

Those who agree to disagree can still work together

President U Thein Sein's monthly radio address

NAY PYI TAW, 1 Sept—The following is the full text of the speech delivered by President U Thein Sein through radio programmes to the entire people on 1 September.

My Fellow Citizens,

I would like to inform all of you about the recent changes and developments that have taken place in our country in the month of August just as I have done previously on this radio program.

Just as I have mentioned earlier last month, the previous thirty months in the office can be considered as the first-half of our five-year mandate. During that time, my government tried to lay

democratic foundations necessary to meet two fundamental aspirations of Myanmar citizens: to lead a harmonious and peaceful life under a fabric of rule of law; and to promote socio-economic development.

As we continue to lay these foundations, my government in the coming thirty months will work hard to prioritize and improve the livelihoods and day to day needs of the people so that our people can begin to enjoy

the tangible benefits of the socioeconomic reforms. We will focus on improving the fundamental livelihood and socio-economic needs of Myanmar people such as: access to drinking and usable water; access to electricity; improvements in telecommunications; job creation; and agricultural sector and rural development. Likewise, we will continue to carry out reforms in the education and healthcare sectors which are important not

only to meet today's needs but to also meet the future needs of our nation.

I want to especially focus on the issue of National Reconciliation Process and its related issues in this radio address.

If we reflect on the political process that has brought about current reforms under my administration, we can see that we have established some concrete changes. We must also recognize that the friction between the

executive and legislative branches that have played out is a natural corollary to this new political system and climate, especially in the early stages of transition. However, instead of blaming each other in counter-productive ways, we must learn from this experience to establish new approaches, communication channels and frameworks that allow us to work together better.

Both the executive and legislative branches must

keep this constructive perspective in mind as they exercise their constitutional authorities within the boundaries of deference to reach a common goal of building a democratic society. I would like to encourage all political leaders to work together despite differences in opinion, find lessons from this political friction, discuss and negotiate equitably, and strive to construct a

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Forward looking attitude is a must: Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham

GNU will join hands with government for eternal peace: General Saw Mutu Sae Po

Hluttaw should assist in peace process: Lt-Col Sai Ngin



Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham cordially greets national race leaders at the meeting between Union Peace-making Work Committee and national race representatives.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 31 Aug—“The country could be subjected to other countries politically, economically and socially if it is lack of development and moving backward due to armed conflicts,” said Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham at a meeting between the Union Peace-making Work Committee and National Races Representatives at the Ministry of Rail Transportation, here this morning.

It was also attended by Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence

Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Soe Win, Vice-Chairmen of the Work Committee U Aung Min and U Thein Zaw, the Union Ministers, deputy ministers, MPs, Special Advisor to UN Secretary-General on Myanmar Mr Vijay Nambiar, GNU Chairman General Saw Mutu Sae Po and party, Col Hsai Hla from RCSS/SSA and party, national races affairs experts and officials.

In his opening speech, Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham said that the

new government shortly after taking office extended an olive branch to national race armed groups to make peace.

As a three-phase peace talks, several rounds of Region/State-level, Union-level and Hluttaw-Level peace talks were held step by step. The government has reached 11-point initial agreement with GNU on 12-1-2012; 8-point initial agreement with RCSS/SSA on 2-12-2011; and initial agreements with other groups to make ceasefire, he said.

Easing armed conflicts is not an easy task. It is found that there are fights more or less even though both sides have reached ceasefire agreements. He urged those concerned to continue maintaining already-prevailed peace and stability. And he called for mass participations in an attempt to enable the country to end the armed conflicts said to be one of the longest in the world, he added.

In doing so, those concerned should not point accusing fingers at each

other but to hold talks with forward looking attitude. Compromising is a must. The country could overtake neighbouring countries through cooperation among all national races. In the past, being a leading country in the Asian region is strong evidence, he added.

Myanmar people are searching green pasture in other countries due to the country's lagging behind in development. He called for reaching eternal peace through tolerance, honesty and keeping promise.

GNU Chairman

General Saw Mutu Sae Po said that GNU carries out peace-making process by dividing political, military and economy fronts and is in no wish for taking advantages in the talks. International situation including Myanmar's situation have changed and thus all must keep up with the rapid pace of change. He reaffirmed that GNU would certainly join hands with the government for reaching eternal peace.

General Secretary Phado Saw Kwe Htoo Win
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CONSTRUCTION

Soil test conducted for design of Korea-Myanmar friendship bridge

YANGON, 31 Aug—The soil test was conducted near the Phonegyi Street jetty on 27 August. It was aimed at creating the design for Korea-Myanmar friendship bridge (Dala-Yangon).

Top Engineering Group is being conducted the soil test on board the two boats, 10 meters to the centre of the river between Phonegyi Street Jetty and Kamakasit Beach up to 2 September.

At night, the soil test boats will be installed with signal lights. The watercrafts are to dodge the soil test boats from 100 feet distance.

Kyemon-Thant Zin Win



Health care provided to locals in Insein Township

INSEIN, 31 Aug—A mobile medical team provided health care services to the local people at Minzeidi Dhammayon in West Ywama

Ward of Insein Township, Yangon North District, on 23 August.

With the assistance of Yangon North District

Maternal and Child Welfare Supervisory Committee Daw San San Mar, Insein Township MCWA Daw Yi Yi Myint and Township Medical Officer Daw Naw Thanda Swe, doctors and nurses gave health care to 120 patients.

Kyemon-Khin Maung Aye (Insein)

Bago District Bus Control Committee elected

BAGO, 31 Aug—A ceremony to elect members of Bago District Bus Control Committee took place in Bago of Bago District on 29 August.

Departmental officials supervised the election of the

committee members.

Those present elected nine persons including U Htay Naing as Chairman, U Aung Win as Vice-Chairman, U Hla Myint as Secretary and UAung Myint as treasurer.—*Kyemon-699*

New generation models come out

YANGON, 31 Aug—The talent and model course concluded at the hall of Traders Hotel on Sule Pagoda Road, here, on 27 August.

The agency turned out talent model trainees and outstanding service personnel at various capacities.

The products of the agency are showing off their best performances at fashion show, company promotion, opening and closing ceremonies at the State level.—*Kyemon-Kyaw Myint Than (Lanmadaw)*



NATIONAL SPORTS

Mandalay UFL organizes Ms Beauty Contest



MANDALAY, 31 Aug—The Ms Beauty Contest of Mandalay University of Foreign Languages 2012-2013 was held at the multipurpose hall of the four-storey building of the university on 23 August.

The pageants showed off free style postures.

Officials presented cash

awards and certificates to consolation prize winners Ma Myint Myat Naing (French), Ma Nan Hnin Aye (French), Ma Mie Mie Tun (German), Ma Khin Thura Win (English), Ma Phyu Phyu Thwin (English), Ma Htet Htet Shwe (English), Ma Eint Myat Thinz (French), Ma Yamin Nwe (English) and Ma Soe Myat Theingi

Kywe (Japan).

Dean of Philosophy Department Dr Nan Garong presented third and second prizes to Ma Hsu Myat Wai (English) and Ma Nway Oo Khaing (Korea) and Pro-Rector Dr Daw Tint Tint first prize to Ma Nway Zargyi Tun (China).

Kyemon-Thiha Ko Ko (Mandalay)

Myanmar stands first in Pre-SEA Games

Karatedo Test Match

NAY PYI TAW, 31 Aug—Host Myanmar bagged seven gold, six silver and seven bronze medals in the Pre-SEA Games Karatedo Test Match up to 29 August.

Myanmar stood first in the text match standing.

