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Foreign investment and advanced technologies key to mining sector development



Union Minister for Mines U Thein Htaik speaks at discussion on mining sector development, quality promotion for exportation and market penetration.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 2 Sept—A discussion on mining sector development, quality promotion for exportation and market penetration was held at Kengtung Town Hall in Shan State (East) yesterday morning, attended by Union Minister for Mines U Thein Htaik. Speaking on the occasion, the Union Minister called

True patriotism

- * It is very important for every one of the nation regardless of the place he lives to have strong Union Spirit.
- * Only Union Spirit is the true patriotism all the nationalities will have to safeguard.

for increased minerals exploitation from small-scale production to industrial scale production with establishment of refineries. The Union Minister recommended establishment of public companies as a way to penetrate global market. Only with foreign investment and employment of advanced technologies, can Mining sector develop, pointed out the Union minister.

Present on the occasion were Shan State Chief Minister U Sao Aung Myat, Lahu and Akah national races affairs ministers, Hluttaw representatives, departmental personnel, faculty heads of Kengtung University, 42 mining businessmen in Shan State and enthusiasts.

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Bando Championship for XXVII SEA Games

YANGON, 2 Sept—Myanmar Martial Arts Federation of the Ministry of Sports is arranging to organize Myanmar National Sports Committee Chairman Cup Bando Championship at Gymnasium in Aung San stadium from 22 to 26 September with a view to selecting Myanmar traditional bando athletes and to competing in Vietnamese Vovinam sport event in XXVII SEA Games. The teams representing regions and states, ministries and Myanmar Thaing core clubs are eligible to take part in this event. The teams from regions and states will be provided with expense by Myanmar Martial Arts Federation. Those wishing to know in detail may contact Secretary U Aung Naing Oo, Myanmar Martial Arts Federation; Ph 420076711. The first prize winner will be awarded K 300,000, second K 200,000, third K 100,000 and best prize and individual prize will be awarded.

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Fingerlings released into lakes in Shan State

NYAUNGSHWE, 2 Sept—A ceremony to release fingerlings into Inlay Lake and Sankar Lake, by Shan State Fisheries Federation, was held at Phaungdawbyan Guesthouse on 25 August morning. The local authorities and people released 302,700 fingerlings to the lakes.

Kyemon

Spurs boss AVB wanted Man Utd's Anderson over Demebele

LONDON, 2 Sept—Tottenham Andre Villas-Boas wanted Manchester United midfielder Anderson in the summer, it has been revealed. The *Sunday Express* says it's understood that Villas-Boas was keen on Manchester United midfielder Anderson but was instead pushed in the direction of Fulham's Mousa Dembele. Some of the summer signings were not driven by Villas-Boas—the Portuguese boss even being overruled on some of his targets.

Reuters

Noteworthy amounts of rainfall (2-9-2012)	
Pathein	(3.70) inches
Kyaukpyu	(3.58) inches
Pyu	(3.15) inches
Mudon	(3.07) inches

MFF official leaves for Vietnam

YANGON, 2 Sept—U Ko Ko Thein of Myanmar Football Federation left here by air on 31 August to discharge duty of match coordinator in the AFF U-19 Championship in Ho Chi Minh City of Vietnam. The championship with the participation of host Vietnam, Iran, Australia and Uzbekistan lasts from 2 to 8 September. Referee U Hla Min and assistant referee U Min Min Tun will also discharge duties in the championship.—NLM



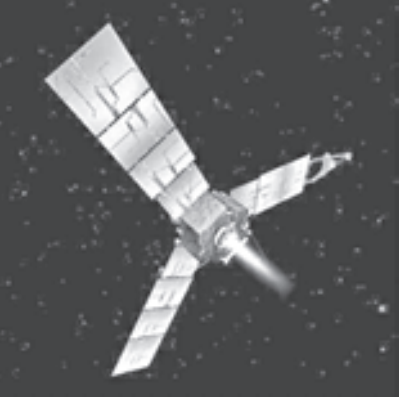
China says S Asia ties 'no threat to third party'



This handout photograph released by the Sri Lankan Army shows visiting Chinese Defence Minister Liang Guanglie (R) shaking hands with Sri Lankan Defence Secretary Gotabhaya Rajapakse in Colombo.

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A team parades during the International Military Music Festival at Red Square in Moscow, on 1 Sept, 2012. Military bands from different countries participate in the annual tattoo.

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Open-Federer and Serena march on at US Open



Fernando Verdasco of Spain congratulates Roger Federer (R) of Switzerland after their men's singles match at the US Open tennis tournament in New York on 1 September, 2012.

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PERSPECTIVES

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Wholesome food and healthy life

"Eat to live, not live to eat!" It is true that we must know what to eat and how to eat, so we can enjoy healthy and happy life as health is also wealth.

Fruits and vegetables contain all the necessary vitamins and minerals needed for a healthy body. Wholesome fruits and vegetables are less expensive and much more enjoyable than vitamin supplements and pills. Generally, carrots, sweet potatoes, green beans, peas, onions, garlic, broccoli, yogurt, low-fat dairy products are among the wholesome foods we should choose.

Of course, there are many other nutritious foods other than those we feel are wonderful, health-promoting foods, and if there are other Wholesome foods such as fruits, vegetables, nuts/seeds, whole grains, etc that we like, by all means we must enjoy them. Among the thousands of different foods our world provides, the majority contain at least several of the nutrients our bodies need. In fact, the healthiest foods are foods that the majority people can easily find at their local market.

For most of us, moderation or balance means eating less than we do now. More specifically, it means eating far less of the unhealthy stuff (unrefined sugar, saturated fat, for example) and more of the healthy (such as fresh fruit and vegetables). But it doesn't mean eliminating the foods we love.

During a meal, we must stop eating before we feel full. Because it actually takes a few minutes for our brain to tell our body that it has had enough food, so we should eat slowly. We must listen to our body, and ascertain whether we are really hungry or just feel thirsty.

Having healthy breakfast and eating small, healthy meals throughout the day (rather than the standard three large meals), avoiding eating at night, taking time to chew our food and enjoying mealtimes, and eating with others whenever possible are also important factors for health. So, let's eat wholesome food and live a healthy life!



Maung Maung Lay

Union A & I Minister views tractors, excavators to be used in implementing 3000-acre mechanized farmlands

NAY PYI TAW, 2 Sept—Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing paid an inspection tour of the mechanized farming plot of Yanaungmyin irrigated water system mechanized farming 300-acre area in Dekkhinathiri Township here this morning.

He left necessary

instructions on ensuring timely completion of monsoon paddy growing and supporting farmers with equipments to be comfortable in cultivating paddy plantations, and provided the operators working in the farm with foodstuff and cash assistance.

The Union Minister inspected arrival of 30 New

Holland branded tractors Hp 75, 20 Sonalia branded tractors Hp 90 and four excavators to be used in implementing 3000-acre mechanized farming area.

The Union Minister and Deputy Minister U Ohn Than viewed Palethwe monsoon paddy plantations ready to be harvested.

At the farmer's educative

farm of Ngalaik irrigated area, the Union Minister urged the trainers to firmly contribute to farmers the best way to grow quality groundnuts in coming plantation season, after looking into cultivation process of high-yield 5-acre soy bean research farm and groundnut 10-acre farmer's educative farm with the use of scientific method.—MNA

Loans disbursed to farmers in Myaing Township



Union Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs U Thein Tun speaks at the ceremony to disburse loans to farmers, held at Basic Education High School (Branch).—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 2 Sept—Union Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs U Thein Tun on 31 August addressed the ceremony to disburse loans to farmers at Basic Education

High School (Branch) in Aungthukha village in Myaing Township in Pakokku District of Magway Region.

The Union Minister said that the loan was targeted at

purchasing paddy strains and crops seeds.

The Union Minister and region Hluttaw representatives, the district administrator and Myaing Township administrator

presented loans to farmers in Shwelinzwe and Kani village-tracts.

The Union Minister and party then viewed loan disbursement to farmers.

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School health facilities inspected in Nay Pyi Taw Council Area

NAY PYI TAW, 2 Sept—In-charge of Zeyathiri Township in Nay Pyi Taw Council Area Dr Paing Soe on 25 August together with the medical superintendent of Nay Pyi Taw General Hospital (200-bed) and medical officers inspected 17 shops of the canteen from Yezin Basic Education High School.

They then met the headmistress, members of the school committee and teachers.

Later, they inspected Yezin Station Hospital and Thayasu Rural Health Branch in Kyunyaung Village-tract.—MNA



Cash and kind donated to Rakhine people

YANGON, 2 Sept—Cash and kind was donated to local people in Rakhine State who suffered loss of property and assets in recent unrests at Maykhalat Hall of Fire Service Department (Head Office) in Yangon this morning.

Myanmar Freight Handlers Association donated K 2.5 million, Managing Director U Aung Thu of Aung Gyi Co Ltd K 1.2 million, Myanmar Log Trucks Association K 0.8 million, Truck Supervisory Committee K 0.5 million, Daw Than Than Myint, Maj Win Maung Maung (Retd) and Daw Swe Swe Myint K 0.4 million, Dr Kyi Oo and wife Dr Khin Mar Shein K 0.2 million, U Khin Maung Zin and wife Daw

Myint Myint San K 50,000 and one bale of cloth, Dr Moe Moe Tin, K 50,000, Mandalay Thein Zaw and wife Dr Cho Aye Han, eight bales of cloth, Dr Kyaw Khaing Lwin and wife Dr Htar Htar Aye, furnitures, U Okkar, one bale of cloth, U Aung Aung Tin and wife Daw Sanda Win, one bale of cloth, Ko Nay Moe Hein, one bale of cloth, and Daw Myint Myint Than, one bale of cloth. FSD Director-General U Tin Moe and officials accepted donations. Donations at FSD (Head Office) till 1 September is K 339,093,223 and K 338,693,223 have been transferred to the Rakhine State government.

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Cooperative Syndicate holds AGM in Mingala Taungnyunt

YANGON, 2 Sept—Mingala Taungnyunt Township Cooperative Syndicate of Yangon Region held the Annual General Meeting for 2011-2012 fiscal year at its office on Theinbyu Road on 28 August.

Chairman of the Syndicate Dr Sein Mya and Staff Officer U Thet Pyin of

Township Cooperative Department explained matters related to cooperative tasks.

Director U Win Aung read the report of BODs and Head of Township Cooperative Department U Soe Tint (Audit) submitted the audit report.

Myanma Alin



Iran says reactor at Bushehr nuclear plant has reached full capacity

TEHERAN, 2 Sept — Iran's sole operational nuclear power reactor has reached full capacity, a senior official said on Saturday.

Iran's deputy nuclear chief, Mohammad Ahmadian, said the reactor at the Bushehr power plant was brought to its "full capacity of 1,000 megawatts" Friday evening. The reactor went into operation for the first time last year at minimum capacity. The Islamic Republic built the nuclear power plant in the southern Iranian port city with Russian help. The facility is a cornerstone of

Iran's drive to become a technological leader among Muslim nations, with efforts such as an ambitious space programme and long-range missile development. Iran also runs smaller research reactors and is building another power reactor.

The United States and some of its allies believe the Bushehr plant is part of an Iranian attempt to develop nuclear weapons. Iran denies the accusation, saying its nuclear programme is for peaceful purposes. The Bushehr project dates back to 1974, when Iran's US-

backed Shah Mohammed Reza Pahlavi contracted with the German company Siemens to build the reactor. The company withdrew from the project after the 1979 Islamic Revolution brought hard-line clerics to power.

In 1992, Iran signed a \$1 billion deal with Russia to complete the project and work began in 1995. Since then, the project has been beset by problems linked to construction and supply glitches. Under the contract, Bushehr was originally scheduled to come on stream in July 1999 but it was repeatedly



In this 15 Feb, 2012 file photo, released by the Iranian President's Office, claims to show Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, second left being escorted by technicians during a tour of Teheran's research reactor centre in northern Teheran, Iran.— REUTERS

postponed over technical glitches and financial disputes. The reactor finally went into operation last

summer operating with minimum capacity to undergo tests before full operation.— *Internet*

Mexico lowers alert level for simmering volcano

MEXICO CITY, 2 Sept — Mexico has lowered the alert level for the Popocatepetl volcano near Mexico City four months after the simmering giant raised the alarm when it began spewing red-hot fragments of rock. The National Centre for Disaster Prevention said on Saturday it had cut the warning level to yellow phase two from yellow phase three after emergency services concluded there was now no imminent danger for people outside the 7.5-mile (12-km) radius of an exclusion zone around Popocatepetl's crater.

The centre last raised the alert level on 16 April. Thereafter, heightened activity by the 17,900-foot (5,450-metre) volcano prompted nearby schools to be shut on some days and the brief closure of the city of Puebla's airport.

Lying some 50 miles to the southeast of Mexico City, Popocatepetl has belched smoke and ash sporadically over the last few years. A big eruption in 2000 forced the evacuation of nearly 50,000 residents in three states surrounding the volcano.

Reuters



A team parades during the International Military Music Festival at Red Square in Moscow, on 1 Sept, 2012. Military bands from different countries participate in the annual tattoo. — XINHUA

Urumqi ready for China-Eurasia Expo

URUMQI, 2 Sept — Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region in northwest China has made all necessary preparations to host a "safe and fruitful" China-Eurasia Expo in its capital Urumqi, a local official said on Saturday. Zhu Hailun, secretary of Urumqi's city committee of the Communist Party of China, said the city has made all necessary preparations to make the week-long event "safe, pragmatic, festive and impressive." The second China-Eurasia Expo will open on Sunday, attended by Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao and some foreign leaders.

The city has made

complete overhauls of the environment by improving sanitation, increasing green and reinforcing city management. It has also strengthened security by upgrading security-check equipment and implementing strict checking rules at the venues of the expo, Zhu said. The China-Eurasia Expo was upgraded from a regional trade fair, the 19-year-old China Urumqi Foreign Economic Relations and Trade Fair, in September 2011 when the first expo was held. The expo strives to become an ideal cooperation platform for Eurasian region by using the geographic advantage of

Xinjiang.

At the invitation of the expo's organizing committee, President of Kyrgyzstan Almazbek Atambayev, President of the Maldives Mohammed Waheed Hassan, Prime Minister of Cambodia Hun Sen, Prime Minister of Kazakhstan Karim Massimov, Prime Minister of Tajikistan Akil Akilov, Second Vice President of Afghanistan Mohammad Khalili and Deputy Prime Minister of Turkey Ali Babacan will attend the expo, according to a press release from the Foreign Ministry on Saturday.

Xinhua

Angola's Dos Santos secures big election win

LUANDA, 2 Sept — Angola's long-serving President Jose Eduardo dos Santos and his MPLA party scored a landslide win on Saturday in an election criticized as one-sided and not credible by opponents and civil society activists, according to provisional results.

The results from Friday's voting announced by the National Elections Commission showed the governing party with 74 percent of the vote - far ahead of its nearest rivals with votes counted from over 70 percent of polling stations. Under a new constitution introduced in 2010, the MPLA win means Dos Santos, who turned 70 this week, is elected for a further five-year term on top of the nearly 33 years he has already served as leader of Africa's No 2 oil producer.

