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Government would do relaxation of some controls to help create legal transportation, organize mobile inspection teams to control illegal transportation

NAY PYI TAW, 16 Sept—Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham and party, accompanied by the Chief Minister of Shan State, arrived at the worksite of Mawrawady extended ward, northwest of Lashio, yesterday morning.

At the briefing hall, the deputy head of Shan State Settlement and Land Records Department reported on reclamation of land for Mawrawady Extended Ward 1, the executive officer of Township Development Affairs Committee on plans for supply of water, the Additional Superintending Engineer on plans for construction of roads in the extended ward and detour of Lashio, the State Electrical Engineer on plans for relocation of 66 KV Mansan-Lashio power line and 66 KV Lashio-Hsenwi power line from Mawrawady-1 to 60 feet wide road and supply of electricity, an official of Irrigation Department on construction of brick drains and the deputy commissioner on estimated expenditure for reclamation of lands for the new ward.

The Shan State Chief Minister and officials gave supplementary reports on respective sectors.

In his address, the Vice-President said that the extension of new ward is being taken for accommodating the growing population of the region. Though some persons built their houses, some did not construct buildings in the allotted land plots, the urban area did not have city characteristics.

He noted that it is necessary to consider implementation of new housing project by giving contract instead of the system on allotted land plots. He stressed the need to consider construction of housing project with high-rise system to meet the city characteristics like that of neighbouring countries.

He urged the officials to supervise the people from the new plots not to sell the plots to others and to adopt the rules for land allotments systematically.

Next, the Vice-President and party viewed round Mawrawady extended ward-2.

In Kutkai, the Vice-President and party visited Kutkai People's Hospital and consoled the patients.

Deputy Minister for Health Dr Win Myint donated K 5 million, the Shan State Chief Minister one set of Sky Net receiver donated by Shwe Thanlwin Co, U Moe Hsan Aung of Kanbawza Bank, U Myat Cho Win of Asia World, U Aung Aung of IGE, U Tun Yin of Capital Diamond Star Group and



Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham talks to a school girl at Kutkai Basic Education High School to assess progress of school-children.

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U Aung Myo Min Din of Adventure Myanmar Co K 10 million to the hospital through Medical Superintendent Dr Moe Myint Zaw Win.

The Vice-President and party then visited multi-media classrooms at Kutkai Basic Education High School.

After inspecting the progress of students, the Vice-President instructed the school head and teachers to teach spoken English and computer science to the students.

Next, the Shan State Chief Minister and wellwishers donated cash and Sky Net receiver to the fund of school through the headmaster.

The Vice-President cordially greeted townselders and teachers.

On arrival at Namhkam, the Vice-President visited the multi-media classrooms of Namhkam BEHS. At the donation ceremony, the headmaster accepted cash to the education fund and Sky Net receiver donated by wellwishers.

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People participate in Clown Festival in Pretoria, South Africa, on 15 Sept, 2012.

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"Game of Thrones," Kathy Bates, win early Emmys



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Martinez survives knockdown, defeats Chavez to reclaim title

Measures under way to keep Kandawgyi, Inya lakes clean

YANGON, 16 Sept—Yangon City Development Committee plans to dredge silt and drain out sewerage from Kandawgyi and Inya lakes this fiscal year to have better characteristics of city.

"Water hyacinth and weeds can be seen on surface of water in the lake. In fact, silt has not been dredged in both Kandawgyi and Inya lakes for about one decade. Now, silt is being dredged at

some parts of Kandawgyi Lake with the use of heavy machinery. At a time when necessary numbers of heavy machinery have been equipped, silt will be dredged at both lakes," said

an official of Water and Sanitation Department of the YCDC.

Inya and Kandawgyi lakes are facilitated with parks and playgrounds for public relaxation. Thus, emphasis is to be placed on existence of the lakes and water creatures.

It was reported that educative works will be given to those from restaurants, shops of saplings and flowers and other shops not to throw fertilizers and other wastes into the lake.

Myanma Alin



Inlay PhaungdawU Pagoda Festival 16 Oct-2 Nov

NYAUNGSHWE, 16 Sept—Prominent PhaungdawU Buddha Images will go round Inlay Lake in Nyaungshwe of Shan State (South) soon.

The ceremony to pay homage to Inlay PhaungdawU Buddha Images

will be held at Shwenyaung Mongthauk Market during 18 days period from 16 October to 2 November. The PhaungdawU



Pagoda Pujaniya has been organized in Nyaungshwe for 260 years.

Kyemon

Danok Model Village enjoys supply of electricity

DALA, 16 Sept—With the aim of developing social economy of the local people, Dala Township Electricity Committee and Danok Model Village Electricity Committee jointly launched the power supply at its entrance on 8 September.

On the occasion, District Electric Engineer U Ohn Khin, Township Administrator U Win Myint Zaw, Deputy Head of department U Maung Maung and Chairman of the Village Power Supply Committee U Kyin Maung launched the supply of power.

Township Electricity Supply Board installed 11-6.0 KV 100 KVA transformer, power lines and 49 electric meters and the local people contributed K 41.6 million to the power supply tasks.—*Myanma Alin*



Paddy seeds provided in Kangyidaunt

KANGYIDAUNT, 16 Sept—A ceremony to provide quality paddy seeds for the flooded farms in Kangyidaunt Township for 2012-2013 academic year was held at Dahka Village Library on 12 September.

On the occasion, Kangyidaunt Township Administrator U Myint Sein explained the purpose of donation. Head of Patheingyi District Agriculture Department U Sai Kya Ohn discussed cultivation of monsoon paddy.

Officials handed 5513 baskets of paddy seeds for flooded paddy farms to farmers of Dahka Station. A plan is under way to provide 15206 baskets of paddy seeds for flooded paddy farms.—*Myanma Alin*

Drunkard sailor dies in sleeping

PYAPON, 16 Sept—According to the information that a person was dead on board Tawwin Thiri vessel that docked at Pyapon bank, SIP Hla Moe of Ohnbin Bridge Police Outpost together with witnesses searched the vessel at Pyapon bank in HsaOhchaung Village in Ohnbin Village-tract at about 2 pm on 12 September.

They found sailor Aye Zaw, 38, of Tantkyi Village in Pakokku Township, son of U Chit Swe, was dead without any injury after drinking liquor while sleeping on the cabin. The authorities concerned opened a file of lawsuit.—*Myanma Alin*

Emergency ambulance service launched

YANGON, 16 Sept—A ceremony to launch the emergency ambulance service jointly conducted by Emergency Ambulance Foundation of Myanmar Medical Association and Ayeyawady Foundation took place at the Sedona Hotel here yesterday morning with an address by Union Minister for Health Dr Pe Thet Khin.

In his address, the Union Minister said that as most of the people reside in rural areas and suburban areas, they found it difficult to go to hospitals which provide effective treatment in emergency case. The Ministry of Health

recognized the launch of the emergency ambulance service by Emergency Ambulance Foundation of Myanmar Medical Association and Ayeyawady Foundation.

Next, Chairman of MMA Dr Kyaw Myint Naing reported on the purpose of the establishment of the foundation, Chairman of Ayeyawady Foundation U Zaw Zaw on tasks to be cooperated, Dr Aung Tun Thet on Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR).

Next, the Union Minister and officials accepted the donated ambulances and cash and presented certificates of honour to the donors.

The Emergency Ambulance Foundation will be in the service of transferring emergency patients to hospitals with the use of

advanced ambulances complete with modern medical equipment in addition to emergency treatment by qualified health staff round the clock.

At 11.30 am, the Union Minister visited North Okkalapa People's Hospital in Yangon Region and met with medical superintendent, professors, heads of departments, doctors and nurses, saying that he recognized the efforts being provided in a difficult situation. He stressed the need for health staff to make all-out efforts in cooperation with the people and social organizations in the health care services. Next, the Union Minister looked into emergency and out-patient wards, operation theatre and X-ray unit.

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Winners in sports, performing arts competitions awarded

NAY PYI TAW, 16 Sept—Bago Region Chief Minister U Nyan Win gave prizes to 88 winners who stood 1st, 2nd and 3rd positions in the 2nd Champion Challenge Cup 2012 of Nay Pyi Taw, at the city hall in Bago on 14 September.

The region chief minister delivered an address at the prize presentation ceremony for the 19th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions and awarded the prize winners.—*MNA*

Illegal sawn timber seized in Kachin State

NAY PYI TAW, 16 Sept—The Ministry of Environmental Conservation and Forestry is placing emphasis on sustainable conservation of forest resources and wildlife and wiping out illegal extraction of timber in cooperation with the people.

Kachin State Forest Department is undertaking seizures of illegal timber. At 12 noon on 10 September, a combined team comprising five staff of Bhamo Township Forest Department, seven policemen of Bhamo District and Township Police Forces and two village administrators of Malula Village seized 560 pieces of ownerless sawn teak timber of various sizes weighing 21.6830 tons in two places of the bamboo mangrove near Malula Village of Bhamo Township.—*MNA*



In memory of father U Chu Sein-mother Daw Kyi, brother U Tint Naing and sister Daw Kyu Kyu of Natnauk Road in Hinthada, Daw Than Htay, U Zaw Win, Daw Tin Tin Thein, U Aung Win-Daw Nu Nu Yi (Academy) family donated K 300,000 to Hninzigon Home for the Aged through Joint-Treasurer U Chit Myaing recently.—*NLM*

CB with gravels drowns into river

NYAUNGDON, 16 Sept—Tub Boat Tin Aung Lin with number NA 7932, CB 605 and CB 167 that is belonging to U Maung Tin of Yawmingyi Road of Yangon steered by Captain Kyaw Naing, 33, of U Tun Kyi of Dawade Myothit of Zalun Township left Htongo for Maletto (Maubin) along Ayeyawady River on 11 September, carrying 55 suds each of gravel.

On arrival at 300 feet from Ayeyawady Bridge (Nyaungdon) to Bo Myat Tun Bridge and 800 feet from Yangon, the keel of CB 605 was broken, and the CB together with gravels drowned into the river. There was no injury onboard the CB. In the incident, two CBs and gravels worth K 10 million were lost.—*Myanma Alin*

Two motorcycles bump head-on

YESAGYO, 16 Sept—Two motorcycles collided a head-on at 9.30 am on 12 September. Of two riders, one died on the spot and one was rushed to the hospital.

A Shayan 125 motorcycle driven by Phyo Wai Oo from Monywa to Pakokku along Pakokku-Monywa Road a Sumbo 125 by an unknown person from Pakokku to Monywa collided a head-on near mile post 22/3. The unknown person died on the spot and Phyo Wai Oo was injured at face. The injured was rushed to Mandalay General Hospital.

Yesagyo police station concerned opened a file of lawsuit for motorcycle accident.—*Myanma Alin*

District News

Outstanding policemen honoured

BAGO, 16 Sept—A ceremony to honour members of the police force who performed brilliant skills in exposing gambling cases was held the Police Avenue in Bago on 6 September.

At first, Bago Region Minister for Security and Border Affairs Col Thet Tun, Commander of Region Police Force Police Col Mya Win and Deputy Commander Police Lt-Col Shwe Aye presented certificates of honour and cash awards to the outstanding police members.

Next, the region minister, the commander and deputy commander of region Police Force explained tasks of crime reduction. Later, commanders of District and Township MPFs and officials reported on their respective sectors.—*Myanma Alin*



WORLD

Pakistan, US call for defined strategic partnership



Photo released by Pakistan's Press Information Department (PID) on 15 Sept, 2012, shows US Special Envoy for Pakistan and Afghanistan Marc Grossman (2nd L) meets with Pakistani President Asif Ali Zardari (C) in Islamabad, capital of Pakistan.

XINHUA

ISLAMABAD, 16 Sept — Pakistan and the United States on Saturday called for a clearly defined strategic partnership to act jointly against terrorism and for regional peace.

The call was made during a series of talks between visiting US Special Representative for Afghanistan and Pakistan Ambassador Marc Grossman and top Pakistani leaders over the past two days.

Ambassador Grossman met President Asif Zardari, Prime Minister Raja Pervez Ashraf, Foreign Minister Khar, Foreign Secretary Jilani, Chief of Army Staff Kayani, members of parliament, and

other government officials, statements issued by US embassy and Pakistani official said.

The Prime Minister's Office said that Pervez Ashraf and the US envoy discussed matters concerning bilateral relations.

The Prime Minister said that Pakistan-US relations are very important and his country values the United States as a major development partner, a PM office statement said. "We have a shared objective in fighting terrorism and need to cooperate more to get rid of this menace in Pakistan," the prime minister said, adding Pakistan had suffered the most, both in

human lives and material but this cannot weaken its resolve to fight terrorism and extremism. "We have no other option but to fight it out so that we could have peace and tranquilly in the region."

Ambassador Grossman said that the United States believes that its relationship with Pakistan should be enduring, strategic and clearly defined.

"The United States and Pakistan should work together to identify shared interests and act on them jointly, for the benefit of both nations and the region," the US embassy here said in a statement.

The United States is

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committed to building on recent achievements, such as the reopening of the NATO supply lines and the meeting of the Safe Passage Working Group held in Islamabad on 5 September.

"The United States looks forward to welcoming Foreign Minister Khar to Washington and President Zardari to New York for the UN General Assembly, and looks forward to several bilateral working groups this fall." Ambassador Grossman noted that each of these engagements is an opportunity to continue to identify shared interests and to discuss concrete actions the United States and Pakistan can take together on their broad agenda.

He said the United States is committed to continue working on shared counterterrorism objectives; to increase market access and economic opportunity for Pakistan; and to support civilian democracy and civil society. Ambassador Grossman raised the case of Dr Shakil Afridi, who has been arrested for helping the CIA to reach Osama bin Laden.

Grossman said it is important that the United States and Pakistan cooperate closely to ensure that Pakistan, Afghanistan, and the region are more secure, stable and prosperous.

Xinhua

Chavez weeps over his lost freedom to roam

Venezuela

VENEZUELA

CARACAS, 16 Sept — Facing his toughest-ever re-election challenge, socialist President Hugo Chavez teared up during a campaign speech on Saturday, lamenting his lost freedom to roam anonymously through Venezuela's towns and countryside.

The 58-year-old self-styled revolutionary, who has battled cancer over the past year, is known for long speeches during which he often bursts into song and digresses into the folksy anecdotes that have endeared him to many of the country's poor.

But the lament for his lost liberty during his 14 years in power caught his audience of supporters by surprise

during a rally in the southwestern cattle-ranching town of San Fernando less than a month before the 7 October election. "If it were up to me, you know I'd get down off this stage, and I'd go walking, as in times past," he said, his voice quivering and tears rolling down his cheek.

