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Myanmar to serve as coordinator in ASEAN-US relations from 2012-2015

Foreign Relations

NAY PYI TAW, 6 Sept—President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein received US Permanent Representative to ASEAN Ambassador Mr David L Carden and ASEAN-US eminent persons group at Credentials Hall of the Presidential Palace here this morning.

Present on the occasion together with the President were Union Minister for Border Affairs Lt-Gen Thein Htay, Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Wunna Maung Lwin, Union Ministers at the Presidential Office U Thein Nyunt, U Soe Thein, U Aung Min, and departmental heads and Mr Carden was accompanied by ASEAN-US eminent persons Mr Stapleton Roy, Mr Muhtar Kent, and US Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Derek James Mitchell.

During the meeting, the President extended warm welcome to the visitors. He revealed his pleasure to host the second ASEAN-US eminent persons group meeting in Yangon tomorrow, expressing his delight for having a chance to act as coordinator in ASEAN-US relations from 2012 to 2015. He said he assumed that Myanmar would be able to further promote ASEAN-US ties during its assumption of responsibility and US would be able to make more frequent contacts with Myanmar

during that period.

The representative and members credited the bold and far-sighted actions of the President and the government for more transparency of the

and stronger future of ASEAN Community. Washington is committed to take steps together in the process Myanmar has initiated.

Coca Cola Company is

creating jobs for nearly 2000 Myanmar citizens. In addition, works would be carried out for creation of jobs opportunities in cooperation with Pact for (See page 8)

President U Thein Sein

President U Thein Sein sends message of felicitation to Brazilian counterpart

NAY PYI TAW, 7 Sept—U Thein Sein, President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to Her Excellency Ms Dilma Rousseff, President of the Federative Republic of Brazil, on the anniversary of the Independence Day of the Federative Republic of Brazil which falls on 7th September 2012.—MNA



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Permanent Representative to ASEAN Ambassador Mr David L Carden

country. Myanmar is at the beginning of an interested journey. Myanmar takes a crucial role in more compact

making investments in 206 countries and would also make investment in Myanmar. The company has projected to invest 100 million USD over the coming three years,

Medicinal dragon fruit marketable among consumers

YEDASHE, 6 Sept—Dragon fruit that was cultivated in the countryside on test last two years. At present, the fruit is marketable because it is medicinal one.

Dragon fruits help relieve patients of diabetes and cardiac diseases. Flesh of the fruit is soft and delicious. Those who eat the dragon fruits regularly

with honey or a little of sugar will enjoy better taste.

Moreover, peel of the fruit can be painted on the face to relieve pigsty, freckles and other facial complaints.

Kyemon



Flood warning for Sittoung River

NAY PYI TAW, 6 Sept—According to the 12.30 hr M.S.T observation today, the water level of Sittoung River at Toungoo is observed as 60 cm (about 2 feet) below its danger level. It may reach its danger level during the next 48 hours commencing this noon, announced Department of Meteorology and Hydrology.—MNA

Republic of the Union of Myanmar President Office Order No. 29/2012

5th Waning of Wagaung, 1374 ME (6th September, 2012)

Resignations of Chairman and members of Constitutional Tribunal of the Union allowed

According to provisions on Section 331 of the Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and Section 28 of the Constitutional Tribunal of the Union Law, resignations of the following chairman and members of the Constitutional Tribunal of the Union were allowed of their own accord.

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| (1) U Thein Soe | Chairman |
| (2) Dr Tin Aung Aye | member |
| (3) Daw Khin Hla Myint | member |
| (4) U Tun Kyi | member |
| (5) U Soe Thein | member |
| (6) U Khin Tun | member |
| (7) U Hsan Myint | member |
| (8) U Myint Kyaing | member |
| (9) Daw Mi Mi Yi | member |

Sd/ Thein Sein
President
Republic of the Union of Myanmar

National News

U Kyaw Tin accredited as Permanent Representative to UN

NAY PYI TAW, 7 Sept—The President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar has appointed U Kyaw Tin, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar to Canada, as the Permanent Representative of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar to the United Nations, New York.—MNA

Union Foreign Affairs Minister felicitates Brazilian counterpart

NAY PYI TAW, 7 Sept—U Wunna Maung Lwin, Union Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr Antonio de Aguiar Patriota, Minister of External Relations of the Federative Republic of Brazil, on the anniversary of the Independence Day of the Federative Republic of Brazil, which falls on 7th September 2012.—MNA

Agriculture & Irrigation

Dekkhinathiri Tsp to host pilot project for mechanized farming

NAY PYI TAW, 6 Sept—Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing attended the meeting on shifting to mechanized farming on 3000-acre farmland in Dekkhinathiri Township in Nay Pyi Taw Council Area and transforming of the farmland to acre-wide and hectare-wide plantations from existing small plantations at the ministry here this morning.

The Union Minister said on the occasion that Dekkhinathiri Township in Nay Pyi Taw Council Area has been chosen as a model township to



undertake pilot project for transformation to mechanized farming system as instructed by the president, calling for cooperation of farmers.

It is learnt that as soon as the monsoon paddy is harvested on 3000-acre farmland, measures would be taken to reclaim the farmland to introduce mechanized

farming. The Union minister and deputy ministers then discussed observation of World Food Day.

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Coord meeting for development of e-Government held

NAY PYI TAW, 6 Sept—A coordination meeting for development of e-Government of the Ministry of Commerce was held its ministry, here, yesterday afternoon, attended by Union Minister at the President Office U Tin Naing Thein, Union Minister for Commerce U Win Myint, Deputy Minister Dr Pwint Hsan, Deputy Ministers for National Planning and Economic Development U Hsat Aung and Dr Daw Khin Hsan Yi and departmental heads.

Today, ICT wide use is more crucial for both development of e-Government works and preparing of single window system, said the Union Minister at the President Office.

The Ministry of Commerce has implemented

e-Government works since 2005 with added momentum. Likewise, the educative committee and sub-committee including the e-Commerce & e-Licensing was formed with departmental heads on 26 December, 2006 for enabling trade deals information, saving data, reviews, research, supervising the implementation of e-Government works and upgrading its website continuously. The e-Government implementing committee was reformed since 12 July, 2006 and kept on trying as well.

The responsible person from the Ministry of Commerce discussed implementation of e-Government system in detailed.

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Commerce & Trade



In memory of parents of U Ohn Kywe of Kolonekwin Village in Hmawby Township, Yangon Region, U Ohn Kywe and family donated K 500,000 to the medical fund of Hninzigon Home for the Aged through Vice-Chairman of Executive Committee U Aung Than.—NLM

Wellwishers donate cash and kind to displaced people in Kachin State

MOHNYIN, 6 Sept—The local people around Phakant Township moved to urban areas as of 19 August due to security situation in the township of Kachin State.

Local authorities, socials and religious associations provided assistance to them accommodated at relief camps at monasteries and churches.

On 31 August, Kachin State Government, officials, companies and wellwishers donated bags of rice, consumer goods, and personal goods worth K 71,486,600 to 5737 people from 1041 households of 32 relief camps.

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Corrigendum

Please read Qatar Airline instead of Water Airline in the news entitled “Some foreign airlines to fly to Yangon” on page 16 in this newspaper issued on 4-9-2012. Error is regretted.—Ed

MYANMAR GAZETTE

NAY PYI TAW, 6 Sept—The President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar has appointed the following persons as heads of service organizations shown against each on probation from the date they assume charge of their duties.

Name	Department
(1) U Kyaw Ngwe	Director-General
Head of Office	Small Industries
(Deputy Director-General)	Department
Minister's Office	Ministry of
Ministry of Cooperatives	Cooperatives
(2) U Aung Phyu	Director-General
Deputy Director-General	Cooperative
Cooperative Department	Department
Ministry of Cooperatives	Ministry of
	Cooperatives

News in Brief



PRIZES PRESENTED: The annual meeting of PTA of Basic Education High School No. 1 in Latha Township was held in conjunction of prize presentation to outstanding students on 25 August. Yangon Region Minister for Transport U Aung Khin presents prize to five distinction winner Maung Aung Myo Min in matriculation exam.—MYANMA ALIN

Fingerlings released into Ayeyawady River

THAYET, 6 Sept—With the aim of increasing fish resources, a ceremony to release fingerlings into the Ayeyawady River was held at the jetty in Thayet District in Magway Region on 28 August.

On the occasion, Acting Deputy Com-missioner U Min Swe of District General Administration Department, Head of District Fisheries Department U Tun Tun Oo, Township Administrator U Nyunt Hlaing, departmental officials and NGO members released 500,000 fingerlings into Ayeyawady River.—Myanma Alin



Youth competes in Football Tournament in Putao

PUTAO, 6 Sept—The Putao Township Administrator's Cup Men's Football Tournament was held in Township People's Sports Ground at 3 pm on 20 August.

In the debut, Khakabo Youth Team beat Htawamrazi Youth Team 2-1.

Among the spectators were Lt-Col Aung Kyaw Tun of the local station, Deputy Commissioner U Hlaing Tun of District General Administration Department, Township Administrator U Soe Myint Thein and departmental officials.—MNA

World

CHARLOTTE, (North Carolina), 6 Sept — The 1988 Democratic convention introduced Bill Clinton to the nation as a long-winded bore. The 2012 convention may cement his status as his party's most valuable weapon.

In his debut on the national stage, the young Arkansas governor didn't exactly electrify the party faithful, who cheered loudest when he said, "In closing ..." toward the end of his 35-minute speech. This time around, it's safe to say that few in the convention audience will be eager for Clinton to wrap it up.

At their convention on Wednesday night, Democrats are counting on the former president to explain to voters how their lives would improve if they give President Barack Obama another four years in the White House — a tricky argument to make in a time of rising poverty, high employment and sluggish economic growth. As a president who oversaw a growing economy and balanced budgets, Clinton is a particularly effective salesman for Democrats' economic ideas, they say.

Bill Clinton to evoke era of prosperity in boost to Obama

US

economic ideas, they say. His ability to sugarcoat attacks and explain complicated ideas in terms that voters can understand also will make him a valuable player in the bitter, jobs-focused battle between Obama and Republican Mitt Romney, they say.

And Clinton can be an effective ambassador to groups that have been resistant to Obama's charms, from working-class whites to wealthy donors in the financial industry. "It's entirely possible that Clinton will make the case for Obama better than Obama has ever made for himself," said former Clinton adviser William Galston. Clinton's public stature has grown steadily since he left office at the beginning of 2001.

With an approval rating of 66 percent, according to Gallup, he enjoys popularity among all segments of the American public.

Nearly half of Republicans in the poll give him high marks, which perhaps accounts for the gentle treatment he has received from Republican presidential candidates.



Former US President Bill Clinton (L) and US President Barack Obama wave at a fundraiser, at the Waldorf Astoria in New York on 4 June, 2012. — REUTERS

Romney called Clinton's programme that required welfare recipients to get jobs a "great accomplishment." Another Republican, former House Speaker Newt Gingrich, bragged that he worked with Clinton to balance the budget in the 1990s. He spent less time bragging about the budget battles that led to two government shutdowns, or the divisive effort to impeach Clinton in the aftermath of a sex scandal.

The conservative *Wall Street Journal* editorial page noted that the prosperity that the United States enjoyed on Clinton's watch gives him added weight when attacking Republicans on economic topics. "The payoff for putting Mr Clinton center stage at the 2012 convention ... could be big," the paper wrote on Tuesday.

After more than a decade of war and recession, voters are more likely to think of Clinton's time in office from 1993 to 2001 as an era of peace and growth rather than sex scandals and government shutdowns, said Democratic pollster Stan Greenberg. "People think of the 1990s as a prosperous period for the country," he said. — Reuters

Putin highlights Russia's APEC agenda

RUSSIA

MOSCOW, 6 Sept — Russian President Vladimir Putin on Wednesday underscored the Moscow-initiated priority areas for the upcoming Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) summit in the Far Eastern city of Vladivostok. In an article wrote for the *Wall Street Journal* Asia edition, Putin praised the APEC framework as "a good example of how integration contributes to economic development, giving a positive signal to business."

One major topic for discussion at the summit will be freeing up trade and investment flows to stimulate economic growth, taking into account Russia's recent accession to the World Trade Organization (WTO), Putin wrote. The principle of free trade is undergoing a crisis, as "we regularly observe recurrences of protectionism and veiled trade wars instead of lifting barriers," Putin said, calling for joint efforts to "clear the accumulated imbalance."

Food security is another key issue, as all participants of the summit agreed that the instability in global food markets could lead to serious economic and social risks.



Russian President Vladimir Putin

Thus, "we must jointly offer answers to this challenge," said Putin. As for economic integration, the creation of a common market between Russia, Belarus and Kazakhstan gave Russia new room to strengthen dialogues with its APEC partners, Putin said. The already-implemented Customs Union and Common Economic Space agreements, and the prospective Eurasian Economic Union are expected to improve efficiency among its members and promote regional integration, Putin said. Establishing reliable supply chains and facilitating logistics in the region are important integration projects, Putin said, citing examples of new ports built in the Far East region and modernized transportation and shipment infrastructure in the whole country.

Xinhua

British government cabinet

UK undergoes reshuffle

LONDON, 6 Sept — British Prime Minister David Cameron reshuffled his cabinet on Tuesday to inject a "fighting spirit" into the ruling coalition and promote bright young ministers with a record of delivery, said a source from 10 Downing Street. Cameron shifted culture minister Jeremy Hunt, who has battled calls to resign over his closeness to Rupert Murdoch's media empire, to the health ministry, replacing Andrew Lansley.

Lansley, the architect of controversial reforms to the NHS in England, has effectively been demoted to the more junior role of leader of the House of Commons. Speaking outside No 10, Hunt said he was "incredibly honored" to take charge of health. "It is a huge task and the biggest privilege of my life," he told the BBC. Many of the cabinet's top positions remained unchanged with Finance Minister George Osborne, Foreign Minister

William Hague, Home Secretary Theresa May, Education Secretary Michael Gove, and Work and Pensions Secretary Iain Duncan Smith keeping their jobs.

Transport minister Justine Greening, who was seen as blocking the expansion of London's Heathrow airport, was removed from her post to be replaced by former chief whip Patrick McLoughlin. London Mayor Boris Johnson criticized the removal of Greening, and said: "There can be only one reason to move her — and that is to expand Heathrow Airport." In a statement, the mayor said: "The third runway would mean more traffic, more noise, more pollution and a serious reduction in the quality of life for hundreds of thousands of people."

Former army officer Andrew Mitchell went from being international development secretary to the government's enforcer for parliamentary business. Those leaving the government in the shake-up include Environment Secretary Caroline Spelman, Welsh Secretary Cheryl Gillan and Commons leader Sir George Young.

