President U Thein Sein meets Dutch PM, CEO of Shell Co.,

The Hague, 10 Sept—President U Thein Sein met Mr Mark Rutte, Prime Minister of the Netherlands at the Prime Minister Office in The Hague and Mr Ben van Beurden, Chief Executive Officer of Shell Co., on Tuesday. The President and the CEO discussed investment opportunities in Myanmar, technical profits and prospect for Myanmar’s energy sector compared with the world’s energy condition.

In the evening, President U Thein Sein attended a dinner hosted by Myanmar Ambassador to the Netherlands U Paw Lwin Sein at Bel Air Hotel.—MNA

MRTV to broadcast live Myanmar Vs Vietnam semifinal match

Nay Pyi Taw, 10 Sept—The semifinal of the U-19 ASEAN Football Federation Youth Championship 2014 will be broadcast live through the Myanmar Radio and Television (MRTV) and Myanmar Radio programme on Thursday at 6:30 p.m. On that day, Myanmar will face Vietnam at the semifinal while Japan will meet Thailand.—MNA

Germany presents digitized version of “Golden Letter” of King Alaungphaya to Myanmar

Yangon, 10 Sept—Union Foreign Minister U Wunna Maung Lwin accepted a digitized version of the “Golden Letter” which the Myanmar King Alaungphaya sent to George II of the British Empire in 1756 presented by the Foreign Ministry of Germany recently.

At the opening ceremony of the new exhibition in the Atrium of the Federal Foreign Office of Germany on 3 September marking 60 years of diplomatic relations with Myanmar, Germany’s State Secretary (See page 3)

Myanmar National Commission for UNESCO to release annual report

By Ye Myint

Yangon, 10 Aug—Myanmar National Commission for UNESCO held its first work coordination meeting in Yangon to mobilize activity information of ministries concerned on UNESCO’s works in Myanmar to develop its first annual report that will increase its visibility both nationally and internationally.

Following a reformation of the body in May, new members were recruited to the 31-member commission to enhance the effectiveness of UNESCO’s works in Myanmar, meeting international activities.

The annual report expected to be published in December will highlight the full range of project activities from respective ministries on UNESCO’s works in Myanmar, Dr Lwin Lwin Soe, secretary-general of the commission, told The New Light of Myanmar on Wednesday.

Upon the release of the commission’s annual report, it can thereby contribute towards greater awareness of UNESCO in Myanmar and promotion of the commission’s visibility at the international level and facilitate cooperation and coordination between the commission and a global network of national commissions in education, science, culture and communication with UNESCO, added the secretary-general, who is also the rector of Yangon University of Foreign Languages.

The newly-reconstituted Myanmar National Commission for UNESCO holds its first meeting, with Secretary-General Dr Lwin Lwin Soe calling on ministries concerned to make contributions to the commission for release of its first annual report that will promote its national and international visibility, facilitating cooperation with global counterparts.

Photo: Ye MYINT

Should we hide our identity?

LIVING with DHAMMA

Part of the “Golden Letter”. PHOTO: DPA/PIC TURE ALLIANCE
Union Industry Minister receives foreign business delegations

Union Minister U Maung Myint holds talks with a business delegation on Wednesday.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 10 Sept — Union Minister for Industry U Maung Myint received foreign business delegations at the ministry on Wednesday.

The union minister received the delegation led by President Mr Dibyendu Basu of Bengal National Chamber of Commerce and Industry, India, and the delegation led by Director Mr Noorul Ameen of MyAsia Consulting Co., Ltd of India separately and held discussions on manufacturing and import of solar equipment and cooperation in the industrial sector, human resources development in the industrial sector Mr Dibyendu Basu invited the union minister and officials to the 27th Industrial Trade Fairs to be held in India.

In the afternoon, the union minister met with the delegation led by Managing Director Mr Keiichi Asano of Suzuki (Myanmar) Motor Co., Ltd and discussed matters related to the one-year extension of the tenure of No. 24 Heavy Industry in South Dagon, manufacturing of Suzuki Ertiga vehicles in Myanmar. The union minister agreed to extend the tenure of the factory in principle.

Taxi robbers on Yangon-Mandalay expressway arrested

NAY PYI TAW, 10 Sept — Taxi robbers who mugged on the Yangon-Mandalay expressway in broad daylight in the third week of August were arrested within two weeks of incident, according the police report on Wednesday.

The three suspects of two men and one woman attacked the driver identified as U Maung Soe between mile posts 6/7 and 7/0 near Hlegu Township, Yangon at 10 a.m. before taking away his car.

The victim, 59, then reported the case to the expressway Police of No.3 Investigation at 2 p.m. on the same day. And the case was filed with the section 382 of the Penal Code.

Daw Aye Kyi, the female suspect, was arrested while she is making arrangements to sell the stolen car on 31 August in the compound of U San Nyein, 64, in South Okkalapa, Yangon.

Police also found one handset, one platinum necklace, one small gold leaf, one locket, and two gold electroplated necklaces.

Following further investigation, two male culprits identified as Thet Ko Oo alias Shwe Ar, aged 34, and Chit Ko, alias Zaw Lin, 23, who help drive the taxi from one place to another.

Police have filed the lawsuits to these five suspects involved in the case.

Police Information

Cancer registration course for local health care providers opens in Yangon

By Khang Thanda Lwin

YANGON, 10 Sept — The first training course on cancer registration opened on Wednesday at the Department of Medical Research (Lower Myanmar) in Yangon, with the aim of controlling cancer diseases in Myanmar.

The three-day course is jointly organized by the Department of Medical Research (Lower Myanmar) and the Department of Health under the Ministry of Health in Myanmar, National Cancer Institution (NCI) in Thailand and International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) in France.

In his opening speech, Dr Kyaw Zin Thant, Director-General of DMR (LM), said that the cancer registration is a systematic collection of data on persons with cancers that plays a vital role in controlling the cancer.

So as to implement the national cancer registration service, the Ministry invited foreign experts from NCI and IARC to share their experience to the health care providers from cancer departments in Yangon, Nay Pyi Taw, Mandalay and Taunggyi as well as private hospitals, he added.

In the first day training, the experts gave lectures on types of cancer registries and its purposes, method of data collection, source of information, case identification, basic diagnosis and international classification of disease.

An official of the National Cancer Institute said that cancer registration is one of the important things for cancer control, adding that the NCI has a plan to collaborate in future with Myanmar in carrying out cancer control programme, the official added.

Asst Professor Epidemiology Dr Atul Badhak explained that the main objectives of population-based cancer registry (PBCR) are to provide the incident and mortality rate of cancer in a defined population and to provide a framework for accessing and controlling the impacts of cancer in the community.

Cause-specific mortality data are available in developed countries; however, it is lacking in developing countries. A PBCR is the only source for cancer morality in developing countries, he added.

According to a report, cancer is the leading causes of death in developed countries. Each year, about four million people die from cancer worldwide while more than 6 million people are diagnosed with cancer.

In Myanmar, lung cancer is most common cancers in male while ovarian cancer is the fastest growing health problem of female, source said.

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Myanmar National Commission . . .

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technology and forestry, presented works undertaken in cooperation with UNESCO and pledged to make contributions to the annual report.

The Myanmar National Commission for UNESCO was formed one year after Myanmar’s membership in the Organization in 1949.

