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Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham gives confidence to flood victims in Shan State

NAY PYI TAW, 15 Sept—Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham accompanied by Deputy Ministers Brig-Gen Kyaw Zan Myint, Maj-Gen Zaw Win, U Khin Zaw, U Soe Tint, U Aung Than Oo, U Phone Swe, Dr Pwint Hsan, U Ba Shwe and Dr Win Myint and departmental heads, yesterday left here by air for Lashio, Shan State.

At the lounge of Lashio Airport, the Vice-President and party heard reports presented by Shan State Minister for Development Affairs U Tu Maung on inundation in some wards of Lashio due to torrential rains; condition of drainage system in the town; proper flow of water from four main drains; proposal on repairing original Kyauktaw drain for proper flow of water; rainfalls in 2011 and 2012; flood-hit areas; the main causes of the floods; and preventive measures against flood.

The Vice-President urged the officials concerned to ensure systematic drainage system of the town so flood could be prevented in the town in the future.

At Shan Literature and



Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham addresses the meeting with flood victims from Wards 5, 7, 8, and 12 at Shan Literature and Culture Hall in Lashio, Shan State.—MNA

Culture Hall, the Vice-President and party met with the flood victims from Wards 5, 7, 8 and 12 in Lashio, and encouraged them. The Vice-President donated K 12,630,000 for 421 flood-hit households, K 30,000 for each, and K 4,180,000 for 209 acres of monsoon paddy and corn plantations, K 20,000 for each, through U Kyaw Swe on behalf of flood victims and U Sai Tun Lu on behalf of farmers.

On behalf of flood victims, U Tan Kyi accepted K 450,000 for the three

houses swept by flood and for the ten houses hit by flood, provided by Shan State Chief Minister U Sao Aung Myat.

Deputy Minister U Phone Swe presented K 991,154 for the three flood-swept houses and for the ten flood-hit houses plus eight relief aids for 23 flood-hit households through U Sai Tun Aung on behalf of flood-hit victims.

Donations—K 500,000 by Muse Border Merchants Association, 50 bags of rice by Myanmar Rice Merchants

President U Thein Sein sends message of felicitations to Mexican counterpart

NAY PYI TAW, 16 Sept—U Thein Sein, President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr. Felipe CALDERON Hinojosa, President of the United Mexican States, on the anniversary of the Independence Day of the United Mexican States, which falls on 16th September 2012.—MNA

Federation, K 1 million by Lashio Association (temporarily Yangon), K 1 million by Lashio relief group, packages of premier instant coffee mix, Shine toothpastes including toothbrushes and detergents amounted to K 2.5 million by Director U Tun Yin of CDSG Group of Company, K 1 million by U Kyaw Myint of Ve Ve Juice Company—were presented.

The Vice-President and party cordially greeted the flood victims.

At Ward-9 Adminis-

trator's Office, the Vice-President and party met with flood victims from Wards 1,

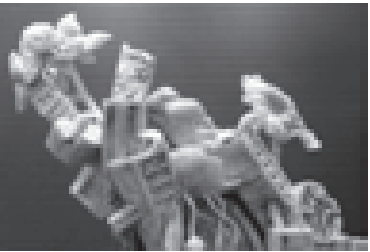
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People visit at International Air Show ILA in Schoenefeld near Berlin, Germany, on 14 Sept, 2012.



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Ferrer, Almagro put Spain in control against US



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Arsenal beats Soton 6-1 in Premier League

LONDON, 15 Sept—Arsenal scored three goals in seven first-half minutes Saturday in sweeping aside Southampton 6-1 in the Premier League, with Gervinho netting his first

two goals of 2012.

Arsenal was helped by two own goals as it jumped out to a 4-0 lead by the 38th minute but it was still the type of high-scoring display that could help fans forget



about the departure of Robin van Persie to Manchester United — at least for a little while. After opening the season with two scoreless draws, Arsenal now has two impressive wins in a row after beating Liverpool 2-0 away before the international break.

Last place Southampton remains without a point after four rounds.

Lukas Podolski scored

for the second game in a row, curling in a free kick in the 31st to make it 2-0 for the Gunners after Jos Hooiveld had netted an own goal in the 11th. That opened the floodgates for Arsenal, with Gervinho making it 3-0 in the 35th and Southampton defender Nathaniel Clyne deflecting a cross into his own net three minutes later.

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Premier League Results on 15 September (Saturday)

Norwich	0 - 0	West Ham
Arsenal	6 - 1	Soton
Aston Villa	2 - 0	Swansea
Fulham	3 - 0	West Bromwich
ManU	4 - 0	Wigan
QPR	0 - 0	Chelsea
Stoke	1 - 1	Man City
Sunderland	1 - 1	Liverpool

High winds cause havoc at Women's British Open



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Union Labour Minister calls for protection of rights of migrant

NAY PYI TAW, 15 Sept—Chairman of Overseas Jobs Supervisory Committee Union Minister for Labour U Maung Myint met officials and staff who will discharge duties at temporary passports issuance offices in Thailand to issue temporary passports and workers identification cards to Myanmar migrant workers, at the Labour Ministry here yesterday.

Speaking on the occasion, the Union minister instructed them to adhere to orders and instructions of the mother ministry and observe the rules and regulations of the host country, protecting the interests of the migrant workers as a national duty, offering the best services.

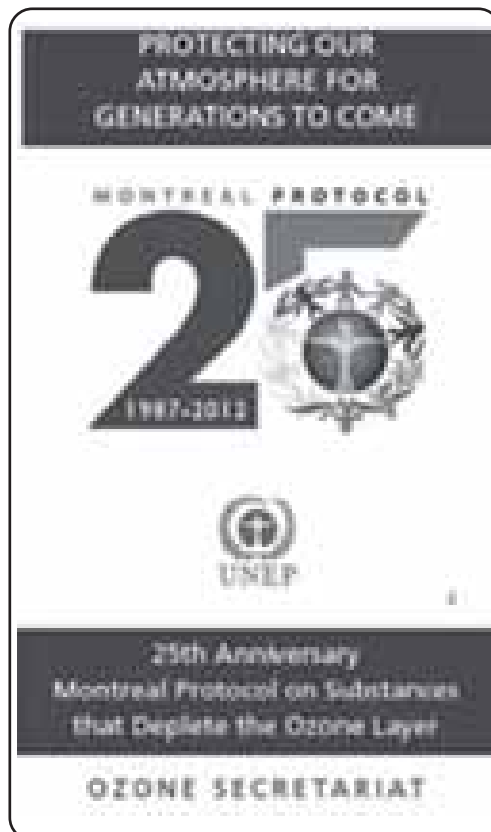
The team is the third dispatch

to Thailand and planned to discharge duties there for about three months. ID cards were issued to over 1 million out of 2 million migrant workers there in the first and second times.

Vice-Chairman of Overseas Jobs Supervisory Committee Union Minister for Border Affairs Lt-Gen Thein Htay called for accomplishment of the mission, crushing the barriers. He urged them to attach immense importance to the work as they would discharge the duty on behalf of the Union government.

The team comprising of six working groups underwent refresher training for three days at Myanmar Passport Issuance Office (Yankin).

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YANGON, 15 Sept—Chairman of Rakhine State Incident Investigation Commission Dr Myo Myint, Secretary Dr Kyaw Yin Hlaing and commission members enquired about local national people at Mingan relief camp in Sittway Township yesterday morning.

They then went to Thetkelpyin, Bawdupa and Thechaung relief camps where they met Islam local people and inquired about the some behind the closed door.

They then proceeded to Sittway University to meet the rector, faculty heads, lecturers and instructors.

The investigation commission members went to Thanhtawli Village in the noon where they viewed the ruins of burnt house and enquired about some Islam villagers separately.

In the evening, the commission chairman and members met townsenders at State Government Office and then personnel of UN agencies, NGOs and INGOs at the same venue.

The commission chairman visited the monasteries of State Sangha

Investigation commission concludes initial investigation



Chairman of Investigation Commission Dr Myo Myint and commission members inquire about people at Thetkelpyin relief camp in Sittway Township.—MNA

Maha Nayaka Committee member Abbot of Saddhamma Garu Pathein Monastery Agga Maha Pandita Bhaddanta Pandita and State Central Working Committee of the Sangha Abbot of Mani Yadana Monastery Bhaddanta Soma.

The commission chairman and members arrived back here this afternoon by air. They went around Sittway, Kyauktaw, MraukU, Yathedaung, Maungtaw, Buthidaung, Pauktaw, Kyaukpyu, Taungup and Yanbye

townships.

The initial trip of Rakhine State by the investigation commission ended on 15 September. The commission will go to Rakhine State again to enquire into the incident and to make survey for national interests.—MNA



Relief aids provided to flood victims

MADAUK, 15 Sept—Bago Region Maternal and Child Welfare Supervisory Committee disseminated health knowledge to the flood victims, built fly-proof latrines and donated school equipment, sanitation equipment and rice to them at Taingtaya Monastery in Madauk of Nyaunglebin Township on 9 September.

Patron of the Region MCWSC Daw Myint Myint Soe consoled the flood victims. Member of Region Supervisory Committee Dr Ni Ni Aye gave talks on dysentery and Health Education Officer U Aung Min explained four clean practices. The Patron of the Supervisory Committee presented rice and school equipment, latrines and sanitation equipment to 340 flood victim households.—Myanma Alin

National News

U Paw Lwin Sein appointed as Myanmar Ambassador to Kingdom of Belgium

NAY PYI TAW, 16 Sept—The President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar has appointed U Paw Lwin Sein, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar to the Commonwealth of Australia, as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar to the Kingdom of Belgium.—MNA

U Min Thein appointed as Myanmar Ambassador to Commonwealth of Australia

NAY PYI TAW, 16 Sept—The President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar has appointed U Min Thein, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar to the Russian Federation, as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar to the Commonwealth of Australia.—MNA

U Tin Yu appointed as Myanmar Ambassador to Russian Federation

NAY PYI TAW, 16 Sept—The President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar has appointed U Tin Yu, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar to the Arab Republic of Egypt, as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar to the Russian Federation.—MNA

Thura U Thet Oo Maung appointed as Myanmar Ambassador to Arab Republic of Egypt

NAY PYI TAW, 16 Sept—The President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar has appointed Thura U Thet Oo Maung, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar to Brunei Darussalam, as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar to the Arab Republic of Egypt.—MNA

Daw Yin Yin Myint accredited as Myanmar Ambassador to Brunei Darussalam

NAY PYI TAW, 16 Sept—The President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar has appointed Daw Yin Yin Myint, Director-General of the Training, Research and Foreign Languages Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar to Brunei Darussalam.—MNA

Jade trade takes shape

NAY PYI TAW, 15 Sept—As Nanning in Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, China will host the 9th China-ASEAN Expo and local gems merchants from Myanmar are looking to it which will be from 21 to 25 September.

Managing Director U Maung Maung Hsan of Maung Maung Hsan Gems Company when interviewed said, “I would mainly exhibit jade necklace, bangle, pendant, sculpture as well as ruby and sapphire from Mogkok. Chinese people highly value Myanmar jade. The number of visitors reached to as much as the thousands a day in the previous expo and almost every visitor bought at least a piece of jade work. Particularly, they like jade bangle and necklace is their second choice.”

He added that jade items fetch higher price in Nanning Expo than the local expo. Jade bangles were sold with certificates of Myanmar gems experts in last year’s expo, winning the trust of buyers.

The team comprising over 90 gems companies from Myanmar will fly to Nanning directly with chartered flight organized by the Ministry of Commerce.

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REUTERS

US renews waivers of Iran sanctions for Japan, EU nations

SINGAPORE/WASHINGTON, 15 Sept — The United States has renewed waivers on Iran sanctions for Japan and 10 European countries because they cut their purchases of the OPEC nation's crude oil, Secretary of State Hillary Clinton said on Friday. The renewal means banks in the 11 countries have been given a second 180 day reprieve from the threat of being cut off from the US financial system under the sanctions designed to choke funding to Iran's nuclear programme. The West suspects Iran is trying to develop nuclear weapons. Teheran insists the programme is for civilian purposes.

The sanctions law President Barack Obama signed in 2011 requires a review every six months of the waivers, which were given to all of Iran's major buyers throughout 2012. Japan, the world's third largest oil consumer, had taken significant steps to reduce purchases of Iranian crude, Clinton said.

The cuts were "especially notable considering the extraordinary energy challenges" Japan faced after the 2011 Fukushima nuclear disaster, she said in a statement. Since then, Japan has had to burn more diesel fuel. In March, Japan was the first of Asia's top four buyers

of Iranian crude to receive a US waiver from the sanctions.

Since then Japan has made deeper cuts in crude purchases from Iran. The State Department renewed exemptions on Friday to Belgium, the Czech Republic, France, Germany, Greece, Italy, the Netherlands, Poland, Spain, and the United Kingdom.

The European Union implemented a full embargo on Iranian crude and petroleum products on 1 July. The combination of US and European sanctions has forced Iran to cut its oil output and almost halve exports. Since it won its first waiver, Japan has cut imports each

US officials offer differing explanations of

US

Libyan attack

WASHINGTON, 15 Sept — A spokesman for President Barack Obama said on Friday officials had no evidence the attack that killed the US ambassador to Libya was pre-planned, an assertion which added to confusion over the incident. Immediately after the attack on the US consulate in Benghazi, Libya, on Tuesday night, US officials, speaking on condition of anonymity, were quoted widely in the media saying they believed the attack was well-planned and organized.

On Friday, however, President Barack Obama's press secretary, Jay Carney, offered a different version of events. "We do not at this moment have information to suggest or to tell you that would indicate that any of this unrest was preplanned," Carney told a Press briefing. The confusion over what the US government knows about the attack was compounded by statements on Friday by a leading US senator. Following a briefing by US Defence Secretary Leon Panetta, Carl Levin, the Democrat who chairs the Senate Armed Services Committee, told journalists he understood the attack was planned and premeditated.

Another US official said: "Everything I have seen says

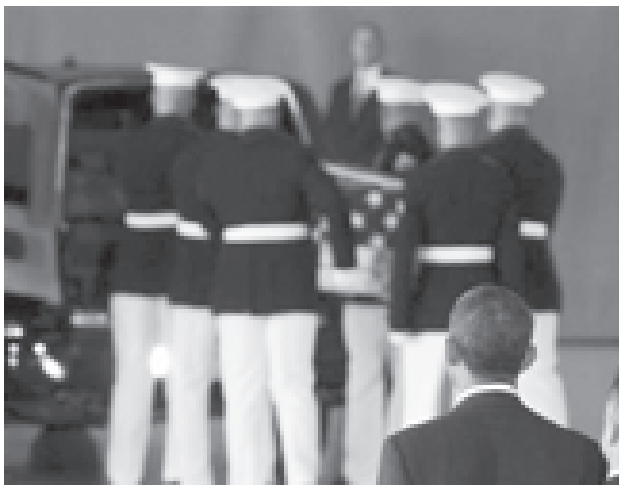
this was a highly armed, organized attack. Not a mob reacting to the movie. Whether it was planned or not is another question." While some of the key facts remain unclear, if it is ultimately determined the attack was planned in advance, that could prove embarrassing to Obama, who is fending off attacks from Republican presidential nominee Mitt Romney on his handling of escalating anti-American violence in the Middle East. US Ambassador to Libya Christopher Stevens and three other Americans were

killed in the violence.