Angola's seaside capital was calm and there were no signs of any celebration or uproar in the streets, which indicated the overwhelming MPLA victory in only the third election since independence from Portugal in 1975 was widely anticipated. Silver-haired Dos Santos is Africa's second longest serving leader after Equatorial Guinea's President Teodoro Obiang Nguema Mbasogo.

The provisional results gave the MPLA's closest challenger, former rebel group UNITA, nearly 18 percent, while the third-placed CASA-CE party was approaching five percent in its first election test after being formed by UNITA dissident Abel Chivukuvuku four months ago. Chivukuvuku told reporters his party, which along with UNITA had complained repeatedly of serious irregularities in the vote preparations and the electoral process, was analyzing the results before deciding whether to accept or reject them.

But another prominent CASA-CE member, candidate for Luanda William Tonet, dismissed the provisional results as "cheating taken to its maximum level". "This is like a declaration of war by the MPLA ... it indicates to citizens that there can be no alternative through the electoral route," he told *Reuters*. Sources at UNITA said party president Isaias Samakuva would challenge the announced results.

Reuters

S Korea's industrial lending growth accelerates in Q2

SEOUL, 2 Sept — South Korea's industrial lending growth accelerated in the second quarter on the back of strong demand from the service sector, data by the central bank showed on Sunday. Outstanding corporate loans by depository corporations, including banks and non-bank institutions, totaled 785.5 trillion won (692.68 billion US dollars) as of the end of June, up 9.8 trillion won from three months earlier, according to the Bank of Korea (BOK).

The second-quarter growth was faster than a 6.5 trillion won increase for the first quarter. The faster increase came amid strong demand from service companies. Banks lent a total of 625.8 trillion won to local companies as of end-June, up 8.6 trillion won from three months before. Non-bank depository corporations, including mutual savings banks, credit unions and community credit co-operatives, extended 159.7 trillion won in corporate loans.

Loans owed by service firms to depository corporations grew 5.8 trillion

won in the second quarter, a turnaround from a 3.1 trillion won contraction for the first quarter. Loans for manufacturers increased 4.6 trillion won during the April-June period, but the growth was lower than a 9.9 trillion won increase for the first quarter.— *Xinhua*



Popocatepetl volcano near Mexico City.—INTERNET

EU worried over Hungary, Romania institutions: paper

PARIS, 2 Sept — A top European Union official praised court rulings in Hungary and Romania which rejected widely criticized attempts to entrench their ruling parties in power, but said she remained worried about both countries' institutions. Viviane Reding, the European Commission's vice president in charge of justice, told *Le Monde* newspaper that Hungary was one of the most worrying cases and cited the government's bid to lower the retirement age for judges — thrown out in July as unconstitutional.

Hungary's top court, ruling against the legislation, said it would be a threat to the

independence of the judiciary, echoing criticism by the European Union. The conservative ruling party Fidesz also used its two-thirds majority in parliament to pass a new constitution, which critics saw as cementing its grip on power by taking budget issues and other areas of law out of the top court's jurisdiction. "That state remains one of those which worry me the most," Reding was quoted as saying in the interview, published on Saturday. "The courts there must be independent."

"All the problems haven't been resolved, but the worst has been avoided thanks, there as well, to a coalition of

European institutions jointly voicing their worry," she said. Turning to another ex-communist European state, Romania, which recently experienced a political crisis, Reding said the worst had been avoided there too. In Romania, Prime Minister Victor Ponta's leftist alliance tried to dismiss his rival, right-wing President Traian Basescu, suspending him in July and holding a referendum on whether to impeach him. The Constitutional Court ruled the referendum invalid because turnout fell short of the 50 percent required. Parliament accepted the decision on Monday and agreed to reinstate Basescu.— *Reuters*

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Tiny gravity changes show magma’s underground movements

WASHINGTON, 2 Sept—The secret movements of magma deep inside a volcano can be detected by tracking the subtle changes in gravity they cause. Surprising readings from a Hawaiian volcano have researchers hoping to better understand volcanic activity through gravity monitoring. Continuous gravity measurements of active volcanoes are relatively rare, with most results coming from Mount Etna in Italy. “One problem is the expense,” researcher Michael Poland, a geophysicist at the US Geological Survey’s Hawaiian Volcano Observatory, explained. “Gravity measurements have always been a really expensive endeavor. The big users are oil and mining companies.” Now scientists have monitored the gravity at Kīlauea, a popular tourist destination on Hawaii’s Big Island, and discovered a regular cycle of fluctuations that suggest magma is

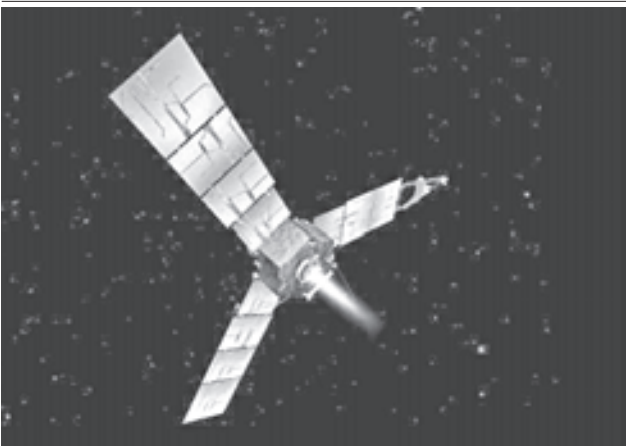
churning a kilometre (0.6 miles) below the surface. The way magma churns in underground chambers below volcanic vents is key to understanding how persistent volcanoes are, and whether or not they might catastrophically erupt in the future. However, what goes on deep under the Earth’s surface is difficult to monitor. One way to peer underground is by looking at Earth’s gravity, the researchers said. Anything that has mass has a gravity field that



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pulls objects toward it. The strength of this field depends on the amount of mass. Since the Earth’s mass is not spread out evenly, this means the strength of the planet’s

gravitational pull is stronger in some places and weaker in others. As such, the flow of magma from one place to another can be detected from above.—Internet



This artist’s concept depicts NASA’s Juno spacecraft during a burn of its main engine.—INTERNET

Jupiter mission makes orbit adjustment

PASADENA, 2 Sept—NASA’s Juno mission to Jupiter has successfully changed its orbit in preparation for a 2016 arrival at the giant gas planet, the space agency says.

In performing its first deep-space maneuver, the spacecraft initiated the first of two planned firings of its main engine to refine the spacecraft’s trajectory, setting the stage for a gravity assist from a flyby of Earth 9 Oct,

2013, that will send it on its way for arrival at Jupiter 4 July, 2016, NASA Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, Calif, said on Thursday.

The engine was fired for 29 minutes, 39 seconds, changing the spacecraft’s velocity by about 770 mph, JPL said. “This first and successful main engine burn is the payoff for a lot of hard work and planning by the operations team,” JPL Juno

Project Manager Rick Nybakken said.

The burn occurred when Juno was more than 300 million miles away from Earth. A second one is planned for 4 Sept. “We still have the Earth flyby and another 1.4 billion miles and four years to go to get to Jupiter,” said Scott Bolton, Juno’s principal investigator at the Southwest Research Institute in San Antonio. Juno was launched 5 Aug, 2011.—Internet

China to artificially breed rare golden monkeys

WUHAN, 2 Sept—China is expected to set up the country’s first artificial breeding base for the endangered golden monkeys within the year.

The base will be set up in the Shennongjia Nature Reserve in central China’s Hubei Province, which is home to about 1,200 golden monkeys, according to the reserve’s management bureau’s research institute.



The base will help increase the population of the endangered golden monkeys in Shennongjia by conquering key technical problems, said Yang Jingyuan, director with the institute.

Regarded as China’s “state treasure,” just like giant pandas, golden monkeys are classified as under top level protection. In natural conditions, the birth rate of Shennongjia golden monkeys is about 4 percent, with the survival rate of monkey cubs at only 6 percent.

“It is still an unsolved scientific question why the golden monkeys in Shennongjia become pregnant between August and October. And the female monkeys can only deliver one cub every two years,” Yang said. He said that, researchers will focus on increasing the monkey’s pregnant probability by human assistance techniques, artificial fertilization and nutritional regulation.—Internet

Facebook ad targeting to use e-mails, phone numbers

SAN FRANCISCO, 2 Sept—A new tool for advertisers lets them target ads to customers who have already used their services.

Facebook plans to roll out a new advertising tool that will let companies target their ads to existing customers based on their phone numbers and e-mail addresses.

The social network is launching the new tool next week and touts it as a way for businesses to reengage with customers who have already used their services, according to a Facebook spokesperson.

For those who may have privacy concerns over this exchange of personal information, the social network said the process is secure.

What this means is Facebook isn’t giving any of your data away, it’s taking existing numbers and addresses from businesses and letting those businesses use the information to target its ads.

On the flipside, Facebook won’t be gaining any new data from businesses. When advertisers give Facebook

your data, it is hashed — a security technique that scrambles your data—before it is fed into the advertising machine. Once the ads are placed, Facebook dumps the hashed data, so that if an advertiser wants to do another ad, the process starts over again.

The new method was available briefly in the Facebook Power Editor, a virtual toolbox used by advertisers to create ads, according to Inside Facebook. Facebook continues to figure out how to improve

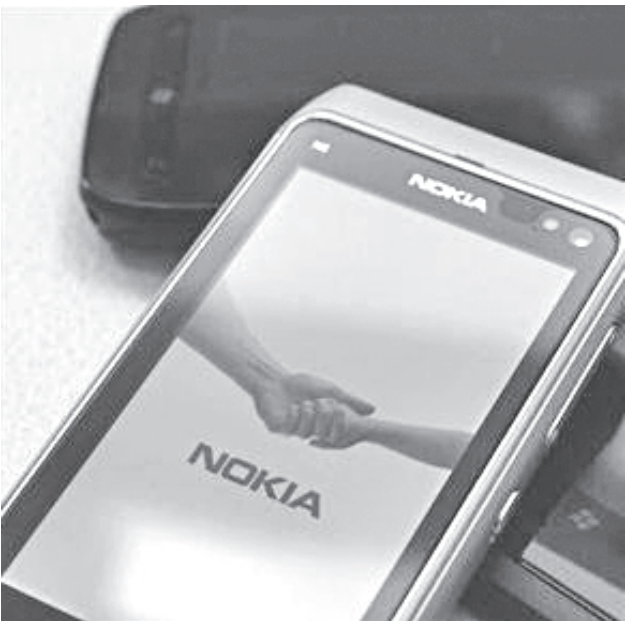


In this photo illustration, a Facebook logo on a computer screen is seen through a magnifying glass held by a woman in Bern on 19 May, 2012. Picture taken on 19 May, 2012.—REUTERS

its advertising service amid revenue reports and forecasts that have not been up to par.

Of course, it’s not the only company expanding its

targeted advertising efforts. Twitter launched a feature today that puts tweets in the streams of a broader audience than before.—Internet



Nokia phones are displayed in a shop in Riga on 18 July, 2012.—INTERNET

Nokia, Microsoft head for “last chance saloon”

NEW YORK, 2 Sept—Microsoft Corp and Nokia Oyj are loading up for their best — and possibly last — shot at denting a smartphone market dominated by Apple Inc’s iPhone and Google Inc’s Android mobile software.

If the new Lumia phones do not appeal to consumers when they are unveiled next Wednesday, it could mean the end for Nokia, and a serious blow to Microsoft’s attempts to regain its footing in the mobile market, analysts and investors said. “This is very high stakes,” said Canaccord Genuity analyst Michael Walkley. “Nokia bet

everything on Windows, and if this doesn’t succeed the next step might be having to do what’s best for shareholders, and that might include selling off key assets or selling the whole company.” The Finnish handset maker has logged more than 3 billion euros in operating losses in the last 18 months, forcing it to cut 10,000 jobs and pursue asset sales.

Its share of the global smartphone market has plunged to less than 10 percent from 50 percent during its heyday before the iPhone was launched in 2007.

For Microsoft, a successful Lumia launch

would convince more handset makers and carriers to support its latest phone software, which is based on the same code as the upcoming Windows 8 computing system, and promises faster performance and a customizable start screen.

Windows phones have only captured 3.7 percent of the global smartphone market, according to Strategy Analytics. Android phones have 68 percent, while Apple has 17 percent.

The new Lumia phones will hit the market just as the world of Android reels from a potentially crushing legal blow, and as Research In

Motion Ltd’s BlackBerry continues its decline.

A California jury decided last week that some of Samsung Electronics Co Ltd’s hot-selling Android smartphones copied features of the iPhone, which may result in import bans and drive handset makers to put more resources into making Windows-based phones. The judgment opens a window for Microsoft to exploit — but it first needs to find favor with consumers.

“Windows Phone really is going to have to stand or fall on its own, it’s going to have to appeal to consumers,” said Jack Gold, an independent mobile analyst who runs consultancy J Gold Associates.—Reuters

Business & Health Business & Health Business & Health

How steady job could benefit diabetic

WASHINGTON, 2 Sept—For people who are diabetic or prone to diabetes, having a steady job appears to be good for their health.

And the benefit lies in their adherence to anti-diabetic medications, and not just because of the insurance coverage, according to a new University of Michigan study.

It found that that jobless working-age people with diabetes are less likely to adhere to their oral anti-diabetic medications than diabetics who are employed.

Further, people of working age with diabetes are more likely to be unemployed than those who do not have diabetes.

The lack of a clear-cut, cause-and-effect relationship between insurance and medication adherence surprised lead researcher Rajesh Balkrishnan of the U-M College of Pharmacy and School of Public Health.

“Improved use of medications is more than just a facet of having medical insurance. It is linked to bigger issues such as being employed, periods of joblessness or a personal financial strain,” said Balkrishnan, who believes that a healthier, active



lifestyle and access to medical care resources through employers that want employees to remain productive play a big role in adherence.

Other factors that account for lack of medication adherence include lack of financial resources, stress due to unemployment and lack of access to health care.

Researchers looked at diabetes because it is one of the most commonly present chronic conditions in working-age adults in the United States, and globally it is the seventh-leading cause of death and the eighth-most costly disease to treat, Balkrishnan said.—Internet



WASHINGTON, 2 Sept—Many doctors and health professionals are encouraging pregnant women to do yoga, as it helps increase their strength and relieve pregnancy discomforts. This form of exercise is favoured by some of

Yoga during pregnancy helps relieve pain, increases endurance

Hollywood’s newest moms like January Jones, Hilary Duff and Pink.

“Yoga during pregnancy helps a woman increase her strength and flexibility, even as her body goes through the dramatic changes of pregnancy,” a news channel quoted Mary Barnes, director and owner at Yoga for Two in New York, as saying.

The postures yoga offers may also prepare women for childbirth and help relieve discomforts, such as back pain and swollen ankles. Apart from building strength and relieving pregnancy discomforts, it also helps increase pain tolerance.

