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Our Three Main National Causes

* Non-disintegration of the Union

* Non-disintegration of National Solidarity

* Perpetuation of Sovereignty

Floods and inundation cannot be prevented totally but preventive measures for minimizing loss and waste to be taken

NAY PYI TAW, 17 Sept— Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham, accompanied by the Shan State Chief Minister, deputy ministers and departmental heads, saw the site for construction of Lashio Education College yesterday morning.

At the briefing hall of the former plot of University of Computer Studies, Deputy Director-General U Ko Ko Tin of Education Planning and Training Department reported to the Vice-President on construction of Lashio Education College and lay-out plan of the building.

As the Vice-President raised questions he wanted to know, the Deputy Director-General and the principal of Lashio University of Computer Studies reported on opening of the UCS in the past, academic matters and availability of water. Deputy Minister U Ba Shwe and the Chief Minister of Shan State gave supplementary reports.

After hearing reports, Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham asked about organizational setup of faculty members for the college, number of staff and trainees. He stressed the need to give priority to qualification of the students more than the quantity and strive for turning out well-versed persons like those of ASEAN countries in the ASEAN Community.



Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham meeting with flood victims at Aung Mingala Hall in Theinni Township.

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Next, the Vice-President and party inspected the lecture hall of the former University of Computer Studies.

On arrival at No 22 Basic Education Post-Primary School in Lashio, the Vice-President and party looked round the school buildings.

The Vice-President instructed officials to upgrade the post-primary school if it is in conformity with the prescribed standard and improve the entrance road to the school.

At the bridge near Nampachi Lake between mile posts No 2/1 and 2/2 on

Lashio-Mansan Road, the Shan State Superintending Engineer submitted the reports that heavy rains flooded the bridge and road section; and a plan is under way to upgrade the existing bridge and build the retaining walls for prevention against floods.

The Vice-President gave instructions on construction of the bridge meeting set standards and viewed the bridge and its environs flooded.

At Aung Mingala Hall in Theinni, the Vice-President met flood victims of Theinni Township.

Speaking on the occasion, Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham said that he and his entourage were there to provide assistance to flood victims in Theinni due to heavy rains and floods last month and to solve other social and economic problems.

He said that this year's rainfall is more than previous years, damaging 200/300 acres of farmlands in Theinni Township. Hundreds of thousand acres of farmlands were damaged in floods in Ayeyawady, Yangon and Bago regions. Loss and damages of farmlands in the

township was lesser than that of above-mentioned regions. He said that he arrived there to provide quality strains of paddy seeds for re-cultivation in the flooded farmlands. (See page 8)

Myanmar martial arts delegation leaves for Vietnam

YANGON, 17 Sept—A delegation of Myanmar Martial Arts Federation including Vice-Presidents U Ye Myint and Daw Yup Hsai Bein, Secretary U Myo Naing left here by air on 15 September afternoon to attend the meeting to be held from 15 to 18 September to insert Vovinam sport of Vietnam in the XXVII SEA Games to be hosted by Myanmar.

They were seen off at Yangon International Airport by executives and officials of MMAF.

The Myanmar Olympic Committee Chairman's Cup Myanmar Bando Attack Contest will be held from 22 to 26 September. Outstanding athletes will be selected and trained in Vovinam sport.—Myanma Alin

Shuttle Endeavour embarking on new mission to Los Angeles museum



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Al Ahli avoid semi-final with cup holders Esperance



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Gold price in Myanmar sets new record

YANGON, 17 Sept—The price of gold in Myanmar is hiking day by day like world's gold price.

The price of gold that has been raising since early 2012 set a record of price at K 794,000 per tical or US\$ 1773 per tical on 14 September, in accord with the records of Yangon Region Gold Entrepreneurs Association.

The new price broke the old record of K 768,000 per tical on 21 August.

"Now, all the persons obtain the profits from selling and buying gold," said a gold entrepreneur from Shwebontha Street.



Most of the gold entrepreneurs forecast that price of gold in Myanmar may be K 800,000 per tical soon.

Myanma Alin

NATIONAL

MYANMAR GAZETTE

The President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar has transferred the following persons as heads of service organizations shown against each from the date they assume charge of their duties.

Name	Appointment
(1) U Min Zaw Director-General President Office	Director-General No. 3 Basic Education Department Ministry of Education
(2) U Tin Myo Kyi Director-General Union Government Office	Director-General No. 2 Basic Education Department Ministry of Education
(3) U Eikdi Hla Managing Director Myanma Posts and Telecommunications Ministry of Communications, Posts and Telegraphs	Director-General No. 1 Basic Education Department Ministry of Education
(4) U Zaw Min Oo Managing Director News and Periodicals Enterprise Ministry of Information	Principal Central Institute of Transport and Communications Ministry of Rail Transportation
(5) U Myo Hlaing Director-General Education and Training Department Ministry of Border Affairs	Director-General Sports and Physical Education Department Ministry of Sports

Myanmar-China Petroleum and Natural Gas Pipeline Project donates cash and kind for education, health and regional development sectors

NAY PYI TAW, 17 Sept—Supervised by the Ministry of Energy, China-Myanmar natural gas pipeline project donated cash and kind for socioeconomic development of local in education, health and regional developmental sectors in Singaing, Myittha and Kyaukpadaung Townships in Mandalay Region.

On 15 September morning, the handing over of one patient's ward (48-bed), five rural health care centers and two basic education primary schools were held at people's hospital in Singaing Township. The ceremony was attended by Union Minister for Energy U Than Htay, Union Minister for Education Dr Mya Aye, Mandalay Region Chief Minister U Ye Myint, Deputy Health Minister Dr Daw Thein Htay, Chinese Consul-General to Myanmar Mr. Yu Bo Ren, Vice-President Mr. Lino Yong Yuan and officials from China National Pipeline Corporation, Singaing Township Hluttaw representatives and local people.

At the ceremony, the president of SEAOP Pipeline Company handed over documents related to schools and health buildings to Region Education Officer U Soe Myint Tun and Region Head of Health Department Dr Moe Swe.

The opening of patient's ward (48-bed), Kyidawgon BEPS in Myittha Township, Kyarnikan rural



health care center in Patheingyi Township and handing over of tube wells were followed.

SEAOP Pipeline Company which is being jointly-established by Myanmar Oil and Gas Enterprise under the Ministry of Energy and China National Petroleum Corporation of China have been implementing two Myanmar-China petroleum and natural gas pipeline projects. In 2011, the company made US\$ 6 million as initial donation. South-East Asia Crude Pipeline Company and SEAOP Pipeline Company will be contributed to US\$ 2 million yearly.

A total of US\$ 206,263.34 worth education, health and social buildings have been donated in Rakhine State, Magway and Mandalay Regions and Shan State. At today's ceremony, schools, hospital, clinic and tube wells

worth US\$ 435,457.98 in Mandalay Region were donated. Union Minister U Than Htay said that today's ceremony aimed at contributing

priority to poor development states and all people are urged to help complete the project for long-term interests of the State.—MNA

NATIONAL SPORTS

Basic wrestling course concludes

YANGON, 17 Sept—The basic wrestling course, jointly conducted by Sports Ministry and Myanmar Wrestling Federation, concluded at National Indoor Stadium-1 in Thuwunna of Thingangyun Township on 14 September afternoon.

Deputy Director U Zaw Win of Sports and Physical Education Department made a concluding remark. General Secretary of MWF Dr Aung Kyaw Hsan explained the conducting of the training course.

Technical Officer Mr Omer Celik of the federation presented certificates of honour to responsible persons from Pansabei and Kyonhtoe garment factories that donated tracksuits to the federation.

Assistant Director U Thurein Tun of SPED gave completion certificates to the trainees.

A total of 37 men and two women attended the course. A plan is under way to pick out outstanding trainees from the course and enthusiasts from regions and states as tentatively selected players. Those wishing to join the sport may dial 0973254966 of the federation, 09-421718126 of the in-charge of the sport event and 09-5188224 of the secretary.—Myanma Alin

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(3) U Aung Maw Director Union Government Office	Managing Director Myanma Posts and Telecommunications Ministry of Communications, Posts and Telegraphs
(4) U Kyaw Soe Deputy Director-General Ministry of Education	Managing Director News and Periodicals Enterprise Ministry of Information
(5) U San Shwe Aung Deputy Director-General Ministry of Communications, Posts and Telegraphs	Director-General Education and Training Department Ministry of Border Affairs
(6) U Maung Maung Win Vice-Governor Central Bank of Myanmar	Director-General Budget Department Ministry of Finance and Revenue
(7) U Nay Aye Vice-Governor Central Bank of Myanmar	Director-General Environmental Conservation Department Ministry of Environmental Conservation and Forestry
(8) U Tint Swe Deputy Director-General Ministry of Information	Director-General Information and Public Relations Department Ministry of Information

Union Minister for Energy U Than Htay cordially greets local people at the handing over of tube well.
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Establishment of public company in Kachin State discussed

NAY PYI TAW, 17 Sept—A coordination meeting for establishment of public company in Kachin State was held at the State Government Office, on 15 September morning, attended by State Chief Minister U La John Ngan Hsai.

The state ministers, State Government Secretary U Min Chit Oo, the

entrepreneurs made discussion on establishment of public company.

Next, the State Chief Minister inspected 662 bags of rice uploading to F-28 Fokker of Myanma Airways at 1 pm.

The State Government has delivered 2722 bags of rice to Putao District from 24 July to 15 September.—MNA

District News

Son steals K 9 million from father

YANGON, 17 Sept—A theft case occurred in Mingala Taungnyunt on 3 September.

At 10.30 am, Myo Min, 18, son of U Win Naing left the house on Myayagon Street in Thabyegon Ward of Mingala Taungnyunt Township, hugging his school bag to his chest. Before leaving there, he told his father that he would attend the tuition.

At 12 noon, the teacher from the tuition informed U Win Naing that he was absentia in tuition. Therefore, U Win Naing checked his room. So, he knew that he lost K 9 million from his iron box. Thus, U Win Naing opened a file of lawsuit at Mingala Taungnyunt Police Station under Section 380 on 12 September.

The police are trying to arrest the crime broker.

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WORLD

Libyan leader says 50 arrested in US consulate attack

LIBYA

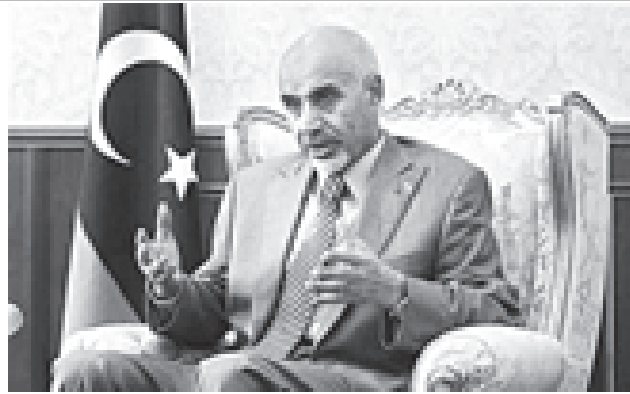
WASHINGTON, 17 Sept — Libyan leader Mohammed Magarief said on Sunday that about 50 people have been arrested in connection with the deadly attack on the US consulate in Benghazi last week, which he said was planned by foreigners linked to al-Qaeda. The attack on Tuesday in Benghazi came amid protests over a video made in the United States that Muslims saw as blaspheming the Prophet Mohammad. It resulted in the deaths of the US ambassador to Libya and three other Americans.

Magarief, in an interview on CBS's "Face the Nation," said some of those

arrested were not Libyans and were linked to al-Qaeda, the militant Muslim group that carried out the 9/11 attacks on the United States. Magarief, who became president of the national assembly after the bloody US-backed ouster of Muammar Gaddafi, described others as affiliates or sympathizers. "It was definitely planned by foreigners, by people who entered the country a few months ago and they were planning criminal acts since their arrival," Magarief said, adding that some were from Mali and Algeria.

He said the security situation in Libya remained "difficult" for Americans, as

well as for Libyans. The United States wants the FBI to investigate the consulate attack, but Magarief said it may be too soon to send in investigators. "It may be better for them to stay away for a little while until we do what we have to do ourselves," he said. Magarief said there was little doubt the assault was planned rather than a spontaneous reaction to the video, citing the fact that it came on the 11th anniversary of the 9/11 attacks. "These ugly deeds, criminal deeds, directed against late Ambassador Chris Stevens and his colleagues do not resemble in any way, in any sense, the



President of the newly-empowered Libyan national assembly, Mohammed Magarief speaks to Reuters, in Tripoli on 11 Aug, 2012.— REUTERS

aspirations, feelings of the Libyans toward the United States and its citizens," he said.

The US ambassador to the United Nations, Susan Rice, said on Sunday talks shows that preliminary information indicated that the consulate attack was not

planned. "There's no question, as we've seen in the past with things like 'The Satanic Verses,' with the cartoon of the Prophet Mohammad, there have been such things that have sparked outrage and anger and this has been the proximate cause of what we've seen," she said.— Reuters

EGYPT

UN envoy Brahimi arrives in Cairo, may meet Morsi

CAIRO, 17 Sept — The UN-Arab League (AL) joint representative to Syria Lakhdar Brahimi arrived in Cairo on Sunday and will probably hold a meeting with Egyptian President Mohamed Morsi as part of his regional mediating efforts to end the bloodshed in unrest-torn Syria, his spokesman Ahmed Fawzy said. Brahimi arrived in Cairo for a second time in one week to exert diplomatic efforts to tackle the pressing issue of Syrian people's suffering in the violence plaguing their country.

Prior to coming to Egypt, Brahimi held intensive talks with top Syrian officials in Damascus, including Syrian President Bashar al-Assad, as well as members from the opposition and the civil society, official news agency MENA quoted a statement by Fawzy as saying. "Brahimi listened to all parties in regards to the crisis and ways to solve it," added Fawzy, quoting the representative's words as saying that "tackling the crisis needs first to stop the bloodshed, and then to search for a political method to move towards achieving the Syrian people's aspiration."— Xinhua

US

Obama crams for debates, works on being concise

US President Barack Obama waves as he returns to the White House in Washington on 13 Sept, 2012, after campaigning in Colorado. REUTERS



CHICAGO, 17 Sept — On long flights to swing states in the West and late nights at the White House after his children have gone to bed, President Barack Obama is cramming like a student for a

test that could determine his political future. The subject? His opponent, Republican presidential nominee Mitt Romney. The test? His face-off with the former Massachusetts governor at

their first one-on-one debate next month. With the race still tight despite Obama's slight lead in the polls, the stakes are high for both men to perform well at the three debates this fall and gain momentum toward sealing the 6 November election. Forced to juggle his governing and campaigning responsibilities, Obama is squeezing in debate prep when he can.