Xinhua



British Prime Minister David Cameron

Colombia's President Juan Manuel Santos (C) speaks during a televised national conference at the presidential palace in Bogota on 6 Sept, 2012. — REUTERS



BOGOTA, 6 Sept — Colombian President Juan Manuel Santos unveiled on Wednesday a six-man team to negotiate with Marxist FARC rebels in the hope of ending almost 50 years of war. A decade after the last attempt to end Latin America's longest-running insurgency failed, the negotiators led by former Vice President Humberto de la Calle are to travel to Norway next month to meet the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia. The negotiations will then move to Cuba.

"It's a team with ample experience and each member wants things to move ahead in a serious, dignified, realistic and effective way," Santos said at an address in the presidential palace, flanked by some of the negotiators. Members of the

Colombia names team for peace talks with FARC rebels

COLOMBIA

negotiating team include a former police chief, an industrialist, a former military

head, the president's chief security adviser and a former environment minister. Half-way into his four-year term, Santos, a US — and British-trained economist, is staking his reputation on the talks. He knows they will be thorny given past failures like the 1999-2002 process when the rebels stonewalled, threw up tough demands and used the time to regroup.

Santos is betting the FARC will avoid imposing tricky demands this time and bring an end to a war that has killed tens of thousands since starting in 1964. "The difference with these peace talks and the last is that there seems to be real desire, willingness from both sides," Ivan Cepeda, an opposition lawmaker whose father was

killed by a paramilitaries in 1994, told Reuters. "That wasn't the case before." Back in El Caguan, as the 1999-2002 process became known, the seven-member FARC leadership was composed of ideological and military hardliners, who, critics say, had no intention of agreeing to peace. Four of them are now dead.

Still, this time there will be no ceasefire, which some analysts say could jeopardize the talks as combat rages. The dangers were illustrated on Tuesday when FARC rebels blew up two trucks at a coal mine in the northern province of La Guajira, according to industry sources. Though Colombia's economy has enjoyed a boom since the FARC were pushed back to remoter areas, its presence is still a hindrance to the fast-expanding mining and oil sectors. Others, though, say the lack of a ceasefire could actually be beneficial by injecting urgency into the talks. "It's a big risk but will ensure that the talks move ahead quickly," Leon Valencia, a former fighter in the second-biggest rebel group, the ELN, told Reuters. — Reuters



Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu

Israeli PM changes tone but not message on Iran's nuclear ambition

ISRAEL

JERUSALEM, 6 Sept — Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu on Monday appeared to have ratcheted back his tone on how to deal with Iran's nuclear weapons programme. Netanyahu, who considers a nuclear-armed Iran as a threat to Israel, said the Islamic Republic was "racing ahead with its nuclear program, because it doesn't see a clear red line from the international community."

Talking with a group of Israeli and US war veterans, Netanyahu said he "doesn't see the necessary resolve and determination from the international community. The greater the resolve and the clearer the red line, the less likely we'll have a conflict," Netanyahu said. — Xinhua

Nokia's new Windows phones, key to its future, disappoint

Technology

NEW YORK, 6 Sept—Nokia's new Lumia smartphones drew a quick thumbs-down from investors looking for transformational handsets to rescue the struggling Finnish company, sending the firm's shares tumbling 13 percent.

Nokia and partner Microsoft Corp showcased the Lumia 920 phone on Wednesday in what may be their last major shot at reclaiming market share lost to Apple Inc, Samsung Electronics Co Ltd and Google Inc.

Microsoft and Nokia hope the device — sporting bright colours from red to yellow, a bigger screen, and technology that reduces blur and shakiness in pictures and video — will become a potent weapon in an escalating global war to dominate the mobile industry.

But investors said it lacked "wow" and some analysts said Nokia's reticence about dates, prices or carrier partners also did not help. Nokia shares traded in Helsinki began sliding midway through the New York launch and ended down 13 percent at 1.99 euros, their biggest single-day loss since June.

But the stock had gained 67 percent since mid-July as anticipation built ahead of Lumia's unveiling.

Its US-listed stock closed down 16 percent at \$2.38.

Many of the industry analysts who saw the phone up close in New York deemed

The Nokia Lumia 920, equipped with Microsoft's Windows Phone 8



it a solid device with a few differentiating features. But it did not push the envelope as Nokia CEO Stephen Elop had promised.

"The challenge is that the world is working on the 4th, 5th and 6th editions of their devices, while Nokia is still trying to move from chapter 1. It still has quite a bit to catch up," said RBC analyst Mark Sue.

"People were looking for something that would dazzle. Most investors will view it as evolutionary, not revolutionary. Nokia has made some good progress, but investors were looking for quantum leaps. We didn't get that."

The Lumia was the first in a flurry of planned mobile-device launches expected ahead of the holiday shopping season. Google's Motorola Mobility also showed off three new smartphones based on Android software on Wednesday. Verizon Wireless the top US mobile provider

committed to sell all three of the Motorola phones.

The Lumia runs on the latest Windows Phone operating system, which Microsoft — the world's largest software maker — hopes will rival Apple's iOS and Google's Android to become a third mobile platform. Nokia announced no partnerships with wireless service providers, leading some analysts to worry this was a sign of weak carrier support.

The Finnish handset makers said it would announce pricing and roll-out dates for the new Lumia later on a country-by-country basis.

Reuters

Sony mobile customers emails, names hacked in China

TOKYO, 6 Sept—Japan's Sony Corp said hackers have accessed the email addresses and names of as many as 400 of its mobile unit's customers in China and Taipei held on servers owned by a third-party vendor.

No credit card information was compromised in the attack, which hacking group NullCrew claimed in tweets to have perpetrated. Sony does not yet know the source of the attack, company spokesman George Boyd said in Tokyo.

Sony's own servers were not accessed, but information on its customers is sometimes held at outside companies it hires to conduct sales promotions and other events, an industry source told Reuters on condition he was not identified.

Reuters



The main lobby of the headquarters of Sony Corp in Tokyo is hung with a large sign reading.
REUTERS

Motorola unveils three phones for Verizon Wireless

Technology

NEW YORK, 6 Sept—Google Inc's Motorola Mobility unveiled three smartphones to help compete with bigger rivals Apple Inc and Samsung Electronics Co for the holiday shopping season. Verizon Wireless, the biggest US mobile provider, will sell all three devices — the Droid Razr HD, the Droid Razr Maxx HD and the Droid Razr M — the companies said on Wednesday.

The smartphones will use Google's Android software. Motorola showed off the phones at a press event in New York, its first big media gathering since Google bought Motorola in May. Google has said that the handset maker will remain a separate subsidiary and will make fewer phones than before.

The unveiling was part of a flurry of mobile device launches ahead of the holiday season throughout the industry. Earlier on Wednesday, Nokia Oyj and Microsoft Corp unveiled their flagship phone, the Lumia 920, which uses the latest Windows Phone operating software.

Nokia did not announce any wireless operator partners for its device.

Motorola Mobility's Droid Razr HD boasts a 4.7 inch screen with a sharper picture than Motorola's

previous phones. Verizon Wireless did not announce pricing but said the device will be available in time for the holidays.

The Razr M is a smaller phone for more cost-conscious consumers, with a 4.3 inch display that covers most of the front of the phone. That device will be available for \$99.99 when it goes on sale at Verizon Wireless stores next week.

The Droid Razr Maxx HD will have similar features to the Razr HD but will boast a longer battery life. Motorola promised that the device could run for 21 hours of phone calls or 13 hours of video viewing.—Reuters



Product specialists display new Motorola droid phones; (L-R) Droid Razr M, Droid Razr HD and the Droid Razr Maxx HD during a launch event in New York, on 5 Sept, 2012.
REUTERS

Science

More satellite launches planned for upgrading maritime monitoring

BEIJING, 6 Sept—China plans to launch eight more satellites by 2020 to further improve the country's maritime monitoring network, a national English-language newspaper reported on Thursday.

The planned launches will include four satellites for observing sea colour, two for observing ocean currents, and two maritime radar satellites, according to the *China Daily* report, quoting official sources.

Jiang Xingwei, director of the National Satellite Ocean Application Service, was quoted as saying the plan has been approved by the

National Development and Reform Commission, the country's top economic planning authority.

The new satellites will greatly improve China's ability to observe and supervise the marine environment, Jiang said.

According to the report, China already has three satellites that monitor its territorial waters and islands, including the Diaoyu Islands and Huangyan Island, but they cannot be used to focus on a fixed location.

It is believed that the launch of the two maritime radar satellites will add that capability.—Xinhua

Science

Scientists discuss nanomaterial safety

BEIJING, 6 Sept—Over 600 nanotechnology scientists from more than 30 countries and regions around the world gathered in Beijing on Wednesday to attend an international conference on nanomaterial safety.

The scientists will discuss issues about nanotoxicology, nanomedicine, nanobiotechnology as well as ethical, legal and social issues related to nanotechnology at the four-day 6th International Conference on Nanotoxicology.

China was among the earliest countries to conduct nanotoxicology research, and there are currently more than 40 institutions across the country conducting research, analysis and testing related to nanomaterial safety and its possible impacts on the environment and people's health.

It was the first time for this conference to be held in an Asian country.—Xinhua

Space

Spacewalking astronauts fix station's power system

CAPE CANAVERAL, 6 Sept—A pair of spacewalking astronauts cleaned, greased and finally coaxed a jammed bolt into position on Wednesday, restoring the *International Space Station's* power system.

The spacewalk by NASA astronaut Sunita Williams and Japan's Akihiko Hoshide was the second in a week to replace a key part of the

station's power system.

The astronauts were able to remove the faulty 220-pound (100-kg) device, known as a main bus switching unit, during a spacewalk last Thursday, but were unable to bolt a replacement into position.

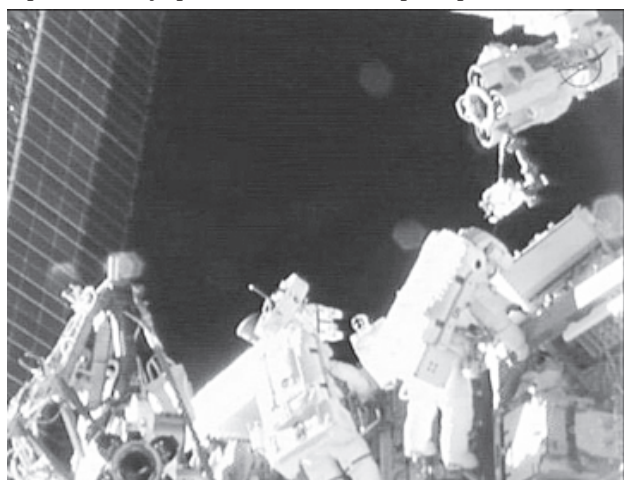
While engineers at NASA's Johnson Space Centre in Houston mulled over repair options, Williams

and Hoshide spent the weekend fashioning tools to clean the bolt and its receptacle of metal shavings and other debris believed to be causing the problem.

The homemade tools included a wire brush formed from a spare cable and another fashioned out of a toothbrush.

Toting their makeshift brushes and bags of tools, Williams and Hoshide left the station's airlock shortly after 7 am EDT (1100 GMT) and headed to where they had tethered the new power distributor into position on the station's metal framework.

Spacewalking astronauts Sunita Williams (left) and Akihiko Hoshide (right) work outside the International Space Station near the outpost's robotic arm on 5 Sept, 2012.



Business

Toyota to invest Rs 900cr to increase production in India

TOKYO, 6 Sept— Japanese car giant Toyota will be investing Rs 900 crore in India to increase production capacity at its Bangalore facility by March next year, a top company official said today. The company, which is present in India through a joint venture with the Kirloskar Group, will be increasing the capacity of its plant in Bangalore to 3.1 lakh units per annum by March next year from 2.1 lakh units at present.

“We will invest Rs 900 crore to expand the capacity of our Bangalore plant by March next year. The production capacity will increase to 3.1 lakh units annually from the 2.1 lakh units at present,” Toyota Kirloskar Motor (TKM) Vice-Chairman Vikram Kirloskar told reporters here, on the sidelines of the annual convention of SIAM or the Society of Indian Automobile Manufacturers.

He added that most of these investments and increase in production would be for hiking the capacity of Innova and Etios.

On the company's plans



to set up a diesel engine manufacturing plant, TKM Managing Director Hiroshi Nakagawa said: “It is under discussion and we have not taken any decision yet. It will take time”.

Last month, the company had said it was unable to convince its Japanese parent to invest on a diesel engine manufacturing plant in India due of the lack of clarity in pricing policy of the fuel in the country.

In April this year, TKM is understood to have put forward a proposal to set up the plant after the Budget for 2012-13 spared diesel vehicles from additional taxes.

There has been a demand to increase taxes of diesel passenger vehicles from different quarters to prevent usage of the subsidised fuel for “luxury”. However, the automobile industry has been asking the government to deregulate diesel price in line with petrol.—PTI



Shares, euro edge up on ECB bond-buying hopes

SINGAPORE, 6 Sept— Stocks edged higher on Thursday and the euro held on to the previous session's gains on hopes that the European Central Bank will unveil new tactics to curb surging borrowing costs in indebted euro zone states.

The single currency jumped more than 1 cent on Wednesday to a high of \$1.2625 after a string of leaks from euro zone officials raised expectations that the ECB will announce a bolder bond intervention plan after Thursday's policy meeting.

“This meeting is absolutely crucial, because expectations are extremely high. If the ECB does not deliver, we will get into another bad patch,” said Gilles Moec, senior European economist at Deutsche Bank.

Euro STOXX 50 index futures rose 0.2 percent, pointing to a firmer start to trading, while financial spread betters in London called the FTSE 100 .FTSE to open up around 0.3 percent.

The euro firmed a touch



A man passes an electronic board displaying market indices from around the world outside a brokerage in Tokyo on 23 August, 2012.—REUTERS

to about \$1.2607, while the dollar was flat against a basket of major currencies .DXY. <FRX>

Asian equity markets pared earlier gains, with MSCI's broadest index of Asia Pacific shares outside Japan .MIAPJ0000PUS rising 0.2 percent, while Japan's Nikkei .N225 closed flat. .T

Australia's stock market .AXJO led regional gains, rising around 0.7 percent after a jump in copper prices in the previous session boosted mining heavyweights Rio Tinto (RIO.AX) and BHP Billiton (BHP.AX).

US stocks had largely ignored the European news on Wednesday, with the Dow Jones Industrial Average .DJI

gaining 0.1 percent but the broader S&P 500 .SPX easing 0.1 percent, hurt by a profit warning from economic bellwether FedEx Corp (FDX.N).N

“While FedEx is only one company, it's one whose warning is indicative of the global economic slowdown we're dealing with,” said Leo Grohowski, chief information officer at BNY Mellon Wealth Management in New York.

But S&P index futures traded in Asia rose 0.3 percent on Thursday, suggesting modest gains on Wall Street later as long as ECB President Mario Draghi does not disappoint investors at his 1230 GMT news conference.