As yoga focuses on lengthening the breath, this creates endurance, calms the mind and can increase a woman’s pain threshold during labour. —Internet

Market value of top 8 cos dips Rs 30k cr; ONGC biggest loser

MUMBAI, 2 Sept—Led by state-owned energy major ONGC, the combined market capitalisation (m-cap) of top eight Sensex companies fell by Rs 30,004 crore last week.

TCS and ITC, however, saw rise in their market value.

RIL, ONGC, CIL, HDFC Bank, NTPC, Infosys, SBI and HUL, on the other hand, witnessed losses in a weak market during the week amid damp investor sentiment.

The BSE 30- scrip index, Sensex, fell about 2 percent during the trading week ended on Friday.

ONGC’s market cap slipped Rs 9,369 crore to Rs 2,36,259 crore. The company’s share price declined 3.81 percent during the week. Coal India was the next big loser as its m-cap plunged Rs 8,938 crore to Rs 2,22,809 crore.

The market value of Infosys fell by Rs 4,140 crore to Rs 1,36,279 crore, while SBI lost Rs 3,342 crore to Rs 1,23,807 crore and RIL Rs 3,285 crore to Rs 2,49,829 crore.

NTPC’s value diminished by Rs 577 crore to Rs 1,38,482 crore, HDFC Bank lost Rs 224 crore to Rs 1,40,197 crore and HUL’s market worth plunged Rs 129 crore to Rs 1,12,002 crore.

In contrast, TCS added Rs 4,756 crore to its m-cap which was Rs 2,63,696 crore, while ITC’s value climbed Rs 1,880 crore to Rs 2,09,573 crore. The top 10 list by m-cap for last week was led by TCS, followed by RIL, ONGC, CIL, ITC, HDFC Bank, NTPC, Infosys, SBI and HUL. —Internet



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NEW DELHI, 2 Sept—Overseas investors pumped in close to Rs 11,000 crore in the Indian stock market in August—highest in six months—amid hopes of government initiatives on policy reforms and easing of monetary policy globally.

Thus, FII investment in the country’s equity market has reached Rs 63,070 crore so far this year, and Rs 24,518 crore in the debt market during the same period.

In August, Foreign Institutional Investors (FIIs) were gross buyers of shares worth Rs 48,136 crore, while they sold equities amounting to Rs 37,332 crore—net inflow

of Rs 10,803 crore (USD 1.94 billion), according to the data available with the market regulator Sebi.

This was the highest net investment by FIIs in stocks since February, when they had infused Rs 25,212 crore. In July, they had pumped in Rs 10,273 crore.

Market experts said that despite slowing economic growth and a high interest rate regime, foreign investors continued to prefer Indian equities on expectations that government would take fresh policy initiatives.

Besides, they said, investors were anticipating monetary policy easing by

the US Federal Reserve and the European Central Bank as global economy remains fragile.

Geojit BNP Paribas Research Head Alex Matthews said, “FII inflow continues, as hopes of policy reform announcements are still alive. But if there are no reform announcements, there might be slowdown in inflow or could be a pause as well.”

However, the current political environment may dashed hopes as the monsoon session of Parliament has been stalled many times following the CAG’s report on coal block sanctions.—Internet

HSBC may exit Karnataka Bank with sale of 4.46% stake

NEW DELHI, 2 Sept—Global banking major HSBC is looking to offload its entire 4.46 percent stake in private sector lender Karnataka Bank, after having exited from three other Indian lenders — Axis Bank, Yes Bank and Federal Bank.

HSBC had invested in all these banks as part of its investment portfolio and began selling these shares about three months ago.

This was part of a global exercise to shore up its capital by liquidating non-strategic holdings.

HSBC has garnered an estimated Rs 2,800 crore through sale of its shares in Yes Bank, Axis Bank and Federal Bank, while its current holding of 83.99 lakh shares (4.46 percent stake) in Karnataka Bank is worth about Rs 70 crore as per current market valuations.

Investment banking sources said the UK-based banking giant would soon look at selling its Karnataka Bank shares, which is held through one of its investment arms, HSBC Bank (Mauritius).

The shares are most likely to be sold through open market transaction, similar to

the sale of shares in other three Indian banks.

While Axis Bank and Yes Bank shares were sold on the same day earlier in June this year, HSBC sold its Federal Bank shares in late-August.

It had sold its holding of nearly five percent stake in Kerala-based private sector lender Federal Bank for a little over Rs 341 crore.

Prior to that, HSBC had sold its 4.75 percent stake in Axis Bank for about Rs 1,880 crore and its 4.76 percent holding in Yes Bank for about Rs 545 crore.

Meanwhile, it may be recalled that HSBC has come under scanner in the recent past for allegations of

inadequate control measures in the US against money laundering and terrorist financing related activities.

Certain Indian authorities, including RBI and Financial Intelligence, are also looking into the role of HSBC and another UK-based global banking major Standard Chartered for alleged lapses on their part.

While Standard Chartered has settled a case with banking regulator of New York, which had charged it of secret transactions involving USD 250 billion with Iran, HSBC has also set aside USD 700 million to cover for any possible penalties against it in the US.—Internet



China says S Asia ties ‘no threat to third party’

COLOMBO, 2 Sept — Chinese Defence Minister Liang Guanglie says Beijing’s increasingly close ties with South Asia are aimed at ensuring regional “security and stability” and are not intended to harm any “third party”. Liang, the first Chinese defence minister to visit Sri Lanka, did not name India — where he heads to Sunday — but officials in New Delhi have expressed concerns about Beijing’s influence in Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, Maldives, Nepal and Pakistan.

India fears it might be part of a Chinese policy to throw a “string of pearls” — a circle of influence — around regional rival India. But in a speech released by Sri Lanka’s military on Saturday, Liang said that China had only peaceful intentions in South Asia, while stressing that the

Indian Ocean was an important supply route for his fast-developing country. Beijing is seeking “harmonious co-existence and mutually beneficial and win-win cooperation” with countries in the region, he told a Sri Lankan army staff college on Thursday, according to a copy of the speech.

In New Delhi, the minister will be a guest of the defence ministry, an Indian government spokesman said, without giving details of what will be discussed. India is warily eyeing growing Chinese clout in what New Delhi regards as its traditional sphere of influence. Liang dismissed the “China-threat theory”. “Some people in the international community suspect that China would take the road of expansion with force and have been actively



This handout photograph released by the Sri Lankan Army shows visiting Chinese Defence Minister Liang Guanglie (R) shaking hands with Sri Lankan Defence Secretary Gotabhaya Rajapakse in Colombo.

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spreading the ‘China-threat theory’,” he said.

“The People’s Liberation Army (China’s armed forces) efforts in conducting friendly exchanges and cooperation with its counterparts in South Asian are intended for maintaining regional security and stability and not targeted at any third party,” he added. Liang said his trip to Colombo

was aimed at further strengthening close ties with Sri Lanka, including military cooperation.

China is a key supplier of weapons to the Sri Lankan military, which in 2009 crushed the Tamil Tiger rebels and declared an end to 37 years of ethnic conflict that claimed up to 100,000 lives on the island, according to UN estimates. — *Internet*

Navy scans ocean for 36 missing off Guinea coast

CONAKRY, (Guinea), 2 Sept — The Guinean navy is scouring the coast off of Guinea’s capital, Conakry, looking for around 36 people still missing after their overloaded canoe capsized in inclement weather.

On Friday, officials retrieved eight bodies, including six women and two children. A forensic doctor at the municipal morgue let an *Associated Press* reporter see the corpses, and pointed out that several had traces of blood coming out of their nose — a sign, he said, that their lungs had burst.

Raphael Bangoura, commander of the port of Bolbinet where the incident happened, said on Saturday that around 65 people were aboard the canoe, and that 21 have been saved. Counting the eight dead, he says that that means roughly 36 people could still be in the water.

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Arrest after China flight threat: state media

BEIJING, 2 Sept — Police in southern China have arrested a man suspected of threatening to blow up a commercial jet, following a similar incident affecting a flight from Beijing, state Press said on Sunday.

Police arrested Xiong Yi, 29, in Dongguan city on Saturday after tracing an anonymous phone call threatening a flight from

Shenzhen airport on Thursday, *Xinhua* news agency said.

Xiong confessed that he warned airport officials that explosives would be detonated on a Shenzhen Airlines flight 45 minutes after take-off, forcing air controllers to divert the flight, the report said. After inspecting the grounded plane, police found no

dangerous items on board, it said.

The incident happened a day after an Air China plane bound for New York was forced to return to Beijing following a similar unspecified threat.

After police determined that no dangerous materials were on that flight, the Air China plane flew to New York following a delay of several hours. Authorities are still investigating the incident, while Beijing airport authorities warned passengers to be prepared for increased security measures, state media said on Sunday.

In June, six members of China’s Uighur minority tried to hijack a Chinese domestic flight departing from a restive city in the far-western Xinjiang region, but crew members and passengers thwarted them, authorities said. The Tianjin Airlines plane, bound for the Xinjiang capital of Urumqi, returned safely to the airport in Hotan city after a struggle between the hijackers and the crew members and passengers.

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innovate. China’s auto sales and output both witnessed an average 20-percent annual growth over the past decade, according to the official. However, the world’s largest auto market faces a potential overcapacity problem after that explosive growth over the past decade, said Chen Bin, director of the Industrial Coordination Department of the National Development and Reform Commission, China’s top economic planner.

Xinhua

Brand-building urged amid overcapacity in car sector

TIANJIN, 2 Sept — Automobile experts on Saturday urged Chinese car companies to set their sights on strong brands in a market that is predominantly taken up by overseas giants such as Volkswagen and General Motors.

Currently, China’s car sector still relies heavily upon overseas technologies, with joint venture companies producing and selling about three quarters of sedans sold

here, said Su Bo, Vice Minister of Industry and Information Technology.

“Joint venture companies, meanwhile, still mainly make products with imported technologies, and China has not become a major player yet in independent innovations,” Su said at an international car forum held in Tianjin in north China. Chinese car firms have almost no place in the luxury car market, which is dominated

by well-established names such as Audi, BMW and Mercedes-Benz. In a recent development, US auto maker Ford announced that it will introduce its luxury Lincoln brand to China in the second half of 2014.

Su warned that long-term dependence on overseas technologies and brands may further weaken Chinese companies’ ability to establish their own brands and improve their ability to

Sluggish foreign trade brings woe to shipping industry

CHANGCHUN, 2 Sept — Industry insiders warned that China’s shipping industry would face a difficult situation within the year as a result of slump in import and export growth. “It would be more difficult (for the sector) in the second half of the year than in the first half,” said Chang Dechuan, chairman of the board of Qingdao Port (Group) Co, Ltd, on Saturday.

“Port and shipping enterprises need to be well prepared as the global economic downturn would mire the import and export in the next two to three years, and the situation is compounded by uncertainties in domestic economy,” Chang made the comments while attending an enterprise forum in Changchun, capital of northeastern province of Jilin. Profit growth for port enterprises has dwindled, judging from the performance of listed companies, while shipping enterprises have suffered great losses due to global over-capacity.

Shanghai-listed China Ocean Shipping (Group) Company (COSCO) witnessed a loss of 4.87 billion yuan (773 million US dollars) in the first half of the year, and it projected a further loss for the first three quarters, mainly due to the global economic downturn and the slowdown in China’s economic growth.

Zhang Yansheng, a foreign trade expert with the National Development and Reform Commission, told *Xinhua* that downward pressure on import and export might ease in the second half of the year, but that trend is not fundamental.

“Neither overseas demand nor domestic demand will improve significantly, and that trend could last for several years,” Zhang said. Zhang Liang, an analyst with GF Securities Co, Ltd, said profits of port enterprises in Q3 might drop from a year ago as a result of decreasing throughput and rising labour cost.

Xinhua

British couple discovers Middle Ages well under living room

PLYMOUTH, 2 Sept — A British couple finally figured out why their living room floor wasn’t level when they took up the floorboards and discovered a 33-foot deep well that historians say dates back to Shakespeare’s day. Colin Steer had long puzzled over why a section of the floor near his couch seemed to give when someone stepped on it, according to the *Telegraph*. Several years ago, he did some investigating and found the brick shaft filled in with loose dirt.

“I was replacing the joists in the floor when I noticed a slight depression — it appeared to be filled in with the foundations of the house,” Steer, of Plymouth, Devon, told the paper. But Steer initially only dug about a foot deep into the shaft. “I dug down about one foot but my wife just wanted to me to cover it back up because we had three children running around at the time,” he said.

“I always wanted to dig

it out to see if I could find a pot of gold at the bottom, so when I retired at the end of last year that’s what I started to do.”

Once he retired from his civil service job, he finished the dig and uncovered the ancient well. He also made an exciting discovery — an old rusted sword. “It was hidden at a 45-degree angle and sort of just fell out. It looks like an old peasant’s fighting weapon because it appears to be made up of bits of metal all knocked together,” he told the *Telegraph*.

Steer has since researched the well and discovered it was part of an aqueduct built in the 16th century by Sir Francis Drake to carry water from Dartmoor to Plymouth.

Steer has covered the well with a trapdoor and installed lights in it. He admits he enjoys showing it off. “I love the well and think it’s fascinating,” he said. “I’ve got a piece of Plymouth’s history in my front room.” — *Xinhua*



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US special forces suspend training of Afghans

WASHINGTON, 2 Sept — The commander of US special forces in Afghanistan has suspended training for all new Afghan recruits until Afghan soldiers are re-investigated for ties to insurgents, *The Washington Post* reported. The newspaper said the re-vetting process will affect more than 27,000 Afghan troops.

The suspension comes in response to the killing of at least 45 US troops this year by their Afghan colleagues. “We have a very good vetting process,” the paper quotes an unnamed senior special operations official as saying. “What we learned is that you just can’t take it for granted. We probably should have

had a mechanism to follow up with recruits from the beginning.”

According to *The Post*, numerous military guidelines were not followed by either Afghans or Americans because of concerns that they might slow the growth of the Afghan army and police. NATO has some 130,000 troops in Afghanistan fighting the Taliban’s decade-long insurgency alongside government forces.

Most of the NATO troops are set to withdraw by the end of 2014 in a US-designed transition process that will put Afghan security forces in charge of security for their war-battered country. The process is



File photo of US army special forces in Afghanistan. The commander of US special forces in Afghanistan has suspended training for all new Afghan recruits until Afghan soldiers are re-investigated for ties to insurgents
The Washington Post reported.— INTERNET

already under way, with security responsibilities of about half of the Afghan population transferred to the local security forces. The

Taliban have stepped up their attacks in recent months as part of efforts by the insurgency to undermine the transition process.— *Internet*

Strong quake, but minimal effects: Philippine gov’t

MANILA, 2 Sept — The Philippine government said on Saturday that the strong earthquake that hit the eastern provinces of central and southern parts of the country on Friday night has just caused minimal effects.

The National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (NDRRMC) reported on Saturday noon that only one woman from southern Cagayan de Oro City died in a landslide caused by the earthquake; besides the victim, there were cracks on some roads and bridges and other establishments in areas where the quake was felt.

“It’s good that the damage was not severe or huge,” deputy presidential spokesperson Abigail Valte said on Saturday in an interview over state-run radio station.