On 29 August, San Toe (Myanmar A) secured gold in men's Kumite 60-kilo class, Aye Chan Naing (Myanmar A) 75-kilo class, Myint Maung Maung Hein (Myanmar A) in women's 55-kilo class, Win Thuza Min (Myanmar A) in 61-kilo class and Nway Nway Zaw Win (Myanmar A) in

women's 61-kilo class, Tin Tun Aung (Myanmar A), Nay Myo Win (Myanmar B), Poe Ei Phyu (Myanmar A) won silver medals and Aung Kyaw Soe (Myanmar B), Sai Nyan Lin (Myanmar B), Saw Palan Ra John (Myanmar B), Khaing Khaing Htet (Myanmar B) and Khin Nyunt (Myanmar B) bronze medals.

Kyemon-Chit Ko Ko

Stimulant tablets seized in Muse, Tachilek townships

NAY PYI TAW, 31 Aug—Members of Muse Anti-Drug Special Squad of Shan State raided the house of Ma Mar Pa (a) Mar Lu, 27 in Namsangzay Market in Muse Township on 26 August.

The squad seized 43560 stimulant tablets from the plastic bucket in the chicken. Muse Myoma police station opened a file of lawsuit over the stimulant tablets.

Likewise, members of Tachilek Anti-Drug Special

Squad seized 200 stimulant tablets from the bedroom at the house of Joseph, 40, in Edin Village in Phanmin Village-tract of Tachilek Township.

Tachilek Myoma Police Station opened a file of lawsuit against Joseph.—*MNA*



WORLD

Sixth US ship now in eastern Mediterranean 'as precaution'

WASHINGTON, 31 Aug — A sixth US warship is now operating in the eastern Mediterranean, near five US destroyers armed with cruise missiles that could soon be directed against Syria as part of a "limited, precise" strike, defence officials said late on Friday.

They stressed that the USS San Antonio, an amphibious ship with several hundred US Marines on board, was in the region for a different reason and there were no plans to put Marines on the ground as part of any military action against Syria.

One of the officials said the San Antonio's passage into the Mediterranean was long-planned, but officials thought it prudent to keep the ship in the eastern Mediterranean near the destroyers given the current situation.



The amphibious transport dock ship USS San Antonio (LPD 17) departs Naval Station Norfolk in Norfolk, Virginia on 31 Oct, 2012 in this handout photo supplied by the US Navy on 1 Nov, 2012.—REUTERS

Defence Ministry eyes equipment procurement agency in reform plan

TOKYO, 31 Aug—The Defence Ministry approved on Friday a draft plan for organizational reform that includes establishing an agency to oversee the procurement and management of defence equipment and facilities across the country's air, ground and maritime forces. For more efficient and swift troop management, the reform plan also envisages consolidating duties and operations under the Joint Staff Office.

The work is currently shared between uniformed Self-Defence Force members and civilian officials at the ministry. To retain a framework of civilian control, however, civilian officials would be tasked with drafting and formulating laws related to troop management.

"It's been kept there as a precaution," said one of the officials, who was not authorized to speak publicly. The San Antonio transited through the Suez Canal on Thursday from the Red Sea, and received new orders on Friday to remain in the eastern Mediterranean, near the destroyers, according to defence officials. It is one of three ships that are carrying 2,200 Marines who have been on a six-month deployment in the region around the Arabian peninsula.

The Obama administration released evidence on Friday that it said demonstrated the Syrian government had used chemical weapons against civilians. It made clear on Friday that it would punish Syrian President Bashar al-Assad for the "brutal and flagrant" attack that it says killed

more than 1,400 people in Damascus last week.

Officials cautioned the operation under discussion involved a limited, precise set of targets that would be of a short duration, unlike the broader campaign against Libya in March 2011.

The US Navy generally keeps three destroyers in the Mediterranean, but kept two additional destroyers there at the end of their deployments as the situation evolved in Syria over the past week. The five destroyers are each carrying an estimated three dozen or more Tomahawk missiles for a combined total of about 200 missiles, according to defence officials.

Byron Callan, analyst with Capital Alpha Partners, projected that a limited Syrian strike would use about 200 to 300 Tomahawk missiles, compared to about 221 used in the Libya operation. Defence officials said a more narrowly targeted operation against Syria could involve even less missiles.

They cited a debate within the Obama administration about striking the right balance between a limited cruise missile attack aimed at delivering a message about chemical weapons, and a broader attack that could be seen as a strong insertion of the United States into the Syrian civil war.

Reuters

UN chemical weapons inspectors leaving Damascus

DAMASCUS, 31 Aug—The team of UN chemical weapons inspectors left their Damascus hotel early on Saturday, a Reuters witness said, and appeared to

be leaving the country.

The witness saw the team's convoy of vehicles head onto a highway that leads to neighbouring Lebanon.—Reuters



UN vehicles, carrying United Nations chemical weapons experts, arrive at Yousef al-Azma military hospital in Damascus on 30 Aug, 2013.—REUTERS

India successfully launches 1st military satellite

NEW DELHI, 31 Aug—India's space agency on Friday announced the successful launch of the country's first dedicated military satellite, expected to be operational by the end of September.

The state-run Indian Space Research Organization, in a Press release, said the GSAT-7 advanced communication satellite was launched early Friday morning from a spaceport in Kourou, French Guiana in South America.

The home-built satellite was carried into orbit by an Ariane-5 launch vehicle of European space consortium Arianespace after a half-hour flight. The Press Trust of India reported that India's navy would be the user of the multiband communication satellite.

Kyodo News

Canada says G20 summit should focus on economy despite Syria

OTTAWA, 31 Aug—Economy should be the priority at the upcoming G20 summit although the Syria crisis would be a hot topic, the chief spokesman of Canadian Prime Minister Stephen Harper said on Friday.

"There is no doubt it would have an impact if we have a strike that happens before the summit," said Andrew MacDougall, referring to Washington's threat to punish the Syrian government for an alleged chemical-weapons attack last week outside Damascus.

"But right now we're expecting to talk about the global economy. That's the priority right now for the G20 meeting," he added at a briefing about Harper's trip to Russia for the 5-6 September event in St Petersburg.

In a news release, Harper said Canada hopes that this year's summit will result in commitments for further action on key issues such as financial regulation and trade liberalization.

"The world is looking to the G20 to lay the framework necessary for sustainable global economic growth and

job creation," he said.

Harper noted that while Canada has a strong economic record, it is not immune to external developments and remains vulnerable to risks that continue to weigh on the global economy.

The members of the G20 account for more than 85 percent of the world's economy and two thirds of the world's population, making it the premier forum for international economic cooperation.

On Thursday, Harper said Canada has no plan for a military mission of its own in Syria, although the government supports its allies and has been convinced of the need for "forceful action." The conflict in Syria is "overwhelmingly sectarian in nature and does not have, at the present, any ideal or obvious outcomes," he added.

US President Barack Obama said on Friday that he has not made a final decision about a military strike against Syria, but he is considering a limited and narrow action in response to the alleged chemical attack.

Xinhua

Germany not to join in any attack on Syria

BERLIN, 31 Aug—Germany has ruled out joining any military strike against Syria, German media quoted on Friday the country's foreign minister as saying.

Guido Westerwelle told the newspaper Neue Osnabrucker Zeitung that any German participation in the military operation had "neither been asked nor is it being considered."

Westerwelle said it was up to "the United Nations Security Council to find a common position," and that the UN inspectors investigating an alleged chemical attack near Damascus should come to a conclusion as quickly as

possible. These statements mark a change of stance by the German government that previously said Syrian President Bashar al-Assad's regime must be held responsible for the consequences of lethal attacks.—Xinhua

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

Microsoft offers ValueAct president seat on board

SAETTLER, 31 Aug—Microsoft Corp on Friday offered a seat on its board to the president of ValueAct Capital Management, the activist fund manager that pressed for the ouster of Microsoft Chief Executive Steve Ballmer and wanted a say on the software giant's strategy after taking a \$2 billion stake earlier this year. The offer marks a victory for ValueAct. Reuters first reported in July that the fund was seeking a board seat as poor quarterly results slammed Microsoft's share price.

