More effort needed for 25th ASEAN Summit: Vice President

NAY PYI TAW, 15 Sept — Vice President Dr Sai Mauk Kham urged officials to exert more effort for the success of the 25th ASEAN Summit at the meeting of the Central Committee for Myanmar’s ASEAN Chairmanship and Establishment of ASEAN Community held in Nay Pyi Taw on Monday.

The vice president also said that the government recognized the efforts of ministries for the success of the previous summit and meetings during the ASEAN chairmanship of Myanmar.

Not only the members of ASEAN countries but also dialogue partners of the ASEAN, members of East Asian Summit and other invited countries will participate in the summit.

As the summit is the last and most important one during the ASEAN chairmanship of Myanmar, the vice president urged officials to exert more efforts for the success of the summit.

After the speech of the vice president, Chairman of the Organizing Committee for ASEAN Summit and Related Summits Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Winna Maung Lwin, Union Minister Dr Kan Zaw, Union Minister U Aye Myint Kyu, members of the central committee Union ministers, the attorney-general of the Union, deputy ministers who are chairmen of the sub-committees and officials of Republic of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry reported on the preparations for the summit.

The meeting concluded with remarks of the vice president. MNA

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YCDC gets laboratory to provide water testing services

By Aye Min Soe

The Yangon City Development Committee has inaugurated its own laboratory to test the quality of water supplied to the people in the Yangon municipal area.

Before the laboratory was established, the Water and Sanitation Department of the YCDC sent water from reservoirs and tubewells to other government-owned laboratories to be tested for quality before piping the water to consumers.

“The laboratory will provide testing services for water from our reservoirs and tubewells as part of efforts for supplying safe and high quality water to the people in the Yangon municipal area,” said a department official.

YCDC is supplying more than 205 million gallons of water daily to more than 5 million people in the Yangon municipal area comprising 33 townships.

The main water resources of the YCDC are the Hlawgar, Puegyi, Ngamoeyeik and Tagundaing Reservoirs.

Ngamoeyeik Reservoir supplies 90 million gallons of water daily to Yangon.

But the 110-year old Hlawgar Reservoir has been piped to people since 22 February 1904 after the water quality in the Kandawgyi and Inya lakes had become bad.

Before the Hlawgar Reservoir, Kandawgyi and Inya lakes were the main sources for water supply for Yangon.

But lack of knowledge about environmental conservation, use of a traditional sewage system and a lack of tight rules for urbanization near the lakes caused pollution in the two lakes and people in Yangon had to abandon them in 1887.

The long-lasting of Hlawgar Reservoir, the lifeblood water resource for more than 5 million people living in Yangon, is threatened by the increasing in population in the city.
Eco students pay respects to faculty members

Mandalay, 15 Sept — As a gesture of hailing the Golden Jubilee Anniversary of Yangon University of Economics, the old students of the university held the get-together and paid respects to faculty members at Hotel Mandalay on 78th street in Mahasangmye Township of Mandalay on 14 September.

The students paid respects to the former faculty members and gave gifts to them.

On behalf of the faculty members, Dr Thet Lwin gave words of advice to the students. Sayagyi U Zaw Thanh explained the preparations for holding the Golden Jubilee Anniversary of Yangon University of Economics, and old student Daw Nan Than Sein, plans of Mandalarian students and member of Mandalay City Development Committee U Han Soe and officials presented prizes to outstanding students of the university. Later, they joined the get-together ceremony. Thitha Ko Ko (Mandalay)

First prize winner in international letter-writing contest honourd

Nyunglebin, 15 Sept — A ceremony to honour the first prize winner in the international youth letter-writing contest in commemoration of the World Post Day which falls on 9 October 2014 was held at the office of Nyunglebin Township Writers Association in Bago Region on Sunday.

Chairman of the township association Dr Myint Than (Nyunglebin) made a speech. Senior Assistant Teacher Daw Aye Thiri Mon of No 2 Basic Education High School reported on training for the students to win the prizes.

Officials of the township association and U Than Hlay of Myanmar Anti-Narcotics Association presented prizes to Maung Aung Thiha Ko Ko of Nyunglebin BEHS No 2 and gifts to SAT Daw Aye Thiri Mon. Nay Lin (Nyunglebin)

Myanmar Anti-Trafficking in Persons

Day observed in Toungoo

Toungoo, 15 Sept — An educative talk in commemoration of the Myanmar Anti-Trafficking in Persons Day was held in conjunction with the exhibition at Khabawng Hall in Toungoo in Bago Region on 13 September.

District Deputy Commissioner U Kyaw Thet who is also Chairman of Toungoo District Anti-Human Trafficking Committee made a speech. District Law Officer U Saw Don, District Education Officer U San Kyaw and Head of District Health Department Dr Daw Khin San Myint gave talks about prevention against trafficking in persons.

Officials presented prizes to winners in the district level essay, painting, cartoon and poster contests in commemoration of the Myanmar Anti-Trafficking in Persons.

Maintenance and clearance of power lines undertaken for safety of electricity

Taungtha, 15 Sept — Electricians and workers of Taungtha Township Electricity Supply Enterprise of Mandalay Region cut the branches of trees around power lines along Meiktila road, Kyaukpadaung road and wards of the town on 12 September with the aim of ensuring safety of electricity for the people.

The tasks were supervised by Township Electrical Engineer U Soe Moe Kyaw.

The officials and electricians checked power supply equipment, substitution of insulators and maintenance of power lines.

They plan to carry out maintenance and checking of power lines every Saturday.

Kyaw Myo Naing (Taungtha)

Winners awarded in inter-district aerobics contest in Magway Region

Magway, 15 Sept — The Magway Region WAO Patron’s Cup Inter-District Aerobics Contest was kicked off at the district gymnasium in Magway on Sunday.

The contestants participated in the senior singles event, the senior three-participant contest, the senior three-participant contest and the junior nine-participant contest.

Patron of Magway Region Women’s Affairs Organization wife of the Magway Region Chief Minister Daw San San Myint presented championship trophy to Magway District team and officials, the prizes to winners in the respective events.

Later, the patron gave sports equipment and cash assistance to the winners.

Thun Naing Oo (Ngaphe)
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Myanmar marks ‘International Day of Democracy’
Yadanabon FC to be crowned championship trophy at Mandalay

Thiri Stadium in Mandalay

Water tank put into service in Hsihseng

In Hsihseng, 15 Sept — A ceremony to put a 19,000 gallon capacity water tank into service was held at Hthomnauk Village of Hsihseng Township in southern Shan State on 13 September.

Township authorities and departmental officials explained development undertakings in the township and reform process in all sectors in the nation.

