President U Thein Sein arrives back from trip of three European countries

YANGON, 11 Sept—President U Thein Sein and party arrived back in Yangon at 9.20 am on Thursday after paying official visits to Germany, Switzerland and the Netherlands.

The President and party were welcomed back at Yangon International Airport by Union ministers U Myint Hlaing, U Myat Hein, U Khin Yi, U Maung Myint and U Kyaw Lwin, Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Tun Tun Naung, officials, ambassadors of Germany and Singapore, embassy officials of Switzerland and the Netherlands.

Members of the delegation Union Ministers U Wunna Maung Lwin, U Ye Htut, U Soe Thane, U Ohn Myint, U Nyan Tun Aung and U Khin Maung Soe, Deputy Ministers Dr Win Myint and U Than Swe and officials arrived back on the same flight.

The present paid visits to five European countries: Norway, Finland, Austria, Belgium and Italy from 25 February to 8 March in 2013 and Britain and France from 14 to 20 July 2013. The visit to Germany, Switzerland and the Netherlands from 1 September to 11 September 2014 was the third trip of the president to Europe.

ADB forecast Myanmar’s GDP growth to rise to 9.5 percent by 2030


Unveiling the study report “Myanmar: Unlocking the Potential”, ADB predicted that Myanmar will see annual average gross domestic product growth as high as 9.5 per cent in 2030, said Cyn-Young Park in taking the floor, stressing the need of ensuring infrastructural development and investments in human capital and education.

Myanmar must upgrade its infrastructure and improve the quality of human capital to achieve sustainable economic growth and reap the full benefits from its ambitious reform agenda, ADB noted in its news report.

The report that outlines how human capital and infrastructure are key to Myanmar growth also highlighted the importance of quickly increasing government capacity in every aspect of development, calling for a high degree of coordination, skill, knowledge and commitment in planning and managing the country’s complex modernization and reform program.

In her conclusion, the ADB assistant chief economist emphasized that the country needs to maintain stability, to make investments for the future and stay open and connected for achieving long-term sustainability.

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Exhibition marks 60th anniversary establishment of Myanmar-Germany diplomatic relations

**Environmental conservation at factories of Coca-Cola Myanmar Co discussed**

**Health Department, MSF-Holland (AZG) sign MoU on disease control**

**Seven Myanmar children get free heart surgery**
Further cooperation of UN, international communities in development of Myanmar discussed

**Nay Pyi Taw, 11 Sept**—Vice President Dr Sai Mauk Kham received a delegation led by Mr. Haoliang Xu, UN Assistant Secretary General, UNDP Assistant Administrator and Director Regional Bureau Asia and the Pacific at the Credentials Hall of the Presidential Palace in Nay Pyi Taw on Thursday afternoon.

They also discussed receiving humanitarian assistance, cooperation in development programmes and further cooperation of the UN and international communities in development tasks of Myanmar. MNA

Financial authorities will be able to know whether a particular foreign bank has the ability to fulfill their commitments before granting licenses as the authorities are scrutinizing the foreign banks properly.

Licenses for foreign banks will be granted based on criteria including their ability to contribute to local banks and the banking market, according to the central bank official.

If granted licenses, foreign banks will be permitted to open only one branch each with US$ 75 million capital investment. In addition, foreign banks are required to set aside US$ 40 million out of their capital investment and can operate only wholesale banking by providing services to foreign firms and local banks. Moreover, foreign banks are required to follow capital adequacy ratio as set by the central bank and other restrictions on issuing loans and receiving deposits in foreign currencies.

On Thursday, the Pyithu Hluttaw, the Amyotha Hluttaw and the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw reconvened after 40 days of recess. Discussions during the Hluttaw sessions focused on the national education bill, bill amending the Labour Dispute Settlement Law, the bill amending the Political Parties Registration Law, the Myanmar Architect Council bill, availability of animal feed and construction standards for school building. MNA

ADB forecast Myanmar’s GDP...

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Emphasizing eight strategic areas—accelerating governance and public sector reform, ensuring macroeconomic and financial stability, creating a business-enabling environment, leveraging rich natural endowments, fostering internationally competitive sectors, enhancing regional connectivity and integration, promoting human development and poverty reduction, and pursuing environmentally sustainable growth—the report developed in cooperation with the government provided policy recommendations for realizing the development mission and vision.

ADB, headquartered in Manila, is a regional development bank dedicated to fighting poverty in the Asia and the Pacific through inclusive economic growth, environmentally sustainable growth, and regional integration. The organization established in 1966 now has 67 members, of which 48 are from the region. In 2013, ADB assistance totaled $21 billion, including co-financing of $6.6 billion.

The ADB’s ongoing works in Myanmar include the upgrade of a road linking Pyapon and Maubin towns in Ayeyawady Region and construction of an overland route from Vietnam to Myanmar via Thailand.
Israeli Ambassador on visit of Kachin State donating books

MYITKYINA, 11 Sept — Israeli Ambassador Mr Hagay M Behar called on Kachin State Chief Minister U La John Ngan Sai in Myitkyina on Wednesday, exchanging views on promoting bilateral relations, especially in agricultural and vocational training.

The ambassador donated Soul Bird education translated in Myanmar and Kachin languages to public libraries in Kachin State. He also visited Thida Baptist Church in Myitkyina and donated 100 copies of Soul Birds to Rev Zaw Ba, Chairman of the church.

On 9 September, the ambassador presented 100 copies of books to KBC Church in Putao. Rev Ohn Thein Oo of the church expressed thanks for donation.

The Israeli Embassy has donated over 5,000 translated books in Myanmar, Kachin, Kayin, Mon, Shan and Chin languages to public libraries in the entire nation. — NLM

Helmets distributed to bikers free of charge

PATHAINGYI, 11 Sept — As a gesture of hailing the golden jubilee anniversary Myanmar Police Force Day, an educative talk was given to the local people and 220 helmets worth K2.2 million to the bikers at Aungmingala Village monastery in Myothagon of Pathaingyi Township in Mandalay Region on 8 September.