"We don't have the same luxury that Romney does in terms of time," Obama's chief campaign strategist David Axelrod said. That means Obama uses flights to Nevada, Colorado

and other election swing states on Air Force One to read up on Romney's positions, or studies in the evenings at the White House when he's in town. "He's spent a lot of time reading material and most of it is familiarizing himself with what Governor Romney said in this campaign," Axelrod said. "I mean, he's pretty conversant with his own record but he wasn't very conversant with Romney's."

Obama will sharpen his debating skills against Senator John Kerry, the 2004 Democratic presidential nominee, who will play Romney in mock sessions.

Aides want him to work on being brief—a departure from his tendency to be long-winded, which can turn off TV viewers and make him look aloof.

"He's got to speak shorter, that's all," Axelrod said. "He just hasn't had to do that for the last four years so that's a part of the discipline of preparing for these debates." Romney's sparring partner is Ohio Senator Rob Portman, who has played the president in several mock debates in recent weeks. Portman told reporters on Friday that Romney was "doing great."

Reuters

Romney enters critical phase, will talk up economic plan

US

BURLINGTON, 17 Sept — Republican presidential candidate Mitt Romney plans to talk up some specifics of his economic proposals as he enters a critical period of his campaign and tries to erase a small lead that President Barack Obama has built in the polls. Romney's challenge is to keep it close until the campaign goes into its conclusive phase next month, when he and Obama met on 3 October for the first of three presidential debates that will dominate the final weeks leading up to the 6 November election.

In a race defined by the weakness of the US economy, Romney needs to convince voters that they can trust him as the Obama campaign tries to raise doubts about the economic proposals he has offered, such as what government programmes would he cut and how he would pay for a 20 percent across-the-board tax cut. To that end, Romney advisers say the former Massachusetts governor plans this week to talk up the specifics of each of the five central points of his economic message: beefing up energy production and trade, improving education, cutting government spending and helping small businesses by, among other things, reducing regulations.

"We are, starting Monday, going to hammer on each aspect of the Romney plan for a stronger middle class," a senior Romney adviser said. On Monday and Tuesday,

Romney will talk about the United States' burdensome \$16 trillion debt, Obama's role in making it bigger and ways to reduce it, a senior campaign aide said. Romney has been pressing the five themes as part of his stump speech but has been under pressure from some conservatives to provide more specifics about his economic plans rather than simply campaign on the struggling economy and blame Obama for 8.1 percent unemployment. The Romney senior adviser, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said Romney's plans this week were not in reaction to the criticism. Instead, it is more a response to voters' desire for both sides to talk in more detail about their plans. The adviser noted that Obama has faced questions as well about what he would do in a second term.— Reuters



US Republican presidential nominee and former Massachusetts Governor Mitt Romney is seen in his vehicle as he leaves his residence in Belmont, Massachusetts, on 16 Sept, 2012.— REUTERS

Iran may quit nuclear non-proliferation treaty if attacked: IRGC commander

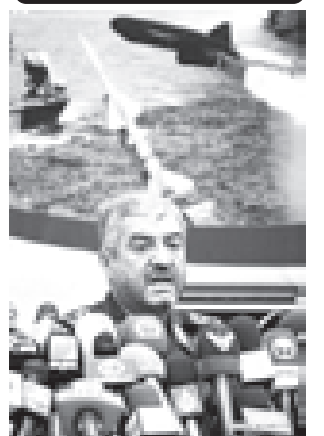
IRAN

TEHERAN, 17 Sept — Commander of Iran's Islamic Revolution Guards Corps (IRGC), Major General Mohammad Ali Jafari, said on Sunday that Iran may quit the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (NPT) if its nuclear facilities come under attacks, semi-official Mehr news agency reported. "In case of an attack, Iran's obligations will change. My assessment is that Iran may leave the NPT," Jafari was quoted as saying. However, it would not mean that Iran will develop nuclear weapons "because we have a religious decree from the Supreme Leader" against atomic weapons, he added.

Jafari also said that in the case of an attack by Israel, Iran would close the strategic Strait of Hormuz at the mouth of the Persian Gulf and would target US bases in the Middle East, according to Mehr. "It is a declared policy by Iran that if war occurs in the region

and the Islamic republic is involved, it is natural that the Strait of Hormuz as well as the energy (market) will face difficulties," the report quoted him as saying. The commander said he does not think Israel would attack Iran "without US permission," adding that "our response to Israel is clear. I do not think that anything will remain of Israel, considering the small size (of Israel) and vulnerability of this regime."

It is believed here that Israel will not be successful in making the United States join it in an attack on Iran, Jafari said, arguing that the United States is "highly vulnerable" and its bases are at the reach of the IRGC's missiles. Any military aggression against Iran will bear no fruit for the aggressors and will even cause damage and repercussions to them, he added. The IRGC is fully equipped with advanced arms and is ready to defend the country against all types



Commander of the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps (IRGC), Major General Mohammad Ali Jafari, attends a news conference in Teheran, Iran, on 16 Sept, 2012.— XINHUA

of threats, said Jafari. Western countries including the United States and Israel suspect that Iran's nuclear activities aim at weapons. The United States and Israel have not ruled out the possibility to attack Iran's nuclear facilities.

Xinhua

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

Shuttle Endeavour embarking on new mission to Los Angeles museum

CAPE CANAVERAL, 17 Sept—The space shuttle *Endeavour*, built to replace NASA's lost ship *Challenger*, prepared for a final flight this week, heading not into orbit but west to a Los Angeles museum.

Riding piggyback on top of a specially modified 747 jet, *Endeavour* will be the second of NASA's three surviving shuttles to leave

great vehicle, but it was designed in the '70s. We've modified it along the way and it's certainly served us well, but it is time to move on."

Endeavour was built as a replacement for *Challenger*, which was destroyed in an accident that killed seven astronauts in 1986. NASA lost a second shuttle, *Columbia*, and seven more

including the sheer moxie of its May 1992 debut when three astronauts made an impromptu and unprecedented spacewalk to rescue a stranded Intelsat communications satellite.

Eighteen months later, *Endeavour* flew a high-stakes mission to repair the Hubble Space Telescope, which, to NASA's horror, had been launched in 1990 with a misshapen primary mirror.

A dozen of *Endeavour*'s missions were devoted to building and outfitting the *International Space Station*, a \$100 billion research laboratory that flies about 250 miles above Earth.

In December 1998, *Endeavour* carried the first US-made piece of the fledgling station, a connecting hub named *Unity* that astronauts attached to the Russian-launched *Zarya* base module.

Twelve years later, *Endeavour* carried the last US connecting node, *Tranquility*, as well as the station's gemstone - a dome-shaped room of windows for outside viewing.

Its final mission in May 2011 was to deliver and install a \$2 billion particle detector that is searching the cosmos for signs of dark matter and other exotic phenomena.

The shuttle, named after

the ship that 18th century British explorer James Cook sailed during his first voyage of discovery in the Pacific Ocean, will spend its retirement at the California Science Centre in Los Angeles.

Sister ship *Discovery*, NASA's oldest surviving shuttle, is on display at the Smithsonian Institution's Steven F. Udvar-Hazy Centre outside Washington.

Atlantis, which flew NASA's 135th and final shuttle mission in July 2011, will not need a plane ride to reach its retirement home. In November, it will be towed down the road to the Kennedy Space Centre Visitor Complex.

Endeavour's cross-country flight was due to begin after sunrise on Monday, but a cold front moving over Texas and into the Gulf of Mexico will delay its departure until at least Tuesday, NASA said on Sunday.

Endeavour will make a low pass by the beachside communities surrounding the Kennedy Space Centre before heading west. Additional low flyovers past NASA centres in Mississippi, Louisiana and Texas are planned, weather permitting, before a two-night layover at Ellington Field near the Johnson Space Centre in Houston.—Reuters

China's contribution to ozone layer protection honoured

ENVIRONMENT

BEIJING, 17 Sept—The Ozone Secretariat of the United Nations Environment Program (UNEP) conferred a honour to the Chinese government for its contribution to ozone layer protection in an event marking this year's International Ozone Layer Protection Day that fell on Sunday.

Zhang Lijun, vice minister of environmental protection, said at the event that China has phased out more than 100,000 tons of ozone depleting substances (ODS) since 1991, an amount that accounted for around half the total disposed of by the developing countries.

Since signing the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the

Ozone Layer in 1991, China continued to improve its management over ODS and phase out ODS production and consumption, contributing greatly to global efforts in ozone layer protection, according to Zhang. China will face an "extremely arduous" task in meeting the next phase goal of ODS elimination set by the Protocol, he said.

Ozone shields the planet from the harmful ultraviolet-B radiation of the sun. It also completely screens out lethal UV-C radiation. Signed by 24 nations in 1987, the Montreal Protocol set a global agenda for ODS elimination.—Xinhua

Eni says oil spill contained in Nigeria's Delta

YENAGOA, (Nigeria), 17 Sept—Italian oil firm Eni said on Saturday an oil spill near its facilities in the Niger Delta had been contained, but local people said the pollution had spread and damaged their fishing.

Eni said the spill occurred last week about 10 km (six miles) from the Obama flow station in Bayelsa state. "We do not yet have information either on the causes or the amount of oil affected," an Eni spokesman told Reuters.

Oil spills are common in Nigeria, where enforcement of environmental regulations is lax and armed gangs frequently damage pipelines to steal crude.

Local community leaders said the spill came from an Eni pipeline and had spread into creeks and waterways. They complained oil companies had not properly cleaned up previous spills. "Oil companies operating in the Niger Delta are now using harmful chemicals ... which is injurious to both sea foods, living organisms and human beings," said Nengi James, Chairman of the Oil and Gas Committee of Nembe Kingdom.

Reuters

US-Russian space crew lands safely in Kazakhstan

Space

MOSCOW, 17 Sept—A Russian Soyuz capsule landed on the Kazakh steppe on Monday, delivering a trio of astronauts from a four-month stint on the *International Space Station*.

The capsule, carrying US astronaut Joseph Acaba and Russian cosmonauts Gennady Padalka and Sergei Revin, parachuted through a blue sky and touched down in a cloud of dust as its soft landing engines ignited at 8:53 local time (0253 GMT).

"Bull's eye landing," a NASA TV commentator said as the capsule lay on its side in the Kazakh steppe circled overhead by approaching search-and-recovery helicopters. Veteran mission commander Padalka, who has logged 711 days in orbit to make him the world's fourth most experienced astronaut, was the first out of the cramped descent capsule.

"I feel great," said Padalka, wrapped in a blue blanket, sipping hot tea and

smiling, enjoying the balmy steppe air under the early morning sunlight as medical personnel wiped sweat from his brow.

"This was my fourth flight, and so it is nothing of the extraordinary already," he said, looking relaxed.

During his stay at the orbital station, Padalka conducted a six-hour spacewalk on 20 August to relocate a crane, launch a small science satellite and install micrometeoroid shields on the space station's Zvezda command module.

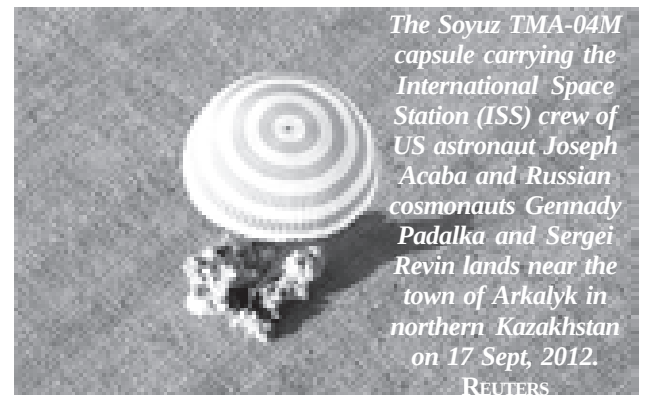
He and fellow crew

members Acaba and Revin were carried over to autograph the Soyuz, scorched black by re-entry, to be displayed in a Russian provincial museum.

The crew returned after spending 123 days in orbit aboard the *International Space Station*, a \$100 billion research complex involving 15 countries and orbiting 240 miles above Earth.

The mission was shorter than the usual six months after launch delays in order to ready a new spaceship to replace the initial Soyuz craft, which was cracked during pressure tests.

Reuters



The Soyuz TMA-04M capsule carrying the International Space Station (ISS) crew of US astronaut Joseph Acaba and Russian cosmonauts Gennady Padalka and Sergei Revin lands near the town of Arkalyk in northern Kazakhstan on 17 Sept, 2012.

REUTERS



Space shuttles *Endeavour* and *Atlantis* switched locations at Kennedy Space Centre in Florida, and in the process came 'nose-to-nose' for the last time in front of Orbiter Processing Facility 3 in this NASA handout image dated on 16 August, 2012. *Endeavour* was moved from Orbiter Processing Facility 2 to the Vehicle Assembly building where it will be housed temporarily until its targeted departure from Kennedy atop the Shuttle Carrier Aircraft in mid-September.—REUTERS

the Kennedy Space Centre and begin new roles as space ambassadors.

"We finally get to really show her off," NASA astronaut Kay Hire, who flew aboard *Endeavour* in 2010, told reporters on Sunday on the shuttle's runway. "It's a

crew members in 2003. That ship was not replaced.

Endeavour's lifespan was relatively short by shuttle standards — 25 missions over 20 years, totaling 299 days in space.

But those flights ran the gamut of orbital odysseys,

Cameron Winklevoss (L) and brother Tyler Winklevoss leave the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals after a hearing on a settlement dispute with Facebook's Mark Zuckerberg in San Francisco, California on 11 January, 2011.—REUTERS



Technology

Winklevoss twins invest in social network company

NEW YORK, 17 Sept—The Winklevoss twins, best known for their legal battle against Mark Zuckerberg over the founding of Facebook Inc, have invested in SumZero, a social network company aimed at professional investors, *The Wall Street Journal* said on Sunday.