Reuters

European Factors to Watch-Shares seen rising in run-up to ECB

LONDON, 6 Sept — European shares looked set to gain on Thursday, having flirted with one-month lows in the previous session, with investors likely to shun big bets in the run-up to a European Central bank meeting at which details of a new bond-buying plan may be announced.

A media report saying the ECB planned to buy unlimited amounts of short-term debt to ease the region's financial crisis prompted a late-session rally on Wednesday, but caution soon returned to the market.

“We might see some sort of a disappointment today because they do not really have all the answers. But if you

get some (answers), the markets will realise after a while that these bond purchases are going to go through anyway over the course of the next couple of months together with the (US) Federal Reserve pumping liquidity into the system,” Philippe Gijssels, head of research at BNP Paribas Fortis Global Markets, said. “That would be enough to sustain the rally in my view even though economic conditions remain fairly weak.”

The ECB has said it will take steps to ease pressure on the sovereign debt markets. Further details of the plan are expected to be revealed by ECB President Mario Draghi after Thursday's policy meeting.—Reuters

Sensex lacklustre; BHEL extends fall, Bharti retreats

NEW DELHI, 6 Sept— Indian shares continued to trade in a range around their previous closing values following lacklustre trade in global markets ahead of a meeting of European Central Bank today evening. The weakness in Reliance Industries, L&T and ITC counterbalanced the gains in Infosys, ICICI Bank, SBI and TCS.

The 30-share BSE Sensex declined 5 points to 17,308.14 and the 50-share NSE Nifty was down 3 points to 5,222.70.

Overall the market has been in a range, which experts feel would continue. Vibhav Kapoor of IL&FS said the Nifty would remain rangebound between 4,950-5,400. He feels the index may move to 4,900 if global cues disappoint.

Infosys, country's second largest software services exporter extended gains to 2.3% while its rivals TCS and Wipro gained 0.7-1%.

Private sector lenders ICICI Bank and Axis Bank rose 1% each after losing 4-5% yesterday. Public sector lender State Bank of India went up 0.6%

Traders also covered their shorts in metals stocks; Jindal Steel and Sterlite Industries, which fell 3-5%



yesterday, gained more than 1%.

India's largest car maker Maruti Suzuki moved up nearly 1% as the COO S Maitra hopes that the company's Manesar facility will start full by month-end. “We will produce about 700 cars per day from Manesar shortly (which is currently around 580 cars),” he said.

Fast moving consumer goods majors ITC and HUL were down 1.5% and 0.5%, respectively. Engineering conglomerate Larsen & Toubro fell 0.6%.

State-run power equipment manufacturer BHEL, which topped the selling list with 5% losses yesterday, dropped 2.4%. Telecom operator Bharti Airtel erased yesterday's gains, falling 2.7%.—PTI

Health

FDA panel backs Novartis cystic fibrosis drug

WASHINGTON, 6 Sept— Drug advisers on Wednesday backed a new form of Novartis AG's inhaled antibiotic that treats a lung infection linked to cystic fibrosis.

A panel of outside advisers to the Food and Drug Administration voted 13 to 1 that Novartis had demonstrated that its tobramycin inhalation powder, or TIP, was safe and effective. The FDA usually follows panel recommendations, although it is not required to do so, and will make a final decision later.

Novartis is seeking approval of the antibiotic powder, which patients can take with an inhaler, as a more convenient alternative to its older version of tobramycin called Tobi that required use of a nebulizer machine.

“I think it's wonderful there's an additional drug available. Its importance, as with any new drug, will be

determined over time,” said panel member Dr Paul Auwaerter, clinical director in infectious diseases at the Johns Hopkins School of Medicine.

TIP treats a lung infection that often afflicts patients with cystic fibrosis, a genetic disease that affects about 30,000 people in the United States.

Ahead of the panel meeting, clinical reviewers from the FDA had questioned whether the data showed TIP truly helped cystic fibrosis patients breathe better, especially compared to the

company's older Tobi drug.

But most panel members on Wednesday said the company had sufficiently proven TIP was just as safe and effective.

“As is often the case, the available data are imperfect,” said panel member Dr Melvin Weinstein, chief of the division of infectious diseases at the Robert Wood Johnson Medical School in New Jersey. “But that said, the efficacy appears to be similar to Tobi, and I don't see enough of a (safety) signal to prevent approval of this drug.”



Nearly 17 million Americans repeatedly short of food

WASHINGTON, 6 Sept — The number of poor Americans who repeatedly ran short of food shot up by 800,000 in 2011 to nearly 17 million compared with 2010, the US government said on Wednesday.

The Department of Agriculture said in a report that about 5.5 percent of Americans, or nearly 17 million, suffered “very low food security” last year, meaning they had to skip meals or not eat for a day because of a lack of money to buy food. That is a rise of 800,000 over the prior year, it said.

The food-security report was released

one day after the government said that a record 46.7 million Americans were enrolled for food stamps in June, up by 173,000 in May. High unemployment and slow growth since the deep 2008-2009 recession has driven enrollment in food stamps, the major US anti-hunger programme, to record levels.

The cost of food aid to the poor is an election-year issue, with Republicans calling for large cuts in food stamps and Medicaid to help reduce the deficit. Democrats say the cuts are too deep. —Reuters

MIDDLE EAST

Israeli air strike kills three Gaza militants

GAZA, 6 Sept — An Israeli air strike on the Hamas-governed Gaza Strip killed three gunmen as they tried to launch short-range rockets into the Jewish state on Wednesday, the military said. Palestinian medical officials and witnesses confirmed that three militants had been killed in the attack near Bureij, in central Gaza. They did not immediately give the dead men’s factional affiliation but said they did not belong to Hamas.

Though hostile to Israel, Islamist Hamas has at times proposed long-term truces and faced resistance to its rule from smaller armed groups in Gaza. Israel’s long-standing policy has been to blame Hamas, against which it fought a war in 2008-2009, for all attacks. “The Hamas terror organization is solely responsible for any terrorist activity emanating from the Gaza Strip,” the Israeli military said in a statement. It said the men targeted from the air had previously fired rockets across the border and were preparing to do so again. — Reuters

CRIME

Bank manager kidnapped, forced to rob Los Angeles bank

LOS ANGELES, 6 Sept — A Los Angeles bank manager was strapped to what appeared to be a bomb on Wednesday and sent into her bank to take out money for two thieves who escaped with the cash, authorities said, describing a scene reminiscent of a Hollywood action movie.

Officials believe the two suspects kidnapped the manager at her home in suburban Huntington Park on Tuesday night and forced her to participate in the robbery, Los Angeles County Sheriff’s spokesman Steve Whitmore said. “The two men took her to her bank on Wednesday morning, telling her that she had to wear this ‘explosive device,’” Whitmore said. “They strapped on what appeared to be pipe bomb.”

Following the robbery, a sheriff’s arson and explosives team removed the device from the woman and rendered it safe using a remote-controlled wheeled robot and sandbags. Huntington Park police Lieutenant Neal Mongan later said investigators did not believe it posed a threat. Officials did not identify the bank manager, who was questioned by investigators but not named as a suspect in the robbery.

Reuters



Soldiers compete in the shooting contest during a military training in Hohhot, capital of north China’s Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region, on 5 Sept, 2012. A total of 66 contestants from seven border defence units within the autonomous region took part in the contest here on Wednesday.

XINHUA

More young Chinese graduates seek employment in Japanese IT firms

TOKYO, 6 Sept — More and more young graduates from Chinese universities have joined their counterparts from neighbouring Asian countries in seeking employment in Japanese firms, particularly in the IT sector. But Yang Tao, a postgraduate student from Tsinghua University does not seem to be very optimistic about his prospects of being hired after his first round of job interview at DeNA, a leading Japanese Internet company in Tokyo. “The interviewers asked me some technical questions. I didn’t prepare enough for this part, I failed to give the best answer,” Yang said in an interview with Xinhua. Yang Tao is one of the finalists of a global recruiting project for Japanese IT industry called

“Work in Japan” organized by RGF, the biggest Japanese HR service company.

RGF recently held a computer programming competition for graduates from top universities in China, South Korea and India. It has selected a total of 92 graduates, including 85 Chinese, from over 10,000 applicants and brought them to Tokyo for job interviews in Japanese companies. The project planner Shuhei Miyatake told Xinhua that Japan-based IT companies, aiming to expand their global businesses, have strong demand for engineers who are willing to work both in Japan and abroad. He said local graduates are not enough to meet the growing needs. Compared with Japanese graduates, Chinese

students not only have high technical skills and real-work experiences but also stronger determination and Confucian work ethics, qualities that are most needed by Japanese companies.

“What we do is to pick talents from China, and recommend right people to the right companies,” Miyatake said. Based on their individual interests, the young graduates from China and elsewhere were invited for one week in Tokyo for job interviews in IT companies, such as DeNA, NTT and Rakuten. RGF, which began recruiting Chinese workers in 2010, has already brought about 140 Chinese graduates into Japanese companies where they have been welcomed and highly-admired for their skills.

Xinhua

Patients are evacuated from the Hospital Monsenor Sanabria in Puntarenas, by the Pacific coast of Costa Rica, on 5 Sept, 2012. According to the US Geological Survey (USGS), a 7.6 magnitude on the Richter scale earthquake was registered about 8 kilometers to northwest of Samara, in Guanacaste, Costa Rica. —XINHUA



International News

Bomb scare near US embassy in Brussels a false alarm



A bomb disposal robot manoeuvres past a car parked near the US embassy as a police officer secures the area in Brussels on 5 Sept, 2012. — REUTERS

BRUSSELS, 6 Sept — A bomb scare which forced an evacuation of the US embassy in Brussels and the Belgian Defence Ministry on Wednesday turned out to be a false alarm, police said. Hundreds of US diplomats

and ministry employees were evacuated from their buildings after a suspicious minivan was noticed parked nearby.

After around 45 minutes, during which major avenues of central Brussels were gridlocked with traffic, a bomb squad declared the vehicle safe and police gave the all clear. Ilse Van de Keere, a police spokeswoman, said officers on a routine patrol were suspicious of the vehicle because it carried reproduction number-plates and had wires hanging loose inside. A bomb disposal unit was called but discovered nothing suspect.

“In the end they found nothing unusual, but given the numerous visible wires and the fact that the car was very close to the US embassy and several Belgian ministries, we didn’t want to take any risks,” Van de Keere told reporters. —Reuters

QUEBEC

Suspect identified in Quebec election rally shooting death

OTTAWA, 6 Sept — Canadian police on Wednesday said the suspect who allegedly shot dead a person outside a victory rally for the separatist Parti Quebecois is the owner of a hunting-outfitting business. A police source confirmed Quebec media reports that Richard Henry Bain, aged 61 or 62, was being held in custody after the Tuesday night

going to tell you this is not a well-known person to police services,” Montreal spokesman Ian LaFreniere said on CTV Television.

Television footage showed a man wearing a black balaclava and what appeared to be a blue bathrobe over black clothing as police bundled him into a vehicle. Police would not confirm media reports that an AK47



Parti Quebecois leader Pauline Marois waves on stage with members of her security team after a shooting took place outside the venue where she was giving her winning address to supporters following the Quebec provincial election in Montreal, Quebec, on 4 Sept, 2012. —REUTERS

shooting, which took place as Quebec’s new premier-designate, Pauline Marois, was addressing jubilant supporters.

Police said they have no motive for the shooting, and no evidence that the shooter had accomplices. The source spoke on condition of anonymity because the name of the suspect has not yet been formally released. Bruno Beaulieu, a spokesman for the Quebec police force, said the suspect may appear in court on Wednesday night or Thursday. “We don’t reveal the criminal background of someone. But in this case I’m

assault rifle was found at the crime scene. Television images showed police removing an assault rifle from the suspect’s hands. “The English are waking up,” the suspect said, in French, as the police took him away. Marois, whose party won a minority in Tuesday’s election, had promised to strengthen laws designed to ensure the dominance of the French language, which has worried some in the minority English-speaking community. Speaking to reporters on Wednesday, Marois downplayed the possibility of political motives for the shooting. —Reuters

No representative has so far claimed...

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Hluttaw committees, commission and board are acting like intervening in functions of ministries, and what form of intervention if there is any, whether the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw knows that the various forms of deliberate attack designed to defame the Hluttaws and Hluttaw representatives in deed mean an insult to the people and if the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw knows, how the Hluttaw views those actions and how the Hluttaw views the crucial role of legislature for flourishing of genuine democracy as the role of the legislature needs to be stressed if the country is really to be built democratic nation.

Regarding the first question, Secretary of Pyithu Hluttaw Rights Committee Dr Soe Yin replied that no representative has so far claimed the Union minister level rights and emoluments. Hluttaw representatives are serving the interests of the nation, country, people, undertaking legislative works in the Hluttaw and ensuring checks and balances in cooperation with executive and judicial branches without party attachment, racism, dogmatism, sectarianism, sacrificing self-interests, under the leadership of the Pyithu Hluttaw in accordance with provisions of the constitution. They enjoy the parliamentary rights as vested by the Hluttaw and are not claiming for Union level status because they want to enjoy the emoluments of Union level personalities. The Hluttaw committees, commission and board, in exercising three branches of the sovereignty of the nation namely, legislative power, executive power and judicial power separately and undertaking checks and balances, need to have the Union level status, only then can they make checks and balances like executive and judicial institutions. That is why they want to define those agencies as Union level status.

Regarding the second question, The Pyidaungsu Hluttaw committees, commission and boards are not acting like intervening in functions of the ministries and have no intention to intervene. Under the constitution, they only make checks and balances and monitoring together with the ministries as assigned by the legislature. They are making coordination to be able to enact necessary laws and comprehensiveness of provisions according to democracy practices. In so doing, it is critically required to carry out with mutual understanding and trust under equal status. The democracy of the country is still in its infancy with little experiences. It is required to enhance the capacity in practising democracy system. It would be required to effectively implement mutually beneficial systems and works in undertaking checks and balances along with the increased capacity. Collaborative efforts must be made for interests of the nation, country and people and emergence and perpetuation of democratic nation, building mutual understanding and trust. Particularly, administrative institutions need to monitor to ensure that works are implemented under the legislations enacted by the Hluttaw. Likewise, the Hluttaw committees need to monitor the works of ministries in implementing plans and projects with public finance to ensure minimization of wastes. Committees are undertaking above-mentioned tasks and are not intervening in rights and functions of the ministries.

Regarding the third question, the secretary said that the entire Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and all Pyidaungsu Hluttaw representatives understand the one-sided criticisms in forms of comments leading to misunderstanding of the true situations and facts of the works the Hluttaw undertakes under the law, descriptions and remarks blackening the image of the Hluttaws and Hluttaw representatives, misguided writing that MPs want to have the rights of Union level personalities through State-owned newspapers, media and internet websites. Those writings are designed to create misunderstanding between people and the legislature and people and MPs. The role of the Hluttaws is cornerstone of the new democratic nation. All MPs understand that attempts to ruin the image of the Hluttaws mean attempts to destroy the dignity of democratic nation. The Hluttaws represent the population of 60 million people. So the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw views the attacks to blacken its image as an insult to the people. The people also have the same opinion. They would be punished by the people for their actions.