Over 600 Chinlone teams to join contest at Buddha Puja
diya

In Mandalay, 15 Sept — The 40th Myanmar Chinlone contest will be held at Eindawya Pagoda in Chanayethazan Township of Mandalay Region from 14 September to 24 October. With participation of 660 Chinlone teams, said a member of the pagoda board of trustees.

“Last year, the contest kicked off on 10th waning on 25 September. Due to increasing number of the contestant teams, the schedule of the contest will be five days earlier than that of the previous year. The number of contending teams this year is 660, exceeding 171 teams more than that of last year,” a member of the pagoda board of trustees said.

The respect paying ceremony to older Chinlone players will be held in conjunction with the 167th Buddha Puja
diya on 5 October, source said.

On 6 October, rice and alms will be offered over 600 members of the Sangha from 20 monasteries.

Tin Maung (Mandalay)

Volunteer health workers under training in Thongwa Tsp

In Thongwa, 15 Sept — The volunteer health workers course kicked off at the hall of Golden Coun
try on 65th Street between 31st and 32nd streets in Chanayethazan Township of Mandalay on Sunday.

Head of Township Health Department Dr Soe Win stressed the need for trainees to carry out sanitisation and availability of clean water and urge the local people to use fly-proof latrines.

The trainees are to cooperate with respective departments in undertaking the tasks. Seven trainers are giving training to 25 volunteer trainees from 15 September to 24 October.

Kyi Soe Lwin (Thongwa)

A time bomb found near Myawady-Mae Sot friendship bridge

A worker of Township Development Affairs Committee found the bomb and informed it of security personnel of the bridge. They informed the finding of the time bomb of the District Police Force Office and the tactical operations command.

Officials of the local station cleared the time bomb at 7.45 am. The security personnel are conducting the investigation for the root cause of planting the time bomb.

Thuzar (Myawady Town)
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**China, Malaysia join hands in port partnership**

NANNING, 15 Sept — China has signed an agreement with Malaysia to establish a sister port partnership between two major shipping cities as the two countries seek to rejuvenate the ancient maritime Silk Road.

The Qinzhou Port in south China’s Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region has become a sister port of Kuantan, a port city in Malaysia, following an agreement signed in Nanning City, capital of Guangxi on Monday.

Taking immediate effect, the two ports will cooperate in various fields including shared shipping lanes, logistics, information exchange and talent training, said Li Xinyuan, mayor of Qinzhou City.

The sister partnership between the two ports is part of a plan to establish a network of cooperation among port cities in ASEAN members, Li said.

The two port cities have close economic and trade relationships. China and Malaysia have been constructing sister industrial parks in Qinzhou and Kuantan respectively since 2011. Building sister port parks is regarded as an innovative experiment by China and Malaysia in re-building the maritime Silk Road.

Southeast Asia has long been an important hub in the historic maritime Silk Road, a commercial route on which China sold silk, ceramics and tea to overseas markets.

Chinese President Xi Jinping proposed a 21st century maritime Silk Road during his visit to Indonesia last October. Qinzhou, the most important container hub on China’s southwestern coast, will become a leading city along the 21st century maritime Silk Road, Li said.—Xinhua

**Australia probes ‘threats’ against hospitals days after stepping up terror alert**

SYDNEY, 15 Sept — Australian police were investigating ‘threats’ on Monday against four hospitals in the city of Sydney amid reports of at least one being partially evacuated over a bomb threat.

Just days after the country raised its terror alert level to “high”, police and health department officials were investigating threats made on Monday afternoon against a number of public and private hospitals in Sydney, a spokeswoman for police in the city of New South Wales said, but gave no details.

A spokeswoman for one of the hospitals said the incident was minor and staff were continuing with their duties.

Last Friday, Australia raised its terror threat level to “high” for the first time, citing the chance of terrorist attacks by Australian citizens radicalised in Iraq or Syria.

At the time, officials said they had no knowledge of a specific attack plan.

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

**Typhoon Kalmegi heads out of Philippines, cuts power, damages farms**

MANILA, 15 Sept — A strong typhoon was moving out of the Philippines on Monday, after plunging into darkness wide northern swathes of the country and inundating farmland, but there were no reports of lives lost, civil defence officials said.

Typhoon Kalmegi, packing winds of 120 kph (75 mph) at its centre, with some gusts up to 150 kph, was moving into the South China Sea, and was expected to leave by Monday night. Kalmegi, known locally as “Luis”, was spotted 455 kms (283 miles) west of Laeag City in Bocos Norte Province shortly after mid-day, moving at 30 kph towards southern China.

Thousands of people who were temporarily displaced were starting to return home, said Alexander Pama, the chief of a national rescue panel, adding that no casualty had been reported.

“Some areas in the north are still without electricity, like Kalinga and Apayao Provinces, but our emergency workers are working to restore power,” said Pama, the executive director of the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council.

Rescue officials were also getting reports of extensive damage to rice farms, he added, but declined to give estimates.

“We are still assessing the actual damage, how many hectares were affected and how much was lost,” Pama added.

About a fifth of rice output and just under a third of corn production in the northeastern province of Isabela are at risk of being damaged or destroyed by the typhoon, its governor, Faustino “Bodjie” Dy, said. Before the typhoon, the Cagayan Valley region, of which Isabela forms a part, was forecast to produce 341,540 tonnes of unhusked rice, or about a tenth of projected national output, in the July-September quarter, the national statistics body said.

Its third-quarter production of corn was projected at 520,235 tonnes, or about 22 percent of the national total.

Pama was cautious because the central government has yet to receive complete reports from the provinces, with power and communications links severed in some areas.

Landslides and flash floods forced the closure of 11 roads and three bridges in the mountainous north. Some public offices and all schools were shut closed as typhoon alerts were lowered.

Forty-three domestic flights were grounded by civil aviation authorities while the coast guard halted ferries and fishing boats from putting to sea.

“It was a miracle,” Imee Marcos, daughter of former dictator Ferdinand Marcos and governor of Ilocos Norte, said in a radio interview. “We survived a strong typhoon with minor damages. There were heavy rain and strong winds, but we have no casualty.”

**Malaysia to send 20 million medical gloves to fight Ebola**

KUALA LUMPUR, 15 Sept — Malaysia will send more than 20 million medical rubber gloves to five African nations battling the deadly Ebola virus, addressing a crucial shortage faced by overwhelmed health workers, the country’s Prime Minister Najib Razak announced on Monday.

The Southeast Asian nation is a leading manufacturer of rubber gloves, producing about 60 percent of the world’s supply of latex medical gloves. Health authorities say that a shortage of rubber gloves in affected African nations has led to more deaths and raised risks that the virus will spread among doctors and nurses. The outbreak has now killed upwards of 2,400 people, mostly in Liberia, neighbouring Guinea and Sierra Leone as poorly resourced West African healthcare systems have been overrun.