"My last dream is to free myself ... free myself of all of this, but only after we have made the country that we dream of a reality," Chavez said to loud applause. He faces 40-year-old challenger Henrique Capriles, who promises a more business-friendly approach to running the OPEC-member country.

Reuters



Venezuelan President and presidential candidate Hugo Chavez speaks to supporters during a campaign rally in San Fernando de Apure on 15 Sept, 2012. — REUTERS

US orders embassy staff to leave Tunis,

US

Khartoum

WASHINGTON/KHARTOUM, 16 Sept — The United States ordered non-essential staff to leave its embassies in Tunisia and Sudan on Saturday after both diplomatic posts were attacked and Khartoum rejected a US request to send a platoon of Marines to bolster security at its mission there. "Given the security situation in Tunis and Khartoum, the US State Department has ordered the departure of all family members and non-emergency personnel from both posts, and issued parallel travel warnings to American citizens," State Department spokeswoman Victoria Nuland said in a statement.

The US embassies in Tunis and Khartoum were attacked on Friday by protesters. Four people were killed and 46 injured in the assault on the US Embassy in Tunis, according to a hospital official in the city. In Khartoum, around 5,000 people stormed the German



A policeman checks the damage caused to vehicles inside the American embassy after it was attacked by protesters in Tunis on 15 Sept, 2012. — REUTERS

embassy before breaking into the US mission on Friday. They also attacked the British embassy and at least two people were killed in clashes with police, according to state media.

A US official told Reuters on Friday that Washington would send Marines to Sudan to improve security at the embassy, which is located outside Khartoum for security reasons. But Sudanese Foreign Minister Ali Ahmed Karti told the state news agency SUNA, "Sudan

is able to protect the diplomatic missions in Khartoum and the state is committed to protecting its guests in the diplomatic corps."

The top security body in the Khartoum region said that "the surveillance and protection of embassy, mission and foreign residential buildings has been stepped up to prevent any dangers," said the state-linked Sudanese Media Centre.

Reuters

Tunisian FM says embassy attack not to affect relations with US

TUNISIA

TUNIS, 16 Sept — The Tunisia foreign ministry strongly condemned on Friday's attack on the US embassy in Tunis and said relations with the United States will not be affected by the incident, according to the ministry's communique issued on Saturday.

The communique describes Friday's events as "irresponsible" and said they

"do not reflect the Tunisian people who are deeply rooted in their Arab-Muslim identity." "Tunisia has ceaselessly called for adopting a responsible, non-violent behavior in the face of any incident likely to hurt Muslims' feelings," the communique said.

On Friday, Tunisia's President Moncef Marzouki denounced the attack as

"unacceptable." Marzouki called a meeting on Saturday over the issue, which was attended the prime minister and the speaker of the constituent assembly among other senior officials, Shems FM reported. A communique announcing the meeting's decisions is expected to be released shortly, the radio said.

Xinhua

Iran favours negotiations, ready to eliminate nuclear ambiguities: lawmakers

IRAN

TEHERAN, 16 Sept — Two Iranian lawmakers have said that Iran favours negotiations over its controversial nuclear programme and is prepared to eliminate the ambiguities on this issue. "The Islamic Republic of Iran still insists on resolving the (nuclear) issue through diplomatic ways and is ready for negotiations," one of the lawmakers, Ebrahim Nekou, was quoted as saying on Saturday. Iran remains committed to the peaceful use of nuclear energy, said Nekou, adding that the success of future talks between Iran and the five permanent members of the UN Security Council plus Germany (P5+1) depends on meeting the country's "legitimate demands" to use nuclear energy for "peaceful" objectives.

Instead of recognizing Iran's right to use nuclear energy for peaceful aims, the United States and other Western countries are pursuing the approaches of pressure and sanctions, he said, adding that such policies have led to the fruitlessness of the talks between Iran and the P5+1. The West must think of ways to resolve Iran's nuclear issue through talks, Nekou said. If the United States and its allies take steps towards a peaceful solution to the issue and respect the Islamic republic's "rightful" demands, the Iran-P5+1 talks would achieve results on a win-win basis, he said. — Xinhua

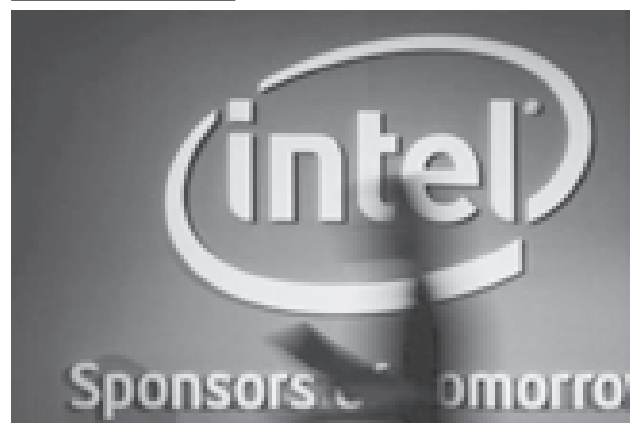
Acer withdraws from smartphone launch over Technology Google pressure

BEIJING, 16 Sept — Taiwanese PC maker Acer Inc has withdrawn from a launch ceremony for a new smartphone that uses a mobile operating system developed by Chinese tech company Aliyun due to pressure from Google Inc, Aliyun said on Thursday. Acer was originally scheduled to launch the CloudMobile A800 smartphone on Thursday with Aliyun, a subsidiary of e-commerce giant Alibaba Group Holding Ltd that developed a complementary operating system also named Aliyun, which is being seen by some as a challenger for Google's dominant Android platform.

"We regret to announce that the launch of the smartphone due this afternoon has been cancelled because our partner is under direct pressure from Google Inc," Aliyun said in a statement on Sina Weibo, a popular microblogging site. "Our partner (Acer) has been notified by Google that if the Aliyun operating system is included with the new phone, Google will scrap Android product agreements and related technology authorization agreements with Acer," Aliyun said.

"We understand and respect the decision made by our partner," Aliyun said, adding that the company believes its operating system can give more alternatives to consumers and manufacturers. Aliyun said the company sympathizes with its partner and referred to Google's move as "regretful." The canceled release comes amid discussion about possible alternatives to Android, as the tech industry is closely watching Apple Inc's patent war against rival smartphone makers that use Google software. The Aliyun operating system was under development for three years before being unveiled in July 2011. — Xinhua

With the wave of a hand, Intel wants to do Technology away with passwords



A woman walks past an Intel logo at the 2012 Computex in Taipei on 5 June, 2012. — REUTERS

SAN FRANCISCO, 16 Sept — Passwords for online banking, social networks and email could be replaced with the wave of a hand if prototype technology developed by Intel makes it to tablets and laptops. Aiming to do away with the need to remember passwords for growing numbers of online services, Intel researchers have put together a tablet with new software and a biometric sensor that recognizes the unique patterns of veins on a person's palm.

"The problem with passwords — we use too many of them, their rules are complex, and they differ for different websites," Sridhar

Iyengar, director of security research at Intel Labs, said at the annual Intel Developer Forum in San Francisco on Thursday. "There is a way out of it, and biometrics is an option."

Iyengar demonstrated the technology, quickly waving his hand in front of a tablet but not touching it. Once the tablet recognizes a user, it can securely communicate that person's identity to banks, social networks and other services where the person has accounts, he said.

Making laptops, tablets and smartphones responsible for identifying users would take that requirement away

from individual websites and do away with the need to individually enter passwords into each of them, Iyengar said. "We plan to work with service providers to take full advantage of this," he said. A device using the technology would use built-in accelerometers to detect when a user puts it down, and would then log its owner off to keep unauthorized people from getting in. — Reuters

Apple snubs emerging mobile payment standard Technology

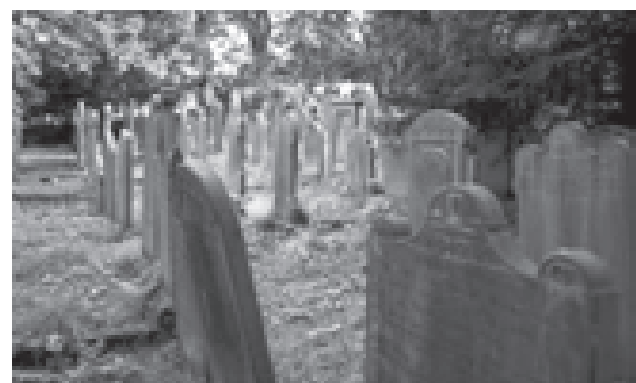
SAN FRANCISCO/NEW YORK, 16 Sept — EBay Inc Chief Executive John Donahoe often quotes a merchant saying NFC stands for "Not For Commerce" — and dismisses the prospects of Near Field Communication technology used to turn cellphones into mobile wallets. He got some support this week from Apple Inc, which did not embed NFC chips into the iPhone 5.

NFC proponents had hoped Apple would endorse the technology, which passes encrypted data between devices at close range without contact. So instead of swiping a credit card, shoppers can

Body disposal technology widens green funeral choice Science

LONDON, 16 Sept — Burnt, buried or frozen and turned to powder are some of the options for dealing with the remains of a loved one whose last wishes include lessening death's environmental impact. Our demise can have a big environmental impact. Around three quarters of people in the United Kingdom alone are cremated after they die but cremation uses about the same amount of domestic energy as a person uses in a month.

Globally, cremation emits over 6.8 million metric tons of carbon dioxide every year, accounting for around 0.02 percent of world carbon dioxide emissions, experts estimate. It also causes mercury pollution when tooth fillings are vaporized. Currently, up to 16 percent of all mercury emitted in the United Kingdom comes from crematoria, which could rise to 25 percent by 2020 without any action, according to government figures. The UK government is forcing cremators to fit mercury filters by the end of 2012 to halve mercury emissions although statistics are not yet available



The graveyard of the church at Haworth, England on 20 July, 2009. — REUTERS

on progress towards this goal.

Some companies are trying to cut overall emissions from funeral technologies by developing alternatives to cremation. In India, Hindus traditionally cremate dead bodies by burning firewood in an open ground. The wood required comes from 50 to 60 million trees a year. When burnt, they emit some 8 million metric tons of carbon dioxide emissions per year, according to Mokshda, a Delhi-based non-governmental organization which is working to reduce the environmental impact of funeral pyres. The group says it has developed an alternative system which reduces heat loss, requires much less wood than a

conventional pyre and cuts emissions by up to 60 percent.

In the UK, Scotland-based Resomation Ltd has developed a process which breaks down a corpse chemically in an alkaline solution. Although the process uses very high temperatures to heat remains in a pressurized container, the firm claims the process uses one seventh of the energy of a standard cremation and cuts greenhouse gas emissions by 35 percent.

Resomation still has to be approved by the UK government for use in Britain but the firm has installed resomators in the United States, where some states allow it. — Reuters

simply wave their phones at a checkout terminal to pay for their goods. The technology is backed by the largest US

carriers and credit card companies, but has failed to take off in America because merchants have been



The iPhone 5 on display after its introduction during Apple Inc's iPhone media event in San Francisco, California on 12 Sept, 2012. — REUTERS

reluctant to spend money to upgrade their checkout terminals until NFC is more widely adopted. "Anyone hoping NFC would be a reality soon is disappointed," said Sanjay Sakhrani, an analyst at Keefe, Bruyette & Woods. "Many in the industry were hoping inclusion in the iPhone would be a springboard for more adoption. This takes the impetus away."

NFC technology, which has uses beyond mobile payments, is backed by Isis, a mobile wallet joint venture between Verizon Wireless, AT&T Inc and T-Mobile USA. Isis' financial services partners include American Express, JPMorgan Chase and Capital One Financial. Like many new technologies, NFC is hampered by a chicken-and-egg problem. Mobile phone makers like Apple are reluctant to take on the extra cost and engineering effort of embedding NFC chips because many merchants can't accept payments this way yet. Meanwhile, merchants won't install NFC until more consumers have the technology on their phones.

Isis said on Thursday that it was delaying the launch of its NFC mobile payments service for the second time this year. — Reuters

Technology China telecom equipment makers deny threat to US security

WASHINGTON, 16 Sept — Executives from China's top makers of telecommunications

gear denied putting hidden spy code into their equipment at a rare public

hearing of the US House of Representatives Intelligence Committee on Thursday.

The officials from Huawei Technologies Co Ltd and ZTE Corp, rejecting fears that their expansion in the United States poses a security risk, said they operated independently of the Chinese government. The congressional panel is wrapping up a nearly year-long investigation into whether the companies' equipment provides an opportunity for greater foreign espionage and threatens critical US infrastructure. "We have heard reports about backdoors or unexplained beaconing from

the equipment sold by both companies," Committee Chairman Mike Rogers, a Michigan Republican, said in his opening statement.

The committee's report could be followed with proposed measures to exclude their products from the US market if they are determined to be security threats. The companies, for their part, say they are frustrated by the obstacles such allegations pose to their US business. "Huawei has not and will not jeopardize our global commercial success nor the integrity of our customers' networks for any third party,

government or otherwise," senior vice president Charles Ding said in written testimony. Huawei and ZTE are fighting an uphill battle for inroads into the United States, stymied by mounting government concerns about economic espionage attributed to Beijing.

US intelligence officials call China the world's most active perpetrator of economic espionage. The keyboard-launched theft of sensitive data has been speeding up, according to a report to Congress last October by the US National Counterintelligence Executive. — Reuters



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

Quality-of-life programme may help cancer patients

HEALTH

NEW YORK, 16 Sept — A therapy programme focused on improving quality of life can help people being treated for advanced cancer, researchers from the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota, have found. Patients who attended the sessions — a combination of physical and talk therapy, along with relaxation techniques and spiritual discussions — reported a stable quality of life during treatment, while cancer patients who didn't get the extra help declined on those measures.

Researchers said that although such comprehensive programmes might not be available at smaller cancer centres, doctors can still help patients seek out spiritual or emotional help, or encourage them to be more physically active. "Dealing with a cancer diagnosis is a big stressor for lots of people. It's still a really scary health

diagnosis," said psychologist Matthew Clark, the lead author on the new study.

What's more, he said, patients are dealing with the side effects of treatment, and many with the additional stress of being away from their families and friends if they don't live near a cancer centre.

His team's study involved 131 patients with advanced colon, brain and lung cancers, all of whom were diagnosed within the last year and being treated with radiation therapy. Clark and his colleagues randomly assigned patients to undergo six 90-minute sessions aimed at improving their physical, mental and spiritual quality of life or to be treated with standard medical care. Patients attended most of the sessions along with their primary caregiver.