Regarding the fourth question, he replied that it is an

opportune time to establish a new democratic nation. That is why constitution was promulgated and approved as well as Hluttaws established. Only when, the Hluttaws enact necessary laws and abide by those laws for emergence of democratic nation, will the new nation emerge. In the view of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw, it is necessary to consider that whether a new nation would really be built through democratization process or not. If the new democratic nation is really built, it is necessary to accept the Hluttaw committees, commission and boards as union level organizations in order to implement Hluttaw affairs. As such, check and balance tasks can be carried out executive, judicial and legislative sectors, and the new democratic nation will be built with development in perpetual existence.

The Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw said that he is worried about misunderstanding of people and Hluttaw representatives over attitudes of Committees, Commission and Boards constituted by Hluttaws asking their status as Union level included in the report of the secretary of Pyithu Hluttaws and Pyithu Hluttaw Rights Committee. The provision that states commission, committees and boards formed by Hluttaws are at the Union level is included in the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw, Pyithu Hluttaw and Amyotha Hluttaw.

That includes in Pyithu Hluttaw and Amyotha Hluttaw laws. Complaining that Committee and Commission and organizations are not union level, it can not accomplish rights of Hluttaw and Hluttaw representatives and its duties. Likewise, the Deputy Minister for Information is urged to release complete news on the media like yesterday coverage.

The Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker said that 34th session of Fourth Regular session of First Amyotha Hluttaw held on 28 August, 2012, decided to impeach chairman and members of the Constitutional Tribunal of the Union under the section 334, sub-section (a), paragraphs (2) and (5) of the constitution, and Amyotha Hluttaw's resolution was sent to Pyithu Hluttaw to take actions under sections 71 and 334 of the constitution.

Pyithu Hluttaw formed a 15-member investigation board on 29th August, 2012 to take action against chairman and members of the Constitutional Tribunal of the Union under the section 71 and 334 of the constitution, and duties have been assigned to the board to present the report to the Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw on the findings not later than 5th September, 2012.

Concerning the Constitutional Tribunal of the Union's case, members of the investigation board U Ngon Maung and U Win Myint read out board's report, and Representative U Saw Hla Tun from ChaungU Constituency seconded it.

Representative U Than Myint from Salingyi Constituency presented committee's findings on Hluttaws and investigative board undertakings for impeaching chairman and members of the Constitutional Tribunal of the Union.

Chairman of Pyithu Hluttaw Rights Committee U Nanda Kyaw Swa explained the follow-up programme and presented original signature list of Hluttaw representatives to the Hluttaw Speaker.

Hluttaw took vote to decide investigation board's comments, and more than two-thirds of representatives agreed on the impeachment.

The Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw said that investigation board's comments have been approved with the vote of more than three-thirds of representatives.

A total of 408 of 429 Pyithu Hluttaw representatives—101 Defence Service Personal representatives and 307 people's representatives including the Speaker attended today's session to impeach the chairman and members of the Constitutional Tribunal of the Union under the section 334, sub-section (a), paragraph (2) and (5) and to sent it to Pyithu Hluttaw to take necessary actions after decision has been made by Amyotha Hluttaw.

All representatives gave no objection to investigation board's report. So, the Speaker will have to give yes vote when the number of Yes vote and No vote are same. The Speaker would get 306 votes even if he does not vote. The decision was approved that 286 of 429 representatives voted it.

There would be more yes vote including twelve representatives who missed the today's session. Two Hluttaws's impeachments in accord with the constitution of Chairman U Thein Soe of the Constitutional Tribunal of

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Local Sports

Referee refresher course, coaching course opened for boxing event



YANGON, 6 Sept—The International Boxing Referee Course (Refresher) No 2/2012 and the Coaching Course, conducted by Myanmar Boxing Federation in Thingangyun Township at 3 pm on 3 September.

Deputy Minister for Sports U Thaung Htaik delivered an address. President of Myanmar Boxing Federation U Yan Winspoke words of thanks. The refresher course will last from 3 to 14 September and the coaching course 3

to 21 September. A total of 13 trainees are attending the referee refresher course and 27 at the coaching course.

After that, the Deputy Minister attended the concluding of AVC Technical Seminar 20-12 (Block and Defence) at National Indoor Stadium-1 in Thuwunna and presented certificates to the trainees.

On the occasion, Vice-President of Myanmar Volleyball Federation U Thein Win presented gift to Course Director Prof Nai Chi Chang.

Myanma Alin

Hole-in-one scored at Meiktila Golf Course

MEIKTILA, 6 Sept—Ko Aung Kyaw Soe of Myanma Gonyi Textile Shop of Panhtein Ward in Myoma Ward 4 in Meiktila scored an ace at 136 yards distance hole No 4 with the use of Srixon 3 at Meiktila

Golf Course on 28 August afternoon.

While playing the golf event, his playmates were Lt-Col Zeya Lin, U Soe Hla (MaHaTha) and U Kyaw Lin (SB).

Myanma Alin

Tun Foundation Bank Chairman's Cup Football Tournament wraps up



WAKEMA, 6 Sept—The final match of the Tun Foundation Bank Chairman's Cup Fourth Inter-Ward Men's Football Tournament 2012 was held at Myoma Sports Ground in Wakema at 4 pm on 29 August.

In the match, Myatheindan Ward clinched title with a 4-3 victory over Ywale Ward.

Officials presented prizes to the winners in the

respective places and K 200,000 and trophy to the second prize winning Ywale Ward team.

Ayeyawady Region Hluttaw representative U Kyaw Lwin and Acting Township Administrator U Hla Min Thu presented K 400,000 and championship trophy to Myatheindan Ward Administrator U Myo Min Zaw and party for their victorious ward football team.—Myanma Alin

PERSPECTIVES

Friday, 7 September, 2012

Faithful creatures

No one knows exactly when people first started keeping dogs as pets or for many other purposes such as security, companionship, hunting and so on. It is believed that dogs were domesticated in the very early stages of human civilization, may be even in the early periods of Stone Age.

But now, we can even say that dogs have become part of human society as these intelligent mammals can be found everywhere in the world, in large cities or in remote hamlets.

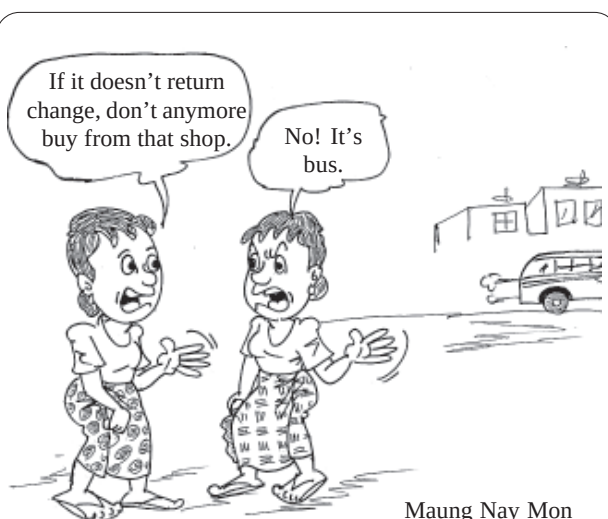
Some people, especially the rich, keep expensive dogs as they buy high-end commodities just for pleasure as these cute creatures can make them or their family members happy and thrilled and forget miseries. Some raise various breeds, hybrids and other types of dog as a business for the pet trade is lucrative and pet market is brisk.

These household creatures have many other duties as they can serve as companion dogs, guard dogs, hunting dogs, herding dogs and working dogs.

Some of these faithful mammals are even involving in dangerous jobs such as mine clearing missions, military operations and rescue missions while others are used in guiding the blind and searching narcotic drugs, weapons, explosives, contrabands at airports, seaports, railway stations and coach and haulage terminals. Moreover, they are helpful in many other operations of the military, police force and customs.

But these domestic creatures also have the dark side, as they can carry rabies, a contagious and fatal viral disease of some mammals, transmissible through the saliva to humans and causing madness and death. Although there are effective vaccines and medicines against this dreadful disease, it is still dangerous for human beings as it come from the animal that is nearest to us. Especially stray dogs are vulnerable to rabies, and the bad thing is that are found everywhere even in the capital.

The truth is we cannot get rid of dogs as they are so useful for us, and besides there are many animal lovers. So, the best thing is to save these highly intelligent and faithful mammals from becoming harmful to us.



Maung Nay Mon

Myanmar to serve as

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women, providing jobs to nearly 20000 Myanmar women. Coca Cola Company is the first US company to make investment in Myanmar. Likewise, other companies would also come and invest in Myanmar.

The President's forthcoming visit to US is much anticipated and it is scheduled to meet US-ASEAN Economic Council during the visit. US fully support the unity of ASEAN and hope that Myanmar would play an active major role in ASEAN-US relations.

The president said that Myanmar is inviting foreign investments and would consider accepting the investment if it is beneficial to both Myanmar people and investors. The government has not yet completed the second year of

No representative has...

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the Union and members Dr Tin Aung Aye, Daw Khin Hla Myint, U Soe Thein, U Tun Kyi, U Khin Tun, U Myint Kyaing, Daw Mi Mi Yi and U Hsan Myint, for breaching the provisions of the Section 334, Sub-section (a) and paragraph (2) of the Constitution and for lack of capability to discharge their duties vested in line with section 334, sub-section (a) and paragraph (5) of the constitution, are true. So, the Chairman and members should not continue to discharge their duties.

At the review session on Hluttaw's undertakings, the Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw said that he would like to present Hluttaw's undertakings on representatives' questions, proposals and bills at fourth regular session of first Pyithu Hluttaw.

At fourth regular session of first Pyithu Hluttaw, there are 888 questions, 555 starred questions and 444 simple questions. Among 555 starred questions, 429 were sent to government office. The 134 are ready, 159 have been answered, 111 are still in government office and one is still in Hluttaw. Among 444 simple questions, 266 have been answered and 159 have yet to answer.

There are 108 proposals. Of them, 96 have been sent to government office, 28 in progress, 16 ready and nine in government office. Thirty one proposals are to be changed into questions, 14, withdrawn and two to be undertaken by Hluttaw.

With respect to the bills, there were 32 bills—eight bills at third regular session of first Pyithu Hluttaw, 11 bills submitted to fourth regular session, 12 bills sent to Pyithu Hluttaw, which have been discussed at Amyotha Hluttaw and one sent back to Amyotha Hluttaw.

In detail, three bills at third regular session—one that has been sent to Pyidaungsu Hluttaw, one that have been passed as law, one that has not been discussed, two bills submitted by representatives that are to be discussed together with respective departments and organizations, one bill that be redrafted, two bills sent to Amyotha Hluttaw and one bill sent back to Amyotha Hluttaw and 23 bills to be discussed at Pyithu Hluttaw.

The meeting came to an end at 2.35 pm, and the fourth regular session of first Pyithu Hluttaw ended.—MNA

its term. There are a lot challenges in promoting democracy. The first challenge is politics and the second economy. However, the government have got confidence to overcome those challenges with friends like US.

Now, Myanmar has begun to enjoy the necessary assistance of a number of countries in economy, technology and human resources development. The foreign policy of the country has no separation of east and west. Currently, small and medium factories are required to produce high-value export products. In addition, establishment of heavy industries or workshops like automobile makers and workshops would be greatly beneficial to the country. Myanmar holds geographically strategic position for investors. As the country has a large number of sound natural foundations, it is hoped that the country would see development soon if combined with investment.—MNA

Like other armed groups...

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After that, one representative discussed Amyotha Hluttaw International Relations Committee's report.

Chairman of Amyotha Hluttaw International Relations Committee Col Maung Maung Htoo submitted a report of the committee to be approved to the Hluttaw. The Hluttaw announced that it was agreed with it.

Amyotha Hluttaw Finance and Legal Affairs Commission Member Maj Maung Maung Gyi read out the report of the commission to the hluttaw.

Amyotha Hluttaw Finance and Legal Affairs Commission Chairman U Aung Tun submitted a report of the commission to be approved to the hluttaw. The Hluttaw announced that it was agreed with it.

Amyotha Hluttaw National Races Affairs Committee Chairman U Hsai Paung Nut and Member U Khet Htein Nan submitted the report of the committee to the hluttaw.

Amyotha Hluttaw National Races Affairs Committee Member U Tin Shan submitted the report of the committee to be approved to the hluttaw. The Hluttaw announced that it was agreed with it.

Regarding the proposal

presented by Amyotha Hluttaw Representative U Myint Tun of Bago Region Constituency No 10 on "urging the Union government to form Yangon City Development Affairs Committee under Yangon Region government and to use committee fund under the arrangement of the region government in line with the city development affairs law for rapid upgrading Yangon City into international standard commercial hub," six representatives participated in the discussion.

With respect to the proposal, Deputy Minister for Finance and Revenue Dr Lin Aung made clarification.

Bill Committee decided to review that proposal.

On the Speaker of Amyotha Hluttaw's response to the queries, proposals and bills submitted in the fourth regular session of first Amyotha Hluttaw, he explained that Amyotha Hluttaw representatives asked 173 starred questions and 134 star-valid questions. Respective Union Level organization members replied to them, and respective ministries had sent to the hluttaw representatives.

As for the proposal, there were six proposals to be discussed of 29 proposals submitted by Amyotha Hluttaw Representatives, and 12 of 23 proposals discussed had been approved.

As for the bill, Pyidaungsu Hluttaw claimed that there were 13 bills sent by Union level organization and one bill sent by the Finance and Legal Affairs Commission to be put under discussion, and five bills with approval sent to Amyotha Hluttaw after being discussed at Pyithu Hluttaw, and three bills returned by Pyithu Hluttaw.

Today's meeting came to an end at 3:15 pm and the fourth regular session of Amyotha Hluttaw concluded.

At the meeting, there were two queries answered, one bill and three reports approved and one proposal discussed.—MNA



Yangon Region Chief Minister U Myint Swe and wife being welcomed by Ambassador of Democratic People's Republic of Korea Mr. Kim Sok Chol and wife at the reception to mark 64th Anniversary of the Day of the Foundation of DPRK at Chatrium Hotel Yangon on 6 September.—MNA

Literacy for Sustainable Development and Peace

We celebrate *the United Nations’ (UN) International Literacy Day* that falls on **September 8** to raise people’s awareness in literacy in the world because UNESCO proclaimed the day on **November 17, 1965**. So the day was first celebrated in **1966** to highlight **the importance of literacy** to individuals, communities and societies for sustainable development. Celebrations take place around the world annually. On the day, UNESCO reminds the international communities to promote the status of literacy and adult learning globally. It also gives emphasis on the recognition of the country to endeavours towards total and complete literacy for all nations because in today’s world, some **776 million adults** lack minimum literacy skills; **one in five adults** is still not literate and **two-thirds of them are women** ; **75 million children are out-of-school**. These indicators show that many children are out of school during their young age in the world.