“Malaysia can make a unique and vital contribution to the fight against Ebola because we are one of the biggest manufacturers of rubber gloves,” a Malaysian government spokesperson said in a statement.

“We hope this contribution will prevent the spread of Ebola and save lives.” Among the companies supplying the shipment are Sime Darby, Top Glove Corp Bhd, Kuala Lumpur Kepong,IOI Corp., the Prime Minister’s office said. Top Glove alone has a production capacity of 42 billion gloves a year and exports to 200 countries.

**Health workers remove the body of Prince Nyentee, a 29-year-old man whom local residents said died of Ebola virus in Monrovia on 11 Sept, 2014.—Reuters**
Belgrade, 15 Sept —

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“It is obvious that the increase in taxes, which has been pointed out as the reason for the work stoppage by Serbia’s lawyers, and which I talked about with lawyers during the summer and less than two weeks ago, is not the only reason for the lawyers stopping their work,” the minister said.

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France opens Iraq conference urging ‘global’ fight on jihadists

PARIS, 15 Sept — French President Francois Hollande called on Monday for united international action to tackle the threat from Islamic State militants as he opened a conference on Iraq bringing together members of a US-led coalition.

The United States this week unveiled an outline plan to fight the Islamist militants simultaneously in Iraq and Syria. It believes it can forge a solid alliance despite hesitancy among some partners and questions over the legality of action, notably in Syria where the militant group has a power base.

“What is the threat?” the French leader said as he opened the one-day meeting of officials from some 30 states in Paris.

“It is global so the response must be global …. Iraq’s fight against the terrorists is also our fight. We must commit ourselves together — that is the purpose of this conference,” said Hollande, who last week traveled to Baghdad to meet members of Iraq’s new government.

Iraqi President Fuad Masum said he hoped the Paris meeting would bring a “quick response” to jihadists who have declared a caliphate or Islamic state ruled under Sharia law in the heart of the Middle East.

“Islamic State’s doctrine is either you support us or kill us. It has committed massacres and genocidal crimes and ethnic purification,” he told delegates.

Foreign ministers from the main European states, the five permanent members of the UN Security Council, Iraq’s neighbours and Gulf Arab states Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait and the UAE, gathered to discuss political, security and humanitarian aspects of tackling Islamic State.

Iran, which is highly influential in its neighbour Iraq, is not attending the conference.

“We wanted a consensus among countries over Iran’s attendance, but in the end it was more important to have certain Arab states than Iran,” a French diplomat said, signaling that Saudi Arabia had not been keen on Tehran coming.

French officials say the coalition plan must go beyond military and humanitarian action, arguing there must also be a political plan for once Islamic State has been weakened in Iraq.

They argue that the 2003 US-led intervention in Iraq, in which Paris did not participate, ultimately contributed to the current crisis because it lacked a long-term vision for the different strands of Iraqi society.

Several Arab countries offer to join air campaign on Islamic State, say US officials

PARIS, 15 Sept — Several Arab countries have offered to join the United States in air strikes against Islamic State targets, US officials said on Sunday, indicating a possible widening of the air campaign against militants who have seized parts of Iraq and Syria.

The officials declined to identify which countries made the offers. But they said they were under consideration as the United States begins to identify country roles in its emerging coalition against jihadists who have declared a caliphate or Islamic state ruled under Sharia law in the heart of the Middle East.

The addition of Arab fighter jets could strengthen the credibility of the American-led campaign in a region sceptical of how far Washington will commit to a conflict in which nearly every country has a stake, set against the backdrop of Islam’s 1,300-year-old rift between Sunni and Shi’ites.

“I don’t want to leave you with the impression that these Arab members haven’t offered to do air strikes because several of them have,” a senior US State Department official told reporters in Paris.

The official said the offers were not limited to air strikes on Iraq. “Some have indicated for quite a while a willingness to do them elsewhere,” the official said. “We have to sort through all of that because you can’t just go and bomb something.”

So far, France has been the only country to publicly offer to join US air strikes on Islamic State targets, although limiting these to Iraq. Britain, Washington’s main ally in 2003, has sent mixed messages. It has stressed the West should not go over the heads of regional powers nor neglect the importance of forming an inclusive government in Iraq.

The US comments come a day after Islamic State stirred fresh outrage with a video purporting to show the beheading of British aid worker David Haines. British Prime Minister David Cameron called it “a despicable and appalling murder,” and vowed to bring the killers to justice.

US Secretary of State John Kerry will meet British Foreign Secretary Philip Hammond during a conference on Iraq in Paris on Monday. “I am sure that will be a topic of discussion,” a second senior US State Department official said, referring to the beheading.

The conference brings Iraqi authorities together with 15 to 20 international players. It comes ahead of a UN Security Council ministerial meeting on 19 September and a heads of state meeting at the UN General Assembly later this month.

The US officials spoke on condition of anonymity.

Australia’s prime minister calls military aid to Iraq “humanitarian”

SYDNEY, 15 Sept — Australian Prime Minister Tony Abbott called the deployment of “resources” to combat terrorism in the Middle East “fundamentally humanitarian” on Monday.

His comments came after an earlier announcement to deploy around 600 defence personnel and aircraft to the United Arab Emirates to respond to any future Australian government decisions on fighting the terror organization Islamic State in Iraq and Syria.

“There’s a very specific objective here,” Abbott told reporters. “The objective is fundamentally humanitarian and we realize that fundamentally humanitarian objective by helping the Iraqi armed forces to disrupt and degrade ISIL (Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant, also known as Islamic State).”

Australia will commit about 400 air personnel and about 200 other military personnel, up to eight F/A18 combat aircraft, an E-7A Wedgetail Airborne Early Warning and Control aircraft and an air-to-air refueling KC-30A Multi-Role Tanker and Transport aircraft to the mission.

Abbott did not specify a timeframe for Australia’s commitment, telling reporters, “I’m not saying that this will be over in weeks or even necessarily in just a few months, but there is a very specific and clear objective.”

Australia’s decision to deploy forces to the UAE follows a request from the US government to contribute forces for possible military action in Iraq.

It also follows conversations Abbott has held with new Iraqi Prime Minister Haider Al-Abadi and Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed.

A coalition of countries is being gathered by the United States to potentially fight in Iraq.
A wise and right choice of neighbour

By Aung Khin

An official from the Thailand’s Foreign Ministry said last week the kingdom’s newly appointed Premier Prayut Chan-O-Cha will visit Myanmar on his first official overseas trip, seeking to strengthen ties with its neighbouring country.

Both countries are now facing some challenges ranging from politics to social unrest. Myanmar is set to hold general election next year, but the Thai premier has already ruled out holding new elections before October 2015.

The two governments have tight schedules for 2015 as they are making preparations for establishment of ASEAN Economic Community next year.