When researchers surveyed patients about their quality of life four weeks later,

people who had gone through the programme scored a 75 on a 0-to-100 scale, on average, compared to a 69 for the standard-care group. However, six months later — after a series of follow-up phone calls for the therapy group — cancer patients reported their quality of life at around 77 or 78, regardless of whether they'd gotten the extra support.

Allison Applebaum, a clinical psychologist at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Centre in New York, said she sees many patients who are struggling with depression and anxiety as well as existential issues during



A woman holds the hand of her mother who is dying from cancer during her final hours at a palliative care hospital in Winnipeg on 24 July, 2010.

REUTERS

cancer treatment. "A lot of patients also present with some symptoms of post-traumatic stress," Applebaum, who wasn't involved in the new study, told *Reuters Health*. "With

cancer comes a lot of role changes and losses, such as loss of the ability to work, perhaps the loss of a relationship (and) loss of physical capacity."

Reuters

S Korean exports to US boosted by KORUS FTA for 6 months

Business

SEOUL, 16 Sept — South Korea's exports to the United States were boosted by the bilateral free trade deal, also known as the KORUS FTA, for six months since such deal came into force in 15 March, customs office data showed on Sunday.

According to the Korea Customs Service, South Korean exports to the US reached 29.1 billion US dollars during the period of between 15 March and 7 September, up 3.7 percent from the same period of last year. Imports from the US contracted 7 percent to 21.2 billion dollars over the cited period, sending the trade surplus with the US to 7.9 billion dollars during the six-month period after the KORUS FTA implementation.

The positive figure came as external conditions worsened amid the protracted European fiscal crisis and the global economic slowdown. The country's overall exports declined 4.3 percent over the cited period, while the trade surplus amounted to 16.8 billion dollars, among which around half came from the surplus with the US.

Export items, which benefited from tariff cuts or elimination, saw a surge in shipments to the US Auto parts exports jumped 19 percent for the cited six-month period, with shipments of rubber goods expanding 15 percent. Exports in the textile, chemical and machinery sectors soared 22 percent over the same period. — *Xinhua*

No early link between all-metal hip implants and cancer

Health

LONDON, 16 Sept — All-metal hip implants, which have been shown to have high failure rates and cause a host of other health problems, were not linked to cancer seven years after implantation, new data show. Concerns have grown in the medical community that the so-called metal-on-metal hip implants shed metal particles through wear on their ball-and-socket structure. Many patients who have received the devices have had elevated levels of cobalt and

chromium particles detected in the bloodstream, leading some doctors to worry about their risk of developing cancer.

Johnson & Johnson and Stryker Corp have recalled several models of all-metal implants because of high failure rates — meaning the patient needed another surgery to fix a problem, such as dislocation — and set aside billions of dollars to cover patient claims. Neither company was immediately available to comment. Since the recalls, the use of all-metal

implants, which were sold as being more durable, has declined sharply.

"Some basic science and some epidemiological studies have suggested that metal-on-metal hip replacements may be associated with an increased risk of developing cancer after total hip replacement and specifically with an increase in malignant melanoma and haematological, prostate, and renal tract cancers," the UK National Joint Registry (NJR) said in its annual report, which was

released this week at the British Orthopaedic Association meeting in Manchester, UK.

The NJR, which collects data on joint replacement surgery and monitors the performance of the implants, said it used UK National Health Service Hospital Statistics data to test whether metal-on-metal hip implants are associated with an increased risk of cancer in the early years after hip replacement, compared with other surfaces, such as metal-on-polyethylene.

The NJR said it found no association seven years after implantation but that the devices should continue to be tracked as many cancers can take longer to manifest themselves. "Due to the age of the NJR we could only assess the risk for the first seven years after hip replacement and are happy to report that we could not identify an increased risk of developing cancer," the NJR said. "We must, however, point out that many cancers have prolonged latency after initial exposure to carcinogens and thus long-term follow up is needed to provide a definitive answer," it added. — *Reuters*

Deep divisions among EU Ministers on setting up banking union

Business

NICOSIA, 16 Sept — Deep divisions emerged on Saturday among European Union (EU) Finance Ministers wrapping up a two-day informal meeting in Cyprus on a proposal to set up a Banking Union and establish a common mechanism to oversee bank operations in eurozone member states. The Banking Union proposal was put forward by Internal Market and Services Commissioner Michel Barnier as a first step to allow the proposed European Stability Mechanism (ESM) to directly provide financial assistance to banks. Barnier said he expected there would be disagreements on the proposal.

Germany voiced sharp disagreement with the proposal on the grounds that it was too ambitious and could not be materialized by the end of the year. German Finance Minister Wolfgang Schäuble also said that handing bank control to the European Central Bank (ECB) would not be in itself sufficient for banks to directly draw money from the ESM. He insisted that countries which have banks in trouble and wishing to draw money from the ESM must still apply for an adjustment programme though the ESM. "I don't see that there can be direct recapitalization through the European Stability Mechanism ready by 1 January," he said.

The ESM is expected to be launched at a meeting on 8 October and be operational within a month, with an initial capacity to hand out up to 200 billion euros (262 billion US dollars) before this sum is increased to 500 billion euros. Schäuble's remarks conflicted with statements by French Finance Minister Pierre Moscovici, who pointed out that eurozone leaders have agreed to reach a deal on the Banking Union within this year and this had to be respected. However, Moscovici said he did not consider the differences insurmountable and expressed confidence that a deal will be clinched before the end of the year.

Xinhua

Antioxidants tied to older men's sperm quality

NEW YORK, 16 Sept — Middle-aged and older men who get enough antioxidants in their diets may have better-quality sperm than men who are lacking in the nutrients, a new study suggests. Researchers found that among men age 45 or older, those who got the most vitamins C and E, folate and zinc tended to have fewer DNA-strand breaks in their sperm. That's a measure of the genetic quality of sperm, which is known to decline as a man ages. The findings, reported in the journal *Fertility and Sterility*, do not prove that antioxidants directly

improve sperm quality - or boost the chances of a healthy pregnancy.

"People who eat well are probably doing a bunch of other healthy things, too," noted senior researcher Andrew J Wyrobek, of the Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory in California. But it wasn't overall nutrition that was linked to older men's sperm quality. "It was the antioxidants specifically," he said in an interview. Antioxidants help mop up reactive oxygen species, byproducts of cellular metabolism, which can cause genetic damage. That does

not mean men should start scarfing supplements for the sake of their sperm. Even if the nutrients are the reason, the men in this study with the best-quality sperm just got the recommended amounts of antioxidants, through food or pills.

"It wasn't about getting extreme amounts," Wyrobek said. The study included 80 healthy, non-smoking men between the ages of 22 and 80. They filled out a questionnaire on diet and supplement use, and gave sperm samples. Among men ages 45 and up, those who got the most vitamin C had 20

Health

percent less DNA damage than those who took in less of the vitamin. Men in that high-intake group typically got about 700 milligrams of vitamin C a day; the recommended amount for men is 90 mg, but an intake as high as 2,000 mg is considered safe.

The findings were similar when the researchers looked at vitamin E, zinc and folate, though the differences in sperm DNA damage were smaller. Again, older men in the high-intake groups typically got more of each nutrient than is recommended, but were still well within the safe ranges. — *Reuters*

INTERNATIONAL NEWS



Wu Bangguo (C), chairman of the Standing Committee of China's National People's Congress (NPC), arrives in Colombo, Sri Lanka, on 15 Sept, 2012, starting an official goodwill visit to Sri Lanka. — XINHUA

CHINA

China's top legislator starts visit to Sri Lanka

COLOMBO, 16 Sept—China's top legislator Wu Bangguo arrived here on Saturday for an official goodwill visit to Sri Lanka, pledging to lift bilateral ties to a higher level.

Wu, chairman of the Standing Committee of China's National People's Congress (NPC), is to have separate meetings and talks with Sri Lankan President Mahinda Rajapakse and Parliament Speaker

Chamal Rajapaksa during his four-day stay here.

This is the first visit to Sri Lanka by chairman of the NPC Standing Committee, China's top legislature. "As this year marks the 55th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations and the 60th anniversary of the signing of Rubber- Rice agreement, the development of China-Sri Lanka relations is now facing new opportunity and enjoys

broad prospect," said Wu in a written speech released upon his arrival.

China is willing to join hands with Sri Lanka to consolidate traditional friendship, expand pragmatic cooperation, and lift their comprehensive and cooperative partnership to a new height, Wu said. Sri Lanka is the third stop of Wu's four-nation tour, which also includes Iran, Myanmar and Fiji. — Xinhua

Japan's ambassador-designate to China dies

JAPAN

in Tokyo: ministry

TOKYO, 16 Sept — Japan's ambassador-designate to China, Shinichi Nishimiya, died on Sunday in a Tokyo hospital, the Foreign Ministry said, three days after he was found unconscious on a Tokyo street. Doctors were looking into the cause

of death, ministry official Takashi Ariyoshi said in a statement, but no other details were available. Nishimiya, 60, was found unconscious on a street near his home on his way to work.

Nishimiya was to have left in mid-October to take

over from Uichiro Niwa as Japan's top envoy in Beijing. While coincidental, Nishimiya's death came as tensions flared up between Japan and China over a disputed group of islands in the East China Sea claimed by both countries. — Reuters

US-Cuba travel snarled by regulations, politics



Tourists drink and buy cigars at a bar in Havana on 24 Aug, 2012. REUTERS

HAVANA, 16 Sept—The Obama administration's much touted "people-to-people" travel programme to Cuba has all but ground to a halt due to tighter regulations issued in May, apparently to placate Cuban-American lawmakers, travel industry

professionals said this week.

The programme, which began last year and requires the annual renewal of permission to bring groups to Cuba, allows for educational and cultural travel under the administration's policy of

constructive engagement. The licenses of dozens of tour operators, who have carried an estimated 50,000 Americans to Cuba under the "people-to-people" banner so far, have not been renewed by the Treasury Department's Office of Foreign Assets Control.

This has caused confusion in both countries as the trips must be planned months in advance and hotel rooms, very much in demand in Havana, blocked out for the Americans.

The problems began after the new guidelines were issued, the companies said. "We've laid off 22 people, cancelled 150 trips, and after

Man charged with trying to bomb downtown Chicago bar

US

CHICAGO, 16 Sept — An 18-year-old man who tried to set off what he thought was a car bomb outside a downtown Chicago bar on Friday night has been arrested and charged in a federal undercover sting, authorities said on Saturday.

Adel Daoud, a US citizen who lives in the Chicago suburb of Hillside, planned for months for the attack and prayed with a man who turned out to be an undercover agent before attempting to set off a bomb in a Jeep outside a bar, authorities said. Daoud, who considered up to 29 possible targets, was charged with one count of attempted use of a weapon of mass destruction and one count of attempt to damage and destroy a building by means of an explosive.

The inert explosives posed no threat to the public and were supplied by undercover law enforcement, acting US Attorney Gary Shapiro said in a statement. Daoud was closely monitored and offered several opportunities to change his mind.

According to an FBI affidavit, Daoud used email accounts starting in about October 2011 to gather and send materials "relating to violent jihad and the killing of Americans." Daoud emailed a lengthy powerpoint presentation to several people defending the tactics of al-Qaeda leader Osama Bin Laden and emailed himself several articles on Anwar al-Awlaki, a US-born Muslim cleric who the US said was a leader of al-Qaeda's Yemen

affiliate, the affidavit said. Awlaki was killed in a drone strike in September 2011.

Daoud also was registered in an Internet forum where members "discuss violent jihad and distribute jihadist propaganda and related instructional materials," the affidavit said. Two undercover FBI employees began corresponding with Daoud in May, exchanging several electronic messages with him in which he expressed an interest in "engaging in violent jihad, either in the United States or overseas," the affidavit said. From late May to mid-June, Daoud sought guidance on whether to carry out an attack in the United States, then sought online resources on how to carry out an attack, the affidavit said.

Reuters

People participate in Clown Festival in Pretoria, South Africa, on 15 Sept, 2012. The festival, aiming to encourage socio-economic development through the arts, was first held in 2000, attracting several thousands of participants every time. XINHUA



Elephants play truant from Copenhagen circus

DENMARK

COPENHAGEN, 16 Sept — Two elephants said goodbye to the circus and took a walk along a Copenhagen street packed with rush-hour traffic on Wednesday, one following the other with trunk linked to tail. Sonia, 31, and Vana Mana, 41, star

turns at the Circus Benneweis, strolled down the multi-lane Borups Alle in the Danish capital for about 200 meters before their trainer caught up with them.

"They were walking past the morning traffic trunk-to-tail," a police officer

told Danish news agency Ritzau. Police blocked the road so the tusked could return to the circus site unhurt. "Nobody was hurt, so it was just two elephants out for a stroll," the police officer said. — Reuters

CUBA

CSTO military exercise begins in Armenia

ARMENIA

YEREVAN, 16 Sept — Member states of the Collective Security Treaty Organization (CSTO) on Saturday started a joint military exercise dubbed "Cooperation-2012," aiming to enhance the capability of its rapid reaction force.

Armenian Defence Minister Seyran Ohanyan welcomed the participating servicemen, voicing hope that the military exercise will contribute to the further enhancement of the CSTO's Collective Rapid Reaction Force (CRRF). Calling the CRRF a "serious regional force" which can "withstand the potential hazards," the minister stated that the military drill will show "how six countries may unite for collective security reasons."

The six-nation CSTO is an intergovernmental military alliance comprising Armenia, Russia, Belarus, Kazakhstan, Tajikistan and Kyrgyzstan. The military exercise, which will run through 19 September, was held at the "Marshal Baghramyan" training ground of the Armenian Armed Forces. Police, Ministry of Emergency Situations personnel and rescue service units were involved in the exercise, local media reported. — Xinhua

INTERNATIONAL NEWS



People take part in the annual flower parade in Aalsmeer, the Netherlands, on 15 Sept, 2012.— XINHUA

S Korea's trade surplus reduces to 2 b USD in August

SKOREA

SEOUL, 16 Sept — South Korea's trade surplus reduced to 2 billion US dollars in August as exports kept a minus growth amid global economic slowdown, customs office data showed on Sunday. According to the report by the Korea Customs Service, the country's trade surplus reached 2 billion dollars in August, slightly down from a preliminary figure of 2.04 billion dollars estimated earlier by the Ministry of Knowledge Economy.

The trade balance stayed in the black for seven straight months, but the August surplus was down from a

surplus of 2.78 billion dollars in the previous month due to slowing exports amid the global economic slump. Exports, which account for around half of the South Korean economy, contracted 6.2 percent on-year to 42.97 billion dollars in August. The figure maintained the minus growth for two straight months. Imports tumbled 9.7 percent on-year to 40.97 billion dollars in August, faster than the export contraction, contributing to the August trade surplus.