As part of its performance during the last three years, the commission established co-operative relations with its counterpart in South Korea, hosted a workshop on Capacity Building of National Commission for UNESCO and Raising Greater Awareness of UNESCO in Myanmar and a workshop on Professional Skills Development of Faculty Members of Universities of Foreign Languages and implemented two projects with the approval of Asian Regional Initiative for Climate Education Programme (RICE). —NLM
Committee on Pyu city states holds coordination meeting

NAY PYI TAW, 10 Sept — The committee on the management of Pyu city states held a coordination meeting here on Wednesday with the speech of Vice President U Nyan Tun.

The three Pyu city states of Hanlin, Beikthano and Sri Kestra were inducted to the prestigious list by the UNESCO’s World Heritage Committee in Doha, Qatar, on Jun 22.

These ancient cities thrived between about BC 200 and AD 900, and are located in the dry zone of the Ayeyawady delta at present time.

At the coordination meeting, U Nyan Tun said: “The three Pyu city states are endowed with cultural heritages and they have been recognized by the United Nations Organization for Education, Science and Culture as the cultural heritage sites.”

Daw Sanda Khin, deputy minister for culture and secretary of the management committee, explained the future activities of her committee with the cooperation of relevant government ministries.

Participants of the meeting suggested the preparedness plans on disaster management in the cultural zones, research works, better livelihoods of local people and close supervision on the area.

The Ministry of Culture formed the World Heritage National Committee, cooperating with local and international experts, as well as the relevant ministries, three regional government and local people.

The members of 17 countries out of 21 member nations in the World Heritage Committee agreed to add the Pyu city states into the UNESCO at the 38th session of its meeting held in Doha.—MNA

Press conference on ASEAN Economic Ministers’ Meeting held

NAY PYI TAW, 10 Sept — The Ministry of National Planning and Economic Development held press conference on the 46th ASEAN Economic Ministers’ Meeting and related meetings and the 1st Meeting of National Level Coordinators’ Meeting on ASEAN Connectivity Master Plan was held on Wednesday afternoon in Nay Pyi Taw.

At the press conference, Deputy Minister for National Planning and Economic Development Daw Lei Lei Thein said that a total of 7 agreements were signed during the meetings and 82.1 percent of work for ASEAN Economic Community has been implemented. Then, the deputy minister explained the discussions held during the meetings and replied to queries raised journalists.

MoU signed for strengthening women’s cooperatives

NAY PYI TAW, 10 Sept — Union Minister for Cooperatives U Kyaw Hsan attended the signing ceremony of the MoU to implement the project for Strengthening Women’s Cooperatives in Myanmar held at the Grand Amarapura Hotel Nay Pyi Taw on Wednesday morning.

The project will be implemented in five townships including Twantay, Kawhmu, Hlinethaya and Pabedan townships in Yangon Region and Dawei Township in Ayeyawady Region. At the ceremony, Director-General U Aung Phyu of the Cooperative Department and Country Director Mr Joseph Mariampillai of Relief International signed the MoU.—MNA

Union Ministers visit dairy industries in the Hague

THE HAGUE, 10 Sept — Union Ministers U Ohn Mynht and U Khin Maung Soe, who accompanied the president’s visit to three European countries, visited the new Dutch Dairy factory near the Hague on 8 September and discussed cooperation in production of milk and dairy products, technology exchange and foreign investment.

Then, the union ministers went to 400-year-old dairy industries that produced 340 tons of cheese every year and discussed establishing dairy farms and production of animal feed. Afterwards, the union ministers visited the 400-year old ancient village and held discussions about preservation of heritages in Myanmar.

Germany presents digitized ...

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Stephan Steinlein presented a digitized version of the “Golden Letter” to Union Foreign Minister Wunna Maung Lwin.

The digitized version is to go on display first in Yangon and later in Myanmar’s National Museum, which is currently under construction in Nay Pyi Taw.

The letter, written on a sheet of pure gold and decorated with 24 rubies, which the Burmese King Alaunghnya sent to George II, then both Elector of Hanover and British king, in 1756, is a unique piece of global and colonial history.

The historic document has been digitized in 3D technology involved makes it possible to produce 3D projections of the digital model – on a screen in the middle of a room behind glass – as well as facsimiles and print-outs.—NLM
**Mandalay Region officials urged to implement Third Wave process**

MANDALAY, 10 Sept — Mandalay Region government held a coordination meeting at its hall on Monday in Mandalay, with an address by Region Chief Minister U Ye Myint.

District and township administrators reported on progress of township development and future tasks. Region level departmental officials submitted reports on assistance to be provided for the townships.

After attending to the needs, the Chief Minister stressed the need to implement five-point third wave process in the region.

Thiha Ko Ko (Mandalay)

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**Methods on cultivation of paddy demonstrated**

THATON, 10 Sept — The demonstration on cultivation of paddy and fertilizer broadcasting was held at Palethwe model plot of farmer U Kyaw Win Sein in Zayitchaung Village-tract in Thaton Township of Mon State on Tuesday.

It was attended by Thaton District Deputy Commissioner U Tun Tun Win, Pyithu Hluttaw representative U Saw Ba Thein, District Head of Agriculture Department U Myint Khaing and officials.

Head of Township Agriculture Department U Sein Moung explained advantages of good agricultural pattern, systematic use of fertilizers and prevention against pests and germs in the monsoon paddy plantations.

Thaton Township has grown 20,250 acres of monsoon paddy against 125,428 acres through GAP. —Thet Oo (Thaton)

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**Construction of school buildings commences**

YINMABIN, 10 Sept — A ceremony to drive stake for construction of the annex of the Basic Education Primary School was held in Lapoh Village in Yinmabin Township of Sagaing Region on Wednesday.

District and township level departmental officials and the chairman of the construction committee drove stakes at the designated places.


Prime-Tech Company Ltd is taking responsibilities for construction of the buildings and the structures will be completed within six months. —Tun Ko Ko (Yinmabin)

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**Sanitation charge changed in Mandalay City**

MANDALAY, 10 Sept — Mandalay City Development Committee will collect the monthly fixed sanitation charges for six classes of garbage from restaurants, according to the minute of the meeting No 22/2014.

The owners of restaurants in six townships in Mandalay municipal area are to pay the sanitation charges at the respective township development affairs committee offices, depending on classified garbage. The entrepreneurs are to pay K1,500 per 0.214 ton of sixth class garbage, K5,000 per 0.620 ton of the fifth class, K10,000 per 1.5 tons of fourth class, K30,000 per 3 tons of third class, K60,000 per 4.5 tons of second class and K100,000 per above 4.5 tons of first class.

Wards, markets and businesses in Mandalay city throw about 450 tons of garbage daily. —Maung Pyi Thu (Mandalay)

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**Mosquito nets distributed to people free of charge**

YANGON, 10 Sept — As part of prevention against dengue haemorrhagic fever, malaria and elephantiasis diseases, a ceremony to hand over treated mosquito nets to the dwellers was held at the hall of Dalaw in Yangon Region on Wednesday.

Townsfolk Maternal and Child Welfare Association distributed 100 mosquito nets free of charge to the families with children under five.

Health staff of the Township Hospital gave talks on prevention against mosquito-borne infectious diseases to the local people and demonstrated the use of mosquito nets. —Banya Maung Maung

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**Japan focuses on development of Mandalay Region**

MANDALAY, 10 Sept — Mandalay Region Chief Minister U Ye Myint received Japanese Ambassador Mr Tateshi Higuchi and party at the hall of the region government office on Tuesday afternoon.

They focused on strengthening bilateral relations and development projects for economic and urban areas in the region.