The Philippine Institute of Volcanology and Seismology (Phivolcs) explained that the earthquake created minimal damage because its centre was very far from the nearest shore of the country. The earthquake transpired about 112 kilometers off the eastern Philippine city of Guiuan and as of Saturday night, 196 aftershocks were recorded.

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A bulk carrier sits after running aground in 2009 in front of the Table Bay beach on the outskirts of Cape Town, South Africa. Oil from the Turkish bulk carrier that ran aground three years ago was spilling onto two beaches on Saturday, officials said.

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Oil spilling from Turkish bulk carrier wreck off Cape Town

CAPE TOWN, 2 Sept — Oil from a Turkish bulk carrier that ran aground three years ago off the coast of Cape Town, South Africa’s prime tourist city, was spilling onto two beaches, officials said.

Investigations on Saturday showed the vessel had disintegrated into three pieces, Cape Town city disaster management spokesman Wilfred Solomons-Johannes said. “It is believed the rough seas and high spells that were experienced on yesterday

(Friday)... resulted in the movement of the vessel and caused the oil spill from the vessel,” he said.

Aerial investigations “established that a thick layer of bunker oil has washed ashore and that large quantities of oil is still in the water in the vicinity of the SELI1 vessel that ran aground on 07 September 2009,” he said. “Black oil fingers” of up to 500 metres radius originating from the vessel was trickling toward the city’s Dolphin Beach, he added.

Efforts to clean the oil were suspended until Monday due to rough seas.

The Panamanian-registered, and Turkish-operated ship was carrying 30,000 tons of coal and 600 tons of heavy fuel when it developed engine problems in September 2009 while on its way to Gibraltar. It has since remained there and South African authorities require 40 million rand (\$4.7 million, 4 million euros) to clear the wreckage.

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Double suicide attack kills 12 in Afghanistan

KABUL, 2 Sept — Two suicide attackers, one driving a fuel tanker, blew themselves up near a US base in eastern Afghanistan on Saturday, killing at least 12 people, officials said.

The attack around dawn in the town of Sayed Abad in Wardak Province, about 70 kilometres (40 miles) from Kabul, served as a reminder that even after a decade of fighting, tens of thousands of US and foreign troops are still engaged in a war that shows no signs of slowing down despite the start of a withdrawal of coalition forces.

The US-led NATO coalition said that no American or coalition troops were killed in the blasts. It confirmed that a number of troops were wounded, but did not say how many, in accordance with coalition policy.

Shahidullah Shadid, a spokesman for the Wardak provincial governor, said one suicide bomber

detonated a vest rigged with explosives outside a compound housing the district governor’s office as well as local police and Afghan army headquarters.

A second bomber driving a fuel tanker detonated his bomb on a road separating the compound from the base.

Shadid said the dead included eight civilians and four Afghan police. Taliban spokesman Zabiullah Mujahid claimed responsibility for the attack, which he said was targeting the US base.

Government officials said the first attacker blew himself up to try to eliminate the Afghan security force guarding the compound and clear the way for the truck to hit the base down the road from the governor’s complex.

The second bomber then blew up the fuel tanker as he was approaching the base. One of the town’s main bazaars is also located near

the bomb site.

“A small explosion happened followed by a big one caused by a truck,” said eyewitness Hamidullah, who like many Afghans goes by one name.

“In these explosions a lot of people were wounded and also a large number of shops were destroyed. I fell down on the ground and everything around me was destroyed.”

Officials said the second blast was far larger than the first. “It was a very powerful explosion. It broke windows all over the area,” said provincial police chief Gen. Abdul Qayum Bakizai. “Most of the injuries are from broken glass from the windows of homes and shops. It was so powerful we couldn’t find much of the truck.”

The governor’s office said in a statement that 59 people were wounded — 2 NATO troops, 47 civilians and ten Afghan police officers.— *Internet*

Pilot whales come ashore in Florida, 17 dead

MIAMI, 2 Sept — Twenty-two short-finned pilot whales beached themselves along Florida’s Atlantic coast on Saturday, and 17 died despite a day-long effort to save them, authorities said. Five calves and juveniles were rescued and taken to a nearby rehabilitation centre, according to Carli Segelson of the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission.

She said the others, males and females, died of natural causes or were euthanized. The creatures, which are the biggest in the dolphin family after killer whales, came ashore near Fort Pierce, on Florida’s south-central Atlantic coast. The US National Park Service, Florida Fish and Wildlife and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration participated in the rescue effort.

Segelson said pilot whales, which

are considered highly intelligent, are a species that commonly strand themselves on beaches around the globe. Such incidents often have been blamed on infestations of parasites that affect the whales’ brains and their ability to stay on course. They normally stick to deep waters, where they feed on a diet that includes squid and octopus.

The cause of Saturday’s beaching was not immediately clear. Allison Garrett of NOAA said necropsies might help explain what drove the mammals ashore. “These are very social animals,” Garrett said. “If one of them is sick and goes and strands, the others will stay with it, they won’t leave.” Male pilot whales, which are normally dark black and larger than their female counterparts, can grow to about 20 feet and tip the scales at as much as three tons.— *Reuters*

Iraqi workers stand outside the second refinery for crude oil in the Al-Dora refinery complex during its official opening ceremony in Baghdad in September 2010. Iraq’s oil exports reached their highest level in more than three decades last month as the country’s output has continued to increase, oil ministry officials said.

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Iraq oil exports highest in more than 30 years

BAGHDAD, 2 Sept — Iraq’s oil exports reached their highest level in more than three decades last month as the country’s output has continued to increase, oil ministry officials said on Saturday.

Overall exports averaged 2.565 million barrels per day (bpd), bringing in \$8.442 billion in revenues on the back of average oil prices of \$106 per barrel, Falah al-Amiri, head of the State Oil Marketing Organization, said. Exports averaged 2.516 million bpd in July. “The level of exports was the highest in more than 30 years,” said ministry spokesman Assem

Jihad. Amiri said oil production currently averaged around 3.2 million bpd.

Iraq has proven reserves of 143.1 billion barrels of oil and 3.2 trillion cubic metres (111.9 trillion cubic feet) of gas, both of which are among the largest in the world. Crude exports account for the lion’s share of government income, and Baghdad is looking to dramatically ramp up both production and sales in the coming years, bringing in much-needed cash to rebuild its conflict-battered economy.— *Internet*

YANGON, 2 Sept—Film, literature and music associations are civil society. Members need to set rules and regulations themselves and adhere to them in the society. Civil society takes the same form in the international context, said Union Minister for Information U Aung Kyi as Union ministers and those artistes met at Myanmar Motion Picture Organization on Winkaba Street in Bahan Township, here this morning.

Union Minister U Aung Kyi said that he would seek advices from professionals in arts field and cooperate with them, adding that he would keep on sticking to three principles, faith and sacrifice, truth and honesty and, cooperation and coordination which he has always upheld.

Patron of Myanmar Motion Picture Organization Bogale U Tint Aung extended greetings and Chairman U Zin Waing explained about Myanmar film and video industry.

Union Minister at the President Office U Soe Thein promised to give a helping hand if he be of help. The wrong should not be remained as it is and must be mended. He

Artistes to serve as coordinator between government and people



Union Minister for Information U Aung Kyi meets chairman of Myanmar Motion Picture Organization and executives, Myanmar Video Organization (Central) and executives and those of film and movie industries.—MNA

promised to work for the best results provided the time is sufficient.

Union Minister at the President Office U Aung Min said film is the pioneer of the youth, calling on directors and scriptwriters to discourage the youth from indulging in wrongdoings. Artistes have their audience

and can bridge between the government and the people, said the Union minister, urging them to act as coordinator between the government and the people.

Present on the occasion apart from the Union ministers were Deputy Minister at the President Office U Aung Thein, Managing

Director of Myanmar Motion Picture Enterprise U Aung Myo Myint and personnel, patrons, the chairman and executives of Myanmar Motion Picture Organization, the chairperson and executives of Myanmar Video Organization (central), producers and those engaged in film and video industry.—MNA

Effective information exchange system needed to prevent price fluctuation: Union Commerce Minister



NAY PYI TAW, 2 Sept—Union Minister for Commerce U Win Myint together with the Shan State finance and revenue minister, and personnel of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce

and Industry met chairpersons and members of brokerages in Lashio on 29 August.

The Union Minister speaking on the occasion, called on brokerages to design effective information exchange system to prevent

price fluctuation under unordinary circumstances. He then invited suggestions for economic and commercial development, urging them to report the barriers encountered in transaction process.

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Transport Ministry seeks suggestions from entrepreneurs, scholars

NAY PYI TAW, 2 Sept—The Ministry of Transport will listen to the suggestions of departmental heads, scholars and entrepreneurs in implementing economic reforms, Union Transport Minister U Nyan Tun Aung yesterday said at the workshop for construction

of international ports in Yangon.

He also said 77 percent of port business is being operated by private sector with the possibilities of greater participation. Yangon port with 18 wharfs and Thilawa port with six and three container sheds

are handling 85 percent of export and import of the country.

He said that neither policy nor management is exception in reform process in meeting with staff of Inland Water Transport at Ahlon dockyard.

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Work coord meeting focuses on successfully holding 19th Performing Arts Competitions

YANGON, 2 Sept—A work-coordination meeting between the scrutinizing committees for successfully holding the 19th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions for 2012 in Yangon Region was held at the meeting hall of Yangon Region government's office, here, yesterday morning, with an address by Patron of the leading committee for holding Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions for 2012 Yangon Region

Chief Minister U Myint Swe.

The Region Chief Minister said, in his speech, that the 19th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions for 2012 needs to be held in line with five objectives laid down by the State and that it needs to strictly select participants through Region level competitions for central-level competition is drawing near, to focus on advices from senior artistes in Yangon Region, to make preparation tasks after reviewing weakness

of the previous-year competition and to lend a hand to Yangon Region team to succeed in the competition.

Chairman of the leading committee for holding the 19th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions for 2012 Yangon Region Minister for finance and revenue Daw San San Nwe, senior artistes and those present on the occasion presented reports on their preparation tasks for holding Region level competition, selecting and training.—MNA

Flood victims in Thabaung Tsp provided with relief aids

NAY PYI TAW, 2 Sept—Deputy Minister for Industry U Thein Aung together with Region Hluttaw Representatives U Win Thein and U Saw Lay Htaw inspected embarking of rice bags to be donated to flood victims at Thabaung Jetty in Thabaung Township yesterday.

The deputy minister and party donated 70 bags of rice for 480 households at Thayettaw Village. Speaking on the occasion, the deputy minister called for re-cultivation of rice plants in time. They then donated 100 bags of rice for 630 households at Kwaytauwin Village and 30 bags of rice for 121 households at Nannanbingon Village.

On 23, 24 August, the deputy minister presented rice, clothes, utensils and notebooks for flood victims in Thabaung Township. The Industry Ministry has so far donated K 7,638,000.—MNA

Ngamoeyeik water treatment plant project completed by 84 per cent

YANGON, 2 Sept—Yangon Region Minister for Development Affairs Yangon Mayor U Hla Myint inspected public activities for prevention against common diseases and talks on health educative knowledge on Yangyiaung street in Ward 5 of Mayangon Township, repaving of Lower Mingaladon Road in Insein Township, laying of 32-inch diameter water pipeline between Khayebin Junction to Gyobu-Hlawga Pipelines in Mingaladon Township, laying of 48-inch diameter water pipeline between Khayebin Junction and Ngamoeyeik water treatment plant in Hmawby Township, operating of water treatment plant of Yangon City water supply project (Ngamoeyeik) near Nyaunghnapin Camp of Hmawby Township, construction of ACH machine, and progress of water supply project for the second phase

yesterday morning.

The first phase of the water treatment plant was completed in 2005 and it supplies 45 million gallons of water to the people daily. With the aim of supplying safe water to the people for the second phase, the project is under implementation.

At present, the project has completed by 84 per cent. On completion, a total of 45 more million gallons of water can be supplied to the Yangon city dwellers.—MNA



Farmers prepare for re-cultivation of paddy in Kyaunggon Township



KYAUNGGOON, 2 Sept—Floods in some townships of Ayeyawady Region destroyed farmlands.

The government provided assistance for substituted cultivation of monsoon paddy and wellwishers, assistance to local farmers.

When floods have

subsided, local farmers are making preparations for cultivation of monsoon paddy.

On 27 August, a talk on re-cultivation of monsoon paddy and agricultural technique was held at the hall of Kyaunggon Township General Administration Department.

Deputy Director-General U Aye Tun of Agriculture Department explained the plans to grow the crops. Head of District Agriculture Department U Sai Kya Ohn discussed substituted cultivation of crops and paddy and replied to queries raised by local farmers.—*Myanma Alin*

Environmental conservation talked in Bago

BAGO, 2 Sept—The talks on eradication of illegal timber extraction and environmental conservation took place in Kali Village of Bago Township in Bago District of Bago Region at 2 pm on 30 August.

In-charge of Bago Township Forest Department Senior Forester U Thein Shwe gave talks on eradication of illegal timber extraction and environmental conservation. In-charge of forest block U Than Zaw Tun explained matters related to the Forest Law.

Myanma Alin

Kyaiklat Township breeding fish and growing paddy



KYAIKLAT, 2 Sept—Cultivation of crops plays an important role in ensuring local food sufficiency while the role of livestock breeding is also important.

Fish breeding is being undertaken at farmlands on a

manageable scale.

A ceremony to release fingerlings to paddy farm of U Myat Thein was held in Hleiseik Village of Kyaiklat Township on 25 August morning.

Head of Pyapon District Fisheries Department U Thet Aye, Township Administrator U Aung Naing, Head of Township Fisheries Department U Aye Min and staff, members of the township agricultural committee, Hleiseik village administrator and local people released fingerlings to the paddy farm.

Next, officials distributed 150,000 fingerlings to 35 farmers to set them free. By breeding fish in the paddy field, the local people can produce paddy and fish. With out digging the lake, the local people can undertake agricultural and livestock breeding tasks on a commercial scale. Fish and paddy integrated farming can earn increased income.

Myanma Alin

Crime News

Stimulant tablets seized in Nyaungshwe Township

NYAUNGSHWE, 2 Sept—Members of Taunggyi Special Anti-Drug Squad, Office of District Police Force and Nyaungshwe Township Police Force searched the house of Myo Tint (a) Myoi Swe Tint, 40, son of U Thaung of Ward 4 in Mongli at 5 pm on 30 August. They seized 200 WY brand pink stimulant tablets worth K 800,000 and K 450,000 in cash.

The combined team searched the house of Mee To

(a) Khin Myo Lwin, 32, daughter of U Soe Wai of Mongli Ward 5 and seized 10 WY brand orange colour stimulant tablets worth K 4000 and K 55000 as proceeds from her bed. The team also seized two WY brand green colour stimulant tablets and one pink stimulant tablet worth K 12000 and 119,000 in cash from the house of Aung Cho (a) Maung Pyone, 43 of Thalay Village of Nyaungshwe Township.