Officials of some agencies directly involved in investigating the Benghazi attack said that, because the FBI has launched a full-scale inquiry, they have been forbidden from publicly commenting on what is being learned.

However, US officials familiar with the incident said the White House assertion that it has no information indicating the violence was planned, while arguably true in a limited context, simplifies what the US government knows.

Reuters



US President Barack Obama watches as the body of an American killed in Benghazi this week is placed in a hearse during a return of remains ceremony at Andrews Air Force Base near Washington, on 14 Sept, 2012.
REUTERS

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month by more than a quarter except for an increase of 6.8 percent in June.

It completely halted shipments in July. The United States next granted waivers to South Korea and India on 11 June. Their renewals are due in December. Since Washington issued those exemptions, official data from Seoul has shown imports fell by a quarter in June and by 42 percent in July and may halt in August. The decline was spurred by European Union sanctions banning insurance coverage for ships carrying Iranian oil. While South Korea's shipments are expected to recover in September as Seoul asks Iran to ship the oil, three months of sharp cuts put the country in a strong position to secure a renewal come December.

"To get an extension on the waiver, we need to show only the import record for six months" (since the waiver was granted), said a South Korean economy ministry source with direct knowledge of the matter. —Reuters

UN chief hails Montreal Protocol as a lesson in global cooperation

UNITED NATIONS, 15 Sept — UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon on Friday hailed the Montreal Protocol as "arguably the best example yet of global cooperation on an environmental issue," in a statement addressing the upcoming International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer to be observed on 16 September.

The Day of this year also marks the 25th anniversary of the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer, which was adopted in September 1987 with an aim to control global production and consumption of the chemicals that deplete it. The secretary-general emphasized the importance of the cooperation that led to the Protocol, saying its success offers "lessons and inspiration in addressing other global issues."

"I urge governments and all partners to apply the same spirit to the other great environment and development challenges of our times," said Ban. The secretary-general noted the impact of

the Protocol on mitigating the effects of harmful radiation, decreasing cancer rates and mobilizing innovation in chemical manufacturing industries. "The ozone layer is now on track to recover in the next five decades," said Ban. Additionally, the effect of the Protocol on issues like climate change "highlights the benefits of pursuing an inclusive green economy. It shows that, in acting on one issue, many others can be addressed too," he said.

In 1994, the UN General Assembly proclaimed on 16 September the International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer, to commemorate the date of the signing of the Montreal Protocol.

The theme for this year's celebration "Protecting our atmosphere for generations to come" emphasizes the extraordinary collaboration and environmental benefits achieved by the world's governments through the operation of the Montreal Protocol. — Xinhua

WORLD BANK

World Bank, IMF to hold 2015 annual meetings in Peru

WASHINGTON, 15 Sept — The 2015 Annual Meetings of the World Bank and its sister agency the International Monetary Fund (IMF) will take place in Lima, Peru in October 2015, the Washington-based World Bank announced on Friday.

The last time the Annual Meetings of the two organizations were held in Latin America was in 1967 in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, the World Bank said in a statement.

The annual meetings of the two agencies, which bring together finance ministers and central bank governors from the two institutions' 188 members, provide an opportunity for a broad dialogue on issues of global economic importance. The 2012 annual meetings of the two agencies are scheduled to take place in Tokyo, Japan in October. — Xinhua



People visit at the International Air Show ILA in Schoenefeld near Berlin, Germany, on 14 Sept, 2012. The biennale air show, running from 11 September to 16 September, attracted 1,243 exhibitors from nearly 40 countries and regions. — XINHUA

Russia welcomes IAEA resolution on Iranian nuclear programme

RUSSIA

MOSCOW, 15 Sept — Russia on Friday welcomed a resolution adopted by the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) on the Iranian nuclear programme. "We are satisfied with its content. We did not merely vote for it, but were among its co-authors," the Russian Foreign Ministry said in a statement.

The resolution was adopted on Thursday by the UN nuclear watchdog's 35-member Governing Board with majority support. Cuba voted against it, while three other countries abstained. "These results showed the document has been of quality, checked and balanced," the Russian statement said.

The IAEA resolution urged Iran to comply fully with all of its obligations under relevant UN Security Council resolutions without delay. According to the statement, the resolution encourages talks between Teheran and the IAEA, as well as negotiations between Iran and the P5+1 group, which consists of Britain, China, France, Russia, the United States and Germany.

Xinhua

After Zuckerberg talks, Facebook gains \$6.8 billion **Technology** Apple did not violate Samsung

SAN FRANCISCO, 15 Sept — Facebook Inc CEO Mark Zuckerberg might need to talk more often. A 30-minute appearance at a technology industry conference earlier this week has translated into \$6.785 billion in additional market valuation for his company. Facebook shares finished Friday's regular trading session up 6.2 percent at \$22 as Wall Street's confidence in the company continued to improve in the wake of the 28-year-old CEO's first public appearance since a rocky initial public offering in May.

The social networking company's progress introducing a new advertising service that gives marketers improved ways to reach consumers on Facebook also helped bolster its shares, analysts said. "People are starting to feel a little more comfortable," said Arvind Bhatia, an analyst with Sterne, Agre & Leach. Zuckerberg's comments, in which he highlighted mobile business progress, suggested Facebook could enter the search market and expressed confidence in future money-making prospects, have improved the perception of the stock, said Bhatia.

Zuckerberg has a reputation for spending his time building the company from the inside rather than going around promoting it to investors. On Thursday, Facebook said its nascent ad exchange was no longer in testing mode, and several



Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg speaks during a question and answer session at the TechCrunch Disrupt conference in San Francisco, California, on 11 Sept, 2012.— REUTERS

advertising agencies reported encouraging early results using the service. The Facebook Ad Exchange allows marketers to target consumers with pitches based on their past Web browsing activity, such as the websites they've visited — a standard online advertising technique that until now has not been available on Facebook. The ad exchange hints at improved monetization potential for Facebook, said Lazard Capital Markets analyst William Bird.

The world's No 1 online social network with 955 million users, Facebook has faced a rough debut since its May initial public offering.

Investors and analysts have fretted about a sharp slowdown in its revenue growth. Shares of Facebook remain well below their \$38 offering price.

The ongoing expiration of "lock-up" restrictions on Facebook insiders selling shares have added further pressure on the stock. "I don't think they're completely out of the woods, but it does feel like the sentiment is improving," said Sterne, Agre & Leach's Bhatia. The shares are up roughly 13 percent since Zuckerberg spoke at the TechCrunch Disrupt conference in San Francisco on Tuesday.

Reuters

Antarctic ozone hole smaller than in 2011

GENEVA, 15 Sept — The hole in the ozone layer, the earth's protective shield against ultraviolet rays, is expected to be smaller this year over the Antarctic than last, showing how a ban on harmful substances has stopped its depletion, the United Nations said on Friday.

But the hole is probably larger than in 2010 and a complete recovery is still a long way off. The signing of the Montreal Protocol 25 years ago to phase out chemicals that deplete the ozone layer has helped prevent millions of cases of skin cancer and eye cataracts as well as harmful effects on the environment, the UN weather agency said.

"The temperature conditions and the extent of polar stratospheric clouds so far this year indicate that the degree of ozone loss will be smaller than in 2011 but probably somewhat larger than in 2010," the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) said in a statement.

The Antarctic ozone hole, which currently measures 19 million square kilometres, most likely would be smaller this year than in the record year of 2006, it said. The annual occurrence typically reaches its maximum surface area during late September and maximum depth in early October.

But the banned chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs), once used in refrigerators and spray cans, have a

long lifetime in the atmosphere and it will take several decades before their concentrations are back to pre-1980 levels, the WMO said.

The Montreal protocol has been a "great success", UN weather agency expert Geir Braathen told a news briefing. This has prevented a major environmental disaster and globally ozone depletion has leveled off.

"We haven't really seen any kind of unequivocal ozone recovery yet," he said. "Ozone depletion has stopped, leveled off," Braathen said. In the Arctic stratosphere, there was record ozone loss in spring of 2011, but it has returned to more normal conditions this year, he said.

Reuters

Russian mammoth remains give glimmer of hope for cloning

MOSCOW, 15 Sept — Scientists who found well preserved woolly mammoth remains in a remote part of Russia hope they might contain the necessary material to clone the long extinct beast. The Russian-led international team found the remains, including fur and bone marrow, with some cell nuclei intact, in the Ust-Yansk area of the Yakutia region on Russia's Arctic coast. The next step will be to search for living cells among the material which was preserved in the Siberian permafrost, said the Russian scientist who led the expedition with members from the United States, Canada, South Korea, Sweden and Great Britain.

"All we need for cloning is one living cell, which means it can reproduce autonomously. Then it will be no problem for us to multiply them to tens of thousands cells," said Semyon Grigoryev, a professor at North-East Federal University (NEFU). However, media reports that the scientists were close to making a "Jurassic Park"-style breakthrough by bringing the giant mammal back to life after thousands of years of extinction, were exaggerated.

We are counting on our region's permafrost to have kept some cells alive. But it is unlikely," said Grigoryev, pointing out that the remains would need to have been at a stable temperature between -4 and -20 Celsius (between 28 and -4 Fahrenheit) for any cells to remain alive.

Some media had reported that living cells had been discovered, but Grigoryev said that had been due to a translation error as the word "intact" had been translated from English into Russian as "living". "What we have found are intact cells, with a whole nucleus," he said, adding that living cells, if found, would provide the necessary samples to make a living clone.—*Reuters*

Cuba to hold international seminar on nanoscience

HAVANA, 15 Sept — Academics and scientists from 22 countries will gather here for the 4th International Seminar on Nanosciences and Nanotechnologies to be held from 18 to 21 Sept in Havana's Palace of Conventions, the organizers said on Friday.

The seminar will include conferences and lectures on bionanotechnology and its applications in the health field.

Other issues in the seminar's agenda are the functional and nano-

structured materials, theory, modelling, simulation in nanoscale, nano-security and public perception of nanotechnologies.

An exhibition of nanoscale-devices will also be held during the meeting. The organizing committee said one of the seminar's goals is to set elements for the design of a national strategy in this promising field.

Nanotechnology is the science that develops and produces tiny devices of enormous precision in its composition and properties,

very useful in computers' manufacturing.

The development of nanomedicine can provide new methods for diagnosis of diseases.

Dr Fidel Castro Diaz-Balart, director of the Advanced Training Centre of Cuba (CEAC) and son of former president Fidel Castro, said Cuba is advancing not only in nanotechnology, but also in its application in the biopharmaceutical production.

Xinhua



The logo of Apple is seen on a product displayed at a store in Seoul on 24 Aug, 2012.— REUTERS

ECONOMY

Gasoline pushes up inflation, could dent growth



Gasoline drips off a nozzle during refueling at a gas station in Altadena, California on 24 March, 2012.

REUTERS

WASHINGTON, 15 Sept—A jump in the cost of gasoline pushed US consumer prices up in August at the fastest pace in more than three years and squeezed spending on other items, threatening to further slow the already sluggish economy.

At the same time, production at the nation's factories, mines and utilities dropped by 1.2 percent, the biggest decline since March 2009, other data on Friday showed. The sour mix of numbers was tempered by an

unexpected increase in consumer sentiment in early September and signs underlying inflation pressures remained contained.

Economists said the reports helped justify the Federal Reserve's decision on Thursday to launch a third round of bond purchases to try to lower borrowing costs and spur growth. "It's very clear the economy is soft and it doesn't look like there is any real underlying inflation pressures the Fed needs to worry about, so they are going

to keep their foot on the gas for a long time," said Jeremy Lawson, a senior economist at BNP Paribas in New York.

The Consumer Price Index increased 0.6 percent last month, the first increase in five months and the biggest gain since June 2009, the Labour Department said.

Gasoline prices, which also recorded their largest increase since June 2009, accounted for about 80 percent of the rise. With gasoline costs increasing, service station chalked up healthy receipts. A second report from the Commerce Department showed sales at gasoline stations shot up 5.5 percent last month, helping to push overall retail sales up 0.9 percent. It was the biggest gain in retail sales since February.

Sales of automobiles and building and garden equipment were also strong, but sales elsewhere were weak. A gauge that tracks the

consumer spending component of the government's GDP measure actually fell 0.1 percent.

That and the strong CPI number left most economists anticipating modest GDP growth in the third quarter after output increased at an annual pace of 1.7 percent in the April-June period, well below the 2.5 percent rate that is needed to keep unemployment steady.

"For overall GDP in third quarter, we now see some modest downside risk to our current call for a 1.5 percent growth rate," said Michael Feroli, an economist at JPMorgan in New York.

Investors largely ignored the data as they continued to place bets based on the Fed's action on Thursday. Stocks on Wall Street rose, prices for US government debt dropped and the dollar slumped as investors scurried to higher-yielding assets.— Reuters

Wall Street ends at multi-year highs on Fed

Market

NEW YORK, 15 Sept—US stocks rose for a fourth straight session on Friday to close out the week at nearly five-year highs after the Federal Reserve took bold action to spur the economy, a move that could keep equities buoyed in the coming months. Shares of Apple Inc, the largest US company by market value, ended at an all-time peak, and Exxon Mobil, the second biggest, hit a four-year high.

Equities are in a run-up that has pushed the S&P 500 to end higher for four consecutive months. The extended advance has come mainly from actions by Europe's and the United States' central banks to keep interest rates low and stimulate their struggling economies.

The Fed said on Thursday that it would keep up its aggressive bond-buying until unemployment falls. Chairman Ben Bernanke said

he wanted to see a convincing improvement in the economy that could deliver sustainable job creation.

Bernanke's comments are "going to create an artificial floor on the market, meaning that we could see higher prices over time," said Paul Nolte, managing director at Dearborn Partners in Chicago. "Any correction that we get will be no more than a few percentage points."

The Dow and the S&P 500 both closed at their highest levels since December 2007, while the Nasdaq ended at the highest since November 2000. The small-cap Russell 2000 <.RUT> index closed at the highest since April 2011.

The Dow Jones industrial average ended up 53.51 points, or 0.40 percent, to 13,593.37. The Standard & Poor's 500 Index closed up 5.78 points, or 0.40 percent, to 1,465.77. The Nasdaq Composite Index gained 28.12

points, or 0.89 percent, to 3,183.95. For the week, the Dow rose 2.2 percent, the S&P climbed 1.9 percent and the Nasdaq added 1.5 percent. The S&P is now just 6 percent below its all-time closing high of 1,565.15 despite a relatively weak economy and economic risks around the world.