There are some pending agreements that could not be finalized during the term of Thailand’s previous government. A visa exemption programme between the two countries was stalled due to the political turmoil in the kingdom before military coup in May.

Myanmar has frequently requested visa exemption over all modes of transport. Bangkok, however, opposed this blanket permission, fearing it would cause many complications in the policy on migrant workers in the kingdom. It countered-posed visa exemption for overland travellers.

If the Thai government needs to curb and adjust massive influx of Myanmar migrant workers into their country, special economic zones should be established at border areas for job opportunities.

Myanmar’s Ministry of Industry and the Industrial Estate Authority of Thailand conducted a feasibility study on the possibilities of Myawady, Hpa-an and Mawlamyine SEZs and potential Thai and Chinese investors claimed they are optimistic about these projects despite concerns holding back large-scale investments and lack of basic infrastructure.

It is undeniable that an estimated 2 million Myanmar migrant workers, some possessing proper work permits and some others not, are a fundamental driving force for Thailand’s economy.

In addition to these matters, people from both countries expect the two governments to tackle human trafficking, drug-smuggling and other illicit trade at the border areas, which are still notorious topics in the global community.

The possible visit of Thailand’s premier is seen as a wise and right choice of a neighbour.

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Milk and Honey for the Heart II

By Kyi Mun

Move On Up A Little Higher !

“What do you want to be?”

“What do you want to do ?

God will lift you up.”

But there is a condition.

“You have got to have a made-up mind.”

—Mahalia Jackson

Express your goal in

THE SEVEN-STEP STRATEGY

The Seven Steps to Acquiring Your Goals

Step #1: Express your goal in terms of specific event or behaviors.

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Step #3: Assign a timeline to your goal.

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Step #5: Plan and program a strategy that will get you to your goal.

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Set and attain goals, the essence of your life strategy.

Source: LIFE Strategies by Philip C. McGraw, Ph.D.

- Stretch Your Thinking and Stimulate Your Mind
- Harness and Develop Your Ideas – the Fruit of Your Thinking
- Become Important by Thinking Your Work Is Important
- Upgrade Your Thinking – Think Like Important People Think
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- Prevent Small People from Holding You Back
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- Throw Thought Poison Out of your Environment
- Go First Class in Everything You Do
- Grow the Attitudes That Will Help You Win What You Want
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- Become More Likeable by Making Yourself “Lighter to Lift”
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- Until Conditions Are Perfect
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- Use Action to Cure Fear and Gain Confidence
- Discover the Secret of Mind Action
- Capitalize on the Magic of NOW
- Strengthen Yourself by Getting the “Speak Up” Habit
- Develop Initiative, A Special Kind of Action

A wise man’s words express deep streams of thought.

A fool gets into constant fights. His mouth is his undoing! His words endanger him.

What a shame – yes, how stupid – to decide before knowing the facts.

A man’s courage can sustain his broken body, but when courage dries, what hope is left?

Men have died for saying the wrong thing!

Some people are friends in name only. Others are closer than brothers.

It is dangerous and sinful to rush into the unknown.

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Better be poor and honest than rich and dishonest.

He who loves wisdom loves his own best interest and will be a success.

A wise man restrains his anger and overlooks insults.

This is to his credit.

Get all the advice you can and be wise the rest of your life.

The character of even a child can be known by the way he acts – whether he does is pure and right.

Good sense is far more valuable than gold or precious jewels.

Don’t tell your secrets to a gossip unless you want them broadcast to the world.

Pride, lust, and evil actions are all sins.

Steady plodding brings prosperity; hasty speculation brings poverty.

A man is known by his actions; an evil man lives an evil life; a good man lives a godly life.

- A prudent man foresees the difficulties ahead and prepares for them; the simpleton goes blindly on and suffers the consequences.
- Don’t refuse to accept criticism; get all the help you can.
- An enterprise is built by wise planning, becomes strong through common sense, and profits wonderfully by keeping abreast of the facts.
- You are a poor specimen if you can’t stand the pressure of adversity.
- Everyone enjoys giving good advice, and how wonderful it is to be able to say the right thing at the right time.
- Be patient and you will finally win.
- Most people will tell you what loyal friends they are, but are they telling the truth?
- The Lord despises every kind of cheating.
- The wicked will finally lose; the righteous will finally win.

Ref: The Proverbs of King Solomon

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Action taken against traffic rule offenders in Taungtha

TAUNGTHA, 15 Sept — Commander of Township Police Force Police Major Maung Maung supervises enforcement of traffic rules in Taungtha Township of Mandalay Region.

Members of traffic police and Township police force, workers of Township Development Affairs Committee and judicial office together with local authorities take action against traffic rule offenders at the markets and downtown areas of the town. The combine teams fined K1,500 against the traffic rules offenders under the 1964 Vehicles Act but now they increased the fine rate against the offenders because they are weak in abiding by the traffic rules.—Kyaw Myo Naing (Taungtha)
Navy Pyi Taw, 15 Sept — Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and Pyithu Hluttaw Thura U Shwe Mann who arrived in Vientiane of the Lao People’s Democratic Republic to attend the 35th ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary Assembly called on Laotian President Mr Choummaly Sayasone at the Presidential Palace. Laotian Prime Minister Mr Thongsing Thammavong at the Government Office and President of the Lao PDR National Assembly and Chairman of ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary Assembly (AIPA) Mme Pany Yathotou at the National Assembly Hall in Lao PDR on Monday.

At the meetings, the Speaker said that Myanmar and Laos are good friends, helping each other. Both countries are members of ASEAN as well as CLMV. Emphasis will be placed on cooperation between the Hluttaw and the peoples. Myanmar will cooperate in regional peace and stability and development. The Speaker and party left Yangon International Airport on 14 September and arrived at Wattay International Airport in Vientiane at night the same day. They were welcomed by Laotian officials, Myanmar Ambassador to Lao PDR U Kyaw Soe Win and embassy staff.

Myanmar to cooperate in regional peace and stability and development

Myanmar needs to double current efforts to meet 2030-national electrification target

Navy Pyi Taw, 15 Sept — Myanmar needs to double its current electrification efforts to meet the electrification coverage for all households by 2030. To be able to boost the current electrification efforts, attracting huge investment and implementing effective ways should be taken into consideration, said Union Minister Electric Power U Khin Maung Soe at the workshop on National Electrification Programme in Nay Pyi Taw on Monday.

According to the target, Myanmar needs to supply power to about 7.2 million households which makes up 67 per cent of the total population within 16 years. According to statistics, power consumption in Myanmar has upward by 33 per cent increasing from about 2.4 million households equivalent to 72 per cent of the country’s total households in 2011 to about 3 million households in 2014.