Myanma Alin

Motor road repaired for better transport in Thabaung after floods

THABAUNG, 2 Sept—A total of 314 villages from 63 village-tracts and three wards, farmlands, schools and departmental offices were flooded and inundated due to heavy rains and overflow of rivers in Thabaung Township of Ayeyawady Region in August.

In the incident, a total of 83974 people of 19126 households became flood victims.

As of 4 August, the relief camps are kept open for



flood victims in the township and accommodated them.

The Government, social organizations and wellwisher people donate relief aids to the victims daily. The Union government provided assistance to needy people for their travel charge to go to school.

Departments concerned repaired damaged roads for better transport.

On 28 August, basic education schools were reopened, said an officials of the township.

However, the victims are facing basic needs and students difficulties till today, said a local.—*Kyemon*

District News

PERFORMING ARTS COMPETITIONS OPENED: The 19th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions of Pakokku District was opened at Pyithaya Hall of Pakokku on 30 August. Patron of the Organizing Committee Deputy Commissioner U Khin Maung Yi formally opens the competitions.
MYANMA ALIN



Township Administrator's Cup Football Tournament wraps up

NAY PYI TAW, 2 Sept—The Ottarathiri Township Administrator's Cup Monsoon Football

Tournament was held at Ottarathiri Football Ground on 29 August afternoon.

Member of Nay Pyi Taw

Council U Saw Hla enjoyed the final match in which Mignon Village-tract played against Maungyan Village-tract.

After that, Acting Township Administrator U Zeya Min presented the first prize to Mignon Village-tract. The commander of Township Police Force gave the second prize to Maungyan Village-tract, and the head of Township Immigration and National Registration Department awarded the third prize to Zalaung Village-tract.

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Fingerlings released into paddy fields in Momauk

MOMAUK, 2 Sept—Under the supervision of Bhamo District Fisheries Department of Kachin State, fingerling releasing ceremony was held at paddy field No. 173 in Momauk Township on 24 August.

At the ceremony, Deputy Commissioner U

Teza Aung of Bhamo District General Administration Department, Momauk Township Administrator U Nyan Hlaing, Head of District Fisheries Department Daw Nyunt May, Chairperson of District Women's Affairs Organization Daw Aye Mya Mya Khaing, Chairperson of Township Women's Affairs

Organization Daw Swe Zin Win, members of social organizations and departmental officials released fingerlings into the paddy field.

So far, Momauk Township has set over 200,000 fingerlings free at Nammauk Creek.

Myanma Alin

TRAFFIC RULES TALKED: The traffic rules refresher course No. 4/2012 was opened at Yangon North District All Private Bus-line Control Committee No. 3 branch at Myoma Hall of Hlegu on 25 August. Course instructor IP Kya Nyo of Thiri Myaing Police Training School gives talks on traffic rules.
MYANMA ALIN





Angela Serpas cries as she sees her flooded home for the first time since Hurricane Isaac pushed a 10-foot storm surge into Braithwaite, La, on 1 Sept, 2012. —INTERNET

NEW ORLEANS, 2 Sept — As the remnants of Hurricane Isaac pushed their way up the Mississippi valley on Saturday, spinning off severe thunderstorms and at least four tornadoes, some on the Gulf

Coast were impatient with the pace of restoring power days after the storm dragged through the region. While New Orleans streets were bustling again and workers were returning to offshore oil

As Isaac pushes north, Gulf Coast slowly recovers

rigs, thousands of evacuees couldn't return home to flooded low-lying areas of Louisiana and more than 400,000 sweltering electricity customers in the state remained without power.

Meanwhile, the National Weather Service said two tornadoes touched down in rural areas of north-central Illinois and at least two touched down in rural southeast Missouri.

There were no reports of damage in Illinois, and Missouri officials said some power lines caught on fire. By midday Saturday, the storm had dumped up to 5 inches of rain in parts of Illinois. And the

National Weather Service said it was bringing more rain and some drought relief to parts of the Mississippi and Ohio River Valleys.

In Louisiana, the number without power was down from more than 900,000. However, in heavily populated Jefferson Parish near New Orleans, parish president John Young said Entergy Corp was too slow in restoring electricity. "I don't see boots on the ground," said Young, who complained that he has seen repair trucks sitting idle in a staging area and fielded calls from residents and business owners complaining about a lack of progress.

"We've restored about 45 percent of our customers in about a day and a half, Entergy spokesman Chanel Lagarde said on Saturday. He added that crews have come in from 24 states. "In many situations, crews have driven all day and have worked their 16-hour day and have to rest for the day." As of Saturday night, the company was reporting about 270,000 outages, most in Jefferson and Orleans parishes. New Orleans Mayor Mitch Landrieu said he too was eager to get power back on. "Like everybody else, my patience is wearing thin," he said. — *Internet*

Explosion kills five Boko Haram in northern Nigeria

MAIDUGURI, 2 Sept — Five suspected Boko Haram bombers on Saturday died while two soldiers and a teenager were injured following a bomb explosion in the Nigeria's northeast city of Maiduguri. Military sources told *Xinhua* that the five bombers were killed by the security forces in the city when the fuel-propelled explosion went off.

Spokesperson of the Military-led Joint Task Force (JTF) Lt Col Sagir Musa said in a statement that the bombers attacked a patrol team of the task force at Ruwan Zafi, along Dikwa-Gamboru Road of the metropolis on Friday night.

"Fuel Propelled Improvised Explosive Device was used by the terrorists during the attack which resulted to fire outbreak that burnt some adjoining shops," Musa said, adding "five of the bombers were killed" while two soldiers and a teenager were wounded as a result of the encounter. — *Xinhua*

Sudan says repulses rebel attack in border area

KHARTOUM, 2 Sept — Sudan's army repulsed a rebel attack in the oil-producing border state of South Kordofan, state news agency *SUNA* said on Saturday, in clashes just days before Sudan and South Sudan are set to resume talks on securing their disputed border. South Sudan split away from Sudan last year under a 2005 peace deal that ended decades of civil war, but the two have remained at odds over a range of issues and conflict has continued to plague their borderlands.

One of the most contentious issues has been Khartoum's accusation that Juba is supporting the rebel Sudan People's Liberation Movement-North (SPLM-N) in South Kordofan and other insurgents. South Sudan denies the charge but diplomats say the accusations are credible. Sudan's army said rebels had launched an attack against government forces in the Rashad area in the state's northeast on Thursday, *SUNA* said. "The army repulsed this limited attack," army spokesman Al-Sawarmi Khalid told *SUNA*, adding that several civilians had been wounded when a car ran into a mine rebels had planted on a road near Rashad on Friday.

The SPLM-N was not immediately available for comment. Its spokesman said on Friday its forces had clashed with the army in the Rashad area on Wednesday. Sudan and South Sudan are expected to resume negotiations over border security in Addis Ababa next week, talks delayed because of the funeral for Ethiopia's former Prime Minister Meles Zenawi. The two countries are expected to come under pressure from mediators to reach a partial deal on border security so that they can resume oil exports vital to both economies.

Landlocked South Sudan shut down its oil output in January in a row with Khartoum over how much it should pay to export through Sudan. The two sides reached an interim agreement on fees last month but Sudan says it wants a security deal before crude flows resume. — *Reuters*

Three aboard ill-fated plane found, probably all dead

TAIPEI, 2 Sept — Taipei's rescuers said on Sunday that three people aboard an aerial surveying plane that went missing three days ago in eastern mountain areas were finally found, but preliminary examinations showed they had no signs of life. The news will certainly bring devastation to excruciated relatives who were told just Saturday that the plane was found largely intact and the passengers might have chances of survival.

The fixed-wing plane

took off from Taipei for southeastern Taitung City on Thursday morning, according to Taipei's aviation authorities. It conducted a survey in eastern Yilan and Hualien counties and was expected to land in Taitung. But it went missing after sending out a distress call in an area between Hualien and Taitung. A rescue team using another aerial surveying plane spotted the missing aircraft on Saturday morning in an area some 30 km west of Yuli Township in Hualien County.

The small jet-propeller

plane landed on top of trees and bushes and the aircraft was largely intact, but rescuers found no signs of the two pilots and a survey technician who had been on board.

Dapeng Airlines, which owned the missing plane, said on Saturday that a photo of the scene appeared to show that the plane, with no signs of impact, had made an emergency landing, and it was hoped that the missing passengers will be found alive. — *Xinhua*

Indonesian forces shoot dead two terror suspects

JAKARTA, 2 Sept — Indonesian anti-terrorism forces killed two suspected militants both aged 19 in an armed raid that also left an officer dead after a shoot-out, authorities said on Saturday. "Two terror suspects were killed in Solo, central Java, on Friday night by the anti-terror police unit Detachment 88. One other was arrested," national police spokesman Boy Rafli Amar told reporters. "They were armed and

one of the police officers was also shot dead." Police received a tip-off that the men were involved in the fatal shooting of an officer on Thursday night and were planning more attacks, said national police chief Timur Pradopo. Two weeks earlier, a grenade was also thrown at a Solo police post.

"The men were behind three shootings before Friday's and they are part of a new group that has links to Yasser Ali, spokesman for President Mohammed Morsi. His comments were carried by the official state news agency. Ali said that Defence Minister Abdel-Fattah el-Sissi will soon issue a statement detailing the operations and investigations into the Rafah border attack last month. Ali's comments came following a meeting between Morsi and el-Sissi in which they discussed the developments in Sinai.

As part of the continued operations, authorities said a joint force of police and military troops arrested Saturday a militant wanted for his alleged role in planning and carrying out deadly 2011 attacks on a police station and a bank in the Sinai. — *Internet*



Indonesian plain clothes police officers inspecting the scene of a terrorist raid in Solo. Indonesian anti-terrorism forces killed two suspected militants both aged 19 in an armed raid that also left an officer dead after a shoot-out, authorities said on Saturday. — INTERNET

older terror networks in the area," Pradopo said. "Both the men killed were 19 years old," he told reporters in Solo. National Counter-terrorism Agency chief Ansyahd Mbai said in a text message the men were part of Jemaah Anshorut Tauhid (JAT), founded in 2008 by Indonesia's so-called father of Islamic militancy, Abu Bakar Bashir.

JAT was dubbed a terrorist organization by the United States earlier this year and has been linked to smaller new terror cells on the island of Java. President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono said the teenagers resisted arrest when they were shot outside a shop in Ngruki village, considered a hotbed of militant activity.

They were "not working alone", he said.

Detachment 88 has led a long and successful crackdown on militant groups over the last decade, claiming the scalps of some of the country's most notorious terrorist suspects blamed for major attacks.

The unit has faced criticism, however, for using excessive force and targeting separatists and pro-independence activists. Muslim-majority Indonesia suffered a series of deadly attacks over the last decade by terror network Jemaah Islamiyah — blamed for the Bali bombings in 2002 that left 202 dead — but there has not been a major incident in recent years. — *Internet*

Egypt: Top militant arrested in Sinai

EL-ARISH, 2 Sept — Egypt said on Saturday that it had arrested a high-level Islamist militant convicted of killing troops in the Sinai Peninsula, vowing to keep up military operations to "cleanse" the volatile desert region. Officials said the military would soon issue a detailed report on its operations in the Sinai, now in their fourth week, that started after a brazen attack by extremists on a border outpost on 5 August killed 16 soldiers. The announcements seemed intended to offset reports that Egypt's Islamist president is using former jihadists to mediate with radical Islamists in Sinai, trying to ensure a halt in militant attacks in return for stopping the military offensive in the

lawless peninsula.

The government has repeatedly tried to underplay talks of a tit-for-tat agreement, amid criticism that negotiations with radicals may give the hard-core

Islamist groups a de facto recognition. "Operations proceed to cleanse the Sinai. There are geographical considerations among other things that determine the course of the operation," said



Egyptian security forces stand by their Armoured Personell Carriers ahead of a military operation in the northern Sinai peninsula on 8 August. — INTERNET



At least 15 people were injured in a grenade blast in southern Philippines late Saturday, military officials said on Sunday morning.— XINHUA

15 wounded in grenade blast in S Philippines

DAVAO CITY, 2 Sept—At least 15 people were injured in a grenade blast in southern Philippines late Saturday, military officials said on Sunday morning. Major Jacob Obligado, commander of the army's 10th civil-military operations battalion said the incident happened in Fatima village, Paquibato District, Davao City around 9:25 pm local time.

Obligado told Xinhua by text message the grenade went off as villagers watched a circus performance during festivities there. The scene of incident is about 30 km from

the city proper and is closest to nearby Panabo City, Davao del Norte Province to the north.

"Soldiers providing security in the area reported 15 civilians were wounded and rushed to Rivera Hospital in Panabo," the military spokesperson said, adding police authorities were still investigating the possible suspects and motive of the incident.

One of the far-flung districts in regional capital Davao City, Paquibato is a known lair of the leftist New People's Army.— Xinhua

AMISOM forces kill 36 Al-Shabaab fighters in Somalia

NAIROBI, 2 Sept—The Africa Union Mission in Somalia (AMISOM) killed at least 36 Al-Shabaab militia late Friday as the troops took over Miido town in a fierce exchange of fire that last several hours in southern Somalia. Kenya Defence Forces (KDF) spokesman Major Emmanuel Chirchir said on Saturday that five KDF soldiers are missing in action while three sustained injuries and have been flown to Dhobley to receive treatment.

"AMISOM forces together with the Transitional Federal Government of Somalia soldiers in Sector 2 captured Miido town and neutralized at least 36 Al-Shabaab militants," Chirchir said in his official Twitter account. Chirchir said that during the battle with the insurgents, AMISOM forces comprising of Kenyan and Somali soldiers also managed to destroy seven Al-Shabaab technical vehicles and logistic supplies while other assorted weapons and ammunitions were recovered.

The development came as the military has stepped up security along Kenya's common border with Somalia following an outbreak of fighting between AMISOM forces and the Al-Shabaab militia. The Kenyan forces currently under the command of AMISOM are dealing with specific targets against the Al-Shabaab, but security had been reinforced on the Kenyan side of the border. Sources said that during the battle, the Kenyan fighter jets and helicopter gunships fired bombs at the militants inflicting heavy injuries on the militants.

The sources said hundreds of the insurgents blamed for bomb and grenade attacks on the Kenyan soil including abduction of foreigners had left the strategic port city of Kismayo to prevent Kenyan and Somalia forces from deriving them from their last stronghold. The AMISOM forces have been very active this week after killing more than 40 militants earlier in the week as they stepped up their onslaught to rid off the Horn of Africa from Al-Shabaab.

Al-Shabaab has vowed reprisal attacks in Kenya, mainly targeting security forces in border towns of northern Kenya where dozens of people have been killed in landmine and grenade attacks blamed on the militant group. Al-Shabaab has said it views the presence of Kenyan troops in southern Somalia as an act of war.