Reuters

Genetic cause of insulin sensitivity may lead to diabetes treatment

Health

LONDON, 15 Sept— British scientists reported on Thursday they have discovered the first single gene cause of increased sensitivity to the hormone insulin, which may lead to new treatments for diabetes. Researchers at University of Oxford reported in the *New England Journal of Medicine* that a mutation in the gene PTEN could increase sensitivity to insulin, which is the key hormone in diabetes.

"Insulin resistance is a major feature of type 2 diabetes," said Dr Anna Gloyn at Oxford, "the insulin-producing cells in the pancreas may be working hard and pumping out lots of insulin, but the body's cells no longer respond." "Finding a genetic cause of the opposite — insulin sensitivity — gives us a new window on the biological processes

involved. Such understanding could be important in developing new drugs that restore insulin sensitivity in type 2 diabetes."

The discovery came from glucose tolerance tests with people diagnosed with a disease called Cowden syndrome, who showed significantly higher insulin sensitivity than common people. The research meant that the mutation in gene PTEN is also accompanied by some healthy risks, and a lot of more work need to be done before it is explored to treat diabetes.

"We now know that mutations that inactivate the PTEN gene result in increased cancer risk and obesity, but also increase insulin sensitivity which is very likely to protect against type 2 diabetes," Gloyn said.

Xinhua

Spanish debt reaches record high of 75.9 pct of GDP

ECONOMY

GDP

MADRID, 15 Sept — Spanish government debt reached a record high of 75.9 percent of GDP in the second quarter of the year, the Bank of Spain reported on Friday. Spanish debt, a sum of those of autonomous regions and city councils, reached 804 billion euros (1 trillion U.S. dollars) in the second quarter of 2012.

The figure represents a 3.8 percent increase compared to the previous quarter, a 9.2 percent increase year-on-year and is the highest rate in 22 years. Central government debt experienced a 4.4 percent increase, representing 58.3 percent of GDP.

Regional debt increased less, by 2.8 percent, reaching 150 billion euros and representing 14.2 percent of GDP. Meanwhile, city council debt decreased by 1.5 percent, reaching 36.3 billion euros (3.4 percent of GDP). The European Central Bank recently warned in its monthly bulletin that Spanish debt may reach 104 percent of GDP if goals included in the Growth and Stability Pact are not fulfilled. — Xinhua

Programme achieves progress in helping babies with metabolic disorder

HEALTH

BEIJING, 15 Sept—A total of 509 babies suffering a congenital metabolic disorder have received free medical help and formula powder under China's first programme to help infants with the disease. The babies suffering phenylketonuria (PKU) are from 21 of the less developed regions in central and western China, according to a symposium held on Thursday. Congenital metabolic disorder can cause brain damage and mental retardation.

According to statistics, as of June this year, 94 percent of grant-aided PKU infants have been kept in treatment and more than 90 percent are developing normally both physically and mentally. Zhang Deying, an official with the Ministry of Health, said that the PKU treatment fees are relatively high and have not

yet been included in the new rural cooperative medical insurance. "We are now trying to offer more help to the PKU patients, and the programme has made a good start for the government, medical care institutions and society to help PKU babies," Zhang said.

PKU is a genetic disorder of metabolism that can cause an excessive amount of phenylalanine (Phe) in the body, which can be detected in urine. If left untreated, it can affect brain development, causing mental retardation, brain damage and seizures. However, the disorder can be treated with a low-Phe diet by lowering the Phe level to a safe range. The programme is supported by the relevant department under the ministry and the US-based milk powder manufacturer Mead Johnson.— Xinhua

Business

Italy still in "deep recession"

ROME, 15 Sept — Italy's economy will shrink by 2.4 percent this year and will drop by 0.6 percent in 2013, leading industrial association Confindustria forecast in a report on Thursday. According to the influential association, there is "heightened uncertainty" as Italy remains "in a deep recession and signs of reversing the trend are not strong."

Confindustria predicted worse figures than previously reported. This year, per capita consumption will fall by 3.6 percent experiencing "the most serious post-war decline," while imports will fall by 7.7 percent and begin to rebound by 0.9 percent in 2013. Italy must, therefore, "work harder" in order to overcome the crisis, it wrote, adding that fighting record-high unemployment and putting public finances in order must be fundamental objectives.

According to figures released by the national central bank on Thursday, public debt fell in July after hitting a record high the previous month. The Bank of Italy said debt stood at 1.96 billion euros (2.53 billion US dollars) in July, compared to 1.97 billion euros (2.54 billion dollars) in June, the first fall since February. On Thursday, yields on three-year bonds fell at an auction in which Italy sold 4 billion euros (5 billion dollars) worth of government debt.— Xinhua



Traders work on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange, on 12 Sep, 2012.— REUTERS

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Flaherty says Canadian dollar volatility a worry, sees logic of rise

CANADA

OSHAWA, (Ontario), 15 Sept — Volatility in the Canadian dollar is worrying, Finance Minister Jim Flaherty said on Friday after the currency shot up to a 13-month high, adding however that the currency's strength partly reflects faith in the country's economic fundamentals. Canada's dollar hit its highest level in over a year versus the US dollar on Friday, a day after the Federal Reserve finally pulled the trigger on a bold new plan to stimulate the US economy.

"We've seen some bump-up of the dollar, in part because of the announcement yesterday by Ben Bernanke in the United States about

another round of quantitative easing there," Flaherty told reporters in Oshawa, Ontario. "Our country is relatively successful economically. Our fiscal and economic fundamentals are sound, and to some extent that's reflected in our currency, being a currency in which people around the world have some faith. So, yes, I worry about volatility, although there is obviously some reason for the Canadian dollar being where it is today."

The opposition New Democratic Party has criticized the Conservative government for the high currency, saying unfettered



Canada's Finance Minister Jim Flaherty leaves following a news conference in Ottawa on 15 Aug. 2012.—REUTERS

growth in the oil industry was boosting the Canadian dollar too high and therefore wreaking havoc in the manufacturing sector. Flaherty reiterated the goal of balancing the budget in the next two to three years, saying the budget was currently on the right track, but said his projections could be changed

if there were a shock from Europe or the United States or both. "We're always flexible and pragmatic... It's always important to watch the unemployment rate and to make sure that we can keep most Canadians working. We were successful in that back in 2008-09," he said

Reuters

Two NATO soldiers killed in S Afghanistan

KABUL, 15 Sept — Two NATO soldiers were killed on Saturday morning in an insurgent attack in restive southern Afghanistan, the coalition forces confirmed in a statement issued here. "Two International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) service members died following an insurgent attack in southern Afghanistan Saturday," the NATO-led coalition or ISAF said in the statement.

The brief press release disclosed neither the nationalities of the victims nor the details about the incident under the ISAF policy, only saying "it is ISAF policy to defer casualty identification procedures to the relevant national

authorities." Some 50 countries are contributing 130,000-strong forces in Afghanistan with over 90,000 of them American mainly stationed in the east and south, followed by 9,500 from UK mainly based in southern Afghanistan.

The Taliban-led insurgency has been rampant since the militant group launched an annual spring offensive dubbed "Al-Farooq" from 3 May against Afghan and NATO-led troops stationed in the country.

A total of 329 foreign soldiers, most of them Americans, have been killed in Afghanistan since the beginning of this year.

Xinhua

US and Brazil — At last, friends on ethanol



A gas station worker fills a car's tank with ethanol in Rio de Janeiro on 30 April, 2008. Brazil is the world's largest producer and exporter of ethanol. —REUTERS

BRASILIA, 15 Sept — After years at each other's throats, Brazil and the United States are working together to promote the use of ethanol in a collaboration that could revolutionize global markets and the makeup of the biofuel itself. The breakthrough came in January when Washington allowed a three-decade-old subsidy for US ethanol producers to expire

and ended a steep tariff on foreign biofuels. The tariff, in particular, had poisoned diplomatic relations between the world's top two ethanol-producing countries for years.

Since then, industry executives and government officials from both countries have seen tangible progress in efforts to boost the production and consumption

of ethanol around the world, they told Reuters. The two nations have been lobbying foreign governments to create new markets in Africa and Latin America, planning joint "road shows" to attract new investments in biofuel companies, and pushing for a uniform global standard for ethanol, which could make it easier to trade the biofuel across borders.

Results may still be years away, but officials say the collaboration might breathe some new life into an industry facing an uncertain future because of chronic production shortfalls and doubts about the environmental benefits of many biofuels. "I think there's a clear sense now that we should be collaborating instead of fighting each other," said Terry Branstad, governor of Iowa, the top US ethanol-producing state.

ENERGY

After a July meeting with senior officials in Brazil, "I was very encouraged by what I heard," he said in an interview. "The more we cooperate, the more we can grow the worldwide demand for what we produce."

Plinio Nastari, the head of respected Brazilian sugar analysis firm Datagro, said he was particularly encouraged by the joint efforts to develop additional ethanol producers. Because Brazil and the United States account for about 85 percent of global ethanol production, one-time events like the current US drought can cause wild swings in supply — and prices. "That holds up ethanol from becoming a widely traded commodity," Nastari said.

Many of the ideas for collaboration date back to a 2007 bilateral agreement signed by previous Brazilian and US governments.—Reuters

Airbus ministers seek EU CO2 plan delay: Hintze

AIRBUS

BERLIN, 15 Sept — Aerospace officials of the European countries where Airbus makes its planes will push for a suspension of the European Union's Emission Trading System (ETS) for airlines to avert retaliation from China, an official said on Tuesday. The German government official in charge of aerospace policy, Peter Hintze, said after a meeting of the so-called Airbus ministers from Britain, France, Germany and Spain that they would propose to their national governments that payments under the ETS should be delayed beyond the planned April start.

"I am in favour of a suspension until the autumn of 2013," Hintze told journalists following a news conference with fellow ministers. "That would buy some time from April until September." During the news conference the other ministers did not spell out exactly what action they intended to take. Michael Fallon, new business minister in Britain, said at the

ILA Berlin Air Show on Tuesday: "Airbus has left us with no doubt that the threat of retaliatory action is a clear and present danger to its order list."

There is harsh opposition to the ETS from European air travel companies and countries outside the EU such as the United States, Australia and Brazil that have said they want a global agreement to curb carbon emissions rather than a European law that extends to non-EU companies. China has threatened retaliation — including impounding European aircraft — if the European Union punishes Chinese airlines for not complying with its emissions trading scheme (ETS), intended to curb pollution.

The dispute between China and the EU froze deals worth up to \$14 billion, though China signed an agreement with Germany for 50 Airbus planes worth over \$4 billion during Chancellor Angela Merkel's visit to Beijing last month.—Reuters



An Airbus A320 passenger aircraft is presented during the ILA Berlin Air Show in Selchow near Schoenefeld south of Berlin, on 13 Sept, 2012. —REUTERS

Sotheby's taps into Chinese mainland market by setting up JV

CHINA

BEIJING, 15 Sept — Leading auction house — Sotheby's — is entering the Chinese mainland with a Beijing-based cultural company, looking to get a foothold in the art collection, trade and investment sector. Sotheby's reached an agreement on 3 Sept with Beijing Gehua Cultural Development Group (BGCDG), establishing a joint venture called Sotheby's (Beijing) Auction Co, Ltd, sources from both companies confirmed with Xinhua on Friday.

Under the agreement, Sotheby's will invest 1.2 million US dollars into the venture for 80 percent

ownership, while Beijing Gehua Art Company, a subsidiary of BGCDG, will own the remaining 20 percent, investing 300,000 dollars, said Wang Yudong, general manager of Beijing Gehua Art Company.

The joint venture will be located within the freeport that was jointly established by BGCDG and the Tianzhu Free Trade Zone in Beijing's suburb district of Shunyi. Founded in 1744 in London, Sotheby's has established its presence in the world auction market. The company has 90 offices in 40 countries and regions, including China's Hong Kong.

The establishment of the

joint venture in Beijing will help Sotheby's gain a foothold in China's mainland and expand its business opportunities, Kevin Ching, chief executive officer of Sotheby's Asia, told Xinhua. "We are not coming to make instant profits. That's not our premier goal," Ching said. "Instead, we will strategically enhance our company's long-term presence in China and grasp the opportunities presented by the Chinese art market once auction policies for foreign companies turn more favorable."

According to the website Artprice, China has become the world's largest art market since 2011,

representing over 40 percent of global art sales. Beijing, with its cultural history, is the center for the country's art market.

However, China does not allow foreign auction houses like Sotheby's and Christie's trade in the mainland unless they have a Chinese partner.

The joint venture will take the duty-free advantage of the freeport to organize auctions, exhibitions and other activities, Wang said, noting that the new company is yet to obtain approval from authorities.

Xinhua

INTERNATIONAL NEWS



Photo taken on 12 Sept, 2012 shows statues hand-carved by South Korean sculptor Jang Kong-ik at an outdoor sculpture garden in South Korea's Jeju Island. Mushroom-looking lava rock statues with expressive faces are a ubiquitous presence on the convoluted alleys on Jeju Island, a semi-tropical resort island off the southern tip of South Korea. — XINHUA

Lockheed seeks contract for fifth batch of F-35 jets by year-end

AVIATION

WASHINGTON, 15 Sept — Lockheed Martin Corp, the Pentagon's No 1 supplier, on Friday said it was aiming to wrap up lengthy negotiations about a fifth batch of F-35 fighter jets by the end of the year. Lockheed Chief Executive Robert Stevens told a Morgan Stanley investor conference that negotiations with the US Defence Department were ongoing, but an agreement could be reached by the end of the year. "I think it's possible that we can do that," Stevens said.

The contract discussions between Lockheed and the Pentagon began in December 2011 and have dragged on much longer than initially expected, with government officials insisting on extremely detailed pricing data. A deal had appeared near during the company's second quarter earnings call, when Chief Financial Officer Bruce Tanner told analysts that he expected a deal "in the not-too-distant" future.

Stevens gave no further details on the contract talks, but said Lockheed was making progress on testing the aircraft, and was working to resolve lingering challenges on the sophisticated helmet that will be used by F-35 pilots and the complex software required for the programme. He said Lockheed had delivered 16 of the 30 jets it was due to deliver this year, and was continuing to press for additional international orders to help drive down the overall cost of the programme.

Reuters

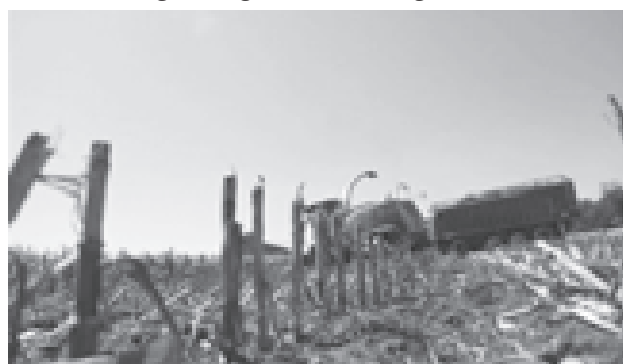
Drought area expands in US, now most extensive this summer

KANSAS CITY, (Missouri), 15 Sept — Hot and dry conditions continued to plague large parts of the US Plains and southern states as the worst US drought in over five decades expanded its grip on some key farming states. At least "moderate" levels of drought have now enveloped more than 64 percent of the contiguous United States, up from 63.39 percent the week before, according to the Drought Monitor, a weekly compilation of data gathered by federal and academic scientists.