By item, outbound shipments of auto parts and machinery grew 1.0 percent

and 3.6 percent each on-year in August, but exports of ships, automobiles, telecommunication devices, consumer electronics and oil products plunged 34.5 percent, 22.9 percent, 10.6 percent, 10.2 percent and 4.8 percent respectively last month. Exports to the Middle East and the European Union expanded 18.5 percent and 3.2 percent each over the cited period, but shipments to China and the United States, South Korea's two largest trading partners, contracted 4.8 percent and 2.8 percent respectively.

Reuters

China commentary slams Romney's "foolish" China-bashing

CHINA

BEIJING, 16 Sept — US Republican presidential candidate Mitt Romney's attacks on China and promise to name the country a currency manipulator if elected are foolish and hypocritical, China's official Xinhua news agency said on Friday. In a strongly worded English-language commentary, Xinhua said Romney's anti-China rhetoric, if converted into policy upon him assuming office, would trigger a catastrophic trade war and damage the already weak global economic recovery.

"It is rather ironic that a considerable portion of this China-battering politician's wealth was actually obtained by doing business with Chinese companies before he entered politics," Xinhua wrote.

"Such blaming-China-on-everything remarks are as false as they are foolish, for it has never been a myth that pushing up the value of China's currency would be of little use to boost the chronically slack job market of the world's sole

superpower, not to mention to magically turn the poor US economic performance around."

Romney has repeatedly pledged to get tougher with China on its trade and currency practices, including pledging to quickly declare China a currency manipulator if elected. His opponent, President Barack Obama, has accused Romney, who founded and led private equity firm Bain Capital, of outsourcing jobs to both India and China. China says the yuan's exchange rate is essentially set by market forces, and that the currency has appreciated about 30 percent against the dollar since a landmark revaluation in 2005.

The Chinese government has generally been silent in the run-up to the November presidential poll due to a policy of non-interference in the affairs of other countries. But state media has waded into the debate to lambaste what it sees as attempts to play the "China card", in a reflection of official thinking and concern the country's name

is being unfairly dragged through the mud overseas. Xinhua said such China-bashing had been "a cancer in US electoral politics, seriously plaguing the relations between the two countries."

"It has also become a handy tool for US politicians who try to court the votes and support of ill-informed voters by ratcheting up antagonistic sentiment towards China, while truly serious social and economic

woes within the United States have been left unfixed." The United States should "put its own fiscal house back in order, substantially slash its tremendous military expenditure, and optimize its economic structure", it added. "It is advisable that politicians, including Romney, should abandon ... short-sighted China-bashing tricks and adopt at least a little bit of statesmanship on China-US ties."— Reuters



US Republican presidential nominee and former Massachusetts Governor Mitt Romney reacts as he is presented with cake from a member of the media who celebrated her birthday on the campaign plane on the way to Long Island, New York on 13 Sept, 2012.

REUTERS

Four soldiers killed in mine blast in Turkey

TURKEY

ANKARA, 16 Sept — Four soldiers were killed and five others wounded in a mine blast in southeastern Turkey's Hakkari Province on Saturday, according to a statement released by Hakkari governor's office.

The mine, planted by members of the outlawed Kurdish Workers' Party (PKK), exploded on Saturday afternoon as a military convoy was passing on the Hakkari-Cukurca highway, causing this tragedy, said the statement.

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

A total of 330 PKK militants were killed in 974 military operations from February to August, said a statement issued by the General Staff of the Turkish Armed Forces.— Xinhua

Construction of Trans-Anatolia gas pipeline to start by end of 2013

ENERGY

BAKU, 16 Sept — The construction operations of the Trans-Anatolia gas pipeline (TANAP) are expected to start by the end of 2013, Azerbaijani media reported on Saturday, quoting Rovnag Abdullayev, president of the State Oil Company of Azerbaijan Republic (SOCAR) as saying.

In the next year, the company will buy land sections for the pipeline construction and all design and regulatory work within the project will be conducted in parallel to accelerate its implementation, Abdullayev said.

In December of 2011, Turkey and Azerbaijan signed a Memorandum of Understanding for the establishment of a consortium which will build a gas pipeline to transport gas from Azerbaijani Shah Deniz field to Europe through Turkish territory.

On 27 June, 2012, Turkey and Azerbaijan signed a deal to build the 5.6-billion-euro (about 7.3-billion-US-dollar) pipeline which will span 2,000 km.—Xinhua

14 killed as blast hits passenger van in NW Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, 16 Sept — At least 14 people were killed as a passenger van was hit by a roadside bomb in Pakistan's northwest Lower Dir area on Sunday morning, reported local media Geo.

According to the local media reports, the incident took place at about 7:30 am when a passenger van carrying an estimated 15 people was hit by a roadside planted bomb in the Bunarh area of Lower Dir, a district which partially borders Afghanistan at its western side. The blast left 14 people

killed and several others injured, said police, adding that the van was also completely destroyed in the blast.

Other details about the bomb attack are not immediately available. No group has claimed responsibility for the attack yet. Meanwhile, local media reported that five militants were killed and two militant hideouts were destroyed in an army operation launched earlier Sunday morning in the country's northwest tribal area of Orakzai.— Xinhua

Super typhoon Sanba to bring storms to NE China

TYPHOON

BEIJING, 16 Sept — China's meteorological authority said on Sunday the super typhoon Sanba will bring rainstorms to the country's northeastern regions over the next two days.

Sanba, the 16th typhoon of the year, was positioned at about 65 kilometers east of the Japanese island of Okinawa at 5 am, according to a statement posted on the website of China's National Meteorological Centre (NMC).

The typhoon will move northwest at a speed of around 25 km per hour and bring heavy rainfalls to China's northeastern provinces from Monday to Tuesday, the centre said.

Storms will hit the north and southeast of Heilongjiang Province and eastern Jilin Province over the next two days, while some regions will see downpours of 100 to 120 millimetres, the NMC forecast.

Xinhua



Visitors look at the work "Airplane" at the DOCUMENTA (13) fair for contemporary art on 15 Sept, 2012 in Kassel, central Germany. The exhibition of modern and contemporary art will end on 16 Sept, 2012.

XINHUA

PERSPECTIVES

Monday, 17 September, 2012

Effective aid management system

International assistance means aids from developed countries to developing countries or poor countries in terms of cash, goods, services or technological or technical help. Financial aids mean grants, cheap loans and soft loans for developing countries and poor countries. As for the goods, they are directly delivered to the recipient countries. In some cases aids in the form of services are provided for economic and social sectors and economic cooperation. Technological and technical aids are mainly for human resources development through training programmes.

Priority areas of foreign aids towards developing countries are health, education, agriculture, clean water supply and socio-economic development assistance for poverty reduction; assistance in quality control, standardization and copy right issues, and information technology for trade and investment progress of developing countries in connection with their sustainable development; cooperation in training and research programmes; assistance in addressing problems such as environmental issues, epidemics, population explosion, food shortages, drugs menace, and terrorism; humanitarian assistance; assistance in resettlement, internal peace and security; and assistance for government administrative-capacity building.

Generally, foreign aid can be divided into two types. The first type is the formal development assistance agreed between the two countries concerned or the multinational development assistance. The second is aids given by or through the NGOs. Normally, only the data on first type of aids are officially issued. It is difficult to measure the amount of second type aids.

Governments of the donors countries usually provide aids to foreign countries in their political interest or strategic interest. Only some of the development assistance the rich countries have presented to developing or poor countries is on moral or humanitarian grounds.

Whatever aims the donors have the recipients should have the effective aid management system to use foreign aids for the long-term benefit of the people and nation while protecting their interest, dignity, sovereignty and the natural environment.



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Afterwards, a townselder reported to the Vice-President on measures to be taken for maintenance of roads and the Namkhamphaung Creek in Namhkam and for opening a school for children from 12 villages along the bank of the Shweli River.

Afterwards, Deputy Minister for Education U Ba Shwe, Deputy Minister for Construction U Soe Tint, the township administrator and the in-charge of the township development affairs committee also reported on measures to be taken

(North) to supervise rehabilitation tasks in areas in Shan State (North) which were hit by flood due to torrential rains and also came to Muse and Namhkam to assist in overcoming the difficulties the two border towns are facing.

He continued to say that he was there to address issues reported by the local authority regarding the difficulties in the border area and they are : to speed up the flow of goods in the border area; to eliminate the illegal transportation through illegal routes, to overcome the hindrances to the border trade, to develop the border towns including Muse and Namhkam, to assist in livelihood of the local people and to ensure the inclusive development.

Regarding the task for speeding up the commodity

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according to the report of the townselder.

After hearing reports, the Vice-President urged the local authority to carry out the tasks in accordance with the rules and regulations and assisted in implementing the tasks.

Afterwards, the Vice-President cordially greeted the local people and teachers.

He also attended the cash donation ceremony at the Namhkam People's Hospital. During the ceremony, the Shan State Chief Minister donated K 1 million; Shwe Than Lwin Co Ltd one set of Sky Net receiver, five business companies K10 million each and U Nyan Linn Oo of Pann Hsay militia K 7 million to the funds of the hospital through the head of the Shan State Health Department.

The Vice-President and party flew to Muse in the evening and met with departmental officials, Hluttaw representatives and traders at the Muse-Namhkam Border Merchants Association.

Speaking on the occasion, the Vice-President said on behalf of the Union Government, he made tour of Shan State

flow in the border area, he said that measures would be taken to implement the automatic licensing and non-automatic licensing, to use the local currency in the border trade, to issue the individual trading card and to grant the FDA permission reported by the traders and to adopt necessary ways to protect the consumers.

Regarding the illegal transportation, he said the government would do relaxation of some controls to be able to become legal transportation and would organize the mobile inspection teams to control the illegal transportation. He also urged the local people to take part in the drive for elimination of the illegal transportation.

Regarding the difficulties found in the border trading, the Vice-President said the government would build the commodity yard and designate warehouses and build ware houses in Muse. Besides, the authority of both countries would negotiate for preventing seizure in the neighbouring countries when beans and pulses, corns and sesame were transported to it, he added.

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As regards the opening of a new gate on Nantphatka (or) on the route, there will be no plan at all to open a new gate as tragedies were experienced in opening gates. Brokerage and shed will be opened at appropriate sites to transport commodities from the country.

Initiating urbanization of such border towns as Muse and Namhkam, only systematically drafted projects and plans should be implemented. Value-added products, for example high standard furniture, jade jewelry and so on, should be exported, rather than raw materials. This would create job opportunities for local people.

Social issues related to education, health and culture must be tackled.

The tour was aimed at helping establish public companies and

organizations with the participation of local nationals for regional development and urbanization, rather than giving permission to an individual to establish value-added factories. The guidance of the President regarding the economic reforms, the second step for the development of the country, to safeguard the interests of the people, the dignity of the country and natural environment should be taken into consideration. He called for participation of the people in the bid.

Pyithu Hluttaw Representative U Sai Boe Aung reported on the rule of law and stability of Muse Township, national unity, migrant workers, poverty alleviation, economic, social, health, education and regional development affairs and use of lands to the Vice-President.

The Vice-Chairman of Muse-Namhkam Border Trade Merchants Association explained construction of container yards, sheds and gates in Muse.

Deputy Minister Dr Pwint Hsan gave account on measures for border trade and regional development.

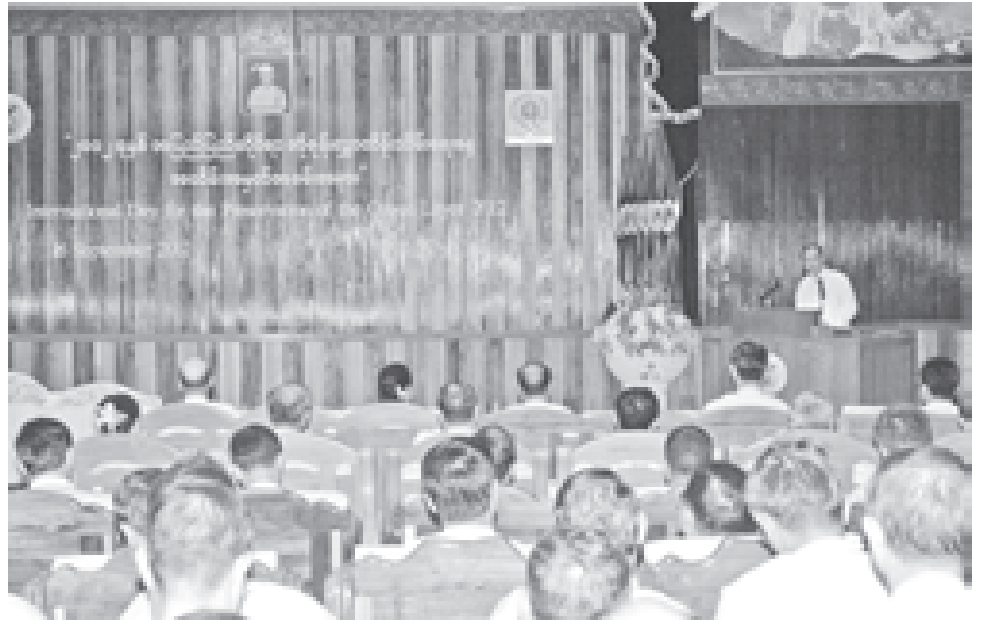
The Vice-President attended to the needs.

Myanma Yadana Shwe Khit donated K 1 million; Kaung Kaba Kyaw Company, K 10 million; Homon local people, K 7 million; Thein Than Chi Company, K 3 million; Star World Company and High Way Family Company, K 2 million each; Homon local People, K 29 million; U Kyaw Win, K 1 million; U Sai San Lin, K 0.5 million; U Sai Laung and wife Daw Nan Hsai Wun, K 0.2 million; U Sai Tun Myint, K 100,000; to basic education schools.

The Vice-President and party then cordially greeted those present at the ceremony.

MNA

Myanmar to stop CFC usage by 2030



Union Minister for Environmental Conservation and Forestry U Win Tun making a speech at the ceremony to mark International Day for

Prevention of Ozone Layer.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 16 Sept—International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer was marked at the hall of Forest Department here this morning, with an address by Chairman of Environmental Conservation Committee Union Minister for Environmental Conservation and Forestry U Win Tun.

He pointed out that the ozone layer is the most important feature of the world absorbing 99 percent of harmful ultra violet rays.

He said the ministry would take step-by-step measures to stop the use of CFC by 2030 as Myanmar has signed international conventions and contracts for preservation of the ozone layer. Assistant Resident

Representative of United Nations Development Programme Dr Min Htut Yin read out the message sent by UN Secretary-General Mr Ban Ki-moon. The documentary video was screened before the ceremony came to an end.