It was also attended by Mandalay Region Minister for Transport U Kyaw Hsan, Region Minister for Planning and Economic U Aung Zan and Secretary of the government U Win Shein. —Thiha Ko Ko (Mandalay)
**Regional News**

**M6.2 quake occurs off Indonesia’s Sulawesi Island**

**Jakarta, 10 Sept** — A magnitude 6.2 earthquake occurred on Wednesday morning off Indonesia’s Sulawesi Island, but there were no reports of casualties or damage, nor were any tsunami warnings issued.

The US Geology Survey, which monitors global seismic activity, calculated the quake’s magnitude at 6.5 before revising it downward.

The quake, which had a depth of 30 kilometres, hit at 11:46 am local time and was centered in the middle of the Molucca Sea, south of Sulawesi Island’s Minahassa Peninsula. Indonesia’s National Disaster Mitigation Agency said there were no immediate reports of casualties or damage.

The quake, however, caused panic among residents of the North Sulawesi provincial capital of Manado. The Hawaii-based Pacific Tsunami Warning Centre said no destructive tsunami threat was believed to exist for the wider region, while the Jakarta-based Meteorological, Geophysical and Climatological Agency also saw no tsunami threat.

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**Army air raid kills 35 militants in NW Pakistan**

**Islamabad, 10 Sept** — At least 35 militants were killed in an air strike launched by Pakistan army in the country’s northwest tribal area of North Waziristan on Wednesday morning, an army statement said.

Inter Services Public Relations, the mouthpiece of Pakistan Army, said in a statement that the militants were killed when their three hideouts were targeted and destroyed by the army jet fighters. The air raid was carried out in Datta Khel area of North Waziristan, a restive tribal area at Pakistan-Afghanistan border, where security forces have been launching a major armed offensive against Taleban militants since 15 June.

To date over 900 militants have been killed in the operation that aims at wiping out the militant stronghold in the area. Talking to media earlier last month, General Raheel Sharif, the country’s chief of army staff, said that the armed forces are determined to flush out the militants with their highly-skilled trained and professional expertise even from remote and hard areas of North Waziristan (in the operation).

Media reports said that around 25,000 to 30,000 troops are participating in the ongoing operation.

Over 1 million people have fled the offensive in the area and are living in refugee camps in Bannu area of neighbouring Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Province.

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**Cambodia to restart Water Festival in November after 3-year hiatus**

**Phnom Penh, 10 Sept** — Cambodia will renew its annual Water Festival celebrations this November for the first time since 353 people were trampled to death or suffocated in a stampede on a bridge during the celebrations in 2010, a senior official said on Wednesday.

“This year’s Water Festival will be celebrated on 5, 6 and 7 November after we have failed to hold it for a few years,” Deputy Prime Minister and Royal Palace Minister Kong Sam Ol said during a preparatory meeting for the celebrations.

He asked all concerned ministries and the National Police to cooperate each other closely in order to run the festivities smoothly.

Water Festival is the largest annual festival in the Southeast Asian nation. Approximately 3 million Cambodians, especially those from rural areas, converge to Phnom Penh, the capital city of Cambodia, to enjoy the regatta.

Kong Sam Ol said that about 397 boats will join the races, which are usually held on the river in front of the Royal Palace.

The festival, which marks the Tonle Sap River’s annual change of direction, has been canceled in the past three years due to floods in 2011 and 2013 and the death of King Father Norodom Sihanouk in 2012. During the celebrations of the Water Festival in 2010, a stampede tragically happened on 22 November on a Diamond Island’s bridge and killed 353 people. The investigation by the government’s task force at that time found that the incident was caused by the panic which soon after led to the stampede.

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**Abu Sayyaf bandits release captive midwife in S Philippines**

**ZAMBOANGA CITY, (Philippines), 10 Sept** — Abu Sayyaf gunmen freed unharmed a government health worker in southern Philippines on Tuesday after holding her captive for 12 days, a military officer said on Wednesday.

Lieutenant General Rustico Guerrero, commander of the Armed Forces of the Philippines’ Western Mindanao Command, identified the victim as Lailani Bernabe, a midwife at a municipal health centre.

Guerrero said Bernabe and Abu Sayyaf militants walked for hours before the bandits abandoned her at Danag village, Patikul town in Sulu Province at 6 am, on Tuesday.

The military, however, could not confirm if ransom was paid for the release of the victim.

Guerrero said the health worker was freed after Sulu Provincial Board member Ismun Suhuri negotiated with the rogue group.

Bernabe was on her way to work in Panglima village, Estino town when she was seized by Abu Sayyaf militants on 28 August. The bandits had demanded ransom in exchange for her freedom.
Former PM Mori to hand Abe’s letter to Putin

TOkyo, 10 Sept — Former Prime Minister Yoshiro Mori plans to hand a personal letter from current Prime Minister Shinzo Abe to Russian President Vladimir Putin during his ongoing visit to Moscow, Japan’s top government spokesman indicated on Wednesday.

The letter may mention February’s agreement between Abe and Putin that the president will visit Japan this fall—a plan that has gone nowhere at a time when Russia has come under heavy international criticism over its actions in Ukraine.

Most political watchers say that Putin is unlikely to visit under the current circumstances, despite Tokyo’s desire to advance bilateral issues such as that of the four islands Russia still holds.

The purpose of Mori’s visit from Tuesday is “to attend the Japan-Russia forum for civil exchange, and the Japanese government is not directly involved in the forum,” Suga said.

The major daily Mainichi Shimbun, one of the hosts of the two-day forum said, along with Russian newspaper Rossiiskaya Gazeta, has reported that Mori will meet with Putin on Wednesday and hand him Abe’s letter.

Suga added that he is aware that Mori is “trying to arrange a meeting with President Putin — his close friend.”

Kyodo News

British PM begs Scots: Don’t rip our ‘UK family’ apart in independence vote

LONDON, 10 Sept — British Prime Minister David Cameron implored Scots on Wednesday to shun independence to keep the United Kingdom “family” intact as he scrambled to stem a steep rise in secessionist support ahead of the 18 September vote.

In a sign of panic within the British ruling elite, Cameron and opposition leader Ed Miliband scrapped their weekly question-and-answer session to visit Scotland on Wednesday to ask Scots not to ditch their 307-year union with England.

“We do not want this family of nations to be ripped apart,” Cameron, 47, said in an opinion piece published in the Daily Mail newspaper. “The United Kingdom is a precious and special country.”

But Cameron tempered the emotion with a clear warning: “If the UK breaks apart, it breaks apart forever.”

Cameron has until now been largely absent from the debate after conceding that his privileged background and center-right politics mean he is not the best person to win over Scots, who are usually more left-wing than the English.

But if Scotland votes for independence, Cameron’s job will be on the line ahead of a national election planned for May 2015.

US, China security leaders spar over jet manoeuvres

BEIJING, 10 Sept — Top US and China security officials disagreed this week over what the United States said was China’s intercept of a US Navy patrol plane near the southern island province of Hainan.

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However, General Fan Changlong, vice chairman of China’s Central Military Commission, called on the United States to “reduce and ultimately cease naval and aerial reconnaissance activities near China”, according to the official Xinhua news agency.

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China said the pilot had done nothing wrong and that US surveillance patrols harm China’s national security interests.

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Hainan is home to several Chinese naval bases as well as a sensitive submarine base.