Tyler and Cameron Winklevoss have put \$1 million into SumZero, which was founded by fellow Harvard University alumni Divya Narendra and Aalap Mahadevia in 2008, the article said.

Narendra was an ally to the Winklevoss twins during their lawsuit against

Facebook, which won the brothers a cash and stock settlement valued at \$65 million at a time when the company was valued at \$15 billion. Facebook's market cap is currently valued at \$47 billion.

In June 2011, the twins decided not to appeal to the US Supreme Court a ruling upholding their \$65 million settlement.

The 2008 accord was intended to resolve a feud over whether Zuckerberg stole the idea for what became the world's most popular social networking website from the Winklevosses, who like him, had attended Harvard. "Their

battle was dramatized in the 2010 film "The Social Network."

After agreeing to the cash-and-stock accord, the Winklevosses sought to undo it, saying it was fraudulent because Facebook hid information from them and that they deserved more money.

In February, the brothers formed Winklevoss Capital as a vehicle to invest their personal wealth.

Their first investment in June was SumZero, which brings together investors to share trading ideas and research, the WSJ reported.

Reuters

BUSINESS & HEALTH

Britain asks: Should 3-parent IVF be allowed to avoid disease?

Health

LONDON, 17 Sept—Britain launched a public consultation on Monday to ask whether controversial "three-parent" fertility treatments should be available to families hoping to avoid passing on incurable diseases.

The potential treatments, currently only at research stage in laboratories in Britain and the United States, would involve implanting genetically modified embryos into women for the first time.

The techniques have

become known as three-parent in vitro fertilization (IVF) because the offspring would have genes from a mother, a father and from a female donor.

They are designed to help families with mitochondrial diseases — incurable inherited conditions passed down the maternal line that affect around one in 6,500 children worldwide.

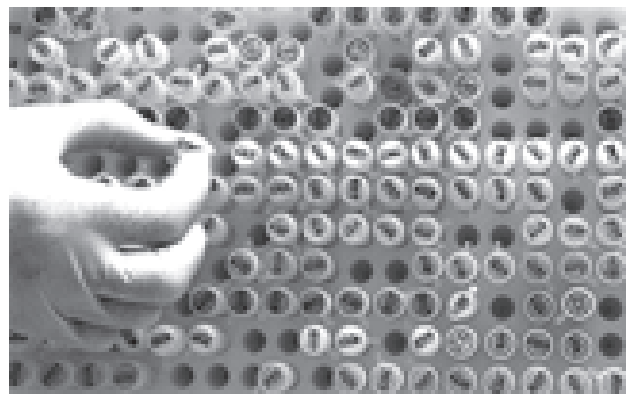
"This is uncharted territory," said Lisa Jardine, chair of the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Authority

(HFEA) which is running the consultation until December.

"If this is allowed...it has consequences in perpetuity."

The HFEA is Britain's independent regulator for IVF treatment and embryo research and was asked by the British government to "take the public temperature on this important and emotive issue", Jardine said.

The new potential treatments involve intervening in the fertilisation process to remove faulty mitochondrial DNA, which can lead to a



Human genetic material is stored at a laboratory in Munich on 23 May, 2011.—REUTERS

range of inherited conditions including fatal heart problems, liver failure, brain disorders, blindness and muscular weakness.

The techniques would

effectively replace mitochondria, which act as tiny energy-generating batteries inside cells, so a baby does not inherit faults from its mother.—Reuters

Russia Sberbank's stake sale launched, may total over \$5 billion

Business

Moscow, 17 Sept—Sberbank (SBER.MM), Russia's top lender majority-owned by the state, started a long-awaited 7.6 percent stake sale on Monday as part of a broad privatization move, with a price range set at between 91 roubles (\$2.99) and the market price at the time of closing of the books as early as tomorrow. The sale, which could fetch more than \$5 billion, will be Russia's biggest since February last year, when the country's No 2 lender VTB (VTBR.MM) raised around

\$3.3 billion by selling a 10 percent stake, also as part of the privatization drive.

The stake sale had largely stalled due to fragile markets and was repeatedly delayed as authorities and the lender itself were awaiting a higher share price. Sberbank's shares closed at 97.05 roubles on Friday, its highest since April, boosted by the US Federal Reserve's aggressive stimulus program, valuing the 7.6 percent stake at \$5.4 billion by last week's closing.

The sale will take place in

Moscow and London, the bank said. A source close to the deal said that the order book will close on Tuesday.

"The MICEX offering is expected to comprise up to 10 percent of the aggregate size of the offerings, subject to increase up to 15 percent at the discretion of the central bank depending upon demand," the lender said in a statement.

Sberbank will offer ordinary and global depositary shares, which each GDS representing four ordinary shares.—Reuters

Australia's Rip Curl gets approaches, could fetch \$500 million

MELBOURNE, 17 Sept—Australian surfwear company Rip Curl said it has received unsolicited approaches from several international companies wanting to invest in the privately held firm, in a deal that could fetch up to A\$480 million (\$506 million).

Australia's beaten down retailers have proved attractive for buyout firms this year as harsh trading conditions battered sales and share prices. Rip Curl Group Pty Ltd's larger rival Billabong International Ltd (BBG.AX) is fielding two private equity bids.

Earlier, a source told Reuters that Rip Curl could seek about 10 times its forecast fiscal 2013 earnings before interest, tax, depreciation and amortization of A\$48 million.

The person declined to be identified as the details are confidential.

Rip Curl, founded in 1969 by friends Doug "Claw" Warbrick and Brian "Sing Ding" Singer near the surfing haven of Bells Beach, southwest of Melbourne, is one of the three largest global surfwear brands.—Reuters

Euro crisis tests limits of "French exception"

Business

PARIS, 17 Sept—The French consider themselves an exceptional lot. With much of the world's finest food, wine, landscape, architecture, literature and arts, it's hardly surprising. But the French economic exception faces a reality check almost three years into the euro zone's sovereign debt crisis. France's enduring ability to defy economic gravity — adding new taxes on top of one of the highest fiscal burdens in Europe, preserving short working hours, job protection, early retirement and generous welfare benefits — is about to be tested. President Francois Hollande has promised to bring the deficit down to 3

percent of gross domestic product in next week's 2013 budget from a forecast 4.5 percent this year.

Unlike many European peers, he plans to achieve two-thirds of the adjustment by raising extra revenue, despite a virtually flat economy, and less than a third by freezing public spending in nominal terms. Public spending accounts for 56 percent of French GDP, the highest level in Europe except for Denmark. The French are bipartisan big spenders. The debt and deficit rose most under conservative presidents Jacques Chirac and Nicolas Sarkozy. From Germany to China, leaders are fretting over France's inability or unwillingness to embrace reforms widely

implemented elsewhere to make its economy more competitive.

Where others are slimming down the public sector and selling off state assets, Hollande aims to keep the size of the five-million-strong civil service constant,



hiring more teachers and policemen but whittling

down the armed forces. Reuters

Business

S Korea's financial assets grow to 10.2 tln USD in Q2

SEOUL, 17 Sept—South Korea's financial assets grew to 11,387.9 trillion won (10.2 trillion US dollars) in the second quarter due to a rise in cash, pension and loan assets amid stronger risk-off sentiment stemming from the protracted European fiscal crisis, the central bank data showed on Monday.

The country's gross financial assets reached 11,387.9 trillion won as of the end of June, up 0.8 percent, or 87.6 trillion won, from three months earlier, according to the Bank of Korea (BOK). The second-quarter growth came as the prolonged European debt crisis boosted demand for safe havens such as cash, deposits, pensions and bonds.

The proportion of cash holdings and deposits against the total financial assets advanced to 18.5 percent as of end-June from 18.3 percent three months before. The ratio for insurance and pension increased from 5.4 percent to 5.5 percent over the same period.

The ratio for bond holdings increased from 19.2 percent in the first quarter to 19.3 percent in the second quarter, with the ratio for loan assets rising from 17.7 percent to 17.8 percent.

However, the proportion of stocks and invested stakes against the total fell to 16.9 percent as of end-June from 17.8 percent three months earlier due to weakening sentiment for risk-on assets.

Xinhua

France's President Francois Hollande (C), Prime Minister Jean-Marc Ayrault (L) and Foreign Affairs minister Laurent Fabius (R) pose for the traditional family photo of the government after a minor government reshuffle outside the Elysee Palace in Paris on 4 July, 2012.—REUTERS



General Electric Co's logo is visible on a closed General Electric Co facility in Lynn, Massachusetts in this 6 March, 2009 file photo. General Electric Co has hired Morgan Stanley to review its 33 percent stake in Thailand's Bank of Ayudhya Pcl, which could potentially lead to a sale by the US conglomerate of its near \$2.2 billion holding, sources familiar with the matter said.—REUTERS

GE hires Morgan Stanley to review \$2.2 billion Thai bank stake: sources

Business

SINGAPORE/HONG KONG, 17 Sept—General Electric Co has hired Morgan Stanley to review its 33 percent stake in Thailand's Bank of Ayudhya Pcl, which could potentially lead to a sale by the US conglomerate of its near \$2.2 billion holding, sources familiar with the matter said.

The stake sale has been a constant source of media speculation since GE (GE N) started to shrink its businesses. This is the first time the company has formally given a mandate for a review, underscoring the seriousness with which it wants to explore its options.

GE acquired the Bank of Ayudhya BAY BK stake in 2007, investing 22.3 billion baht, or \$626 million based on the then exchange rate, in Thailand's No 5 lender.

It was unclear when GE would launch a formal auction, if at all, sources said, declining to be identified as the discussions were confidential. Morgan Stanley (MS N) was unavailable for comment, while GE did not reply to an e-mail seeking comment.

GE, which has a market capitalisation of \$233 billion, has been selling non-core businesses under Chief Executive Jeff Immelt, and the review of the Thai bank stake is part of the overall restructuring, the sources said.

The US conglomerate initially acquired a 25 percent stake in the Bank of Ayudhya for 16.00 baht a share in 2007 and subsequently raised the stake to nearly 33 percent. With the Bank of Ayudhya shares trading at 35.25 baht, GE has more than doubled the value of its investment. If auctioned, the stake could attract interest from Southeast Asian banks, as well as Australian, South Korean and Japanese banks, sources said. Thailand limits foreign ownership in domestic banks at 49 percent, but buyers can negotiate with the central bank and the government if they want to own more than that. "Anyone who is interested in commercial banking in Thailand will be interested in this stake," said a source with direct knowledge of the deal.—Reuters

WORLD

Iran on brink of nuclear bomb in six-seven months: Netanyahu **MIDDLE EAST**

WASHINGTON, 17 Sept—Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu warned on Sunday that Iran was just six to seven months away from the brink of being able to build a nuclear bomb, adding urgency to his demand that President Barack Obama set a "red line" for Teheran in what could deepen the worst US-Israeli rift in decades. Taking to the television airwaves to make his case directly to the American public, Netanyahu said that by mid-2013 Iran would be "90 percent of the way" toward enough enriched uranium for a weapon. He again urged the United States to spell out limits that Teheran must not cross if it is to avoid military action — something Obama has refused to do.

"You have to place that red line before them now, before it's too late," Netanyahu said on NBC's "Meet the Press" programme, adding that such a US move could reduce the chances of having to attack Iran's nuclear sites. The unusually public dispute between close allies — coupled with Obama's decision not to meet with Netanyahu later this month — has exposed a gaping US-Israeli divide and stepped up pressure on the US leader in the final stretch of a tight presidential election campaign.

It was the clearest marker Netanyahu has laid down so far on why he has become so strident in his push for Washington to confront Teheran with a strict ultimatum. At the same time,

his approach could stoke further tensions with Obama, with whom he has had a notoriously testy relationship. US officials say Iran has yet to decide on a nuclear "breakout" — a final rush to assemble components for a bomb — and they express high confidence it is still at least a year away from the capacity to build one if it wanted to. This contrasts with Netanyahu's timetable, although he stopped short of saying Iran had decided to manufacture a weapon.

Netanyahu showed no signs of backing off and equated the danger of a nuclear-armed Iran with the Islamist fury that fueled attacks on US embassies across the Muslim world last week and shocked many Americans. —Reuters

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu speaks during a joint news conference with his Bulgarian counterpart Boiko Borisov (not pictured) in Jerusalem on 11 Sept, 2012.
REUTERS



Wu's coming visit enhances Sri Lanka-China ties: parliament speaker **SRI LANKA**

COLOMBO, 17 Sept — The forthcoming visit by China's top legislator Wu Bangguo will help enhance the relationship between Sri Lanka and China, said Chamal Rajapaksa, speaker of the parliament in an interview with Xinhua here on Sunday. The speaker said he met Wu Bangguo, chairman of the Standing Committee of China's National People's Congress (NPC), during his China tour in June and invited him to visit Sri Lanka, and Wu readily accepted the invitation.

"I appreciate him coming to Sri Lanka at such short notice. He will be visiting the Colombo port on Sunday and then the Sri Lankan parliament on Monday. He will also be signing more than 15 bilateral agreements during his visit," Rajapaksa said. He said that Sri Lanka wants to study the Chinese parliamentary system and seek advice from Wu during his Sri Lankan visit. Rajapaksa, the elder brother of President Mahinda Rajapaksa, used to serve as minister in charge of ports and aviation. He said he

visited China several times and was impressed with what he saw and the people he met.

"I last went about three months ago. I visited three provinces including several tourist sites. The development in China is most impressive. The tourism in the country is really good," he said. He recalled his fond memories of China, saying the Asian giant has a lot to offer to his country and people. He noted that the Chinese government funded the construction of the new port in the southern city of Hambantota and phase one of the project was commissioned last year. "China has helped us a lot. They helped us with our new port in the south. When I was the minister of ports I initiated this project," he said.