The ceremony was also attended by Vice-Chairman of Environmental

Conservation Committee Union Minister at the President Office U Soe Maung, deputy ministers, representatives of UN agencies, departmental officials and members of Myanmar Ozone Unity.

The ministry is working in cooperation with related institutions to reduce the use of CFC in Myanmar.—MNA

Progress of National Archives inspected

NAY PYI TAW, 16 Sept—Union Minister for National Planning and Economic Development Dr Kan Zaw yesterday morning visited construction of National Archives, here, where he heard reports on progress of five halls, plans for coming fiscal years and allotment of funds presented by Director-General Dr Aung Myo of the National Archives

Department and responsible persons of Original Construction Co.

After hearing the reports, the Union Minister instructed officials to minimize loss and waste in worksite, carry out tasks in harmony with budget, complete construction tasks on schedule and standardize the archives meeting that of ASEAN countries.—MNA

Union Culture Minister visits fine arts school, university in Yangon

YANGON, 16 Sept — Union Minister for Culture U Aye Myint Kyu assisted in teaching at the State School of Fine Arts (Yangon) and National Culture and Fine Arts University (Yangon) here, this noon.

During his visit to the State School of Fine Arts (Yangon), the Union minister held a meeting

with the principal, instructors and teachers of the school and called for promoting artistic skills of the students and passing rate of the matriculation examination.

After the visit to the school, the Union minister proceeded to the university in Dagon Myothit (South) and held a meeting with the rector, pro-rector (teaching),

professors, associate professors, faculty members and staff of the university. During the meeting, he stressed the importance of conserving the traditional cultural heritage and called on faculty members to learn the performing arts including music, painting, sculpture, film and plays and to share the knowledge with the students.—MNA

Marijuana seized in Dagon Myothit (Seikkan) Township

YANGON, 16 Sept—While checking vehicles for crime reduction at the corner of Bagomyit Road and Yadana Road in Ward 60 in Dagon Myothit (Seikkan) Township at 2.10 am on 14 September, the squad comprising members of Dagon Myothit (Seikkan) Township Police Station searched a saloon driven by Aung Ko Win, 24 of Gyobu Street in Ward 20 of Dagon Myothit (South) Township on Yadana Road.

The authorities seized 17 grams of marijuana in four packets from the driver and his partner. Dagon Myothit (Seikkan) Township opened a file of lawsuit against the drug possessors under law.—Myanma Alin

Relief aids donated to flood victims in Ngathainggyoung

NGATHAINGGYOUNG, 16 Sept—Recently, floods hit Ngathaingthoung Sub-Township of Patheingyi District. Departments concerned and social organizations donated relief aids to the flood victims.

On 3 September, the Flood Relief and Supervisory Committee handed over rice, foodstuff, stationery, clothes, medicines and household utensils donated by the Speaker of Region Hluttaw, Region Government, Ayeyawady Foundation, WFP, Pitigissami Donation Group, Victoria Hospital and Equivalence Teachers, Care Myanmar, U Aung Than Win (a) U Moe Gyi, Dr Khin Maung Hlaing, wellwishers, and Youth (Parahita) Group to the local flood victims.—Myanma Alin

District News



WORKSHOP HELD: Hlinethaya Township Anti-Human Trafficking Committee and World Vision (Myanmar) jointly organized the community-based human trafficking surveillance group at the training hall of the township on 13 September. World Vision (Myanmar) Project Manager Dr Daw Zin Htwe Si explains process of human trafficking surveillance.—MYANMA ALIN

Passenger train derails on Nay Pyi Taw-Loikaw railroad

NAY PYI TAW, 16 Sept—The 148-down train derailed near mile post No 352/4 between Khwayyok and Hsintaung stations on Loikaw-Nay Pyi Taw railroad on 12 September.

Locomotive DF 2006 was driven by U Htay Win together with Guard U Moe Sein.

In the incident, two coaches derailed and there was no injury. Members of Yinmabin Police Station served security of passengers. Thazi Railway Station is trying hard to ensure smooth transport of train.—Kyemon

News in Brief

Myanmar Music Organization (Central) reconstituted

Myanmar Music Organization (Central) was reconstituted with 32 members at its office in Tamway Township on 27 August. Former Chairman of the organization U Maung Maung Latt and executives handed over duties and functions of the organization to new elected Chairman U Tin Oo Lay and party.

Mobile phone handsets marketable

Sales of handsets are more marketable than SIM cards at mobile shops. Prices of handsets are different based on brands of countries. Ministry of Communications, Posts and Telegraphs sell SIM cards to service personnel through installment system as of June and July.

Construction companies assigned for schools

A coordination meeting to assign duties to construction companies and organizations for basic education schools and gyms was held at the hall of Ayeyawady Region Government on 14 September. The construction tasks will be undertaken for 2012-2013 academic year.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Two British soldiers shot dead in Afghanistan AFGHANISTAN

LONDON, 16 Sept — Two British soldiers were shot and killed by a man wearing the uniform of the Afghan Local Police at a Checkpoint in Helmand Province, Southern Afghanistan on Saturday, the British Ministry of Defence (MOD) said.

"It is with deep sadness that I must report the death of two soldiers from 3rd Battalion The Yorkshire Regiment who were shot and killed by a man wearing the uniform of the Afghan Local Police at a checkpoint in the south of Nahr-e Saraj," Spokesman for Task Force Helmand, Major Laurence Roche said.

Similar attacks have been carried out in recent months. Three British soldiers have died at a check point after being shot by a man wearing an Afghan Police uniform in July. Two British soldiers were shot dead at a patrol base in Helmand Province by members of the Afghan police force in May. Another two were shot dead by a rogue Afghan soldier at the entrance to the British headquarters in Lashkar Gar in Helmand Province in March.

The number of British military deaths now stands at 430 since the country began its operation in Afghanistan in 2001. Britain has planned to withdraw most of its forces by the end of 2014. Recent comments made by its Defence Secretary Philip Hammond suggested the country is considering an early withdrawal.

"We genuinely haven't made a decision yet and I think it's probably true to say that the military view on this is changing a little a bit," Hammond said on Friday, adding that Britain will "wait until ISAF, but more particularly the Americans have reached a decision about their drawdown pattern just because they constitute the overwhelming bulk of the force." — *Xinhua*



Performers participate in a celebration parade marking the opening of Shanghai Tourism Festival 2012, in east China's Shanghai, on 15 Sept, 2012. A total of 21 floats and 30 performing teams participated in the parade here on Saturday. — XINHUA

Palestinian farmers wither in tough climate

PALESTINE

BEIT UMMAR, 16 Sept — Once a mainstay of the local economy, Palestinian agriculture in the rocky West Bank is in decline as farmers struggle to protect their livelihoods and their lands. Deprived of water and cut off from key markets, farmers across the occupied territory can only look on with a mix of anger and envy as Israeli settlers copiously irrigate their own plantations and export at will. The pressure to keep farming is strong, not least because Palestinian farmers believe that Israel and Jewish settlers will expropriate their farmland if they leave it uncultivated.

But with restrictions on water use and land, what farmers produce often fails to match the lower cost or higher quality of what Israel supplies to the Palestinian stores. Palestinian agriculture represented just six percent of gross domestic product in 2010 from 13.7 percent in 1994, the World Bank said. The Palestinian statistics bureau said where the sector employed 22 percent of the

workforce in 1994, now it employs just 12.7 percent. "Palestinian farmers are fighting a daily, losing battle against Israeli restrictions on land and water," Palestinian Minister of Agriculture Walid Assaf told *Reuters*. In a report issued this month, a United Nations agency said the impact of the Israeli occupation on the productive base of the Palestinian economy, and especially its once-flourishing agriculture, "has been devastating."

"The economy has lost access to 40 per cent of West Bank land, 82 percent of its

ground water, and more than two thirds of its grazing land," said the UN trade and development agency, UNCTAD.

Under agreements signed in 1994, Israel controls more than 80 percent of West Bank water resources by occupying the areas where the water is most plentiful. International aid groups say it is much more generous in distributing the water to its own citizens than the Palestinians, who claim not just the territory, but also the underground aquifers, for themselves. — *Reuters*



A worker carries boxes at a wholesale vegetable and fruit market in the West Bank village of Beita, near Nablus on 2 Sept, 2012. — REUTERS

Anti-terror officer killed, five injured in attacks in Iraq IRAQ

BAGHDAD, 16 Sept — An anti-terror officer was killed and five people were wounded on Saturday in separate gunfire and bomb attacks in Iraq, the police said. In Iraq's northern central province of Salahudin, Colonel Saad Mohammed, from the provincial anti-terror office, was killed when gunmen wearing military uniforms attacked his car in south the city of Baiji, some 200 km north of Baghdad, a provincial police source told *Xinhua* on condition of anonymity.

Mohammed's driver was also wounded by the attack, the source said. Near the Iraqi capital, a roadside bomb detonated near a bus carrying Iranian Shiite pilgrims in the town of Madain, some 30 km southeast of Baghdad, wounding four pilgrims aboard, an Interior Ministry source anonymously told *Xinhua*.

Insurgents frequently attacked Iranian pilgrims who flock in large numbers to Iraq to visit holy Shiite shrines since the US-led invasion in 2003 that toppled Saddam Hussein's Sunni regime and set up Shiite-led government. Violence is still common in the Iraqi cities despite the dramatic decrease since its peak in 2006 and 2007 when sectarian conflicts pushed the country to the brink of a civil war. — *Xinhua*

Air Force names woman to lead basic training amid sex scandal US

SAN ANTONIO, 16 Sept — The US Air Force said on Saturday it selected a woman to serve as the new commander of basic training as the service wrestles with allegations that male instructors sexually assaulted and harassed female trainees.

Colonel Deborah Liddick will succeed Colonel Glenn Palmer, who was relieved in August as commander of the 737th Training Group at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, the unit that provides basic training to roughly 35,000 Air Force recruits each year.

Liddick's appointment comes at a critical time for Air

Tourist-bashing turns ugly in Berlin GERMANY

BERLIN, 16 Sept — Tourism to Berlin is booming as never before and filling the debt-ridden city's coffers with much-needed cash, but not all Berliners are cheering the influx of visitors.

Some blame the tourists, especially the young 20-something "Easyjet set" who ride the budget airline to party through the night in the uber-cool, hedonistic German capital, for a host of ills from rising rents to noise pollution.

"Noisy tourists go home!" reads one hostile sign in the eastern district of Friedrichshain. "Berlin doesn't love you," say stickers plastering traffic lights in nearby Kreuzberg.

A gallery in an area known for its trendy bars featured for months a scrawled sign in the window: "Sorry, no entry for hipsters from the US."

"We've seen people insulted for looking like tourists or get disparaging looks," said David Schuster, an activist for a local leftist group that has launched a tourist-friendly awareness

drive.

"There's some resentment that tourists party loudly or throw up on the streets," Schuster said. "I think many Berliners do too, but they feel entitled to act that way."

Berlin, now Europe's third most visited city after the more established magnets London and Paris, can ill afford to scare away the tourists. Tourism generated gross revenues of 10.3 billion euros last year, equal to nearly 10 percent of the city budget, a recent study by the Berlin government said.

That is more than either real estate or consumer goods production, two other expanding branches of Berlin's otherwise plodding economy, it showed. Nine new hotels are set to open by 2013.

Yet this summer, visiting investors at a business convention were attacked by some hundred demonstrators and a newly opened "organic hotel" was vandalized by anti-gentrification activists.

These protests represent those of a small minority, said

Burkhardt Kieker, director of VisitBerlin, the city's main tourist service agency. "Berlin is regaining the status of a world city."

We are becoming a mass tour destination. The average Berliner is honoured by the tourists," he said.

Paris and London have had hundreds of years to get used to their many visitors. We've only had 20 so far," he said, referring to the fall of the Berlin Wall in 1991.

The fall led to the reunification of Germany, the reinstatement of Berlin as the German capital and some glittering restorations, which have made the city an attractive destination for tourists.

Reuters

PAKISTAN

Roadside bomb kills 14 people in Pakistan near Afghan border

PESHWAR, 16 Sept — A roadside bomb killed 14 people in northern Pakistan on Sunday, police officials said, after it hit a truck carrying villagers to a market place near the border with Afghanistan.

Villagers in the Lower Dir area have been supporting government forces in the fight against Taleban insurgents. Among the dead were three women and three children, the police said. Seven more people were wounded.

Support for the Taleban has fallen in some areas in the north, analysts say, in part because their bloody bombing campaigns have claimed so many civilian lives. Since 2009, the army has increased its control in much of Pakistan's tribal areas but insurgent attacks remain common. — *Reuters*

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REGIONAL

EXPO

Energy Industry Expo opens in NW China

TAIYUAN, 16 Sept — The Fourth China (Taiyuan) International Energy Industry Expo kicked off Sunday in Taiyuan, capital of coal-rich Shanxi Province, to discuss the latest trends in China's energy industries. Some 30,000 people, including representatives from 137 companies from 18 countries and regions, are expected to attend the expo, which will feature demonstrations of industry breakthroughs in the fields of coal and coalbed gas, water, electricity, natural gas and new energies.

Running under a theme of "green energy and transformation," the three-day event will also allow Shanxi, designated as a pilot zone for energy transformation in 2010, to showcase its latest developments in diversifying its resource-based industry structure. This year's exhibition areas will cover 36,000 square meters. Displays of large-scale models and new technologies, as well as energy-saving equipment, are the focus of this year's exhibition. Forums and conventions will also be held, during which experts, company heads and government officials will discuss the latest trends in the energy industry. — Xinhua



Visitors view a model of the China's manned submersible Jiaolong during the 2nd China Marine Economy Investment Fair in Ningbo, east China's Zhejiang Province, on 15 Sept, 2012. The Jiaolong sub made record dives of more than 7,000 metres below sea level in the Pacific Ocean's Mariana Trench during a 44-day test mission earlier this year. — XINHUA

Population aging in S Korea to destabilize financial market

SEOUL, 16 Sept — Population aging in South Korea would likely have a negative impact on the country's financial stability as a reduction in productive population ushers in slow growth and low asset prices, a report by the central bank showed on Sunday.

According to the report by the Bank of Korea (BOK), the rate of the country's production population aged 15-64 to the total population was estimated to drop to 52.7 percent in 2050 after peaking at 73.1 percent in 2012.

The report's empirical analysis showed the sharp fall in working-age people entails chronic labor shortage and weak labor productivity, leading to a low rate of

economic growth and per-capita income expansion. It will result in the weakening of households' debt-servicing capabilities. The falling productive population makes labor supply scarce relative to capital, driving up wages compared with the rate of return on capital.