Deputy Commander of No 11 Traffic Police Unit Police Major Thein Ko Ko said that the traffic police force spends the fund obtained from fine on traffic rules enforcement. Local bikers are to wear helmets for traffic safety, and the traffic police force distributed the helmets to the poor bikers so as to reduce traffic accidents, he said, adding that the people are to consider the life and duty of traffic police who discharge 16-hour duty a day.

Head of No 57 traffic police platoon Police Captain Kyaw Zin Myint explained true stories of traffic accidents to the attendees and rules and regulations for taking action against the offenders.

Min Htet Aung (Mandalay Sub-printing House)

English for Effective Presentation Course uplifts capacity of government officers

MOHNYIN, 11 Sept — The English for Effective Presentation Course, conducted by English Department of Mohnyin Degree College, concluded at the hall of the degree college in Mohnyin of Kachin State on Wednesday, with an address by Principal Dr Aung Min Win.

On behalf of the trainees, Captain Kyaw Kyaw Lwin spoke words of thanks.

A total of 96 trainees including 12 military officers and 16 departmental officials attended the one-month training course, aimed at enhancing capacity of government officers.— NLM-001

Min Mahar

Police servicemen donate blood hailing MPF Day

YANGON, 11 Sept — In Commemoration of golden jubilee anniversary Myanmar Police Force Day, Police Captain Ngwe Soe of No 15 railway police unit and party donated blood at Mawlamyine General Hospital in Mon State on Tuesday.

Police servicemen under No 15 unit from Moppalin, Thaton, Mottama, Mawlamyine, Thanbyuzayat, Ye and Dawei participated in the blood donation. Dr U Thet Tun of Mawlamyine General Hospital spoke words of thanks and put their activities on record. — Min Mahar
LOCAL NEWS

Tailoring course for girls kicks off in Sittway

SITTWAY, 11 Sept — Under the arrangements of Sittway Township Women’s Affairs Organization and Maternal and Child Welfare Association, the tailoring course for the girls was conducted at the hall of Sittway District General Administration Department in Sittway of Rakhine State on Thursday.

Chairman of State MCWSC Daw Nyo Nyo Wai Lwin explained the purpose of tailoring course and a course trainer, disciplines of the course. Patron of State MCWSC Daw Khin Swe Win, wife of the Rakhine State Chief Minister, the chairperson of the supervisory committee and party cordially met the trainees. Altogether 25 trainees from wards of Sittway are attending the training course from 11 September to 11 October under control of the trainers from Education and Training Department under the Ministry of Border Affairs.

Outstanding offspring of war veterans honoured in Chin State

HAKA, 11 Sept — A ceremony to present cash assistance for offspring of Chin State war veterans was held at the hall of Tactical Operations Command (Base) in Haka of Chin State on 9 September.

Chairman of Chin State War Veterans Organization Supervisory Committee Tactical Operations Commander Col Soe Hlaing presented K15.345 million provided by Myanmar War Veterans Organization Central Organizing Committee to 1,031 basic education students of war veterans through township organization officials, Chin State Minister for Security and Border Affairs Col Zaw Min Oo and officials gave prizes to outstanding students in 2013-14 academic year who are offspring of war veterans. — Chin State IPRD

Farmers visit Wedi quality paddy farm in Launglon

DAWEI, 11 Sept — Under the joint arrangements of Taninthayi Region Agriculture Department and World Vision, a 12-farmer team of Palaw Township observed process of paddy seed production at Wedi quality paddy farm in Launglon Township on 9 September. U Aung Kyaw Nyein of Taninthayi Region Crops Protection Section germs of paddy plantations and prevention against danger of mice and replies to queries raised by local farmers. Head of the farm U Kyin Hla and staff demonstrated sorting of quality paddy strains in the farm. — Dawei District IPRD

Midwives become auxiliary force for health care service

KYONPYAW, 11 Sept — Midwifery courses were conducted with the aim of providing health care services to the local people as the Health Department assigned 50 midwives in 97 village-tracts and wards of Kyonpyaw Township, said Deputy Township Administrator U Thein Tan of Kyonpyaw Township in Ayeyawady Region at the opening of the midwifery course 2/2014.

At the ceremony held at Township People’s Hospital on Wednesday, the deputy administrator urged the trainees to carefully pursue the training to be able to apply their experiences in the practical works of giving health care to the people.

Head of Township Health Department Dr Toe Maung said that the six-month training will be conducted to the trainees practically and theoretically. Kyonpyaw Township has turned out 31 midwives from the first course. The second course will last from 10 September to 10 February, with attendance of 30 trainees from villages. — Nay Win Myint (IPRD)

Two transformers operated in supply of electricity in Thingangyun Township

YANGON, 11 Sept — Thingangyun Township Head U Hla Myint and Township Electrical Engineer U Saw Thura of Yangon City Electricity Supply Board supervised installation of one 315 KVA transformer at the corner of pagoda road and Yadana Thukha road in Hsa Ward and one more transformer on Rope Factory in Ward C in Thingangyun Township.

As of 9 September, new transformers were launched to operate supply of electricity to the local people. Yangon East District Head U San Htay and district electrical engineer U Myo Khin inspected feeding electricity to the local people. — Hmwe Hmwe (Thingangyun)
Indonesia’s Widodo wants to overturn law curbing anti-graft drive

JAKARTA, 11 Sept — Indonesian president-elect Joko Widodo wants the top court to overturn legislation that makes it more difficult to investigate lawbreakers for graft, an adviser said, referring to a law passed with little publicity in one of the world’s most corrupt countries.