About 200,000 households get access to electricity yearly. However, with the current rate of electrification, it would take 36 years for Myanmar to supply electricity to all households in the country and it is impossible to meet the 2030-national electrification target, said Union Minister U Khin Maung Soe. The workshop is jointly organized by Ministry of Electric Power, Ministry of Livestock, Fisheries and Rural Development and the World Bank. —MNA

Singapore navy vessels anchors in Yangon

Yangon, 15 Sept — The tank landing ship RSS Endeavour (210) of Singapore Navy arrived at the port of Myanmar International Terminals Thilawa here on Monday.

The Endurance class landing platform dock ship carried the cadets from the Midshipman Sea Training Deployment for their maritime experience and training programme, as well as for the establishment of close ties between the navy forces of the two countries. The delegation of 230 navy personnel led by Lieutenant Colonel Ooloung will stay in Myanmar from 15 to 19 September. The RSS Endeavour (210) was commissioned in 2001. —Min Thit

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Syria’s ‘moderate’ rebels say they need weapons, not training

A Free Syrian Army fighter carries his weapon on one of the frontlines of Wadi Al-Dayf camp in the southern Idlib countryside on 14 Sept, 2014.—Reuters

Libyan PM accuses Qatar of sending planes with weapons to Tripoli

BENGHAZI, (Libya), 15 Sept — Libyan Prime Minister Abdullah al-Thinni said on Sunday Qatar had sent three military planes loaded with weapons to a Tripoli airport controlled by an armed opposition group, accusing a second country of interfering in the lawless oil producer.

The government had already accused Sudan of having tried to arm an Islamist-leaning group which seized Tripoli last month, forcing senior officials and the elected parliament to relocate to the east, part of a growing state of anarchy.

There was no immediate comment from Qatar, a Gulf Arab state which has backed the Muslim Brotherhood, an Islamist movement which has sometimes ties to the group now controlling Tripoli.

Analysts say Libya is turning into a conflict zone for competing regional powers as the country faces the prospect of becoming a failed state or even civil war three years after the ousting of Muammar Gaddafi.

US officials have said that the United Arab Emirates and Egypt, two countries worried about the spread of radical Islamists in Libya, carried out air strikes against an armed group from the western city of Misrata conquering Tripoli last month.

“Unfortunately they (the planes) reached (Tripoli) Matiga airport,” Thinni told UAE-based Arab TV channel Sky News. “We will consider … breaking off relations if this interference continues into Libya’s internal affairs continued.”

“We confirm that we have official reports that these warplanes carried weapons and ammunition,” he said. “What does Qatar want to give to the Libyan people?!”

Thinni also repeated accusations against Sudan, saying Khartoum had tried sending a military plane loaded with ammunition to Tripoli, an airport controlled by the Misrata forces.

The North African country is divided, with a government and elected parliament that have relocated to Tobruk in the far east since losing control of the capital, and a rival assembly and government set up by the Misrata forces.

The Western power is backing both sides, supporting the Tripoli forces with U.S. military and financial aid, and the Misrata forces with arms from neighboring Libya.

KAMPALA, (Uganda), 15 Sept — Police in the Ugandan capital Kampala seized “substantial amounts of explosives” and suicide vests in raids on a suspected al Shabaab cell that was planning an imminent attack, a Ugandan official said in an interview on Sunday.

Police arrested 19 people in the operation on Saturday, and Information Minister Rose Namayanza urged the public to “remain vigilant” as Uganda continues its investigation into the planned attack.

“The operation is still going on,” Namayanza said. “We just want to ensure that we exhaust all the leads so that there are no more terrorist cells.”

Ugandan authorities say they have increased security at hotels and other key sites, including Entebbe International Airport, since making the arrests.

Last week a senior al Shabaab official said the Somali militant Islamist group would target Americans in New York and Washington and “capture Kenya and Uganda.”

“Anything could have happened,” if the plot had not been foiled, Namayanza said.

She said the government believes the Kampala cell had links to al Shabaab but did not provide evidence linking the two, saying only that al Shabaab has attacked Uganda before.

The discovery of the alleged cell came as Kenya prepared to mark the first anniversary of an al Shabaab attack on Nairobi’s Westgate shopping mall in which 67 people were killed.

In 2010, al Shabaab bombed sports bars in Uganda where people were watching soccer’s World Cup on television.

Both Kenya and Uganda contribute troops as part of the African Union peacekeeping force battling al Shabaab in Somalia.

The militant group has threatened more attacks since the killing of their leader Ahmed Godane in a US strike earlier this month.—Reuters

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Ocean algae can evolve fast to tackle climate change

Oslo, 15 Sept — Tiny marine algae can evolve fast enough to cope with climate change in just one season, according to a new study that shows the main greenhouse gas, as they grow. Their huge blooms can sometimes be seen from space. “Evolutionary processes need to be considered when predicting the effects of a warming and acidifying ocean on phytoplankton,” according to the German-led study in the journal Nature Climate Change.

The US research, an author of Sunday’s study at the GEOMAR Helmholtz-Centre for Ocean Research in Kiel, cautioned the findings were applicable only for one species of algae in a laboratory test, in water with no predators or disease. He said it was not an argument that global warming was less serious than expected. Longer-lived creatures, from fish to shellfish, would not be able to evolve their way out of trouble.

A UN panel of scientists says that man-made greenhouse gases emitted into the atmosphere are warming the planet. And carbon dioxide, the main greenhouse gas, turns into a weak acid when it dissolves in water, slowly acidifying the oceans.

Last year, a study by 540 experts said that acidification was a silent storm in the oceans and threatening life from coral reefs to fish and other ocean life and also absorb large amounts of carbon dioxide, thus lowering ocean pH levels and altering its chemistry.

Researchers say that warming oceans can be particularly dangerous for marine ecosystems because it can lead to changes in the distribution of species and alter the functioning of marine food webs. These changes can have cascading effects on the health and productivity of marine ecosystems, including fisheries and the people who rely on them.

Sigma 142, 15 Sept — Samsung Electronics Inc’s home appliances business is building a new model of washing machines in Germany and asked Seoul prosecutors to investigate.

Samsung, in a statement on Sunday, said it asked the Seoul Central District Prosecutors’ Office to investigate LG employees who the company says were seen deliberately destroying several of its premium washing machines on display at two stores earlier this month. The IFA trade show in Berlin, Germany, was held in late August.

The company, majority-owned by private equity firm BC Partners, said the unexpected decisions by LG’s employees inadvertently damaged the models, a statement said.

LG denied Samsung’s claim and said the executives inappropriately damaged the models, a statement said. The incoming washing machines were displayed in one store because the model in question had weak hinges. LG spokesperson told Reuters that it had received complaints from customers.

LG said it had conducted a review of the incident and that the company had offered to replace the damaged machines. LG added that it had also offered to cover the cost of the incident.

The IFA trade show, one of the world’s largest tech events, is held in Berlin each year and draws major technology companies from around the world. The event is a key platform for manufacturers to showcase their latest products and innovations.