The marginal product of capital reduces in accordance with the one of labor. As a result, potential economic growth slows unless there are sharp gains in total factor productivity such as innovative technology and labour quality improvement.

The lower rate of return on capital would lessen investment demand, which in turn results in lower real

interest rate. The faster fall in lending rates than deposit rates will lead to aggravating profitability of banks, according to the report. Prices for assets such as real estate and equities would fall sharply amid stronger risk-off sentiment as seen in the cases for the United States in late 2000s and Japan in early 1990s when drop in asset prices caused instabilities in the financial markets, said the report.

South Korea, which became an aging society in 2000, was expected to become an aged society in 2018, before becoming a super-aged society in 2026, according to the United Nation (UN)'s world population prospects. — Xinhua

Chinese, Russian PMs hold phone talks on upcoming meetings

CHINA

BEIJING, 16 Sept — China and Russia will work closely together to push for success in the upcoming 17th regular meeting between the two countries' prime ministers and the prime ministers' meeting of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO), Premier Wen Jiabao said on Saturday.

In face of the complex and delicate international situation, China and Russia have worked closely together in addressing various challenges and have made

progress in their comprehensive strategic partnership of coordination, Wen said during a telephone conversation with Russian Prime Minister Dmitry Medvedev.

The two countries must keep close communications and coordination to push for success in the two upcoming meetings, safeguard their common interests, and promote peace, cooperation and prosperity in the region, Wen said. Medvedev, for his

part, said the two countries are friendly neighbours and that Russia attaches great importance to its relations with China. Russia is ready to work together with China and, through the two meetings, to raise bilateral relations to a new level, he said.

The SCO, which was founded in Shanghai in 2001, currently has six full members, including China, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Russia, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan.

Xinhua



A robot writes numbers during the math contest of the 12nd RoboGame at the University of Science and Technology of China in Hefei, capital of east China's Anhui Province, on 15 Sept, 2012. A total of 44 student teams from the university took part in the competition to show skills of the robots made by the students themselves. — XINHUA

Quake reveals disparity between China's east, west

CHINA

YILIANG, 16 Sept — Chi Kuanyan could not help crying after she was asked why her parents did not take her home after the 5.7-magnitude earthquake last Friday. The earthquake, which claimed 81 lives in southwest China's Yunnan Province, toppled her family's home in Kuixiang village, Kuixiang town. Her parents, who were working at a factory in east China's Zhejiang Province, did not return to see Chi and her sister because of the cost of travelling.

Chi, 17, a Grade 12 student of Yiliang County No 1 Middle School, has only seen her parents twice in the past seven years. Struggling to support the family, Chi's parents went to the east when she was 10. Chi's parents send

5,000 yuan (788.6 US dollars) each year for her and her 15-year-old sister for tuition and a living allowance. Without a cell phone, Chi was not able to get in touch with her other sister, who is eight, or her grandpa in the village after the earthquake.

Like Chi's family, many villagers in Yiliang county live in tile-roofed houses or thatched cottages on the hillside, which are not strong enough to stand an earthquake. They are also prone to landslides and rolling stones. Chi's parents contributed to the economic boom in east China over the last decade but their home province of Yunnan in southwest China, lagged behind.

Xinhua

Japan finds another gap in its disaster readiness — Mount Fuji

JAPAN

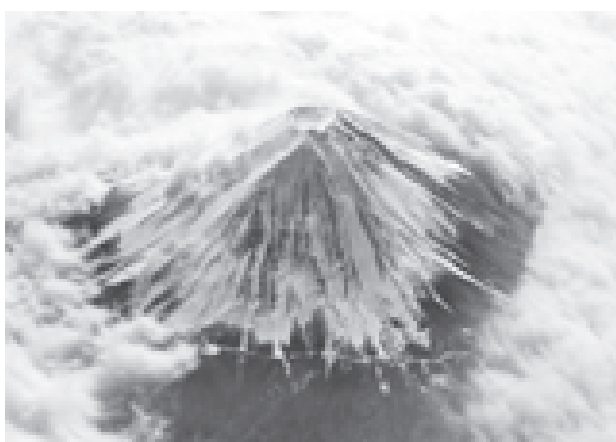
TOKYO, 16 Sept — When Toshitsugu Fujii became head of a Japanese task force on disaster response at Mount Fuji, he was confronted with a startling oversight. Japan had no plan in place to deal with a disaster in which an earthquake sparks a volcanic eruption at the country's most famous landmark. Fujii said a tremor "greatly increases" the chance of an eruption in a country that has experienced nearly 12,000 earthquakes since the magnitude 9.0 tremor that led to disaster on 11 March, 2011.

"They always forget about the volcanoes," he said. "The government has never included Mt Fuji in its earthquake scenarios." Fujii's job is to change that. More than a year after the earthquake, tsunami and nuclear power plant meltdown that scarred a generation of Japanese, the government is still working to close the gaps in its disaster response.

Scientists say that the 2011 earthquake may have increased the chances of Mount Fuji erupting. The disaster caused a series of tremors around the mountain, including a magnitude 6.4 quake directly beneath it that caused a 20 meter-long crack in its side and put pressure on the volcano's magma chamber.

The volcano is active and if an eruption was to occur it would potentially threaten a vast area including Tokyo, 100 km (62 miles) away. Still, Japan's tallest point at 3,776 meters (12,388 feet) and a national symbol that adorns Japanese passports has been silent since 1707. "Although there are no signs of any irregularities at present, we need to watch it very carefully for another two or three years," said Eisuke Fujita, a senior volcano researcher at the National Research Institute for Earth Science and Disaster Prevention.

Reuters



Japan's Mount Fuji, covered with snow and surrounded by cloud, is seen from an airplane in this 2 Feb, 2010 file photo. — REUTERS

CAMBODIA

Cambodian top legislator heads for Indonesia for ASEAN meeting

PHNOM PENH, 16 Sept — Cambodian President of National Assembly Heng Samrin on Sunday led a parliamentary delegation to attend the 33rd ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary Assembly (AIPA-33) to be held from 16-23 September on the Lombok Island, West Nusa Tenggara of Indonesia.

The participation is made at the invitation of Speaker of the Indonesia's House of Representatives Marzuki Alie, chairman of AIPA for 2012, according to a Parliament Press release. The AIPA-33 is held under the theme "Strengthening Parliamentary Roles toward ASEAN Community in 2015," the Press release said.

During the Assembly, a number of issues have been set to be discussed in the committees for political, economic, social, organizational, women's roles affairs and for dialogues with observers.

As scheduled, Cambodian Prime Minister Hun Sen will also leave for the AIPA-33 on 17 September at the invitation of Marzuki Alie. Marzuki Alie visited Cambodia on 7 September to invite Heng Samrin and Hun Sen for the AIPA-33. — Xinhua

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Chinese violinist shares top prize at prestigious
Budapest competition

CONCERT

BUDAPEST, 16 Sept— Wang Xiao from China and Aleksandra Kuls from Poland on Saturday performed a gala concert here after they shared the top prize at Budapest's 46th International Music Competition. "I am very glad and excited to get the award," Wang, 25, told *Xinhua* after the gala concert at the Palace of Arts, which wrapped up the prestigious 10-day event. Each year the competition focuses on a different instrument.

The violin takes its turn in the spotlight every five years, and the viola was also included this year in the Jozsef Szigeti violin and viola competition.

Wang is the first Chinese violinist to win the violin competition. Born in Lanzhou, Gansu Province, he began learning the instrument from his aunt, a violin teacher. In 1997, he and his parents moved to Beijing from Xinjiang, and he was enrolled

in the primary school of the Central Conservatory of Music in Beijing. It was at that time that he decided what he wanted to do with his life, recalled Wang, who now studies in New York at the Manhattan School of Music. Wang also won first prize at a recent music festival in Houston, where he played a Sibelius violin concerto just as during the gala concert in Budapest.

"I haven't taken part in many competitions as I do not really enjoy competing," he said after the concert. "Everyone has to conform to certain standards." "Sometimes if you show too much personality, not every jury likes it. I, however, like to show my true feelings. I love the feeling of standing on stage though, and transmitting my feelings through the violin to the audience. Then they respond to me and have the same feeling. I hope that I can

continue to do this," he said. Kuls, 21, who studies at the Academy of Music in Krakow, said the first place in the Szigeti competition was important for a violinist at the beginning of a career.

"It means it's more possible to be heard by some musicians, as well as TV and radio," she said. Erno Kallai of Hungary came second and also won the audience prize. Kallai has spent the last six years studying at the Juilliard School of Music in New York.

"This competition can give me opportunities to play more in Hungary now after six years away. I entered it to raise my profile in Hungary. I will stay here for a while performing, but will continue to give concerts in Europe and the US," added Kallai. The international event drew 88 competitors in total and offered a first prize of 8,000 euros (10,400 US dollars).

Xinhua

London designers trawl Americana, tropical
themes

FASHION



Orchids are attached to a model's hair backstage at the Issa Spring/Summer 2013 collection at London Fashion Week on 15 Sept, 2012. — REUTERS

LONDON, 16 Sept— The catwalks exploded with bright colours on the second day of London Fashion Week, as designers sent brightly printed dresses, embellished denim and tie-dye printed leather down the runway on Saturday. Jewelled embellishments, ornate embroidery and tropical prints also made a strong appearance during the shows as designers embraced a lighter and more playful side for their latest womenswear spring/summer 2013 collections.

Spring was in the air at Jasper Conran's show, where walls were decorated with neon lights laid out in the shape of large flowers. Models walked barefoot onto the lush green catwalk, in embellished denim, broderie anglais and sequined dresses. The collection was influenced by all aspects of Americana, Conran told *Reuters*, citing

Janis Joplin, cowboy boots and photographer Robert Mapplethorpe as inspiration.

"I've done denim for the first time on the catwalk, so it starts quite sort of blues, and whites and silvers. And then it explodes." "Everything has a reference back to Americana, so it's all logically done, with a healthy dose of illogicality," he added. Hot pinks, mustard

yellow, mossy greens punctuated the collection, which featured knitted crochet dresses, micro shorts, and floral-printed blouses. The Americana theme continued further south at Holly Fulton's show, which was attended by British actress Gemma Atherton, and the *International Herald Tribune's* Suzy Menkes.

Reuters

Publicist sues editor after NY Fashion Week
dustup over seats

NEW YORK, 16 Sept — Prized seats at celebrity-studded New York Fashion Week are so coveted that a dispute over one allegedly prompted a slap in the face. A New York publicist has sued a French magazine editor and her mother, a publishing executive, for \$1 million after a fight over front-row seats at a Zac Posen show. Lynn Tesoro filed the lawsuit on Wednesday against *Jalouse* editor Jennifer Eymere and Marie-Jose Susskind-Jalou in Manhattan state Supreme Court. It claims "assault, battery, intentional infliction of emotional distress, slander and/or libel."

The lawsuit does not explain the circumstances of the alleged assault beyond

saying that it took place at Avery Fisher Hall on Sunday. But *Women's Wear Daily*, a fashion-industry trade journal, reported that the incident occurred at the Posen show after city fire marshals removed 60 seats, most of them from the front row. Eymere began arguing with Tesoro, whose firm was in charge of promoting the Posen show, because her mother, Susskind-Jalou, no longer had a seat, the journal said.

The confrontation escalated, with Susskind-Jalou, Eymere and Eymere's sister engaging in a screaming match with Tesoro. Tesoro was then allegedly slapped in the face. "It was a small slap," Eymere told *Women's Wear Daily*. "It

was not strong. I didn't hurt her, it was just to humiliate her. She humiliated my mom, and I humiliated her in front of her crew. Voilà. I just said at the end, 'Now you know you don't fuck with French people.'" The journal noted that another person said it was Susskind-Jalou, not Eymere, who struck Tesoro.

The lawsuit also named Eymere's sister, Vanessa Bellugeon, as a defendant. Tesoro, whose firm, The HL Group, handled top clients including Oscar de la Renta, fur designer Dennis Basso and Japan's Tadashi Shoji during Fashion Week, declined to comment on the matter through a firm spokesman.

Reuters

Death toll rises to 11 in NW China bus accident

LANZHOU, 16 Sept — Eleven people have been confirmed dead after a bus drove through a road barrier and fell into a ravine in Ningxia Hui Autonomous Region on Saturday, authorities said on Sunday.

Officials from the county government of Longde said two survivors died in hospitals, and six others were still being treated for injuries in local hospitals.

The accident occurred at about 8 pm on a state-level road in Longde county, Guyuan, when the bus carrying 17 people



overturned and fell into a ravine.

The bus, registered in neighbouring Gansu

Province, had a designed capacity of 41 passengers.

It was heading from Lanzhou, provincial capital

EARTHQUAKE

5.3-
magnitude
quake hits
south of Java,
Indonesia —
USGS

JAKARTA, 16 Sept — A 5.3-magnitude earthquake jolted south of Java, Indonesia at 17:35:44 GMT on Saturday, the US Geological Survey said.

The epicentre, with a depth of 30.60 km, was initially determined to be at 10.7681 degrees south latitude and 113.8744 degrees east longitude.

Xinhua

ACCIDENT

Rescuers work at the site of the traffic accident which claimed 11 lives in Longde County, northwest China's Ningxia Hui Autonomous Region, on 15 Sept, 2012. Eleven people have been confirmed dead and six others injured after a bus drove through a road barrier and fell into a ravine on a state-level road in Longde County on Saturday. — XINHUA

of Gansu, to Pingliang, Gansu Province, at the time of the accident.

Xinhua



A Pakistani army officer drops relief goods for flood-affected people in central Pakistan's Dera Ghazi Khan, on 15 Sept, 2012. Flood triggered by nearly-one-month-long heavy rains across Pakistan has caused great loss in the country. — XINHUA

Two al-Qaeda members killed
in gunfight in southern Yemen

ADEN, (Yemen), 16 Sept — At least two al-Qaeda members were killed in an ongoing fierce gunfight with soldiers of Yemeni armed forces in the turbulent southern province of Abyan on Saturday, a security official told *Xinhua*. The gunfight broke out after contingents of army troops came under heavy fire from al-Qaeda militants in the coastal town of Shakra, while cordoning a desert area on specific intelligence inputs suggesting presence of terrorists, the local security official said on condition of anonymity.

"A group of the al-Qaeda militants were engaged in gunfight with army troops on the outskirts of Shakra town...

two terrorists were killed in the region," the security official said. "The army troops carried out the operations on prior intelligence information about the presence of terrorists in Shakra and other different mountainous areas in Abyan," he added. In a separate incident, gunmen blew up a roadside bomb nearby the house of a military officer in neighbouring southern province of Lahj, but he survived the attack unharmed, a police source told *Xinhua* anonymously.