Rajapaksa, who is patron of the China-Sri Lanka Friendship Association, said that he hopes both countries will develop bilateral ties in all spheres. "China built a conference hall in Colombo known as the BMICH hall and recently we opened another major conference hall built by China also in Colombo," he said. The new

hall, the "Mahinda Rajapaksa Nelum Pokuna hall" hosted a summit of Commonwealth Parliamentarians last week. —Xinhua



Wu Bangguo (L front), chairman of the Standing Committee of China's National People's Congress (NPC), visits the south container wharf at the Port of Colombo in Colombo, Sri Lanka, on 16 Sept, 2012. — XINHUA

27 Taliban militants killed in Afghanistan within day **AFGHANISTAN**

KABUL, 17 Sept — Up to 27 Taliban militants have been killed in operations carried out by Afghan army, police and the NATO-led coalition forces in different provinces within the past 24 hours, the country's Interior Ministry said on Sunday morning. "A total of 11 other armed Taliban were wounded and nine militants were arrested during the seven

cleanup operations launched by the joint by forces in Kunduz, Wardak, Nangarhar, Ghazni and Helmand provinces," the ministry said in a statement providing daily operational updates.

They also found and seized weapons, the statement said, without saying if there were any casualties on the side of security forces. In addition, a

Taliban shadowy district governor named Mawlawe Jalal, along with seven of his men were killed in an airstrike carried out by the coalition forces in Ghazi Abad district of eastern Kunar Province overnight, a provincial government spokesman, Wasifullah Wasifi, told Xinhua on Sunday morning.

Meantime, Zabihullah Mujahid, a Taliban

purported spokesman, told local media via cell phone that six Taliban were killed and eight others wounded in Kunar Province on early Sunday morning, without confirming the death of Jalal in the province 120 km east of Kabul. In another development, Afghan police killed a Taliban leader and detaining five other militants during an on-going operation in Guzara District of western Herat Province, deputy provincial police chief Zahir Tahibzada told Xinhua. —Xinhua



Gunfire echoes through a town in Egypt's troubled Sinai Peninsula. The shots came as Islamist militants attacked a security headquarters here in al-Arish.
REUTERS

Militants attack Egypt security HQ in Sinai **EGYPT**

ISMAILIA, 17 Sept — Militants attacked Egypt's security headquarters in northern Sinai with machineguns and mortar bombs on Sunday and fought troops elsewhere in the desert region, killing one soldier and wounding seven, security officials said.

Troops and police had swept into a village 15 km south of Sheikh Zuwaïd town, near the border with Israel, at dawn and arrested ten suspected militant leaders. They took them to the security HQ in the region's main town of al-Arish, an army spokesman said.

"In return and out of vengeance, a group of Takfiri (Islamists) began firing indiscriminately at the North Sinai HQ at 8 am," the spokesman said in a televised statement. The militants

climbed on to the roofs of buildings across from the HQ and fired rocket-propelled grenades, a security source said.

Machinegun battles were fought in the streets around the building, according to witnesses. In Sheikh Zuwaïd, which lies 30 km east of al-Arish, troops with about 30 armored personnel carriers backed by helicopters fought with militants.

One soldier was killed and seven soldiers suffered gun wounds in the fighting around Sheikh Zuwaïd, the army spokesman said, and a woman and child were wounded in crossfire.

Egyptian forces last month began their biggest security crackdown in decades in Sinai after militants killed 16 border

guards on 5 August in the deadliest attack there since Egypt's 1973 war with Israel. The government sent in hundreds of troops backed by tanks, armored vehicles and helicopters in a joint operation with police to raid militant hideouts, arrest suspects and seize weapons.

Disorder has spread in Sinai since former President Hosni Mubarak was ousted in a popular uprising last year, with militants stepping up attacks on security forces and the Israeli border.

Egypt's new president, Mohamed Mursi, has vowed to restore order. But efforts to impose central authority in the lawless desert region are complicated by the indigenous Bedouin population's ingrained hostility to the government in Cairo.

Reuters

Mexican president calls for building more prosperous country **MEXICO**

MEXICO CITY, 17 Sept — Mexican President Felipe Calderon on Sunday called on politicians and citizens to make joint efforts to build a more prosperous, fair and egalitarian country.

During the ceremony of Mexico's 202nd anniversary of Independence, Calderon said "we have advanced a lot in 202 years of independence, but it's true that we still have a long way to become a fair country with balanced wealth." "Today, we celebrate our identity, our liberty and our equality. Thanks to our heroes, Mexico is one of the main countries on the continent that has first abolished slavery," Calderon said.

The Mexican president said "although Mexico has achieved legal equality, there still exists inequality that damages the whole country." "The struggle to build a strong country is permanent. The daily task is to build the national and legal foundations of our country," he said. Calderon will hand over power to President-elect Enrique Pena Nieto on 1 December. — Xinhua

NATIONAL

Chairman of Pyithu Hluttaw Bill Committee arrives back from USA

YANGON, 17 Sept—After observing the functions of US Senate at the invitation of Senator Jim Webb and Senator James M Inhofe of the United States, an eight-member delegation led by Chairman of Pyithu Hluttaw Bill Committee U T Khun Myat arrived back here by air yesterday night.

They were welcomed back at the Yangon International Airport by Deputy Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw U Nanda Kyaw Swa, Deputy Speaker of Yangon Region Hluttaw U Tin Aung and officials from Hluttaw Office.

MNA

Members of press organizations meet to form Myanmar Press Council (Temporary)

YANGON, 17 Sept—It is a common stance that there requires a strong press council which has credibility in Myanmar, adding although the Myanmar Press Council (Temporary) was formed as a co-regulatory body in line with the international norms, only ten persons who are leaders of organizations of various strata were nominated and equipped with morality, integrity and wisdom, accounting for one third of the council members; the remaining two third are nominees from the respective press organizations; that just viewing the names of 29 members who had been chosen unanimously it is safe to say that they would surely be able to promote the dignity, capacity and harmony of the council, said Union Minister for Information U Aung Kyi at the meeting of members of various press organizations to form a temporary press council held at Chatrium Hotel in Tamway Township 10 am today.

The Union Minister continued to say that when asked what should a person value most in life, all would answer unanimously "integrity"; that the importance of every organization is its dignity; that the statement in the book on codes of conduct of SPJ that profession integrity in the cornerstone of a

journalist credibility proves to be sound and rational. He stressed the need to strive for promoting the integrity of each and all press organizations, and expressed his belief that those with a sense of freedom, concern (a) bias, responsibility and accountability would be able to strive for the MPC (Temporary) to become an association of high dignity.

U Khin Maung Aye (Retd Supreme Court Judge) was elected as chairman of the Myanmar Press Council (Temporary) unanimously, and the meeting chairman Union minister handed over his responsibilities to the chairman of MPC.

Also present on the occasion were doyen literati, those from Myanmar Writers Association, Myanmar Journalist Association, Myanmar Printing and Publishing Entrepreneurs Association, Myanmar Publishers Association, Myanmar Press Union, Myanmar Journalists Network and those media world.

The meeting elected U Soe Thein (Maung Wuntha, Writer/Journalist) as vice-chairman, U Kyaw Min Swe (Chief Editor of The Voice Weekly Journal) as secretary, Daw Nan Kalyar Win (CEO of Asian Fame Media Group) as joint secretary, and those present discussed duties and responsibilities of MPC.—MNA



An eight-member delegation led by Chairman of Pyithu Hluttaw Bill Committee U T Khun Myat being welcomed at Yangon International Airport by Deputy Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw U Nanda Kyaw Swa and officials.—MNA

Workshop on drawing new social security's rules and regulations launched

YANGON, 17 Sept—A workshop on drawing new rules and regulations of the social security board under the Ministry of Labour was held at Mingala Hall of Kandawgyi Palace Hotel, here, this morning.

On the occasion, Union Minister for Labour U Maung Myint said in his speech that Myanmar introduced the first social security board act law on 22 October, 1954, and implemented it on 1 January, 1956. But it isn't flexible with international

ethics, ILO conventions and is weak in protecting employees and employers' interests. Therefore, the Ministry of Labour revised it in 2009. He continued to say that the ministry announced a new social security law for 2012 as Law No. (15) of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw in 31 August, 2012. He stressed that those present on the occasion need to participate in drawing the social security law because it plays a vital role in promoting national interests.

Yangon Region Chief Minister U Myint Swe said that social security plan is the one needed for guarantee of health and social affairs of workers.

Those present on the occasion discussed the reports on the amended social security rules and regulations (draft) presented by Chairman of the social security board U Yu Lwin Aung. It is learnt that findings from the workshop would help to complete the social security law.

MNA

Health Care

Medical team takes action to fight, control of diseases in Tagaung

NAY PYI TAW, 17 Sept—On account of their illness, about 130 students didn't attend their school at Tagaung BEHS and BEPS in Thabeikgyin Township, Mandalay Region. A medical team led by Director (Infection) Dr Soe Lwin Nyein of the Ministry of Health and Head of

Mandalay Region Health Department Dr Moe Swe visited Tagaung on 12 September to take action to combat and control of diseases.

The medical team has given treatment to 759 patients from 13 to 15 September. The team has taken control of seasonal

influenza.

The team gave educative talks to people in order to know dos and don'ts of influenza and common cold. Necessary tasks were being carried out to take control of diseases in cooperation with responsible persons.

MNA



The medical team comprising specialists giving treatment to patients at Tagaung.—MNA

Foreign Affairs

NAY PYI TAW, 17 Sept—The Opening Ceremony of Course in Diplomacy (1/2012) conducted by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs was held at Wunzminmyarzar Hall of the Ministry at 9 am today, with an opening address delivered by Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Thant Kyaw.

Course in Diplomacy (1/2012) opened

Also present on the occasion were Daw Yin Yin Myint, Director-General of the Training, Research and Foreign Language Department under the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, responsible officials, retired Myanmar ambassadors, professors and instructors. The Course in

Diplomacy is a 12-week training course for junior officers of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. The curriculum includes subjects related to diplomatic training and contemporary issues. Altogether 30 heads of branch/Third Secretary participated in the course.

MNA

Water melon, pomelo, sweet lime flow into Thiri Mingala Market

YANGON, 17 Sept—A large number of water melon, pomelo and sweet lime flowed into the brokerages of Thiri Mingala Market on the couple of days, said a responsible person of brokerage.

"855 and 164 species of water melon from Thedaw, Wundwin and Inma flow into the market. The fruits are fixed at K 2100, K 1800 and K 1700 each," he said.

Pomelo from Taikkyi and Mawlamyine is fixed at K 700, K 500 and K 300.

Sweet lime from Mawlamyine came into the market, fixing price at K 100 each. Sales of fruits are high demand in Thadingyut, said a fruit seller.

Kyemon

Gamblers arrested in Inma District News

BAGO, 17 Sept—According to the information that two- and three-digit illegal lottery were sold at the house of U Aye Soe on Zaydan Ward of Wekpok Village in Thegon Township, a squad led by IP Ko Ko Gyi together with witnesses searched the house at 3 pm on 13 September.

They seized materials in use of illegal lottery and K 101,700 proceeds from Ma Nwe Nwe Aye downstairs of the house. Moreover, four persons who arrived there to participate in the illegal betting were also seized together with betting materials.

House owner Aye Soe escaped from the incident.

Inma Police Station opened a file of lawsuit against them under Gambling Act.

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PERSPECTIVES

Tuesday, 18 September, 2012

Responsibility of every civil servant

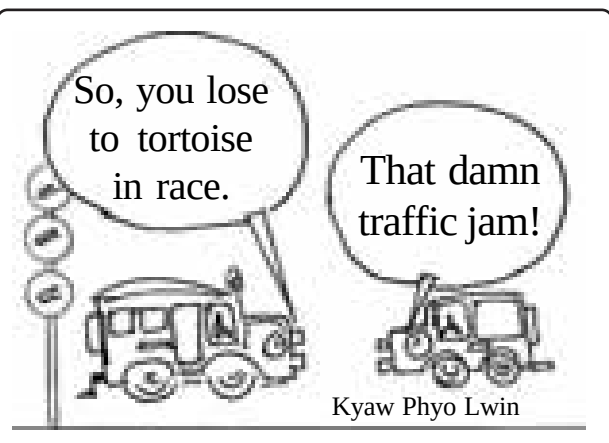
The government is paying serious attention to and implementing the people's aspirations to the best of its ability. Every effort the government makes is towards a better world for the people. Moreover, it has adopted the people-centred system.

Here, the main aspirations of the people are peace and stability and national development, and their daily requirements are jobs, higher income, higher living standard, better education, health, water, electricity and transportation. So, the focus of the government is on fulfilling the daily requirements of the 60 million people while addressing their main aspirations and concerns.

As the government's mission is huge, it cannot achieve its goals overnight or by individual effort. As the effort of the government alone is not enough, the harmonious cooperation of the entire people is a must. To enlist the strength of the people, first, the government must win public trust. In fact, the government has committed to working heart and soul in fulfilling the hopes and aspirations of the people.

The government has gone through a series of reforms to keep pace with changes and developments. When in the service of the people, changes that respect and adore the people are required. In that regard, civil servants must understand the troubles and wishes of the people. They should take initiatives without awaiting directives of the superiors and criticisms of the media to shape an imposing government mechanism. Explicit and correct policies should be adopted. The reforms of the government need to penetrate into subordinates who are actually in touch with the people. This will remove the red tape that has been the cause of unnecessary disturbances and challenges for the administrative mechanism for ages.

All in all, the government must make all-out efforts to materialize good governance and clean government as it is the responsibility of every government staff and government bodies at all levels.



Abandoned baby dies on road

BAGO, 17 Sept—According to the information, police members checked a baby abandoned on 18th Street in Socialist Ward in Bago at 2.30 pm on 13 September.

The baby was a girl who was dead on the road.

Bago Police Station-1 is conducting investigation into the case.

Myanma Alin

NATIONAL



Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham hears report on Lashio Education College project presented by Deputy Director-General of Education Planning and Training Department U Ko Ko Tin.—MNA

Floods and inundation cannot be prevented totally

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Floods and inundation, being a natural disaster, cannot be totally prevented but preventive measures can be taken for minimizing loss and waste in the event, he noted.

He said that natural disasters such as outbreak of fire, floods and storms can be prevented with a view to minimizing loss and damage. Only when people participate in some events, will loss and damage be minimized, he said.

He disclosed that the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement was constituted with the aim of taking preventive measures against natural disasters such as storms like Nagis and Giri, floods and outbreaks of fire in summer and cold seasons.

