Committees, commissions of Pyithu Hluttaw discuss work at coordination meeting

NAY P Yi TAW, 25 Sept—Speaker of the Pyithu Hluttaw (Lower House) Thura U Shwe Mann attended the coordination meeting between committees and commissions at Zabuthiri hall of Hluttaw Complex in Nay Pyi Taw on Thursday morning.

The Speaker delivered an opening address, and officials reported on minutes of the previous meeting. Chairmen and secretaries of the committees and commissions explained progress of tasks being undertaken by committees. Participants took part in the discussions, and the meeting ended with the concluding remarks by the Speaker.

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Myanmar to modernize its military through cooperation with Japan

NAY P Yi TAW, 25 Sept—Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, who is on an official visit in Japan, went to the Myanmar Embassy there on Thursday, where he met Mr Taro Aso, Deputy Prime Minister and Finance Minister of Japan, and had breakfast together with them.

At 11a.m., Senior General Min Aung Hlaing met with Mr Aso, Deputy Prime Minister and Finance Minister of Japan, and the two armed forces.

General Min Aung Hlaing said that the purpose of his visit to Japan was to exchange experience with the Japanese army in a bid to modernize his army.

He explained the active role the military plays in political, economic and executive reforms in Myanmar, pledging Myanmar’s unyielding commitment to end armed conflict and bring about national prosperity.

Regarding the ongoing reforms in Myanmar, (See page 9)

Indian Embassy in Yangon organizes “Make in India-Invest in Myanmar” event

NAY P Yi TAW, 25 Sept—The Embassy of India in Yangon organized a “Make in India-Invest in Myanmar” event at Tajmadaw Convention Hall in Yangon on Thursday, presenting a live webcast of the “Make in India” campaign launched by the Indian Prime Minister in Delhi to an audience of officials, businessmen and exhibitors of India-Myanmar 2014 Trade and Investment Show.

In his brief introduction of “Make in India” initiative which is to make India a global manufacturing hub, creating jobs and boosting economic growth, Indian Ambassador to Myanmar Mr. Gautam Mukhopadhaya said that North East India-Myanmar Industrial Corridor (NEIMIC) which will link various transport corridors and connectivity projects in Myanmar is part of the initiative. He dubbed the event not only “make in India” but also “invest in Myanmar”, inviting the whole world to invest in India and also inviting Indian industries to invest in Myanmar.

In the live webcast of the “Make in India” campaign, Indian PM Shri Narendra Modi, Co-Chairman of the Country Taskforce on Monitoring and Reporting (CTFMR), spoke on the occasion, followed by family reunions.

The children were also presented national registration cards and letters of dismissal.

This is the seventh time that children have been returned to their families.

Arrangements will be made for them to receive medical treatment as necessary. Plans are under way to provide education for those wishing to go back to school, and vocational training that suits their bent.

With a view to protecting underage children from military service, Myanmar signed an 18-month Action Plan with the United Nations’ CTFMR and renewed it to another six months in December 2013.

According to reports, action has been taken against 45 officers and 254 military personnel of other ranks in line with the military law.

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Underage soldiers reunited with their families

YANGON, 25 Sept—A total of 109 children were released by their commanders and handed over to their families in a moving ceremony which took place here on Thursday, according to the Office of the Commander-in-Chief (Army).

Union Minister for Defence Lt-Gen Wai Lwin and Ms Renata LokDesai, Co-Chairman of the Country Taskforce on Monitoring and Reporting (CTFMR), spoke on the occasion, followed by family reunions.

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**Parliamentarian relations between Myanmar, Pakistan discussed**

Nay Pyi Taw, 25 Sept — Chairman of Amyotha Hluttaw (Upper House) International Relations, Parliamentary Friendship and Cooperation Committee U Nyunt Tun met with Pakistani Ambassador Mr Ehsan Ullah Bath at the hall of the Amyotha Hluttaw Building on Thursday.

They talked about Myanmar and Pakistan relations and parliamentary affairs between the two countries. They exchanged views on collection of voters list applying ICT technology in Pakistan, scrutiny of voters, checking of candidate profiles and election information technology through mobile phones. — MNA

**Pyithu Hluttaw**

**Priority given to upgrading bridges on Taunggyi-Kengtung road: Deputy Minister**

Deputy Minister for Mines U Than Tun Aung — MNA

Nay Pyi Taw, 25 Sept — Pyithu Hluttaw (Lower House) representatives raised questions on upgrading of a bridge on Asia Highway, installation of a linear accelerator in Mawlamyine Hospital and difficulties faced by peasants in Hkamti Gems Land at the Pyithu Hluttaw Session on Thursday.

Concerning the question on upgrading of Tarkaw Bridge on Asia Highway, Deputy Minister for Construction U Soe Tint said his ministry has given priority to upgrade bridges into reinforced concrete ones on Taunggyi-Kengtung Road and arrangements are underway to upgrade the bridge in 2014-15 fiscal year.

Union Minister for Health Dr Than Aung responded to the installation of a linear accelerator at Mawlamyine Hospital. He said that the ministry has no plan to install a linear accelerator in the hospital as it has to install linear accelerators in Yangon, Nay Pyi Taw and Taunggyi.

As for the third question, Deputy Minister for Mines U Than Tun Aung said that although the area around Hkamti has been designated as gem land according to geological findings, land is available for locals, villages, forest plantations.

Representatives rejected the motion to amend the Myanmar Official Secrets Act and approved the bill amending the Union Auditor-General Law. — MNA

**More measures to be taken for prevention of floods in Hlegu: Deputy Minister**

Deputy Minister for Construction U Soe Tint — MNA

Nay Pyi Taw, 25 Sept — The 8,000 feet long section of the Hsinphon Creek was dredged and water hyacinths were cleared along the 24,000 feet long section of the creek before the rainy season in April and May this year to prevent floods in Hlegu Township, Yangon Region, Deputy Minister at the President Office U Kyaw Kyaw Win told the Amyotha Hluttaw on Thursday.

In addition, water gates were built and new ditches were dug in a number of places to accelerate the water flow in the township, according to the deputy minister. The deputy minister promised to take more measures to prevent floods in the township when more funds are allocated.

Then, Deputy Minister for Labour, Employment and Social Security Daw Win Maw Tun responded to the question whether the ministry has plans to set up a social security clinic in Dagon Seikkan Township. She said although the ministry has no plans to open a clinic there, medical services are being provided for workers in Dagon Seikkan Township at the social security clinic in South Dagon Township.

Afterwards, a representative submitted the motion calling for the union government to develop a special plan to protect the public from the danger caused by electrical faults. The Amyotha Hluttaw session agreed to discuss the motion. — MNA

**Pyithu Hluttaw Committee**

Chairman meets foreign guests

Nay Pyi Taw, 25 Sept — On behalf of the Speaker of the Pyithu Hluttaw (Lower House), Chairman of Pyithu Hluttaw International Relations Committee U Hla Myint Ow received Ambassador of the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea Mr Kim Sok Chol and party, First Secretary of the British Embassy Mr Wayne Lives and Pakistani Ambassador Mr Ehsan Ullah Bath at the Hluttaw affairs hall in Nay Pyi Taw on Thursday.