Hours later, unknown gunmen riding two motorcycles launched an armed attack against a local police station, injuring at least two policemen, he said.

Xinhua

ENTERTAINMENT

“Game of Thrones,” Kathy Bates, win early Emmys

LOS ANGELES, 16 Sept—Medieval fantasy “Game of Thrones” lead the winners at the Creative Arts Emmys on Saturday in a ceremony that also honoured Kathy Bates for channeling Charlie Sheen on “Two and a Half Men” but shut out Emmy darling “Mad Men.” On a night that rewarded guest actors, choreographers, musicians and editors of the year’s leading TV shows, “Game of Thrones” on HBO won six awards, including costumes, make-up and special visual effects.

Sketch show “Saturday Night Live” took home four — including a best guest actor trophy for comedian Jimmy Fallon as host — tying for second place with the Charles Dickens drama “Great Expectations” on PBS and Discovery Channel’s nature documentary “Frozen Planet.”

Bates, 64, was a popular winner for her guest actress turn as Charlie Sheen’s killed-off bad boy Charlie Harper in CBS comedy “Two and a Half Men.” The Oscar-winning Bates, who this week revealed she had recently undergone a double

mastectomy, played the ghost of Sheen/Harper complete with cigar and trademark bowling shirt.

In a night of surprises, 1960s advertising show and four times best drama series Emmy winner “Mad Men” was shut out of the creative arts portion of the biggest honors in the TV industry. “Mad Men” will still hope to capture the top prize next week at the Primetime Emmys, which honors the best dramas, comedies, writers and actors and take place on 23 September at a televised ceremony in Los Angeles, hosted by comedian Jimmy Kimmel.

On Saturday, the Nickelodeon animated show about a group of commando penguins, “The Penguins of Madagascar,” beat popular Fox comedies “The Simpsons,” “American Dad,” and Bob’s Burgers.

There were surprises too when the NBC backstage musical drama “Smash” took the award for best choreography over the three entries for perennial winners “So You Think You Can Dance.”

On his second try, Jeremy Davies won for his guest drama role in the FX modern Western “Justified,” while Martha Plimpton was named best guest actress in a drama for her turn as a devious lawyer in CBS legal show “The Good Wife.”

Reuters



Producer and host Neil Patrick Harris (L) and executive producer Glenn Weiss pose with their outstanding special class programmes Emmy awards for their work on the 65th Annual Tony Awards backstage at the 2012 Primetime Creative Arts Emmy Awards in Los Angeles on 15 Sept, 2012.—REUTERS

Exclusive: “Avatar” effects house weighs Digital Domain bid

LOS ANGELES, 16 Sept—Prime Focus World, which created some of the visual effects for “Avatar,” “Harry Potter” and other Hollywood blockbusters, is contemplating a bid for Digital Domain Media Group, which filed for bankruptcy protection on September 11, according to a person with knowledge of its interest.

Digital Domain, which was started in 1993 by superstar director James Cameron and the late special effects guru Stan Winston, said in a statement it agreed to sell most of its assets to private equity firm Searchlight Capital Partners “subject to the receipt of higher and better offers and court approval.”

Prime Focus was started by Bollywood veteran Namit Malhotra in the late 1990s, the

company says on its website, and claims its Mumbai facility is one of the one of the busiest special effects and 3D conversion facilities in Asia. It also has offices in Los Angeles and London.

A spokeswoman for Prime Focus was not available for comment. Digital Domain did not make an executive available.

Among Prime Focus’ projects, the special effects house created the “holotable” in Avatar at which star Sam Worthington brings up three-dimensional holograms, and converted George Lucas’ “Star Wars: Episode One — The Phantom Menace” from 2D to 3D, it says on its site. The company delivered more than 650 special effect shots for “Dredd,” a science fiction action

film being released by Lions Gate on 21 September, and did the conversion to 3D for “Frankenweenie,” Tim Burton’s gothic animated film that Walt Disney Co will release on 5 October.

Reuters



Film director and Lightstorm Entertainment Chairman James Cameron delivers a keynote address titled “Renaissance now in imagination and technology” in front of an image of his recent movie “Avatar” during the Seoul Digital Forum 2010 on 13 May, 2010.—REUTERS



Actress Penelope Cruz arrives for the gala presentation of “Twice Born” at the 37th Toronto International Film Festival, on 13 Sept, 2012. REUTERS

Documentaries generate buzz at Toronto film festival

TORONTO, 16 Sept—Documentaries are making waves at the Toronto film festival, exploring subjects ranging from abuse in the Catholic Church to brutal massacres in Indonesia, often in novel ways.

For the first time ever in Toronto, two non-music based documentaries were given the star treatment at the festival, with gala screenings of Liz Garbus’ “Love, Marilyn” about Marilyn Monroe and Shola Lynch’s “Free Angela and All Political Prisoners” about US civil rights activist Angela Davis.

The 10-day Toronto International Film Festival, which ends on Sunday, serves as a kickoff to Hollywood’s awards season and is considered a top venue for building documentary buzz.

Drawing headlines for its unusual style and brutal content, Joshua Oppenheimer’s “The Act of Killing” gives first-hand accounts of the military coup of Indonesia in 1965, which resulted in the deaths of more than one

million alleged communists and ethnic Chinese.

The film follows the aging gangsters who perpetrated the killings and who remain national heroes in Indonesia.

Rather than have the men just recount their crimes, Oppenheimer allows them to gleefully re-enact the killings for his cameras, creating a chilling “film within the film” where the killers play both executioner and victim.

“I wanted to understand how do these people, and how does this society, imagine itself in such a way that this can be something to be celebrated,” said Oppenheimer, a US director now based in London.

With a handful of reviews in, the film is described as “bizarre, hypnotic, audacious” by the Globe and Mail, while Variety notes that the complex narrative often loses its thread.

“Still, essential and enraging, ‘The Act of Killing’ is a film that begs to be seen, then never watched again,” Variety concludes.

Reuters

“The Master”: What critics are saying

LOS ANGELES, 16 Sept— “The Master,” Paul Thomas Anderson’s new film about a religion with a strong whiff of Scientology, is finding a following among critics, who are falling over themselves to find synonyms for “masterpiece.”

Raves about the film are piling up, with reviewers like Rolling Stone’s Peter Travers calling it among the year’s best. Overall, the film has scored a smashing 85 percent “fresh” rating on the critics aggregation site Rotten Tomatoes.

“The Master” opens in limited release Friday and stars Philip Seymour Hoffman as a pseudo-prophet of the post-World War II era with the colourful name of Lancaster Dodd and Joaquin Phoenix as his mentally disturbed disciple. It marks Anderson’s first film since 2007’s Oscar-winning “There Will Be Blood.”

In the *Los Angeles Times*, Kenneth Turan noted that the dark drama is not for all tastes, but he said that “The Master” is a mesmerizing journey that will be embraced by movie lovers.

He heaped praise on the performances and the craftsmanship behind the production. “That dedication to immaculate filmmaking extends to all areas, including Jonny Greenwood’s brooding music, Mark Bridges’ costumes and the editing by Leslie Jones and Peter McNulty,” Turan wrote. “All have worked with Anderson and his elusive style before, and if you appreciate filmmaking at this level you are more than grateful that it’s happened again.”

Also taken in by the often opaque examination of religious charlatanry was *The New York Times*’ resident sage AO Scott, who labeled it “altogether amazing.” He noted that while some may fault



Cast member Amy Adams talks to television reporters as she arrives for the premiere of “The Master” in New York on 11 Sept, 2012.—REUTERS

Anderson for falling short of his outsized ambitions, his film - from the acting of Phoenix and Hoffman to the lush visuals — represents a stunning achievement.

“It is a movie about the lure and folly of greatness that comes as close as anything I’ve seen recently to being a great movie,” Scott wrote. “There will be skeptics, but the cult is already forming. Count me in.”

Writing in MSN Movies, Glenn Kenny wasn’t content with simply calling the film one of the year’s best. He claims that Anderson’s distilled and penetrating approach to the story deserves to rank among the all-time greats.

“He’s just making it up as he goes along,” one character says of Dodd’s ‘Cause’ late in the film,” Kenny writes. “‘The Master’ doesn’t condemn Dodd for that; in fact, one takeaway from the movie is that that’s exactly what we’re all doing.—Reuters

International Sports



Manchester United's Alexander Buttner (C) celebrates his goal against Wigan Athletic with team mates during their English Premier League soccer match at Old Trafford in Manchester, northern England, on 15 September, 2012.—REUTERS

LONDON, 16 Sept—Manchester United and Arsenal enjoyed emphatic home wins over Wigan Athletic and Southampton respectively on Saturday to join Chelsea and Manchester City in the top four and give the Premier League summit a familiar feel.

United beat Wigan 4-0 at Old Trafford, with Paul Scholes among the scorers on his 700th appearance for the club, while Arsenal hammered Southampton 6-1 at the Emirates to hand the promoted side a fourth straight defeat leaving them bottom.

Chelsea and City failed to win but the European champions stayed top after the west London derby at Queens Park Rangers finished in a 0-0 stalemate

ending their 100 percent record. Champions Manchester City also dropped points in a 1-1 draw at Stoke City where Peter Crouch put the home side ahead with the clear use of his arm before Spaniard Javi Garcia replied with a debut header from a Carlos Tevez cross.

City manager Roberto Mancini was upset Crouch's goal was allowed to stand, saying: "If we talk about their goal, it was not football but basketball, I don't know how it was possible that the referee did not see it".

Former England striker Michael Owen, hoping to revive his career at Stoke, came on too late to make an impact.

Leaders Chelsea have

United and Arsenal give top four familiar feel

10 points from four matches followed by Manchester United (9), Arsenal (8) and Manchester City (8).

In the late game, Liverpool drew 1-1 at Sunderland leaving them in 17th place with just two points from their opening four games—their worst league start for 101 years.

The build-up to the match at Loftus Road was overshadowed by whether QPR's Anton Ferdinand would shake hands with Chelsea's John Terry and Ashley Cole after Terry was cleared in court of racially abusing Ferdinand in the same fixture last season.

Cole defended his team mate in the court case in July, and in the event Ferdinand

snubbed them both while the visiting players were given a torrid afternoon by the home fans.

Both teams had chances to win until the dying moments and Chelsea manager Roberto di Matteo said he was pleased to leave with a point. "For us, Loftus Road is a very difficult ground because of the history between the clubs but we will take a point, and we are still top at the moment," said the Italian.

United closed to within a point of Chelsea with victory over Wigan but they struggled at first and missed the chance to take the lead in the third minute when they got a fortunate penalty.

Reuters



Arsenal's Theo Walcott shoots and scores against Southampton during their English Premier League soccer match at the Emirates Stadium in London on 15 Sept, 2012.—REUTERS



Barcelona's Carles Puyol (TOP) and Getafe's Adrian Colunga challenge for the ball during their Spanish first division soccer match at Coliseum Alfonso Perez stadium in Getafe, near Madrid, on 15 September, 2012. REUTERS

Barca's Puyol facing six weeks out with knee injury

Soccer

MADRID, 16 Sept—Barcelona captain Carles Puyol faces four to six weeks on the sidelines after falling awkwardly and twisting ligaments in his left knee in their 4-1 La Liga win at Getafe on Saturday, the club said in a statement on Saturday.

The 34-year-old tried to play on after having some treatment on the touchline following the incident, but lasted only a few more minutes before giving way to Javier Mascherano in the 57th.

"Puyol is very important for us and we hope he recovers soon," Barca coach Tito Vilanova told a post-match news conference. "We always

seem to have problems with injuries to the central defenders."

Puyol had just returned to action after fracturing a cheekbone against Osasuna last month and had surgery on his right knee back in May which forced him to miss Spain's triumphant Euro 2012 campaign.

If tests on Sunday confirm the initial assessment, Puyol will miss Barcelona's opening Champions League game at home to Spartak Moscow on Wednesday and the visit of Spanish champions Real Madrid in the league on 7 Oct.

Reuters

Czechs go 2-1 up as injured Del Potro pulls out

Tennis

BUENOS AIRES, 16 Sept—Czech Republic's path to the Davis Cup final was wide open after they won the doubles on Saturday and Argentine Juan Martin del Potro pulled out of the reverse singles. World number eight Del Potro almost withdrew from the semi-final at Parque Roca earlier this week due to pain in his right wrist.

"Juan Martin will not be in tomorrow's first singles against Tomas Berdych and he will be replaced by Carlos Berlocq," captain Martin Jaite told a news conference.

Del Potro opened up for Argentina with a three-set victory over Radek Stepanek on Friday before world number six Berdych overcame Juan Monaco in five sets to level the tie at 1-1.

Berdych and Stepanek then teamed up on Saturday to win the doubles 6-3, 6-4, 6-3 against Berlocq and Eduardo Schwank.

"Juan Martin finished yesterday's match in quite a bit more pain than the previous days. He's not in

condition to play," said Argentina team doctor Miguel Khoury. "He will not move his wrist for 10 days. That's the best decision for Juan Martin and the team."

Former US Open champion Del Potro, who missed most of the 2010 season after having surgery on the same wrist, was recommended two weeks of rest by his doctor but decided to make himself available to Jaite on Wednesday.

He said on Friday he decided to play because of massive support from Argentine fans.

Without Del Potro, Argentina's chances of bouncing back are minimal.

Berdych should have little trouble brushing aside world number 45 Berlocq, who is playing in his first Davis Cup tie at the age of 29, and Stepanek faces world number 11 Monaco in the final rubber.

Reuters



Tomas Berdych (L) and Radek Stepanek of Czech Republic celebrate after winning their Davis Cup World Group doubles match against Eduardo Schwank and Carlos Berlocq of Argentina in Buenos Aires on 15 Sept, 2012.—REUTERS

Hoyle record 64 helps Jiyai Shin storm five shots clear

Golf

LONDON, 16 Sept—Jiyai Shin broke the women's course record at Hoyle on Saturday, a blistering eight-under 64 pushing the South Korean five strokes clear of the field after the weather-delayed British Open second round.

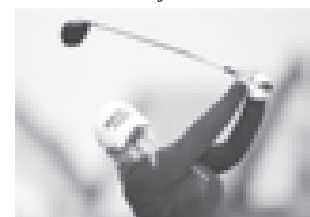
Compatriot Inbee Park (68) was in second place on four-under 140 at the final major championship of the year. Japan's Mika Miyazato (70) and seven-times major winner Karrie Webb of Australia (70) shared third spot on 141.