He expressed his review that flood events were based on blockage of drains, creeks and drains.

Overloaded drains are cause of flood. Shallow creeks, fences of houses and encroachment on ponds and lakes that could store sizeable amount of water led to floods, narrowing the chances of water outflow.

Creeks and drains are blocked by wastes and plastic bags. The possibility of flood could be reduced if the people systematically discard dumps and respective organizations operate regular waste disposal system.

The cutting of trees for various reasons leads to flood,

Local people in Rakhine State provided with cash, foodstuff

YANGON, 17 Sept—A ceremony for provide local people in Rakhine State with cash assistance and foodstuff was held at Maykhala Hall of the Fire Services Department (Head Office) in Mayangon Township, here, this morning.

At the ceremony, Magway Region Government donated K 1,150,000 and two bags of rice, 23 bales of clothes and five boxes of instant noodle, in memory of late Daw Htway Htway, aged 61, Lt-Col

Thaik Soe (Retd) and family K 1 million and two bales of clothes, U Khin Nyo and Daw Tin Hlaing and family K 100,000, U Sit Maung of Salin Township K 60,000, Yin Traditional Medicine Clinic in Myeik K 20,000 and two bales of clothes, Daw Than Than Yi and daughter Ma Nyo Lwin Lwin Tun of Bahan Township three bales of clothes, U Thant Zin-Daw Tin Tin Mar and daughter Ma Khaing Zar Thwe of Dagon Township K 180,000 and one bale of

blocking the flow of water. Excessive extraction of woods that could lead to forest depletion should be avoided as these could prevent flood and storm. When a tree is cut down when necessary, 10 new saplings should be planted.

UN agencies are organizing environmental conservation conferences and undertaking preventions against air pollution and greening tasks. Industrialized countries experienced forest depletions due to their smoky industries, causing natural disasters as consequences of climate change.

He then provided aids to flood victims in Theinni Township and invited presentation of their social, health and education difficulties.

The Vice-President then presented K 6,520,000 for flood victims to a representative of farmers.

Deputy Minister U Phone Shwe presented the ministry's cash assistance K 1,490,000; Shan State Security and Border Affairs Minister Col Aung Thu, K 0.5 million donated by brokerages of Muse; Director of Asia World Company U Myat Cho Win, K 5 million; U Bo Bo of Myanmar Yadana Shwe Khit Company, K 1 million; and Director of Capital Diamond Star Group U Tun Yin, Premier coffee mix worth K 2 million through representatives of flood victims.

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

They then viewed round the development of Theinni.

Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham and party then left Lashio for Kengtung.—MNA

Fertilizers broadcast at monsoon paddy field

KATHA, 17 Sept—Farmers collectively broadcast fertilizers at Hsinayekari-3 RS monsoon paddy field of U Myint Kyi in Meikthalin Village-tract of Katha Township at 9 am on 4 September.

At first, Staff Officer Daw Khin Myat Moe of Katha

Township Agriculture Department explained the purpose of fertilizer broadcasting and agricultural matters.

Next, local farmers participated in fertilizer broadcasting at paddy field.

Myanma Alin

Two-digit illegal lottery gambler arrested

YESAGYO, 17 Sept—IP Htay Aung and party of Yesagyo Police Station of Magway Region together with witnesses searched the house of Ma Kyu Kyu Soe in Ward 3 on 14 September.

They seized materials used in betting two-digit illegal lottery and K 31650.

The police station concerned filed a lawsuit against her.—Myanma Alin

ARTICLE

The World's Largest and Tallest Buddha Image

The late Maha Bodhi-ta-haung monk Ashin U Narada was an extraordinary missionary monk who performed preaching, promoting Buddhism, meditating and building religious monuments of superlative dymansion. Besides, he was an accomplished alchemist producing "stones" of mercury compound—panacea to cure all diseases.

His missionary journeys abroad covered East, West, South East Asia, Australia and New Zealand, Thailand, Laos, Indonesia, Malaysia, Singapore, India, Nepal, Sri Lanka, South Korea, Japan, U.S., England and People's Republic of China.

It was in Japan that when he visited Yushiku Ameta, the then tallest standing Buddha Image, he was inspired to build such a Buddha image in his country, Myanmar. He first revealed his wish to one of his followers U Htun Ney Win who at that time was a military serviceman. The name "Htun Ney Win" was a very auspicious, Sayadaw monk told Bogyi Htun Ney Win and that the work of building a big Buddha Image should be initiated by him. Bogyi Htun Ney Win donated Kyats 30000/- out of his hard savings, and so began the story of this now world's gigantic structure on the high hill range "Mt. Khatatkan" in Monywa District, upper Myanmar.

The precinct of Maha Bodhi-ta-haung monastic complex is 250 acres wide, with hills, valleys and plains covered with natural and planted trees and bushes. Many religious edifices have already emerged in the vast space, making a pleasant scenario. When the news spread, devotees far and near began pondering where and how. Some had mixed feelings—possible or not? especially when Sayadaw chose the site on the summit of Zabu hill, 1150 feet high above sea level! Incredible idea of Sayadaw. But where are the money, materials, technology and experts? Sayadaw had vast experience of building religious monuments of no small size in that area.

On May 8, 1995 began the ground breaking ceremony. Monks chanted Paritta Sutta to consecrate the site. The following days, voluntary labour contributors from nearly 16 villages and town Monywa came and by turn in teams they did all spade works. Military servicemen from North-West Command also participated. At the depth of 35 feet, in the hard rocky hill, all attempts even by dynamite were resisted by the core. The experts' consensus stopped further digging and began foundation laying with stones from quarries at other hills.

The construction of the pedestal was

Sithu Dr Khin Maung Nyunt

the next step. It was an octagonal design measuring 43 feet and six inches east to west and 124 feet and six inches north to south. Two entrances are on the north and south sides. Inside are teak staircases to go up. The Standing Buddha Image entitled "Ley Kyun Satkya" [Satkya Muni Buddha of Four Cardinal Lands] has 33 storeys, each storey is 12 feet high up to the 10th level. From the 11th level to the 33rd level, each storey is 13 feet high.

Voluntary labour contributors were religiously inspired. They came from different places of the country. Sayadaw monk provided gratis food, clothing, shelter and medical care. In spite of intensive solar heat especially in summer in that dry zone, contributors of voluntary labour increased by leaps and bounds. Working hours changed to avoid intense heat. When the construction reached higher level 3 ton, 16 ton and tower cranes were purchased and used.

Without a supervising engineer, the construction completed up to the 10th level, at over 120 feet high. The engineers U Ye Aung [Yangon], U Tin Tun Aung (Sagaing) and U Myint Lay of South Khatatkan village, advisers U Min Aung and U Than Sein performed their works successfully. Monk participants were headed by Sayadaw U Sobita who regularly chanted Paritta [Protective Buddhist Sutta] for the safety of all at the site. As the construction rose, many natural and accidental dangers were involved. On a high rise, a tall building under construction encountered the wind constantly blowing making the continuation of work impossible. But Sayadaw and monks chanted "Kamawasa Sutta" and put up Buddha Sasana flags at every corner of the building. Besides, Maha Bodhi-ta-haung Sayadaw fixed up on the construction frames plates engraved with cabalistic symbols and diagrams. Miraculously the wind subsided and the work continued, happily and confidently. At the height of 1150 feet + over 300 feet, there are dangers of electrification and thunder and lightning attraction. So scientific safety measures were taken and installed at the structure. Marrows [ash pumpkins] were hung at all strategic corners to ward off thunder and lightning. [Herbal alchemists find that certain chemicals in marrow fruits can dispel thunder bolt and lightning].

Only bamboo scaffoldings were used

MNL champions honoured

YANGON, 17 Sept—Successive champions of Myanmar League Yangon United FC was honoured at Yangon Region Government Office yesterday evening.

Yangon Region Chief Minister U Myint Swe praised brilliant performance of the champions for two successive years

in four years old Myanmar National League.

YUFC Chairman U Pyae Phyoe Taeza spoke words of thanks and handed over the championship shield to the Region chief minister at the dinner.

MNA



for this high rise Buddha Image of 424 feet on the hill of 1150 feet above sea level. Bamboo lasts at least two years and they are easier and cheaper to maintain and safer for Myanmar workers. By 2004, 27 levels had been completed. The problem was to get the correct and realistic face and body of a standing Buddha. It was Gant-gaw-ta-haung Sayadaw monk Agga Vamsa of PyinOoLwin who drew the Image design. He had done such kind of work before. But on such an extraordinary height, heavy materials—iron, steel, cement concrete, stone and brick—posed great problems of transportation, let alone using them.

Engineer U Maung Maung Soe gave the solution. He had successfully invented light but strongly resistant fibre for air planes and water crafts. He got the latest fibre technology from Malaysia. His colleagues U Hla Min [Golden Hawks International Ltd.] and U Aung Thein Tun successfully moulded with fibre the face design of Sayadaw Agga Vamsa. U Maung Maung Soe used laser point in moulding the face, on the ground. Then the face mould was lifted up piece meal to the height.

At this juncture, the three engineers U Aung Than Tun, U Tun San and adviser U Thein Sein felt extreme desire to become monk till they completed their work. So these three monk engineers did their noble work to the finish.

When the entire frame of the Image

was completed on 31 January 2007, sacred relics and votive objects enshrined in relic chambers on the 31st storey. On the head of the Image were 108 embossed sitting Buddhas under 108 embossed sculptures of Bodhi Trees.

Named "Ley Kyun Satkya" the gigantic standing Buddha Image is indeed an engineering wonder and an artistic beauty. Its measurements are as follows:-

Face from chin to hair knot--- 40 feet
Width of face ----- 38 feet
Each eye----- 10 feet
Frontlet made of bronze plated with gold

Completion date 19-2-2007.

The great Image was consecrated in accordance with the traditional rites and ceremony by 1000 monks and 1000 nuns and many lay devotees led by Sayadaw on 20 February 2007 at 7 am auspicious time.

The height of the Image 424 feet exceeds that of Yuriku Ameta of Japan which is 393 feet and 9 inches high. In every storey there is museum of display room of Buddha's life stories and all appertaining to Buddhist art. The top floor opens up a boundless panorama of all directions. Electric lifts operate daily.

One marvels and admires at the engineering feats of Sayadaws, local lay engineers, and generosity and cooperation of devotees and wellwishers at home and abroad.

NATIONAL

Vice-President holds talks...

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Afterwards, U Hla Thaung, Head of the Hydro Power Unit of the governing body of the Special Region (4) Mongla reported on progress of Mongwa Hydro Power Plant Project and future tasks.

Deputy Minister Maj-Gen Zaw Win said that the Special Region (4) Mongla has already opened its relation office in Kengtung and Department of the Progress of Rural Areas and National Races has also established its relation office in Mongla and according to the peace agreement reached between the two sides.

He urged the Special Region (4) Mongla to organize a company as soon as possible so that they can be allowed to do mining in other areas. Cash assistance and rice has also been provided to Mongla, he added. He also requested the delegation from Mongla to help teachers who have been posted to Mongla so that they can be happy to work there as the teachers are separated from Shan State's organizational set up to be able to solve the problem of teachers scarcity.

To provide tar to Mongla, they will coordinate with the Ministry

of Construction, he added. He also urged them to apply for Mongwa and Kyauingkhaw power plants projects.

Afterwards, Deputy Minister Maj-Gen Zaw Win presented cash assistance to the Special Region (4) Mongla.

In his concluding remarks, the Vice-President said that they will carry out the tasks which they can do and the citizenship scrutiny card will be issued to the people when the time comes as Immigration and Population Ministry has implemented the project of issuing the card.

The Vice-President urged them to export finished wood products instead of logs to gain more profits and to replant trees after cutting trees in an attempt to prevent forest depletion which causes natural disasters. He also called on them for making finished products from minerals.

The Vice-President also urged them to establish companies legally to show that all peace making groups gain equal opportunities and he assured them of lending loans from the State in accordance with the law.

He continued to say that they have given priority to

Statement of Myanmar National Human Rights Commission (MNHRC) concerning its membership in South East Asia NHRIs Forum (SEANF) No. 6/2012

The 9th Annual Meeting of the South East Asia NHRIs (National Human Rights Institutions) Forum (SEANF) held in Chiang Mai, Thailand on 12-14 September 2012 decided to accept the Myanmar National Human Rights Commission (MNHRC) as its new member.

The National Human Rights Commission of Indonesia (KOMNASHAM), the Human Rights Commission of Malaysia (SUHAKAM), the Commission on Human Rights of the Philippines (CHRP) and the National Human Rights Commission of Thailand (NHRCT) had agreed in 2004, Bangkok, Thailand to carry out jointly or bilaterally, programmes and activities in areas of human rights of common concern and signed the ASEAN NHRIs Forum Declaration of Co-operation in Bali, Indonesia on 28 June 2007.

The regional body was renamed as the South East Asia NHRIs Forum (SEANF) at its 6th Annual Meeting held in Yogyakarta, Indonesia on 11-13 November 2009. The 7th Annual Meeting of the SEANF held in 2010, accepted Timor Leste as the 5th member of the SEANF.

The general objective of the Forum is to organize itself as a regional mechanism for the effective promotion, protection and fulfillment of human rights of the peoples of South East Asia region. To achieve this objective, the forum's functions include, among others, advocating for the establishment and development of NHRIs among South East Asia countries and undertaking such activities that are conducive to achievement of the Forum's objectives, including taking collective positions on issues of gross human rights violations within and outside the region.

The Forum has shown keen interest in the formation of MNHRC and it was one of the external organizations that whole-heartedly welcomed the establishment of the MNHRC. As a reflection of its interest in the MNHRC's work, a delegation of the Forum, consisting of all the Forum five members, visited the MNHRC on 14-15 June, 2012 and held two-day discussions with the members of the MNHRC concerning the implementation of its mandate in accordance with the Paris Principles.

In implementation of its mandate which includes "a function to communicate with the UN organizations and foreign and domestic bodies engaged in the promotion and protection of human rights", the MNHRC has actively interacted with the SEANF since its formation and applied for the membership of the Forum.

The Forum invited the MNHRC to its 9th Annual Meeting held in Chiang Mai, Thailand on 12-14 September 2012 where the membership application of the Commission was considered. The Commission delegation headed by its Chairman attended the said annual meeting.