The San Francisco-based fund, which manages about \$12 billion for clients, owns 0.8 percent of Microsoft's shares. Co-founded by finance industry veteran Jeff Ubben in 2000, it has made a reputation for building stakes in companies and working with management to change fundamental strategy.

The fund has not said

Dinosaur fossils unearthed in east China

JINAN, 31 Aug—Chinese archaeologists have again unearthed several dinosaur fossils at a site in Laiyang City, in east China's Shandong Province.

More than 130 fossils, including bone and egg remains, were unearthed at the excavation site near the village of Jingangkou, according to sources with the Institute of Vertebrate Paleontology and Paleoanthropology of the Chinese Academy of Sciences.

Scientists sealed off the fossils and surrounding rock with gypsum for further restoration and research, said Wang Xiaolin, a researcher with the institute who is in charge of the excavation. "Most of the fossils are relatively intact, and this is favourable for assembly of a complete dinosaur skeleton," Wang said.

The largest piece of fossil, the remains of a humerus, or upper arm bone, is over 60 cm, Wang said. Fossils were first found here in 2010, and scientists have already unearthed several dinosaur remains from at least 20 fossil-bearing layers. In 2011, Laiyang was approved as a national park for dinosaur fossils.—Xinhua

a great deal in public about its aims with Microsoft, but people familiar with its thinking have said it was concerned about Ballmer's leadership as well as the wisdom of Microsoft's foray into making hardware devices, and that it sought higher dividends and share buybacks to benefit shareholders. Ballmer last week announced his plan to retire within 12 months, but said ValueAct had nothing to do with his decision.

His retirement came as a surprise, just six weeks after he launched an ambitious plan, received coolly by investors, to reorganize the company around devices and services rather than its core software products. Under an agreement made public on Friday, Microsoft is offering ValueAct's president, Mason Morfit, an option to join Microsoft's

board after the technology company's annual shareholder meeting, which is usually held in mid-November. ValueAct did not say whether it would take up the offer of a board seat, and did not immediately return calls seeking comment.

The agreement also provides for regular meetings between Morfit and selected Microsoft directors and management to discuss a "range of significant business issues," Microsoft said, without giving further details about those issues. Morfit has been at ValueAct since 2001, and previously worked in equity research for Credit Suisse First Boston.

He also represents ValueAct on the board of Valeant Pharmaceuticals International Inc, where he won praise as the architect of Valeant CEO J. Michael

Pearson's innovative pay package, which included requirements to buy stock, zero annual share grants and a 'lockup' period on sales of stock.

If ValueAct accepts Microsoft's offer, Morfit will become the 10th member of the board, which is led by former Symantec Corp CEO John Thompson. Co-founder and Chairman Bill Gates and CEO Ballmer, which between them hold nearly 9 percent of Microsoft shares, also sit on the board.

As part of the agreement, ValueAct cannot launch a proxy contest, the generally hostile and public method of seeking to appoint new directors to a company's board, Microsoft said in a regulatory filing. Microsoft's shares rose 10 cents to \$33.50 in after-hours trading.—Reuters



The Microsoft logo is seen at their offices in Bucharest on 20 March, 2013. REUTERS

Apple rolls out iPhone trade-in programme in US stores

SAN FRANCISCO, 31 Aug—Apple Inc has launched a trade-in programme in its US retail stores for older models of its iPhone as it gears up for the launch of a new version of the smartphone, it said on Friday.

Apple will give customers a credit for their old phones to be used toward the purchase of a new mod-

el, an Apple spokeswoman said.

A thriving industry exists for older versions of smartphones, especially the iPhone, on websites such as eBay and Gazelle. Even broken iPhones can fetch as much as \$125 from vendors, who resell them in the United States and internationally.

Gazelle Chief Executive Israel Ganot estimated the used smartphone and tablet market in the United States will reach \$14 billion by 2015. "So there's obviously a huge opportunity here for multiple players," he said. Apple shares dipped nearly 1 percent to \$487.46.

Reuters



iPhone 5 models are pictured on display at an Apple Store in Pasadena, California on 22 July, 2013.—REUTERS

MYANMAR'S TREASURES

Myanmar Pearls



The Myeik Archipelago has long been famous for producing natural pearls of immense sizes. A few years ago, the world's biggest natural pearl, weighing 845 carats, was found in the region.

The cultured pearl industry in Myanmar began

in the late 1950s under Japanese supervision and the quality is excellent.

The outstanding characteristic of Myanmar cultured pearls is an iridescent lustre of many colours, known in the industry as 'orient' or 'rainbow iridescent'.

The Nine Gems Ring

This ring is set with nine gems in a specific order and at auspicious times and days selected by the astrologer.

They must be set in this order: the ruby in the middle, the diamond at top centre, and clockwise, a pearl, coral, topaz, sapphire, moonstone,

zircon, and finally, an emerald. The ruby is for glory; the diamond for dignity; the pearl for grace, the coral for power; the topaz for health; the sapphire for love; the moonstone for perfection; the zircon for strength; and the emerald for peace.

Mogok Rubies

Mogok rubies have an inner florescence not found anywhere else in the world. They are found in sizes and quality that no other ruby mines can match. In the 15th century an Italian merchant named Ludovico Varthema reported that he saw the Myanmar monarch wearing "more rubies on him than the value of a very large city." One Mogok mine produced the 'Nawata' ruby, a near-flawless gem of crimson rose colour, which weighed

496.5 carats after cutting. The same mine produced two bigger rubies in each of the next two years. The world's biggest ruby, weighing 21,450 carats, was also found at Mogok.



Mogok Sapphires



Although fewer sapphires than rubies are found at Mogok, they are

of high quality and are highly sought after.

Perfect star sapphires are rare and fetch the highest prices in the gem trade.

The Gem Museum at Nay Pyi Taw displays a 2.13 metre (7 feet) high boulder, which is the biggest sapphire in the world although not of gem quality.

Imperial Jade

Myanmar is the only country in the world producing high-quality Imperial Jade in large quantities, from mines at Hpakant in western Kachin State.

The world's largest known piece of Imperial Jade was found on January 1, 2001. It is 21 metres (70 feet) long, 11 metres (36 feet) high and 4.5 metres (15ft) thick.



BUSINESS & HEALTH

Yoga tied to better sleep after cancer

NEW YORK, 31 Aug—Practicing yoga may help people who have had cancer sleep better and reduce their use of sleep aids, according to a new study. Researchers found study participants, mostly women with a history of breast cancer, reported significant improvements in sleep quality and sleep duration when they attended yoga sessions twice per week.

The study's lead author called it "the kind of study that doctors typically look to when changing the standard of care with patients." "One of the biggest messages from the trial is yoga worked," Karen Mustian, from the James P Wilmot Cancer Centre at the University of Rochester Medical Center in New York, said. "Regardless of whether people had mild sleep disruption or a clinical diagnosis of insomnia, people who participated in yoga experienced the same amount of sleep improvement," she told *Reuters Health*.

Mustian said between 30 and 90 percent of cancer survivors report some form of sleep disturbance. That



People take part in a free weekly yoga class on the front lawn of Parliament Hill in Ottawa on 31 July, 2013.—REUTERS

can be due to anxiety about a cancer diagnosis, related health problems or side effects of treatments including surgery, chemotherapy, radiation and hormone therapy.

Studies suggest yoga can lower blood pressure and improve anxiety, depression and insomnia. The program used in this study included Gentle Hatha yoga, which focuses on physical postures, and Restorative yoga, with an emphasis on relaxation, breathing and meditation. The study included 410 people with a history of can-

cer who were recruited from 12 US cities. Participants were 54 years old, on average. Almost all were white and female, and three quarters had had breast cancer. Participants were randomly assigned to one of two groups. Half of them attended a standardized yoga program for cancer survivors that met for 75 minutes twice a week, in addition to receiving standard care. The other half received only standard care.