"This is the greatest extent of drought we've seen all summer," said Brian Fuchs, a climatologist at the National Drought Mitigation

Centre at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. "The drought is easing in the east, but we're seeing more of it expand in the Central Plains, Rockies and Dakotas." The Drought Monitor's measurement of the worst level of drought, "exceptional", expanded to 6.23 percent of the land area in the contiguous US for the week ended on 11 September, up from 6.14 percent in the prior week.

The drought has been exacerbated by long stretches of high temperatures. "That has been the kicker all summer, how hot it has been," said Fuchs. Conditions in Texas, Oklahoma, Kansas, Nebraska, Colorado, and Iowa grew more dire,



Corn harvesters chop malnourished corn due to extreme heat and drought at Sunburst Dairy in Belleville, Wisconsin on 6 Sept, 2012. — REUTERS

Carlyle Group to buy Landmark Aviation

DEAL

WASHINGTON, 15 Sept — Private equity firm Carlyle Group LP said it will buy aircraft maintenance services company Landmark Aviation from GTCR and Platform Partners. Carlyle has previously owned Landmark, making it one of the rare instances where a private equity firm is buying back a company after disposing of it.

While the financial details of the deal were not disclosed, sources familiar with the matter told Reuters in August that the company could be worth as much as \$700 million. Equity capital for the transaction will come from Carlyle Partners V, a buyout fund, Carlyle Group said in a statement. Private equity firms GTCR and Platform Partners had bought Landmark in 2007 from state-run Dubai Aerospace Enterprise for an undisclosed sum.

Houston-based Landmark provides business aviation services, including aircraft charter and maintenance, in United States, Canada and France. Morgan Stanley, RBC Capital Markets and Barclays have agreed to provide debt financing for the deal. Carlyle shares closed up 1 percent at \$27.02 on Friday on the Nasdaq. — Reuters

Argentine energy company signs hydrocarbon production deal with Chevron

BUENOS AIRES, 15 Sept — Argentina's oil company Treasury Petroleum Fields (YPF) signed here Friday a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with its US counterpart Chevron for unconventional hydrocarbon production in Vaca Muerta field in Argentina's southern province of Neuquen. The agreement was signed by YPF's Executive President Miguel Galuccio and Chevron's President for Latin America and Africa Ali Moshiri.

A statement from YPF said the agreement also seeks to analyze the potentiality of recovery and improvement of its deposits through new and

current technology. The MoU sets the interest to evaluate the development of oil and unconventional gas fields in the area. On deposits' improved recovery, the deal said that there would be shared research and development of future joint projects.

"We are trying to find synergy between us and an important company such as Chevron. I am convinced that this is only the first step towards a large and important relation," said Galuccio. For his part, Moshiri reaffirmed Chevron's interest in associating with YPF in the project of unconventional hydrocarbons' production in Vaca Muerta. "We are pleased

to accompany YPF in this new process, which will be a success for the sector," said Moshiri.

In Vaca Muerta unconventional oil and gas deposit, YPF has achieved 37 perforated wells, 27 finished wells, with 10 waiting to be finished and 26 more to be perforated during the rest of the year.

On 30 August, YPF announced it would invest 37.2 billion USDollars between 2013 and 2017 to increase the oil and gas production by 32 percent, the diesel fuel and nafta production by 37 percent and generate more than 10,000 new jobs. — Xinhua

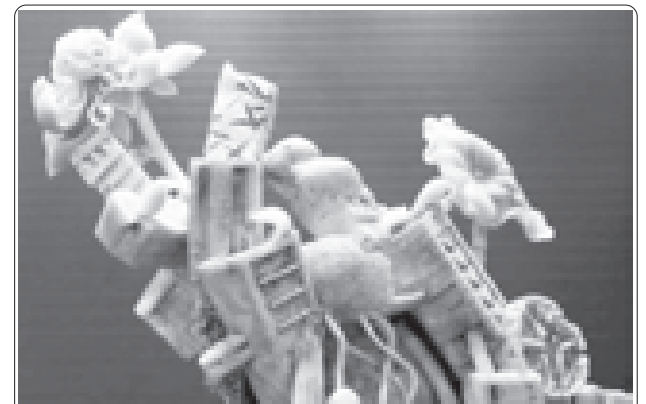


Photo taken on 14 Sept, 2012 shows a jade carving artwork displayed at the Exhibition of Yunnan Jade Carving Master's Works in Kunming City, southwest China's Yunnan Province. The exhibition displayed 300 artworks created by 100 jade carving masters. — XINHUA

Nine high school students sickened by drug overdose in Oklahoma

HOUSTON, 15 Sept — Nine students at a high school in the US state of Oklahoma became ill on Friday after ingesting a prescription drug, local media reported. Authorities confirmed the illness of the nine students at Harrah Junior High School, Oklahoma, on Friday morning, according to local TV channel NewsOn6.

Seven of the students were taken to hospitals. All the students were reportedly in stable condition. According to the Harrah Police Department, the students ingested the drug diazepam, which is a generic form of valium. It's the second time that students at Harrah Junior High School had overdose on drugs in about two years, according to the report.

In February 2011, a group of students at the same school ingested prescription pills, including Neurontin, which is an anti-seizure medication commonly used for nerve pain and migraines, the report said. Police arrested two students in connection with the 2011 overdose. — Xinhua



This Aerial photo taken on 14 Sept, 2012 shows view of the flooded area in Dera Murad Jamali, southwest Pakistan. At least 136 people were killed and 182 others were injured in flood triggered by heavy rains across Pakistan from 22 August to 12 September, Pakistan National Disaster Management Authority said on Wednesday. — XINHUA

PERSPECTIVES

Sunday, 16 September, 2012

ICT: Way to economic success

Information and communication technology is vital for national development.

ICT has a unique power to boost productivity and generate economic recovery. It is crucial to the success of businesses in the country.

Therefore, the role of the universities of computer studies becomes critical to the development of ICT in Myanmar.

Experts and computer professionals gathered at Mandalay University of Computer Studies in Mandalay recently and discussed ICT reforms and sought ways of development of ICT in the country.

The faculties at the universities of computer studies are working hard to produce intellectuals and intelligentsia. Meanwhile, the labour forces who can apply ICT are in high demand in the labour market today.

Small tech companies are expected to grow and create new jobs.

ICT has become a gadget for development in the region. Therefore, the universities of computer studies should step up efforts cooperating with computer associations to conduct computer proficiency courses for workers to be able to sharpen their skills and for the governmental employees to support the e-Government.

Illegally sawn raw timber seized

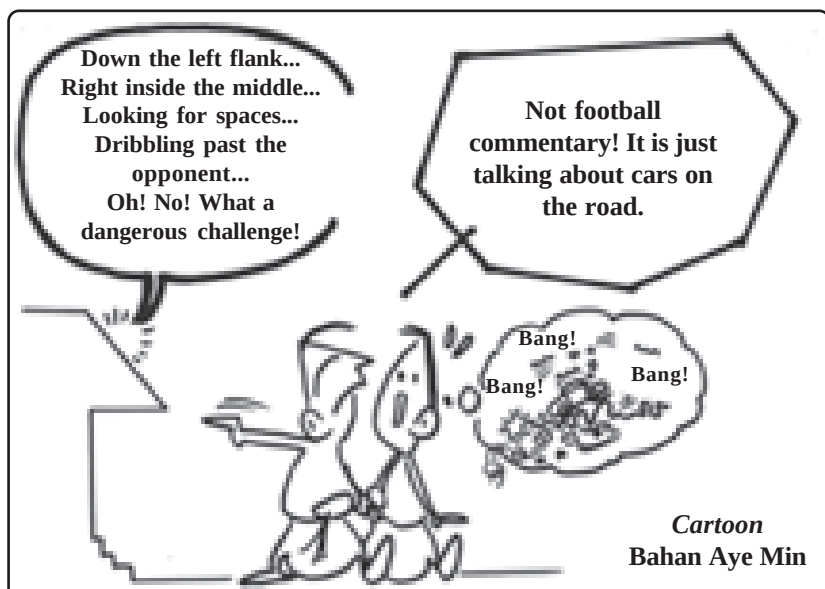
YANGON, 15 Sept—A combined team of Senior Forester U Tin Ohn and party of Thingangyun Township Forest Department and SIP Khin Maung Aye and party of Dagon East Police Station searched Canter bus of No 171st bus line, driven by Kyaw Oo, 50 of Hlegu Township at the checkpoint on No 2 Highway in Dagon Myothit (East) Township at 7.30 am on 11 September.

The team seized 1205 parts of raw teak chairs and furniture weighing 0.3220 ton worth K 257,600 owned by U Tin Tun, 52 of Shantegy Village in Hlegu Township.

In connection with the case, Dagon Myothit (East) Police Station filed a lawsuit against U Tin Tun and one under Section 43 (a) of Forest Law.

Kyemon

Drive Safely



Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham cordially greets flood victims from Ward No. 1,9,10,11 wards at the temporarily pandal of ward 9 administrator's office in Lashio.

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They presented cash donation amounted to K 17,730,000 for 591 flood-hit households, K 30000 for each, through a flood victim.

After that, donations—K 2,090,000 for the 34 houses swept by flood and the 13 houses hit by flood, donated by the Shan State Chief Minister, eight relief aids and K 5,796,108 for flood-hit houses by Deputy Minister U Phone Swe, K 0.5 million by Muse Border Merchants Association, 50 bags of rice by Myanmar Rice Merchants Association, K 10 million by Director U Myat Cho Win of Asia World Company, packages of premier instant coffee mix, Shine toothpaste including toothbrushes and detergents worth K 2.5 million by CDSG Company Director Dr Soe Tint—were provided.

The Vice-President and party gave confidence to the flood victims from Wards 1, 9, 10 and 11.

At the meetings with flood victims at Shan Literature and Culture Hall and at the Ward-9 Administrator's Office, the Vice-President made a speech citing that it is everyone knowledge that Myanmar has seen floods in almost all parts of the country due to much more heavy rains and torrent than before. Regions and States in Myanmar have faced loses of paddy fields, especially, in lower Myanmar. The President had provided flood victims in Ayeyawady, Yangon, Bago Regions and Kayin State with cash and assistance for relocation, regrowing of paddy and taking measures for relief and resettlement. Why they were then there in Lashio is to give confidence to rural people who were suffering floods and fulfill the needs for taking measures against floods. It is obvious that Lashio has encountered extraordinary floods than before. It is evident that the overflow of water swept houses and paddy fields not only in upper land but in lower land in the State creating dead rate. It is said that Lashio has never seen such this-year flood before despite suffering from floods in some wards of the town yearly. That is the first time in fifty years. Though no one can control natural disasters, it needs to

take measures against them to reduce damages less and less. In his view, the flood in Lashio caused owing to effects from natural disaster, as well as humans. Only when those are changed, will the State recover from suffering floods. The following are sources to be floods.

- (1) block water flow in drains with plastic bags thrown in unsystematic way;
- (2) flood due to silting up drains with sand, mud and plastic bags;
- (3) narrow the width of drains due to occupying of houses built along regular water flow;
- (4) overflow due to re-using lakes in lower land after being filled with soil;



Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham provides cash assistance for damaged 209 acres of paddy and maize plantations.—MNA

Therefore, those mentioned above are the facts to be avoided to recover flood sufferings. To implement the programs for dredging drains for proper flow of water was urged.

At the meeting with Shan State government and departmental heads, the Vice-President made a speech. He said that they were learnt that floods hit houses and paddy fields, especially in Theinni with dead rate. He urged those present on the occasion to examine sources of the flood. Staff of the development affairs committee needs to keep the whole town clean, and to share educative knowledge to the public on systematic way of throwing away rubbish and waste materials. Over all, the Vice-President instructed the officials concerned to report if caused floods in the region.

Lashio district deputy commissioner reported to the Vice-President on the roots of flood in Lashio and relief tasks that had been carried out, repairing and maintenance of drains for proper flow of water, and joint superintending engineer of Shan State (north) on repairing and maintenance works and programme for construction of by-pass, and Shan State development affairs committee in-charge and director on beautifying tasks.

After the Shan State chief minister and deputy ministers had made supplementary reports, the meeting came to an end with fulfillment of the needs.

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The best time to plant a tree was 20 years ago. The second best time is now.



Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker U Khin Aung Myint cordially greets guests and diplomats at the ceremony for International Day of Democracy 2012.—MNA

Lack of transparency opposes...

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New National Democracy Party, Kayin People's Party, Unity and Democracy Party (Kachin State) (SaDaKa), Taaung (Palaung) National Party, Inn Nationalities Development Party, Kayin State Democracy and Development Party and people's representatives were read out by respective representatives.

Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker U Khin Aung Myint said in his concluding speech that the celebration of the International Day of Democracy this year was the second

time organized by the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar. The celebration of the International Day of Democracy has embedded a milestone in the establishment of a democratic society in Myanmar.

He thanked 17 parties, students and people's representatives who submitted papers that could contribute to the establishment of democracy in Myanmar. The democratic rights of the people are ensured by the State Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar that was promulgated in 2008, he said.

Democracy is a system of people's governance, he said. Thus, all-inclusive dialogue is the core and essence of the democratic system, he underscored.

Democratic culture needs to be nurtured in a country which practises the democratic system, and a society which strongly believes in and exercises the democratic rules should prevail. It is necessary to educate people far and wide so that they would be well-fitted in the democratic system.

To be able to carry out extensive education programmes on democracy values, the institutions which refrain themselves from party politics should be allowed to organize and function freely. At present, non-profit civil institutions in Myanmar are gaining momentum to carry out their activities. Moreover, the rights to express their conviction and opinions and publish them freely are being called for. It is crucial for the media to educate the people about democracy precisely and without any bias. So, it is imperative to establish democratic characteristics in accordance with the Article 354 of the Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar.

He went on to say that it is necessary to prescribe and teach subjects covering from fundamental democracy to advanced political science at every level of education for the emergence of a new democratic generation.

He continued to say that people's representatives from legislative, executive and judiciary pillars are required to be transparent for the all-inclusive dialogue in accordance with the essence of democracy.

In the lack of transparency, genuine all-inclusive dialogue cannot prevail and both sides may suffer as a result, he suggested.

When a new system replaces the old one, the new system is not received well because it is not understood or not accepted by sub-consciousness although it may be understood. Then it may lead to the loss of transparency, he said. Some have restricted their performances because they are worried that people and people representatives may learn about their functions. The lack of transparency opposes to all-inclusive dialogue, and hinders the progress in



UN Resident Representative Mr Ashok Nigam reads out the message sent by UNSG Mr Ban Ki-moon at International Day of Democracy 2012.—MNA

establishing a democratic society.

He concluded the speech with his wishes that the persons who perform on behalf of people may carry out their functions in a transparent manner for the all-inclusive dialogue in accordance with the motto of the International Day of Democracy, "Dialogue and Inclusiveness—Central to Democracy".

The Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker and officials cordially greeted those present and diplomats and hosted lunch to them.—MNA

Maintenance of Hlawga water pipeline inspected

YANGON, 15 Sept—Yangon Region Minister for Development Affairs Yangon Mayor U Hla Myint inspected maintenance of the damaged part of 66 inches diameter water pipeline in Tawtaik Ward of Mingaladon Township, here, this morning.

The region minister also looked into driving of vehicles on Ngamoeyek Creek Bridges (Parami) linking South Okkalapa and Dagon Myothit (North) townships, and sanitation and concreting of Thanthuma Road in South Okkalapa and Thingangyun townships.—MNA

Union Foreign Minister felicitates Mexican counterpart

NAY PYI TAW, 15 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 Her Excellency Mrs Patricia ESPINOSA Cantellano, Secretary of Foreign Affairs of the United Mexican States, on the anniversary of the Independence Day of United Mexican States, which falls on 16th September 2012.

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News in Brief

Winners awarded in performing arts competitions

The awarding for 19th Performing Arts Competitions was held at National Theatre on 66th Street in Aungmyethazan Township on 12 September. A total of 480 contestants participated in 21 events of the competitions from 10 to 12 September. Officials presented certificates of honour and cash awards to 189 winners.

Volunteers, wellwishers meet

A meeting among blood donors group, funeral service association and oxygen donation group took place at the hall of Taninthayi Region Government on 11 September. The Chief Minister of the Region thanked the volunteers for their performance to serve the interest of the people.

Region Government meets fruit, flower farmers

Mandalay Region Government met award and village administrators and farmers in Nwenin Village of Anisakhan in PyinOoLwin Township on 9 September with the aim of providing necessary assistance for fruits and flower farmers.

Environmental conservation inspected

Deputy Minister for Environmental Conservation and Forestry U Aye Myint Maung inspected cultivation of over 1800 acres of plantations and conservation of over 9000 acres of natural forest in Myaing Township. Next, he visited Lawkananda Sanctuary near Thiri Pyitsaya Village and forest plantation near Chaukkan Village of NyaungU Township.

Sector-wise development discussed

A clarification on sector-wise development was held in Haka of Chin State on 10 September. The Chin State Industrial Sector Development Workshop took place at city hall in Haka on 12 September.

Fire from mosquito coil blazes roof of house

District News

BAGO, 15 Sept—A fire broke out at the house of Lwin Myo Ko, son of U Aung Kyi in Malaysu Village of Einchay Layhse Village-tract in DaikU Township on 11 September morning. The fire that started from mosquito coil blazed the roof of the house in 20 minutes. In the incident, the house lost the property worth K 150,000.

SIP Ohn Myint submitted the case to take action against Lwin Myo Ko under the law, and DaikU Township Police Station filed a lawsuit against him under Section 285 of the Criminal Law.—Kyemon

Angry assaults kill housemaid

YANGON, 15 Sept—A criminal case changed from death case to murder case due to assaulting out of anger in Kamayut Township of Yangon Region.

At 4 pm on 10 September, the Commander of Township Police Station and officials of Kamayut Township Police Station and departmental personnel, according to the information that a woman died at right room on third floor of building 195 on Baho Road in Ward 1 of Kamayut Township, inspected the incident.

The dead body was identified as Ma Nu Nu Lwin, 18, and she was dead in the bedroom. The township police station opened a file of lawsuit. At the room, Ma May Zun (a) Ma Myo Zarni Zun, 21 lives together with two housemaids Ma Nu Nu Lwin and Ma Zin Zin Htaik, 14.—Myanma Alin

Preventive measures against natural disasters demonstrated



YANGON, 15 Sept—Mingaladon Township Women's Affairs Organization and Maternal and Child Welfare Association held the roundtable discussion on first-aid and emergency nursing in conjunction with the demonstration on prevention against natural disasters at Basic Education High School No 4 in Shwenatha Village-tract in

Mingaladon Township on 10 September.

At the ceremony, members of Myanmar Fire Brigade and Red Cross Brigade demonstrated prevention against natural disasters.—Myanma Alint the ceremony, members of Myanmar Fire Brigade and Red Cross Brigade demonstrated prevention against natural disasters.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS



Chong Quan, deputy representative for China's international trade talks, receives an interview at the headquarters of the European Union (EU), in Brussels, Belgium, on 14 Sept, 2012.— XINHUA

BRUSSELS, 15 Sept — A senior official of China's commerce ministry on Friday called for solving China-Europe Union (EU) solar panel friction through dialogue to safeguard bilateral economic and trade relations. "We hope the EU adopt a cautious attitude," and "dialogue is the best approach to

solving the dispute," Chong Quan, deputy representative for China's international trade talks, told reporters. The EU should pay attention not only to China's exports of solar panels to the EU but also to the over 200,000 jobs created thereby for its industry of photovoltaic (PV) power system installation, said

China calls for solving solar panel friction through dialogue

CHINA

Chong. The EU should also notice its export to China of relevant raw materials and technological equipments worth tens of billions of US dollars, said Chong after talks with Jean-Luc Demarty, the European Commission's Director General for Trade.

The talks were held after the EU announced last week it would launch a 15-month investigation into imports of solar panels and key components from China and may impose provisional anti-dumping duties within nine months. Chong said, the growth of the solar panel industry of the EU and that of China have been complementary, win-win and intertwined with each other from the very beginning. The whole solar panel industry is facing challenges, and the difficulties facing the EU solar panel companies should not be attributed to the "dumping" of Chinese firms, because dumping and competition are two completely

different concepts, he said."

We hope the EU deliver an all-round, objective and fair judgement on the case, and solve the challenges through cooperation instead of trade restriction measures unilaterally," Chong said. China and the EU have common interests and conduct cooperation in trade, investment and technologies. Any restriction would affect not only a single product or an industry, but a wide range of related sectors and the whole interests of the EU, he added.

The solar panel dispute has evolved into a major problem putting China-EU economic and trade relations into test, and China does not want to see the case trigger wider China-EU trade disputes, Chong said. "We hope the EU attach importance to China's concerns, and governments and industries of both sides seek to solve the trade friction through dialogue and consultation," said Chong. —Xinhua

10 PKK members killed in clashes in Turkey

TURKEY

ANKARA, 15 Sept — At least 10 members of the outlawed Kurdish Workers' Party (PKK) were killed in clashes with security forces in Turkey's southeastern province of Hakkari near the border with Iraq, an official statement said on Friday.

A group of PKK militants attacked the Guzelkonay Gendarmerie Post in Semdinli town of Hakkari, killing one village guard in the clashes, said the statement released by Hakkari Governor's Office, adding that at least nine people, including six Turkish soldiers were also killed in the attack.

The clashes came after Turkish authorities claimed that the armed forces have killed more than 80 PKK members near the border with Iran and Iraq over the past week amid a major offensive involving air strikes and several thousands of ground troops. — Xinhua

US Virginia tightens building codes for existing abortion clinics

US

RICHMOND, 15 Sept — The Virginia state health board voted on Friday to require existing abortion clinics to meet stricter hospital building codes, a move clinic supporters say could force facilities to make expensive changes or close. The board in June had exempted existing abortion clinics from meeting the building code rules for new hospitals that can require modifications such as wider hallways and additional parking. It voted 13 to 2 on Friday to reverse that decision.

Virginia Attorney General Kenneth Cuccinelli, a Republican known for his conservative social views, had argued against that earlier decision, saying the health board did not have the

authority to challenge the intent of a 2011 law that treats abortion clinics as hospitals. Abortion-rights supporters, who had packed the hearing room, stood and chanted "shame, shame, shame" as the vote was read and security officers escorted them from the room.

"I'm exhausted because I've been going to these meetings for over a year," said Shelley Abrams, director of A Capital Women's Health, a Richmond abortion clinic. "We've complied with every rule except these architectural requirements." Anti-abortion activists said the board's decision would protect women who choose to get an abortion. "I'm against it, but if you're going to do it, it should

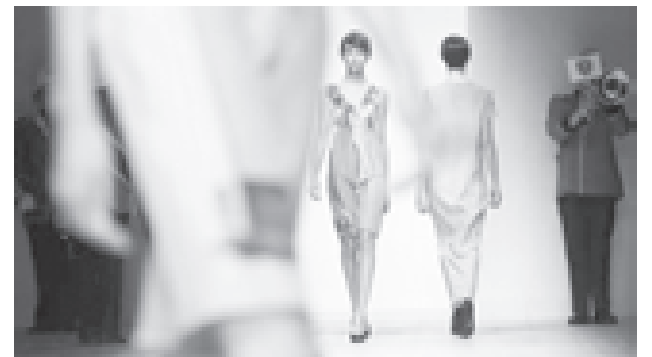
be safe," Williamsburg resident Jerry Moran said. "Safety of women should be the primary objective."

The board typically has exempted existing medical facilities from new construction codes approved by state lawmakers, limiting them to additions, renovations and new building. More than half of the clinics have submitted plans to comply with the state codes. "It is unprecedented to force existing health centers to comply with building regulations intended for new construction, and the board acted well within its authority in voting to amend these regulations in June," said Tarina Keene, executive director of NARAL Pro-Choice Virginia. —Reuters

London Fashion Week opens with tribal-inspired designs

FASHION

LONDON, 15 Sept — Designers turned to nature for inspiration on the opening day of London Fashion Week on Friday, showcasing a collection of sheer silk dresses, delicate embroidery and elegant show pieces all featuring a floral-inspired theme. Britain's capital took over the baton from New York, which wrapped up its week with sparkly dresses and bold geometric prints, with a pared-down color palette of fresh pastels and faded dip-dyes. Designers Antoni & Alison opened the day with a series of quirky silk printed dresses, followed by Fyodor Golan, whose show was in the grandiose lounge of the Waldorf Hilton and inspired by Mayan and Aztec cultures.



Models present creations from the Antoni & Alison Spring/Summer 2013 collection at London Fashion Week on 14 Sept, 2012. — REUTERS

Models floated down the steps in shift dresses, loose kaftans and bold show pieces varying in electric blue, canary yellow, autumnal amber, and bright pink hues, with intricate beading embroidery and tribal-inspired prints and cutouts. "We wanted to show lightness

and spirituality and at the same time to have that sexuality there. So it's that contrast but it's not in your face, it's still strong and gives you power but it's very emotional, something that will engage you," Designer Fyodor Podgorny told Reuters after the show. —Reuters

Taleban Afghan attack kills two US troops, Prince Harry unhurt

AFGHANISTAN

KABUL, 15 Sept — Two US Marines were killed and other Americans were wounded on Friday during a Taleban attack on a base in southern Afghanistan where Britain's Prince Harry is stationed, US officials told Reuters, speaking on condition of anonymity. A spokesman for NATO-led forces in Afghanistan said Harry was on the base at the time of the attack but was unharmed.

"Prince Harry was never in any danger," spokesman Martyn Crighton said, adding that the NATO-led International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) would investigate whether his presence on the base had motivated the attack. The attack involved rocket-propelled grenades, mortars and small-arms fire, with insurgents breaching the perimeter of Camp Bastion in volatile Helmand Province, US officials said. Crighton declined to offer that level of detail or give the nationalities of the victims. Crighton also did not say precisely how many people were wounded in the attack.

Earlier this week, the Afghan Taleban said they were doing everything in their power to either kill or kidnap Queen Elizabeth's grandson in what they dubbed their "Harry Operations. Crighton said ISAF would investigate whether his presence on the base had motivated the attack. A US

official told Reuters that an initial report estimated five Americans were wounded but added that the extent of their injuries was unclear. The official said that this was only an initial report and that the number could change. Crighton said the attack took place between 9 pm and midnight on Friday and that NATO-led forces were still securing the area in and around Camp Bastion. The motivation for the attack will undoubtedly come under scrutiny. — Reuters



Taleban Afghan attack kills two US troops, Prince Harry unhurt.—REUTERS

Euro bailout fund to be operational in October

EU

NICOSIA, 15 Sept — The euro zone's permanent bailout fund will be up and running at the end of next month, the chairman of the Eurogroup of finance ministers said on Friday, two days after Germany's top court gave it the go-ahead. Eurogroup President Jean-Claude Juncker told reporters that member states would pay 32 billion euros into the European Stability Mechanism (ESM) in two tranches by the end of October, effectively giving it an initial lending capacity of roughly 200 billion euros.

Its board of directors will first meet on the sidelines of the next Eurogroup meeting in Luxembourg on 8 October. Financial markets calmed this week, partly because Germany's constitutional court cleared the way to set up the 500 billion fund, only insisting that parliament be informed sufficiently and have a veto right over any increase in Berlin's contribution.

Juncker said the verdict was not an obstacle for the ESM. "We all agreed that no provision of the treaty may be interpreted as leading to higher payment obligations for ESM members without prior agreements of their representatives," Juncker told reporters after a Eurogroup meeting.

Reuters

REGIONAL

China's Xi finally appears in public amid rumours over health

BEIJING, 15 Sept — China's leader-in-waiting Xi Jinping appeared in public on Saturday for the first time in about two weeks, visiting a Beijing university in what appeared to be an effort to dispel rumours of serious illness and a troubled succession. In a brief English-language report, the Xinhua news agency said Vice President Xi "arrived at China Agricultural University Saturday morning for activities marking this year's National Science Popularisation Day".

A single picture on the government's website (www.gov.cn) showed Xi, with a slight smile and wearing a black informal jacket over a white shirt, walking around the university. Reuters had reported that Xi was likely to

make an appearance on Saturday.

Sources have told Reuters that Xi hurt his back while swimming earlier this month and that he had been obeying doctors' orders to get bed rest and undergo physiotherapy.

A Reuters reporter at the university saw a man with sleek black hair wearing a white shirt — who from a distance looked like Xi — getting loud applause as he stepped out of the building housing an exhibition and raised his arms up and down twice in a gesture of vigour. There was a light security presence around the university, but a building housing a science exhibition was closed off by police and plain clothes guards. Hundreds of students



Chinese Vice President Xi Jinping arrives for the opening ceremony of the World Peace Forum held in Beijing in this 7 July, 2012 file photo.— REUTERS

applauded, some shouting "Vice President Xi" or even "President Xi".

A roar went up when his car rushed by and Xi waved his hand out the window. "It was him for sure," said one student, who had taken a blurry shot of the car on his smart phone. "He must be better."

The student refused to give his name. The news spread rapidly on China's popular Twitter-like

microblogging site Sina Weibo, with users referring to Xi as the "crown prince" to avoid the usual censorship associated with the names of top leaders. "He looks well," wrote one user.

Reuters

Sony, Olympus to agree to capital tie-up this month

TOKYO, 15 Sept — Sony Corp is in the final stages of talks to invest 50 billion yen (\$646 million) in cash-strapped Olympus Corp, with an agreement expected by the end of September, state broadcaster NHK reported.

Sources familiar with the matter have told Reuters that Olympus is in talks with Sony to accept a cash injection in return for a stake. Medical device maker Terumo Corp and camera maker Fujifilm Holdings Corp have also said they are seeking to buy a stake in Olympus. "We have no comment," Sony spokesman Shinichi Tobe said. Olympus spokeswoman Michiko

Kawasaki said: "This is not something we have disclosed."