They discussed cooperation between Hluttaws and parliamentarian affairs. — MNA
MYANMAR GAZETTE

NAY PYI TAW, 25 Sept—The President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar has confirmed the appointment of the following heads of service organizations on expiry of the one-year probationary period.

Name  
(a) U Thwin Myint Maung  
(b) Dr Daw Yi Yi Myint

Appointment  
(a) Director-General  
(b) Director-General

Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation  
Ministry of Health

Union Home Affairs Minister meets ROK Vice Minister

NAY PYI TAW, 25 Sept—Union Minister for Home Affairs Lt-Gen Ko Ko held a talk with Mr Choi Doo-Yeong, Vice Minister of Planning and Cooperation under the Ministry of Security and Public Administration of the Republic of Korea at his ministry on Thursday morning. They discussed cooperation between Myanmar and the Republic of Korea. Also present at the call were officials of the Myanmar Police Force and General Administration Department.

Committees, commissions of Pyithu Hluttaw...

(from page 1) Also present at the meeting were Deputy Speaker U Nanda Kyaw Swa, chairman, secretaries and members of Pyithu Hluttaw committees and commissions and officials of the Hluttaw Office.

GIZ, KfW Bank open offices in Myanmar

YANGON, 25 Sept—German Agency for International Cooperation (GIZ) and KfW Development Bank have opened their offices in Yangon today to cooperate in implementing development tasks in Myanmar by Germany.

GIZ is an agency which provides technical assistance and is carrying out activities especially for private sector development, financial sector development and human resource development. GIZ is providing the ministries and Republic of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry with technical assistance and has helped drawing policies for SME bill and economic development of the country.

As part of the financial cooperation with Myanmar, GIZ has also set aside 7 million Euros to inject into the rural area development in Myanmar, and out of 7 million Euros, 5 million will be spent on upgrading the roads in Shan State.

Meanwhile, GIZ, joining hands with the EU, is supporting the cooperation between Myanmar Police Force, non-governmental organizations and media. State-owned KfW Bank will spend 20 million euro in conducting on-job training courses, development of transportation sector in rural areas and development of infrastructure in Myanmar within the first year after it launched operation in Myanmar.

MoU between Governments of ASEAN members and Chinese Government on Strengthening Sanitary and Phytosanitary Cooperation signed

NAY PYI TAW, 25 Sept—Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing received Mr Han Changfu, Minister of Agriculture and party of the People’s Republic of China at Horizon Lake View Hotel in Nay Pyi Taw on Thursday to hold talks about cooperation in agriculture sector between the two countries.

At the MoU signing for cooperation between Myanmar and China was held at the same venue, attended by Union Minister for Commerce U Win Myint and officials.

The Chinese delegation and Myanmar officials signed the MoU on export of Myanmar’s rice product to China and the MoU on Administration of Quality Supervision, Inspection and Quarantine-AQSIQ.

Union minister U Myint Hlaing also received Malaysian Agriculture and Livestock Breeding YB Dato Sri Ismail Sabri Bin Yaakov and party, Vice Minister Yeo Inhong and party of the Republic of Korea and Cambodian Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries Dr Ouk Rabun and party to discuss cooperation in agriculture sector.

In the morning, the Union minister charged the 4th ASEAN-China SPS Cooperation Meeting at the same venue. Union Minister U Myint Hlaing and General Director of General Administration for Quality Supervision, Inspection and Quarantine-AQSIQ of China Zhi Shuping made speeches.

The meeting approved future tasks for 2015-16 and duty and activities for AQSIQ technology task forces. After the meeting, the participants signed the MoU between the Governments of the member States of the ASEAN and the Government of the People’s Republic of China on Strengthening Sanitary and Phytosanitary Cooperation.

The meeting decided the date and time of the 5th ASEAN-China SPS Cooperation Meeting.
Chin State plans to recruit new teachers for basic education schools

HAKA, 25 Sept—A coordination meeting on appointment of basic education teachers at different levels for the basic education schools was held at Bo Taik Chun Hall of No 1 Basic Education High School in Haka of Chin State on 23 September.

Deputy Director-General U Zaw Win of No 2 Basic Education Department explained that the basic education schools need appointment of teachers to meet the target. Township education officers and school heads are to submit the reports on number of teacher requirements at respective schools, he said.

Township education officers and school heads discussed educational tasks of respective townships and submitted requirements. The deputy director-general fulfilled their needs.

HAKA District IPRD

Basic anti-malaria course lectured to health staff

CHAUNGZON, 25 Sept—The basic anti-malaria course was conducted at the hall of Chaungzon Township Health Department in Mon State on Wednesday morning.

Mon State malaria disease control officer Dr Nyan Hsint gave lectures on control of malaria diseases to the trainees. The training course ended on Thursday.

Altogether 28 health staff from the department attended the course.

Haka District IPRD

Nerinzara Bridge on India-Myanmar Road

KALAY, 25 Sept—Nerinzara Bridge on India-Myanmar friendship road in Kalay Township contributes to smooth transport of passengers and swift flow of commodities along Kalay-Tamu Road, Kalay-Yagyi Road, Kalay-Mahamyang Road and Kalay-Mawlaik Road.

The 270 feet long and 28 feet wide bridge is of concrete structure and reinforced concrete floor. The bridge can withstand 60-ton loads.

The bridge project started on 15 May 2008 and it was completed on 31 August 2010. That is why the people need maintenance of the bridge for its durability.

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Staff members, farmers nurture paddy plants of quality strains

HINTHADA, 25 Sept—Under the arrangements of the Japan International Cooperation Agency-JICA and Agriculture Department, the paddy plants for quality seed production were grown on 50 acres of farmlands in four village-tracts in Hinthada Township of Ayeyawady Region this year. The department and JICA provided quality paddy seeds, fertilizers and agricultural techniques to the local farmers.

Officials of Seed Division of Agriculture Department (Head Office) and JICA, staff and staff officer of Township Agriculture Department and farmers participated in tasks to remove diverse paddy saplings from the seeds production farmlands.

Kyaw Kyaw (District IPRD)
Driving course to be conducted for issuance of licences in Mandalay

Mandalay, 25 Sept—Mandalay Region Directorate of Road Administration will issue licences to the government service personnel and company staff in Mandalay with driving test of motorcycle. The directorate will open the second time training course for the candidates on 28 September. The losers in the test of first course have the opportunities to join the second time course. The candidates are to enlist at the directorate from 8.30 a.m. to 9.30 a.m. on 28 September. A plan is underway to open two courses a month, and the opening day of the course will be announced, said the directorate.

Maung Pyi Thu
(Mandalay)

Unlicenced motorbike to be fined with 50% of its value

Mandalay, 25 Sept—Although the Directorate of Road Administration in Mandalay Region had issued licence to motorcycles, many people use a lot of motorcycles without licences in urban and rural areas of Mandalay Region. The traffic rules enforcement team fines the offenders with 50 percent value of the unlicensed motorcycles, and the directorate issue the licences to the motorcycles. If the owners of the motorcycle do not pay the fine, action will be taken against them at the township courts under the export and import law. The unlicenced motorcycles will be confiscated for the public finance.

The inspection teams started their operations of checking the vehicles and motorcycles as of 24 September in all townships of Mandalay Region, according to the Mandalay Region Directorate of Road Administration.