The researchers assessed participants' sleep

quality before and after the four-week study period on a questionnaire and using actigraphy, a sensor that detects movement and is worn like a wristwatch at night. People in both groups improved on measures of overall sleep quality and several other sleep-related variables. Relative to the control group, however, those who did yoga saw greater improvements in sleep quality, daytime sleepiness and the amount of time actually spent sleeping while in bed.—Reuters

4th China city to offer 72-hour visa-free stays

CHENGDU, 31 Aug—Chengdu, capital of southwest China's Sichuan Province, will start offering international transit passengers 72-hour visa-free stays from Sunday. Chengdu is the fourth city, and the first in western China, to introduce the visa-free policy, following Beijing, Shanghai and Guangzhou.

The visa-free scheme covers travelers from 45 countries, including the United States, Canada, France, Britain, Germany, Italy, Australia and Japan. Travellers should hold third country visas and have booked plane tickets bound for the third country or region within 72 hours, Fu Yonglin, vice mayor of Chengdu, told a news briefing on Friday. "The 72-hour visa-free policy shows the central government's support for Chengdu's openness," said Fu.

"A loose visa policy is a major sign of a city's openness," said Fu. "It also

is an established practice internationally to boost tourism and business." A total of 245 Fortune Global 500 companies have bases in Chengdu by the end of June, and the Chengdu Shuangliu International Airport had air services to more than 40 cities overseas. It handled 1.08 million entry and exit passengers in the first half of the year.

A Dell executive in Chengdu said the policy will make it convenient for foreigners to do business in the city and therefore Chengdu, and even the whole western market, could attract more foreign investment.

The free-visa policy should encourage more overseas tourists and business people to visit Chengdu, thus prompting more airlines to offer more air services, said Tang Jiqiang, a researcher at the Southwestern University of Finance and Economics.

Xinhua

Ford recalls about 370,000 discontinued vehicles



CHICAGO, 31 Aug—US auto-maker Ford Motor Corporation said on Friday it is recalling about 370,000 Crown Victoria, Mercury Grand Marquis and Lincoln Town Car vehicles because of a potential for loss of steering control, local media reported.

The recall, which covers vehicles from model years 2005 through 2011, includes about 355,000 vehicles sold in the US market and another 15,000 in Canada, according to a report by the *Detroit News*.

The lower intermediate

steering shaft could corrode and potentially result in loss of steering, said the Dearborn-based automaker, but stressed that it is not aware of accidents or injuries related to the recall.

Dealers will inspect the recalled vehicle, replace the lower intermediate steering shaft and secure a lower steering column bearing and replace the upper intermediate steering shaft if necessary. Ford no longer produced the Crown Victoria, Mercury Grand Marquis and Lincoln Town Car models.—Xinhua

Online tools may boost breast cancer patients' mood

NEW YORK, 31 Aug—Women with breast cancer who created a personal website about their health reported feeling less depressed, more positive and having a greater appreciation for life in a small new study. Though cancer patients have long benefited from support groups made up of fellow patients and survivors, researchers said, they may still have trouble talking about their experiences with family and friends—who may also feel uncomfortable broaching the subject.

The websites in this study were especially helpful for women to "be able to truly tell their story, express emotions and communicate with others without having to repeat information about their diagnosis and treatment," said lead author and psychologist Annette Stanton of the University of California at Los Angeles. The study is the first to use a randomized controlled trial to evaluate online intervention tools and their influence on patient moods, Stanton told

Reuters Health. Popular sites like CaringBridge.org and MyLifeLine.org offer similar tools, "but, to our knowledge, none of those websites have been tested for their effects," she said.

For their study, Stanton and her colleagues recruited 88 women from BreastLink, a network of cancer treatment centers in Southern California. The women ranged in age from 28 to 76 years old and roughly half were randomly assigned to create a personal website through a programme called "Project Connect Online." The rest were put on a waiting list and given the same opportunity after the six-month study ended. Participants in the group that created websites during the study began by attending a single three-hour workshop to build their Wordpress.org-based sites. They also completed standard mood assessment questionnaires three times: at the start of the study, and again at one month and six months after creating their sites.

Reuters

Eurozone economic confidence continues to improve in August

BRUSSELS, 31 Aug—Economic morale in the eurozone continued to improve in August, driven by improving confidence among consumers and managers, the European Commission said on Friday.

In August, the economic sentiment indicator (ESI) increased sharply by 2.7 points in the euro area to 95.2 points, continuing the upward trend observed since May, the Commission said in a report.

Rising confidence in the euro area was driven by "pronounced improve-

ments" in confidence among consumers and managers in industry, services and retail trade, said the report.

Economic sentiment improved in fourteen euro area countries and in all of its five largest economies, including the Netherlands up 5.2 points, Germany up 3.3 points, Italy up 2 points, France up 1.6 points, and Spain up 0.8 points. In the wider 28-member EU, the ESI rose by 3.1 points to 98.1 points, marking a two-year high in the EU, said the Commission.—Xinhua



Tokyo 2020 bid chief vows to go all out in Buenos Aires



Tsunekazu Takeda, the chairman of Tokyo's 2020 Olympic Bid Committee, speaks to reporters upon arrival at Buenos Aires Airport in Argentina on 30 Aug, 2013, ahead of the International Olympic Committee general meeting there on 7 September, that will decide the host city for 2020.

KYODO NEWS

BUENOS AIRES, 31 Aug—Tsunekazu Takeda, the chairman of Tokyo's 2020 Olympic Bid Committee, admitted feeling the tension on Friday, when he arrived in Buenos Aires ahead of the International Olympic Committee session that will decide the host city for 2020.

"We've finally come to the place of decision, and with it has come a sense of high tension," Takeda said. "I will do everything in my power to meet the expectations of Japan's citizens." Tokyo is one of three re-

maining cities in the running to host the 2020 Summer Games, along with Istanbul and Madrid.

Although some observers believe Tokyo is the front runner, Takeda quashed talk of any advantage.

"I don't think we have any advantage," he said. "I think we're all at the same line."

"Until the very end, I will exert every effort to help as many IOC members as possible understand our plan." The vote on the host city will be held on 7 September.—Kyodo News

Lebanon indicts three people over deadly bombings

BEIRUT, 31 Aug—Lebanon on Friday charged three people with getting involved in two deadly car bombings in the northern city of Tripoli on 23 August, the state-run National News Agency reported.

A military court accused the three suspects, including Sheikh Hashem Minkara, Sheikh Ahmed al-Gharib and Mustafa Hourri, of forming an

armed gang, organizing terrorist network and planting explosives under the cars.

The authority also issued arrest warrants against two Syrians over the case.

At least 45 people were killed and 800 others wounded in the twin car bombings that targeted two Sunni mosques during the Friday prayers in Tripoli last week.

SAN FRANCISCO, 31 Aug—Fire crews battling to outflank a monster wildfire inside Yosemite National Park made headway on Friday in confining flames to wilderness areas but were powerless to salvage the region's sputtering tourist economy at the end of its peak summer tourist season.

By morning, the tally of charred landscape from the so-called Rim Fire surpassed 200,000 acres, or nearly 315 square miles, three-quarters of that in the Stanislaus National Forest west of the park, fire officials said. But a second straight night of cooling temperatures and higher humidity helped firefighters extend containment lines around nearly a third of the fire's perimeter by the start of its 14th day.

"I can't say we've turned a corner just yet,

but we are making very good progress," US Forest Service spokesman Dick Fleishman said. "We're going to keep chugging away."

With an overall footprint that now exceeds the land mass of Kansas City, Missouri, the blaze ranks as the fifth-largest California wildfire on record. In terms of acreage burned, it also stands as the largest of dozens of wildfires that have raged across several states in the drought-parched west this year, straining US firefighting resources.

A force of nearly 5,000 personnel are now assigned to the Rim Fire, mostly ground crews laboring around the clock with hand tools, chain saws and torches to cut fire breaks in the rugged terrain by clearing away unburned trees and dry brush. They were supported by teams of bulldoz-

ers, water-dropping helicopters and airplane tankers carrying payloads of flame-retardant chemicals.