Widodo’s team echoes the concerns of civil society groups that have challenged a law requiring investigators to get approval from a special parliamentary council before investigating lawmakers for corruption or other crimes.

Many Indonesians see their parliament as one of their most corrupt institutions, according to the anti-graft group Transparency International. “We are in a quasi-totalitarian emergency situation even further,” KPK spokesman Johan Budi said the law was “a step backwards ... and not in keeping with the anti-corruption spirit that requires everyone to be equal before the law”.

Philippines’ Aquino seeks more power for govt to avert electricity crisis

MANILA, 11 Sept — Philippine President Benigno Aquino said he would ask Congress to allow the government to enter into energy supply contracts, for the first time since the industry was privatised in 2001, to avert a looming power shortage next year.

The country, which needs 600 megawatts (MW) of new power supply before March, is set to face rolling brownouts in 2015 on the main Luzon Island —home to its manufacturing and booming call centre industries as well as more than half of its 100 million people. “Very soon we will formally ask Congress for a joint resolution that will authorize the national government to contract an additional generating capacity to address the 300 MW projected deficit,” Aquino said on Thursday.

The government also wants back-up reserves of as much as 300 MW for Luzon to meet peak demand over March to May next year.

The go-ahead for a state role in the broader electricity market from both chambers of Congress, dominated by Aquino’s allies, will allow the government to directly finance new generation capacity.

However, some advocacy and business groups are worried that government involvement in the industry will boost power prices like in the 1990s when former President Fidel Ramos tackled a power crisis by fast-tracking a raft of expensive projects.

“What we want is for the government to contract additional capacity for a short-term basis,” Energy Secretary Carlos Jericho Petilla told reporters after Aquino’s speech. “It’s more an authority to contract rather than a totalitarian emergency power,” he said. The government is in talks with potential contractors.

Aquino’s speech

Aquino said, adding that state agency Power Sector Assets and Liabilities Management Corp was evaluating potential deals and could sign contracts by October pending Congress’ approval.

Half of the 600 MW requirement could be covered by some private generating facilities coming on stream before March and from businesses, such as mall operators, hotels and factories with large diesel-fed back-up generators, he added.

Petilla said he would seek the cheapest contracted capacity and short arrangements of up to two years, while Aquino assured the business community that the government will focus solely on addressing the situation even further.

“Philippines’ Aquino seeks more power for govt to avert electricity crisis” — Reuters

Vietnamese FM says attaching importance to traditional ties with Cuba

HANOI, 11 Sept — Vietnamese Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Pham Binh Minh said here Wednesday that Vietnam attaches great importance to traditional relations and comprehensive cooperation between Vietnam and Cuba. Minh made the remarks during talks with visiting Cuban Minister of Foreign Affairs Bruno Rodriguez Parrilla.

Vietnam always strives to increase effectiveness and deepen relations between the two countries, state-run news agency VNA quoted Minh as saying. Cuban foreign minister, for his part, said that he highlights cooperation between Cuba and Vietnam in international organizations and multilateral forums such as the United Nations, Non-Aligned Movement and Forum for East Asia-Latin America Cooperation, among others. The two officials at the talks briefed each other of the situation in each country, discussed measures to boost cooperation between the two countries and the two foreign ministries and shared views on international and regional issues of common interests. The two ministers agreed that Vietnam and Cuba should speed up efforts to implement signed agreements, improve effectiveness of established cooperation mechanisms, especially Vietnam-Cuba Inter-Governmental Committee on Economic and Scientific-Technological Cooperation, adding that bilateral cooperation should be further promoted in fields that Vietnam and Cuba have potentials such as trade, agriculture, oil and gas, biological technology, healthcare — medicine, construction, telecommunications, production of electronic equipment and consumer products, reported VNA.
**WORLD**

**Vucic, Li agree to hold summit in Belgrade**

TIANJIN, 11 Sept—Serbian Prime Minister Aleksandar Vucic has reached an agreement with Chinese Prime Minister Li Keqiang on the holding of a summit of the 16 leaders of Central and Eastern Europe (CEE) in Belgrade, and has coming to Belgrade in December so that they open the Zemun-Borca Bridge together. This will be the first visit by a Chinese prime minister after almost 30 years.

"This is a big thing for Serbia. For the first time since 1986, a Chinese prime minister will come to Belgrade, together with the 16 prime ministers of Central and Eastern Europe. For at least 35–40 years, there has been no such an event in the territory of Serbia," Vucic said after the meeting with Li. China and Serbia are good friends and partners. The traditionally strong friendship and solid foundations at the political level are what bind us together. Serbia is the first country in Central and South-East Europe that has established strategic partnership with China, the Chinese prime minister said, noting that he would come to Serbia at the invitation of the Serbian prime minister, for the first time at that level since 1986.

In December, the two prime ministers will sign with their Hungarian counterpart Viktor Orban an agreement on the construction of a high-speed railway between Belgrade and Budapest, which will be a very useful project, as the Chinese prime minister put it, given the current economic situation in Europe.

According to Vucic, Li has recently agreed with Greek Prime Minister Antonio Samaras that the Budapest–Belgrade railway should be connected to Thessaloniki, which would be the biggest infrastructure project for Serbia.

Referring to the China–CEE summit which will be organized by Serbia and China, Vucic said it is Serbia’s honour to host such an event.

On Wednesday, Vucic also talked with representatives of China Road and Bridge Corporation (CRBC), which is building the Zemun-Borca Bridge.

**Government warns Australian tourists of new drug crackdown in China**

CANBERRA, 11 Sept — The Australian government has updated its travel advice for tourists heading to China in the wake of a crackdown on drug-related offences.

A government source told News Ltd newspapers that an unspecified number of Australians had been arrested for drug offences in China since late last year when the crackdown began. They had been charged, but had not yet been through the full judicial process.

The Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) on Thursday altered its travel advice to China to specifically warn of the dangers of drug possession and trafficking in China and the potential for the death penalty to be imposed for the most serious offences.

The government spokesman said all of the arrested Australians had been offered consular assistance and Foreign Minister Julie Bishop had been briefed.

The ABC’s foreign correspondent in Beijing, Stephen McDonell, filed a report last month saying he had been caught up in a drug raid while having a drink recently at a popular city bar.

He noted the Chinese capital was in the midst of a major crackdown on illegal drug use.

On that night, police took down everyone’s passport or ID number, and then insisted on an on-the-spot urine test.

Such is the breadth of the latest law enforcement, well-known singers and actors in China have reportedly been arrested for using drugs. According to Chinese media reports, the son of movie star Jackie Chan was detained in Beijing last month on drug-related charges. Jaycee Chan, 32, is tested positive for marijuana use.

And random urine tests on the general public have led to detentions and to foreigners being expelled from the country.

DFAT said Chinese police had picked up a number of foreigners this year attempting to traffic drugs out of the airports in Guangzhou and Hong Kong.

The overall travel alert level for China remains at the lowest level “exercise normal safety precautions”.

But the department is concerned that Australians — 300,000 of whom visit China each year — are not receiving the warning that there are severe penalties in place for the use, possession and trafficking of drugs.

**Putin meets former Japanese Prime Minister Mori, gets Abe’s letter**

MOSCOW, 11 Sept—Former Japanese Prime Minister Yoshiro Mori held talks with Russian President Vladimir Putin and handed him a letter from Prime Minister Shinzo Abe on Wednesday.

In Putin’s first meeting with a prominent figure from Japan following the crisis over Ukraine, Mori said he indicated Tokyo’s willingness to continue dialogue with Moscow with the aim of realizing a bilateral summit this fall.

Mori told reporters after the meeting that Putin told him dialogue with Japan “will continue and must continue,” expressing strong enthusiasm for ongoing talks.

The agreement keeps alive the possibility of Putin visiting Japan despite strained bilateral relations as Japan imposes sanctions on Russia in response to the Ukraine crisis.

**Photo taken on 11 Sept, 2014 shows the newly-operated sightseeing train in Borca.**

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**Roadside bomb strikes civilian car, casualties feared**

TRENKOT, (Afghani stan) 11 Sept — Three persons including local official sustained injuries as a roadside bomb struck civilian car in the southern Urugzan Province with Urugzan as its capital 370 km south of Kabul on Thursday, a local official said.

“A mine planted by militants struck the car of Mawlawi Mohammad Al-lah Abadi, the director of Haj and Religious affairs of Urugzan at around 09:00 am local time today injuring the official along with his bodyguard and his driver,” spokesman for provincial government, Dost Mohammad Nayab told reporters.

He also put the attack on Taleban militants, but the armed outfit has yet to make comment.
Love is not blind, but war is!

By Kyaw Thura

Love is what matters most above all else, as taught in the literature of every religion. Even then we, no matter what religious faith we keep, find ourselves particularly prone to turning a blind eye to this down-to-earth homily. Careful consideration should be given to what has blurred us.

It is true that war and casualties go hand in hand, simply because it is a hazardous competition, the sole business of which is the destruction of life.

Nobody in their right minds would ever want to destroy lives of people unknown and unseen to them. People, but those born blind, are able to see. It is war that is blind. That is why it never discriminates on grounds of race, gender and religion.

The first casualty when war comes is love. It is therefore safe to assume that the absence of love is a culprit to people being possessed by the barbarism of war. War does have harmful effects on both sides involved, but it also claims the lives of innocent civilians. There is nothing good to write about when it comes to war.

It is hard to sympathize with war victims for it is not always easy to understand their pains on their behalf. We have heard time and time again stories of internally displaced persons. Our surrogate feelings will not be on a par with their nightmares.

All in all, there is almost nothing that can be solved by means of waging war. What is central to negotiation is a prepared mind. The opposite of war is peace. For peace to prevail across the world, what is important is to reach an agreement. For us to repair any torn relationship, compromise is an inevitable part of peace.

WORKING SMART

Anonymous

Working hard is good; Working smart is better; but working effortlessly is best.

As a tree is known by its fruit, a man is known by his work. What does he do? What can he do best? As working effortlessly (wei wu wei in Chinese) is a rare feat, I allow myself to present my humble ideas regarding working smart only. So, working SMART means, in my opinion, working with:

S for Strategy
M for Mission
A for Aim
R for Resources
T for Time-Limit

STRATEGY

Strategy is a set of ideas which define the MEANS for TRANSLATING the set OBJECTIVE or the END into REALITY.

The original meaning of strategy is STRATEGOS which is a Greek word, the meaning being The Art of the General. In other words, strategy means:

Time general enemy general
Out-thinking / Out-witting
Out-planning
Out-doing
Out-executing
Out-performing

Mission

Mission means:

• Purpose
• Special assignment of duties
• A Specific Important Project / Duty
• A Life-purpose
• A Life-work
• Basic Duty in One’s Life

Aim and Object

With a purposeful mission, you have to aim for some-thing which is realistic, concrete and beneficial or desirable. For example,

• Mission : Elimination or alleviation of poverty in the country side
• Aim & Object = Rural Electrification and Mechanization of Agriculture

Another example:

• Mission : To serve the broad masses of the people.
• Aim & Object : To be a (bare-foot) Doctor or Physician in a People’s Physician.

RESOURCES

If you want to reap RESULTS, you must SOW the RESOURCES. You reap what you sow, isn’t it? So, if you want good results, you have got to invest in talented people and sophisticated technology. You must have adequate finance. You must have reliable sources of information and (raw) materials. In short, you should be able to have convenient access to: Man, Money, Magnificent Minds, Materials, Machines and the like.