Maung Pyi Thu
(Mandalay)

Flood victims get relief aid from authorities, SWRR Ministry

Singu, 25 Sept—The heavy rains hit Yaymyet Village in Singu Township in Mandalay Region at 8.30 a.m. on 18 September. A total of 30 houses that floated in the overflow water and 23 houses were damaged by silt, leaving one men dead and two women missing.

At present, a total of 215 people from 53 households became flood victims. Officials of the township authorities and departmental officials rushed to the village. Then, members of Red Cross Bridge and local authorities carried out rescue of the people under the supervision of Mandalay Region Minister for Security and Border Affairs Col Aung Kyaw Moe and the deputy commissioner of PyinOoLwin District.

On 19 September, the Township authorities, SWRR Ministry and Mandalay Region Red Cross Brigade provided nine relief items to 30 floated houses, four items to 23 silted houses, K100,000 for the dead body and K50,000 each for two missing women and Mandalay Region Red Cross Brigade, 14 relief items to 53 houses.

Mandalay Region Hluttaw Deputy Speaker U Aung Htay Kyaw, Region Minister for Transport U Kyaw Hsan, Region Auditor-General U Kyaw Win and party presented 30 bags of rice and 150 viss of edible oil to the flood victims. A medical team led by the Township Medical Officer, Red Cross members led by the deputy commanding officer and party gave free health care services to the people.

Thiba Ko Ko
(Mandalay)

Farmers hope boosting production of groundnut

Magway, 25 Sept—Farmers in Poppakan Village-tract of Chauk Township in Magway Region are engaged in cultivation of Waso groundnut strain in their region.

“Waso groundnut is thriving in the region. It yields 40 baskets per acre. Local people cannot grow sesame because the plants cannot bear fruits due to many rainfalls this year,” said a local farmer from Tatkan Village.

Although groundnut production can be boosted, the local people face difficulty in transport along eight miles long road section from the village-tract to Yenangyoung, Chauk and Kyaukpaduang townships.

Zwe Het Shin

Artists to perform cultural dances hailing ASEAN Summit

Mandalay, 25 Sept—As a gesture of hailing the ASEAN Summit to be held in coming December 2014, the cultural dances will be held at the National Theatre on 66th Street in Aungmyethazan Township of Mandalay at 7 p.m. on 28 September.

Film actors Lu Min, Ye Aung, Min Maw Gun, Zaganar, vocalist Sai Sai Kham Hlanyin, Tun Tun, Nay Min and theatrical performers Tin Maung Hsan Min Win, Ye Yint Aung, Tun Ko Ko, Alnyaung, film actresses May Thinza Oo, Htet Htet Moe Oo, May Gabayar, Nang Hsu Yati Soe and many artists will perform entertainments to the audiences.

Tickets for the dances are available at Aung Thanadi Gold Smith at the corner of 22th and 89th streets at 4 p.m. on 27 September.

Thiba Ko Ko
(Mandalay)
Japan, Australia to speed up work on defence cooperation pact

New York, 25 Sept — Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe and his Australian counterpart Tony Abbott agreed on Wednesday to accelerate work toward signing a new pact aimed at facilitating joint exercises and operations between their defence forces.

“We would like to work on our security cooperation in a positive manner and to start arrangements for the new pact as early as possible,” Abe was quoted by a Japanese government official as telling Abbott in New York.

Their meeting came on the sidelines of the UN General Assembly.

The new defence pact is designed to strengthen cooperation in the fields of security and disaster relief between Japan’s Self-Defense Forces and the Australian military.

A joint statement issued after their summit meeting in Canberra in July said the two countries are to open talks between their foreign and defence ministry officials.

Abe and Abbott also agreed to work closely together to maintain peace and stability in the Asia-Pacific region, along with India and the United States, said Deputy Chief Cabinet Secretary Hiroshige Seko, who briefed reporters on their meeting held over sushi lunch.

“First of all, trilateral cooperation between Japan, Australia and the United States is very important for peace and stability in the region,” Abe was quoted as saying.

The two leaders shared the view that cooperation between Japan, Australia and India is also important for the Indo-Pacific region, according to the spokesman.

Abe and Abbott also discussed the US-led fight against the Islamic State militant group, which already has a significant presence in the Middle East, and the broader Trans-Pacific Partnership initiative.

Earlier Wednesday, Abe had separate meetings with Panamanian President Juan Carlos Varela and UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon.—Kyodo News

Sri Lanka president uses UN speech to assail war crimes probe

Mahinda Rajapaksa, President of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, addresses the 69th United Nations General Assembly at the UN headquarters in New York on 24 Sept, 2014.—Reuters

United Nations, 25 Sept — Sri Lankan President Mahinda Rajapaksa assailed the United Nations Human Rights Council on Wednesday in his address to the UN General Assembly, calling its probe into Sri Lanka’s 26-year civil war disproportionate and politically motivated.

Sri Lanka has refused to cooperate with the Human Rights Council’s investigation into the deaths of some 100,000 people since it was announced in March, despite mounting international pressure to issue visas to UN investigators.

“Post-conflict Sri Lanka has also become an unfortunate victim of ill-conceived agendas of some in the Human Rights Council,” Rajapaksa said in his address to the 193-member UN General Assembly, adding that the body was overlooking Sri Lanka’s “substantial progress” since the war ended in 2009.

“There is an obvious lack of balance and proportion in the manner in which my country is being targeted today,” he said, adding that there were more pressing emergencies elsewhere in the world.

“External intervention without adequate consideration of the structures in a society and cultural traditions of the countries where such intervention takes place, inevitably results in detribalization,” he said.

The United Nations estimated in a 2011 report that about 40,000 Tamil civilians were killed in the final weeks of the war, mostly by the army. Sri Lanka has rejected the allegation and said it was conducting its own investigation.

The Human Rights Council, in voting to investigate the deaths of some 100,000 in March, said Sri Lanka had failed to investigate properly.—Reuters

Vietnam welcomes efforts by US to end its weapons embargo

New York, 25 Sept — Vietnam would welcome an end to the arms embargo clamped on it by the United States, the country’s foreign minister said on Wednesday, as he played down the notion that the move would inflame Hanoi’s maritime dispute with China.

Pham Binh Minh, who also serves as Vietnam’s deputy prime minister, was responding to a Reuters report on Tuesday that said Washington was moving closer to lifting the embargo to help Vietnam deal with growing naval challenges from China.

US officials with knowledge of the initiative said unarmed Lockheed Martin Orion surveillance planes could be among the first US sales, to strengthen Vietnam’s ability to monitor and defend its coastline.

Pham suggested that lifting the arms embargo was almost a routine step in the gradual resumption of links between the United States and Vietnam, which accelerated with a series of high-level diplomatic and military meetings in recent months.

Nearly 20 years ago, we normalized relations with the United States and in 2013 we set up a comprehensive partnership with the United States, Pham said during an event at the Asia Society in New York, a few blocks from where the United Nations General Assembly was taking place.

“So the relation is normal and the ban on the lethal weapons to Vietnam is abnormal,” Pham continued. “So we lift the ban, meaning that the relation is normal, even though we have normalized the relation 20 years ago.”