The firefighting force includes nearly 700 specially trained California prison inmates who work on ground crews building containment lines and as camp cooks, state Corrections and Rehabilitation

Department spokeswoman Dana Simas said.

The minimum-security inmates, who cannot be sex offenders or serious violent offenders or have a history of escape, arson or gang affiliations, earn \$1 a day and two days off their prison sentence for every day they work fighting fires, Simas said.—Reuters



Monterey firefighters hold the line at the Rim Fire at night in this undated United States Forest Service handout photo near Yosemite National Park, California, released on 30 Aug, 2013.—REUTERS

Arizona girl, six, dies in car crash with 8-year-old driver

PHOENIX, 31 Aug—A six-year-old Phoenix girl received fatal injuries when her eight-year-old brother crashed the family car into a metal pole during a late-night drive in their pajamas, police said on Thursday.

The children were reported missing by their mother around 10 pm on Wednesday night, about the same time emergency dispatchers received a report of a moving vehicle with children inside, Phoenix police Sergeant Steve Martos said.

A patrol car spotted the 2010 Hyundai Elantra and followed it a short distance before the boy crashed the

car into a pole about a block from the family's home, he said.

Officers aided the girl, but she died early on Thursday morning of her injuries, Martos said, adding that she was not believed to be wearing a seat belt at the time of the crash and that a passenger-side air bag did not deploy.

Her brother had a minor ankle injury.

Martos said the mother told police that she had bathed her children and put them to bed at about 9:30 pm, only to find them missing some 30 minutes later. She also discovered

the front door open and the car missing and initially feared that they had been kidnapped.

"This is just a horrific event," Martos said. "The mom puts them to bed, tucks them in for the night and then wakes up this morning and finds that her six-year-old is dead. That's just a tragedy."

Investigators believe the children had driven about five miles and may have been on their way home at the time of the crash, he said. The police did not identify the mother or children.

Reuters

US human rights envoy's trip to N Korea cancelled

WASHINGTON, 31 Aug—A US human rights envoy will no longer visit North Korea on Friday in a bid to secure the release of a US citizen being held there as Pyongyang has withdrawn its invitation, the State Department said.

Robert King, special envoy on North Korean human rights issues, planned to leave for Pyongyang on Friday for a two-day stay to negotiate the release of Kenneth Bae, the department said.

"We are surprised and disappointed by North Korea's decision," Marie Harf, a State Department spokeswoman, said in a statement.

King, who is already travelling in the East Asian region, will return to Washington from Tokyo on Saturday, the department said.

Bae, a US citizen of South Korean descent, was arrested while leading a travel group on a tour of North Korea. In April, he was sentenced to 15 years' hard labor for "hostile acts" against the country, and his health has since deteriorated.—Kyodo News



Photo taken on 29 Aug, 2013 shows NATO's Patriot defence missile systems deployed close to the Syria-Turkey border in Kahramanmaraş Province of Turkey. Turkish armed forces will retaliate against threats coming from Syria in case Western allies wage a military action against Syrian government, Turkey's Foreign Minister Ahmet Davutoglu said Wednesday.

XINHUA

LOCAL NEWS

Buddha's Tooth Relic replica arrives in Toungoo

TOUNGGOO, 31 Aug—A replica of Buddha's Tooth Relic from Sri Lanka was conveyed to Toungoo to keep at Mana Munikela Pagoda on 27 August.

It was the replica of the the lower left tooth relic of the Buddha which has been kept in Sri Lanka.

U Khin Maung Tin, manager of Myanmar Timber Enterprise, donated the replica for 503rd anniversary of establishment of Toungoo which would be organized by Chairman of Cooperative Bank U Khin Maung Aye.

MMAL-Thura (Toungoo)

HRD

Myanmar Maritime University signs MoU with Japanese university



YANGON, 31 Aug—Myanmar Maritime University signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Tokyo University of Marine Science and Technology at the university in Thanlyin on 27 August.

Vice-President Dr Tomoji Takamasa of Tokyo University of Marine Science and Technology and Rector of Myanmar Maritime University Dr Myat Lwin signed the MoU. The MoU covers

cooperation between the two institutes in research and education exchange, student exchange programmes, joint researches, and information exchange for education, teaching and research affairs. Two lecturers from the Myanmar Maritime University were sent to the Tokyo University of Marine Science and Technology for further study. More students would be sent to the Japanese university under the agreement.

MMAL

Six Myanmar trainees leave for Japan



YANGON, 31 Aug—Six Myanmar trainees left here for Japan on 26 August to receive trainings in Kinden Corporation till March, 2014, under Electrical Training Programme of Myanmar AGTI Association and Kinden Cooperation.

They were seen off by executives of the association and family members at Yangon International Airport. They will receive trainings on power grid

installation, power plant installation and wiring in both theory and practice.

They will provide multiplier courses when they return to Myanmar.

Myanmar AGTI Association and Kinden Corporation will provide vocational trainings in Insein Government Technical Institute in Insein as from March, 2014.

MMAL-Tin Win Lay (Kyimyindine)

NAY PYI TAW, 31 Aug—A Nay Pyi Taw-Yangon No-32 Down train bound for Yangon from Nay Pyi Taw derailed near Ywadow Railway Station in Pobbathiri Township in Nay Pyi Taw on 28 August morning.

Two coaches of the train derailed and caused no casualties.

In-charge of No (5) Myanmar Railways Division U Kyaw Kyaw and division manager U Htein Win and Tatmadawmen from Pobbathiri Battalion rushed to the scene.

The train could then resume its trip after its coaches were lifted up on the railroad by cranes at noon.

MMAL-Min Min Latt (Mandalay University)

Train derails in Nay Pyi Taw, causes no damages

Accident



Rakhine State Chambers of Commerce and Industry meets

SITTWAY, 31 Aug—Rakhine State Chief Minister U Hla Maung Tin called for cooperation among merchants and industrialists for development of the country at 19th plenary meeting of Rakhine State Chambers of Commerce and Industry at U Ottama Hall in Sittway on 25 August.

"The government now allows formation of public corporation as it shapes

market economy," he told RSCCI members.

He also called for establishing international-standard factories.

The plenary meeting was attended by the state government members, the State Hluttaw speaker, the CEC and members of RSCCI and observers.

Commemorative gifts were then presented to those present at the meeting.

MMAL-La/003

Putao District LBVD conducts course for veterinary staff

PUTAO, 31 Aug—Veterinary Department in Putao District in Kachin State is conducting a course for veterinary staff in the region.

The opening ceremony was held at the district Veterinary Department office on 26 August morning. The

course will cover knowledge on transmitted diseases of livestock and emergency treatment.

The course being attended by 15 trainees will last till 30 August.

MMAL-District IPRD

Vocational course opened in Muse

MUSE, 31 Aug—Women's Vocational Training School of Muse in Shan State under Education and Training Department of the Ministry of Border Affairs opened basic domestic vocational education course No (39) and advanced tailoring course No (36).

Muse District Deputy Commissioner U Kaung San Oo delivered an address at the opening ceremony on 26 August.

Township IPRD

Talk on entrepreneurship organized in Sagaing

SAGAING, 31 Aug—An educative talk on entrepreneurship was held in Sagaing Town Hall on 25 August.

The event was organized by townselders in Sagaing Township Development Support Committee.

Principal of Myanmar Human Resources Development School (Yangon) U Aye Kyaw gave talks on entrepreneurship for small and medium enterprises.

The talks also covered the capacity building and IT literacy.

MMAL-137

Business

Myanmar, Thai businessmen meet

MANDALAY, 31 Aug—A delegation of 20 Thai businessmen led by Ms Nichaya Yoswee, Director of MICE Capabilities of Thailand Convention and Exhibition Bureau (TCEB) met CEC of Mandalay Region Chambers of Commerce and Industry and entrepreneurs at Mandalay Hill Resort on 24 August

afternoon.