Endoscope maker Olympus needs a capital deal to mend its finances after it booked a net loss of 49 billion yen for the year ended on 31 March, in the wake of a scandal over falsified financial statements and hidden investment losses. In June, shareholders' equity had fallen to 2.2 percent of total assets from 4.6 percent in March. The ratio is a key barometer of a company's liquidity, with a 20 percent level widely regarded as indicative of financial stability. (\$1 = 77.4400 Japanese yen) — Reuters

China's Huawei urges Australia not to discriminate on telco security

CANBERRA, 15 Sept — China's Huawei Technologies Co Ltd, which was banned from tendering for work on Australia's national broadband network, urged Australia not to discriminate against foreign communications companies. Huawei, the world's largest telecoms company, is

Australian parliamentary intelligence committee in Canberra. "We were disappointed. We were not given the reasons for the decision."

When Australia's decision was made public in March, the Australian Financial Review said Huawei was seeking to secure a

panies to store data for two years.

In its submission to the committee, Huawei said it was worried the new laws could discriminate against companies from a particular country, with no benefit to improving communications security.

"We believe the principle of non-discrimination should be clearly set out in any legislative reform," the company said, adding companies should have the chance to address specific security concerns.

In April, China's Ministry of Commerce expressed its concern about the Australian government decision to ban Huawei from the broadband project, labelling the decision as unfair. Telstra Corp sold its physical infrastructure network to the government for use in the NBN for around \$11 billion. Lord also strongly defended the company's independence and said it had no links to the Chinese government.

"We are a private company. It has no government ownership," he said. "The government plays no role in Huawei in its operational sense, or the running of the company. We are 100 percent owned by staff." On Thursday Huawei testified before a US House committee on intelligence in Washington to try to appease concerns from US lawmakers. — Reuters



A Huawei logo is seen above the company's exhibition pavilion during the CommunicAsia information and communications technology trade show in Singapore on 19 June, 2012.— REUTERS

struggling to win business in the United States and other markets due to security concerns. Last year it was blocked from participating in Australia's \$38 billion broadband network (NBN).

Though Huawei sells telecoms equipment to major carriers in Asia, Africa and Europe, competing with Nokia Siemens Networks GmbH, Alcatel Lucent and compatriot ZTE, most of its corporate clients are in China. "With the NBN decision, I was summoned to the Attorney-General's at short notice," Huawei

Technologies Australia chairman John Lord told an

supply contract worth up to A\$1 billion (\$1.04 billion) with NBN.

The company made net profit of \$1.8 billion in 2011. Lord said while he accepted the right of governments to protect critical infrastructure, Huawei had been given no reasons for being blocked from the broadband project and had not been given a chance to respond to any concerns.

The committee is examining planned laws to streamline approvals for law enforcement agencies to tap phones and computers, and to force internet and telecommunications com-

Asia's largest ski resort to open this year

CHANGCHUN, 15 Sept — Asia's largest ski resort is expected to open by the end of the year on Changbai Mountain in northeast China's Jilin Province, according to local authorities.

Covering an area of seven square kilometers, the resort has 43 ski runs totalling 30 kilometers and can accommodate 8,000 skiers at a time, said Chen Weigen, vice governor of Jilin.

The resort is part of the Changbai Mountain international holiday resort. The first phase of the project, which includes five-star hotels, a resort town and a cultural centre, started operating in late July after three years of construction. Six Chinese private companies have invested 20 billion yuan (3.16 billion US dollars) in the project. — Xinhua

Feature: S Korean sculptor infuses life into stones

JEJU ISLAND, 15 Sept — Mushroom-looking lava rock statues with expressive faces are a ubiquitous presence on the convoluted alleys on Jeju Island, a semi-tropical resort island off the southern tip of South Korea. Some look a little grumpy, while others seem amused. Complete with a hint of smile, Dolharubangs, or "stone grandfather" statues, stand like guardian angels watching over the picturesque island. Why exactly people started carving statues from black basaltic rocks — another universal feature on the volcanic island — remains an enigma, though many associate them with

Shamanism-induced wishes for protection and fertility.

Master sculptor Jang Kong-ik, who runs a park dotted with hand-carved Dolharubangs of all sizes and shapes, said his lifelong devotion to these iconic statues began simply as a business idea. "We islanders made souvenirs for tourists, only to see people from the mainland copy them. So I started making souvenirs from basaltic rocks, which are hard to find outside Jeju," said Jang, whose 58 years of artistic creation is on magnificent display at Geumneung Seogmulwon in the city of Hallim. A petite man in his

80's, Jang gradually turned a piece of land measuring 33,000 square metres into an outdoor sculpture garden that eventually won him recognition both at home and abroad.

His small-sized Dolharubangs have been given to the likes of former US President Bill Clinton and former Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev, a feat proudly displayed with carbon copies of the statues. In one corner of the verdant garden stands a miniature village complete with straw-thatched houses and stone statues of islanders going about their everyday lives. — Reuters

One killed, five wounded in shootout in N Philippine mall

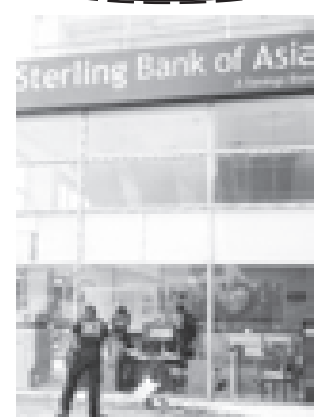
MANILA, 15 Sept — One person died while five others were wounded following a shootout between security guards and suspected robbers in a mall in northern Philippines on Friday morning, police said.

The fatality was identified as Pepito Palar, one of the suspects who tried to rob an armoured van entering Alabang Town Centre in Muntinlupa City in the Philippines' capital region of Metro Manila. Palar was pronounced dead on arrival at the Alabang Medical Centre where he was rushed

together with two of the mall's security guards who were wounded during the shootout.

Ayala Malls which owns Alabang Town Centre said the mall reopened at 2:30 pm on Friday after Muntinlupa Police declared the mall secure to operate. In a statement, Ayala Malls said an unidentified number of gunmen tried to rob an armoured van which was entering the driveway of the mall at around 10 am. The suspects immediately opened fire after security guards confronted them. — Xinhua

PHILIPPINES



Members of the Scene of the Crime Operatives (SOCO) gather evidences from the Sterling Bank after a robbery incident in Muntinlupa City, the Philippines, on 14 Sept, 2012. — XINHUA

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Five detained over fatal construction elevator crash

ACCIDENT

WUHAN, 15 Sept— Five people have been detained over a fatal construction elevator accident that killed 19 people on Thursday in central China’s Hubei Province, local police said on Saturday. The elevator plummeted from the 30th floor of an apartment building under construction in the provincial capital of Wuhan at 1:26 pm, killing everyone inside, most of whom were construction workers, municipal police said.

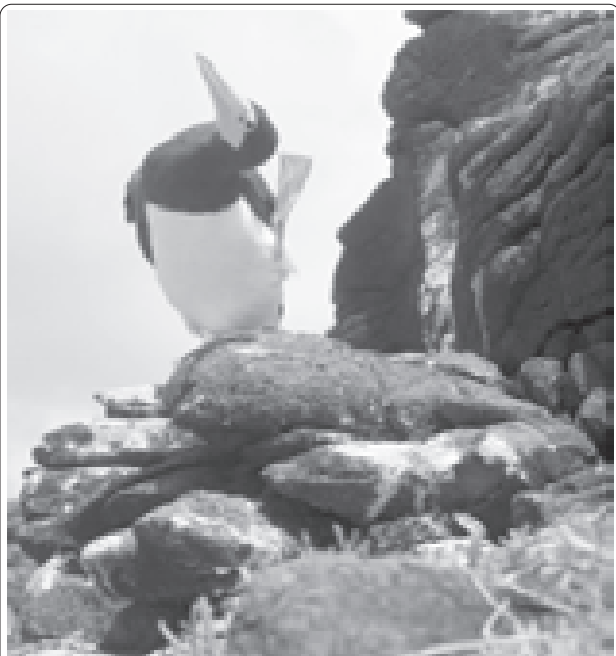
Those being detained are from four companies responsible for the construction or supervision of the apartment building project, or the installation of the elevator, police said. An investigation into the cause of the accident is underway.— Xinhua

Six burned by sulfuric acid spill in S China

NANNING, 15 Sept — Six people, including a one-year-old boy, were burned in a sulfuric acid spill in south China’s Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region on Friday, local police said on Saturday. The accident happened at around 10 am on Friday when the sulfuric acid was being unloaded from a truck at a plant in Xingning District of the provincial capital Nanning, said local traffic police.

Over 2 tonnes of sulfuric acid flew through the gate of the plant and onto a busy road outside, toppling several motorcycles and injuring at least six people, police said.

The one-year-old sustained serious burns covering 19 percent of his body, they said. An initial investigation shows that an improper unloading practice caused the spill. Further investigation is under way, they said.— Xinhua



A sea bird rests on a reef in Fernando de Noronha Archipelago of Brazil, on 12 Sept, 2012. — XINHUA

Super typhoon Sanba moves closer to China’s Diaoyu Islands

TYPHOON

BEIJING, 15 Sept — China’s meteorological authority said on Saturday the super typhoon Sanba was positioned at waters 750 km southeast of Diaoyu Islands at 5 am and will move closer northward at a speed of 20 kmph.

According to forecast by the National Meteorological Centre (NMC), typhoon Sanba, the 16th typhoon seen this year, will maintain or slightly weaken its strength before entering waters of the southeastern parts of the East China Sea on Saturday morning.

As a result, gales of Beaufort Force 7-9 are forecast in most parts of the East China Sea, the Taipei Strait, waters east of Taipei, the estuary of the Yangtze River, the Hangzhou Bay, the southern part of the Yellow Sea and coastal areas in Jiangsu, Zhejiang and Fujian provinces from Saturday morning to Sunday morning.

According to the NMC, the super typhoon Sanba will whip up hurricanes at waters near its centre as it passes through. Also, the NMC said in its weather forecast that rains will continue in most parts of southwestern China, the southern and eastern part of northwest China and the valley of the Yellow River in Inner Mongolia over the coming three days.

Xinhua

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A staff member puts the finishing touches on lego toys during the preview of Asia’s first Legoland in Malaysia Johor’s Iskandar, on 14 Sept, 2012. Asia’s first Legoland will officially open to the public on Saturday. XINHUA

One-child policy leaves bereaved parents with broken hearts

CHINA

BEIJING, 15 Sept — Award-winning author Zhou Daxin was absent from a late August press conference for his new book, a half-biographical, half-fictional account of the memories he has of his deceased son. Sixty-year-old Zhou sent two of his closest friends to give a presentation and take questions on his behalf, fearing he might break down at the mention of his son’s name, Zhou Ning. Zhou Ning, the family’s only child, died of a brain tumour in 2008 at 29 years of age.

The grieving father spent more than three years

writing “Peaceful Soul,” a novel based on Zhou Ning’s life that contains imaginary dialogues between the father and son. Zhou dedicated the book to his deceased son, as well as all parents who have lost their only children. The pain of losing one’s only child, he wrote, was far more than that of a broken heart.

“It is an unbearable, desperate feeling that is beyond words and tears you apart from inside,” he said. “The writing was an extremely painful experience,” said Hu Ping, a noted literary critic and close friend of Zhou. “He sometimes wrote only a few

lines a day and would spend the rest of the time in bed with a bad headache.”

Zhou, who became a soldier at 18 and stayed on as a literary officer with the People’s Liberation Army, never expressed his grief openly. “He appeared composed even at his son’s funeral,” Hu said. But like all parents who have lost their only child and are too old to have another baby, Zhou and his wife dread nights and holidays. They stay away from friends and relatives because well-intended words of comfort always cause pain.— Xinhua

Xinhua



Photo taken on 3 July, 2012 shows a view of the government buildings under construction in Sejong City, 120 km south of Seoul, South Korea. More than 100 staff members of six departments of Prime Minister’s Office started to move to Sejong City, the new administrative city, on 14 September. Sejong City will eventually house 36 government ministries and agencies by 2014. Its current population of 120,000 is projected to jump to 500,000 by 2030. — Xinhua

UN Security Council slams series attacks on embassies

UNSC

UNITED NATIONS, 15 Sept — The UN Security Council strongly condemned a series of violent attacks against embassies and consular premises of member states in multiple locations on 13 and 14 September.

In a Press statement, members of the Council expressed deep concern at these attacks recalling that the very nature of diplomatic premises is peaceful and that diplomats have among their core functions the promotion of better understanding across countries and cultures.

The Council reaffirmed that “such acts are unjustifiable regardless of their motivations, whenever and by whomsoever committed.” The Council recalled the fundamental principle of the inviolability of diplomatic and consular premises, and the obligations on host governments, including under the 1961 Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations and the 1963 Vienna Convention on Consular Relations, to take all appropriate steps to protect diplomatic and consular premises against any intrusion or damage, and to prevent any disturbance of the peace of these missions or impairment of their dignity, said the statement.

In this context, members of the Council called on all authorities to protect diplomatic and consular property and personnel, and to respect fully their international obligations in this regard, it said.

ENTERTAINMENT

Toronto Deals: HBO Documentary Films takes TV rights to "Love, Marilyn"

LOS ANGELES, 15 Sept—HBO Documentary Films has acquired the US television rights to director Liz Garbus' feature documentary film "Love, Marilyn," the company announced on Friday.

The film had its world premiere at the Telluride Film Festival and a gala screening at the Toronto International Film Festival on Wednesday.

Coinciding with the 50th anniversary of Marilyn Monroe's death, the film features footage and audiotapes along with Marilyn's

own handwritten letters, diaries, notes, poems, journals and notebooks, which document her private life against the backdrop of her public life.

The film also includes readings and appearances by F Murray Abraham, Elizabeth Banks, Adrien Brody, Ellen Burstyn, Glenn Close, Hope Davis, Uma Thurman, Marisa Tomei and Evan Rachel Wood, among others.

"My journey began in 1980 when I first met Lee Strasberg, and continued to 2009 when I co-edited

Marilyn Monroe's diaries and poems," producer Stanley Buchthal said. "The tremendous odyssey continued when Liz Garbus and I joined to offer the world a unique new insight into a remarkable 20th-century icon, Marilyn Monroe."

The film was written, directed and produced by Garbus. It was produced by Stanley Buchthal and Amy Hobby. It was executive produced by Anne Carey, Olivier Courson, Harold Van Lier and Enrique Steiger.

Reuters



Workers push a cart with a wax figure of late actress Marilyn Monroe down Hollywood Boulevard as they return the figure to Madame Tussauds wax museum in Hollywood on 16 Aug, 2012. REUTERS

Eric Clapton to sell painting worth up to \$19 million

LONDON, 15 Sept—Should Eric Clapton ever decide to hang up the guitar, he might try his hand at art dealing. The 67-year-old British rocker is selling an abstract painting by German artist Gerhard Richter at Sotheby's next month which is expected to fetch \$14-19 million.