Reuters

Bomb blast kills one, wounds 18 in NW Afghanistan

Maimana, (Afghanistan), 25 Sept — A bomb blast ripped through a bazaar in Maimana city the capital of Faryab Province 425 km northwest of Kabul on Thursday, killing one person and wounding 18 others, police chief Mohammad Naem Andarabi said.

“Militants planted explosive device on a bicycle and detonated it next to a police vehicle parked in the bazaar of Maimana as a result one person was killed on the spot and 18 others, all civilians sustained injuries, some in critical condition,” Andarabi told Xinhua.

Since the police van was empty, no police personnel were harmed, the official said.

The bloody blast happened at 10:30 am local time when the people were busy shopping in the bazaar, Andarabi went on to say.—Xinhua

Female workers of Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) celebrate after the success of India’s Mars Orbiter Mission, at BJP state headquarters in Bhopal, India on 24 Sept, 2014. India Wednesday scripted history by becoming the world’s first country to reach Mars in its maiden attempt.—Xinhua
UN Security Council adopts resolution curbing flow of terrorists

NEW YORK, 25 Sept — The United Nations Security Council on Wednesday unanimously backed a resolution calling on countries to tighten the movement of foreign terrorists who are increasingly flocking to hotspots around the globe, most recently in Syria and Iraq. “The historic resolution that we just adopted enshrines our commitment to meet this challenge,” US President Barack Obama told council members after the vote was cast. “It is legally binding. It establishes new obligations that nations must meet.”

As the United States is serving as the rotating council president for the month, Obama called the high level meeting attended by leaders from more than 50 countries. The resolution, he said, garnered more than 100 cosponsors.

Obama pointed out that there were an estimated 15,000 foreign fighters from more than 80 countries who have traveled to Syria in recent years. The most recent victim of a brutal terrorist act was Herve Gourdel, a French citizen, who was killed by extremists in Algeria affiliated with the Islamic State terrorist group. Recently two American reporters and a British aid worker were also brutally killed.

The resolution decides that member states should “prevent and suppress the recruiting, organizing, transporting or equipping” of fighters who travel to countries where extremists gather, as well as the financing of their travel or activities.

It is aimed at groups, such as the Islamic State, the Nusra Front and other splinter groups of al-Qaeda. The United States sponsored resolution is under Chapter 7 of the UN Charter — making it legally binding — and spells out that such foreign fighters are a “threat to international peace and security.”

The text also calls on countries to “prevent the entry into or transit through” territories of individuals who states have reason to believe are affiliated with suspected groups.

Fuele: First two chapters may open by end of year

NEW YORK, 25 Sept — EU Enlargement Commissioner Stefan Fuele believes that there is a chance for Brussels and Belgrade to cross an important threshold before the year ends and to open the first two of 35 policy chapters which Serbia must address to join the EU.

“I think we still believe that would be possible before the end of this year,” Fuele said in an interview for Wall Street Journal.

Nevertheless, he warned that progress depends on the member states as well as Belgrade, since EU capitals must okay the move.

Fuele said that the chapters dealing with regional affairs (Chapter 35) and financial controls (Chapter 32) are most likely to be opened first.

“EU member states, especially Germany, have so far failed to resolve their disagreements over key issues that need to be cleared before the final agreement on the Iranian nuclear programme can be signed, Russian Deputy Foreign Minister Sergei Ryabkov said on Wednesday.

Ryabkov, who is leading the Russian delegation at the current round of talks, said earlier that the most challenging issues were the Arak reactor, uranium enrichment, verification, and the closure of the so-called military dimensions of the Iranian nuclear programme. He added that there was no reason yet to hold a ministerial meeting of between Iran and the P5+1.

“A ministerial meeting will depend on whether at least some of the solutions to the main issues can be stated. There is none so far, unfortunately,” he said.

Iran, P5+1 still disagree on key aspects of nuclear programme

UNITED NATIONS, 25 Sept — Iran and the P5+1 (five permanent members of the UN Security Council and Germany) have so far failed to resolve their disagreements over key issues that need to be cleared before the final agreement on the Iranian nuclear programme can be signed, Russian Deputy Foreign Minister Sergei Ryabkov said on Wednesday.

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Japan ready to ease, lift sanctions against Russia

TOKYO, 25 Sept — Japan is ready to ease or lift extra sanctions against Russia if Moscow takes action toward a peaceful settlement of the crisis in Ukraine, Foreign Minister Fumio Kishida said in a statement on Thursday.

His statement is apparently aimed at minimizing reactions from Russia against the sanctions and realizing talks between Prime Minister Shinzo Abe and Russian President Vladimir Putin on the sidelines of a Pacific Rim summit to be held in Beijing in November. As for reasons of the sanctions, the statement issued by the Japanese Foreign Ministry also said there is no clear evidence that Russia has ceased attempts to destabilize the Ukraine situation.

The new set of sanctions, announced Wednesday, puts restrictions on exports to Russia of weapons and other items for military use, and on providing arms technology, while banning five Russian banks from issuing securities in Japan.

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Success depends on all
By Myint Win Thein

F rom the point of view of the strategic management, the senior leadership team of an organization envisions a future for their organization and develops the necessary procedures and operations to achieve that future through goals, strategies, and objectives. Then, it is essential that all the staff, stakeholders, and customers of the organization involve in the process of strategic planning from the beginning to make sure that the strategic plan is implemented successfully.

As they have a chance to participate from the beginning of the planning process, they feel the plan is of their own and the ownership of the strategic plan belongs to all. It is not a plan handed down from the management and implementation will take place successfully.

Strategic management is a systems approach to identifying and making necessary changes and measuring the organization’s performance as it moves toward its vision, according to Strategic Management for Senior Leaders. A Handbook for Implementation.

In addition, a strategic plan is just an idea without deployment of resources for the plan, the implementation of it and measurement and evaluation of implementation results. The participation of all in all the processes is essential for the success of the strategic plan. In the transition of Myanmar, as the senior leadership team has developed the desired vision for the future of the country, success will only depend on the participation of government employees, stakeholders and customers or the public.

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Caring and Sharing University Teachers
By Myo Myint

W hy do people become teachers? It cannot be for the income, because in many countries, teaching is not a highly paid profession. It cannot be for the glamour because teaching is not a glamorous job as the main responsibilities are managing boisterous and energetic young people and ensuring that they learn. Nor can it be because the work is light as a teacher’s job requires giving a lot of time and effort. I believe that in Myanmar society, the reasons for people choosing this profession may be because of the pleasure derived from sharing one’s knowledge with others, the freedom for research, making new discoveries and lifelong learning, the ambition to contribute something new to their field of specialization, the opportunity to travel and in the advancement of their country.

To gain the respect, trust and confidence of their students, the first responsibility of university teachers is to take their classes regularly and teach effectively after carrying out careful preparations, because of the simple reason that students are enrolled at institutions simply to learn clearly and to learn from their teachers, and teachers are appointed at the institutions concerned to provide effective instruction to their students.