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Fight against corruption raised to highest level

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The government of Serbia has demonstrated a strong political will to address this issue by establishing an anti-corruption coordinating body on 7th August, headed by Prime Minister Aleksandar Vucic, said Selakovic, noting that this has raised the fight against corruption to the highest level. “It demonstrated our strong political will to resolve the issue of corruption,” stressed Selakovic opening the first meeting of the coordinating body for the implementation of the national anti-corruption strategy, covering the period from 2013 to 2018.

The implementation of the anti-corruption action plan is a crucial part of Chapter 23 (on judiciary and fundamental rights) in Serbia’s EU accession talks, he noted, adding that Brussels will insist on implementing every single element of this plan.

Selakovic said that he is only partly satisfied with the results of the implementation of the anti-corruption action plan over the past year. For that reason, legal provisions relating to the crimes against economy, as well as financial crimes, should be reviewed by the end of the year, the justice minister said.

The first major task will be to train judges for proper protection of whistleblowers and for financial investigations, while corruptive elements should be removed from regulations in the field of healthcare, explained Selakovic.

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Israel Troops Kill Palestinian during West Bank Raid

A Palestinian protester uses a sling shot to throw stones towards Israeli troops during clashes following a protest against the nearby Jewish settlement of Qadomem, seen in the background, in the West Bank village of Kofr Qadom near Nablus on 5 Sept, 2014.—Reuters

Ramallah, 10 Sept — Israeli troops shot and killed a Palestinian on Wednesday during a raid on a West Bank refugee camp, Palestinian media and the Israeli military said.

Kerry Arrives in Baghdad on Tour to Build Coalition Against Islamic State

Baghdad, 10 Sept — US Secretary of State John Kerry arrived in Baghdad on Wednesday as he began a tour of the Middle East to build military, political and financial support to defeat Islamic State militants controlling parts of Iraq and Syria.

Kerry on Monday had hailed the formation of a new, more inclusive, Iraqi government under Prime Minister Haider al-Abadi as a “major milestone”, and Washington had said it was vital before there could be further US action to help push back the militants, who took over large parts of northern Iraq this year.

Kerry flew to Baghdad from Jordan, the first stop on his tour, which will also include Saudi Arabia and probably other Arab capitals.

Last week nine countries, most of them in Europe, were named as the core group of a coalition President Barack Obama says will degrade and eventually destroy Islamic State, which has declared a caliphate in the land it took over and executed many prisoners, including two American journalists who were beheaded.

In Washington, Obama will give a speech on Wednesday in which he will detail his plan to confront the radicals, which could take several years.

Sydney, 10 Sept — The head of Australia’s national security agency said he was “very seriously” considering raising the country’s terrorism alert level to “high” due to the involvement of Australians in militant groups and the spiraling conflicts in Iraq and Syria.

David Irvine, the outgoing head of the Australian Security Intelligence Organization (ASIO), said the number of Australians returning from fighting with Islamic State and other radical groups posed a growing risk.

Australia has been at the “medium” alert level since a four-tier system was introduced in 2003. A “high” alert level is used when officials believe an attack is likely.

“I would say that, at the moment, it is at a very elevated level of medium and I’m certainly contemplating very seriously the notion of lifting it higher,” Irvine told the Australian Broadcasting Corp late on Tuesday.

Last month, Australia unveiled counter-terrorism measures aimed at preventing young people from becoming radicalized and going to fight in overseas conflicts such as Iraq and Syria.

Irvine said security agencies were aware of at least 20 people who had returned to Australia after fighting in the Middle East, posing a national security risk. Up to 160 people have either been involved in the fighting or actively supporting it, according to Australian officials.

Australia has also joined a multinational relief effort, dropping military equipment and aid to Kurdish forces fighting Islamic State militants in northern Iraq.

Prime Minister Tony Abbott has refused to rule out participating in air strikes or sending combat troops as part of a US-led effort to defeat Islamic State. In August, Britain raised its terrorism alert to the second-highest level, with Prime Minister David Cameron saying Islamic State posed a serious security threat.
LIVING with DHAMMA

Kyi Mun

To love the Dhamma as a son cherishes and reveres his mother

The Purpose of Living with Dhamma

To live without a fault, we should abide by the guidelines of the Dhamma. To dare nobly, to will strongly and never to falter in the path of duty, we need to live in compliance with the teachings of the Dhamma. The following ideas are some of the profound Buddha Dhamma, which I borrow to express some salient ideas about living in the right, fruitful and productive way.

The Meaning of Dhamma

D for Devotion with a Single-mindedness
H for Harmony Within and Without
A for Avoiding All Evil
M for Mind/Mental Culture/Concentration
N for Meditation/Contemplation
A for Altruism

DEVOTION

Devotion with a single-mindedness to: (In Pali)
- Charity, Generosity, Liberty (Dāna)
- Morality, Ethics, Rules of Behavior (Silā)
- Meditation, Contemplation (Bhāvanā)
- Reverance, Respect (Appacayana)
- Service, Helping Others in Need (Veyavacca)
- Sharing One’s merits (Pattadāna)
- Delighting in Other’s Merits (Pantānumodanā)
- Hearing the Dhamma (Dhammasavāna)
- Delivering the Dhamma (Dhammasadesanā)
- Straightening One’s View (Dhitthijukam). (In Pali)

HARMONY

Harmony Within and Without

Dhamma teaches us that “you should protect yourself within and without”, (In Pali: Evam Gopetha At-tānām). We should take good care of having physical health and mental well-being on the one hand, and cultivating good and mutually fruitful relationships with other people, on the other.

AVOIDING ALL EVIL

We have to avoid the following evil things:
- Killing (Pānātipātā)
- Stealing (Adinnadhānā)
- Sexual Misconduct (Kamesumicchāchārā)
- Lying (Mussvādā)
- False Witnessing (Psuamavācā)
- Harsh Speech (Pharasuvācā)
- Frivolous Speech (Sampahpalapāvācā)

and whenever.

Now, Myanmar has entered into a new era of telecommunication by issuing new licences to more phone operators in its market. The people of Myanmar have the opportunity to choose better and cheaper services. It is really good news for the people as long as some people do not abuse the new technology. We have seen that many people using false identities on the social networking sites are causing trouble for the public. Similarly, it is likely that people who hide their identity will do something dishonest to others on the telephone networks.

Phone operators are now offering new services unheard of during the last five decades including the service that can hide the caller identity. The bright side of the service is that people who want to complain to the authorities but do not want to be identified can use it happily. We are glad we have more choices, but the operators should be well aware of the undesirable use of their new services. Unidentified phone calls will at least annoy us or steal our sleep or disturb our free time. Some people might even threaten us or blackmail us or spread rumours to us through unidentified calls. Are the phone operators ready to trace all the calls made through their networks or have they registered their users properly?

MoU signed on mutual cooperation in operating Advanced Rubber Factory

NAY PYI TAW, 9 Sept—Union Minister for Commerce U Win Myint attended the ceremony to sign an MoU on mutual cooperation in operating Advanced Rubber Factory between Ayeya Hintha Holding Co Ltd and Sri Trang Agro-Indus anterior to 11:55 am on 2014-09-09. 0.5

Sri Trang Agro-Industry Public Company Limited of Thailand in Mundon of Mon State on Tuesday.

At Thingaha Hotel, Managing Director U Ye Min Aung of Ayeya Hintha Holding Co Ltd and Executive Director Mr Veerasith Sinchareonkul of Sri Trang Agro-Industry Public Company Limited of Thailand signed the MoU and exchanged notes.—MNA

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U Kyi Mun residing in Yangon is a consultant of NAIN Group Capital Co., Ltd.
**Dawei University signs MoU with Across Borders Southeast Asia Community Legal Education Initiative**

Dawei, 10 Sept — A ceremony to sign an MoU between Dawei University and Across Borders Southeast Asia Community Legal Education Initiative was held at the hall of the university in Dawei of Taninthayi Region on Tuesday.