Time-Limit (Deadline)

Time should be efficiently managed and allocated to the most important areas of life, relationship and work. Time is most precious and irreplaceable. On the death-bed, nobody would think about money-making. He or She would most probably regret the time wasted in the pursuit of the phantoms, instead of the real, concrete and susceptible meanings of life.

Conclusion

You only have to do three things with a made-up mind:

• Set the right objective
• Find an appropriate, brilliant strategy, and
• Implement the strategy relentlessly on the offensive

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New technology to be applied at Yangon and Mandalay International Airports

U Win Swe Tun of DCA, Director U Taik Aung of the DCA and managing director U Than Tun of Parimi Energy which is a partner company of the US-based Honeywell Company signed an agreement.

After completion of construction tasks at the two international airports, they will apply similar technology in construction of the Hanthawady International Airport.—Maung Tin Soe (Myanma Alinn)
Amyotha Hluttaw speaker receives Moroccan Ambassador

NA MY P TAW, 11 Sept — Speaker of the Amyotha Hluttaw (Upper House) U Khin Aung Myint received Mr Abdelilah El Housni, Moroccan Ambassador based in Bangkok, at the hall of the Amyotha Hluttaw building in Nay Pyi Taw on Thursday. It was also attended by Deputy Speaker of the Amyotha Hluttaw U Mya Nyein and officials of the Amyotha Hluttaw Office.

Myanmar, Indonesia promote defence, intergovernmental cooperation

NA MY P TAW, 11 Sept — Myanmar and Indonesia shared similar history in the struggle for independence and the two countries have agreed to strengthen further cooperation in every possible sector, the Myanmar Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services told the Indonesian Deputy Defence Minister here on Thursday, sources said.

Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing said the diplomatic relations between Myanmar and Indonesia have turned 65 years, while the military relations between the two countries 50 years.

Sjafrie Sjamsoeddin, Indonesian Deputy Defence Minister, said it was encouraging to see improved military relations between the two countries and promised to speed up intergovernmental relations and cooperation. He also expressed Indonesia’s willingness to boost technological cooperation between the two armies.

Union ministers visit Damen Shipyard, Kinderdijk water supply facility

NA MY P TAW, 11 Sept — Union Minister for Transport U Nyan Tun Aung and Union Minister for Electric Power U Khin Maung Soe who accompanied the President on his trips to European countries visited Damen Shipyard, over 100 km from The Hague of the Netherlands on 9 September.

The shipyard group opens 38 branches including China, Vietnam, Singapore and Vietnam, earning 1.3 billion euro per year and selling 120-150 ships yearly. Officials of the shipyard hoped for cooperation with Myanmar.

Union Minister U Nyan Tun Aung views worksite of Damen Shipyard, over 100 km from The Hague in the Netherlands.—MNA

The factory started life in 1928, with a new factory being completed in 2013. It exports their dairy products to 160 countries.

The Netherlands has promised assistance to agriculture and livestock sectors. A Dutch delegation of researchers is reported to arrive Myanmar in late October on a two-week fieldtrip to Yangon, Mandalay, Nay Pyi Taw and Pyin Oo Lwin.

Plants are under way to further cooperate with Yesin University, a local agricultural institution.

Union Ministers U Ohn Myint and U Khin Maung Soe observe Cono Cheesemaker Industry in The Hague.—MNA

The Netherlands to help Myanmar with agriculture and livestock

YANGON, 11 Sept — Union ministers who accompanied President U Thein Sein on an official visit to three European countries, went on a tour of a dairy industry, located in a town 100 kilometres from The Hague, on 8 September, sources said.

U Ohn Myint, Union Minister for Livestock, Fisheries and Rural Development, and U Khin Maung Soe, Union Minister for Electric Power visited Cono, a cheesemaker industry, where Dutch government officials showed them around the factory.

Senor General Min Aung Hlaing with Indonesian Deputy Defence Minister Sjafrie Sjamsoeddin and party.—MYAWADY

Union Minister U Nyan Tun Aung views worksite of Damen Shipyard, over 100 km from The Hague in the Netherlands.—MNA

Union Ministers U Ohn Myint and U Khin Maung Soe observe Cono Cheesemaker Industry in The Hague.—MNA

Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker U Khin Aung Myint receives Moroccan Ambassador Mr Abdelilah El Housni, based in Bangkok.—MNA
Obama orders US airstrike in Syria against Islamic State

WASHINGTON, 11 Sept — President Barack Obama told Americans on Wednesday he had authorized US airstrikes for the first time in Syria and more attacks in Iraq in a broad escalation of a campaign against the Islamic State militant group.

Obama’s decision to launch attacks inside Syria, which is embroiled in a three-year civil war, marked a turnabout for the president, who shied away a year ago from airstrikes to punish Syrian President Bashar al-Assad for using chemical weapons against his own people.

In a widely anticipated, 13-minute White House speech, Obama said he would hunt down Islamic State militants “wherever they are” in a drive to degrade and ultimately destroy the group, which has seized broad stretches of Iraq and Syria.

“...That means I will not hesitate to take action against ISIL in Syria, as well as Iraq. This is a core principle of my presidency: if you threaten America, you will find no safe haven,” he said, speaking on the eve of the 13th anniversary of the 9/11 attacks.

US President Barack Obama delivers a live televised address to the nation on his plans for military action against the Islamic State, from the Cross Hall of the White House in Washington on 10 Sept, 2014. —Reuters

versary of the 11 September, 2001, attacks. Obama asked Congress to authorize $500 million to train and arm “moderate” Syrian rebels. The training would take place in Saudi Arabia. It is unclear whether more American weapons and training can shift the battlefield balance toward the US-backed rebels, who are badly outgunned by Islamic State, other militant groups and Assad’s forces.