The meeting focused on venue, organizer and infrastructure for events and cooperation in designing and construction of venues.

MRCCI Presidents U Soe Myint and U Kyaw Win and Ms Nichaya Yoswee gave speeches.

They then discussed business opportunities in each country.—MMAL-040

Transport

Road users demand toll collection revision



BAGO, 31 Aug—Following media reports, Shwe Than Lwin Toll Gate on Yangon-Mawlamyine road section adopted new toll collection system.

The gate previously charged fee more than that was stated in invoice.

The toll gate is also collecting the fee for using Sittoung Bridge (Moppalin).

The road users demanding the authorities to seek another ways to charge the bridge toll as not all passages necessarily lead the bridge.—MMAL-Than Zin

PERSPECTIVES

Sunday, 1 September, 2013

Ever important task

In fact, the most essential thing for our democratic transition is the responsible trade and investment that will develop our economy, create job opportunities, transfer technology to various sectors of the country, help us join in the economically successful club of the region, give our children the same opportunities as in the rest of Asia, and most importantly that will lift our people from poverty.

We have many more hardships ahead as we have numerous institutions that are still weak while some are institutions that evolved in a very different environment and to serve very different purposes. We have started our reforms only after decades of self-imposed isolation couple with sanctions imposed by others. So, our people are unfamiliar with international and regional interactions. And that is also a challenge.

Additionally, there are also new and pressing issues like urbanization and urban planning, with our cities projected to grow by another 10 million people by 2030. Yangon our biggest city must become an engine of economic growth, not a drain. Yangon should be a city that can rival any other counterparts in the region, that is modern and green, that works for its ordinary citizens and that protects its heritage and uniqueness.

In point of fact, Myanmar is a country of tremendous natural resources. She occupies an important location at the crossroads of Asia, between China, India and the other countries of Southeast Asia. We all know the potential is there. The task of lifting tens of millions of ordinary people out of poverty cannot take a back seat to any other task. We must free our markets and open the doors to foreign trade and investment, but in a way that ensures that poverty is reduced and that the ordinary farmer and worker clearly benefit. Poverty reduction is always an important task for us.

Those who agree to...

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stronger political process and more vibrant political culture.

Finding solutions through discussions and negotiations does not always mean compromising. Even though we may have differences in beliefs and opinions, I am just encouraging everyone to exercise sound judgment, broad-mindedness, right intentions, wisdom and energy when working towards creating a sustainable political process and fostering a better political future.

Speaking as the head of the executive branch and the head of state, I will do everything in my power to respect, protect and ensure the right of the executive and legislative branches to fully exercise their respective powers and execute their duties. At the same time, we all need to work hard to strengthen an independent judiciary branch so that rule of law can prevail in our country.

88 Peoples Movement Silver Jubilee held earlier last month commemorates an important movement in our political history. The fact that we can celebrate this event together shows us that we are moving towards to a new political culture where "those who agree to disagree can still work together." I greatly

appreciate such leaps in our political culture.

In order to become a modern society, I believe that we need to solve our disagreements through peaceful and non-violent discussions and negotiations geared towards findings a common ground. For all of us with different beliefs and opinions, we need to build a certain level of trust where we will be able to work together. It is also my strong belief that we can build that trust only by working together. While there were concerns regarding the 88 Peoples Movement Silver Jubilee, genuine political will on all sides made this event a success.

As a society, we must never forget our history. Instead we are beginning to see a nurturing of a new political development that can break away from our turbulent past filled with pain, suffering and loss. I would like to urge all of us to strive together and continue to nurture this political progress.

In August, there were floods in some areas of our country. We have coordinated with state and regional governments for rescue and resettlement of individuals and recovery and rehabilitation of paddy fields affected by the floods. We are also working hard to provide relief to some parts of the country that were

affected by droughts. We must be more vigilant with regard to natural disasters and make necessary preventive preparations in the future.

In the coming thirty months, my government will work hard to effectively and efficiently engage in people-centered development efforts. In order to realize synergy between the government and the people in building New Myanmar, my administration has already established Township Development Supporting Committees and Township Development Affairs Committees. The Union Ministers from the National-Level Reform Steering Committee have traveled around the country to meet with members from the township committees to have open and frank discussions, better understand the difficulties faced by the committees at the local level, and work together to find solutions to these problems.

Rural development is one of our most important reform priorities. To carry out these efforts more effectively, I have restructured and reformed a new Ministry of Livestock, Fisheries and Rural Development to functions as the focal ministry for rural development efforts. The new ministry has been working very closely with civil society organizations, international organizations,

and experts to develop strategies and policies. People from rural areas will be able to see and enjoy those benefits in very near future.

My government has been persistent in our efforts to achieve nation-wide peace, foster economic development and mould a better future for our young people.

In order to achieve our national cause to build a democratic society, the legislative, executive and judiciary branches, political parties and other political entities. Armed Forces and the people of Myanmar must work together to shape our new political culture, make the right kind of political changes and progress, and build a strong political process that becomes an integral part of our national process for change. We must continue our reform and development efforts as well as reestablish important social values such as wanting to live in peace and harmony among different the faiths and ethnicities.

Let me conclude this month's radio address by urging all of you to work together on these issues in order to achieve one the most important goals for our society: National Reconciliation.

May you all have peace of mind and good health.

Moderate earthquake hits outside Myanmar

NAY PYI TAW, 31 Aug—A moderate earthquake of magnitude 5.4 Richter Scale with its epicenter outside Myanmar (Yunnan, China) about 470 miles North-East of Mandalay seismological observatory was recorded at 6 hrs 36 min 48 sec M.S.T today, announced the Meteorology and Hydrology Department.—MNA

Second prize winner Maung Ye Htut Oo seen with other contestants in International Association for Dental Research/Dentsply Student Clinician Program (IADR/Dentsply SCP/2013) in Bangkok. (News reported)—MNA

Long-term development in Rakhine State discussed

NAY PYI TAW, 31 Aug—Union Minister for Border Affairs Lt-Gen Thet Naing Win received UN Resident Coordinator and Humanitarian Coordinator Mr Ashok Nigam at the ministry, here, yesterday morning.

They discussed development programmes in Rakhine State jointly undertaken by Union

government, Rakhine State government, the UN and international organizations, plan to adopt strategies for long-term development, rehabilitation of both side societies, development of harmonized society, rules and regulations for future tasks, undertakings of Rakhine State Stability, Peace and Development

Central Committee and six work committees, progress of housings and resettlement, and drawing strategic plans for assistance of schools, dispensaries, agricultural machinery, fishing nets and boats for rehabilitation, housing, health, agriculture and socio-economic development.

MNA



Cartoon Tha Byay



NATIONAL



Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham delivers an opening address at the meeting of Union Peace-making Work Committee.—MNA

Forward looking attitude...

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discussed nation-wide ceasefire, building trusts, lasting peace, resolution of conflict in political dialogue and end of armed conflicts.

Lt-Col Sai Ngin from Restoration Council of Shan State/Shan State Army (RCSS/SSA) discussed matters on work progress in internal peace process of Union Peace-making

Work Committee within two years, saying that further political dialogue with the committee formed by the Hluttaw proposed by the President in making peace with ethnic armed groups could make national race groups misunderstand the government's peacemaking process and Hluttaw should assist in peace process in accord with the norms

of international conflict resolution carried out by the government.

Political and Military Advisor to the chairman of KNU Saw Tu Tu Lay clarified Myanmar's peace process should be carried out to bear fruits before 2015 general elections and discussed enactment of necessary laws by the Hluttaw to achieve national level agreements through political dialogue.

Then, Vice-Chairman

of Union Peace-making Work Committee U Thein Zaw and Pyithu Hluttaw representative Daw Dwe Bu explained the Hluttaw's role in union peace-making process and protecting the rights of national races.