Taninthayi Region Minister for Social Affairs Dr Win Aung and President & Co-Founder Ms Wendy Morrish of Across Borders Southeast Asia Community Legal Education Initiative made speeches.

On behalf of the Pro-Rector of the university, Dean of Myanmar Department Professor Dr Kyu Kyu Myint spoke words of thanks. Next, the professor and the president signed the MoU. According to the MoU, Law major students will be conducted under training in the coming academic years and sent to the workshops abroad. The cooperation with international organization is the first of its kinds for Dawei University during the 30-year period.

Dawei District IPRD

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**International Literacy Day observed in Myingyan**

**Myingyan, 10 Sept** — Myingyan Township of Mandalay Region marked the International Literacy Day 2014 at the hall of No 4 Basic Education High School on 8 September morning.

District Deputy Commissioner U Myint Thin Aung read the message sent by the UNESCO Director-General and District Education Officer U Tin Win explained facts about international literacy day.

The deputy commissioner presented prizes to the winners in the essay contest and Commander of District Police Force Police Lt-Col Maung Win prizes to the winners in the poster contest.—Zaw Min Naing (Myingyan)

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**Property of dead Chinese citizens in car accident handed over to Chinese officials**

**Mektila, 10 Sept** — A vehicle driven by Zaw Naing Tun overturned on Yangon-Mandalay Expressway on 3 September, leaving three Chinese citizens Chen Runroi, 46, Chen Ximu, 40 and Chen Yueqiu, 41 dead on the spot.

The commander of Theegon police station and party rushed to the scene and sent the dead bodies and the injured driver to Mandalay General Hospital. On 8 September, Commander of Expressway Police Force Police Col Nay Win handed over two travel bags, four pulses, 18,336 yuan, 37,70 HK dollars, 1,290 euro, 235 US dollars, 202,000 rupiah, 5,002 JPY, 5,620 baht, 7,500 Vietnamese Dong, 175 Taka, K74,700, three phones, one iPad and three passports to an officer of the Chinese Consulate, parents and relatives of the dead Chinese citizens and parents of driver Zaw Naing Oo in the presence of the witnesses.—NLM-018

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**Auxiliary firefighters under refresher course in Nay Pyi Taw Council Area**

**Nay Pyi Taw, 10 Sept** — A ceremony to kick off the auxiliary firefighters refresher course was held at the hall of Kyitaung Basic Education High School in Kyitaung Village of Zeyathiri Township of Nay Pyi Taw Council Area on 8 September.

Deputy Head of Township Fire Services Department U Aung Thu Kyaw explained the disciplines of the training course that will last from 8 September to 7 October.

In Zabuthiri Township, a similar course was opened at the hall of the Township General Administration Department where Township Administrator U Win Shwe presented uniforms to auxiliary firefighters.

A total of 50 trainees are attending the one-month course. Min Min Latt (Physics)

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**Natogyi Tsp has set up 162 cooperative societies**

**Natogyi, 10 Sept** — Natogyi Township Cooperative Department formed micro-credit cooperative societies and farming production cooperative societies in the rural areas of the township. Within three months, a total of 33 cooperative societies have been constituted in the township, said Staff Officer U Ba Nan of the Township Cooperative Department.

The Ministry of Cooperatives planned to set up 82 new cooperative societies in the township. So far, the department has formed 33 societies. As a result, the township has set up 162 cooperative societies, said the staff officer.

Htay Myint Maung
Fiji says 45 peacekeepers held by Syrian rebels to be released soon

Suva, 10 Sept — The head of Fiji’s army said on Wednesday that he expected 45 Fijian UN peacekeepers seized two weeks ago on the Golan Heights by an al-Qaeda-backed militant group, the Nusra Front, to be released within the next few days. “Al Nusra has confirmed to the UN headquarters in New York that the Fijian peacekeepers will be released within the next few days,” Brigadier Gen- eral Moses Tikoitoga told a news conference in the Fijian capital, Suva.

Syria’s three-year civil war reached the frontier with Israeli-controlled territory last month when Islamist fighters overran a crossing point in the line that has separated Israelis from Syrians in the Golan Heights since a 1973 war. The fighters then turned on the UN blue helmets from a peacekeeping force that has patrolled the ceasefire line for 40 years. After the Fijians were captured, more than 70 Filipinos spent two days besieged at two locations before reaching safety.

The Nusra Front, a Syrian affiliate of al-Qaeda, had a list of demands including compensation for fighters killed during the confrontation, humanitarian assistance for its supporters and its removal from the UN list of terrorist organizations.

Tikoitoga told reporters that the group had dropped all of its demands and that no conditions had been placed on the peacekeepers’ release.

But the government seemed to back away at least slightly later in the day, saying that negotiations on the specifics of the release were still ongoing. “Fiji’s Ambas- dor-At-Large Major Gen- eral Ioane Naivalurua says that all efforts to release the Fijian peacekeepers are continuing,” the govern- ment said in a statement on its Facebook page.

Blast kills leader of Syrian Islamist group, other top figures

Beirut, 10 Sept — An explosion killed the leader of one of Syria’s most powerful Islamist insurgent groups Ahrar al-Sham on Tuesday, the group said, and an organization that monitors violence in the civil war said at least 28 of its commanders had died.

Ahrar al-Sham is a hardline Islamist group and part of the Islamic Front alliance that has been in armed conflict with the Islamic State group which has seized swathes of terri- tory in Syria and Iraq.

A statement posted on Ahrar al-Sham’s official Twitter feed said the blast had hit a meeting in Idlib province in northwest Syria and confirmed Hassan Aboud, the group’s leader, among at least 12 dead.

“We don’t know the cause of the explosion yet,” Abu Mustafa al-Abisi, a member of Ahrar al-Sham’s politburo told Al-Jazeera TV in an interview. “We do not rule out the in- filtration of elements who were able to plant a bomb,” he added.

The Syrian Observa- tory for Human Rights, the monitoring group, said some 50 of the group’s leaders had been gathered at a house when the blast went off. Rami Abdurrahman, who runs the Observatory, said the blast had occurred inside the meeting.

Ahrar al-Sham, which is widely believed to have received funding from Gulf states, aims to implement Islamic sharia law in Syria. It was at one point consid- ered the strongest insurgent group in the Syrian civil war.

Syrian state TV flashed an urgent news headline report- ing Aboud’s death.

Syria descended into civil war after an uprising against President Bashar al-Assad’s rule in 2011. The United Nations recently put the death toll above 191,000 people.

In January another sen- ior Ahrar al-Sham leader, Abu Khaled al-Soury, was killed in a suicide attack. Soury had fought alongside al-Qaeda founder Osama bin Laden and was close to its current chief Ayman al- Zawahiri. — Reuters

China deploys troops to UN force to protect South Sudan oilfields

Malé, 10 Sept — China has begun deploying 700 soldiers to a UN peacekeep- ing force in South Sudan to protect oil fields and Chi- nese workers amid a rebel- ion in the African country. The Wall Street Journal re- ported.

The newspaper quoted a spokesman for South Su- dan’s president as saying on Tuesday that the airlift of a Chinese infantry battalion to the South Sudanese states of Unity and Upper Nile was expected to take sever- al days.