So, all of us have to give our great impact on supporting the fight against **illiteracy** because **literacy for all**—children, youths and adults—is still **an unmet goal**. To reach this ultimate goal of literacy for all, we have to work together with our best efforts to improve literacy rates around the world although insufficient efforts, inadequate resources and strategies accounts for this unmet goal. One of the **Development Goals by 2015** is to achieve **universal primary schooling** where literacy begins. The eradication of illiteracy results in the completion of the growth of **universal primary education and the reduction of dropout rates**. The higher literacy rates, the more and more social, economical and healthy development. In addition, it is sure that literacy sustains **development** in socio-economic areas and helps **eradicate extreme poverty**. In fact, we agree that people are aware of literacy, a unique and powerful tool to eradicate poverty and a strong means for social and human progress.

All of us should have good understanding on many important and essential that links among literacy, education, health and economics for sustainable development. Therefore, we have to do highlight on **the importance of literacy for sustainable development** in the areas such as health and education because we should notice that the link between **low literacy and poor health** has been established well in the world. The word “**Health literacy**” is the ability to understand and act on basic health information. Low health literacy effects prominently a person’s health status more than any other factors, including education, income, and employment. People with low health literacy don’t seek preventive care, are less likely to follow prescribed treatments, stay in the hospital longer than those with higher health literacy, and are often ashamed to ask for help making health care decisions.

We see that literacy as **the ability** to read for knowledge, write comprehensively, and think critically about the written words and to understand all forms of communication (reading, speaking, listening and viewing). It leads us to **education** and results in the **acquisition of the** essential knowledge and skills, which enable us to engage in activities that are required for effective functioning of the individual in our daily life and community. We can use these skills towards our **community’s sustainable development**. Literacy is not only a way of personal liberation and our development but also a method of achieving **physical and mental abilities** to develop our economic status and general health. In order to meet heart of sustainable development, it is clear that the practices of literacy are changing rapidly in societies in response to social, technological changes.

In today world, education has been at the forefront of equipping **low literacy adults** with the important health information that combine **literacy with health**. Introducing knowledge and strategies for good health into literacy programs is an effective method **for poor health** and other consequences of poverty. **Basic Education** provides the opportunity to acquire the essential skills, knowledge, and attitudes required to function in the modern world. It develops personal intellectual and social capacities. It is also fundamental to strengthening of higher levels of education; and includes early childhood development, the first levels of formal education, and continuing education for those out of school.

Literacy is at the heart of basic education for all. There are sufficient reasons **why literacy is the centre of Education for All (EFA) for development**. Educational opportunities depend on literacy. **A good quality basic education** equips people with literacy potentials for life and further learning; literate parents are inclined to send

their children to school; literate people are prone to access continuing educational opportunities; and educated societies are better geared to keep pace with the pressing development. Hence, literacy is considered as an effective way to enlighten a society and arm it to facing the challenges of life in a stronger and efficient way, raise the level of personal living, create and assist change the society. It is essential for eradicating poverty, reducing infant mortality, curbing population growth and reaching gender equality. Hence, we should do emphasis on the great impact of the link between literacy and health for our development.

Literacy is also essential for ensuring **constant development, peace and democracy**. In heart of the development process, three interrelated factors are involved: **the economic benefits of education**; the impact of **education on population growth, health, and social well-being**; and **the relationship between education and democratic society**. We all see that there has been the enormous illiteracy of adults and youth in the world in spite of modern scientific progress. It approaches the important problem of illiteracy not only from an economic viewpoint but also from a social one because economic and social factors are closely knotted.



It is easy to study the different levels of income attained by people according to our level of education from the view of economic development.

Language is also fundamental to human society because the written word makes the achievement of **greater intellectual, social and cultural achievement**. We can call it as the storehouse for innovation, creativity, and social and economic development. Language plays a key role in the development of the mind and in the development of spiritually. It also sure that realizations of the importance of moral and spiritual development uplift **Cultural Development**.

Literacy is **a human right, a tool of personal empowerment** and a means for **social and human development**. Literacy is **the power** that means the focus will be on the empowerment of literacy and its importance for participation, social progress and citizenship. According to UNESCO, a literate person is one, who can, with understanding, both read and write a short statement relevant to routine life, and capable of analytical understanding of men’s condition in the world. It is a slogan for knowing how to read and write and is about practical things, such as processing a business operation, reading a letter, or finding one’s way, given as reasons to send away illiteracy. The ability to read and write is recognized as a fundamental human right. In short, “Knowledge is as wings to man’s life, and a ladder for his way up in his life”. Its acquisition is present upon everyone.

Literacy is **freedom and important in** many more ways than one because there is a significant relationship between literacy, development and peace. Literacy benefits both individuals and communities. It transforms people, communities and the entire social structure and is **a key for socio-economic development**. The term ‘literacy’ referred to the ability to read and write. The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) define literacy as the “**ability to identify, understand, interpret, create, communicate, compute and use printed and written materials associated with varying contexts**”. Literacy involves a continuum of learning in enabling individuals to achieve their goals, to develop their knowledge and potential, and to participate fully in their community and wider society.” We mean that literate societies interact and contribute in development.

Traditional, literacy is the ability to read and write at an adequate level of proficiency that is necessary for communication, Literacy has an impact on an individual’s overall **happiness**; one can easily reach **an opinion** or decide that something is true on the basis of information that is available. And so an increase in literacy will lead to **the peace of an individual’s life** and the development of societies. The solution of the greatest challenge for **peace maintenance** is literacy. The main cause of conflict may be due to **Individual difference**: In society, men are not alike in their nature, attitudes, ideal, interest and aspirations.

Due to this difference, they may lead to conflict among them. **Cultural difference**: Culture is the way of life of a group. It differs from society to society. These cultural differences among the group, sometimes cause tension and lead to conflict. **Clashes of interests**: The interests of the workers clash with those of employers lead to conflict among them. **Social change**: The conflict between the old and a new generation is owing to social changes: We should take the great impact on **the relation of literacy and peace**. So, literacy is placing a special focus on the important relationship among social, economical and technological development that bring benefits to all groups; early childhood, school children, adolescents and adults.

In heart of the development process, one of the three interrelated factors is involved with social **well-being**. It is also observed that **poverty and ill health** is related to illiteracy in the world. Literacy can improve **the quality of life** among the human beings. One can have better **sanitation and health with literacy**. Literate adults can know the need of education and can send their children in pursuing education. Literacy can uplift people from poverty. Therefore, literacy is important for our growth and development of society and our society can become Healthy and Wealthy with literacy. All of us have to do best efforts to promote literacy taking an integrated and holistic view of the challenge by illiteracy. It also incorporates elements of community participation, practical self-help, and moral development. Let us work together and do our best efforts to improve literacy rates in our country, Myanmar to reach our ultimate goal of literacy for goals of **literacy for all**. In fact, literacy strengthens the capabilities of people, self-confidence and critical thinking for development. Literacy does not stand alone, nor does development because literacy is **the key to development**.

In conclusion, to be able to face the **challenge of the Knowledge Ages**, education has always been given high priority in Myanmar society to attain sustainable development. Our Nation, Myanmar, is strongly committed to proving students with a well-balanced education that with prepare them with skills, knowledge and understanding needed to make right choices in an increasing changing world. We must work together and do our best efforts to improve literacy rates in our country, Myanmar, to reach our ultimate goal of **literacy for all**. In fact, literacy strengthens the capabilities of people, self-confidence and critical thinking for development. Literacy does not stand alone, nor does development because literacy is **the key to sustainable development**. Now we must carry out to build a literate nation, Myanmar, sharing the social and human benefits of literacy. Particularly, Let us ensure that the links between literacy and sustainable development are strong for the benefit of men, woman and children around the nation, Myanmar.

Township Administrator’s Cup concludes



TACHILEK, 6 Sept—Tachilek Township Administrator’s Cup Ward/Village Football Tournament reached final match.

At Myoma Sports Ground at 3 pm on 26 September, Phanmin won over Mekhaung Ward A with a 2-1 result.

After that, Acting Township Administrator U Myo Thet Aung presented cash award and trophy to Phanmin Village team.

Officials then awarded best players in respective places and runner-up Mekhaung Ward A.

Myanma Alin

Country's more prosperous future lies in IT:**BRAZIL****Brazilian president**

RIO DE JANEIRO, 6 Sept — Brazilian President Dilma Rousseff said on Monday the way to eradicate poverty and ensure a more prosperous future was to invest in the information technology (IT). During her weekly radio address, Rousseff highlighted a government plan to invest 500 million reais (246 million US dollars) in software development, as part of its recently launched Bigger Information Technology Programme.

She also said her administration would increase the number of software companies in

Brazil. "That is the way, for Brazil to join the information economy and become a great nation," she said.

"We will invest in small technology companies, which generate a lot of jobs, especially for youngsters with enormous creativity," the president said. The programme also calls for the government to promote training in the IT field and to offer software and IT companies tax breaks.

"We also reduced taxes for companies that produce semiconductors and tablet computers in Brazil," she said. Rousseff, who

graduated with a degree in Economics, stressed the importance of learning mathematics to pursue a career in science, and referred to a nationwide math contest for public school students last week. Some 18 million students participated in the competition. 500 winners were awarded. "Math is the first step to scientific development and innovation. It is the basis of science and it is essential for engineering, physics and computer science. It helps awaken our children's interest in science and technology," she added.

Xinhua

ARTS**Raphael drawing up for sale with \$24 million estimate**

The 16th-century "Head of an Apostle" is a study for the Raphael's last painting, "Transfiguration", which is on display at the Vatican Museum in Rome. Measuring roughly 15 inches by 11 inches, the picture was drawn in black chalk.

Only two other Raphael drawings of the same caliber have been auctioned off in the last 50 years, Sotheby's said. In 2009, Raphael's black chalk "Head of a Muse" sold for 29.2 million pounds at Christie's London.

Currently part of the Devonshire Collection at Chatsworth, the "Head of an Apostle" is one of the greatest

drawings by Raphael to remain in private hands, said Sotheby's. It is now on show at the Prado Museum in Madrid as part of an exhibit of late Raphael works.

Also up for auction on 5 December in London are two decorated manuscripts from the late Middle Ages, also from the Devonshire Collection. One is estimated at 4-6 million pounds, the other at 3-5 million pounds and both are well-preserved, Sotheby's said. Produced in the Flanders, the 15th-century illuminated manuscripts feature pictures of battles, castles and knights.

Reuters

Shanghai residents stand up to save their local dialect

SHANGHAI, 6 Sept — A small group of scholars, students and local residents of Shanghai are standing up to save their dialect, which traces its roots to one of China's oldest spoken languages, from extinction. Shanghaiese, like many of the estimated 80 other local dialects spoken in China, is endangered by the central government's pro-Mandarin policy, which allows only "putonghua" — literally, "common language" — to be used at schools as a way to control the vast country with its population of 1.4 billion.

"I guess the younger generation is much more familiar with English than their mother tongue," said Roman Xu, a 33-year-old who heads a non-profit organization that promotes the use of the Shanghai dialect. "I've read in history books about how a language gradually dies out. Hope my mother tongue won't become one." Qian Nairong, a professor at Shanghai

University who specializes in language research, says it's not yet too late to save the dialect — but the clocking is ticking. "Shanghaiese will come to an end within a generation or two," said Qian, who has written textbooks as well as a dictionary on Shanghaiese.

Shanghaiese, a branch of the Wu dialect which was spoken in regions around Shanghai over 2,200 years ago, has its own grammar and vocabulary, with limited correlation with Mandarin. For example, a commonly-used phrase "have you eaten?" would be "ni fan chi guo le ma?" in Mandarin but would be pronounced "nong che gu la va?" in Shanghaiese. The dialect's unique pronunciation also makes it a distant relative of Japanese, according to Qian. Advocates, consisting mainly of scholars like Qian and non-governmental organisations, have started to move to protect Shanghaiese, and

their efforts seem to be bearing some fruit.

Some public buses have started to use Shanghaiese, in addition to Mandarin and English, in their announcements, while Shanghai Airlines in January began using the dialect on some of their flights. While fewer and fewer younger generations are learning to speak Shanghaiese, those from outside Shanghai seeking jobs in the country's commercial hubs say the dialect still plays a key role in society. Zhang Wenxia, an undergraduate from central Henan Province, said she was completely left out at a job interview at a Shanghai-based media company.

"I felt like I was deaf during the job interview. The only language that was spoken was Shanghaiese. The hiring manager and other candidates communicated fluently in Shanghaiese, and I had no choice but keep silent," she said. Xu Shudan,

International News**Education****Mandarin is expat child's play**

BEIJING, 6 Sept — Schools set the right tone to help young language learners, reports Mark Graham in Beijing. Few parents like to be corrected, or contradicted, by their children. But there are exceptions to that general rule: Expatriate parents living in China tend to swell with pride when their Mandarin-speaking children point out that mum and dad are totally mispronouncing words, or hopelessly mangling grammar.

Children born in Beijing, or who arrive in the capital at a very young age, have every chance of attaining fluency in Mandarin. It is not uncommon to see blond-haired children chatting away colloquially, having naturally mastered the tricky tones that adult learners find so fiendishly difficult.

For babies and toddlers, chances are they will spend much of the day with their



Mathew and Sasha Alderson opted for local schooling for their kids Nik and Natalia. — XINHUA

ayi (domestic helpers), individuals who rarely have any language skills apart from their native Mandarin. Some parents ensure that their kids are bilingual by sending them to schools where classes are given in English and Mandarin.

Australian Laura Faulkner, 6, and her brother William, 4, have attended several such schools, allowing them to switch with ease between English and

Mandarin. Their Beijing-born sister Tessa, who is 18 months old, can also understand both languages.

When the Faulkner family moved to Beijing four years ago, hotelier father Michael and teacher mother Michelle viewed it as a great opportunity for their children to grow up speaking, reading and writing Mandarin, skills that are almost certain to be major assets on their resumes in the 21st century. — Xinhua

CULTURE**Sculpture exhibition of Chinese culture opens at UN**

UNITED NATIONS, 6 Sept — A sculpture exhibition representing important Chinese cultural figures and memorizing Nanjing Massacre opens here on Tuesday at the UN headquarters.

The exhibition, titled

"Sculpting the Soul of a Nation", consists of 33 pieces of art falling into three categories: sculptures of important cultural figures in the Chinese history including Confucius and Laozi, sculptures on the theme of mothers and children and sculptures from the Nanjing Massacre Memorial Hall.