A vote on the money would put lawmakers on record supporting the military action, although White House officials stressed Obama already had the authority he needed for the new moves. Obama plans to expand the list of targets inside Iraq beyond several isolated areas. The US military has launched more than 150 airstrikes in Iraq in the past month to help halt Islamic State advances.

The new target list will include Islamic State’s “leadership, logistical and operational capacity,” as well as an attempt to “deny it sanctuary and resources to plan, prepare and execute attacks,” the White House said.

US officials have warned it will take years to destroy Islamic State, and Obama told Americans: “It will take time to eradicate a cancer like ISIL.” —The White House’s acronym for the militant group.

Al-Qaeda-backed group releases video of kidnapped UN peacekeepers

SYDNEY, 11 Sept — An al-Qaeda-backed militant group that seized 45 UN peacekeepers two weeks ago on the Golan Heights has posted a video in which the hostages, from the South Pacific nation of Fiji, say they expect to be released soon.

The video, which was posted on the Nusra Front’s Twitter and YouTube accounts on Wednesday but was apparently recorded a day earlier, appears to show the troops in a good condition, at points smiling and waving at the camera.

On Wednesday, the head of Fiji’s army said the Islamist militant group had dropped all of its demands to free the hostages, but that at least slightly back-peddled later in the day as the situation appeared to deteriorate. It was unclear whether the video, carried by the SITE monitoring service, was made before or after the confusion surrounding those comments, but a UN source earlier told Reuters that the militants had insisted on such a video as a condition for their release.

“By the way, we are all safe and alive, and we thank Jabhat al-Nusra for keeping us safe and keeping us alive,” one hostage, who was not identified, said, using the Nusra Front’s full name.

“We understand that with the limited resources that they have, they have provided the best for us and we truly appreciate it and we thank them.”

Saudi Arabia agrees to host training of moderate Syria rebels

SAUDI ARABIA agrees to host training of moderate Syria rebels as part of US President Barack Obama’s broad strategy to combat Islamic State militants who have taken over parts of Syria and Iraq.

Saudi Arabia, the main Arab Sunni power in the region, was dismayed last September when Obama backed off air strikes against Assad’s forces over the use of chemical weapons, and had pressed Washington to do more to strengthen the poorly organized moderate Syrian rebels. “Both leaders agreed that a stronger Syrian opposition is essential to confronting extremists like (Islamic State) as well as the Assad regime, which has lost all legitimacy,” the White House said.

The Obama administration wants the Syrian rebels to play a role in the fight against the strong Islamic State forces inside Syria. US officials declined to specify where on Saudi territory the rebels would be trained.

US Secretary of State John Kerry, on a Middle East mission to drum up support for a coalition against Islamic State, is due to fly from Amman to Saudi Arabia on Thursday.

He will have talks there with senior officials from Egypt, Turkey, Jordan and the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC), which comprises Saudi Arabia, Bahrain, the United Arab Emirates, Kuwait, Oman and Qatar.

Saudi Arabia, the world’s biggest oil exporter, is uneasy by the rapid advance of Islamic State this year and fears it could radicalize some of its own citizens. Arab League foreign ministers agreed on Sunday to take all necessary measures to confront Islamic State. —Reuters

Obama’s speech by phone earlier in the day with Saudi King Abdullah.

India gets fifth maritime patrol aircraft from Boeing

NEW DELHI, 11 Sept — India has received its fifth maritime patrol aircraft from US plane maker Boeing, a statement said on Thursday.

The aircraft arrived at Naval Air Station in Rajaji, after a flight from Seattle’s Boeing Field, and joined the four previously delivered P-8Is, the statement by Boeing said.

Confirming this, a top Indian naval official said that the aircraft will add more strength to the country’s maritime requirements.

“The P-8I programme is progressing on schedule, and the aircraft are providing the capabilities to meet our maritime reconnaissance and anti-submarine warfare requirements,” Indian Navy’s deputy chief Vice Admiral RK Pattaanik told the media.

Boeing has said that it will deliver one more P-8I before this year end, followed by two in 2015.
Dry West Bank ridge becomes focus of Israel-Palestinian tension

Jab'a, (West Bank), 11 Sept—The rocky valley north of Jab’a, scattered with olive and pine trees and dry streams long evaporated by the searing heat, would be unremarkable had it not become the latest point of friction between Israel and the Palestinians.

Days after a ceasefire was reached in the war in Gaza last month, Israel announced that 400 hectares (988 acres) west of Bethlehem, in the occupied West Bank, was now “state land”—that is territory for Israel, not land that will be part of any future Palestinian state. Peace Now, an Israeli human rights group, described it as one of the biggest land grabbs by Israel since the 1980s.

The United States, the European Union, the UN and Japan lined up to condemn the appropriation, in an area where 20,000 Palestinians live in 10 villages and which Israel says it intends to keep in any final land-for-peace agreement.

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu may have thought the timing was right to assuage rightists in his coalition after an inconclusive Gaza war while the West was distracted by Ukraine and Iraq. But US and European officials are determined not to let the seizure go unchallenged.

Lars Faaborg-Andersen, the EU ambassador to Israel, delivered a message of objection to Israel’s deputy foreign minister on Monday, calling the land confiscation an “alarming development” that squanders peace efforts.

“We think this is one of the worst signals to send in the current situation,” Faaborg-Andersen said on Wednesday, urging Israel to reverse the measure and warning it against further land seizures, which he said were being rumoured.

“These are particularly strategic and particularly damaging settlement activities (that are) extremely unhelpful,” he said.

Even within Israel’s government there was sharp criticism of the decision, taken by the defence minister and prime minister’s office without wider consultation—a common practice when it comes to the West Bank, which has been administered by the defense ministry since it was occupied in 1967.