China is the biggest in- vestor in South Sudan’s oil industry.

UN officials have previ- ously said it would be the first time China had con- tributed a battalion to a UN peacekeeping mission. Last year China sent a smaller “protection unit” to join a UN mission in Mali.

China has played an unusually active diplomatic role in South Sudan.

Beijing last month pressed South Sudan over renewed violence in the oil-rich state, demanding an immediate ceasefire and political dialogue in the country. Under its mandate, UN peacekeepers are allowed to use “all necessary means” to protect civilians at oil instal- lations, The Wall Street Journal said. If attacked, the Chinese soldiers are a “combat ready and can fight back”, the South Sudan presidential spokesman, At- eny Wek Ateny, said.

Chinese officials have been in regular contact with Western diplomats to push for a halt to the fighting in South Sudan. China has pushed rival factions loyal to President Salva Kiir and rebel leader Riek Machar to talk. Around five percent of China’s oil imports came from South Sudan when it was pumping at full tilt. The state firm China National Petroleum Corp has a 40 percent stake in a joint ven- ture developing the country’s oil fields. — Reuters

Obama tells lawmakers he has authorization for Islamic State fight

Washington, 10 Sept — President Barack Obama told congressional leaders on Tuesday that he had the authority he needed to take action to destroy the militant group Islamic State, signaling again that the White House will not ask Congress to vote to approve his plan.

Obama met with top Democratic and Republican leaders ahead of a speech on Wednesday evening to lay out his plan to fight the group, also known as ISIL.

“The president told the leaders that he has the authority he needs to take action against ISIL in accordance with the mission he will lay out in his address to- morrow night,” the White House said in a statement.

“He reiterated his belief that the na- tion is stronger and our efforts more ef- fective when the president and Congress work together to combat a national secu- rity threat like ISIL.” — Reuters

US President Barack Obama answers a question at a news conference at the conclusion of the NATO Summit at the Celtic Manor Resort in Newport, Wales on 5 Sept, 2014. — Reuters
Dollar stays in lower 106 yen as traders lock in gains after rally

Tokyo, 10 Sept.—The US dollar remained in the lower 106 yen zone in Tokyo on Wednesday morning as traders paused after the dollar’s rapid rally, awaiting fresh signs corroborating a firm recovery in the US economy.

At noon, the dollar fetched 106.30-33 yen compared with 106.15-25 yen in New York and 106.31-32 yen in Tokyo at 5 pm on Tuesday.

The euro was quoted at $1.2928-29 and 137.43-5 yen in Tokyo at 25 yen in New York and compared with 106.15-16 yen in Tokyo late Tuesday afternoon.

The dollar had climbed to a nearly 6-year high of 106.47 yen at one point in New York on Tuesday on expectations the Federal Reserve is gearing up to raise interest rates. But the US currency stabilized against the yen in Tokyo as traders locked in gains, with fresh data out of the United States thin on the ground for now.

Traders held off moving the dollar higher as they await the Federal Open Market Committee meeting next week, the next potential stage for hawkish comments from Fed members, said Shinichiro Kadota, foreign exchange strategist at Barclays Bank.

Market expectations remained high for an early rate hike as traders brushed off soft August US jobs data released last Friday, with a report from the San Francisco Fed on Monday spurring dollar buying by suggesting that policymakers hold a more hawkish view than investors had been speculating.

The FOMC meeting and Scotland’s independence referendum are both looming as risk events next week, so it’s understandable that the dollar’s rally would pause in the absence of fresh US data,” Kadota said.

The euro, which had fallen after the European Central Bank announced fresh interest rate cuts last Thursday, traded narrowly against the dollar and yen in Tokyo after gaining some ground in New York overnight.—Kyodo News

CFTC keeping tabs on LME amid aluminium warehousing crisis

NEW YORK, 10 Sept — The US commodities markets regulator is still keeping tabs on the London Metal Exchange as the 137-year-old exchange tries to resolve an ongoing crisis over its warehousing policy that end users say has inflated prices and distorted supplies.

In an interview with Reuters, Timothy Massad, the newly installed chairman of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission (CFTC) said the regulator has been in touch with the LME as it prepares to launch a new aluminium contract in a bid to ease concerns that global aluminium pricing is broken.

“We’ve had a dialogue with them the LME about some of those issues and will continue to do that,” he said. The comments come a year after the CFTC launched a probe into complaints from consumers like Coca-Cola Co (KO.N) and MillerCoors LLC, which use the metal to make cans, about long wait times to take physical delivery of metals and record high prices. Consumers say Wall Street banks, including Goldman Sachs Group Inc (GS.N), and major commodity merchants like Glencore Plc (GLEN.L) and Norilsky Naryan have run a lucrative business building up big aluminium stocks, charging rent to store the metal and delivering it only at a limited rate. Massad on Tuesday declined to comment on the status of the CFTC probe, but the comments were his first on the matter since being appointed to lead the agency in June and some of the most candid by a CFTC commissioner since the controversy flared up last summer.

The regulator has faced increasing pressure from aluminium users who have complained to the CFTC to step up oversight of the oldest and biggest metals market and its warehousing network.—Reuters

A high-soy diet may drive breast tumour growth: study

NEW YORK, 10 Sept.—For some women with breast cancer, taking soy protein supplements boosted the expression of tumour genes associated with an increase in tumour cells, in a recent randomized trial.

Many women take tremendous amounts of soy thinking it will prevent breast cancer based on epidemiological studies, said lead author Dr Moshe Shike of Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Centre in New York.

Some studies of Asian populations have found that as soy intake increased, breast cancer risk decreased, but those studies couldn’t prove a beneficial effect of soy — they could only identify an association, Shike said.

The new study, however, looked at women who had already been diagnosed with breast cancer.

Soybeans contain phytoestrogens, which can mimic, at least weakly, some effects of the hormone estrogen — and “estrogen is no good at any time after breast cancer diagnosis,” said V Craig Jordan of the Georgetown University Lombardi Comprehensive Cancer Centre in Washington, DC, in a phone interview.

Most breast cancers, including all those in the new trial, are estrogen-receptor positive, meaning the tumors may respond to signals from estrogen in the body. For that reason, as soon as a woman is diagnosed with breast cancer, she will be asked to avoid hormones and will usually receive anti-estrogenic drugs like tamoxifen after surgery, said Jordan, who wrote a commentary accompanying the new study.

With support from the Breast Cancer Research Foundation, Shike and his coauthors studied changes in the molecular structure of early-stage breast cancer cells obtained from biopsies done at diagnosis and again few weeks later, when the tumor was removed.

The 140 women in the study were taking either soy protein or milk protein supplements in the mean time, in the form of two 25.8 gram packets mixed into water or juice each day.—Reuters

Soft bounce in Japan machinery orders leaves doubts on outlook

Tokyo, 10 Sept.—Japan’s core machinery orders rose for a second straight month in July, but analysts said the data failed to dispel some doubts about the strength of business investment that is needed to propel Japan out of the slump caused by April’s sales tax hike.

The 3.5 percent rise in core orders, a highly volatile data series regarded as an indicator of capital spending in the coming six to nine months, was less than the median estimate of a 4.0 percent increase in a Reuters poll of economists.

That followed a 3.8 percent rise in June and an 19.5 percent drop in May, which was the biggest drop in data going back to 2005.

The data followed a recent run of weak economic indicators that suggest a rebound expected this quarter from April’s slump may not prove as strong as originally thought.