The exhibition, which will end on 7 September, has attracted senior UN officials and ambassadors from different countries. Speaking at the opening ceremony, UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon said that the exhibition embodies not only the soul of a nation but of all humanity. "At the United Nations, we deal with issues of global scope," said Ban.

"But any problem can be broken down into small steps and individual sections.

Any problem can be solved when the heart is set right."

"This exhibit highlights the importance and the role of the individual. It says to me that with respecting each other and working together we can create the future we want," the UN chief said. Sculptor Wu Weishan, president of the Fine Arts Institute of the Chinese National Academy of Arts who is also the president of Chinese Academy of Sculpture, said "The theme of the UN exhibition is peace.

The statues of Confucius and Laozi emphasize the harmony between men and nature while sculptures on children embody beautiful feelings and emotions of human kind." "The core meaning I want to convey of the group of the sculptures on Nanjing Massacre is telling people to remember history instead of hatred in order to avoid repeating the tragedy in the history," he said.

Also speaking at the opening ceremony, China's UN Ambassador Li Baodong said the art of sculpture is one of the pivotal building blocks for the mansion of the fine Chinese culture. "Art knows no borders and needs no translation. Mr Wu Weishan's marvelous sculptures have incorporated the Chinese sculpture into the realm of cultural exchanges and interactions in the pluralistic world," said Li. — Xinhua



Flowers are placed around a monument for the victims in the Beslan terrorist attack, during a commemoration in Moscow, Russia, on 3 Sept, 2012. On 1 Sept, 2004, Chechen separatists herded more than 1,000 teachers, parents and children into the gym at Beslan's No 1 School. The gym was rigged with explosives and a total of 334 hostages, including 186 children, lost their lives when the siege came to a bloody conclusion three days later. — XINHUA

EAST TIMOR

DILI, 6 Sept — US Secretary of State Hillary Clinton arrived in Asia's newest nation of East Timor on Thursday, hoping to bolster the fledgling government that is trying to bring the impoverished country closer in step with its booming neighbours in Southeast Asia. Clinton arrived in the capital Dili after a day of talks in China and was due to meet President Taur Matan Ruak and Prime Minister Xanana Gusmao during a brief visit before heading on to Brunei.

US officials said the visit by Clinton — the first US secretary of state to travel to East Timor since it won

In East Timor, Clinton seeks to boost Asia's newest country

independence from Indonesia in 2002 — was an effort to buttress both stability and growth in one of Asia's poorest countries. "Timor is still plagued with substantial violence ... they have a long way to go," one senior US official told reporters on Clinton's plane. Clinton is not bringing much in the way of new financial



US Secretary of State Hillary Clinton.

assistance and is set to announce just \$6.5 million in funding for scholarships to help East Timorese students study in the United States.

But US officials hope her visit will send a signal to East Timor's neighbours, some of which have strongly resisted suggestions that it be brought into the Association of South East Asian Nations (ASEAN) because it lags too far behind the rest of the region in both political and economic development. Gusmao won parliamentary elections in April but fell short of a majority, forcing the formation of a coalition government. US officials say East Timor is

hobbled by a number of weaknesses following more than 400 years of Portuguese colonization and a 24-year battle against Indonesian occupation, and that closer ties with ASEAN would bring stability.

Isolated by their Portuguese language in a region where English is increasingly common and lacking much basic infrastructure, the country nevertheless began receiving oil and gas revenues from fields it shares with Australia in 2005 and now boasts a special petroleum fund with assets exceeding \$10 billion. — Reuters

REGIONAL



A performance is staged during the opening ceremony of the 2012 China Nanjing World Historical and Cultural Cities Expo, in Nanjing City, capital of east China's Jiangsu Province, on 5 Sept, 2012. — XINHUA

Indian authorities arrest 37 for rumour mongering during communal violence

Neighbour

NEW DELHI, 6 Sept — Indian authorities have arrested 37 people in connection with rumour mongering during communal violence in the northeast Indian state of Assam that led to exodus of people from the country's northeast last month, local daily *The Times of India* reported on Thursday.

A government official told Rajya Sabha, or upper house of Parliament, on Wednesday that of these arrested, 24 persons were arrested by Karnataka police in the southern state, whose capital Bangalore saw the largest exodus of northeast people.

Indian Minister of State for Home Mullapally Ramchandran said that the exodus of northeastern people from cities of the country was triggered off because of a communally surcharged atmosphere created by circulation of SMSs, MMSs, mails, clips and photographs on social networking sites which were false, morphed and calculated to incite hatred among communities.

The minister said that the government blocked bulk SMSs and MMSs for 15 days apart from blocking relevant social networking sites that carried hate messages last month. — Xinhua

Qantas agrees to alliance with Emirates; no equity stake

AUSTRALIA

SYDNEY, 6 Sept — Australia's struggling Qantas Airways has agreed to a 10-year alliance with Dubai's Emirates, a key step in the carrier's efforts to shore up its loss-making international business. Qantas will replace Singapore with Dubai as its hub for European flights from March 2013 and coordinate pricing, sales and schedules with Emirates under the partnership unveiled on Thursday.

The Australian airline will end its existing relationship with British Airways at the same time as a result of the new alliance. "A key objective is to make Qantas International strong and viable, and bring it back to profitability," Qantas Chief Executive Officer Alan Joyce told reporters. "This partnership will help us do that." Joyce said the airline remained committed to reaching break-even in its international business in the 2015 financial year. He declined to comment on analysts' estimates that the alliance would save Qantas A\$90-100 million before taxes annually, or provide the airline's own forecasts for cost savings.

The long-anticipated deal was received warmly by investors, with Qantas' share price surging more than 6 percent in early trade. The arrangement will enable Qantas to cut loss-making international routes and focus on its profitable domestic and budget operations, while helping Emirates compete against from its main state-backed Abu Dhabi rivals Etihad Airways and Qatar Airways. The alliance is deeper than a straightforward code-share arrangement — where airlines

share some flights — but stops short of a global revenue-sharing deal or equity injection from either side. For customers, benefits include the pair sharing airport lounges and frequent flyer programmes. It helps Qantas, nicknamed the Flying Kangaroo, confront its disadvantage in the region as a so-called "end-of-line" carrier. Qantas has to spend more on fuel than other airlines in Asia to carry passengers on inter-continental routes as its aircraft are based in Australia. — Reuters



The tail of a Qantas 747 is reflected in a window at Kingsford Smith international airport in Sydney on 22 May, 2012. REUTERS

Indonesia, Australia reach deal on defence cooperation

Indonesia

JAKARTA, 6 Sept — Indonesia and Australia has signed a defence cooperation agreement that includes Australia setting up a depot in Indonesia for the maintenance of the four *Hercules C-130* military aircraft that Australia granted to Indonesia in July, as well as a possible deal for another six planes to be transferred, a media reported here on Thursday.

"This is the peak of our defence cooperation with Australia and we try to maintain this kind of relations for the benefit of the two countries," Indonesian Defence Minister Purnomo Yusgiantoso said after he signed the agreement with his Australian counterpart,

Stephen Smith. The Australian defence minister said the defence cooperation provided a framework for practical cooperation in counterterrorism, humanitarian assistance, disaster relief, peacekeeping, maritime security and intelligence information sharing.

"I am looking forward to expanding our coordinated maritime joint patrol. The level of our joint exercises and trainings are at the highest level that we've seen for some two decades," Minister Smith said. Australia's minister of defence materiel, Jason Clare, who witnessed the signing, said that for almost 40 years Indonesia and Australia had worked together in mutual

training and the exchange of officers, but cooperation in defence equipment had been limited.

Clare said a chance to achieve greater cooperation emerged at July talks in Darwin when Australia agreed to grant four *Hercules C-130* aircraft to Indonesia. "We began to explore the opportunities to work together today.

The first area of opportunity is the *C-130s* and the maintenance of those aircraft," he was quoted by the *Jakarta globe* as saying. Smith said he had proposed to Purnomo that Indonesia acquire six more aircraft in addition to the transfer of the four. — Xinhua

Chinese tourist accused of swallowing \$13,600 diamond at Sri Lanka fair

SRI LANKA

COLOMBO, 6 Sept — Sri Lankan police arrested a Chinese tourist suspected of swallowing a diamond worth 1.8 million rupees (\$13,600) on Wednesday at the island nation's biggest international gem and jewelry exhibition.

Chow Cheng, 32, is believed to have swallowed the diamond as he inspected

it at the exhibition, attended by buyers from China, Hong Kong, Thailand, India and Europe, police said.

"His intention was to steal it," Police Spokesman Ajith Rohana told *Reuters*. "The x-ray shows the diamond is in his throat."

Suresh Christopher Wijekoon, owner of the exhibition stall, said Chow

had tried to switch the original diamond with a synthetic one. "He realized that I noticed it. Then he immediately swallowed it," Wijekoon told *Reuters*.

The Indian Ocean island is famed for its blue sapphires, diamonds and a jewelry industry that accounted for \$532 million of its export revenue in 2011. — Reuters

Diplomatic row hurts Japanese car sales in China

CHINA

CHENGDU, 6 Sept — A diplomatic row between Japan and China is having "some impact" on sales of Japanese cars in China, an executive at Nissan Motor Co Ltd said on Thursday, the first time the squabble has spread to commercial ties between the world's second- and third-largest economies. Nissan's Chief

Operating Officer Toshiyuki Shiga said in the southwestern Chinese city of Chengdu that Japanese car manufacturers were having difficulty in holding big, outdoor sales promotion campaigns, which may have hurt August sales.

"Overall, not only for Nissan but also all Japanese

makers, we have been hit by a drop in sales, especially August sales. That means there is some impact," Shiga told reporters on the sidelines of an auto conference.

"It is very difficult to conduct big sales promotional campaigns, especially promotional events outdoors."

Reuters

A visitor poses with a bamboo basket used in the 1960s in a museum at Shuibin Village of Gongcheng Yao Autonomous County, southwest China's Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, on 5 Sept, 2012. The village museum was established in 2011, displaying 119 traditional daily items. The museum opens to the public for free. — XINHUA



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DEFENCE

Boeing sees sales of joint US-Israeli missile shield

WASHINGTON, 6 Sept — Boeing Co foresees global demand for a ballistic missile-defence shield it is co-developing to help guard Israel, the head of the company's military business said on Tuesday. Israel is getting set for the first full flight test of its Arrow anti-missile system using a new high-altitude interceptor called Arrow 3.

"As we prove out that technology, and show that it's not only affordable but effective, we think there will be additional global market opportunities for that capability," Dennis Muilenburg, chief executive of Boeing's defence, space and security arm, told Reuters.

Boeing thinks that potential markets may include India, Singapore and South Korea, a company official said in a followup telephone conversation.

The United States and Israel have been jointly developing Arrow since 1988. Boeing's counterpart on the project is state-owned Israel Aerospace Industries.

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International News

Shark warning issued for beach goers in Cape Town

CAPE TOWN, 6 Sept — The City of Cape Town on Tuesday warned beach goers of inshore movement of sharks over the summer season. Shark sightings recorded by the Shark Spotters have consistently shown a seasonal increase during the period from September to April, peaking in mid-summer, the city said in a statement.

With typically shark sightings reported in late August, the city is therefore appealing to all beach users to be aware of the expected increase in shark presence in the inshore area over the summer months, the statement said.

"White sharks are present in the Cape's waters all year round and the possibility of encountering one of these animals at any time is minimal. However, beach users should always remain vigilant," the statement said.

The statement urged beach users to use areas where Shark Spotters are on duty and to take the time to speak to the

Shark Spotters on the day they visit the beach to find out about recent sightings and activity as well as the current conditions which determine the effectiveness for shark spotting.

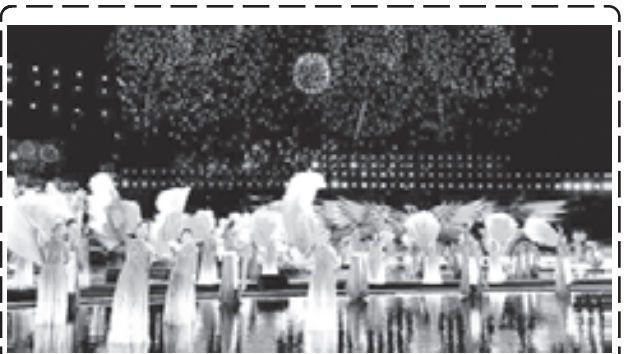
Beach users are also requested to take the time to familiarize themselves with the Shark Spotter signage and to ensure that they understand the four flag warning system, according to the statement, adding they should be aware of the use of a siren to close the beach.

Compared with other coastal cities worldwide, Cape Town has the highest number of reported shark attacks. In April, a great white shark killed a man doing body-boarding off the coast of Cape Town.

Last year, a British swimmer lost both legs after he was attacked by a great white shark off a Cape Town beach after ignoring warning signs.—Xinhua



Israel Defence Forces' Chief of Staff, Lt Gen Benny Gantz (R) takes part in a military exercise in Golan Heights on 4 Sept, 2012. — XINHUA



Actresses perform at the closing ceremony of the 2nd Ordos International Nadam Fair in Ordos, north China's Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region, on 3 Sept, 2012. The eight-day fair in Ordos concluded on Monday, with the participation of 63 sports delegations from home and abroad. — XINHUA

Hurricane Isaac sweeps tons of dead rats onto Mississippi beaches

TUPELO, 6 Sept — Tens of thousands of rats killed by Hurricane Isaac have washed up onto the beaches of Mississippi and created a foul-smelling mess that officials say will take days to clean up. When the hurricane lifted the tides, the water washed across the marshy areas in Louisiana where the semi-aquatic rats live and forced them to ride the waves

into Mississippi until they succumbed to exhaustion and drowned, said David Yarborough, a supervisor for Hancock County on the Gulf Coast.

The tides then deposited their bodies on the Mississippi shoreline, he said. As of Tuesday, about 16,000 of the rodents have been collected in Hancock County, where a hired

contractor's clean-up efforts are expected to continue for another week, officials said. In nearby Harrison County, officials decided to carry out the work themselves. Using shovels and pitchforks, workers have removed 16 tons of the dead rats from beaches since Saturday and taken them to a local landfill. "We have an event called 'Cruisin' The Coast' the

second week of October with 30,000 to 40,000 people on the beach, and we didn't want to wait" to clean up, said Kim Savant, president of that county's Board of Supervisors. Although they're smelly and disgusting, the dead rats pose no health risk to humans, said Brigid Elchos of the Mississippi Board of Animal Health.—Reuters

VENICE, 6 Sept—If Selena Gomez wants to ditch her wholesome image as a Disney child and girlfriend of teenaged pop star Justin Bieber, then her raunchy and raucous new film “Spring Breakers” seems as good a place as any to start. The movie, which premieres at the Venice film festival on Wednesday, is directed by Harmony Korine and stars Gomez and fellow Disney graduate Vanessa Hudgens as bikini-clad revelers on a drink- and drug-fuelled orgy of beach parties and pranks.