Those present took part in the discussions.

In his concluding remark, Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham said that it needs to draw lessons from the past in making peace process. The Vice-President called for

cooperation of all in peace process with honesty, saying that a nation-wide peace needs patience and tolerance. He suggested not the government but organizations and individuals should take part in peace process.

The Vice-President continued that phase-3 of peace process is to be implemented by the administrative bodies and drawing of time frame for the peace process will be

coordinated by the State. Although informal talk (Track-2) was prioritized in previous peace-making process, official talk (Track-1) and informal talk (Track-2) will be carried out in the future, he added. He called for effective implementation of peace processes in order to ensure perpetual peace.

Afterwards, the Vice-President cordially greeted those present.

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Press release on actions...

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Embassy or the consulate-general within one month.

gg. If the child passes away in the area with no Myanmar embassy or consulate-general, the parents shall register the death at the nearby Myanmar embassy or consulate-general or the Department of Immigration and Population.

(b) For a citizen born abroad, parents or guardians must report to the respective Myanmar embassy or the consulate-general in accord with this law. If the child is born in an area with no Myanmar embassy or consulate-general, parents or guardians must report to the nearby Myanmar embassy or consulate-general or the Department of Immigration and Population.

(c) For a citizen born abroad, parents or guardians must apply for inclusion in the household registration in respective township as new born member at the Township Immigration and National Registration Department Office with the following documents. After receiving permission from the Immigration and National Registration Department (Head Office), the child's name must be included in the household registration of parents or guardians as a new born member.

- i. Copies of applications and holding cards of parents or guardians, copies of approval and holding card of the head of the household, original household registration card and copies,
- ii. Copies of holding passports and cards of parents and offspring,
- iii. Certificate of birth of child born abroad,
- iv. Recommendation of respective ward/village-tract administrator,
- v. Copy of Form-8 (Registration of birth of child born abroad) sent from respective Myanmar

embassy or the consulate-general,

vi. If the child is born in an area with no Myanmar embassy or consulate-general, copy of the letter sent by parents or guardians to nearby Myanmar embassy or consulate-general or Immigration and National Registration Department,

vii. If documents in (v) and (vi) are not available, copies of recommendation of the Myanmar embassy or evidences on which the embassy issued passport to the new born child.

viii. To include child born outside the national soil in the Myanmar household registration card of his parents or guardian, only his parents or guardian shall apply for with above-mentioned documents and the township immigration and national registration departments are already providing such service.

2. Regarding the suggestion for extension of stay visa, the ministry has replied as follows:—

(a) Born either inside or outside of the territory of the country, the son/daughter of a Myanmar citizen officially married with a foreign national either inside or outside the territory of the country, if wishing to acquire Myanmar citizenship either because of the wishes of his/her parents or out of own volition, can apply for Myanmar citizenship according to the 1982 Myanmar Citizenship Law Section 43, Subsection (a) on condition that he/she was born after 15-10-1982 when the 1982 Myanmar Citizenship Law took effect. If he/she took his father's or mother's nationality as a foreign national holding visa of a foreign country, he/she shall need to apply for entry visa along with marriage document of parents and birth certificate at Myanmar Embassy concerned to enter Myanmar. Myanmar Embassies issue 28-day entry visa (social) for such applicants.

(b) After entering Myanmar, he/she shall stay at the house of his/her Myanmar citizen father or mother and grandparents and extend his/her stay in Myanmar

applying to township immigration department concerned with Form C. The application is to be submitted with agreement letter of the head of household to immigration department (headquarters) through region/state and township immigration departments. If the immigration department (headquarters) allows, he/she can extend stay visa for unlimited times, paying certain amount of charges according to period of stay.

3. So, as regards the suggestion about extension of stay visa, the Ministry of Immigration and Population would act in line with above-mentioned procedures for social visa holders. The ministry also provides stay permit extension service for other visa holders (except for travel visa), on condition that companies concerned assume responsibility and at the request of ministries concerned. Myanmar citizens holding Myanmar passport need to apply for stay visa to enter Myanmar.

4. Further complaints and queries about the actions of the ministries concerned can be sent to Public Service Capacity Assessment Committee.

Public Service Capacity Assessment Committee

Midwifery course opened in Myothit Township

MYOTHIT, 31 Aug—With the support of Magway Region government, auxiliary midwifery course No (2/2013) was opened in Township General Administration Department Office in Myothit Township on 26 August. Myothit Township Administrator U Thein Zaw delivered and address at the ceremony.

Region Hluttaw representative U Khin Maung Win urged the trainees to learn enthusiastically. Township Assistant Surgeon Dr Khin Zarchi Nway briefed on the midwifery. Township Administrator U Thein Zaw provided cash assistances to 24 trainees.

MMAL-Township IPRD

LOCAL NEWS

Agriculture

Monsoon groundnut thriving in Myinmu



MYINMU, 31 Aug—As monsoon groundnut plants are one month old, farmers weed and feed the plantations with fertilizer.

In an interview, Head of Myinmu Township Agriculture Department U Hla Moe Kyaw said that one acre of farmland can be put under 100,000 monsoon

groundnut plants. If each plant gets 1000 pieces of groundnut, one acre of plantation can produce six baskets.

Generally, Myinmu Township yields 80-90 baskets per acre of groundnut.

Kyemon-Ko Ko Naing (Myinmu)

School children of Pre-Primary School served with lunch

MINBU, 31 Aug—Patron of Magway Region Maternal and Child Welfare Supervisory Committee Daw San San Myint, Chairperson Daw Thin Thin Htwe and party together with members of Minbu District and Township Maternal and

Child Welfare Association fed lunch to 110 students of Pre-Primary School of MCWA in Sagu, Minbu Township, on 30 August.

They then presented school bags, stationery and snacks to the children.

Kyemon-Tin Tun Oo



Business

Myanmar's ginger exportation rises in five years

KALAY, 31 Aug—Ginger exported to India declined within five years but the demand of India became high in 2013-2014 financial year.

"Ginger exportation became high last five years. This year, its exportation becomes higher," an official of Tamu Border Trade Camp.

A total of 70 tons of ginger was exported to India in 2010-2011 fiscal year.

Later years, there was lack of ginger exportation.

Local merchants said that India buys Myanmar's ginger to be able to resell it to Nepal and Bangladesh that rises high demand.

Tamu Border Trade Camp managed exportation of 131 tons of ginger worth US\$ 35000.

Kyemon-Wun Yan Kha (Tekkatho)

GAP applied on model plot in Bokpyin

BOKPYIN, 31 Aug—A cultivation of paddy through good agriculture pattern was demonstrated in Bokpyin Township of Kawthoung District on 23 August afternoon.

Officials of

Township Agriculture Department organized the demonstration.

It was attended by village administrators, farmers and local people.

Kyemon-Bokpyin IPRD

Electrification

Electrification facilitated to local road in Myinmu

MINBU, 31 Aug—Local roads in downtown Myinmu were equipped with lamp-posts and equipment by Myinmu Township Development Affairs Committee on 30 August morning.

Electricians and workers of the Township Electricity Supply Enterprise carried out electrification

tasks.

Chairman of Township Development Affairs Committee U Hla Aung, Secretary Executive Officer U Than Oo and party and township electrical engineers of Electricity Supply Enterprise supervised the electrification tasks.

Kyemon-Ko Ko Naing (Myinmu)



Landslide hits Kengtung-Tachilek-Taunggyi AH3 in Mongla

KENG TUNG, 31 Aug—A landslide caused 150 feet long section of Kengtung-Tachilek-Taunggyi AH3 in Mongla near Sunthton fuel station in Wamsho Village of Mongla Township, at Mongla "Wa" Special Region, 4, 58 miles from Kengtung.

At 3 pm on 28 August, the road section caused landslides. At that time, a Super Custom also fell into the landslides. The driver could manage escape from the landslide but the car was lifted by the crane the other day.

