injured then he would be ready, that he is at our disposal. I think that’s great.

“I know what he can do and I respect his form in the Bundesliga but it would not be fair to him to call him up once and then not to call him up again.”

The 29-year-old Kießling, who has scored five goals in seven league games so far this season, won the last of his six Germany caps in the 3-2 victory over Uruguay in the 2010 World Cup third place playoff.

“Our starting position in the group is good,” said Loew, whose team will guarantee top spot in Group C and a place in next year’s finals in Brazil if they beat Ireland.

“We have a lot of trust in the players we have nominated and want to quickly qualify for Brazil,” said the German, who has been in charge since 2006 but has failed to win an international trophy with them.

“Our clear aim is to seal our ticket with a win against Ireland in front of a home crowd,” said Loew. Strikers Klose and Gomez have been ruled out of the qualifiers with injuries, as have Lukas Podolski, Ilkay Guendogan and Marcel Schmelzer.

Bayern Munich’s Bastian Schweinsteiger, who will reach 100 caps if he plays in both games, and Mario Goetze are back in the squad after recovering from injuries while Loew also called up Hamburg SV defender Marco Jansen.

Squad: Goalkeepers: Manuel Neuer (Bayern Munich), Rene Adler (Hamburg SV).

Defenders: Jerome Boateng (Bayern Munich), Benedikt Hoewedes (Schalke 04), Mats Hummels (Borussia Dortmund), Marcel Jansen (Hamburg SV).

Midfielders: Lars Bender (Bayern Leverkusen), Sven Bender (Borussia Dortmund), Julian Draxler (Schalke 04), Mario Goetze (Bayern Munich).

Forwards: Robert Lewandowski (Bayern Munich), Thomas Mueller (Bayern Munich), Mesut Ozil (Real Madrid), Marco Reus (Borussia Dortmund), Bastian Schweinsteiger (Bayern Munich), Andre Schurrle (Chelsea), Bas Dost (Anderlecht), Lukas Podolski (Arsenal), Mario Gomez (Borussia Dortmund).

Germany’s coach Joachim Loew gestures during their 2014 World Cup qualifier against Austria in Munich on 6 Sept, 2013. — Reuters

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Vice-President U Nyan Tun concludes Belgium visit

NAY PYI TAW, 5 Oct—Vice-President U Nyan Tun and party who are in Belgium visited Flanders Province where they observed maintenance works along Scheldt river and generating electricity through offshore wind mill farm in North Sea on 2 October. At Lillo port, officials of International Marine & Dredging Consultants (IMDC) and DEME Company explained management for natural resources sustainability and development and studies on dredging of sand and silt, entry of seawater and flood, waterway and jetties, findings on Yangon river, dredging works in Scheldt river and electricity-generation process through wind mill farm.

Dredging, Environmental and Marine Engineering Group-DMEME is carrying out production of renewable energy by means of three offshore wind turbines. Each wind mill farm that costs about USD 20 million includes 25 wind mills. The offshore wind mills produce 6.5 megawatts of electricity each. Production of one megawatt of electricity through offshore win mills cost three million dollars and inland wind mill cost, 1.5 million dollars. On their arrival at Antwerp Port Authority in Flanders Province on 3 October, they were welcomed by the vice-governor and the chairman of the board of APA who explained functions of the authority. Next, they observed progress in construction of Berendrechtshuis Lock at the cost of 382 million euros. At Hydraulic Research Department, an MoU was signed between the Department for Water Resource Utilization and Improvement of River Systems of Ministry of Transport and SBE Engineering Co. Ltd. At Waterbouwkundig: Hydraulic Research Department, officials reported on facts about four designated places for the maintenance and development of Ayeyawady River, saying that construction of low head dams would be beneficial to the country as well as to local people.

Rakhine State Chief Minister, Lt-Gen Hla Min inspect violence-hit villages in Thandwe

Lt-Gen Hla Min and Rakhine State Chief Minister U Hla Maung Tin visited Rakhine violence-hit areas in Thandwe Township on 3 October. They met with fire victims from two communities in Thabyuchaing Village and gave words of encouragement to them.

They provided rice, bean, edible oil, instant noodle and relief items to 52 households. It is learnt that due to riot occurred in Thandwe Township, 114 houses, three religious buildings and one gasoline warehouse were burnt down, leaving 482 people homeless, five people dead and five injured. The security forces and rescue teams are carrying out relief works at the riot-hit areas and the calm returned to Thandwe Township.—District IPRD

Deputy Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw hosts dinner to NZ Speaker of House of Representatives and party

NAY PYI TAW, 5 Oct—Deputy Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw U Nanda Kyaw Swa hosted a dinner in honour of the visiting goodwill delegation led by Speaker of the House of Representatives of New Zealand Rt. Hon. David Carter who is here at the invitation of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker U Shwe Mann, at Thingaha Hotel, here, yesterday evening.

Also present at the dinner were the Speaker of the House of Representatives of New Zealand and wife and party, the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Deputy Speaker and wife, Pyithu Hluttaw Affairs Committee chairpersons U Thura Zaw and U Soe Naing, Secretary Dr Soe Yin, Hluttaw representatives and officials of the Hluttaw Office.

Speaker of House of Representatives of New Zealand visits commonwealth war cemetery

YANGON, 5 Oct—Speaker of the House of Representatives of New Zealand Rt. Hon David Carter and party this afternoon visited British Commonwealth war cemetery in Haukkyant of Mingaladon Township in Yangon Region. They were conducted round there by Regional Manager of commonwealth war cemetery commission U Oo. The visiting speaker and party laid wreath at the front of memorial tomb of New Zealand’s air force servicemen and paid tribute. Then, they signed the visitors’ book and looked round the war cemetery.