The next responsibility of the faculty is to carry out extensive and in-depth study of their field of specialization in order to keep expanding their capacity and knowledge base. In this connection, as all teachers know, to be able to absorb what they are reading, they must have a sound knowledge of the English language as most of the references used are published in English. Knowledge of ICT is also very useful in carrying out research and teachers must exert the necessary effort to master it. In addition, to be able to profit from their reading and research, teachers themselves must master study skills for study, academic skills, people skills for studying with others, and task management skills. Moreover, as one of the responsibilities of university teachers is to promote independent learning, so that students have the ability to learn by themselves from whatever sources available, teachers must develop the study skills of their students and encourage them to become independent learners, using as a springboard what they have learnt from teachers, to widen and deepen their knowledge.

At university level, students need to make more use of their thinking skills than the ability to memorize facts. Therefore, another responsibility of university teachers is to develop higher order thinking skills of students such as, assessing, analyzing, synthesizing, evaluating, problem solving, making decisions, weighing the consequences of decisions made, assessing situations correctly, considering all aspects that needs to be considered, etc. As precursor or follow-up to their lectures, and during tutorials, teachers need to involve students in activities, tasks, assignments that will develop these thinking abilities so that students have the opportunity to practice higher order thinking skills that will also assist in developing maturity.

Communication skills are important in many professions including the teaching profession. Hence, it is a prerequisite for university teachers to have information and communication skills if their teaching is to be lucid, comprehensive, effective, persuasive and interesting. Whatever the discipline their students specialize in, university teachers must help them to promote these skills that will contribute to their current as well as future success. In addition, the prestige of the university teachers will affect the future of their discipline as well as the prestige of the university. Whatever the students are majoring, the main goal of the university is to be first-rate, innovative, and to be known and to act as befitting an educated person.

There are very few who do not have family responsibilities, but as teachers, they must maintain the traditional respect that teachers have earned in Myanmar society, they must balance their professional responsibilities with their family obligations as too much of the former, or the latter, will affect the other.

University teachers, most of whom are deeply committed to their profession, do not make many demands. As appreciation for their dedication and importance, they expect convenient transport to and from home, and reasonably decent accommodation. In return, to be truly convenient transport to work, fair treatment, a happy and conducive working environment, cooperation among colleagues to further promote their field of specialization, good research and library facilities to improve their teaching and carry out professional development, equal opportunities to continue their studies within the country and abroad, and decent accommodation, if posted away from home, and reasonably convenient transport to work. In return, to be truly a teacher in the traditional sense, university teachers should not just be persons with advanced degrees and knowledge, but they must be teachers who are also caring, sharing and giving priority to educating their students.
ASEAN air chiefs meet in Nay Pyi Taw to strengthen cooperation among themselves

By Aye Min Soe

YANGON, 25 Sept — The 11th ASEAN Air Chiefs Conference (AACC) was held at National Theatre in Yangon on 1-2 October.

The conference came to a conclusion with the signing of approvals resulting from the discussions. The ASEAN air chiefs also visited the Defence Services Museum in Nay Pyi Taw.

S Okkalapa Tsp to get two parking for more than 560 cars

By Aye Min Soe

YANGON, 25 Sept — Yangon City Development Committee (YCDC) has planned to build two four-storey car parking buildings in South Okkalapa Township to ease the traffic congestion in the township.

To build the parking buildings, YCDC has chosen the two parks at the junction where traffic congestion has happened daily due to parking on both sides of the roads.

Each parking building is designed for 282 cars, with a modern fusel sports ground, a play ground and parks.

The two parking facilities are scheduled to complete within six months.

YCDC has decided to turn the parks which are not usually used by people today into the two parking facilities as traffic has increased in the township, causing shortages of space for parking day by day, according to an official of the Engineering Department (Building) of YCDC.

Each facility will have 101 feet in length, 114 feet in width and 25 feet in height.

The two parking facilities would offer parking spaces for over 560 cars, to help ease traffic congestion in South Okkalapa Township.

Bagan to host ASEAN Socio-Cultural Community Council's meetings

YANGON, 25 Sept — The 7th ASEAN Socio-Cultural Community Council Senior Officials Meeting and the 12th ASEAN Socio-Cultural Community Council Ministerial Meeting will be held in Bagan on 27-30 September, according to a press conference of ASEAN Socio-Cultural Community Council on Wednesday.

During the press conference held at National Museum in Yangon, Union Minister for Culture U Aye Myint Kyaw who is also ASCC Council Chair said the ministry is planning to organize an ASEAN Cultural Show and Exhibition at National Theatre in Yangon on 1-2 October.

The Union minister went on to say that the ASCC Council led by the Ministry of Culture of Myanmar will hold discussions on the sectors of cultural preservation, socio-economic development, climate change and disaster management and a shared vision of member countries on social and cultural matters.

Next, Secretary of ASCC Council Daw Nanda Hmoun, Deputy Director-General of the Ministry of Labour, Employment and Social Security U Saw Naing and officials from departments concerned elaborated on ongoing and future works of the Council.

NAY PYI TAW, 25 Sept—Vice-Senior General Soe Win, Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services as well as Commander-in-Chief (Army), received a courtesy call by ASEAN commanders-in-chief of air forces here on Thursday, sources said.

The air forces chiefs of the member countries of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations attended the 11th ASEAN Air Chiefs Conference (AACC) hosted in Myanmar.

Vice-Senior General Soe Win called for greater cooperation among ASEAN armed forces in the future.

The 11th AACC took place at the Thinhaha Hotel in Nay Pyi Taw, attended by air chiefs of the ASEAN countries—Gen Khin Aung Myint of Myanmar, Brig-Gen (U) Dato Seri Pahlawan Wardi Bin Abdul Latip of Brunei, Gen Soeung Samrang of Cambodia, Air Chief Marshal I.B. Putu Dunia of Indonesia, Col Kumphath Phirmmabu of Laos, Gen Dat’ Sri Haji Reslan Bin Saad of Malaysia, Lt-Gen Jeffrey F Delgado of the Philippines, Maj-Gen Hoo Cher Mou of Singapore, Air Chief Marshal Pranin Junlont of Thailand, and Lt-Gen Phuong Minh Hau of Vietnam.

Myanmar Commander-in-Chief (Air) Gen Khin Aung Myint delivered an opening address, followed by a clarification of the topic entitled “Defence Cooperation Towards Peaceful and Prosperous ASEAN Community” by U Ko Ko Hlaing, Advisor to the President of Myanmar.

The conference came to a conclusion with the signing of approvals resulting from the discussions. The ASEAN air chiefs also visited the Defence Services Museum in Nay Pyi Taw.

Navy Taw, 25 Sept—Senior General Min Aung Hlaing observed demonstrations of basic training and ranger training given by the Japan Ground Self-Defense Forces at the Narashino Base.

At 7 p.m., Senior General Min Aung Hlaing and wife Daw Kyu Kyu Hla hosted a dinner to General Shigeru Iwasaki and his wife at the New Otani Hotel in Tokyo.

Senior General Min Aung Hlaing meets Mr Taro Aso, Deputy Prime Minister and Finance Minister of Japan.—Myawady
Myanmar, Vietnam see improvement of information and communication relations

Union SWRR Minister provides cash assistance to Danu Self-Administered Zone

Good governance forum focuses role of civil service

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SpaceX Dragon capsule reaches space station

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. 25 Sept — A SpaceX Dragon cargo ship carrying an experimental 3-D printer and a habitat with 20 mice arrived at the International Space Station on Tuesday, ending a two-day journey. Working from inside the station’s windowed cupola module, flight engineer Alexander Gerst, a European Space Agency astronaut, used the station’s 58-foot-long (17m) robotic arm to pluck the Dragon capsule from orbit at 6:52 am EDT as the ships sailed 262 miles (422 km) over the Pacific Ocean.