Shin hit all 18 greens in regulation, never found a bunker and only missed one fairway as she fired six birdies

and an eagle. "I can't believe the way I hit it, 64 shots today on this course which is really tough," she told reporters. "On the back nine it was blowing a very strong wind but I just stayed focused on my tempo." Gusts of up to 60mph had caused havoc on Friday. The players found it difficult to keep their golf balls on the green or the tee and play was suspended for the day after only 78 minutes with all scores scrapped. The final 36 holes will now be played on Sunday. Shin made a confident start on Saturday by chipping in from 30 yards for an eagle three at the 10th.

She followed up with a hat-trick of birdies before

picking up another stroke at the 16th. Shin made further inroads on par at the fourth and seventh to post her best round in a major.—Reuters



South Korea's Jiyai Shin plays her tee shot on the third hole during the second round of the British Women's Open Golf tournament at Royal Liverpool Golf Club, northern England, on 15 Sept, 2012.—REUTERS

Brother of Kaka signs with New York Red Bulls

RIO DE JANEIRO, 16 Sept—The younger brother of Real Madrid and Brazil midfielder Kaka has signed a deal to play with Major League Soccer outfit New York Red Bulls.

Rodrigo Izcson dos Santos Leite, known as Digao, agreed to a one-year contract on Friday after impressing coaching staff during a week-long trial, Uol reported.

"We want to continue evaluating him for the remainder of the season," Red Bulls sporting director Erik Soler said. "He has earned a solid amount of experience for a number of European sides and we are glad to add him to our roster."

Among Digao's new teammates is former Arsenal and France international forward Thierry Henry, who signed with the club in 2010. Digao, a 194cm central defender, has not played since being released by AC Milan in 2011.—Xinhua

Focus Myanmar TV Programme

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1. Paritta By Venerable Mingun Sayadaw

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2. To Be Healthy Exercise

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3. Nice & Sweet Song

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4. Dance Of National Races

8:15 am

5. Cute Little Dancers

8:25 am

6. Selected Songs For 19th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions (2012) (Modern Song) (Amateur (Second) Division Level) (Women)

4:00 pm

7. Martial Song

4:10 pm

8. Dance Variety

4:30 pm

9. Teleplay (Traffic)

4:40 pm

10. University of Distance Education (TV Lectures) - Second Year (Economic)

5:00 pm

11. Music Programme (The Radio Myanmar Modern Music Troupe)

5:10 pm

12. Documentary

5:25 pm

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6:30 pm

14. Sing & Enjoy

8:00 pm

15. News

16. Cartoon Series

17. TV Drama Series

18. India Drama Series

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas

Weather forecast for 17 th September, 2012					
Sr. No.	Regions/States	Temperature (°C/°F)		For Tomorrow	
		Maximum	Minimum	Forecast	Percent
1	Kachin	29/84	24/75	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)
2	Kayah	28/82	21/70	Scattered rain or thundershowers	(100%)
3	Kayin	34/93	23/73	Scattered rain or thundershowers	(100%)
4	Chin	21/70	17/63	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)
5	Upper Sagaing	25/77	23/73	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)
6	Lower Sagaing	31/88	25/77	Scattered rain or thundershowers	(100%)
7	Taninthayi	30/86	22/72	Widespread rain or thundershowers (IH)	(100%)
8	Bago	33/91	25/77	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)
9	Magway	34/93	26/79	Scattered rain or thundershowers	(100%)
10	Mandalay	34/93	27/81	Scattered rain or thundershowers	(100%)
11	Mon	33/91	24/75	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)
12	Yangon	33/91	22/72	Widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)
13	Rakhine	31/88	22/72	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)
14	Southern Shan	24/75	19/66	Scattered rain or thundershowers	(100%)
15	Northern Shan	27/81	20/68	Scattered rain or thundershowers	(100%)
16	Eastern Shan	24/75	20/68	Scattered rain or thundershowers	(100%)
17	Ayeyawady	30/86	23/73	Widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)
18	Neighbouring Nay Pyi Taw	35/95	24/75	Isolated rain or thundershowers	(80%)
19	Neighbouring Yangon	33/91	22/72	One to two rain or thundershowers	(100%)
20	Neighbouring Mandalay	34/93	27/81	Isolated rain or thundershowers	(100%)
Summary of observations at 09:30 hr MST on today		During the past (24) hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Kayin State, rain or thundershowers have been scattered in Mandalay and Magway Regions, Kayah and Mon States, fairly widespread in Lower Sagaing, Bago and Yangon Regions, Kachin, Shan and Rakhine States and widespread in the remaining Regions and States with isolated heavy falls in Yangon Region. The noteworthy amount of rainfall recorded were Kyungyangon (3.35) inches, Homalin (2.92) inches, Mawlaik (1.93) inches, Patheingyi (1.81) inches, Gwa (1.38) inches and Dawei (1.34) inches.			
Bay Inference		Monsoon is moderate to strong in the Andaman Sea and Bay of Bengal.			
State of the Sea		Squalls with moderate to rough sea are likely at times off and along Myanmar Coasts. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (35) mph.			
Outlook for subsequent two days		Likelihood of increase of rain in the extreme Southern Myanmar areas.			

District News

Landslides occur at bank of Sittoung River

TOUNGGOO, 16 Sept—Sittoung River was swollen exceeding its danger level three times this year.

After subsiding water, landslides occurred at Ywadanshay Village of West Hsin Village-tract in Toungoo Township. Thus, a total of 26 houses quickly moved to the safe places.

Myanma Alin

Martinez survives knockdown, defeats Chavez to reclaim title

LAS VEGAS, 16 Sept—Argentina’s Sergio Martinez survived a torrid final round to defeat Julio Cesar Chavez Jr and claim the WBC middleweight title in Las Vegas on Saturday. A series of Chavez left hands early in the final round knocked Martinez down, and had him badly hurt but the challenger returned fire and hung on to reach the final bell in a fight that, until the knockdown, he had been dominating.

“Julio fought a great fight,” Martinez said. “He showed he had heart right until the end.” Until the final round, the 37-year-old Martinez, 50-2-2 (28 KOs), was far too fast and skillful for Chavez, 46-1-1 (32 KOs). He bloodied his opponents’ nose and closed his left eye with southpaw right jabs and straight left hands, and progressively weakened him with left hands to the body. For his part, Chavez seemed intent on attempting to pin the smaller Martinez in a corner or against the ropes and dig to the body with hooks and uppercuts.

But each time it appeared he might be starting to turn the

Sergio Martinez of Argentina celebrates after fighting Julio Cesar Chavez Jr of Mexico at the Thomas & Mack Centre in Las Vegas, Nevada on 15 Sept, 2012.— REUTERS

momentum in his favour, Martinez would respond, repeatedly succeeding in spinning away or returning fire. “I was 20 seconds away from knocking him out,” Chavez said.

“I started way too late. Going into the fight, I thought I was going to be able to do all night what I did in that final round. “A rematch is justified.”—Reuters

Britain’s new Culture Secretary urges TV channels to show more women’s sports

LONDON, 16 Sept—Britain’s new Culture Secretary Maria Miller on Saturday urged the television channels to show more women’s sports after the success of Jessica Ennis and other female athletes in the Olympics. *The Daily Telegraph* said that in a letter to broadcasters, Miller ordered them to stop burying coverage of women’s football, rugby, cricket and tennis in their schedules.

She wants television channels to carry on the mainstream coverage the BBC gave to women in the Olympics when 16 million people tuned in to watch Jessica Ennis take gold in the heptathlon.

One of her biggest worries is that broadcasters will fail to capitalise on the public appetite for watching women’s sport that grew over the summer. She said there is a real risk that “football will dominate again and the names of our female Olympic and Paralympic stars fade into the background”.

In her letter to Lord Patten, the BBC chairman, Miller called on the BBC to “keep the momentum going” by improving coverage of women’s sport throughout the year.—Xinhua

Soccer Real lose at Sevilla, Messi double for Barca

MADRID, 16 Sept—Real Madrid’s stuttering start to La Liga continued when they lost 1-0 at Sevilla to slip eight points behind leaders Barcelona who were 4-1 victors at Getafe earlier on Saturday.

With only one win and a draw from their first three games, champions Real were under pressure to react after Lionel Messi came off the bench to score twice and help Barca maintain their 100 percent record.

Sevilla’s Piotr Trochowski netted at a corner in the second minute and Real labored in their bid to equalize in a bruising and bad-tempered battle at the Sanchez Pizjuan.

Barca are top with 12 points from four games, two ahead of second-placed Malaga who were 3-1 winners at home to Levante. Sevilla rose to third on eight points and Real are 10th.

The scene was set in the opening minutes in Seville when Poland midfielder

Trochowski arrived late and unmarked at a corner to hammer a volley into the roof of the net. Almost immediately there was a melee at the other end of the pitch as tackles flew in thick and fast and tempers flared. It was almost a miracle that both sides finished with 11 men.

Real, who host Manchester City in one of the most attractive of the Champions League openers on Tuesday, struggled to test experienced keeper Andres Palop while Cristiano Ronaldo had a quiet game.

Substitute Luka Modric had a shot tipped on to the post in the second half and Sergio Ramos headed over a gaping goal but as the game stretched out either side could have scored in a breathless finale.

At Getafe, World Player of the Year Messi started as a substitute in a league game for the first time in a year as he was given a breather after midweek international duty.

Reuters

Barcelona’s Lionel Messi scores from the penalty spot against Getafe during their Spanish first division soccer match at Coliseum Alfonso Perez stadium in Getafe, near Madrid, on 15 Sept, 2012.— REUTERS

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Pyithu Hluttaw delegation led by Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann leaves for Australia, Singapore to pay goodwill visits

YANGON, 16 Sept— At the invitations of Speaker of Australian House of Representatives Mr. Peter Neil Slipper, President of Australian Senate Mr. John Hogg and Speaker of Singaporean Parliament Mr. Michael Palmer, a Pyithu Hluttaw goodwill delegation led by Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw Thura U Shwe Mann left here by air this evening to pay goodwill visits to Australia and the Republic of Singapore.

They were seen off at the Yangon International Airport by Deputy Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw U Nanda Kyaw Swa, Yangon Region Chief Minister U Myint Swe, Yangon Region Hluttaw Speaker U Sein Tin Win and Hluttaw representatives, Singaporean Ambassador to Myanmar Mr. Robert Chua, Australian Charge d’ Affaires Ms. Ruth Stewart

and officials from Hluttaw office.

Planning and Financial Development Committee Chairman U Soe Tha, Economic and Trade Development Committee Chairman U Maung Maung Thein, Chairman of International Relations Committee U Hla Myint Oo, Chairman of Transport, Communications and Construction Committee U Thein Swe, Chairman of Investment and Industrial Development Committee U Htay Myint and responsible personnel from Hluttaw office were accompanied Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann.—MNA

Pyithu Hluttaw delegation led by Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann seen at Yangon International Airport before departure for Australia and Singapore.—MNA



Myanmar traditional boat race at Meiktila PhaungdawU Buddha Pujaniya



MEIKTILA, 16 Sept—Myanmar traditional boat race will be held in the 129th Buddha Pujaniya of ancient PhaungdawU Pagoda in Myoma Ward of Meiktila soon.

“Laung boat race is included in the festivities of the Buddha Pujaniya of PhaungdawU Pagoda annually. Local people from Nwasantaung, Inpetlet, Oknhebok, Lukhin and Nandawgon around Meiktila Lake take part in the boat race. The race was categorized into two classes. The first prize winner in the junior class is qualified for taking part in the senior class next year. The three-successive-year winners in the senior

class will possess championship shield. Both races are under rules for three round matches,” said a member of the boat race organizing committee.

In the contest, two contestant boats in their ways are to take part in the 500 feet long route. Before the boat race, all the boats are to pay respects to PhaungdawU Pagoda near the finishing line to be free from dangers along their competitions.

This year, six boat teams in senior class and 11 in junior class, totaling 17 will take part in the boat race.

Kyemon

Llorente makes scoring return as Bilbao draw

MADRID, 16 Sept—Spain striker Fernando Llorente came off the substitutes’ bench and scored with his first touch as he returned to help Athletic Bilbao grab a thrilling 3-3 draw at Espanyol in La Liga on Sunday.

The 27-year-old, who had asked for a transfer in the close season and been linked in the media with a move to Juventus, was brought on for his first appearance in the league this season after 69 minutes.

With his side losing 2-1, he broke away and fired low across the goal to equalise two minutes later, celebrating with a huge roar to the small contingent of travelling fans.

Espanyol had stormed ahead in the first half with goals from Javi Lopez and Joan Verdu. Bilbao started their fightback when Aritz Aduriz headed home in the 56th but, after Llorente levelled, Samuele Longo sprinted clear to net a third for the hosts with 10 minutes remaining.

Longo was sent off for a second bookable offence as he celebrated with Espanyol fans in the stands, and Aduriz bagged his second goal with a spectacular volley soon after to earn a point for Bilbao.

Marcelo Bielsa’s side, who reached the finals of the Europa League and King’s Cup last season, have now scored eight goals in their first four games and lie 13th in the standings with four points.

Barcelona top the table

with the only perfect record in La Liga with 12 points after hammering Getafe 4-1 away on Saturday.

Malaga are second with 10 points after their 3-1 triumph over Levante, while stuttering champions Real Madrid are 10th with four points following their 1-0 defeat at Sevilla.

Reuters



File photo shows Spain’s Fernando Llorente holds up the trophy after defeating Italy to win the Euro 2012 Euro 2012 final soccer match at the Olympic stadium in Kiev, July 1, 2012.—REUTERS

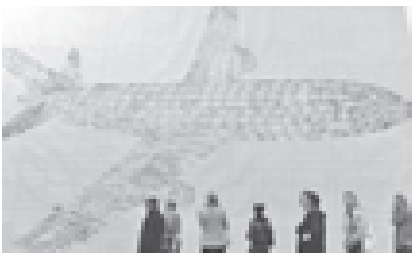
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China’s top legislator starts visit to Sri Lanka



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Visitors look at the work “Airplane” at the DOCUMENTA (13) fair for contemporary art on 15 Sept, 2012 in Kassel, central Germany. The exhibition of modern and contemporary art will end on 16 Sept, 2012.

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Performers participate in a celebration parade marking the opening of Shanghai Tourism Festival 2012, in east China’s Shanghai, on 15 Sept, 2012. A total of 21 floats and 30 performing teams participated in the parade here on Saturday.

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United and Arsenal give top four familiar feel



Arsenal’s Theo Walcott shoots and scores against Southampton during their English Premier League soccer match at the Emirates Stadium in London on 15 Sept, 2012.

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