Justice Minister Tzipi Livni denounced it as “inherently wrong”, while Finance Minister Yair Lapid said it was damaging to the nation’s international reputation.

“Maintaining the support of the world was already challenging, so why was it so urgent to create another crisis with the United States and the world?” he asked, posing a question echoed by many inside and outside Israel.—Reuters

With World Trade site largely rebuilt, New York marks 11 September

NEW YORK, 11 Sept—Until a few months ago, the part of New York City where crowds will gather on Thursday morning to mark the 13th anniversary of the 11 September attacks on the United States had been mostly fenced off to the public.

This year, for perhaps the first time since the attacks, a sense of normalcy and openness has taken root in the city blocks where two airliners hijacked by militants from al-Qaeda crashed into the World Trade Centre’s twin towers.

Rebuilding efforts at the site, where 2,753 people died, are nearing completion. The area, by turns smoldering grave and an off-limits construction site for more than a decade, is now increasingly recon- nected with the surrounding streets.

Against that backdrop, politicians, families of those who died in the attacks and other dignitaries will gather on Thursday to observe moments of silence and hear recitations of nearly 3,000 victims’ names. It has become an annual ritual.

Similar ceremonies will also be held in Washington, where a hijacked plane crashed into the Pentagon, and the field in Shanksville, Pennsylvania, where another hijacked plane crashed.

In New York, it is the first commemoration ceremony since the opening of the 9/11 museum and the adjoining repository for unidentified human remains at the site. That is an important milestone for families of the victims, officials say.

“The first time this year, because the museum opened in May, family members will be able to visit the museum as part of the commemoration,” Michael Frazier, a museum spokesman, said.

While lower Manhattan may look and feel different this year, the external threat to the United States represented by the 9/11 attacks still weighs. Islamic State, a militant group that began as an offshoot of al-Qaeda, is viewed by Washington as an increasing danger. The Islamist group, which released videos of its fighters beheading two American hostages, has even revived fears of an attack on American soil.

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Al Jazeera says UN peacekeepers released in Golan

DAMASCUS, 11 Sept—Al Jazeera television said on Thursday the al-Qaeda-backed Nusra Front group released UN peacekeepers it seized two weeks ago on the Golan Heights.

On Wednesday the group posted a video on its Twitter and YouTube accounts in which the hostages, from the South Pacific nation of Fiji, say they expect to be freed soon. —Reuters

Police officers check the Tottus Supermarket in Vina del Mar, Chile, on 10 Sept, 2014. A “noise bomb” exploded on Wednesday in the men’s bathroom of the Tottus Supermarket, according to the local press.—Xinhua

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The government has had a ranch on the border since the 1940s. They patrol in body armour, riding all-terrain vehicles that drown out the sound of cicadas at night.

Monsees, 66, said “illegal” have poisoned his dogs and sprayed his yellow house with bullets, but he refuses to leave.

“If they leave, I’m dead,” he said.

The groups insist that their presence is unrelated to the tens of thousands of mostly Central American who flood across the border with Mexico earlier this year.

Law enforcement officials say an increase in people taking part in citizen patrols in border states coincided with the attention being paid to the issue of unaccompanied minors this year.

Members of the ‘Patriots’ Huggie Bear (L, not his real name), Ray (C, no last name given) and Will (R, no last name given) patrol in their UTV near a camp of patriots near the US-Mexico border outside Brownsville, Texas on 2 Sept. 2014. — Reuters

Pension system reform discussed in debate

BELGRADE, 11 Sept — The government has insufficient funds for pensions, but pension cuts alone will not be sufficient to ensure the sustainability of the pension system unless they are accompanied by financial consolidation in all sectors, the participants in a debate on pension system reform said on Wednesday.

Progressive pension cuts, rather than linear ones, are the likely solution because the inequality resulting from poverty must be reduced, they said.

There have been several pension system reforms in Serbia since 2003, but have only produced results on the expenditure side, while the issue of the revenue side is yet to be solved, said Ivan Mimic, financial director of the pension and disability insurance fund.

The pension and disability insurance fund provides 58 percent of the total funds required for pensions and 42 percent is covered by the government, while the ratio in other countries is 80-20, he said.

Serbia has 1.72 million pensioners, and the average retirement period is 17 years — 16.6 years among men and 19 years among women, Mimic said.

In government projections, pensions account for 10 percent of the GDP, but the problem on the revenue side is getting bigger and bigger and the demographic situation is worsening as well, so it is impossible to create a self-sufficient pension fund, he said.

MAT Forum analyst Miladin Kovačević said that reforms based on extending the retirement age and imposing penalties for early retirement can only produce results over the longer term — in 15 to 20 years. — Tanjug

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LOS ANGELES, 11 Sept — Country singer Taylor Swift says she has been single since her split from One Direction star Harry Styles in January last year. Swift, who has written ballads about her break-ups, says she has no energy to be in love right now, reported Rolling Stone magazine.

“I feel like watching my dating life has become a bit of national pastime. And I’m just not comfortable providing that kind of entertainment anymore,” said Swift.

“I don’t like seeing slide shows of guys I’ve apparently dated. I don’t like giving comedians the opportunity to make jokes about me at awards shows. I don’t like it when headlines read ‘Careful, Bro, She’ll Write a Song About You,’ because it trivializes my work. And most of all, I don’t like how all these factors add up to build the pressure so high in a new relationship that it gets snuffed out before it even has a chance to start. And so I just don’t date,” she added. Swift, who recently released her new single ‘Shake it off’, says she is not even into casual dating. “I just think it’s pointless if you’re not in love. And I don’t have the energy to be in love right now. So no. It’s not like I’ve sworn off love. My life is just not conducive to bringing other people into it right now. I’m very childish and romantic about lots of things, but I’m realistic about this.”—PTI

London’s Royal Opera targets youngest-ever audience

LONDON, 11 Sept — Britain’s Royal Opera House will open its doors to children as young as two when its new season starts on Thursday, as the 282-year-old institution seeks a new generation of music-lovers.