“Twas, indeed, a great flight of Dragon,” Gerst radioed to NASA Mission Control in Houston. “We’re happy to have a new vehicle on board.”

The capsule blasted off on Sunday from Cape Canaveral Air Force Station in Florida aboard a Falcon 9 rocket, which is built and flown by privately owned SpaceX, as the ships sailed on the Pacific Ocean. California-based SpaceX, which is owned by billionaire Elon Musk, is one of two companies NASA hired to fly cargo to the station after the space shuttles were retired in 2011. SpaceX has a $1.6 billion contract for strategic investment.

Betas” on Amazon’s webstore, the Ascend P7, launched by China’s Huawei Technologies Co Ltd [HWT.U], the world’s largest telecommunications equipment maker, said it would invest more than $4 billion in fixed broadband technology research and development (R&D) in the next three years.

Huawei has shifted its focus to the mobile device market in recent years, said in a statement on Thursday that fixed broadband — the pipes connecting homes and offices — remained a “key direction for strategic investment.”

Huawei rode the wave of mobile telecoms growth worldwide during the 2000s to become a global force, winning contracts to build cell networks for carriers around the world. In 2012 the company overtook Ericsson to become the world’s leading telecoms equipment maker.

Amazon’s head of digital music, video to depart

NEW YORK, 25 Sept — Amazon.com Inc’s head of digital music and video is departing the e-commerce company by the end of the year, a company spokesman said on Wednesday.

It was not immediately clear whether Bill Carr, who is a vice president, is leaving Amazon to take another job.

An Amazon spokesman said Carr is planning to spend time with family. Carr, 47, has been instrumental in Amazon’s push to take on Netflix Inc and Hulu in streaming online video, according to the Wall Street Journal, which initially reported the departure. He also helped oversee the launch of original programming like “Alpha House” and “Betas” on Amazon’s website, the report added. He joined Amazon in 1999 as senior product manager in its DVD and video unit and was promoted to his current role in 2005, according to his LinkedIn profile.

Nobel Prize science predictions see honours for pain, LEDs and more

NEW YORK, 25 Sept — Scientists who discovered mechanisms of pain, organic light-emitting diodes that illuminate mobile phones and televisions — the pipes connect- ing organic light-emitting diodes, which became ubiquitous in smartphones, tablets and high-definition televisions.

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Invitation for Pre-Qualification
InfraCo Asia - Myanmar Developer Services Programme

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InfraCo Asia is expanding its programme into Myanmar and seeks to contract with an experienced developer to undertake project development.

InfraCo Asia invites firms to Pre-Qualify for the provision of infrastructure development services in Myanmar.

To receive full details of the pre-qualification process and complete the Pre-Qualification Questionnaire (PQQ) online, please register at: www.infracoasia.com/procurement-rfp.asp

Closing Date for PQQ submission: 27th October 2014

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THE ARMENIAN CHURCH AT YANGON & MANDALAY, KNOWN AS THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

NOTICE OF GENERAL MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the General Meeting of the Armenian Church at Yangon & Mandalay, known as the Church of St. John the Baptist (the “Church”) will be held at Inwa Room, Level 3, Side Shangri-La Yangon, 222 Side Pagoda Rd, B.E.G.P.O. Box 888, Yangon, Myanmar on Saturday, 4 October 2014 at 2.00 p.m. for the following purposes:

1. To elect and appoint trustees of the Church.
2. To discuss matters relating to the management of the trust and to consider amendments (where appropriate) to the Reconstituted Scheme for the Management of the Property and Affairs of the Armenian Church at Yangon & Mandalay.
3. To transact any other business which may be properly transacted at a General Meeting.

NOTES:

1. The members of the Church entitled to vote at the above General Meeting must be male members of the Armenian Community resident at Yangon (or within 50 miles thereof) who have attained the age of twenty-one years, baptised into the communion of the Church and being members thereof, whether clerical or lay, except that servants employed or paid by the trustees as such, or recipients of charity from any charitable institution, shall not be entitled to vote.
2. A member eligible to vote at the above General Meeting must bring along appropriate documents (such as his national registration card, family’s census list, passport and baptism certificate) to the above General Meeting to prove his eligibility to vote at the above General Meeting.

BY ORDER OF THE BISHOP

HAIGAZOUN NAJARIAN
PRIMATE, DIOCESE OF THE ARMENIAN CHURCH OF AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND
PONTIFICAL LEGATE OF INDIA AND THE FAR EAST

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Australia to reintroduce temporary visas for refugees

Sydney, 25 Sept — Australia will reintroduce a controversial temporary visa system to deal with a huge backlog of asylum seekers, its immigration minister said on Thursday, despite criticism the stop-gap process leaves refugees in limbo.

Conservative Prime Minister Tony Abbott won an election last September after campaigning on tough immigration policies, which have been criticized internationally but which polls show remain popular with voters.

Australia uses offshore detention centers in Papua New Guinea and the tiny South Pacific island nation of Nauru to process would-be refugees who arrive on boats, but some 30,000 who arrived before the policy was set in place are awaiting processing in Australian detention centers.

Immigration Minister Scott Morrison said that the Temporary Protection Visas (TPV), which were introduced under former Prime Minister John Howard and abolished in 2008, would address those people without providing inducements to people smugglers.

“TPVs will provide refugees with stability and a chance to get on with their lives, while at the same time guaranteeing that people smugglers do not have a ‘permanent protection visa product’ to sell to those who are thinking of traveling illegally to Australia,” he told reporters.

The opposition Labour Party said it opposed temporary protection visas as leaving asylum seekers in limbo without a pathway to citizenship, but would study the proposed legislation.

Morrison said a deal had been reached with mining magnate Clive Palmer, whose Palmer United Party virtually controls the balance of power in the Senate, which nearly ensures its passage through Parliament.

About 16,000 asylum seekers came to Australia on 220 boats in the first seven months of 2013, but the government says there has been just one “illegal” boat arrival since December.

Hundreds of asylum seekers have drowned when rickety boats, mostly from Indonesia, have sunk en route in recent years.

Under the legislation, Palmer said that refugees would be allowed into Australia for an initial period of five years, during which time they would be allowed to work, provided they go to a remote area in need of labourers.

“There are many areas and many communities in our country that can’t get labor,” Palmer told reporters in Brisbane.—Reuters
McLaren lawmaker likely killed by drug cartel

Mexico City, 25 Sept — Mexican federal congressman Gabriel Gomez, the most high-profile politician murdered in recent years, was likely executed by a drug cartel, a state prosecutor said on Wednesday.

Gomez was kidnapped with an aide in Mexico’s second-largest city of Guadalajara on Monday. Their charred remains were found in a burned-out pickup truck the following day. The identities of Gomez and his assistant Heriberto Nunez were confirmed on Wednesday.

Authorities have so far given no motive for the murder. Gomez is the most senior politician to be killed since Rodolfo Torre, a gubernatorial candidate for the violence-wracked northeastern border state of Tamaulipas, was assassinated in 2010.