The camera zooms in on scantily clad teenagers gyrating to the music, local drug dealers snort cocaine from writhing, topless girls and mobsters cruise the streets of Florida in Lamborghinis in a hedonistic portrait of the “American Dream”. Gomez plays Faith, the least wild of a group of four young college students on their mid-term “spring break”, and the actress admitted that some fans would find the movie shocking.

“Obviously I know that coming from Disney Channel gives you kind of a brand in a way,” the 20-year-old told reporters in Venice after the movie was screened to the press.

“People do put a label on you. I know that I have younger fans, and this is an opportunity for myself to kind of grow. It is a little shocking, I think, for the younger audiences ... but I think it was right for me.

“I did things I didn’t even know I could do on the movie and I do think it was because I trusted Harmony.” Gomez, who rose to fame as a teenager on Disney show “Wizards of Waverly Place” and enjoyed success as a pop singer, added that she turned down the opportunity to play one of the more racy characters. “I just didn’t think I was ready for it, and I do think that Faith is right for me at this time in my career and in my life. Of course eventually I’m going to kind of work my way up to that I think,” she added.—Reuters

Selena Gomez gets raunchy in "shocking" new movie



Ellen Degeneres honoured with star on Hollywood Walk of Fame



Ellen Degeneres received the 2477th star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame.—PTI

LONDON, 6 Sept—Ellen Degeneres received the 2477th star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame on Tuesday.

The chat show host invited her fans to watch the ceremony by posting a message on Twitter and jokingly asking for a ride home afterwards.

She wrote: “I’m getting a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame today at 11am. Come watch me! Also, I’d love a ride home. 6270 Hollywood Blvd (sic).”

She later added: “So excited to see fans here at the W Hollywood to see me get my star on the Walk of Fame! Come down if you can!”

Ellen was cheered on by Ryan Seacrest and Jimmy Kimmel and revealed she was thrilled people would now be walking all over her.

According to E! News, Ellen said: “It is amazing. I spent my entire career trying to conduct myself in a certain way making sure no one walks all over me only to get to a point where people are going to walk all over me. It means so much to me that everyone showed up.”—PTI

J Lo wants to make boyfriend a star!

LOS ANGELES, 6 Sept—Pop diva and actress Jennifer Lopez wants to make her boyfriend a star.

The 42-year-old is currently dating back up dancer Casper Smart and is paying for her toyboy’s acting lessons, reported Showbizspy.

“Casper is taking acting lessons because Jennifer wants him to be a star. She thinks it might be fun to act alongside him the way she has done in the past with her ex-fiance Ben Affleck and Marc Anthony, her former husband,” a source said.

Recent reports claimed that Lopez is paying Smart a USD 10,000 per week allowance.

“She hated having to whip out her credit card every time they go to dinner. Jen figured it is easier to give Casper a weekly stipend, and she thought USD 10K was a nice round number. Jen doesn’t not want to go over the top, showering Casper with too much, but she also wants him to up his game Jen is hoping Casper

won’t think twice about buying presents for her kids or whisking her off for a surprise weekend getaway,” the source added.—PTI



Beyonce got hand-written messages from family and friends for birthday

LOS ANGELES, 6 Sept—Beyonce Knowles’ family and friends have sent handwritten messages for her birthday.

The Halo singer turned 31 yesterday (04.09.12), and many of those close to her have signed a special card which has been published on her website.

Her mother, Tina Knowles,

wrote: “God blessed me with one of the greatest gifts in my life on 4 Sept, 1981. Happy birthday.”

Beyonce’s celebrity pal, Gwyneth Paltrow, also sent a message from her and husband Chris Martin, co-signed by their children Apple, eight and Moses, six.

She wrote: “For dear sweet BB on the occasion of her 31st birthday... We love you so very much. Love Gwyneth, Chris, Apple, Moses (sic).”

Beyonce’s younger sister, Solange, also paid tribute, writing: “There is no-one like you in the world, of all of your mind blowing achievements that one that first comes to mind is your kindness.

“Your sense of selflessness, consideration of other people’s well being and your beautiful generosity are all things that make me so proud be your sister and your friend.”

The Run the World (Girls) hitmaker’s former Destiny’s Child bandmate, Michelle Williams, also sent well wishes.

She said: “Happy birthday to youuu!! I love you so very much. I am so thankful you’re in my life (sic).” One of the most tender messages in the card was from Gloria Carter, mother of her husband, Jay-

Z. She wrote: “B, You came into my life a sweet Southern girl. (LOL) You’ve blossomed into an amazing woman. I admire how you remain grounded and humble, and you haven’t let success change the person that you are. Mama Carter (sic).”

Beyonce named her last album 4 and has previously discussed why it holds significance for her. She said: “We all have special numbers in our lives, and 4 is that for me. It’s the day I was born. My mother’s birthday, and a lot of my friends’ birthdays, are on the fourth; 4 April is also my wedding date.”—PTI

Karl Lagerfeld gifts Emma Watson a fishing rod on her birthday

LONDON, 6 Sept—Karl Lagerfeld bought Emma Watson a fishing rod for her 18th birthday.

The Harry Potter actress was thrilled with the “beautiful” gift from the Chanel designer because it was

Emma Watson was thrilled with the “beautiful” gift from the Chanel designer.—PTI

clear he had put a lot of thought into what he could give her to mark her special day.

Emma said: “It was the most beautiful thing I’ve ever seen. It’s actually my dad who’s the fly-fisher in the family but what was so sweet was that Karl had obviously done some research, seen that I’d once donated to the Wild Trout Trust or something similar and thought this was something I would love.

“I’ve never used it, but it’s such a beautiful object — one of the best things I’ve ever been sent.”

Because of her work, Emma, 22, admits she has to work hard to sustain her friendships but says whenever she does get time to catch up with her loved ones it is like she has never been away.

She told Britain’s Glamour magazine: “You have to work to maintain relationships when you’re constantly away, but when my best friends and I get together it doesn’t feel like a day has passed.”—PTI



International Sports

Murray grows in confidence after amazing turnaround

NEW YORK, 6 Sept—Olympic champion Andy Murray produced an extraordinary turnaround to dig himself out of a deep hole and book his place in the semi-finals of the US Open on Wednesday.

The British third seed was in all sorts of trouble after losing the opening set to Croatia's Marin Cilic and falling 5-1 behind in the second with two service breaks.

However, he rallied to win the set in a tiebreak then rolled through the next two, winning the last 11 games to claim the 3-6, 7-6, 6-2, 6-0 victory.

"I think if you're very angry a set and 5-1 down you're probably not going to be able to get yourself back in the match," Murray said.

"I was more frustrated at the end of the first set when I got myself back into it 4-3 and then lost serve the next game. Then I started thinking a little bit more. He got nervous towards the end of that set once I got one of the breaks back, which helped me."—Reuters

SOCCER

Loew promises Euro failure no longer on Germany's minds

BERLIN, 6 Sept—Germany's summer of soccer failure will not be preying on their minds as they kick off their World Cup qualifying campaign on Friday, coach Joachim Loew has promised.

The Germans have been given a gentle start, with a home match against the Faroe Islands in Hanover, but even so are likely to be jittery after a traumatic four months.

After Friday it gets more difficult, with a trip to neighbors Austria on Tuesday. "The players have put their disappointments behind them and there is real hunger for success," Loew said. "That goes for the coaching staff as well." Germany's troubles began when Bayern Munich lost the Champions League final to Chelsea in their own Allianz Arena, going down on penalties after dominating the game. The national side then lost to Italy in the Euro 2012 semi-finals, continuing a run of near misses that include second place at the 2002 World Cup, third in 2006, third in 2010, and runners-up at Euro 2008.

Loew's team was also outclassed by a Lionel Messi-inspired Argentina, losing 3-1 at home in a friendly in August. Germany won all 10 games on their way to Euro 2012 but Loew has warned that a group also containing Sweden, Austria and Ireland, and involving a long trip to Kazakhstan, could pose more difficulties.—Reuters

Roddick and Federer bow out, Williams wins

US OPEN

Tomas Berdych of the Czech Republic



NEW YORK, 6 Sept—Roger Federer was knocked out of the US Open on Wednesday when he lost a quarter-final thriller to Tomas Berdych just hours after his old rival Andy Roddick bid a tearful farewell to his tennis career.

Federer was unable to conjure up any of his old magic as Berdych stormed to a surprise victory, 7-6, 6-4, 3-6, 6-3, handing the world number one his earliest exit from Flushing Meadows in nine years.

"It couldn't be better," Berdych said in a courtside interview. "There is no better feeling. There is no better moment than this one."

Federer could not hide his disappointment after arriving in the Big Apple full of hope following his win at Wimbledon in July.

"There were so many moments I thought, man, it's just not happening for me," said the five-times US Open champion. "It was just a very disappointing match for me."

Roddick made his final appearance at Arthur Ashe Stadium when he lost to Juan Martin del Potro in the fourth round, while Andy Murray and Maria Sharapova both dug themselves out of trouble to stay alive on a drama-charged day at the last grand slam of the year.

Tournament Favourites

Only Serena Williams and Novak Djokovic had an easy time, both romping to comfortable victories to enhance their status as the favourites for the singles titles.

Djokovic was in complete control of his fourth round match

against Stanislas Wawrinka, leading 6-4, 6-1, 3-1, when the Swiss called it quits in one of five matches that were held over from Tuesday because of rain.

"I really don't know exactly what it was but by the look of it, I think it was probably a dizziness or something," said Djokovic, the only man yet to drop a set in the tournament.

"He served well, he played well, but you could see that he didn't feel great on the court."

Sharapova needed all her fighting qualities to come from behind and beat Marion Bartoli of France 3-6, 6-3, 6-4 and reach the semi-finals for the first time since she won in New York in 2006.

Bartoli led 4-0 overnight and wrapped up the first set when play finally resumed after another morning shower but Sharapova regained her composure to win the next two and book a semi-final against world number one Victoria Azarenka.

Williams, full of confidence and self-belief, demolished Serbia's Ana Ivanovic in less than an hour to raise



hopes of an American winner after Roddick departed.

"I feel like I'm going to get more focused and serious and start playing Serena tennis in the next couple of rounds, if I get to play two rounds. That's my goal," she said.

Williams will play Italian Sara Errani in Friday's semis after she defeated her doubles partner Roberta Vinci 6-2, 6-4.—Reuters

PARALYMPIC RECORD

China's gold tally reaches 60, Russia overtake hosts Britain

LONDON, 6 Sept—Thanks to brilliant performances in swimming and track and field, China's gold tally reached 60 at the ongoing London Paralympics on Wednesday.

Four of China's seven golds collected on Day 7 of the Games came from track and field and three others from swimming.

The 15-year-old Chinese swimmer Yang Yang claimed the men's 50m backstroke title, his third gold in London.

Now, China topped the table with 60 gold, 49 silver and 49 bronze medals, followed by Russia with 28-25-20 and Britain 25-36-31, Ukraine 22-17-20, Australia 22-16-23 and the United States 21-18-25.

Russia took five golds on Wednesday from archery, swimming and wheelchair fencing, to overtake hosts Britain which got only two golds on the same day.

Britain had followed China to stand second for several days.

The fantastic scene in the pool came from the women's 100m breaststroke-SB6 final in which 14-year-old Viktoriia Savtsova of Ukraine beat British Charlotte Henshaw to take the gold medal in a time of 46.29 seconds and set a new Paralympic Record.

During the Press conference given by US Paralympic Committee secretary general Charlie Huebner on Wednesday, Huebner highlighted the role veterans played.

"They're great ambassadors for our nation," he noted.

On the Paralympic movement in the United States, Huebner said, "a lot of people don't know this and they think the US has been involved in the Paralympic movement for all time, but prior to the last couple of years there were a lot of different disability organizations in the States implementing Paralympic sport without even using the term Paralympic. Our research shows that awareness was less than five percent about the Paralympics before 2002, and 73 percent today."—Xinhua



Andy Murray of Great Britain

NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Cowboys extend reign as NFL's most valuable team: Forbes

WASHINGTON, 6 Sept—The Dallas Cowboys are the first North American sports franchise worth over \$2 billion and remained the most valuable NFL team for a sixth consecutive year, according to an annual survey released by Forbes on Wednesday.

The Cowboys have failed to make the National Football League (NFL) playoffs for two straight seasons but their value rose to \$2.10 billion, a 14 percent jump from last year and nearly double the league average of \$1.11 billion.

The New England Patriots (\$1.63 billion), Washington Redskins (\$1.60 billion), Super Bowl champion New York Giants (\$1.46 billion) and Houston Texans (\$1.30 billion) rounded out the top five.

Forbes said the average value of the NFL's 32 teams rose seven percent from last year because of new television deals, a new labour agreement and higher premium seating revenue. Approval for new stadiums helped the Minnesota Vikings and San Francisco 49ers record the biggest increases in value.

The Vikings' value shot 22 percent higher to \$975 million,

putting them 22nd on the list, while the 49ers were ninth after their value rose 19 percent to \$1.17 billion.