On the first day session of the Meeting, five members of the Forum intensively considered the application of MNHRC for membership of the Forum and adopted the above-mentioned decision.

As a member of the SEANF, the MNHRC is determined to work jointly or bilaterally for the effective promotion and protection of human rights of the people of both Myanmar and the South East Asia region in compliance with the Paris Principles.

Myanmar National Human Rights Commission
Dated 17 September 2012

the political stability and peace with armed groups. Only when there is a political stability in a country, they can work for development of the economy of the country and

improvements of all sectors including socio economy, education, health sectors.

Therefore, the government has been implementing projects of the economic reforms, the

second step of the development process of the country, he said. They would coordinate with Ministry of Border Affairs to work on the reports of the delegation, he added.

After the meeting, Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham and participant of the meeting posed for documentary photos.

MNA

Land resource to be used for improvement of socio economy of people

NAY PYI TAW, 17 Sept—Ministry of Environmental Conservation and Forestry will give priority to improvement of the socio economy of the people in its implementation of land use types and will make the best and systematic use of land resource, said Union Minister for Environmental Conservation and Forestry U Win Tun. In his opening address at the workshop on land use held at the Forest Department here today, the Union minister pointed out the lack of land use policy and land use rules as the cause for disputes between local people and projects in the areas when development and investment projects are implemented.

Land use policy and rules should give guarantee to balance and systematic in use of land, conservation of ecological system and bio-

diversity, development of urban and sub-urban areas, conservation of culturally important edifices and areas, good land use opportunities in the interests of the people, sustainable development, balancing the needs between the present and future and clear ways for land use works, he added. He also stressed the importance of the land capability in drawing the land use policy and rules to be able to lay down land use classification which helps to draw the correct the land use policy and rules.

During the workshop, work groups will be organized to make assessment and collect data.

The workshop will be held until 18 September and 13 papers will be read out during the workshop.

During the workshop, Participants of the workshop will discuss the matters

related to land use policy and rules, projects, rules and regulations, disputes related to land use and ways to settle them, land use classification, procedures for land use policy and organizing working groups.

The workshop was participated by deputy ministers, members of the committee for scrutinizing land use and allocations, departmental heads, experts, resource persons, representatives from UN agencies, experts from Suntac Technologies Company and FM International Oy Finnmap based in Finland.—MNA



Outstanding students visit Singapore

The Chief Minister of Ayeyawady Region met outstanding students of the region in 2012 matriculation examination at the meeting hall of Ayeyawady Region Government on 14 September. The outstanding student paid a visit to Singapore.

7th Anniversary of enacting Anti-Human Trafficking Law marked

Loikaw Township Anti-Human Trafficking Committee and World Vision (Loikaw) held awarding of cartoon, painting, article, poem and essay contest and educative talks on the promulgation day of Anti-Human Trafficking Law, at city hall in Loikaw on 14 September.

Performing Arts Competitions of national races held

Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions of National Races commenced in Langkho on 12 September. After the competitions, officials presented prizes to the winners.

News in Brief

MMA to hold central leading body meeting

Central Leading Body of Myanmar Medical Association will hold its third meeting 2012 at Auditorium B at No. 249 on Theinbyu Street in Mingala Taungnyunt Township at 10 am on 29 September. Members of the Central Leading Body from regions and states have been invited to attend the meeting without fail.

REGIONAL



Missiles are displayed in a parade to celebrate the 60th anniversary of the founding of the People's Republic of China in Beijing in this 1 Oct, 2009 file photo. —REUTERS

China builds its own military-industrial complex

HONG KONG, 17 Sept — When China turned to Russia for supplies of advanced weapons through the 1990s, it kick-started Beijing's military build-up with an immediate boost in firepower. It also demonstrated the failure of its domestic defence sector which was still turning out obsolete 1950s vintage equipment for the People's Liberation Army from a sprawling network of state-owned arms makers.

Now, after more than two decades of soaring military spending, this once backward industry has been transformed — China is creating its own military-industrial complex, with the private sector taking a leading role.

With Tiananmen-era bans on Western military sales to China still in place, an innovative and efficient domestic arms industry is crucial for Beijing as it assembles a modern military

force capable of enforcing claims over Taipei and disputed maritime territories. China has locked horns recently with its Southeast Asian neighbours over conflicting claims to strings of islets in the South China Sea. Tensions have also flared with Japan over uninhabited islands in the East China Sea, even as the United States executes a strategic military pivot towards the Pacific.

Well funded defence

CHINA

groups have rapidly absorbed the technology and expertise needed to build complex weapons, freeing China from its former heavy reliance on Russian and other foreign equipment, Chinese and Western experts say.

"A country's defence sector should reflect the strength of the country's economy," says Wu Da, a portfolio manager at Beijing-based Changsheng Fund Management Co Ltd which invests in listed Chinese defence stocks.

Reuters

Moon Jae-in clinches S Korean opposition party's presidential nomination

S KOREA

SEOUL, 17 Sept — Moon Jae-in of South Korea's centre-left main opposition Democratic United Party on Sunday won the party's nomination for its presidential candidate. The first-term lawmaker clinched his 13th straight win in the Seoul primary after sweeping three-week-long regional primaries, earning a total of 56.52 percent of the vote, enough to avoid a run-off. Former party leader Sohn Hak-kyu finished second with a total of 22.2 percent. Also-rans, former Gyeongsang Province Governor Kim Du-kwan and former party chairman Chung Se-kyun, came in third and fourth, respectively.

"I will launch a new era of change," Moon said in his acceptance speech to loud cheers from supporters. "I will put people first — this will be the administrative philosophy during my presidency." The 59-year-old's pledges included job creation, welfare expansion and economic democratization — the three big buzzwords even traditionally deficit-wary conservatives like to cite. He was also

determinedly dovish on the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK), offering to invite the DPRK leader to the presidential inauguration and propose inter-Korean talks within the first year of his presidency.

Moon, a human rights lawyer who went on to serve as a chief of staff to late President Roh Moo-hyun, won his first parliamentary seat in the conservative stronghold of Busan in April. The soft-spoken liberal's reluctant entry into the local political scene was spurred by Roh's supporters who blame his 2009 suicide on what they call a politically motivated investigation initiated by Roh's conservative successor, Lee Myung-bak. Standing in Moon's way is Park Geun-hye of the conservative ruling Saenuri Party, who has long led opinion polls for the crucial on 19 Dec presidential election. She is the daughter of former military strongman Park Chung-hee, whose 18-year authoritarian rule is still subject to partisan dispute.

Xinhua



Moon Jae-in (C) of South Korea's centre-left main opposition Democratic United Party waves to his supporters after he was elected as presidential candidate of his party in Goyang, South Korea, on 16 Sept, 2012. —XINHUA

INDIA

"Made in China" Indian doctors now in high demand

KOLKATA, 17 Sept — Aside from affordable customer items, from swanky cell phones to sleek Android tablets and even small Indian God idols of Ganesha, "Made in China" Indian doctors are now in demand in the country which has a shortage of medical practitioners, especially in the rural areas. And this is primarily because getting a medical degree is much cheaper in China than in India. For 20-year-old Anusree Ravi from Kerala, the dream of becoming a doctor was nearly dashed when she failed to qualify in entrance examinations for government medical colleges in India. And fees for private colleges including "capitation fees and donations" turned out to be beyond her parents' means. Unwilling to give up her hope, Anusree decided to apply to medical schools in China where, she heard, the tuition fees were less expensive. "When I inquired about course fees at private medical colleges in India, it was not affordable.

But China was affordable for my parents," said Anusree, who has just completed the first year of

MBBS at Wuhan University School of Medicine, situated in China's Hubei Province. "In my batch, there are about 70 south Indians and one north Indian, though my senior batches mostly come from the north India," said Anusree, one of the 90 international students now studying medicine in China. Like Anusree, Devu, Ameena Kamaruaheen and Balu Vallatheril are in various colleges in China, pursuing their dream to become physicians. Ten years ago only a few students from India applied but soon the pace picked up and horde of Indian students began flocking to Chinese medical colleges. Medical colleges in China are attracting an increasing number of Indians who dream of becoming doctors, most of them failed in competitive examinations given by Indian state-run and subsidized medical colleges. These students cannot afford the extremely high fees of private colleges either.

"The primary lure of government-run Chinese medical colleges is their cheaper fee.

Xinhua

INDONESIA

AEA-Indonesia commercial cooperation seminar opens in Jakarta

JAKARTA, 17 Sept — A commercial cooperation seminar between China's Aigo Entrepreneurs Alliance (AEA) and Indonesia's entrepreneur representatives kicked off here Sunday in a bid to promote communication between Chinese private entrepreneurs and Indonesian political and business circles and lay foundation for the comprehensive cooperation between the two countries.

Feng Jun, founder of the AEA, said at the open ceremony that the seminar was a good platform for him and his AEA members to find appropriate local partners in Indonesia. "Although we are from different places and different brands, I hope we can unite together and create an efficient and win-win cooperation," Feng said. Feng added that the task of this visit was to present the Chinese brands to Indonesian and change the image of Chinese products.

Tommy Winata, representative from Indonesia business circle, said he had already built a good relationship and launched an effective cooperation with Chinese private companies. Tommy said Indonesia is full of natural resources and has a steady economic growth, but the infrastructure is lagging behind the development. "I hope more and more Chinese entrepreneurs can come to invest in Indonesia and bring China's technology here to promote further development of this country," he added.

Xinhua

Australia's Gillard climbs back in polls a year from elections

AUSTRALIA

CANBERRA, 17 Sept — Australian Prime Minister Julia Gillard is climbing back into contention for the next general election, still about 12 months away, with two new opinion polls showing a boost for her Labour Party government. Both a Newspoll, in the Australian newspaper, and a Nielsen poll in the Fairfax newspapers show support for Gillard's government has been building since July in a major turn-around for her minority government.

Government lawmakers said the polls reflected a growing acceptance of a controversial carbon tax, introduced in July, and that a heated opposition campaign against the tax was no longer working with voters. "We always said that once the fear



campaign about the climate change changes on 1 July dissipated, our vote would improve," Government Senate Leader Chris Evans told Australian radio. The opposition has strongly campaigned against the carbon tax, warning it will force factories to close and push up prices, and has promised to scrap it if it wins power.

The polls follow public sympathy for Gillard following the death of her father, heated debate about both Gillard and opposition leader Tony Abbott's personal integrity before they entered parliament, and as the government reopens an immigration detention centre on the Pacific island of Nauru.

Reuters

Australian Prime Minister Julia Gillard wait for the start of the first session of the G20 Summit in Los Cabos on 18 June, 2012. REUTERS

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**Fishing boats set off for
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**The summer fishing
moratorium in the East
China Sea ended at noon
of Sunday.**

XINHUA

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Seventh Chinese National Peasants' Games open in Nanyang

NANYANG, 17 Sept — Chinese Vice Premier Hui Liangyu declared open the seventh National Peasants' Games here on Sunday, which was the first multi-sport gala China held after 2012 London Olympics and Paralympics. Based on the concept of thrift and conciseness, the newly built 35,000-seat Nanyang Stadium witnessed a "shorter" and "smaller" 75-minute opening ceremony.

The opening ceremony was not held at night but in the afternoon, leaving out light, electronic and other high-tech means and fireworks, which will at least save several million yuan. The seventh edition of the quadrennial get-together for Chinese peasants, debuted in 1988, opened its arms for 4,689 athletes, team leaders, coaches and referees from China's 32 provinces, autonomous regions and municipalities, including Taipei.

In order to deliver a successful Games, the organizers have built or refurbished 15 stadiums and other facilities in Nanyang, a southern city in Henan province, known as the biggest granary in China's central plain with about one-ninth of China's 900 million peasants in total. As more and more Chinese peasants have become well-off and paid more and more attention to their physical and mental health, field work is no longer the only occupation for them. Unlike most games that highlight the limits of physical strength and competitiveness, the games for peasants emphasize more on recreation and less on the results.

The Games boasts 15 sports and over 198 events, 4featuring not only traditional sports like athletics, basketball, table tennis, swimming, Xiangqi (Chinese chess) and Taiji (shadowboxing), but also some special ones, such as food-carrying, dragon boating, kite flying, shuttlecocks and Yangko dance, a traditional folk dance commonly performed in China's northern provinces which was introduced into last edition Games held in Quanzhou four years ago. With such enthusiasm keeping on, about a hundred thousand volunteers scattered around the city to provide guiding and helping service for the tourists and the Games' participants. The seven-day tournament will conclude on 22 September.—Xinhua

Colombian Police seize more than 13 tons of drugs

BOGOTA, 17 Sept — The Colombian Police seized around 5.5 tons of cocaine, 7.5 tons of marijuana and 20 kilograms of heroin in weekend operations against organized crime gangs around the country, the authorities said on Sunday.

The operations took place in Colombia's northern department of La Guajira, southwestern departments of Cauca and Valle del Cauca, eastern department of Casanare, and northeastern department of Norte de Santander.

Anti-Narcotics Police Director Gen. Luis Perez told a press conference that the drugs belonged to the drug trafficker gangs of "Los Rastrojos" and "Los Urabenos" and to the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia.—Xinhua



Dancers from the Russian State Ballet perform "Swan Lake" in Suzhou City, east China's Jiangsu Province, on 14 Sept, 2012. —XINHUA

ENTERTAINMENT

Rapper Nicki Minaj, country's Keith Urban pump up "American Idol"

LOS ANGELES, 17 Sept—Controversial rapper Nicki Minaj and country singer Keith Urban joined the "American Idol" judging panel on Sunday, as the ageing Fox show seeks to boost its star power and recapture sliding audiences in a crowded TV talent show field.

In a decision that divided "Idol" fans, Minaj, 29, known for her outlandish outfits and headline-making performances, and Urban were confirmed by Fox hours before

auditions in front of judges kicked off in New York for the show's 12th season. They joined Grammy-winning singer Mariah Carey, whose name was announced in July, and record producer Randy Jackson — who with host Ryan Seacrest are the only remaining members of the original line-up. The new line-up follows the departures earlier this year of Aerosmith frontman Steven Tyler and singer-actress Jennifer Lopez after two years, and returns

the singing show to a four-person panel last seen in 2010.