Arturo Nahle, attorney general of the state of Zacatecas where Gomez’s body was found, told local radio that the Jalisco New Generation cartel was probably behind the killing due to the nature of the abduction. The cartel is a relatively new gang that security experts say has made large inroads in territory controlled by more established groups.

““This is a classic organized crime execution,” said Nahle.

““You only have to see the video, the weapons they’re carrying, the number of people involved in the kidnapping,” he added, referring to a series of still photos from a video released by Mexican media that showed the kidnapping of 49-year-old Gomez, a member of President Enrique Pena Nieto’s ruling Institutional Revolutionary Party, or PRI.

In the photos, taken from a roadside security camera, men are seen taking command of Gomez’s car after boxing it in on a highway on the outskirts of Guadalajara, the capital of the western state of Jalisco.

The fact that the kidnappers did not ask the man’s families for a ransom also pointed to a gangland execution, Nahle said.

Reuters
Pharrell Williams designs leather accessories

LONDON, 25 Sept — Grammy-winning musician Pharrell Williams is expanding his fashion empire with a new line of leather accessories.

The ‘Happy’ hitmaker is teaming up with designers at French brand Moynat to create a collection of leather pouches, scarves and bags that are shaped like trains and are printed with a railroad-themed motif. The scarves and pouches are currently available online for purchase, but the bags will not go on sale until October. The capsule range of handbags are shaped like vintage steam locomotives.—PTI

Hilary Swank to be honoured for ‘Boys Don’t Cry’ role

LOS ANGELES, 25 Sept — Actress Hilary Swank is set to be honoured by organizers at Outfest for her role as a transgender man in 1999 film ‘Boys Don’t Cry’.

The 40-year-old ‘Million Dollar Baby’ star, who won the first of her two Oscars for her portrayal of Brandon Teena in the drama, will receive the Trailblazer Award at Outfest’s Legacy Awards in Los Angeles on 12 November, reported Los Angeles Times online.

The ceremony will mark the 15th anniversary of the film and serve as a fundraiser in support of the Outfest UCLA Legacy Project, the largest archive of Lgbt moving images in the world.—PTI

Rod Stewart sued over injuries caused by football at Las Vegas concert

LAS VEGAS, 25 Sept — British rocker Rod Stewart is facing a lawsuit from a man who says he was injured when the musician kicked a football into the crowd at a Las Vegas concert, striking the man in the face and breaking his nose.

A civil lawsuit filed by Mostafa Kashe on Monday in Las Vegas said the 69-year-old Stewart, who early in his career had a reputation as a strong football player, has “significant experience” with the sport and should have known he could hurt someone with a kicked ball. Kashe was unexpectedly hit by a football Stewart kicked into the crowd during an October 2012 concert at Caesars Palace, and security guards pulled him aside so he could be treated, his complaint said.—Reuters

Jeremy Renner confirms he secretly married Sonni Pacheco

LOS ANGELES, 25 Sept — ‘The Avengers’ star Jeremy Renner has confirmed that he got married to his girlfriend Sonni Pacheco.

The 43-year-old actor, who has a daughter Ava Berlin with Pacheco, opened up about his secret wedding saying that he wants to protect his wife and family’s privacy, reported E! online.

“I have tried to protect my family’s privacy, my wife’s privacy. I don’t need her to get hammered with my life,” he said. “Privacy issues are important because I want her to go about her day without being bothered. Paps follow me around… that’s fine. But I don’t like being followed when I’m with my family. I’ve been talked about a whole lot, because the less I put out there, the less people know, and it makes it interesting, I assume,” he added.

Renner is next to appear in ‘Kill the Messenger’ alongside Andy Garcia, Rosemarie DeWitt, Michael Sheen and Mary Elizabeth Winstead among others.—PTI

Streisand makes music history with six decades of No 1 albums

LOS ANGELES, 25 Sept — Barbra Streisand made music history on Wednesday by becoming the only performer to have a No 1 album in each of the past six decades, as her latest release “Partners” topped the US Billboard 200 chart.

The album sold 196,000 copies in its first week, according to sales figures compiled by Nielsen SoundScan.

With her latest hit, Streisand also became the only female artist to grab the No 1 spot on the Billboard album chart on 10 different occasions. She now holds fourth place on the list of acts with the most No 1 albums, tailing The Beatles’ 19 chart-toppers, Jay Z’s 13 records and Bruce Springsteen’s 11.

Streisand’s first No 1 album came almost exactly 50 years ago when “People” hit No 1 on the chart dated 31 October, 1964, Billboard said. “Partners” features Streisand singing classic songs with male artists, such as “New York State of Mind” with Billy Joel, “Somewhere” with Josh Groban and “People” with Stevie Wonder.

Streisand, 72, led a slew of new entries on the weekly Billboard 200 chart, which measures both physical and digital album sales. Rapper Chris Brown saw his latest album “X” enter the chart at No 2 with sales of 145,000 copies. The album is the first since Brown was released from a Los Angeles jail in June after serving a one-year sentence for violating probation from his 2009 assault of pop singer Rihanna.—Reuters

Kanye West gets new hairstyle

LOS ANGELES, 25 Sept — Rapper Kanye West has got a new hairstyle by shaving his already short hair into chevron-patterned arrows.

The 37-year-old father of one in total had six arrows circling his face, reported Us magazine.—Instagram

Barbra Streisand performs the song “Memories” from the film “The Way We Were” at the 85th Academy Awards in Hollywood, California on 24 Feb, 2013.—Reuters
**CONDOLENCE**

All teachers, trustees, Dhamma friends and students share our deepest sympathy with the bereaved family of Sayagyi U Kyaw Khin-beloved husband of Professor Dr. Daw Mya Mya and teacher of International Dhammagiri Vipassana Association Myanmar who passed away on Tuesday, September 23rd 2014. We convey our sincere condolences.

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**Lampard strikes twice in City’s magnificent seven**

**LONDON, 25 Sept —** Frank Lampard and Edin Dzeko scored twice as ord-ers Manchester City sailed into the English League Cup fourth round with a crushing 7-0 win over Sheffield Wednesday on Wednesday and Chelsea beat Bolton Wanderers 2-1 on Wednesday.

After struggling to break down the Champion-ship (second tier) oppo-nents in the first half, City produced a blistering spell of four goals in 13 minutes immediately after the break.

Lampard opened the scoring just three days after netting against his former club Chelsea before Dzeko, Jesus Navas, Yaya Toure, Dzeko, Jose Pozo and Lam-pard completed the rout.

“I really enjoyed that because tonight we saw the team that we were used to seeing last year,” City manager Manuel Pellegrini told reporters.

“We have not been scoring so many goals at home so it is the first game we have returned to the team that everyone saw here last year. It is important to try to retain the trophy but the most important thing tonight was to play like we did.”

Chelsea, top of the Pre-mier League and unbeaten in all competitions this season, had Kurt Zouma’s equaliser cancelled out by Matt Mills before Oscar’s skidding low shot in the 55th minute secured a victory that was more comfortable than the scoreline suggested.

Elsewhere, Ryan Ma-son, Roberto Soldado and Harry Kane scored late goals as Tottenham Hotspur came from behind to beat Championship leaders Not-ingham Forest 3-3 minutes.