English Premier League soccer club Manchester United are the world's most valuable sports team, according to a Forbes report released earlier this year that said the Red Devils were worth \$2.23 billion.—Reuters

Dallas Cowboys quarterback Tony Romo stands next to head coach Jason Garrett before the start against the St Louis Rams in their NFL football game in Arlington, Texas on 25 Aug, 2012.—REUTERS



The 10 most valuable NFL teams for 2012

1. Dallas Cowboys, \$2.10 billion
2. New England Patriots, \$1.63 billion
3. Washington Redskins, \$1.60 billion
4. New York Giants, \$1.46 billion
5. Houston Texans, \$1.30 billion
6. New York Jets, \$1.28 billion
7. Philadelphia Eagles, \$1.26 billion
8. Chicago Bears, \$1.19 billion
9. San Francisco 49ers, \$1.17 billion
10. Green Bay Packers, \$1.16 billion

Focus Myanmar TV Programme

MYANMAR INTERNATIONAL

(7-9-12 09:30 am ~ 8-9-12 09:30 am) MST

- * News
- * School Health Week Activities
- * News
- * Music Programme
- * News
- * A Highland with Peace and Charm
- * News
- * Pada Ceti, The Buddha's Foot Print
- * News
- * Skynet Cup (2012) Hockey
- * News
- * Those Who Never Give Up (Episode-5) Shwe Min Thar Foundation
- * News
- * BOT System Precise & Speedy For The People Cooperate Shall We... (Yangon-Mandalay Union Highway) (Part-I)
- * News
- * 13th ELT Conference for Teachers of English
- * Myanmar Movie "Matchmaking Wreath"

MYANMAR TV

(7-9-2012) (Friday)

- 7:00 am
1. Paritta By Hilly Region Missionary Sayadaw -Uppatathandi Paritta
- 7:50 am
2. Nice & Sweet Song
- 8:10 am
3. The Mirror Images of The Musical Oldies
- 8:25 am
4. Selected Songs For 19th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions (2012) (Oldies & Mono Classical) (Higher Education Level) (Women)
- 8:45 am
5. Teleplay (Health)
- 4:00 pm
6. Martial Song
- 4:05 pm
7. Dance of National Races
- 4:10 pm
8. Songs Of Yester Years
- 4:15 pm
9. Teleplay
- 4:30 pm
10. University of Distance Education (TV Lectures) -Second Year (Public Policy)
- 4:50 pm
11. Songs For Upholding National Spirit
- 5:05 pm
12. Sport Highlight
- 5:30 pm
13. India Drama Series
- 6:20 pm
14. Internet Garden
- 6:55 pm
15. "Road to 27th SEA GAMES" (Pencaksilat)
- 8:00 pm
16. News
17. Just For Laughs
18. TV Drama Series

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas

Weather forecast for 7th September, 2012

Sr. No.	Regions/States	Temperature (°C/°F)		For Tomorrow	
		Maximum	Minimum	Forecast	Percent
1	Kachin	26/79	21/70	Scattered rain or thundershower	(100%)
2	Kayah	31/88	20/68	Scattered rain or thundershower	(100%)
3	Kayin	33/91	22/72	Widespread rain or thundershowers (IH)	(100%)
4	Chin	18/64	16/61	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)
5	Upper Sagaing	30/86	23/73	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)
6	Lower Sagaing	35/95	24/75	Isolated rain or thundershower	(100%)
7	Taninthayi	32/90	24/75	Widespread rain or thundershowers (IH)	(100%)
8	Bago	32/90	25/77	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers (IH)	(100%)
9	Magway	32/90	26/79	Scattered rain or thundershower	(100%)
10	Mandalay	33/91	25/77	Scattered rain or thundershower	(100%)
11	Mon	33/91	24/75	Widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)
12	Yangon	31/88	23/73	Widespread rain or thundershowers (IH)	(100%)
13	Rakhine	33/91	22/72	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)
14	Southern Shan	26/79	17/63	Scattered rain or thundershower	(100%)
15	Northern Shan	29/84	20/68	Scattered rain or thundershower	(100%)
16	Eastern Shan	29/84	22/72	Scattered rain or thundershower	(100%)
17	Ayeyawady	30/86	25/77	Widespread rain or thundershowers (IH)	(100%)
18	Neighbouring Nay Pyi Taw	33/91	24/75	One or two rain or thundershowers	(100%)
19	Neighbouring Yangon	31/88	23/73	Some rain or thundershowers	(100%)
20	Neighbouring Mandalay	33/91	25/77	Isolated rain or thundershowers	(80%)

During the past (24) hours, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Lower Sagaing, scattered in Mandalay and Magway Regions, Shan State, fairly widespread in Upper Sagaing, Bago, Yangon and Ayeyawady Regions, Kachin and Rakhine States and widespread in the remaining Regions and States with regionally heavy falls in Magway Region and isolated heavy falls in Taninthayi Region. The noteworthy amount of rainfall recorded were Kawthoung (9.84) inches, Nay Pyi Taw (Lewu) (3.78) inches, Myawady (2.52) inches, Nay Pyi Taw (Airport) (2.48) inches, Central Yangon (2.24) inches, Aungmye and Taunggyi (1.77) inches each and Nay Pyi Taw (Yezin) (1.58) inches.

According to the observations at (12:30) hrs MST today, the low pressure area over North Bay of Bengal has become unimportant. Monsoon is moderate in the Andaman sea and Bay of Bengal.

Seas will be moderate in Myanmar waters.

Continuation of increase of rain in the Lower Myanmar Areas.

District News

Cherry wagons safety for users

YANGON, 6 Sept—Although sales of Cherry wagon at K 7.5 million manufactured by China downed in the market due to information from Internet and local media, an official of the Ministry of Industry who asked the automobile company of China retold that the cars already sold in Myanmar have no minerals to cause lung cancer.

"The company replied that Cherry QQs have no asbestos. However, customers may worry about it. The Ministry plans to hold a press conference in meeting with officials of the company for the information. We have known that the standard of imported cars in Myanmar is low, so asbestos cannot be used for the car," he said.

At present, some of Cherry wagons are



manufactured with the use of asbestos to ensure the over heat, causing lung cancer, disclosed some international media. Due to such information, the owners of Cherry wagons are worrying about the asbestos. In consequence, the car market is still cold.—Myanma Alin

Tiger enters new territory in PGA Tour's playoffs **Golf**

NEW YORK, 6 Sept—Tiger Woods finds himself in foreign territory heading into this week's BMW Championship in Carmel, Indiana, having failed to qualify for the PGA Tour's four lucrative playoff events last year. Twelve months ago, Woods had slipped to 46th in the world rankings after being sidelined for 12 weeks earlier in the season while recovering from the left knee ligaments and Achilles tendon he hurt during the 2011 Masters.

As a result, he was unable to experience a revamped format for the FedExCup playoffs whereby the points were reset after the BMW Championship for the top 30 players who qualified for the Tour Championship finale in Atlanta. "I didn't play last year, I wasn't even in the damned thing so it's nice to be here and be able to contend in this thing," Woods told reporters at Crooked Stick Golf Club on Wednesday.

"It's interesting. You can go and win the first three playoff events, finish second in the last one and not win it (the FedExCup title). So it's

a different type of format, but it's what we have. "The whole idea is if the guys who are near the top five or just outside the top five win the last two (playoff) events, you know you're going to win it, so the idea is to go out there and get (wins)."

Seventy players have qualified for this week's BMW Championship, the penultimate playoff event.

Of the 30 who advance to the 20-23 September Tour Championship, any of the top five would automatically clinch FedExCup honors and a staggering \$10 million bonus with victory in Atlanta.

Reuters



Tiger Woods of the US

No Balotelli but Italy seek **Soccer** Former Brazil coach urges Neymar to shun Barcelona

Italy's soccer player Mario Balotelli.

SOFIA, 6 Sept—Italy, without strikers Mario Balotelli and Antonio Cassano, begin their World Cup qualifying campaign on Friday seeking their first victory over Bulgaria on their opponent's soil. For a team that has won every major international trophy, Italy's record in Bulgaria is not a proud one — two defeats and two draws with six goals conceded dating back to 1968. Most recently they emerged with a goalless draw in a 2010 World Cup qualifier four years

ago. The Italy team to face Luboslav Penev's side in the Group B match at the Vasil Levski stadium will also have a different look to the one that impressed at Euro 2012.

Balotelli is out due to eye surgery and Cassano has been dropped, so coach Cesare Prandelli, who hopes to have Roma midfielder Daniele De Rossi ready, is expected to use a 3-5-2 formation. Prandelli has tried the formation before — notably in the early stages of Euro 2012, where his side finished runners-up to Spain, though eventually he settled on a back four.

De Rossi, who suffered an ankle injury during Roma's 3-1 win at Inter Milan last weekend, was thought to be out, but Prandelli revealed he might recover in time. Prandelli is also expected to favour Juventus' diminutive playmaker Sebastian Giovinco over Mattia Destro in attack alongside Destro's in-form Roma team-mate Pablo Daniel Osvaldo, who has scored in his team's first two games this season.

Reuters

RIO DE JANEIRO, 6 Sept—Former Brazil and Real Madrid coach Vanderlei Luxemburgo has urged Neymar to resist offers to join Barcelona and remain in Brazil until the 2014 World Cup. Luxemburgo, now coaching Gremio in Brazil's Serie A championship, denied the 20-year-old's development was being stunted by his decision to stay at Santos.

"He can and will develop as a player in Brazil. These days Brazilian football is of a better standard and better paid than many European leagues," Luxemburgo said in an interview with Estadao on Tuesday. "He is in the top three players in the world already. By staying, he can correct his mistakes in a familiar environment and at the same time continue to be a drawcard for Brazilian football."

Neymar, who is contracted to Santos until 2014, has European clubs queuing for his signature, including heavyweights

Barcelona, Real Madrid and Chelsea. Spanish media reported that Barcelona has already made a down-payment for the striker to join the club next summer.

Luxemburgo is almost a lone voice amid growing calls for Neymar to test his talents against sterner defences in



Neymar

Spain, Italy or England.

Former national stars Ronaldo, Rivaldo and Dunga are among those who have stated the starlet must leave Brazil to fulfill his potential.

Xinhua

Vice-President U Nyan Tun receives a delegation led by Deputy Chief of General Staff of PLA of China

NAY PYI TAW, 6 Sept—Vice-President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Nyan Tun received a delegation led by Deputy Chief of General Staff General Ma Xiaotian of People's Liberation Army of the People's Republic of China at Credentials Hall of the Presidential Palace here this morning.

Also present at the call together with Vice-President U Nyan Tun were Deputy Minister for Defence Commodore Aung Thaw, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Zin Yaw and departmental heads. Deputy Chief of General Staff of PLA was accompanied by Chinese Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Li Junhua and Military Attaché Senior Colonel Xiong Shaowei.

At the call, both sides cordially discussed matters related to further promoting of friendship and multi strategies relations between the two countries.—MNA



Vice-President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Nyan Tun receives Deputy Chief of General Staff General Ma Xiaotian of People's Liberation Army of the People's Republic of China at Credentials Hall of the Presidential Palace.—MNA

No representative has so far claimed the Union minister level rights and emoluments

NAY PYI TAW, 6 Sept—The Pyithu Hluttaw session continued for 40th day at Pyithu Hluttaw Hall in Hluttaw Complex here today attended by Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw U Shwe Mann and 408 MPs.

Four questions were answered, one report submitted, urgent proposal put forward and functions of the Hluttaw assessed at today's session.

Regarding the question of U Myint Thu of Dagon Myothit (East) Constituency about whether is allowed to directly ask the Ministry of Education for repair of flood-hit basic education schools in Dagon Myothit (East) Township and whether the Ministry of Education has issued order banning the school board of trustees and parents & teachers association from collecting cash contribution, Deputy Minister for Education U Aye Kyu replied that it has been instructed not to collect any kinds of cash contribution disrupting the learning process of students. Wellwishers have been donating for facelift of schools and construction of new school buildings the ministry on behalf of the wellwishers takes care of repair works. Permission can be asked from the Ministry of Education directly through letter for construction of new school buildings and repair of basic education schools in respective townships. Measures would be taken if permission for repairing of flood-hit schools is requested directly from the ministry as a special case.

Regarding the question of U Hla Myint of Dawbon



Pyithu Hluttaw

Secretary of Pyithu Hluttaw Rights Committee Dr Soe Yin answers queries.

MNA

Constituency on behalf of U Soe Win of Kyauktada Constituency about if there is any plan broadcast important news on television channels with sign language for the sake of deaf and dumb, Deputy Minister for Information U Ye Htut replied that it is found that most of Asian countries including the neighbours have not used sign language in broadcasting and only a few countries in the world air important news and speeches with sign language. According to the statistics, the

number of the deaf and dumb is 140,000 out of the national population of 60 million and only 360 have completed sign language course.

Over 500 students learn academic subjects including sign language at one school for the deaf of the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement and one school of a NGO per annum. In addition, the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement has implemented project phase NO (1)(2008-2010) for development and empowerment of the deaf and the second phase (2011-2014) is in the course of implementation, conducting courses on standardized sign language. The Information Ministry has coordinated the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement to dispatch three MRTV staff to attend sign language class to be in readiness broadcasting with sign language.

Regarding the question of U Mahn Maung Maung Nyan of Pantanaw Constituency about whether there is any plan to allow representatives from political parties to observe the Pyithu Hluttaw/Amyotha Hluttaw sessions, Secretary of Pyithu Hluttaw Rights Committee Dr Soe Yin replied that representatives of political parties are allowed to observe the session if they wished to. They have to request the permission of Hluttaw concerned in advance and observe the Hluttaw session in lines with set rules and regulations. Not only political parties, but also other organizations, students and trainees can also observe the Hluttaw session under the similar procedures.

U Stephen of Kengtung Constituency asked whether the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw representatives have claimed Union minister level rights and emoluments, whether Pyidaungsu (See page 7)

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Amyotha Hluttaw



Chairman of Amyotha Hluttaw International Relations Committee Col Maung Maung Htoo submits proposal.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 6 Sept—Amyotha Hluttaw Session continued for 40th day, at Amyotha Hluttaw Hall of Hluttaw Complex, here, at 10 am today, attended by Speaker of Amyotha Hluttaw U Khin Aung Myint and 207 MPs.

With respect to the question of U Zone Hle Htan of Chin State Constituency No.2 on “if there is a plan to designate 500 acres of lands between deforested area on Falam-Haka road and Liva Dam as sanctuary”, Deputy Minister for Environmental Conservation and for Forestry U Aye Myint Maung said that the above-mentioned acres

includes in 10160 acres of Liva Protected Public Forest which is established in line with Ministry of Environmental Conservation and Forestry's Announcement No.6/97 dated 30-7-1997.

At present, Liva dam and its related areas including Zeinmu Mountain have been designated as protected public forest. Ministry of Environmental Conservation and Forestry has planned to designate these areas as sanctuary in cooperation with local administrative bodies and officials from respective departments.

Regarding the question

of UKhat Htein Nan of Kachin State constituency No.1 on “ceasefire and peace”, Deputy Minister for Defence Commodore Aung Thaw replied that there were three state-level discussions, three union-level discussions and four informal discussions since June, 2011 that fighting between Tatmadaw and KIA has started. Tatmadaw want peace to the full. On 10 December 2011, the President gave instruction on avoiding fight and attack on KIA camps in Kachin State, except protection. The Commander-in-Chief at once explained President's instructions to units under his control, and

respective regiments and units are following the instructions. There were 926 times for fighting between Tatmadaw and KIA.

During this period, KIA group blasted non-military targets for 66 times. Since the President's directives, Tatmadaw did not attack KIA's camps. Tatmadaw has duty to protect the interest of people. Tatmadaw responds KIA's attacks at a time when Tatmadaw is giving security for public routes and regions. As peace-making with KNU has mutual trusts and honesty, there is no any conflicts. It is witnessed that there is regional peace and stability.

Peace contracts could be signed with ten remaining armed groups through ceasefire. KIA constantly holds

the point that they would make ceasefire only after holding discussions in political way. So, there occurred fightings there. Tatmadaw is patient with the situation for eternal peace including ceasefire with KIA. Like other armed groups, KIA may ink peace agreements if they follow internationally and generally-accepted peace processes.

After that, member of Amyotha Hluttaw Bill Committee U Aung Kyin Nyunt read out the Bill Committee's report on Bill amending the Union Auditor-General Bill which is sent by Pyithu Hluttaw. The Speaker of Amyotha Hluttaw approved the Bill amending the Union Auditor-General Bill sent by Pyithu Hluttaw.

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