The group which has teamed up with global terror network al Qaeda is now vowing an all-out war in Kenya, in protest against the military incursion "against our brothers in Somalia." Kenya has seen several hit-and-run grenade attacks in recent months in the capital, Nairobi, and in northern Kenya and in the port city of Mombasa. The Kenyan authorities often blame such attacks on al Qaeda-affiliated Al-Shabaab rebels from neighbouring Somalia.— Xinhua

Iran, North Korea agree to cooperate in science, technology

DUBAI, 2 Sept—Iran and North Korea have signed an agreement to cooperate in science and technology, Iranian media reported on Saturday, and Iran's supreme leader declared that the two countries had "common enemies." The two countries will cooperate in research, student exchanges and joint laboratories, and in the fields of information technology, engineering, biotechnology, renewable energy, the environment, sustainable development of agriculture and food technology, the Iranian Labour News Agency (ILNA) reported. ILNA said the agreement was signed by Iran's Minister for Science, Research, and Technology Farhad Dane-shjoo and North Korean Foreign Minister Pak Ui-chun. North Korea has

had close ties with Iran. Leaked US diplomatic cables from 2010 showed that US officials believe Iran has acquired ballistic missile parts from North Korea.

Pyongyang's Communist government and Iran's Islamic republic share little in the way of ideology, but both were named as part of an "axis of evil" by former US President George W Bush in his 2002 State of the Union speech. Iran's Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei also met with North Korea's Kim Jong-nam, seen as a figurehead head of state, who was in Teheran for the Non-Aligned Movement summit held this week.

"The Islamic Republic of Iran and North Korea have common enemies, because the arrogant powers do not

accept independent states," Khamenei was quoted as saying by ILNA on Saturday. There had been rumours that North Korean supreme leader Kim Jong-un would attend the summit of developing countries.



Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, right, shakes hands with the president of the Presidium of North Korea's Supreme People's Assembly Kim Yong-nam, during an official welcoming ceremony in Teheran, Iran, on 1 Sept, 2012. REUTERS

The Non-Aligned Movement is one of the few multilateral forums in which the North takes part.

Iran's first vice-president, Mohammad Reza

Rahimi, also called on Saturday for greater economic ties between his country and North Korea, Iranian state television reported.

Reuters

Iran to hold major air defence drill: commander

Saturday, one of a number of military simulations it has carried out this year. The air defence drill will include fighter jets and simulate

the army and the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps, Esmaili said, and follows a series of large-scale military simulations such as the "Great Prophet 7" missile exercises in July. Israeli leaders' warnings that time is running out to halt Iran's controversial nuclear programme have raised concern they may order an attack on Iranian nuclear sites, though Israel has come under growing international pressure not to act alone.

Israel and major Western powers suspect Iran is secretly trying to acquire the ability to produce nuclear bombs, but Teheran says its programme is for purely peaceful purposes. "Today our systems are prepared in a

serious way for modern air threats, such that the performance of the systems compared to the previous profile has improved," Esmaili was quoted as saying on Friday by the Iranian newspaper Hamshahri.

"The army air defence command's mission, with the development of the national defence mission and coordination between the armed forces, is to undertake appropriate operations against the threats of the enemies," he said, without mentioning any country by name. Iran announced last month that it had tested a short-range missile with a new guidance system capable of striking land and sea targets.— Reuters

Iran's Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei speaks during the 16th summit of the Non-Aligned Movement in Teheran, on 30 Aug, 2012.— REUTERS



DUBAI, 2 Sept—Iran will hold a large-scale military drill involving all its air defence systems next month, an Iranian commander was quoted as saying on

emergency situations, said Farzad Esmaili, commander of the Iranian army's air defense force, according to Iran's English-language Press TV.

The drill will include both

Gunmen kill seven Shiite in Pakistan's sectarian attacks

ISLAMABAD, 2 Sept—Unidentified gunmen shot dead seven Shiite in southwestern Pakistan on Saturday in two separate sectarian-motivated attacks, police and eye witnesses said. In the first incident, four gunmen riding two motorcycles stopped a passenger bus and forced some people out of the vehicle and then they shot them dead, witnesses said.

Police said that all those killed were Shia and they were singled out among the

passengers. The gunmen sprayed bullets on those people and fled, witnesses said. The slain men were going to work when came under attack at Hazar Ganji area in Quetta, capital of Balochistan, relatives of the victims said.

In another incident, gunmen shot dead two more Shiite Muslims only two hours after the first attack. The gunmen fled after the attack. No group claimed responsibility for the attacks. Banned extremist group Lashkar-e-Jhangvi always

claim responsibility for such attacks. Shia groups protested against the latest



target attacks and blamed the police and other law enforcement agencies for their

Doctors examine a body at a hospital in southwest Pakistan's Quetta on 1 Sept, 2012.— XINHUA

failure to stop the sectarian killings.

Xinhua

Iraq's monthly death toll sharply decreases in August

BAGHDAD, 2 Sept—The death toll among Iraqis from violence in August sharply decreased compared to the previous month, according to figures released on Saturday. A total of 164 Iraqis, 90 civilians, 35 policemen and 39 soldiers, died in attacks last month, data compiled by the health, interior and defence ministries showed.

The latest toll showed that the number of people killed in attacks across the country is nearly half of that in July when the authorities put the toll at 325 killed, including 241 civilians, 40 policemen and 44 soldiers. Another 260 Iraqis were wounded

in August, including 120 civilians, 80 policemen and 60 soldiers, the figures showed. However, the government figures showed that July saw 697 Iraqis wounded by attacks during the month, much higher than the number in August. On 22 July, Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi, the top leader of the self-styled Islamic State of Iraq, an al-Qaeda front in the country, announced a plan named "Breaking the walls" aimed at releasing Qaeda prisoners and targeting the country's judges and investigators, as well as returning to the previous al-Qaeda strongholds that had been evacuated.— Xinhua

California legislature approves pension reform

SACRAMENTO, 2 Sept — California’s legislature easily passed a pension reform measure on Friday that cuts some of the most generous public employee retirement benefits in the United States, but even many supporters of the plan called it only a first step in fixing a pension deficit that has been decades in the making. The pension bill, unveiled by Governor Jerry Brown on Tuesday after months of talks with fellow Democrats, will raise the retirement age and reduce benefits for new employees.

It will also boost employee contributions and eliminate some practices that have led to exorbitant pensions for a relatively small number of workers.

The ability of a state government controlled by Democrats to defuse an issue that Republicans have seized on in Wisconsin and other states could have broader repercussions in the national debate over government fiscal policies. Passed on the final day of the legislative session before the fall elections, the pension bill is a

key component of the state fiscal overhaul that Brown promised when he was elected to a third term as governor in 2010 — decades after his previous terms in office.

Brown hopes the pension measure will help persuade voters to support another pillar of his programme: a tax increase on the November ballot. The pension bill garnered strong bipartisan support in both chambers, passing 48-8 in the Assembly and 38-1 in the Senate, although supporters from both



California’s legislature easily passed a pension reform measure on Friday. — REUTERS

sides of the aisle said more was needed. “This is not something we’re going to do overnight. We’re going to

have to work on this over the next several years,” said Democratic Assembly member Jim Beall Jr. — Reuters

At least three dead in US store shooting

BEIJING, 2 Sept — At least three people have died in a multiple shooting at a supermarket in the US state of New Jersey.

According to local authorities, the shooting occurred inside a Pathmark supermarket in Old Bridge, a suburb about 40 km from the city of New York. Among the dead was an 18-year-old woman.

While another, a 23-year-old man, was believed to be the gunman. The motive behind the shooting and how the shooter was killed was not immediately clear.

But local media reported that the suspect was a former Marine who worked at the supermarket.

He returned there in the early morning and killed two people with an AK-47 rifle and an automatic handgun. He then shot himself when confronted by police.

Xinhua



The AIA building is seen in Shanghai on 22 Oct, 2010.

REUTERS

Banks pin hopes on \$7.6 billion AIA sell-down to buffer poor year

HONG KONG, 2 Sept — As American International Group becomes free next week to sell a \$7.6 billion stake in former unit AIA, deal-starved bankers in Hong Kong are jostling for a role in what may be Asia-Pacific’s biggest stock market event of the year. A lock-up agreement preventing the US insurer from selling the stake expires on 4 September.

If AIG does decide to sell the entire 18.6 percent stake, the deal would be Asia’s biggest-ever block offering, ahead of Vodafone plc’s \$6.6 billion sale in China Mobile two years ago.

A role in the AIA Group Ltd sell-down could offer a major financial boost to the banks, in the form of a substantial fee for a day’s work, and a significant increase to their deal rankings heading into the final quarter of what has been a dismal year. AIG CEO Robert

Benmosche has hinted previously that the stake will be sold after the lockup date expires, though he has not specified how much or when. An AIG spokesman in New York declined to comment for this story.

AIG could decide not to sell anything or it could sell off a small chunk. But sources with knowledge of the matter say the investment banking industry is preparing for the US insurer to unload the entire lot. “Everyone is running around to be a part of it. Most people expect AIG to clean out its position,” one financial institutions group banker said. Bailed-out AIG spun off two-thirds of AIA in 2010, raising \$20.5 billion in the world’s third-largest IPO ever at the time. AIG agreed to certain restrictions on its remaining stake and sold a chunk in March, raising \$6 billion. — Reuters

Over 11 million tourists visit Malaysia in 1st half

KUALA LUMPUR, 2 Sept — Malaysia registered 2.4 percent increase in tourist arrivals with more than 11.6 million tourists visited the country in the first six months of 2012, local media reported on Friday. Ng Yen Yen, Malaysia’s tourism minister, attributed the growth to the support from trade partners and increased air connectivity from Malaysia to key destinations such as Beijing, Hong Kong and Kansai in Japan.

Key international-level tourism events such as the Formula 1 Petronas Malaysia Grand Prix have also contributed to the continued growth, Ng said.

More than 5.8 million Singaporeans visited their neighbour from January to June this year. Indonesia and China ranked as the second and third largest tourist source for Malaysia, with 1.1 million and 758 thousand visitors respectively.

Meanwhile, the

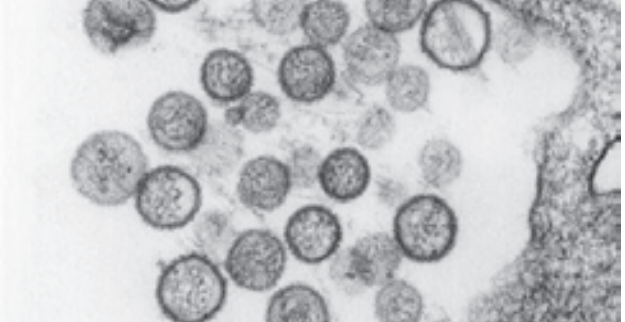
Philippines recorded the highest growth of 45.3 percent year-on-year followed by China (34.2 percent), Japan (32.5 percent), Indonesia (20 percent), India (6.9 percent) and United Kingdom (5.9 percent), according to the data from the authorities. Foreign tourists are also spending more money in Malaysia, generating 26.8 billion ringgit (8.6 billion US dollars) in revenue, a 4 percent increase compared with the same period last year. — Xinhua

CDC says 10,000 at risk of hantavirus in Yosemite outbreak

LOS ANGELES/SAN FRANCISCO, 2 Sept — Some 10,000 people who stayed in tent cabins at Yosemite National Park this summer may be at risk for the deadly rodent-borne hantavirus, the US Centres for Disease Control and Prevention said on Friday. The CDC urged lab testing of patients who exhibit symptoms consistent with the lung disease, hantavirus pulmonary syndrome, after a stay at the California park

between June and August and recommended that doctors notify state health departments when it is found.

Two men have died from hantavirus linked to the Yosemite outbreak and four others were sickened but survived, while the CDC said additional suspected cases were being investigated from “multiple health jurisdictions.” Most of the victims were believed to have been infected while staying in one



In this undated handout from the Centres for Disease Control image library, this transmission electron micrograph (TEM) reveals the ultrastructural appearance of a number of virus particles, or “virions”, of a hantavirus known as the Sin Nombre virus (SNV). — REUTERS

A visitor takes in the view of Upper Yosemite Falls in Yosemite National Park, California on 17 May, 2009. — REUTERS



of 91 “Signature” tent-style cabins in Yosemite’s popular Curry Village camping area.

“An estimated 10,000 persons stayed in the ‘Signature Tent Cabins’ from 10 June through 24 August, 2012,” the CDC said. “People who stayed in the tents between 10 June and 24 August may be at risk of developing HPS in the next six weeks.” Yosemite officials earlier this week shut down all 91 of the insulated tent cabins after finding deer mice, which carry the disease and can burrow through holes the size of pencil erasers, nesting between the double walls.

Park authorities said on Friday that they had contacted approximately 3,000 parties of visitors who stayed in the tent cabins since mid-June, advising them to seek immediate medical attention if they have symptoms of hantavirus. Nearly 4 million people visit Yosemite, one of the nation’s most popular national parks, each year, attracted to the its dramatic scenery and hiking trails. Roughly 70 percent of those visitors congregate in Yosemite Valley, where Curry Village is located.

Reuters

Super volcano discovered in Hong Kong

BEIJING, 2 Sept — Some 140 million years after it erupted and then toppled into the sea, an ancient super volcano in Hong Kong is making headlines.

Hong Kong government scientists on Thursday announced that it had located the super volcano — the first discovery of its kind in southeastern China — while surveying the area in southeastern Hong Kong. The volcano is now extinct and poses no threat to Hong Kong.

The newly-discovered High Island Super volcano spouted out 1,300 cubic kilometres of ash about 140 million years ago, enough to blanket all of Hong Kong. The super volcanic eruption on the southeastern China seaboard would have produced a global environmental impact and could be related to the extinction of dinosaurs, according to a handout from Hong Kong’s Geotechnical Engineering Office that conducted the research. — Xinhua

Britain’s wheat quality seen hurt by poor weather

LONDON, 2 Sept — Rainy weather and disease have reduced the quality of wheat crops harvested to date in Britain, the Home-Grown Cereals Authority said on Friday, issuing provisional results of its cereal quality survey.

“Average wheat specific weights have been hit the hardest to date, at 8 percent below the three-year average, while Hagberg Falling Number and protein content are seen at more typical levels,” HGCA senior analyst Charlotte Garbutt said.

Specific weights in early samples averaged 71.9 kilogram’s per hectolitre, well below the three-year average of 77.5. Hagberg Falling Numbers, a key measure of milling quality, were in line with three-year average at 267 seconds, while protein content was slightly higher than normal at 12.7 percent versus 11.8 percent.

Britain’s wheat harvest is about 40 percent complete and is running about 10 days behind normal. The HGCA said the provisional figures were based on 8,603 wheat samples. Updated tables will be released at the end of September and in October when more samples have been collected and analysed. The survey typically has about 60,000 wheat samples. — Reuters

Stowaway cat from China says ‘ni hao’ to new home

A stowaway kitten who survived a three-week ocean voyage from China to California trapped in a storage container without food or water has found a new home.

Los Angeles County animal control officials said that the cat, which has been named Ni Hao (NEE’ how) or “hello” in Chinese, will leave the animal hospital he’s called home since turning up in the US last month to start life next week with a family in the LA suburb of Redondo Beach.

The family has not been further identified, but officials say it was chosen from more than 80 serious candidates who applied to adopt the stowaway.

The now 5-month-old kitten was found 11 July. It couldn’t walk, see, or make any sounds. An officer said the kitten had shallow breathing and was “curled up in a ball with his eyes shut,” said animal control official Aaron Reyes.