On Wednesday, a letter will be sent to Amazon, which warns the directors of the digital retailer that it is too expensive and unjustifiable to continue selling its e-books at $14.99 or $19.99.

The letter follows an appeal by the New York Times last month that asked readers to sign a petition to demand that Amazon end its current e-book pricing strategy.

The letter comes amid growing concerns over the treatment of the literary community by Amazon, which is the world’s largest online retailer.

The letter, which was addressed to Amazon’s board of directors, is being sent on behalf of the New York Times, which had previously published an article about the book pricing issue.

The letter calls on Amazon to act responsibly and fairly in its pricing decisions and to address concerns about the company’s pricing strategy, which has been the subject of much debate in recent years.

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US to help train people to spot potential violent extremists

WASHINGTON, 15 Sept — The US government launched a programme on Monday to reach out to key members of communities across the country to try to stop radicalized young people joining Islamic State and other extremist groups fighting in Syria and Iraq.

“Today, few threats are more urgent than the threat posed by violent extremism,” Attorney General Eric Holder said in a video announcing the programme.

The Department of Justice, the White House, and other agencies are starting a series of pilot programmes to bring together community leaders, law-enforcement officials, and others to develop a strategy to counter the threat, Holder said.

While existing programmes have focused on community leaders, the new programmes will also include teachers and mental health and social services professionals to provide more support and develop ways to spot potential extremists, an official familiar with the programme said.

The goal is to intervene before people become radicalized, said the official, who declined to be named.

Law-enforcement authorities say they have had success in similar efforts to counter gang violence, for example, by training teachers, social services workers and others in what to look for and how the groups recruit.

President Barack Obama has made halting the flow of radicalized Americans to foreign conflicts a part of his strategy against Islamic State militants, which includes a military campaign to ultimately destroy the group.

He said in a speech on Wednesday that authorities would offer “tailored domestic programmes to prevent violent extremism and radicalization.”

US officials have estimated that as many as 15,000 foreign fighters are operating in Syria, including 3,000 westerners and around 100 Americans.

The UN Security Council plans to demand countries stop the recruitment of foreign fighters by creating criminal laws specifically against it, Reuters reported last week.

The draft resolution has been spurred by the rise of Islamic State — an al-Qaeda splinter group that has seized swathes of territory in Iraq and Syria and declared a caliphate — and al-Qaeda’s Syrian wing, Nusra Front.

We need to make savings of EUR 700 million in 2015

BELGRADE, 15 Sept — Serbian Prime Minister Aleksandar Vucic said at a Serbian government meeting on Sunday that it was necessary to make savings of EUR 700 million to ensure financial consolidation in the year to come.

At the meeting today, the Serbian government discussed the ongoing drafting of the 2014 budget revision and the budget for the next year, the government’s media relations office said in a release.

Prime Minister Vucic said that more was being spent than earned in the budget sector and that the ministries and public enterprises whose directors had attended the government meeting needed to make maximum savings and become more efficient.

The meeting discussed ways to make the savings and to improve efficiency at the public enterprises and budget-funded institutions. — Tanjug

Swedish centre-left opposition wins general elections

STOCKHOLM, 15 Sept — Sweden’s opposition “red-green” centre-left alliance headed by the Social Democratic Party beat the centre-right ruling coalition in Sunday’s general elections, preliminary results show.

The Social Democrat Party, famed for having built Sweden’s reputable welfare “Nordic Model,” became the biggest winner with over 31 percent of the vote.

Together with the Green Party and the Left Party, the “red-green” alliance harvested 43.5 percent of the vote, compared with 39.5 percent for the centre-right ruling bloc.

Meanwhile, the anti-immigration far-right Sweden Democrats gained an unexpected 13 percent, making it the third-biggest winner.

The huge gain doubled what it achieved four years ago. The party was dubbed by local media as a “balance of power” between the centre-left and centre-right blocs.

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Prime Minister Lofven said that his party would cooperate with the far-right Sweden Democrats. “Even if the Sweden Democrats had even higher numbers, we would not cooperate with them,” said Lofven, amid cheers of his supporters.

About 7 million Swedes went to the polls on Sunday to select 349 members of parliament. The final election results is expected on Saturday and the newly elected parliament will convene on 29 September. —Xinhua

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Two men nabbed over 43 mil yen robbery in Tokyo

Two men were arrested on Monday on suspicion of robbing a 63-year-old man of 43 million yen in cash in front of a bank in Tokyo in April, police said.

Gheorghe Aurel Strejan, 25, and Jan Miura, 37 — both Romanian nationals — are alleged to have stolen the victim’s bag containing the cash after punching him in the face in front of a bank in Setagaya Ward on 3 April. They denied the allegations.

Their involvement was corroborated after the police analyzed security camera footage near the scene of the crime, a police official said.

Strejan has also been indicted on a charge of stealing four pricey watches worth a total of about 2.8 million yen from a pawn shop in Tokyo’s Toshima Ward in mid-August.

The victim of the suspected cash robbery case had previously reported to the police in December another incident in which he said he was robbed of a bag containing about 44 million yen.

Edouard set to become first major 2014 Atlantic hurricane

NEW YORK, 15 Sept—Edouard is set to become the first major hurricane of the 2014 Atlantic season on Tuesday although it poses no threat to land, the National Hurricane Centre said.

The fourth hurricane and fifth named storm of the season had top sustained winds of 85 mph (140 km/hr) by 11 pm AST/0300 GMT on Monday with higher gusts, and was forecast to strengthen further as it heads northwestwards over the central Atlantic.

The centre of the storm was about 835 miles northeast of the Northern Leeward Islands and was moving toward the northeast at 15 mph (24 km/hr), the Miami-based hurricane centre said. “This will curve harmlessly out to sea. It’s already far out at sea and should continue to stay out there,” NHC spokesman Dennis Felgen said late on Sunday.—Reuters

Weather report

FORECAST VALID UNTIL EVENING OF THE 16th September, 2014: Rain or thundershowers will be scattered in Magway Region, Shan, Rakhiine and Kayah States, fairly widespread in Sagaing, Mandalay, Bago and Ayeyawady Regions, Kachin State and widespread in the remaining Regions and States with likelihood of isolated heavy falls in Lower Sagaing, widespread in the remaining Regions and States with likelihood of isolated heavy falls in Lower Sagaing, widespread in the remaining Regions and States with likelihood of isolated heavy falls in Lower Sagaing, widespread in the remaining Regions and States with likelihood of isolated heavy falls in Lower Sagaing, widespread in the remaining Regions and States with likelihood of isolated heavy falls in Lower Sagaing, widespread in the remaining Regions and States with likelihood of isolated heavy falls in Lower Sagaing, widespread in the remaining Regions and States with likelihood of isolated heavy falls in Lower Sagaing, widespread in the remaining Regions and States with likelihood of isolated heavy falls in Lower Sagaing, widespread in the remaining Regions and States with likelihood of isolated heavy falls in Lower Sagaing.