Weak readings cloud the prospects of a planned increase in the sales tax in October 2015, while keeping policymakers under pressure to provide fresh stimulus to prop up the economy.

“Some companies are still cautious about demand. I expect the second sales tax hike to happen, but keep an eye out for more stimulus from the government,” said Hiroaki Muto, senior economist at Sumitomo Mitsui Asset Management Co.

The core orders were boosted by one big order from a chemicals producer, a government official said, adding that excluding the one-off factor overall growth in July was moderate. The Cabinet Office data showed orders from manufacturers for new machinery rose 20.3 percent in July — thanks to the big order from a chemicals producer — while those from non-manufacturers fell 4.3 percent.

“The rebound was weak. Manufacturers may be turning cautious about capital spending due to sluggish exports and consumption, and the decline in orders from non-manufacturers likely reflect weak domestic demand,” said Koya Miyamae, senior economist at SMBC Nikko Securities.—Reuters
Invitation Committee
No. (2) Mining Enterprise

Ministry of Mines
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Invitation of Expression of Interest (EOI) for Cooperation Private Public Partnership (PPP) in Tin Smelting and Refining Plant (Thanlyin)

1. No. (2) Mining Enterprise, Ministry of Mines intends to cooperate with foreign or local company as PPP (JV or lease) in Tin Smelting and Refining Plant (Thanlyin).

2. Companies who interest in those cooperation, shall submit the letter of Expression of Interest (LEOI) not later than 28th November, 2014 (1500 hours) to the No. (2) Mining Enterprise, Ministry of Mines, Office No. (19), Nay Pyi Taw, The Republic of the Union of Myanmar.

3. Interest entities can take the (EOI) form, terms and conditions, and other information commencing from 15th September, 2014 and detail can asked to +95-(0)67-409390 and 409391 within the office hours.

Sushi offered to mudslide evacuees

Sushi chefs make sushi at an evacuation centre for people affected by recent massive mudslides in the city of Hiroshima on 9 Sept, 2014. Some 150 evacuees received free set meals of sushi, a side dish and soup, prepared by nine chefs. —KYODO NEWS

Cuba estimates total damage of US embargo at $116.8 billion

HAVANA, 10 Sept — US economic sanctions against Cuba have cost the island nation $3.9 billion in foreign trade over the past year, helping to raise the overall estimate of economic damage to $116.8 billion over the past 55 years, Cuba said on Tuesday. The figures were published in a report that Cuba prepares for the United Nations each year in requesting a resolution urging an end to the comprehensive US economic embargo and other sanctions against Cuba’s Communist government. The United Nations has passed the resolution for 22 straight years with overwhelming support. Last year the vote was 188 to 2, with only the United States and Israel voting against the resolution.

Although many US allies join Washington in criticizing Cuba’s one-party system and repression of political opponents, the Americans have lost nearly all international support for the embargo since the collapse of the Soviet Union. No other nation besides the United States has an economic embargo against Cuba. Cuba in turn uses the embargo to counter internal discontent over a stagnant economy.

"... There is not, and there has not been in the world, such a terrorizing and vile violation of human rights of an entire people than the blockade that the US government has been leading against Cuba for 55 years," Deputy Foreign Minister Abelardo Moreno told reporters.

After Fidel Castro’s rebels came to power in Cuba in 1959, the United States imposed initial sanctions in 1960, and then a full embargo in 1961. Other US laws have strengthened the embargo over the years, imposing fines on companies from third countries that have business in Cuba and also in the United States.
Japan nuclear plant gets safety OK, moves closer to resumption

TOKYO, 10 Sept — A nuclear plant operated by Kyushu Electric Power Co obtained a safety clearance from regulators on Wednesday, becoming the first to meet new regulations imposed following the 2011 Fukushima nuclear disaster.

With Nuclear Regulation Authority approval, two reactors at the Sendai power plant in Kagoshima Prefecture, southwestern Japan, achieved the first step toward restarting the country’s nuclear power industry.

The pro-nuclear government also needs to obtain consent from local authorities and undergo on-site operational checks. On Wednesday, the five-member decision-making panel of the regional utility — located in the region of active volcanic sites — was small, while others conveyed technical concern that safety measures against a variety of possible hazards such as tsunami and cyberattacks are inadequate.

Major amendments, however, were not made to the report.—Kyodo News
Jennifer Aniston found ‘Cake’ role liberating

Los Angeles, 10 Sept — Jennifer Aniston, who has sparked awards talk with her gritty role in ‘Cake’, says it was liberating to ditch her glamorous self to play a depressed woman in the movie.

Aniston, who is known for her romantic comedies, received a standing ovation for her latest performance when the film screened at the Toronto International Film Festival.

The 45-year-old actress plays the role of a woman suffering from addiction, rage issues and suicidal depression after a tragic accident leaves her scarred inside and out, reported People magazine.

“It’s awesome and liberating to let that all go,” Aniston said about her role. “And see yourself looking like that on a 50-foot screen,” she added.—PTI

I want to be single right now: Jennifer Lopez

London, 10 Sept — Singer-actress Jennifer Lopez is keen to stay single for a while as she wants to spend time focusing on herself and her children.

The 45-year-old singer, who has six-year-old twins Max and Emme with her ex-husband Marc Anthony, is enjoying being single and believes it will be beneficial for her to be on her own for a while, reported contactmusic.

“I’m just being on my own. I feel like I need that right now. I’ve been in relationships kind of back-to-back my whole life and I just needed time.

“I need time to just chill and just know me and enjoy my kids and actually make time for other friends instead of just the relationship thing,” she said.

The ‘I Luh Ya Papi’ hitmaker, who split from choreographer Casper Smart in June following two-and-a-half years together, has not ruled out finding love again but believes everything will fall into place once she starts to take care of herself a bit better.—PTI

One Direction announces new album

Los Angeles, 10 Sept — Boy band One Direction will release its fourth album, Four, on 17 November this year.

The band, comprising Niall Horan, Zayn Malik, Liam Payne, Harry Styles and Louis Tomlinson, announced the album on its website, where fans can also download a new track.

“We hope you enjoy it and we can’t wait for you to listen to the album in full. Thank you, you guys mean the world to us,” the band wrote. It released its last album, Midnight Memories, last year.—PTI

‘Jungle Book’ writer to work on ‘Top Gun 2’

Los Angeles, 10 Sept — Justin Marks, the writer of Disney’s upcoming film ‘The Jungle Book’, is reportedly in talks to pen the screenplay for sequel of the 1986 Tom Cruise ‘Top Gun’.

Cruise, 52, is slated to return as ace pilot Maverick in a story that aims to show the relevancy of good old fashioned pilots in today’s high-tech, drone-centric war environment, said The Hollywood Reporter.

Peter Craig, the scribe who wrote Ben Affleck’s ‘The Town’, penned the previous draft a couple of years ago. The project was shelved when Tony Scott, the director of the original film and who was to direct the sequel, committed suicide in 2012.—PTI
Canada finds ship from doomed 19th-century Franklin expedition

OTTAWA, 10 Sept — Canadian explorers have found the wreck of one of two ships lost in the 1845 Franklin expedition to Canada’s Northwest Passage, solving an enduring historical mystery and bolstering Canada’s claim to the key Arctic trade route.

Sir John Franklin and his 128 crew in the British ships HMS Erebus and HMS Terror were seeking the fabled Northwest Passage between the Atlantic and Pacific oceans when they became stuck in ice. The men all died and the ships vanished into the Arctic waters.