The Fox announcement followed months of rumors about likely contenders for the job, including rapper Kanye West, pop star Katy Perry, Latin singer Enrique Iglesias, former "American Idol" runner-up Adam Lambert, and teen idols Nick Jonas and Miley Cyrus.

"American Idol" has been a ratings juggernaut since it debuted on Fox in 2002 but audiences are now only about half the more than 30 million who watched regularly in the show's 2005 and 2006 heyday.

The last season finale in May drew a record low of 21.5 million viewers and "Idol" lost its eight-year crown as the most-watched programme on US television to "Sunday Night Football". The 12th season will start broadcasting in January 2013.

Competition in the TV talent show market has increased dramatically in the last year with the hiring of pop star Britney Spears for a reported \$15 million salary for "The X Factor" on Fox, and radio DJ Howard Stern for NBC summer hit "America's Got Talent".

Reuters

Arkansas town capitalizes on its brush with The Beatles



LITTLE ROCK, 17 Sept—A farming town in northeastern Arkansas is hoping that an unexpected visit by The Beatles nearly 50 years ago can get its economy rocking again.

This weekend Walnut Ridge hosts Beatles at the Ridge, a festival dedicated to The Beatles' only stop in Arkansas.

It all goes back to a Friday night in 1964, when a plane carrying the Fab Four to a Missouri dude ranch experienced mechanical problems and was forced to land on a World War Two-era airstrip in Walnut Ridge.

The band hitched a ride to Missouri but returned to the Walnut Ridge airport on Sunday morning, when hundreds of fans waited to greet them.

The musicians did not perform in the town, but their visit remains a vivid memory for many longtime residents.

"We are in the business of music now," said Charles Snapp, the festival's organizer.

"The Beatles have helped to revitalize this town and given people hope that there's a future here." Last year's festival drew about 5,000 people, and Snapp said he expects more this year. The event will feature a Beatles tribute band, Liverpool Legends, vendors selling art and music and the unveiling of Guitar Walk.—Reuters

A still image from the new computer game *The Beatles: Rock Band* is seen in this handout released to Reuters in London.

The Script top UK charts with "Hall of Fame"

LONDON, 17 Sept—The Irish rock band The Script topped the British singles charts on Sunday to score their first number one with "Hall of Fame", a collaboration with the American rapper will.i.am, the Official Charts Company said. The group's success meant that British singer Amelia Lily, a former finalist in the TV talent show "The X Factor", had to settle for second place for her new release "You Bring Me Joy".

The English pop band The xx went straight to number one in the album charts with their latest recording, "Coexist".

Second place went to The Script's third album, "Number 3", just one spot ahead of Bob Dylan's latest, his 35th studio album "Tempest".

Also new in the album listings was English singer-songwriter Joe McElderry, who won the X Factor contest in 2009, with "Here's What I Believe" at number eight. In ninth place was "Elysium", a new entry from the Pet Shop Boys dance music duo. Gerry and the Pacemakers' 1963 version of "You'll Never Walk Alone" re-entered the singles charts at number 12 after a campaign by

Liverpool soccer fans in memory of the 1989 Hillsborough stadium disaster.

The song, adopted as an Liverpool anthem, sold over 28,000 copies in 48 hours following a damning report into a police cover-up over the tragedy, in which 96 of the club's fans died.—Reuters

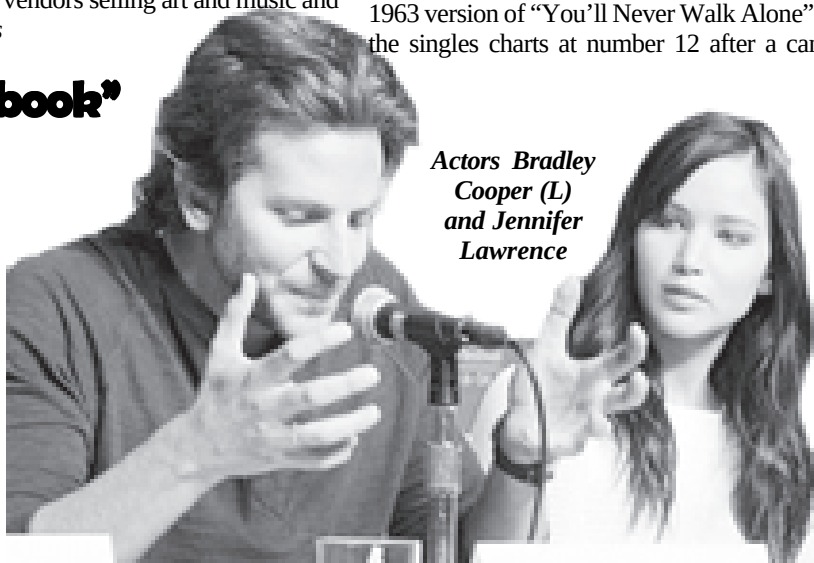


Danny O'Donoghue (L) performs with his band The Script on NBC's "Today" show in New York on 10 June, 2011.—REUTERS

"Silver Linings Playbook" wins top prize at Toronto fest

TORONTO, 17 Sept—"Silver Linings Playbook," a dramatic comedy about a man who returns to his family home after eight months in a mental institution, won the top prize at the Toronto International Film Festival on Sunday.

The film, by "The Fighter" director David O Russell and starring Bradley Cooper and Jennifer Lawrence, took home the BlackBerry People's Choice award for best film at the 37th edition of the festival. Based on the novel by Matthew Quick, "Silver Linings Playbook" examines one man's recovery from a personal and



Actors Bradley Cooper (L) and Jennifer Lawrence

professional meltdown. The film held its world premiere at the festival last week.

"Just as 'The Fighter' to me was not about fighting, this movie to me is not about mental illness," Russell said last week. "To me, it's always about the people and the dynamic of the people. Recent winners of the People's Choice award, which is selected by festival audiences, include Oscar-winners "The

King's Speech" and "Slumdog Millionaire."

The runner-up for the prize was Ben Affleck's "Argo," a fact-based thriller about an outlandish plan to get six stranded Americans out of Tehran after the 1979 invasion of the American Embassy by having them masquerade as a Canadian film crew.

"Argo" also had its world premiere at the Toronto festival.

The People's Choice award for top documentary went to "Artifact," which follows actor Jared Leto and his band Thirty Seconds to Mars as they record their album "This Is War," while waging a legal battle against their label.

"This film is so personal and has been such a labour of love," Leto said in a statement read by festival organizers. "Thank you so much to every single person who voted."

The People's Choice award for top Midnight Madness film went to Bartholomew Cubbins' "Seven Psychopaths," a blood-spattered comedy starring Colin Farrell as a screenwriter struggling to complete the script for a serial-killer movie, and featuring audience favorites Christopher Walken and Woody Harrelson. The best Canadian feature award went to Xavier Dolan's "Laurence Anyways," a drama about a heterosexual relationship that is sent into a tailspin when the man confesses that he believes he's transgendered.—Reuters

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City upstarts looking to upset Real aristocrats

MADRID, 17 Sept—Upstart nouveau riche Manchester City will attempt to rattle aristocratic nine-times winners Real Madrid when they play their Champions League Group D opener at Real's Bernabeu stadium on Tuesday.



Manchester City's Yaya Toure (R) celebrates his goal against Queens Park Rangers with teammates Carlos Tevez (C) and Joleon Lescott during their English Premier League soccer match at The Etihad Stadium in Manchester, northern England on 1 Sept, 2012.

REUTERS

Bankrolled by Abu Dhabi owner Sheikh Mansour bin Zayed Al Nahyan, City have splashed more cash on players than even big-spending Real over the past four seasons and made their debut in Europe's elite club competition last term.

The Premier League champions forked out 442 million euros to snare the likes of Sergio Aguero, David

Silva and Mario Balotelli, the most of any European club, according to the latest *Prime Time Sport Transfer Review* published this month.

Real, chasing a 10th continental crown, were the second-highest spenders,

Manchester City have won some trophies and we want to win now — and for the next 10 years," City manager Roberto Mancini was quoted as saying by Sky Sports on Sunday.

"Manchester City will be a top team like Real but they have a big history and that's the difference," added the Italian.

TOUGHEST GROUP

City and Real have been drawn in what looks to be the toughest group in this season's edition with Borussia Dortmund and Ajax, the German and Dutch champions respectively and both former winners.

The current champions of England and Spain are meeting for the first time and Real made it to the last four last term, while City failed to progress beyond the group stage.

The match at the Bernabeu pits Mancini against the man who replaced him at Inter Milan, Real coach Jose Mourinho.

The pair have locked horns before when Mourinho's Porto side beat Mancini's Lazio outfit 4-1 on aggregate in the semi-finals of the 2002-03 UEFA Cup.

Real come into the match after some poor displays in La Liga and they have taken only four points

from their opening four games to slip eight points behind Barca.

Mourinho was highly critical of his players after Saturday's 1-0 defeat at Sevilla, saying that some had lacked commitment and focus and they had deserved to lose.

City, fourth in the Premier League following Saturday's 1-1 draw at Stoke City, are excited about their latest foray into Europe according to football development executive Patrick Vieira.

"The club is working hard to compete against the best in Europe," the former France and Arsenal midfielder told UEFA's website (www.uefa.com) this week.—Reuters



Real Madrid's coach Jose Mourinho sits in the stands before Manchester City's English Premier League soccer match against Queens Park Rangers at The Etihad Stadium in Manchester, northern England on 1 September, 2012.

REUTERS



First-placed Team Omega Pharma-Quick Step (C), second-placed BMC Racing Team (L) and third-placed Team Orica-GreenEdge (R) celebrate on the podium after the men's team time trial at the UCI Road World Championships in Valkenburg on 16 Sept, 2012.

REUTERS

Omega win team time-trial world title Cycling

VALKENBURG, (Netherlands), 17 Sept—Omega Pharma-Quick Step won the men's team time-trial, a new event at the cycling world championships, on Sunday.

The Belgian six-man team, led by the individual time-trial defending champion Tony Martin of Germany, completed the 53.2-km race in one hour three minutes 17 seconds.

BMC finished 3.16 seconds behind to grab the silver medal while another Australian team, Orica-Greenedge, ended third, 47 seconds adrift of the winners.

Team Sky of Britain, who were without Tour de France winner and individual time-trial Olympic champion Bradley Wiggins, finished a disappointing ninth.

Omega Pharma-Quick Step were one of the favorites for the event with a line-up including Martin and three other national time-trial champions—Frenchman Sylvain Chavanel, Belgian Kristof Vandewalle and Slovakian Peter Velits — as well as former road world champion Tom Boonen.

"We fought together as a team," Martin was quoted as saying in a team statement. "The team work was once again the key to the success. This victory gives me lot of confidence for Wednesday's race," the 27-year-old added, referring to the individual time-trial.—Reuters

Sorry Saints struggling in English top flight

LONDON, 17 Sept—As if further proof were needed after a 6-1 thumping by Arsenal, Southampton defender Danny Fox summed up the newly promoted side's woes perfectly as they still seek a solitary point back in the top flight when he said: "We need to show more character and believe that we can play at this level".

Four league games into the new season and Southampton are rooted at the bottom of the Premier League with no points and a goal difference of minus nine.

All the positive talk in the world will count for nothing unless the south coast side can get some points on the board, and soon, as last season's high-fliers struggle to adapt to life at the top.

"I think we needed to show a bit more steel and a bit more character after going three goals down and especially at a place like the Emirates because it's always going to be tough," Fox told Southampton's TV station Saints Player.

"You can go on about

getting punished and seeing games out, but we should have held on against Manchester United the other week when we were 2-1 up, no matter who was on the pitch."

On Saturday, Southampton were 4-0 down inside 40 minutes at Arsenal, and Fox, perhaps unnecessarily, spelled out the dilemma. "We were playing against top players and we keep saying you'll get punished against top teams because they only need one chance," he said.



Arsenal's Lukas Podolski (R) challenges Southampton's Morgan Schneiderlin during their English Premier League soccer match at the Emirates Stadium in London September 15, 2012.—REUTERS

When the Premier League fixtures were announced, Southampton knew they faced a steep learning curve with matches against Manchester City, Manchester United and Arsenal comprising three of their first four.

The fact they led both City and United 2-1 before ultimately losing both 3-2, and were beaten by Wigan in the one game they may have realistically hoped to win, can have done little for the side's confidence.—Reuters

Al Ahli avoid semi-final with cup holders

Esperance

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CAIRO, 17 Sept—Egypt's Al Ahli, record winners of the African Champions League, drew 1-1 with Zamalek on Sunday to finish top of their group and avoid a semi-final meeting with defending champions Esperance of Tunisia.

Winger Mohamed Barakat came off the bench to equalise for Al Ahli in the 64th minute of the Cairo derby against Zamalek, who led from a 43rd minute Mohamed Ibrahim goal.

The 1-1 draw means Ahli finished one point ahead of TP Mazembe Englebert of the Democratic Republic of Congo, who lost 1-0 at Berekum Chelsea of Ghana on Sunday, in the Group B standings.

Ahli, who have won six Champions League titles, now meet Sunshine Stars, playing away in Nigeria in the first leg on 6 October and hosting the return in Cairo a fortnight later.

Had Ahli lost on



Ahmed Hassan of Egypt's Zamalek (C) fights for the ball with Egypt's Al Ahly Abdallah El Said (L) and Oussou Konan during their CAF Champions League derby soccer match at Borg El Arab "Army Stadium", west of the Mediterranean city of Alexandria, 230 km (143 miles) north of Cairo, on 16 September, 2012.

REUTERS

Sunday they would have had to play Esperance, reviving a long-standing tempestuous rivalry.

Mazembe instead now play the holders in the other semi-final with the first leg in Lubumbashi and the return in Tunis on 20 October.

The final four clubs had already been decided earlier this month but the pairings

were still up for grabs in this weekend's final set of group games.