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Cabo San Lucas, (Mexico), 15 Sept—Hurricane Odile barreled into the Mexican beach Mecca of Baja California early on Monday, lashing luxury resorts and ripping trees from their roots as tens of thousands of tourists hunkered down in shelters.

Winds of up to 120 miles per hour (195 km/h) blew away boards nailed over windows and tore signposts out of the ground, as one of the worst recorded storms to slam the region hammered the golden sand beaches of the popular resort of Los Cabos.

Emergency officials feared the storm could unleash deadly flash floods as it dumped heavy rains over the southern tip of the mountainous desert peninsula.

Tourists stranded in shelters or hiding in the battlements of their rooms posted photos on social media showing windows barricaded with furniture that were blown in by the gale.

“This is really bad. My ears are about to explode by the pressure and I have an inch of water in my kitchen/living room,” said Sarah McKinney on her Twitter account.

Another woman posted a video on the Web showing workmen erecting signposts out of the ground, as the gale moved down in shelters.

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People watch the strong waves caused by the hurricane “Odile” in the town of Tecpan de Galeana, region of Costa Grande, in Guerrero state, Mexico, on 14 Sept, 2014. Hurricane Odile on Sunday intensified to Category 4 on the Saffir Simpson scale and was moving rapidly towards Baja California peninsula in northwest Mexico, the country’s National Meteorological Service (SMN) warned.—Xinhua

Six trapped in SW China tunnel collapse

KUNMING, 15 Sept—Six workers were trapped in debris after a railway tunnel under construction collapsed in southwest China’s Yunnan Province on Monday morning, local authorities said. The accident happened at about 9:30 am in Chuxiong City after one of the support arches for the Guangtong-Dali railway renovation project collapsed, according to the China Railway Eighth Group Co Ltd that is overseeing the construction project. Rescue is under way. The cause of the accident is being investigated.—Xinhua

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Kate Winslet comes to spotlight at Toronto Film Festival

TORONTO, 15 Sept—Kate Winslet stole the spotlight at the final Toronto International Film Festival’s red carpet for the premiere of Alan Rickman’s “A Little Chaos” on Saturday.

She was the center of attention and was highly praised by her fellow actors and director Rickman for her dedication to the role as a 17th-century revolutionary gardener who is commissioned to build and design King Louis XIV’s garden at Versailles in the period romantic-drama. “It’s a story of two very unlikely people who come together. It’s a meeting of minds, a colliding of souls, they really are kindred spirits,” said Winslet, “and it was a very beautiful period, 17th-century France is absolutely delicious.”

Winslet has taken on many challenging roles throughout her career, most notably in The Titanic where she spent weeks in water tanks to film the scenes. “A Little Chaos” puts the actress back in a similar situation when her character, completely drenched, manually closes an aqueduct to prevent it from flooding the garden at Versailles. It’s nothing compared to the gruelling scenes in The Titanic, except for the fact that Winslet was pregnant at the time. But she didn’t let that stop her.

“You should’ve seen me, as soon as those rain towers came out, I was like: yes, come on…” she said excitedly, “I’m wet, I’m pregnant and thank God I didn’t really tell anyone.”

— Reuters

The Imitation Game’ takes top prize at Toronto film fest

TORONTO, 15 Sept—“The Imitation Game,” a biopic about British mathematician and World War Two code-breaker Alan Turing, won the top prize at the Toronto International Film Festival on Sunday.

The film, which stars Benedict Cumberbatch as Turing, took the Grolsch People’s Choice award for best film at the 39th edition of the festival.

Accepting the award on behalf of director Morten Tyldum, Elevator Pictures’ Noah Segal said simply, “Yummy, delicious.” a reference to an audience member who had declared the same about Cumberbatch during a question-and-answer session following the film’s screening during the festival.

“It was unnerving, but true,” said Segal. The award, which is chosen by audience members and has in the past gone to Oscar best picture winners such as “Slumdog Millionaire,” and last year’s “12 Years A Slave,” will likely ramp up the buzz around the film.

In the movie, Turing is the brilliant mathematician who breaks the Germans’ Enigma code, helping to bring the war to an end. He took his own life at 41 after he was convicted for being a homosexual.

Cumberbatch, one of the most sought-after actors in film and television, gave an immediate response to an audience member who had declared the same about Cumberbatch during a question-and-answer session following the film’s screening during the festival.

The ‘Skyfall’ actor is a big fan of the science fiction saga, and he has apparently filmed a mystery role in the upcoming seventh instalment of the franchise, reported Daily Mirror.

“Daniel asked for some sort of secret cameo role — and was happy to have his name left off the posters. Fans will love trying to work out which covered up character is him,” a source said.

Craig, 46, who will reprise his role as the fictional British spy in the as-yet-untitled Bond 24, is said to have begged “Star Wars” director J J Abrams for the small part due to his love for the series.

“Star Wars: Episode VII” will see the return of original actors Harrison Ford, Carrie Fisher, Mark Hamill, Anthony Daniels, Peter Mayhew and R2D2 star Kenny Baker.

They will be joined by John Boyega, Daisy Ridley, Adam Driver, Oscar Isaac, Andy Serkis, Domhnall Gleeson, Max von Sydow, Lupita Nyong’o and Gwendoline Christie. The release is set for 18 December, 2015.—PTI
**Milan win 5-4 thriller as Inter blast seven**

**Milan, 15 Sept — AC Milan clung on to beat Parma 5-4 away in Serie A on Sunday despite an dreadful defensive display which included Mattia De Sciglio scoring an extraordinary own goal from near the halfway line late in the match. Goalkeeper Diego Lopez injured himself in a vain attempt to stop the ball and had to hobble through injury time with Milan having already made three substitutions.

Inter Milan had a much more straightforward challenge was effectively overturned by the opening two games. Fernando Torres missed his Milan debut with an ankle sprain but that barely seemed to matter as Giacomo Bonaventura put them ahead in the 25th minute. Antonio Cassano scored against his old club to level two minutes later but a Keisuke Honda header and Jeremy Menez penalty put Milan 3-1 ahead at halftime. Felipe pulled one back early in the second half and Milan had defender Daniele Bonera dismissed for a second bookable offence but, as Parma pressed for an equaliser, midfielder Nigel de Jong scored a fourth for Milan on the break.

**Reuters**

**Tired finish for McIlroy to end stellar PGA Tour season**

**Atlanta, 15 Sept—** Rory McIlroy’s bid to add several exclamation points to his brilliant PGA Tour season was derailed at the Tour Championship on Sunday as the world number one succumbed to mental fatigue after a hectic 10-week run.