“I am delighted to announce that this year’s Victoria Strait expedition has solved one of Canada’s greatest mysteries, with the discovery of one of the two ships belonging to the Franklin Expedition,” Prime Minister Stephen Harper said in a statement.

“Finding the first vessel will no doubt provide the momentum — or wind in our sails — necessary to locate its sister ship and find out even more about what happened to the Franklin Expedition’s crew.” The mystery has gripped Canadians for generations, in part because of the crew’s grisly fate. Tales handed down through the aboriginal Inuit people describe cannibalism among the desperate seamen.

Franklin, who has visited the Arctic territory of Nunavut every year since taking power in 2006, said the discovery was an historic moment for Canada.

“The Franklin ships are an important part of Canadian history given that his expeditions, which took place nearly 200 years ago, laid the foundations of Canada’s Arctic sovereignty,” he said.

Global warming is rapidly melting the Arctic ice sheets, opening up the possibility that ships travelling between the Pacific and Atlantic Oceans could use the Northwest Passage as a short cut.

Canada says it has sovereignty over the passage but the United States does not acknowledge this, saying the channel lies in international waters.

This year’s bid to locate the ships included money spent on seabed mapping to make “Canada’s Arctic both safer and more secure,” according to a Parks Canada release at the time of the expedition. Parks Canada archaeologists discovered the wreck using a remotely operated underwater vehicle. An image released showed a largely intact wooden ship resting upright on the sea bed only 11 meters (36 feet) below the surface. Some of the deck structures were still intact, although the main mast had been sheared off.

Harper said experts did not yet know whether the ship found was the Erebus or the Terror. — Reuters

South Korea shooter Jin wins world title, breaks record

Seoul, 10 Sept — Tri- ple Olympic champion Jin Jong-oh will be on a high heading into this month’s Asian Games in Incheon after breaking a long-standing record and winning the 50 metres pistol event at the shooting world championships.

The South Korean scored a combined 583 points on the way to winning the title in Granada on Tuesday, breaking the world record set by Russian Alexander Melentiev at the 1980 Olympics by two points.

Jin, who won the individual world title for Jinn, who won 50m pistol gold at the 2008 and 2012 Olympics and also added the 10m title at the London Games.

“Every time I shot a match, ever since I started competing, I have been trying to reach that result. It feels awesome,” Jin told the International Shooting Sport Federation’s (ISSF) official website.

The 34-year-old won 50m team gold at the 2010 World Championships in Munich, and 10m and 50m team gold at the Asian Games in Guangzhou the same year.

“Winning the world championship title is a great achievement for me,” added Jin, who scored 192.3 points in the final and hopes to win a fourth Olympic gold in 2016. “The road to Rio is still long. I will have to shoot well in the next two years to be there.”

India’s Jitu Rai won silver after scoring 191.1 points in the final and China’s Pang Wei took bronze (172.6). The shooting competition at the 17th Asian Games in Incheon, west of Seoul, starts on 20 Septem- ber.— Reuters

Former F1 champion Schumacher leaves hospital for home

GENEVA, 10 Sept — Michael Schumacher has left hospital to continue his recovery at home but the former Formula One champion faces “a long and difficult road ahead” after his skiing accident last year, a statement said on Tuesday.

“Henceforth, Michael’s rehabilitation will take place at his home. Considering the severe injuries he suffered, progress has been made in the past weeks and months,” said the brief statement after breaking a long-standing record and winning the 50 metres pistol event at the shooting world championships.

“More work that the privacy of Michael’s family continue to be respected, and that speculations about his state of health are avoided.”

A spokesman for the university hospital in Lausanne, confirmed that the 45-year-old German, a seven-times world champion, had been discharged earlier in the day. No details were given on Schumacher’s condition. — Reuters

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Students from 14 schools challenge the “Most People Skipping Double Dutch Simultaneously Guinness World Record” at the Hsinchuang Stadium in Xinbei City, southeast China’s Taiwan, on 9 Sept, 2014. — XINHUA
Simple for Simone as Italy tame toothless Norway

OLSO, 10 Sept — Simone Zaza made the most of the suspended Mario Balotelli’s absence up front by scoring the opening goal to pave the way for Italy’s comfortable 2-0 win over Norway in a Euro 2016 Group H qualifier on Tuesday.

The 23-year-old Zaza repaid Conte’s faith immediately, winning a penalty on his debut in the 2-0 friendly victory over Netherlands in Bari on Thursday before scoring in Oslo.

“He is a player of great desire and pride and he and the others have given a good example of that to-night,” Conte told a news conference.

The Norwegians offered little resistance, enjoying plenty of possession in front of a sell-out crowd but failing to threaten Gianluigi Buffon’s goal.

Their best attacks came down Italy’s left flank as livewire Mats Mol- eller Daehli displayed his full bag of tricks and dribbles but the winger faded in the second half, as did the home team’s chances.

Missing Balotelli and playmaker Andrea Pirlo, Conte’s first competitive game in charge saw him field a relatively young team that favoured industry over flair.

With Mattia De Sciglio and Matteo Darmian playing wide in a five-man midfield, Italy began by probing the spaces behind Norway’s full backs.

Conte’s team defended from the front, with Zaza and Ciro Immobile energetically leading the chase to win the ball back when their side gave it away.

The visitors took the lead fortuitously when Zaza’s effort took a deflection and wrong-footed keeper Orjan Nyland before bouncing into the net.

Norway’s defence was assistive in the build-up, Italy’s Simone Zaza (7) celebrates with his teammates after scoring against Norway during their Euro 2016 qualifying soccer match at Ullevaal Stadium in Oslo on 9 Sept., 2014.—Reuters

Italy’s Simone Zaza (7) celebrates with his teammates after scoring against Norway during their Euro 2016 qualifying soccer match at Ullevaal Stadium in Oslo on 9 Sept., 2014.—Reuters

The Norwegian’s goalkeeping continues to attract plaudits, but that does not mean it is not a serious problem.

“In soccer we have a concussion case once in 20 years so it is not frequent, but that does not mean it is not a serious problem,” Conte said.

“Now the medical committee is proposing that where there is a suspected concussion the referee must stop the game for three minutes which the referee will only allow the player to continue playing with the green light of the team doctor — nobody else,” the Belgian said.

D’Hooghe told reporters that as this proposal does not constitute a change in the laws of the game, but just in the rules of competition, it could come into force as early as 1 October.

“I would apply initially to matches in World Cup qualifying games, European Championship qualifiers, Champions League and Europa League matches, but not at the domestic level,” D’Hooghe said.

“FIFA issued our first paper on concussion in 2003 and we have organized four concussion meetings, but it is true we have no strict rules, but we will have them if UEFA and FIFA approve it, and why not from 1 October?”

D’Hooghe said.

“There are sports like American Football where they have 200 concussions a year and in Australian Football they have 120 a year. “In soccer we have a concussion case once in 20 games so it is not frequent, but that does not mean it is not a serious problem.”

“We have started with some new players, we have not been playing well, but we will play well. I think that it’s going to be a great adventure of how we pull ourselves back around and get back to the way it used to be.”

“Manchester United are without a win in four games this season, including a humiliating 4-0 League Cup defeat at third tier MK Dons, and await their first competitive victory under Van Gaal.

United dominated the European transfer activity during the summer window, spending more than 150 million pounds ($231.58 million) in a spectacular spree to bring in six international players, including a British record fee of 59.7 million pounds (96.09 million US dollar) for Argentine winger Angel Di Maria.—Reuters

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