Alongside staples such as Puccini’s “La Bohème”, the Royal Opera’s 2014/15 season will also see more toddler-friendly new work such as “Dot, Squiggle and Rest”—a performance aimed at those aged between two and five.

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Usher delays release of new album

LONDON, 11 Sept — R&B superstar Usher has removed his upcoming album from the 2014 release schedule in a bid to spend more time perfecting the project. The ‘Yeah’ hitmaker had been expected to unveil Ur, his eighth studio disc, by the year’s end to accompany his upcoming tour, reported Contactmusic.

“The album isn’t scheduled anymore. I’ve basically taken it back. I’m taking my time with it. At the end of the day, all of this is just about having fun. You get in the studio (and) go with how you feel,” he said.

Usher, 35, has already recorded tracks with guests including Nicki Minaj, Pharrell Williams, Ed Sheeran, Skrillex, Diplo and Drake, but there’s one additional artist he has also been spending time with in the studio — Chris Brown.

“There is another record that we worked on for the album. The relationship is great… we’ve been able to build.” A new release date for Ur has yet to be set, but The Ur Experience tour, with R&B newcomer August Alsina, is still set to kick off in Montreal, Canada on 1 November,” he added.—PTI
**General**

**Gates Foundation pledges 50 mn USD for Ebola emergency response**

WASHINGTON, 11 Sept — The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation announced on Wednesday that it will commit 50 million US dollars to support the scale up of emergency efforts to contain the Ebola outbreak in West Africa.

The foundation said in a statement that it will immediately release funds to enable them and national governments to purchase badly needed supplies and scale up emergency operations, and additional 2 million dollars will be committed to the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to support incident management, treatment, and health care system strengthening in Ebola-affected countries.

The foundation said it will provide further details on its funding commitments as additional grants are made. — Xinhua

**Platini criticises FI FA over discrimination tolerance**

**ROME, 11 Sept** — UEFA president Michel Platini had a dig at football’s governing body FIFA on Wednesday, saying it had failed to show zero tolerance towards discrimination at the World Cup.

“It’s all well and good to create committees and task forces but you will get nowhere without infrastructure and... rules,” the Frenchman said as he opened an anti-discrimination conference in Rome.

“UEFA put up a system that is a complex monitoring system of all high risk matches so that, unlike the World Cup in Brazil, zero tolerance is really put into practice.”

Platini appeared to be referring to FIFA’s failure to hand out sanctions after Mexican fans chanted the word “puto” — or “faggot” in Spanish — at opposition goalkeepers for what some thought was a lack of action against Mexico.

In the past, FIFA had also taken no action against German fans who blacked up their faces at the match against Ghana and Croatian fans who displayed neo-Nazi flags and insignia.”

Platini added: “Football is a mirror of society, it reflects its qualities but magnifies its flaws. “We need to make sure we can protect the most vulnerable. Discrimination is a scourge that has scarred history for many years... that can no longer be accepted in our society in which everyone should be equal.”

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It is the largest Chinese team for an overseas Asiad, said deputy chef de mission Xiao Tian in a conference on Wednesday afternoon.

The delegation includes 897 athletes, among whom 288 have Olympic and Asian Games experience.

Xiao said it was “a young team” as the average age of the competitors is 23 while 68 percent of the athletes are making their debuts in Incheon.

“They are lacking in experience at big sport events,” he said.

China is seeking to top the Asian Games for the eighth straight time since 1982.

“Our aim is to try to lead in both gold medal tally and overall medal table,” said Xiao.

Chef de mission Liu Peng noted that China also needs to make breakthrough in football, basketball and volleyball.

“We have no advantage in these events in Asia,” he said.

“At the Incheon Asian Games, we will meet lots of difficulties and pressure.”

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**Players of Cameroon celebrate after winning the 2015 Africa Cup of Nations qualification match against Costa d’Ivoire in Yaounde, on 10 Sept, 2014. Cameroon won 4-1. — XINHUA**
France stun Spain as Serbia rout Brazil in basketball World Cup

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NEW DELHI, 11 Sept — India will field a second-string tennis contingent in this month’s Asian Games after allowing frontline players, including Leander Paes and Sania Mirza, to play on the professional tours instead to revive their rankings.

India’s top singles player Somdev Devvarman has already announced he will not defend the singles and men’s doubles gold medals he won four years ago in Guangzhou, China, citing the same reason.

“Special circumstances have developed where it is necessary for the players to participate in ATP and WTA events to protect their rankings and... qualify for the yearend World Masters,” All India Tennis Association (AITA) president Anil Khanna said in a statement on Wednesday.

Khanna did not elaborate on any late replacements. AITA secretary Bharat Oza and coach Zeeshan Ali could not be reached for comments either.

Veteran Paes, winner of eight men’s doubles and six mixed doubles Grand Slam titles, has slipped to 35 in doubles rankings and wants to play in three ATP Tour events that clash with the 19 September — 4 October Games in Incheon.

Mirza, who won the US Open mixed doubles title on Friday partnering Brazilian Bruno Soares, pulled out to play in two ATP Tour events instead to keep the US Open doubles title. AITA has also allowed Davis Cupper and doubles specialist Rohan Bopanna to play in two ATP Tour events that coincided with the Asian Games.

“Considering the very significant and important requirement of the players, the AITA has decided to... allow them to play ATP/WTA tournaments so that they can have a respectable opportunity to represent the nation in the World Championships to be held at the end of the year,” Khanna added.

Manchester United’s Danny Welbeck celebrates his goal against Norwich City during their English Premier League soccer match at Carrow Road in Norwich, eastern England on 28 Dec, 2013. — Reuters

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