Competing in his eighth tournament during that time, McIlroy had to settle for a share of second place after his title challenge was effectively scuppered by a double at the sixth, followed by three consecutive bogeys from the ninth.

McIlroy, who has two major titles among his four wins worldwide this year, began the final round at East Lake Golf Club tied for the lead with eventual winner Billy Horschel but fell off the pace as he closed with a one-over-par 71.

“Tired,” the Northern Irishman told reporters after ending his round with three consecutive birdies from the 15th to finish at eight-under 272, level with veteran American Jim Furyk.—Reuters

**Geneva, 15 Sept—** Roger Federer secured Switzerland’s place in the final of the Davis Cup for the first time since 1992 by comfortably beating Italy’s Fabio Fognini in Geneva on Sunday.

Roared on by a capacity crowd in the Palexpo Arena, Federer dismantled world number 17 Fognini 6-2, 6-3, 7-6 (4) in just under two hours to give the Swiss an unassailable 3-1 lead.

Italy’s Andreas Seppi beat Michael Lamon 6-4, 1-6, 6-4 in the fifth rubber but Switzerland, who lost to the United States in their only other Davis Cup final appearance, progressed 3-2 and will play France in the November final.

The French beat holders Czech Republic at Roland Garros. “It’s really nice to share it (victory) with my team members,” Federer said. “I think I really struggled today. I think Fabio struggled all weekend.

“It’s tough conditions, pretty quick court, so it’s always going to happen especially if you are not serving so well.” I thought today wasn’t the best performance from both of us, but then again you’ve got to fight with what you’ve got and in the end I’m happy to make the difference.”

Federer gave the Swiss the first point on Friday by easing past Simone Bolelli before Stanislas Wawrinka double their advantage with a straight-set victory over Fognini.

But Fognini and Bolelli combined brilliantly in Saturday’s doubles match to beat Wawrinka and Marco Chiudinelli in five sets and put the pressure back on the Swiss. Having been rested for the doubles match, a refreshed Federer broke Fognini in the sixth game to take a 4-2 lead before snatching another break to claim the first set.

Federer, who has now won all five of his Davis Cup singles rubbers this year, continued to trouble the Italian with his precision hitting and broke Fognini in the eighth game of the second set to take control of the match.

Fognini rallied in the third set and took Federer to a tie break but the 17-times grand slam champion held his nerve, claiming it 7-4 to reach the first Davis Cup final of his illustrious career.

**Reuters**
**Goalkeeping crisis for Liverpool’s opponents**

London, 15 Sept—Returning to the Champions League after a five-year absence on Tuesday, Liverpool will hope to take advantage of a goalkeeping crisis inflicting their unheralded opponents Ludogorets.

The Bulgarians’ regular keeper Vladislav Stoyanov is suspended for the Group B game at Anfield after being sent off in the second leg of a dramatic playoff tie against Steaua Bucharest.

Defender Cosmin Moti had to go in goal for the penalty shootout and saved two spot kicks to put his side into the Champions League group stages, after Leevki Sofia in 2006. They face a club who have won Europe’s premier club competition five times, most recently in 2005, when they famously beat AC Milan on penalties after trailing 3-0 at halftime.

After missing out on European football last season, Liverpool finished surprising runners-up to Manchester City in the Premier League.

Results so far this season have though been mixed, with two wins and two defeats in four games. As well as losing 3-1 at champions City, they suffered a shock 1-0 home defeat on Saturday by Aston Villa.

Brendan Rodgers and his players, who visit Basel in the next round of Group B matches before a double-header with holders Real Madrid, are confident that the atmosphere at a packed Anfield will help avoid what would be an even greater embarrassment.

“I have heard a lot about the European nights at this club,” Brazil midfielder Philippe Coutinho told reporters. “We are confident we can make it to the next stage but we know it will be tough.”

Liverpool have predictably been missing last season’s leading scorer Luis Suarez, who was sold to Barcelona, while England international Daniel Sturridge, who also scored heavily, will be unavailable on Tuesday after suffering a thigh injury in training with the national team last week.

But having initially rested England winger Raheem Sterling out of the Villa game, Rodgers confirmed he will start against Ludogorets.

Whoever plays in goal for the visitors can expect a busy and noisy night.

**Japan ready to renew rivalry with South Korea**

Seoul, 15 Sept—Japan has stoked its sporting rivalry with neighbours South Korea ahead of this month’s Asian Games and said it plans to use the multi-sport event in Incheon, west of Seoul, as a springboard to success at the 2020 Olympics in Tokyo.

The 17th Asiad officially opens on Friday with hosts South Korea and Japan expected to be fighting it out for second place on the medals table behind sporting powerhouse China.

The Koreans, who have targeted 90 gold medals in Incheon, have finished runners-up to China at the last four Asian Games, winning 76 golds in Guangzhou four years ago while Japan took 48.

“I hear South Korea is aiming for 90 gold medals. I don’t think they have ever achieved that before,” Kyodo news agency quoted Japan delegation official Yuki Takada as saying at a news conference on Sunday.

“We, of course, in Japan would like to do the same.”

South Korea have actually breached the 90 gold medal mark on two occasions, both times on home soil, winning 93 in Seoul (1986) and 96 in Busan (2002).

“There are a lot of political issues, not among the athletes themselves, but the reality is our rivalry isn’t with China but with South Korea,” added Takada at a ceremony to mark the launch of the team’s campaign at the 19 Sept to 4 Oct Games.

Japan heads to the Asian Games with the team’s top two symbolic leadership roles filled by women for the first time. Weightlifter Hiromi Miyake, who won silver at the 2012 London Olympics, has been named captain while the flagbearer is archer Kaori Kawanaka.

Once an Asian Games powerhouse, Japan dominated the medals table from the inaugural Games in New Delhi in 1951 through the 1978 Bangkok Asiad. China took control at New Delhi in 1982 and Japan has battled neighbours Korea for second place ever since. Japan’s delegation to Incheon includes a powerful swim team who delivered a strong performance at the Pan Pacific Championships last month in Australia.

Kosuke Hagino laid down his claim as the world’s best all-round swimmer at present when he scored a stunning win over Michael Phelps to win the 200m individual medley after beating Tyler Clary in the 400m medley.

“Our goal is to get around 50 gold medals,” Takada added.

**Crowd warm to Falcao in brief United debut**

Manchester United’s Radamel Falcao (front) is challenged by QPR’s Robert Green (R) during their English Premier League soccer match at Old Trafford in Manchester, northern England on 14 Sept, 2014.—Reuters

**Japanese weightlifter and captain of Japan’s athletes for the Asian Games Hiromi Miyake works out at the National Training Centre in Tokyo on 5 Sept, 2014.**—Reuters