The price itself may raise barely an eyebrow in auction house circles, where Richter has long been one of the world's most sought after living painters with an auction record of \$21.8 million set in New York in May.

But even amid soaring prices for top contemporary art, Clapton has done exceptionally well—the canvas on offer is one of three the former Cream musician acquired at

Sotheby's in 2001 for a total cost of \$3.4 million.

The work, more than two meters square and called "Abstraktes Bild (809-4)", "ranks alongside the very highest tier of Richter Abstracts housed in museums internationally," said Sotheby's, which is selling it.

Clapton is no stranger to the auction room.

Only last year he sold more than 70 of his guitars at a charity auction in New York, raising \$2.15 million for the Crossroads Centre drug and alcohol rehabilitation centre founded by Clapton in Antigua.

Reuters

Singer Eric Clapton performs at the Norwegian Wood music festival in Oslo on 9 June, 2011. REUTERS



Beyoncé, Jay-Z join Obama for contest, fundraiser

LOS ANGELES, 15 Sept—Jay-Z and Beyoncé Knowles are still in it to help President Obama win it in his second bid for the White House.

Knowles made an online pitch on Obama's behalf on Thursday, sending his supporters an email with an "amazing invitation" to

meet with the musical duo and the president for an evening in New York City at an as-yet-undetermined date before Election Day.

"I've had the honor of meeting President Obama and the First Lady a few times," Beyoncé says in the promotional email, "and

believe me - it's an opportunity you don't want to miss."

As with several previous Obama campaign sweepstakes involving famous figures from the entertainment realm, the contest makes room for a winner and a guest to join POTUS and the VIPs for the price of a small donation. Contenders have until midnight on Thursday to enter.

This time, however, some pre-election inflation has apparently jacked up the cost, with an entry-level contribution of \$25 as opposed to the \$3 or \$5 base price requested for other recent events.

The pair are also hosting a numerically catchy \$40,000-a-head fund-raising dinner party at Jay-Z's 40/40 club in Manhattan on 18 September, according to the New York Post. But it's unclear from Knowles' memo whether the civilian meet-and-greet will be part of that event.

Knowles has made herself visible in this election season, making a video tribute to Michelle Obama posted on BarackObama.com in July and taking part in the First Lady's "Let's Move!" kid-targeted fitness campaign in May, among other high-profile appearances.

And after several rounds of star-powered fundraising, the Obama campaign appears to have the celebrity endorsement rigmarole down pat and isn't shy about linking their candidate's brand with Hollywood-level fame.

George Clooney, Harvey Weinstein, Anna Wintour, Sarah Jessica Parker, Michael Jordan, Gwen Stefani and Eva Longoria have all done their part to direct attention and funds to Obama's re-election effort, and with just under eight weeks to go, there's still plenty of time for that list to grow.

Reuters

What's next for "Wicked" star Idina Menzel

LOS ANGELES, 15 Sept—Idina Menzel hasn't appeared on Broadway since winning the Tony Award in 2004 for playing Elphaba in the hit musical "Wicked." But fans of the actress—and there are many—have gotten their Menzel fixes from her concerts and various film and television appearances, most recently in "Glee," playing Vocal Adrenaline coach-turned McKinley High staffer Shelby Cochran (and Rachel's birth mother).

Menzel, at the opening of "The Book of Mormon" in Hollywood on Wednesday at the Pantages Theatre, said that next up is Disney's new animated movie "Frozen"—written by none other than "Book of Mormon" co-creator Robert Lopez.

In "Frozen," Menzel will voice the character of Elsa, the Snow Queen, who is the subject of the search by a young, mountain-climbing girl named Anna, voiced by Kristen Bell ("Forgetting Sarah Marshall"). —Reuters



Actress Idina Menzel arrives at the 43rd NAACP Image Awards in Los Angeles, California on 17 Feb, 2012.—REUTERS

Toronto Deals: "Drugs" director Matthew Cooke signs with Caliber

LOS ANGELES, 15 Sept—Matthew Cooke, the writer-director of the documentary "How to Make Money Selling Drugs," has signed with the management company Caliber Media Co., a representative for the company told TheWrap on Friday. Cooke has also signed with attorney Tara Kole at Gang, Tyre, Ramer & Brown. Tribeca Film acquired domestic rights to the film in Toronto earlier this week.

"How To Make Money Selling Drugs" begins as a satirical guide on how to go from corner dealer to drug kingpin, before examining the role of government agencies in making and executing drug laws.

The film contains interviews with celebrities such as 50 Cent, Eminem, Susan Sarandon, Woody Harrelson, and "The Wire" creator David Simon, as well as a host of former law enforcement officials and drug dealers.—Reuters

Singer Beyoncé Knowles arrives at the Metropolitan Museum of Art Costume Institute Benefit celebrating the opening of "Schiaparelli and Prada: Impossible Conversations" exhibition in New York, on 7 May, 2012. REUTERS



International Sports

Ferrer, Almagro put Spain in control against US

Tennis

US



Sam Querrey (R) of the US shake hands with David Ferrer of Spain behind the Davis Cup trophy after the official draw of their the Davis Cup World Group semi-final match in Gijon, northern Spain on 13 Sept, 2012.

REUTERS

GIJON, 15 Sept—Holders Spain are within a point of reaching a fourth Davis Cup final in five years after David Ferrer and Nicolas Almagro secured contrasting singles victories over Americans Sam Querrey and John Isner on Friday.

Ferrer recovered from a first-set wobble to score an ultimately comfortable 4-6, 6-2, 6-4 win against Querrey on the clay in Gijon before Almagro dug deep to see off a tiring Isner 6-4, 4-6, 6-4, 3-6, 7-5 in the semi-finals.

The towering Isner, who appeared to be suffering from cramp towards the end of a thrilling match, several times needed his powerful serve to stay in contention and saved

three match points earlier in the deciding set before capitulating.

Almagro collapsed to the ground when an Isner forehand flew long on the fourth match point before climbing to his feet and kissing his racket as the raucous crowd celebrated around the purpose-built outdoor arena in the northern Spanish city.

It was 12th-ranked Almagro's second win in two matches against number 10 Isner following his four-set victory on the grass at Wimbledon last year.

World number five Ferrer only had a few days to prepare for the best-of-five tie following his run to the semi-finals of the US Open

but he ultimately proved too strong on his favored surface against the 26th-ranked Querrey.

Ferrer is leading the Spanish bid for a place in November's final in the absence of the injured Rafa Nadal and his victory was his 15th in 15 Davis Cup singles rubbers on clay and his 20th in 24 matches overall.

"It was a very tough match. He didn't make it easy for me," Ferrer told Spanish television. "I managed to stay focused mentally and the important thing is the victory."

Top-ranked American pair Bob and Mike Bryan are firm favourites to take Saturday's doubles point when they meet Marcel Granollers and Marc Lopez, with the two reverse singles to come on Sunday.

Spain are bidding for a fourth Davis Cup crown in five years while the US, without the recently-retired Andy Roddick, have not won the competition since 2007.

The winners meet Argentina, who lost to Spain in last year's final, or Czech Republic.

Juan Martin Del Potro gave Argentina a 1-0 lead in Buenos Aires when he thumped Radek Stepanek 6-4, 6-4, 6-2 on Friday.

Reuters

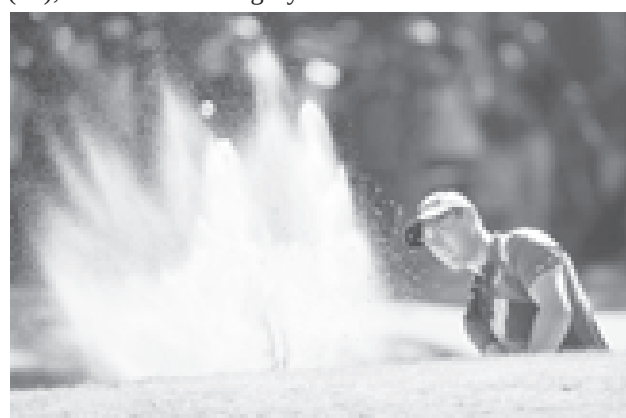
Kaymer four shots behind Italian Open leader Bland

Golf

TURIN, 15 Sept—Britain's Richard Bland shot a sizzling six-under 66 to lead the way after the Italian Open second round in Turin on Friday, a score matched by Ryder Cup-bound Martin Kaymer.

Bland finished with a 12-under tally of 132, one ahead of fellow Briton Marc Warren (65), Frenchman Gregory

Bourdy (64), Spain's Gonzalo Fernandez-Castano (65) and South African Garth Mulroy (67). German Kaymer, without a victory since the WGC-Champions Tournament in China in November, was among a group of players on 136 while Ryder Cup team mate Francesco Molinari (69) was flying the flag for Italy on 137.



German's Martin Kaymer plays a shot out of the bunker of the 14th hole of the Dutch Open Golf Tournament in Hilversum on 9 Sept, 2012.—REUTERS

Brazil on verge of Davis Cup World Group berth

RIO DE JANEIRO, 15 Sept—Brazil moved a step closer to qualifying for the Davis Cup World Group on Friday by taking a 2-0 lead in the best of five match against Russia in Sao Jose do Rio Preto.

World No 41 Thomaz Bellucci awarded the hosts' second victory of the day with a 6-3, 4-6, 6-0, 7-6 (7-4) winning score over Teymuraz Gabashvili.

Earlier, world No 115 Rogerio Dutra Silva took a 6-2, 6-1 lead against 96th-ranked Igor Andreev before the Russian retired complaining of a shoulder injury.—Xinhua

High winds cause havoc at Women's British Open

Golf

LONDON, 15 Sept—Second round scores were scrapped in the Women's British Open at Hoylake on Friday after high winds gusting up to 60mph made it difficult for the players to keep their balls on the green or the tee.

Play was suspended after 78 minutes at the Royal Liverpool Golf Club and the competitors will now return to the links course at 0650 local time (0550 GMT) on Saturday to start their second rounds again.

Britain's Karen Stupples, winner of the major championship in 2004, described the weather as "brutal" while Michelle Wie said she had "never seen conditions like that in my life."

"I came to the course at 5am. It was dark at that point and I was walking past the third hole and it was raining sideways," the American told reporters.

"The wind kept blowing and blowing and kept getting

worse. My ball was barely staying on the tee on 12... it was just wobbling all over the place. When the gusts came you literally almost fell over."

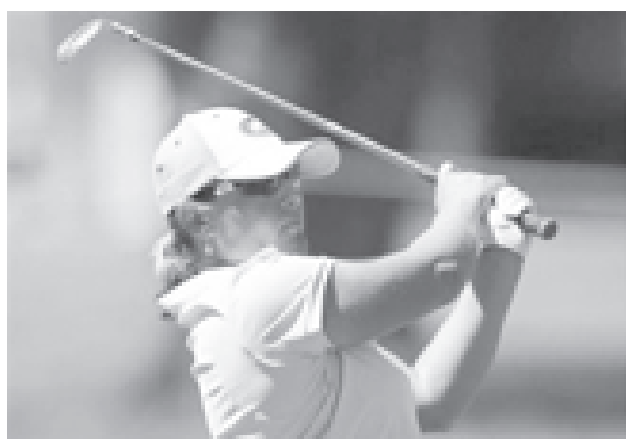
"On the 12th green the balls were not staying at all. They were rolling seven, eight feet," Wie added.

Officials had hoped to resume play in mid-afternoon but conditions had

not drastically improved and the decision was made at 1400 to suspend play until Saturday. The cut will be reduced from 65 to 50 players at the halfway stage of the tournament before rounds three and four are played on Sunday.

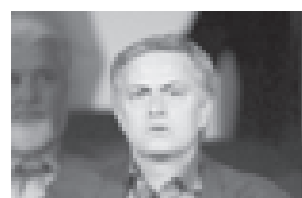
The forecast is for the wind to drop on Saturday with rain a possibility on Sunday.

Reuters



Karen Stupples of England hits a shot from the 11th fairway during the second round of the LPGA Kraft Nabisco Championship golf tournament in Rancho Mirage, California on 1 April, 2011.—REUTERS

Real Madrid announces record income Soccer



Real Madrid's coach Jose Mourinho

MADRID, 15 Sept—Spanish Primera Liga champions Real Madrid have announced that last season the club achieved the highest level of income in its history.

Real Madrid ended the 2011-2012 campaign with income of 514 million euros, 7 percent higher than in the previous season.

Of that money, just 9.5 percent came through the sales of season tickets with the rest of the earnings coming from television rights, marketing and the Champions League, where the club reached the semifinals before being defeated on penalties by Bayern Munich.

The club also confirmed that its net profit for the 2011-2012 campaign was 24.2 million euros. This was however, 23.3 percent down on the previous season.

Real Madrid predicts that the coming season will see the club achieve income of 516.6 million and a profit of 24.4 million.—Xinhua



Juventus' coach Antonio Conte celebrates after winning the Italian Serie A title at the end of the match against Cagliari at the Nereo Rocco stadium in Trieste on 6 May, 2012.—REUTERS

Conte ban extended worldwide by FIFA Soccer

ROME, 15 Sept—Juventus coach Antonio Conte's 10-month Italian ban for not reporting match-fixing has been extended globally, FIFA said on Friday, meaning he will not be on the bench for Wednesday's Champions League opener at holders Chelsea.

Conte, who has strenuously denied the allegations from his time in charge of Siena, is set to miss the entire Serie A season after being banned by the Italian football federation on 10 August and FIFA has now invoked part of its disciplinary code to enforce the ban worldwide.