On Friday, Esperance failed in a bid to break Ahli's record of 19 successive unbeaten matches in the Champions League after they lost 1-0 at bottom-placed ASO Chlef of Algeria in their last Group A encounter.—Reuters

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Focus Myanmar TV Programme

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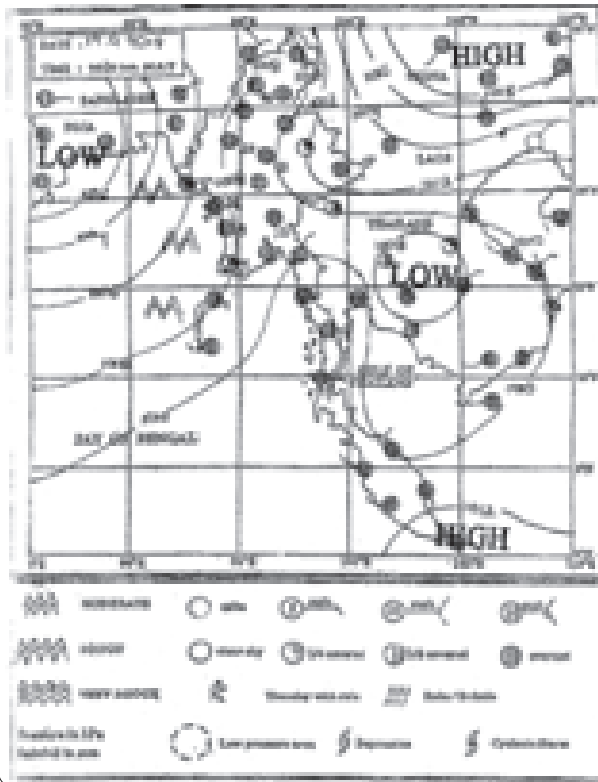
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MYANMAR TV (18-9-2012) (Tuesday)

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1. Paritta By Venerable Mingun Sayadaw
- 7:10 am
2. Dhamma Puja Song
- 7:50 am
3. Health Programme
- 8:05 am
4. Songs Of Yester Years
- 8:20 am
5. Selected Songs For 19th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions (2012) (Modern Song) (Amateur (Second) Division Level) (Women)
- 4:10 pm
7. Musical Programme
- 4:30 pm
8. University of Distance Education (TV Lectures) - Third Year (English)
- 4:45 pm
9. Songs For Upholding National Spirit
- 4:50 pm
10. The Mirror Images of The Musical Oldies
- 5:00 pm
11. Documentary
- 5:30 pm
12. Sweet Melody
- 6:35 pm
13. Sing A Song
- 7:00 pm
14. TV Drama Series
- 8:00 pm
15. News
16. 19th Myanmar Traditional Culture Performing Arts Competitions (2012) Interview (Dance)
16. Bakery World
17. TV Drama Series
18. India Drama Series

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



Weather forecast for 18th September, 2012

Sr. No.	Regions/States	Temperature (°C/°F)		For Tomorrow	
		Maximum	Minimum	Forecast	Percent
1	Kachin	28/82	24/75	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)
2	Kayah	29/84	19/66	Scattered rain or thundershowers	(100%)
3	Kayin	33/91	22/72	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)
4	Chin	21/70	17/63	Scattered rain or thundershowers	(100%)
5	Upper Sagaing	28/82	25/77	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)
6	Lower Sagaing	33/91	27/81	Scattered rain or thundershowers	(100%)
7	Taninthayi	30/86	24/75	Widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)
8	Bago	32/90	24/75	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)
9	Magway	31/88	24/75	Scattered rain or thundershowers	(100%)
10	Mandalay	35/95	24/75	Scattered rain or thundershowers	(100%)
11	Mon	32/90	25/77	Widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)
12	Yangon	32/90	22/72	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)
13	Rakhine	32/90	22/72	Widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)
14	Southern Shan	24/75	16/61	Scattered rain or thundershowers	(100%)
15	Northern Shan	28/82	19/66	Scattered rain or thundershowers	(100%)
16	Eastern Shan	27/81	22/72	Scattered rain or thundershowers	(100%)
17	Ayeyawady	32/90	24/75	Widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)
18	Neighbouring Nay Pyi Taw	34/93	24/75	Isolated rain or thundershowers	(100%)
19	Neighbouring Yangon	32/90	22/72	One to two rain or thundershowers	(100%)
20	Neighbouring Mandalay	35/95	24/75	Isolated rain or thundershowers	(100%)

Summary of observations at 09:30 hr MST on today

During the past (24) hours, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Magway Region and Chin State, scattered in Mandalay Region, Shan and Rakhine States, fairly widespread in Lower Sagaing, Bago, Yangon and Ayeyawady Regions, Kachin and Mon States and widespread in the remaining Regions and States with regionally heavy fall in Mandalay Region and isolated heavy falls in Lower Sagaing Region. The noteworthy amount of rainfall recorded were Shwebo(2.56) inches, Tada-U(2.17) inches, Theinzayet (2.05) inches, Myeik (1.92) inches, Machanbaw (1.69) inches and Thabeikkyin (1.57) inches.

Bay Inference

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

State of the Sea

Squalls with moderate to rough sea are likely at times off and along Myanmar Coasts. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (35) mph.

Outlook for subsequent two days

Moderate monsoon.

Independiente coach Gallego admits relegation worries

BUENOS AIRES, 17 Sept—Independiente coach America Gallego conceded his club have been drawn into a relegation battle after their 2-1 defeat to Boca Juniors at La Bombonera on Sunday. Boca stayed top of the Argentine standings by a point from Newell's Old Boys, who beat San Lorenzo 1-0 at home in Rosario to leave another of Argentina's big clubs worrying about relegation early in the season.

"Times are hard," Gallego told reporters just two days after saying he was paying no attention to his side's position at the bottom of the relegation standings. Relegation in Argentina is determined by a team's average points over three seasons. If a team's results in two campaigns are poor, relegation can be a realistic concern from the start of a season.

Independiente languish at the foot of the relegation standings even though they are one from bottom of the present championship table.

The last three teams in the relegation standings go down at the end of the season in June. San Lorenzo are presently four from bottom.

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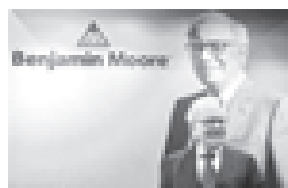


Independiente's head coach Americo Gallego (R) talks to player Claudio Morel Rodriguez during their Argentine First Division soccer match against Boca Juniors in Buenos Aires, on 16 Sept, 2012. —REUTERS

"We keep dropping lower without getting results ... I'm not happy, we were Boca's equals," Gallego said.

"We made an analysis of the first half (at the interval) and promised we would overrun and pressure them in the second, and they scored within a minute. There's no magic answer to that."

Boca recovered from an own goal by defender Matias Caruzzo. Shaven-headed Uruguayan striker Santiago "Tank" Silva equalised midway through the first half and the winner came one minute into the second half from midfielder Juan Sanchez Mino.—Reuters



Warren Buffett tours the trade show floor during the Berkshire Hathaway Annual shareholders meeting in Omaha, on 5 May, 2012.

Scolari accused of betraying Palmeiras in time of need

RIO DE JANEIRO, 17 Sept—World Cup-winning coach Luiz Felipe Scolari had broken his promise to help Palmeiras fight relegation to the bitter end, according to the Brazilian club's midfielder Jorge Valdivia.

Palmeiras announced last week that Scolari, who coached Brazil to the 2002 World Cup, had parted ways with the club after a series of defeats left them mired in the Brazilian championship's

The bottom four teams face relegation at the end of the season, which has 13 rounds to run. Scolari, a former national coach of Portugal and of English Premier League heavyweights Chelsea, took Palmeiras to victory in the Copa Brasil, the country's knockout competition, only two months ago.

He previously coached Palmeiras in a highly successful stint from 1997-2000 in which they won the



Palmeiras head coach Luis Felipe Scolari holds the Copa do Brasil trophy after their team won the championship against Coritiba, in Curitiba on 11 July, 2012. REUTERS

relegation zone. "He asked to leave (and) it was a surprise to us," Chilean Valdivia told reporters after Palmeiras suffered a 2-0 defeat by Corinthians on Sunday under caretaker coach Narciso.

"He had told the squad that if we went down he would go down with us, but after the match with Vasco he informed (the club) he was quitting," added Valdivia. Sunday's loss in the Sao Paulo derby, in which Palmeiras had striker Luan sent off in the 26th minute for a second booking, left Palmeiras in 19th place in the 20-team league with 20 points from 25 matches.

Brazilian championship, Copa Brasil and the South American club championship, the Libertadores Cup.

He has been seen as a possible replacement for Brazil coach Mano Menezes who, despite winning most of his games in his two years in charge, has failed to capture the public imagination in the run-up to the 2014 World Cup, which Brazil hosts.

Romarinho and Paulinho scored the goals for champions Corinthians, who are ninth in the standings after a slow start from having prioritised the Libertadores Cup.—Reuters

District News



HEALTH KNOWLEDGE TALKED: The talk on family health care services with the use of traditional medicine, organized by Tatkon Township Traditional Medicine Department, was given at Dhammayon of Myoma Police Station on 14 September. Head of Township Traditional Medicine Department Daw Khin Mar Lwin explains usage of medicinal utensils of kitchen.—MYANMA ALIN

Warren Buffett says cancer radiation treatment completed

NEW YORK, 17 Sep—Berkshire Hathaway Inc Chief Executive Warren Buffett has said he has completed final radiation treatment for prostate cancer, the *Omaha World-Herald* newspaper reported on Saturday. Buffett, the world's third-richest person, told executives from newspapers he has acquired in recent months on Friday: "It's a great day for me. Today I had my 44th and last day of radiation."

Buffett, 82, disclosed in April he was diagnosed with Stage 1 prostate cancer. At the time, he said his case "is not remotely life-threatening or even debilitating in any meaningful way." Buffett, widely considered the most successful investor of the last century, started daily radiation treatments at the Nebraska Medical Centre in mid-July. He said the treatment would hinder his travels for about two months. Buffett joked with executives about planning to live to be the oldest man alive, the Buffett-owned *World-Herald* said.—Reuters

Vice-President holds talks with delegation of Special Region (4) Mongla

NAY PYI TAW, 17 Sept—Chairman of Union-level Peace-Making Working Committee Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham received Vice-Chairman of the Special Region (4) Mongla and party at the Golden Triangle Guest House in Kengtung in Shan State (East) yesterday.

Also present at the meeting together with the Vice-President were Chief Minister of Shan State U Sao Aung Myat, Commander of Triangle Region Command Maj-Gen Than Tun Oo, deputy ministers Brig-Gen Kyaw Zan Myint and Maj-Gen Zaw Win and departmental heads while Vice-Chairmen of the peace and solidarity committee of the Special Region (4) Mongla U San Pae, U San Lu and U Htein Lin and members of the committee attended the meeting.

Before the meeting, the Vice-President cordially greeted the Vice-Chairmen of the Special Region (4) Mongla and party. The vice-chairmen and members of the delegation of the Special Region (4) introduced themselves to the Vice-President.

In his address at the meeting, Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham said that he and his entourage were there to assist in rehabilitation measures in Shan State (North) and Mongla in (East) which were hit by floods causing casualties.

The President went to the lower

Myanmar and helped the flood victims, he added.

The Vice-President continued to say that he visited Lashio and Theinni yesterday and provided aids to the flood victims and he was now in Mongla to provide aids to the flood victims, to accelerate the peace making efforts and to fulfil the requirements for the social-economy in Shan State (East).

Hundreds of thousands of acres of rice field in Ayeyawady Region were destroyed by the flood and rice fields in Mongla were also damaged by the flood, he added.

He also assured the delegation from the Special Region (4) Mongla of his help to cease difficulties in Mongla as much as possible and to settle some issues which needs to be handled in the long run after coordination.

U San Pae, Vice-Chairman of the Special Region (4) Mongla thanked the Vice-President for cash and aids from the government and discussed the needs of the Special Region (4) Mongla.

Afterwards, U Kham Maung, Secretary of the peace and solidarity committee of the Special Region (4) Mongla requested the Vice-President to issue the citizenship scrutiny cards to those who have not yet received the cards and who have not yet applied to the government.



Chairman of Union-level Peace-Making Working Committee Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham and party pose for documentary photo together with Vice-Chairman of Special Region (4) Mongla and party.—MNA

He also requested to provide tar to be used in road construction and to assist in medical care services in far-flung areas in hilly areas where doctors and medicines are

not enough for the medical care services and to provide medical equipment to hospitals and clinics in Mongla.

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Amnesty granted

NAY PYI TAW, 17 Sept—The President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar has granted amnesty to 514 prisoners including foreigners from various prisons in accord with Section 204 (a) of the

constitution and Section 401 (i) of Code of Criminal Procedure as of 2nd Waxing of Tawthalin, 1374 ME (17 September, 2012), for establishing stability of the State and eternal peace, on humanitarian grounds, for

turning them into citizens who do their bits in nation building tasks realizing sympathy and goodwill of the State and for prolonging friendship with neighbouring countries.—MNA

Szczesny out of Arsenal's trip to Montpellier



Arsenal goalkeeper Wojciech Szczesny.

LONDON, 17 Sept—Goalkeeper Wojciech Szczesny will miss Arsenal's opening Champions League Group B tie at Montpellier on Tuesday because of an ankle injury.

The Polish international is to be replaced by Italian Vito Mannone against the Ligue 1 champions, the Premier League club said on their website (www.arsenal.com) on Monday.

Manager Arsene Wenger said Szczesny was

Mandalay, Magway sail into final in U-12 football tourney

YANGON, 17 Sept—The semifinals of the First Inter-Region/State MFF U-12 Digicel Cup Basic Education School Football Tournament (Upper Myanmar) were held at Bahtoo Stadium in

still his first choice despite making a handling error that led to a goal in Saturday's 6-1 thrashing of Southampton in the Premier League.

"Wojciech is number one unless I change my mind," said Frenchman Wenger.

"You cannot change a goalkeeper every time he makes a simple mistake because then you have three bad keepers.

The confidence is needed."

Reuters

Mandalay yesterday morning. In the semifinals, Mandalay Region trounced Kayah State 8-1 whereas Magway Region routed Nay Pyi Taw 5-0. The two winning teams cruised into the final.

Officials of Myanmar

Football Federation presented K 10,000 each to man of the match award winners Than Htaik (6) of Mandalay Region and Nay Paing Soe (9) of Magway Region.

Tomorrow afternoon, Mandalay Region will play against Magway Region in the final match.

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