Paul Dummett scored in extra time after Emma-nuele Riviere’s double as 10-man Newcastle United beat Crystal Palace 3-2 to ease the growing pressure on manager Alan Pardew.

West Bromwich Albion recorded a spectacular 3-2 home win over Hull City courtesy of late goals from Gareth McAuley and Sai-do Bersahino. City named a strong line-up against high-flying Championship side on Wednesday and had far too much quality for their opponents.

Lampard studded home James Milner’s cross at the near post after 47 minutes and that signalled the start of a devastating spell that yielded three further goals before the hour mark.

Dzeko swept in be-fore the impressive Navas thumped in a third and tal-ismanic midfielder Toure scored from the penalty spot. Bosnian Dzeko added his second with a thunder-ous header and 18-year-old forward Pozo scored a debut goal before the evergreen Lampard completed the scoring in the final minute with a typical late-arriving finish. At Stamford Bridge, Chelsea named a similarly impressive starting line-up and took control from the opening whistle without scoring the goals that re-flected their dominance. After German World Cup winner Andre Schueerle had gone close twice in quick succession, highly-rated 19-year-old Zouma grabbed a debut goal.

Bolton restored parity through Mills’ command-ing header six minutes later and Chelsea squandered chance after chance be-fore Oscar added a second with an accurate long-range strike. The hosts could have paid for their wastefulness but Bolton failed to serious-ly trouble Petr Cech, playing his first game of the season after being displaced in goal by Thibaut Courtois, in a late spell of pressure.

“The players’ mentality was good and we played with good ambition but we had problems with Bolton’s height,” Chelsea assistant coach Steve Holland said.

“Players getting import-ant minutes, no extra-time and no new injuries is a good situation.” Championship Brighton & Hove Albion comfortably overcame fourth tier Burton Albion 3-0. — Reuters

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**Misfiring Barca drop first points away to Malaga**

**BARCELONA, 25 Sept —** Barcelona dropped their first points of the La Liga season as their star-studded forward line misfired in a 0-0 draw away to Malaga on Wednesday.

Lionel Messi and Ney-mar have both shone in recent weeks as Barca won their first four games under new coach Luis Enrique but they failed to make an im-pres-sion against Malaga with the Catalan side struggling with their link-up play.

Barca are still yet to concede a goal but that too came under threat in the sec-ond half as Malaga pressed forward and came closest to scoring from a Luis Alberto free-kick from a tight angle which keeper Claudio Bravo turned onto a post.

“We tried to move the ball around and get on top in the game but it was diffi-cult as Malaga defended in depth,” Andres Iniesta told reporters.

“Malaga did very well but at the same time we lacked speed to cause them problems and create chanc-es.” We tried different tac-tics but it always depends on how sharp we are and it didn’t work out for us today.”

Barca top the standings on 13 points, ahead of Sevil-la, who beat Real Sociedad 1-0, on goal difference.

Malaga have not been an easy team to breakdown, especially at home where they have not conceded a goal, and they held their positions well with Sergi Darder and Ignacio Camacho giving them little space in the middle of the pitch.

Barcelona’s Marc Bartra (R) and team mate Munir remove their shirts after their Spanish first division soccer match against Malaga at La Rosaleda stadium in Malaga, southern Spain on 24 Sept, 2014. — Reuters
**China wins men’s rifle prone in world-record-breaking style**

Zhao Shengbo (R) of China competes during the 50m rifle prone men’s finals competition of shooting at the 17th Asian Games in Incheon, South Korea, on 25 Sept, 2014. Zhao Shengbo won the gold medal with 209.1 points. — Xinhuas

Incheon, 25 Sept — The Chinese trio of Zhao Shengbo, Lan Xing and Liu Gang clinched the gold medal of the men’s 50m rifle prone team finals with a new world record of 1,876.0 points at the Incheon Asian Games on Thursday.

In the qualification stage, the Chinese team underlined their superiority with Zhao showing his best. He scored 104.4, 103.7, 104.0, 103.6, 105.0, 105.5 points in six rounds and entered the individual finals with a total of 626.2 points, ranking first at the top-eight list.

The Chinese team bettered the previous record of 1,873.6 by the French team of Cyril Graff, Michel Halluin and Valerian Saurelplane at the European championships in Croatia last year.

China averaged their loss to South Korea at the 2010 Asian in Guangzhou as host marksmen You Jiaxin, Park Bongduk and Kwon Juncheol combined for 1,869.0 points for the silver with Kazakhstan retaining the bronze with 1,859.

Minutes later, Zhao topped the podium again in the individual final, edging Muhammad Ezuan Bin Nasir Khan of Malaysia into second place by 0.6 points.

The Malaysian scored 209.1 points while South Korea Park had the bronze.

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**Asian Games: Ueda wins women’s triathlon gold in 1-2 finish for Japan**

Ueda Ai of Japan celebrates victory after the women’s final competition of triathlon event at the 17th Asian Games in Incheon, South Korea, on 25 Sept, 2014. Ueda Ai won the gold medal. — Xinhuas

Incheon, 25 Sept — Ai Ueda captured the gold medal in a 1-2 finish for Japan in the women’s triathlon at the Asian Games on Thursday.

Japan took the top two spots in the women’s triathlon for the second time in a row. Mariko Adachi and Akane Tsujiuhashi won gold and silver in Guangzhou, China, four years ago.

“Continue to make this historic run is meaningful, but for myself, I really wanted to be the one who took the gold medal,” said Ueda, who posted a winning time of 2 hours, 1 minute, 47 seconds to finish ahead of Uni Ide. “I was able to produce a race I can build on for the Rio de Janeiro Olympics.”

Fifth after the 1.5-kilometre swimming leg, Ueda took her place among the leading pack in the 40-km cycling leg and pulled away in the 10-km run to go one better than the silver medal she won at the Asian Games in Doha in 2006.

Ide, who had a misfire lead going into the run, finished second in 2:03:07. China’s Wang Lianyuan took the bronze in 2:03:13.

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**Asian Games: Japan roll into q’finals, eye S Korea clash**

Incheon, 25 Sept — Defending champions Japan reached the Asian Games quarterfinals with a comfortable 4-0 victory over Palestine on Thursday, with coach Makoto Teguramori saying he is looking forward to facing hosts South Korea in the next round.

Musashi Suzuki’s fifth goal of the tournament and one each from Wataru Endo, Takuma Arano and Riki Ide, who had it, could muster nothing beyond a tactical lead going into the run, period, and we’ll come out ahead.”

Yet Palestine struggled to win the ball, period, and on the rare occasions they had it, could muster nothing more than half-chances.

Given Palestine’s limitations, it was just a matter of time before Japan moved in front as Endo opened the scoring in the 17th minute with his first goal of the competition.

Endo played a quick one-two through the box with Alireza Niagata, who has scored the 17th minute with his first goal of the competition.

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**Shadinaghadeh Mohsen (R) of Iran competes during the men’s single sculls of rowing at the 17th Asian Games in Incheon, South Korea, on 25 Sept, 2014. Shadinaghadeh Mohsen won the gold medal with 7 minutes and 05.66 seconds. Xinhuas**