"This suspension covers all types of matches, including domestic, international, friendly and official fixtures," FIFA said in a statement. Assistant coach Massimo Carrera is standing in for Conte while Juve pursue various appeals. A row has broken out in Italy over what the ban actually means and whether he can train the squad in private.—Reuters

Focus Myanmar TV Programme

MYANMAR INTERNATIONAL

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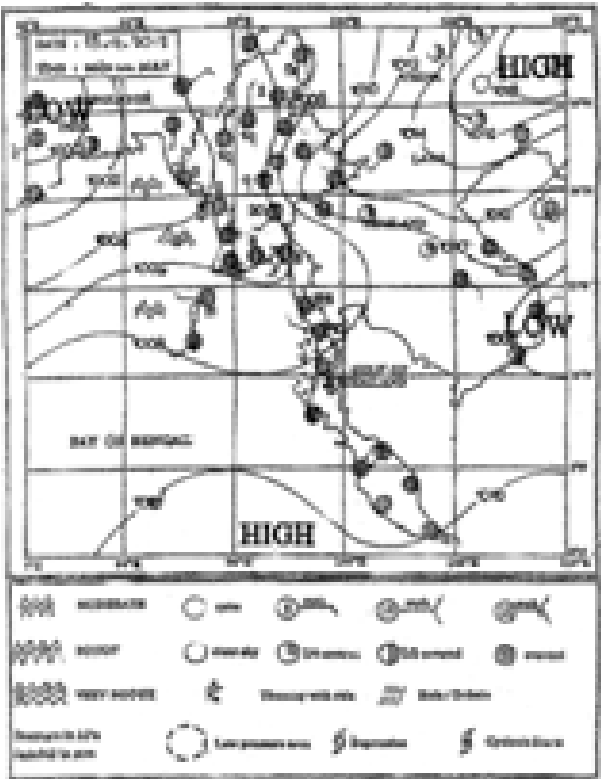
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- * You naughty guy, how dare you!
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- * Road to 27th SEA Games (Shooting)
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- * MI People's Celebrities "Nay Toe & His Family how they relax"
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- * School Health Week Activities
- * Myanmar Movie "Silence of Love"

MYANMAR TV

(16-9-2012) (Sunday)

- 7:00 am**
1. Paritta By Venerable Mingun Sayadaw
- 7:25 am**
2. To Be Healthy Exercise
- 7:40 am**
3. Nice & Sweet Song
- 8:00 am**
4. (38) Phyar Minglars
- 8:20 am**
5. Selected Songs For 19th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions (2012) (Modern Song) (Amateur (Second) Division Level) (Men)
- 11:00 am**
6. Martial Song
- 11:30 am**
7. TV Drama Series
- 12:30 pm**
8. How It's Works
- 12:55 pm**
9. Myanmar Video
- 4:20 pm**
10. Teleplay (Forest)
- 4:40 pm**
11. University of Distance Education (TV Lectures) First Year (Zoology)
- 4:55 pm**
12. Songs For Upholding National Spirit
- 5:10 pm**
13. Sing & Enjoy
- 7:00 pm**
14. TV Drama Series
- 8:00 pm**
15. News
 16. Cartoon Series
 17. TV Drama Series
 18. New Melody

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



Weather forecast for 16th September, 2012

Sr. No.	Regions/States	Temperature (°C/°F)		For Tomorrow	
		Maximum	Minimum	Forecast	Percent
1	Kachin	29/84	23/73	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers (IH)	(100%)
2	Kayah	29/84	20/68	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)
3	Kayin	32/90	23/73	Widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)
4	Chin	20/68	15/59	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)
5	Upper Sagaing	25/77	23/73	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)
6	Lower Sagaing	29/84	24/75	Scattered rain or thundershowers	(100%)
7	Taninthayi	31/88	23/73	Widespread rain or thundershowers (IH)	(100%)
8	Bago	32/90	26/79	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)
9	Magway	33/91	26/79	Scattered rain or thundershowers	(100%)
10	Mandalay	32/90	25/77	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)
11	Mon	32/90	23/73	Widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)
12	Yangon	32/90	22/72	Widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)
13	Rakhine	32/90	22/72	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)
14	Southern Shan	24/75	20/68	Scattered rain or thundershowers	(100%)
15	Northern Shan	25/77	19/66	Scattered rain or thundershowers	(100%)
16	Eastern Shan	23/73	20/68	Scattered rain or thundershowers	(100%)
17	Ayeyawady	30/86	24/75	Widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)
18	Neighbouring Nay Pyi Taw	32/90	24/75	Isolated rain or thundershowers	(80%)
19	Neighbouring Yangon	32/90	22/72	One to two rain or thundershowers	(100%)
20	Neighbouring Mandalay	32/90	25/77	Isolated rain or thundershowers	(80%)

Summary of observations at 09:30 hr MST on today

During the past (24) hours, rain or thundershowers have been scattered in Magway Region, fairly widespread in Mandalay and Bago Regions, Kachin, Shan, Chin and Rakhine States and widespread in the remaining Regions and States with regionally heavy falls in Mandalay and Taninthayi Regions and isolated heavy falls in Yangon Region and Kachin State. The noteworthy amount of rainfall recorded were Dawei (5.04) inches, Longlon (3.94) inches, Machanbaw (3.23) inches, Kawthoung (3.15) inches, Myeik and Phayapon (2.91) inches each, Loilem (2.87) inches, Tamu (2.60) inches, Putao (2.48) inches and Nay Pyi Taw (Laiwavi) (1.77) inches.

Bay Inference

Monsoon is strong in the Andaman Sea and South Bay and moderate elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

State of the Sea

Squalls with moderate to rough sea are likely at times Deltaic, Gulf of Mottama, off and along Mon-Taninthayi Coasts. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (35) mph. Seas will be moderate elsewhere in Myanmar waters.

Outlook for subsequent two days

Continuation of strong monsoon in the Andaman seas.

Ryder Cup stalemate could be on the cards **Golf**



Nick Faldo of England watches his tee shot on the 10th hole during first round play at the British Open golf championship on the Old Course in St Andrews, Scotland, 15 July, 2010.—REUTERS

LONDON, 15 Sept—Former world number one Nick Faldo believes the first 14-14RyderCuptiein23years could be on the cards when holders Europe meet United States in Illinois at the end of this month.

The biennial event has not ended in stalemate since the European team captained by Tony Jacklin tied with Ray Floyd's US side at The Belfry in 1989 and Faldo said the 28-30 September match at the Medinah Country Club was again too close to call.

"You've got 12 guys on both teams playing really well," the beaten 2008 Ryder Cup captain in Valhalla told *Reuters* in an interview. "On paper I think it's incredibly evenly matched.

"Half-jokingly I said at the beginning of the season that we haven't had a tie for quite a while but suddenly now that notion doesn't seem so far off.

Maybe a tie could be the result this year."

The Americans were the Ryder Cup favourites earlier in the campaign after Bubba Watson triumphed at the US Masters and Webb Simpson won the US Open.

Europe, who won the 2010 edition of the team event 14 1/2-13 1/2 in Wales, then restored some pride in the majors thanks to Rory

McIlroy's eight-shot victory at the US PGA Championship last month.

McIlroy's win took him to the top of the world rankings and since then he has registered two back-to-back victories in the US Tour's FedExCup playoff series.

"We have definitely turned it around," said the Ryder Cup's record points scorer as he took a break from watching the young competitors at his Faldo Series event at the Lough Erne Resort in Northern Ireland.

"Lee Westwood has found some form again recently and I like our dark horses too — people like Paul Lawrie and Nicolas Colsaerts," added Faldo.

"The Americans will set up the course for long hitters and we've got Rory, Westwood and Colsaerts as our long hitters so, as I say, everyone looks evenly matched."

McIlroy and women's world number one Yani Tseng of Taipei are former graduates of the Faldo Series which was established in 1996 and now features more than 7,000 up-and-coming young golfers competing in 28 countries.

"It's pretty darn cool that Rory and Yani are now number one in the world," said Faldo.

Reuters

District News

Buses collision leaves three injured

YANGON, 15 Sept—A bus of Adipati Bus Line driven by Aung Naing Tun, son of U Kyaw San Oo, hit back of a bus from 97th bus line driven from Yangon to Insein at Okkyin bus stop on Yangon-Insein Road in Hline Township yesterday.

After that, Adipati bus was hit again by the bus of

48th special bus line driven by Thet Naing Oo, son of U Hsan Maung Shay.

In the accident, three passengers from the Dyna of 97th bus line were injured in the incident.—*Myanma Alin*



TENNIS

Davis Cup: Maradona supports Argentinean players

Buenos Aires, 15 Sept—Argentina's former soccer star Diego Maradona Friday went to Parque Roca, in southern Buenos Aires, to support Argentinean tennis player Juan Monaco, who played the Davis Cup's second match against Czech Tomas Berdych.

Maradona, also former Argentina's soccer team coach, cheered every point won by Monaco, number 11 in the world ranking, who played in the clay court of Parque Roca's "Mary Teran de Weiss" stadium.

Maradona, who wore a dark t-shirt and sun glasses, was euphoric and good-humored. During a pause in Monaco's match, Maradona said hello to former Boca

Juniors' star Martin Palermo, another personality who attended the stadium.

Maradona, 51, is a tennis fan and has also been present in past Davis Cup series, such as the semifinal match against Russia in 2008 in Buenos Aires, as well as the final match against the same rival in 2006 in Moscow.

After two hours and 36 minutes, Monaco defeated Berdych, number 6 in the world ranking, with a score of 1-6, 6-4, 6-1 and 2-1. Earlier, Argentinean Juan Martin Del Potro, number 8 in the world ranking, defeated Radek Stepanek, number 40 in the world ranking, with a score of 6-4, 6-4 and 6-1, giving Argentina its first point in Davis Cup.—*Xinhua*

New Cameroon coach to seek Eto'o return **Soccer**

YAOUNDE, 15 Sept—New Cameroon coach Jean-Paul Akono's first order of business will be to seek a return to the team of disaffected captain Samuel Eto'o and defender Benoit Assou Ekotto, he said on Friday. Akono said both were needed if Cameroon were to fight back from a two-goal deficit and avoid embarrassing elimination from the next African Nations Cup finals at the hands of the tiny Cape Verde Islands.

Akono was appointed on Thursday to replace Frenchman Denis Lavagne after the Indomitable Lions suffered a shock 2-0 defeat in the first leg of their final round qualifier last weekend.

"I want to work to fix all the conflicts that are within the team," he told state radio on Friday, less than 24 hours after his appointment.

"We are going to have to forget all these issues if we are to avoid missing out on the Nations Cup finals again."

Eto'o, who has scored 53 goals in 106 internationals, refused to play in the match in Praia to highlight what he

called amateurish organization around the national team. French-born Assou Ekotto has not played for Cameroon for 18 months because of similar complaints.

"This is a very short appointment and a somewhat difficult task, because we have to fight back from two goals down to qualify, which is difficult in this type of competition but not impossible," Akono added. Cameroon host the second leg in Yaounde on 13 October. The aggregate winner advances to the 2013 finals in South Africa from 19 January, 10 February.—*Reuters*



Cameroon's Samuel Eto'o smiles during an interview following the launch of Puma's kits for nine African national soccer teams at the Design Museum in London on 7 Nov, 2011. —REUTERS

Lack of transparency opposes to all-inclusive dialogue, hinders progress in establishing a democratic society: Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker

NAY PYI TAW, 15 Sept— Under the leadership of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, International Day of Democracy which fell today was held with the theme “Dialogue and Inclusiveness—Central to Democracy” at Thabin Hall in Hluttaw Complex here this morning.

The grand occasion was attended by Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker U Khin Aung Myint, Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann, Chief Justice of the Union U Tun Tun Oo, Chairman of Union Election Commission U Tin Aye, Pyithu Hluttaw Deputy Speaker U Nanda Kyaw Swa, Amyotha Hluttaw Deputy Speaker U Mya Nyein, Union ministers, the Auditor-General of the Union, Pyithu Hluttaw and Amyotha Hluttaw representatives, Region and State Hluttaw speakers, representatives from political parties, ambassadors and charge d' affaires ai, personnel of UN agencies and NGOs, members of social organizations, entrepreneurs, people's representatives from townships in Nay Pyi Taw Council Area, school-children, local and foreign journalists and invited guests.

Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann said that democracy—combination of demo and kratia—is said to be the rule by the people. Some said it is for the people, by the people and of the people. Actually, it is the rule

by representatives elected with majority votes.

He also said he was not going to argue about words but just to mention the establishment of democracy and its functions. There are people's representatives elected by the people. People's representatives elected the Head of Government and then Pyidaungsu Hluttaw approved the Chief Justice of the Union and judicial institutions, Union Election Commission and Union ministers. Each department has civil servants or government employees.

Dialogue and inclusiveness become the way for the participation of the people in legislative, executive and judicial affairs. When it comes to adoption of policies which are to be strictly abided by, the laws are drafted. The process requires participation of the people and

organizations.

Only when there are transparency, accountability and responsibility, may democracy flourish. Mutual respect and frank discussions are sine qua non for democratization process. Democracy is not of one's asset. It needs participation of the people. It is the best if every stakeholder gets involved.

As the fundamental rights of citizens, prescribed in the law, includes freedom of expression, speech and assembling. The right that could be exercised widely and mostly is freedom of expression. It is true, “Dialogue and Inclusiveness—Central to Democracy”.

It is everyone's knowledge that discussions are derived from thoughts and discussions and laws from policies that need be adhered strictly. Only when



Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker U Khin Aung Myint makes a concluding speech at the ceremony to mark International Day of Democracy 2012.

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all the people adhere to the laws, will there be the rule of law. Legal actions must be taken against the ones who violate the laws.

Orders, directives and laws that do not reflect the desires of the people are not democratic and can lead to

authoritarian rule. The motto of the Hluttaw, “People's voice, Hluttaw's voice; People's desire, Hluttaw's desire; People's aspiration, Hluttaw's implementation”, reflects all-inclusiveness in legislation.

He concluded his

speech with the call for implementation of IPU's motto for 2012 International Day of Democracy, “Dialogue and Inclusiveness—Central to Democracy”.

UN Resident Representative Mr Ashok Kumar Nigam read out the International Day of Democracy message sent by UN Secretary-General Mr Ban Ki-moon.

Papers of students, Union Solidarity and Development Party, National League for Democracy, Shan Nationalities Democratic Party, National Unity Party, Rakhine Nationalities Development Party, National Democratic Force, All Mon Region Democratic Party, Phalon-Sawaw Democratic Party, Chin Progressive Party, PaO National Organization, ‘Wa’ Democratic Party, (See page 9)

Ceremony to mark International Day of Democracy 2012 in progress.

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Chairman of Standing Committee of National People's Congress of the PRC and party conclude visit



Chairman of Standing Committee of National People's Congress of PRC Mr Wu Bangguo and party hold discussion with Union Minister U Thein Tun, Deputy Minister U Win Than and departmental heads on cooperation in communication sector.—MNA

YANGON, 15 Sept— A delegation led by Chairman of the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress of the People's Republic of China Mr. Wu Bangguo and wife visited Shwedagon Pagoda here this morning where they were welcomed by Union Minister for Religious Affairs Thura U Myint Maung and members of the pagoda board of trustee.

Mr. Wu Bangguo and wife offered flowers, water and light to the Buddha image. They donated K 1 million through pagoda board of trustees and looked round the pagoda.

Next, Mr. Wu Bangguo

and party went on to the Ministry of Communications, Posts and Telegraphs on Bogyoke Aung San Street and they were welcomed there by Union Minister U Thein Tun, Deputy Minister U Win Than and departmental heads.

They viewed communication network center being implemented by ZTE Company, Huawei Company and Myanma Posts and Telecommunications.

At the conference hall, the Chinese side led by chairman of the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress of the PRC and Myanmar side led by Union Minister U Thein Tun discussed matters related to cooperation in

China-Myanmar communication sectors.

The delegation led by Chairman of the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress of the People's Republic of China Mr. Wu Bangguo and wife departed from Yangon by special flight at 3 pm.

They were seen off at Yangon International Airport by Yangon Region Hluttaw Speaker U Sein Tin Win and wife, Deputy Speaker U Tin Aung and wife, chairmen and secretaries from region hluttaw legislative committee, national races affairs committee, representative scrutiny committee, Chinese Ambassador to Myanmar Mr. Li Junhua and officials from Chinese embassy.

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