“And he actually appeared deceased,” he added said.

The cat was rushed to a care centre where veterinarians say he has thrived.

The only lingering sign of trauma is a limp, which Reyes describes as “his own strut.” The kitten suffered considerable muscle atrophy on the journey, causing him to walk with a ginger, unusual gait, Reyes said.

Ni Hao is “still a bit wobbly” and “may end up being a special needs kitty for life,” said Reyes, deputy director of the county’s animal control department.



Photo shows Ni Hao, the stowaway kitten from Shanghai at the Los Angeles County Animal Care Control Carson Shelter in Gardena, Calif.

“I knew right away what I had found,” Leaper said. “And it was an amazing coincidence that the same Shetland fishing boat that found the previous record-breaking bottle six years ago also found this one.”

Scottish Secretary for Rural Affairs and Environment Richard Lochhead applauded the discovery.

Bottled message breaks world record

A Scottish ship’s captain has found the oldest known message in a bottle, set adrift nearly 98 years ago, Guinness World Records said.

The record-keeping organization said Andrew Leaper, skipper of the Lerwick-registered Copious, found the bottled message in

April in his trawler’s net alongside a haul of cod, haddock and monkfish in the North Sea. The bottle was found to have been set adrift in 97 years and 309 days prior to being found, *The Scotsman* reported.

The bottle — as well as the previous record holder, which was found by Leaper’s

friend, Mark Anderson, aboard the Copious in 2006 — was from a batch of 1,890 bottles set adrift by the Glasgow School of Navigation in 1914 as part of a study to map the currents of the seas around Scotland.

The bottle contained a postcard promising a reward of 6 pence to the finder.

Taylor, Blige to perform at the DNC

CHARLOTTE, 2 Sept—James Taylor, the Foo Fighters and Mary J Blige



American singer, songwriter and actress Mary J Blige

have been booked to perform at next week’s Democratic National Convention in Charlotte, NC, organizers said.

Politico reported Earth, Wind and Fire, Delta Rae, Marc Anthony, Branford Marsalis and Amber Riley are also scheduled to take the stage at the convention.

“This roster of performances only adds to the excitement building in Charlotte for the historic week ahead of us,” DNC Chairman and Los Angeles Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa said in a statement. “The tens of thousands who will attend convention events in person, and all those tuning in across the country, should be ready for quite a show.”

Internet

Winkler set for ‘Arrested’ return

LOS ANGELES, 2 Sept—Henry Winkler is to reprise his role of attorney Barry Zuckerkorn on the Netflix revival of “Arrested Development,” *The Hollywood Reporter* said.

Netflix ordered a fourth season of the quirky sitcom six years after Fox canceled it. The fresh run of episodes is to be released online next spring, the entertainment industry trade newspaper said.

Created by Winkler’s “Happy Days” co-star Ron Howard and Mitch Hurwitz,

“Arrested Development” is about a wealthy, dysfunctional family. It stars Jason Bateman, David Cross, Jeffrey Tambor, Portia de Rossi, Will Arnett and Michael Cera.—*Internet*



Actor, director and producer Henry Winkler

400-pound gorilla statue returned to Pa woman

A Pennsylvania woman says a 400-pound gorilla statue was stolen from her home, used for target practice and then returned.

Patricia Rudalavage’s beloved lava-rock statue Greystone was returned to her Scranton-area home.

The statue had bullet holes in its head, stomach and extremities but is still standing.

Rudalavage tells *The Times-Tribune of Scranton* that two men arrived with the statue in the back of a pickup truck, saying they’d found him about five miles away at a makeshift shooting range on a mountain. She says they refused the \$100 reward for his return.

Rudalavage says her ape disappeared from outside her home on Monday.



A bullet-pierced gorilla statue has been returned to its owner, Patricia Rudalavage.

News Album

Behar books Gore, Etheridge for new show

Tuesday’s debut episode to welcome comedian and television personality Joy Behar to the network.

Gore is expected to talk with Behar on politics and share his thoughts on the Democratic and Republican conventions, the network said.

Other guests confirmed for next week include Susie

Essman and Alan Colmes.

Scheduled to appear later in September are Sue Simmons, Cyndi Lauper, Jesse Ventura, Meredith Vieira, Tony Danza and Hanna Rosin.

“Joy Behar: Say Anything” will air on Current Monday through Thursday at 6 pm ET.

Internet

Tori Spelling gives birth to 4th child

LOS ANGELES, 2 Sept—US reality television star Tori Spelling announced on her Web site she has given birth to her fourth child, a son.

“Please join us in welcoming Finn Davey McDermott,” Spelling wrote on her Web site, noting the baby weighed 6 pounds, 6 ounces when he was born on Thursday.

Spelling, who is known for her work on the TV drama “Beverly Hills, 90210,”



married Dean McDermott in 2006. Together, they built a reality TV empire, starring in “Tori & Dean: Inn Love,” “Tori & Dean: Home Sweet Hollywood” and “Tori & Dean: sTORIbook Weddings.” They are also the parents of Liam, 5, Stella, 4, and Hattie, 10 months.

Internet

Tori Spelling (L) and Dean McDermott (R)

‘Hunger’ still No 1 on DVD charts

LOS ANGELES, 2 Sept—The young-adult survival picture “The Hunger Games” is the top-selling DVD and Blu-Ray and No 1 rental in the United States for a second week, Rentrak said.

Coming in at No 2 on the DVD and Blu-ray sales chart for the week ending 26 Aug is “Dr Seuss’ The Lorax,” followed by “The Dictator” at No 3, “NCIS: The Ninth Season” at No 4 and “Dexter: The Sixth Season” at No 5.

Rounding out the top tier are “Pocahontas/ Pocahontas II: Journey to a

New World” at No 6, “The Rescuers/The Rescuers: Down Under” at No 7, “The Aristocats” at No 8, “House: Season 8” at No 9 and “Glee: The Complete Third Season” at No 10. The No 2 rental for the week ended 25 Aug is “The Dictator.”

“Dr Seuss’ The Lorax” is No 3, “Bernie” is No 4, “Lockout” is No 5, “Freelancers” is No 6, “American Reunion” is No 7, “Dexter: The Sixth Season” is No 8, “21 Jump Street” is No 9 and “Silent House” is No 10.—*Internet*



Actor Josh Hutcherson appears backstage with the Best Male Performance award he won for “The Hunger Games”.

INTERNET

Hallyday headed to LA hospital

PARIS, 2 Sept—French rocker Johnny Hallyday has left the Martinique hospital where he was treated for bronchitis, Radio France Internationale said on Friday.

Hallyday, 69, fell ill last weekend at a home he owns on the island of Saint-Barthelemy. He left a hospital in Fort-de-France on early Friday and flew by private jet to Los Angeles where he is expected to check into another medical center. RFI said it was unclear whether he will be well enough to go one with his 2012 tour, the second leg of which is due to begin in October in Montreal.

Internet

Pazzini hat-trick downs Bologna

MILAN, 2 Sept—New AC Milan recruit Giampaolo Pazzini took his stock with the Rossoneri sky high by scoring a hat-trick in a 3-1 win away to Bologna on Saturday.

Pazzini was part of the exchange that took AC Milan's coveted striker Antonio Cassano the other way last week — a transfer which angered many of AC Milan's fans.

But a week after starting his new job with a shock home defeat to Sampdoria, the Italy striker took no time in showing where his loyalties now lie by scoring a first-half

penalty then producing a superb second-half brace.

After scoring only five goals in a frustrating last season at Inter, Pazzini could not hide his joy.

"I think this ball will mean a lot to me," he told Sky Sport Italia as he prepared to take the match ball home.

"It was a difficult period for me recently but now I'm really happy. Maybe it's a sign, for me and the people who've stood behind me.

"The match was hard-fought but we came through to win. It can't get any better."

Despite some lively

transfer action in midweek Milan started with no less than 10 Italians on the pitch.

New arrivals Bojan Krkic of Spain and Dutchman Nigel De Jong started on the bench while Brazilian defender Roger de Carvalho went straight into Bologna's starting line-up after signing from Genoa.

Bologna started in lively fashion but Milan's enterprise and discipline soon began to tell as they worked steadily towards breaking the deadlock.

German-born Ghanaian Prince Boateng was proving a handful for Bologna's defence and twice won freekicks early on only to see both of his low drives go wide of Federico Agliardi's goal.

Internet

AC Milan forward Giampaolo Pazzini scores a penalty against Bologna during a Serie A football match at the Dallara stadium in Bologna.

INTERNET



Sundhage to be new Sweden coach

NEW YORK, 2 Sept—Pia Sundhage is to take over as coach of the Swedish women's national side, moving over from the United States who she guided to Olympic gold in London.

national coach," federation president Karl-Erik Nilsson said.

Sundhage, who won 146 caps for her country between 1975 and 1996, said: "It is the realisation of a dream for me

Pia Sundhage, seen here in August 2009, is to take over as coach of the Swedish women's national side, moving over from the United States who she guided to Olympic gold in London.

INTERNET



The 52-year-old announced that she was leaving the US job she had filled for five years late Saturday after her team trounced Costa Rica 8-0 in a friendly in Rochester, New York state.

Shortly afterwards in Stockholm the Swedish football federation announced that she would take over as national coach on 1 December, replacing Thomas Dennerby, who stood down from the post last month after the Olympics.

"We are enormously happy to reveal that Pia Sundhage will be our new

to become the national coach of my own country."

First up for Sundhage will be next year's European championships which Sweden is hosting, although she is expected to stay with the US team for at least the next two matches of their victory tour, a pair of friendlies against Australia on September 16 in Carson, California, and September 19 in Commerce City, Colorado.

The Americans then host two matches against two-time women's World Cup champions Germany on 20 October and 23 October.

Internet

International Sports

Open-Federer and Serena march on at US Open

NEW YORK, 2 Sept—Top-ranked Roger Federer continued his dynamic US Open form in near-tropical conditions on Saturday while fourth seed Serena Williams avenged a shock defeat she suffered in January.

With a possible semi-final showdown with Federer looming, Britain's Andy Murray remained in the hunt for his first grand slam crown by defeating Spain's Feliciano Lopez to reach the fourth round. Women's second seed Agnieszka Radwanska of Poland set up a fourth-round tussle with Italy's Roberta Vinci by easing by former world number one Jelena Jankovic 6-3, 7-5 at a steamy Arthur Ashe Stadium.

"With the hot conditions you really have to fight yourself more than your opponent," said Radwanska, a sentiment echoed by several players. Federer cruised past Fernando Verdasco 6-3, 6-4, 6-4 in two hours and two minutes, blasting seven aces



Fernando Verdasco of Spain congratulates Roger Federer (R) of Switzerland after their men's singles match at the US Open tennis tournament in New York on 1 September, 2012. —REUTERS

and 30 winners against the 25th-seeded Spaniard.

The five-times US Open champion, who has not dropped a set in the tournament, next faces American Mardy Fish or Frenchman Gilles Simon for a place in the quarter-finals.

Verdasco, 28, had 35 unforced errors and 10 double faults as he lost to Swiss Federer for the fifth time in as many meetings.

Williams, seeking her fourth US Open title, needed a break of serve in the final

game of the opening set to grab the momentum as she ousted Russian Ekaterina Makarova 6-4, 6-0.

Makarova buckled under the pressure of her first-set letdown and was blown away in the second in just 32 minutes.

The Russian knocked out Williams in the fourth round of this year's Australian Open and the American said she was "motivated" to turn the tables at the year's final grand slam tournament. —Reuters

Roddick to take centre stage once again at US Open

NEW YORK, 2 Sept—Novak Djokovic attempts his next step at defending his US Open title while Andy Roddick fights to extend his career at the US Open on Sunday.

Serbia's world number two will begin the day session inside Arthur Ashe Stadium against France's 31st seed Julien Benneteau in the third round before Roddick follows him onto the main court at Flushing Meadows against unseeded Italian Fabio Fognini.

Roddick has announced he will retire after the US Open — the scene of the only major



Andy Roddick of the US

title of his career, in 2003. Also in action on Sunday will be Australia's 2001 US Open champion Lleyton Hewitt against fourth-seeded Spaniard David Ferrer in Louis Armstrong Stadium and women's defending champion Sam Stosur, from Australia, against Great Britain's Laura Robson.

Robson, 18, is coming off upset victories over Kim Clijsters and Li Na.

Roddick announced his retirement before trouncing Australian teenager Bernard Tomic in the second round.

Olympic champion Andy Murray said he hoped to cross paths with Roddick in the locker room at Flushing Meadows before the American walked away from the tour for good.

"I'd congratulate him if I saw him," Murray said. "I'm sure he's obviously going to try to win this event. It would obviously be the best way ever to finish." —Reuters

McIlroy leads with Tiger lurking at Deutsche Bank

NORTON, 2 Sept—Rory McIlroy fired a second consecutive six-under 65 to take a one-shot lead after the second round of the Deutsche Bank Championship on Saturday but Tiger Woods was lurking just two shots back.



Rory McIlroy of Northern Ireland tees off at the third hole during the second round of the Deutsche Bank Championship golf tournament in Norton, Massachusetts on 1 Sept, 2012. —REUTERS

The world number one set the pace in the morning wave with an impressive round consisting of six birdies, an eagle and two bogeys to lead by one over former British Open champion Louis Oosthuizen.

South African Oosthuizen matched McIlroy's 65 to move to 11-under 131 at the FedEx Cup playoff event while Woods and fellow American Ryan Moore shared third at 10-under 132.

"I'm very pleased with how I played today, how I played yesterday as well, and I'm in a great position," McIlroy said. "I got off to a nice start and just kept the momentum going."

"Everything seemed to

work pretty well out there. I felt like I drove the ball a bit better today and hit more fairways, which gave me some more opportunities to make birdies, and I was putting well enough to take a few of those."

McIlroy finished nine shots behind Barclays Classic winner Nick Watney in week one of the playoffs in his first appearance after claiming the PGA Championship.

The 23-year-old was unperturbed, however, suggesting the greens in New York were not entirely up to scratch and he just needed to shake a little rust off his putter.

He leads the field in strokes gained putting and total putts after the opening two rounds. —Reuters



Andy Carroll to miss England World Cup qualifiers

LONDON, 2 Sept—Andy Carroll has withdrawn from England's World Cup qualifiers against Moldova and Ukraine next week because of a hamstring injury.

The 23-year-old striker, who joined West Ham in a loan deal from Liverpool on Friday, made an impressive debut as the Hammers beat Fulham 3-0.

Carroll limped out of the action on 68 minutes at Upton Park. The Football Association will wait until after Sunday's games before deciding on how to replace Carroll.

Following his side's win, West Ham boss Sam Allardyce said it was "unlikely" Carroll would be fit. "He'll probably be on the treatment bench for a while," said Allardyce.

"He over-extended himself. We won't know the extent of the injury until the scan and we see how serious it is." England's road to Brazil 2014 begins with a qualifier at the Zimbru Stadium in Moldova on 7 September and Roy Hodgson's side are back in action at Wembley against Ukraine on 11 September.

Internet

Focus Myanmar TV Programme

MYANMAR INTERNATIONAL

(3-9-12 09:30 am ~ 4-9-12 09:30 am) MST

- * News
- * Business Matching Between Myanmar Thai Entrepreneurs
- * News
- * Collective Charitable Deed in Significant Month, Waso
- * Medicinal Tea Plant
- * News
- * Myanmar Job Fair 2012
- * News
- * Launching Ceremony of "The Chilies Journal"
- * News
- * Genius Fashion
- * News
- * Diverse National Costumes & Their Fashion Trend (Episode-3)
- * Unicef & MOH Press Conference
- * News
- * Bitter Rain, Meaning of Attachment
- * News
- * Road to 27th SEA GAMES (Cycling)
- * Myanmar Movie "Guilt Over Love"

MYANMAR TV

(3-9-2012) (Monday)

- 7:00 am
1. Paritta By Venerable Mingun Sayadaw -Uppatathandi Paritta
- 7:45 am
2. Nice & Sweet Song
- 8:00 am
3. Cute Little Dancers
- 8:15 am
4. Dance Of National Races
- 8:20 am
5. Selected Songs For 19th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions (2012) (Oldies & Mono Classical) (Amateur (Second) Division Level) (Women)
- 8:40 am
6. International News
- 8:45 am
7. Teleplay (Industry)
- 4:10 pm
8. Dance Variety
- 4:20 pm
9. Musical Programme
- 4:55 pm
10. University of Distance Education (TV Lectures) -First Year (Myanmar)
- 5:10 pm
11. Songs For Upholding National Spirit
- 5:25 pm
12. Myanmar Language
- 6:20 pm
13. Sing & Enjoy
- 7:00 pm
14. TV Drama Series
- 8:00 pm
15. News
 16. Cartoon Series
 17. India Drama Series

Neil Taylor faces lengthy absence after ankle fracture

LONDON, 2 Sept—Wales defender Neil Taylor suffered a fractured ankle in Swansea City's 2-2 draw with Sunderland on Saturday. "I just talked to the doctor and we are still not 100% but there is a fracture, at least one," said Swansea manager Michael Laudrup. "We are talking about a long period of rehabilitation before he returns to the game, I can't tell you precisely how long because I don't know." Taylor was injured after falling awkwardly in the first half. The left-back's foot was trapped underneath him as he fell to the ground, taking the full weight of Sunderland's Craig Gardner on the way down.

Taylor immediately summoned the Swansea medical staff as he held his left ankle in agony early in the first half at



the Liberty Stadium. "When you have injuries like that it is normally very violent, but this was not violent," added Laudrup. "It was even a free-kick against us. "Sometimes these injuries happen in strange ways, you don't think anything is wrong and then there is ligament damage or something like that, it is very sad. "But you see things that are much more violent than that — this was not violent, it was unlucky." "He was very unlucky to fall in a bad way, you can't blame the Sunderland player for that." As well as missing a significant part of Swansea's season, Taylor will miss most of Wales' 2014 World Cup qualifying campaign, which starts against Belgium on Friday.

Taylor impressed for Team GB at the 2012 London Olympic Games and was expected to play a big part in Wales boss Chris Coleman's plans. Teenager Ben Davies was Taylor's replacement for Swansea, making an assured Premier League debut as Laudrup's side twice hit back to secure a draw. —Internet

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



Weather forecast for 3rd September, 2012

Sr. No.	Regions/States	Temperature (°C/°F)		For Tomorrow	
		Maximum	Minimum	Forecast	Percent
1	Kachin	28/82	23/73	Widespread rain or thundershowers (IH)	(100%)
2	Kayah	29/84	22/72	Scattered rain or thundershower	(100%)
3	Kayin	29/84	22/72	Widespread rain or thundershowers (IH)	(100%)
4	Chin	24/75	17/63	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)
5	Upper Sagaing	31/88	24/75	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)
6	Lower Sagaing	38/100	28/82	Isolated rain or thundershower	(100%)
7	Taninthayi	28/82	23/73	Widespread rain or thundershowers (IH)	(100%)
8	Bago	31/88	23/73	Widespread rain or thundershowers (IH)	(100%)
9	Magway	34/93	27/81	Isolated rain or thundershower	(100%)
10	Mandalay	37/99	28/82	Isolated rain or thundershower	(100%)
11	Mon	28/82	22/72	Widespread rain or thundershowers (IH)	(100%)
12	Yangon	30/86	23/73	Widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)
13	Rakhine	30/86	23/73	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers (IH)	(100%)
14	Southern Shan	27/81	19/66	Scattered rain or thundershower	(100%)
15	Northern Shan	32/90	21/70	Scattered rain or thundershower	(100%)
16	Eastern Shan	32/90	22/72	Scattered rain or thundershower	(100%)
17	Ayeyawady	30/86	23/73	Widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)
18	Neighbouring Nay Pyi Taw	33/91	25/77	Isolated rain or thundershower	(100%)
19	Neighbouring Yangon	30/86	23/73	Some rain or thundershower	(100%)
20	Neighbouring Mandalay	37/99	28/82	Isolated rain or thundershower	(80%)
Summary of observations at 09:30 hr MST on today		During the past (24) hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Mandalay Region, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Lower Sagaing and Magway Regions, scattered in Upper Sagaing Region, Shan and Kayah States, fairly widespread in Chin and Rakhine States and widespread in the remaining Regions and States with isolated heavy falls in Bago and Ayeyawady Regions, Rakhine and Mon States. The noteworthy amount of rainfall recorded were Patheingyi (3.70) inches, Kyaukpadaung (3.58) inches, Phyu (3.15) inches and Madaya (3.07) inches.			
Bay Inference		Monsoon is moderate to strong in the Andaman Sea and Bay of Bengal.			
State of the Sea		Squalls with moderate to rough sea are likely at times off and along Myanmar Coasts. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (35) mph.			
Outlook for subsequent two days		Moderate monsoon.			

Geale tames Sturm to become unified world champ



German boxer Felix Sturm (L) and Australian boxer Daniel Geale face each other during a Press conference in Essen, western Germany, on 27 August.—INTERNET

ESSEN, 2 Sept—Australia's Daniel Geale was crowned the new unified IBF and WBA middleweight world champion on Saturday night following his split decision win over Germany's Felix Sturm. The 31-year-old Tasmanian took the unification bout when the three judges scored the fight 116-112 to Sturm, then 116-112, 116-112 to Geale, who claimed the German's WBA

middleweight title in Oberhausen, west Germany.

"Of course, I expected him to be strong, Felix is a good champion, it was a tough, very hard fight," said Geale who beat Germany's Sebastian Sylvester in May 2011 to win the IBF title.

"I have been improving with every fight and I am just so happy to have come here and done this. "Everyone has given me lots of great support,

without these guys I wouldn't be here. I hope we can have a rematch, that was a great fight." This was the 28th win of

Geale's 29 fight career with a 2009 split-decision defeat to compatriot Anthony Mundine his only loss.—Internet

NLM-ner Joke

Taking the final exam

Two college basketball players were taking an important final exam. If they failed, they would be on academic probation and not allowed to play in the big game the following week. The exam was fill-in-the-blank.

The last question read, "Old MacDonald had a _____."

Bubba was stumped. He had no idea what to answer. But he knew he needed to get this one right to be sure he passed.

Making sure the professor wasn't watching, he tapped Tiny on the shoulder. "Pssst. Tiny. What's the answer to the last question?"

Tiny laughed. He looked around to make sure the professor hadn't noticed then he turned to Bubba. "Bubba, you're so stupid. Everyone knows Old MacDonald had a FARM."

"Oh yeah," said Bubba. "I remember now."

He picked up his No. 2 pencil and started to write the answer in the blank. He stopped. Tapping Tiny's shoulder again, he whispered, "Tiny, how do you spell farm?"

"You are really dumb, Bubba. That's so easy. Farm is spelled E-I-E-I-O."

1,000 English ants to receive radio tags

LONDON, 2 Sept—About 1,000 northern hairy wood ants are expected to have tiny radio tags, about 0.04 inches (1 millimeter) long, attached to their bodies, allowing researchers to track their movements on a protected English estate.

The wood ants, which get their name from the "eyebrows" visible through a microscope, live in colonies housed within nests connected by trails worn into the ground by years of ant traffic.

The biologist doing the work, Samuel Ellis of the University of York, intends to examine how the ants interact with one another.

The results are expected

to help staff at the Longshaw Estate in Derbyshire manage the estate — a natural and archaeological site — with the ants' needs in mind.

"I think this is a world first. It has not been done in the wild before," said Ellis in a video produced by the UK National Trust, which manages the estate.

Ellis is not certain how long they will stay attached to the insects.

"The tags act like a bar code," he said in the video. "It gives each ant an individual identity and what this means is you can see which ants are going where and how individual ants interactions work together to make the colony long

behaviors."

An estimated 50 million hairy wood ants, Formica lugubris, inhabit the estate. They are the largest species of ants native to the British Isles with workers reaching up to 0.4 inches (10 mm) long. To get food for their young, the ants gently stroke sap-sucking aphids, which then

produce honeydew; in return, the ants protect these aphids.

The ants defend themselves from predators by spraying smelly, vinegar-like formic acid. Some birds, like Jays and Green Woodpeckers, use the formic acid spray as a cleansing agent to get rid of parasites, according to the University of York.

Internet

A radio tag, the metallic rectangle, has been attached to the back of this ant. INTERNET



Union Health Minister meets faculty members of Magway and Mandalay Universities of Medicine

NAY PYI TAW, 2 Sept— Union Minister for Health Dr Pe Thet Khin met faculty members from Community Health University and University of Medicine (Magway) in Magway Region on 31 August noon.

In meeting with the faculty members, the Union Minister said that the State is giving priority to undertaking the task for reducing maternal and infant mortality rate, nurturing doctors, nurses and midwives for development of human resources.

Faculty members need to follow rules, regulations and laws in the training of doctors with a view to enhancing their knowledge, skills and attitude, said the Union Minister.

The Union Minister yesterday morning attended the opening of Hsandadawpyae Ayupala Sitagu charity hospital in Myingyan of Mandalay Region and pressed the button

to open the signboard. The Union Minister then viewed medical treatment for eye patients in the hospital.

The Union Minister looked round Myingyan People's Hospital and met with Region Social Affairs Minister Dr Win Hlaing, Head of Region Health Department Dr Moe Swe and health staff at the meeting hall. The Union Minister urged the staff to carry out the tasks for reduction of mother and infant mortality rate for fulfilling UN Millennium Development Goals. Doctors and nurses are needed to train emergency treatment for patients; development of health sector will be successful by cooperating between departments, local organizations, social organizations and people and doctors, nurses' abilities, said the Union minister.

The Union Minister proceeded to



Union Minister for Health Dr Pe Thet Khin meeting with faculty members of Community University and University of Medicine (Magway) in Magway.—MNA

University of Medicine (Mandalay) where he met region social affairs minister, rectors, professors and medical superintendents at Aungpinle meeting hall at 2 pm. The Union Minister inspected construction site of the

medicine university.

The Union Minister then held a meeting with medical superintendent and health staff at the meeting hall of Children's Hospital (550-bed).—MNA

Yangon East District A emerges champion in U-12 Football Tourney



YANGON, 2 Sept— Jointly organized by Myanmar Football Federation and No 1 Basic Education Department and No 3 Basic Education Department held the U-12 Men's Football Tournament at Aung San Stadium on 31 August.

In the final match, Yangon East District A secured 1-0 victory over Yangon West District B. In the third place match, Yangon North District A edged out Yangon North District B 5-1.

After the matches, Yangon Region Minister for

Social Affairs Dr Myint Thein, Director-General in-charge Dr Myo Thein Gyi of No 1 Basic Education Department, Director-General in-charge of No 3 Basic Education Department U Aung Chein, General Secretary of MFF U Tin Aung, Director of No 3 BED U Myint Soe presented prizes and medals to the respective winners.

The tournament started with eight teams on 28 August. The outstanding players will be selected for Yangon Region U-12 team. Myanmar Football Federation will organize the MFF U-12 Digital Cup 2012 (Lower Myanmar) from 10 to 17 September at Aung San Stadium.—Kyemon

Shwebo Township gets a new asphalt road

SHWEDO, 1 Sept— The opening of Dabinshteetee tar road was held at the road in Shwebo yesterday morning, attended by Sagaing Region Chief Minister U Tha Aye. The Region chief minister pressed the button to open the road and road construction committee member U Ba Thin spoke words of thanks on

behalf of Region Road Transportation Minister U Tin Ngwe, Region Hluttaw Representative U Tun Ko Ko and wellwishers. The 920 feet long, 14 feet wide and 6 feet thick a new road is constructed with the contributions of Shwebo Township Development Affairs Committee and wellwishers.

The new road is the main one for going to Shwebo people's hospital and market. People from Shwebo are happy with opening of that road.

The Region chief minister and party inspected Shwebo People's Hospital where they fulfilled requirements and made cash donation.

Myanma Alin

Monsoon tree growing ceremony held in Aungmyethazan

MANDALAY, 2 Sept— The collective tree growing ceremony was held at the corner of 80th street and Tayoe street in Amarantani East Ward of Aungmyethazan Township on 19 August.

At the ceremony, Acting Township Administrator U Khin Maung Than explained the purpose of

holding tree growing ceremony. The head of Township Forest Department presented saplings to responsible persons of social

organizations and ward administrator.

Later, the acting township administrator and officials participated in tree growing ceremony together with local people. They grew 340 saplings on the occasion.

NLM

Arsenal pile on misery for struggling Liverpool



Arsenal's Lukas Podolski (L) scores past Liverpool's Pepe Reina (R) and Glen Johnson during their English Premier League soccer match at Anfield in Liverpool, northern England 2 September, 2012.—REUTERS

LIVERPOOL, 2 Sept— Lukas Podolski and Santi Cazorla ended Arsenal's barren start to the Premier League season in an impressive 2-0 victory at

Liverpool on Sunday that condemned the hosts to their worst start in 50 years.

One point from the opening three games under new manager Brendan

Rodgers represents the worst opening to a league campaign since 1962-63 for a Liverpool team which was not helped by a mistake by goalkeeper Pepe Reina which gifted Cazorla his goal.

The manner of the defeat, against an Arsenal team which had failed to score in the first two matches of the new season, was particularly disappointing given Rodgers' failure to sign a new forward before the transfer window closed on Friday.

With England centre-forward Andy Carroll having been allowed to join West Ham on loan, Rodgers had expected to sign Fulham's Clint Dempsey as his replacement.

But Tottenham signed the American instead and

that failure, plus the evidence of their opening three games, suggests this will be a trying season for the Merseyside club.

Arsenal's first league goal in 211 minutes of the new campaign came in the 31st minute at Anfield and was a devastating example of the art of the counter-attack.

Podolski started the move inside his own half, taking a pass from his back line, and moving the ball on to Cazorla before starting a sprint into the Liverpool area.

The German forward timed his run to perfection, arriving on the end of Cazorla's angled pass to beat Reina from 12 yards.

Reuters



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