On 28 August, both sides of road blocked traffic jam.

Officials of Wa Region unlocked the road with the

Environment

Basic Bird Watch Course conducted



MANDALAY, 31 Aug—Jointly organized by Myanma Bird and Environmental Conservation Association and Chanmya Thukha Social Association, the Bird Studies Course and Basic Bird Watch Course No 5/2013 was held at Chanmya Thukha Parahita Office in Chanmyathazi Township, Mandalay, on 30 August.

Vice-Chairman of the association U Zay Maung Thein explained the purpose of conducting the course. Course instructor Dr Nyo Nyo Aung introduced the instructors to the trainees.

The course will run from 30 August to 1 September.

Vice-Chairman U Zay Maung Thein urged

the trainees to study rare birds in Mandalay and its environs. The trainees were lectured to observe birds, migratory birds, characters, main colours of birds and collection of data and contribution of birds to the people.

There are about 10451 species of birds across the nation and 1096 species in Myanmar.

The course indicates basic root causes of depletion of birds such as forest depletion, extension of dams and reservoirs, extension of farmlands, killing birds for foods, capturing of birds for sales and pets, use of pesticides and forest fire.

Kyemon-Ba Oo (Mann)

Disaster

use of heavy machinery and cleared the landslide soils.

At 2 pm on 29 August, the temporary motorway

could be constructed for the vehicles while the road section was under maintenance.

Kyemon-513



REGIONAL

Disaster drill held to prepare for quake in central to western Japan

NAGOYA, 31 Aug—A disaster drill to prepare for an anticipated major earthquake in central to western Japan was held on Saturday, with about 4,200 people participating at various locations.

Self-Defence Forces planes and helicopters were used to simulate transporting of the injured from airports in the region to cities in less affected areas including Tokyo and Sendai.

The exercise, held a day before a nationwide annual drill, is based on a scenario in which a powerful quake in the Nankai Trough off central and western Japan causes extensive damage in Aichi, Mie and Wakayama prefectures. The central government set up a local emergency response headquarters in Nagoya to coordinate relief efforts with officials from related ministries and agencies as well as local governments.

A Maritime SDF transport ship also took part in the event to test its effectiveness in providing medical support. The government estimates that a Nankai Trough quake would kill up to 323,000 people and cause 220 trillion yen worth of losses under the worst-case scenario. Researchers say there is a 60 to 70 percent chance of a quake occurring at the trough within 30 years.—Kyodo News



Photo taken on 31 August, 2013 shows a flooded road in Fuyuan County, northeast China's Heilongjiang Province. The water level of Fuyuan section of the Heilong River reached 89.83 meters on Saturday morning, exceeding the warning level by 2.33 meters.—XINHUA



Workers set up an exhibit ahead of the Singapore Toy, Game and Comic Convention (STGCC) which will be held from 31 August to 1 September at Marina Bay Sands Expo and Convention Centre in Singapore, on 30 Aug, 2013.

XINHUA

Vietnam ranks 6th worldwide in woodwork exports

HANOI, 31 Aug—Vietnam is ranked sixth worldwide in exporting woodwork when it earned more than 3.34 billion US dollars, up 11.6 percent year on year, in the first eight months of 2013, according to the Ministry of Industry and Trade of Vietnam.

During the reviewed period, demands for Vietnamese woodwork exports increased in large markets, including South Korea, Japan, China and the United States.

The United States remained Vietnam's biggest importer when it spent over one billion dollars (up 7.24 percent), accounting for 36.7 percent of the country's total woodwork export value. The figure is expected to reach 1.7 billion dollars by the end of this year.

Xinhua

Indian PM says no reversal of economic reforms to rescue currency

NEW DELHI, 31 Aug—Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh Friday said that the falling currency was a “matter of concern”, but ruled out reversal of economic reforms or resorting to capital controls in a bid to rescue the rupee.

“Forex markets have the notorious history of overshooting... unfortunately this is happening not only to the rupee but other

currencies too.

Although the rupee is overshooting on foreign exchanges, India is not contemplating any capital controls,” the prime minister told the Parliament.

“The rupee's tumble is part of a needed adjustment due to the country's large current account deficit and will have a positive impact on export competitiveness in coming months. We

need to reduce our appetite for gold, economize use of petroleum products and take steps to increase exports,” he added. Singh also blamed “external factors” for the fall in Indian rupee, highlighting the impact of developments in the United States, where the economy is improving and the central bank has been planning to cut back on stimulus measures.—Xinhua

6.0-magnitude quake hits Kathmandu

KATHMANDU, 31 Aug—An earthquake measuring 6.0 in rector scale jolted Kathmandu Friday night.

According to Dr Somnath Sapkota of National Earthquake Information Centre, the quake was felt in Kathmandu at around 2330 local time.

According to him, the epicentre is believed to be 80-85 kms away from Jiri, a hill district north of Kathmandu. So far no casualties have been reported.

He denied reports of the various American websites, which said the epicenter was in Xiang in China. “The quake cannot be felt so strong 400kms away from the epicenter,” he said.

It is reported that neighbouring districts of Kathmandu, including Nuwast and Kvar, also felt the tremor.

Local said they felt the shake at 23:30.

Avi Tuladhar, a lo-

cal of New Road, the most commercialized town in Kathmandu, said he felt the shake and ran out of the house, fearing aftershocks.

“I was watching TV and all of a sudden the whole house started to shake. I ran out of the house, fearing aftershock,” he said. Kathmandu, an ill-planned city, is least prepared for such disasters with houses built without any safety measures.

Xinhua

South Korean PM meets Sri Lankan President on visit

COLOMBO, 31 Aug—South Korean Prime Minister Chung Hong-Won met the Sri Lankan President for bilateral discussions on Friday during an official visit aimed at boosting relations and investment.

The three-day official visit from 28-30 August also saw the prime minister visiting new areas on development in the island including a visit to the freshly expanded Colombo port, which is now the

deepest harbor in South Asia.

Chung and Rajapaksa discussed investment and trade opportunities, including the high number of Sri Lankan migrant workers in South Korea according to the President's Office.

On Thursday the prime minister signed an agreement that will enable Sri Lanka to use South Korean technology to protect its environment including water resources.

“The Korea-Sri Lanka Environmental Cooperation Forum also embodies with strong commitment and determination of the Korean government. Korea will share its knowledge on the management on environmental issues and will explore new avenues for further cooperation in this field. The companies that are present here already have ongoing environmental projects in Sri Lanka or have plans to,” he told the gathering at the

signing ceremony.

This is the first official visit of prime minister of the Republic of Korea since the establishment of diplomatic ties between the two countries in 1977.

The South Korean prime minister's visit is a direct follow-up to the discussions at a summit meeting held by the Sri Lankan President Mahinda Rajapaksa with his Korean counterpart during his state visit to Seoul in April 2012.

Xinhua



Local residents clean stores as floods receded in Chiayi County, southeast China's Taiwan, on Aug. 30, 2013. The south-central region of Taiwan was hit by heavy rainfalls brought by tropical storm Kong-Rey on Thursday.

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Invitation for Cooperation with Lease (or) Joint Venture in High Grade Paper Mill (Thabaung) under Paper and Home Utility Industries, Ministry of Industry

High Grade Paper Mill (Thabaung) under Paper and Home Utility Industries, Ministry of Industry is intended to cooperate with Locals and Foreign entrepreneurs as Lease (or) Joint Venture in it.

Companies who interested in those cooperation are required to submit their draft proposal of Lease (or) Joint Venture, not later than 3 PM (Myanmar Standard Time), on 30th September, 2013 to Material Planning Department, Paper and Home Utility Industries, Ministry of Industry, office No (41), Nay Pyi Taw, the Republic of the Union of Myanmar.

Interested entities can submit the draft proposal at above office commencing from (2.9.2013) by presenting document of company profile.

Document of company Profile

- Valid Certificate of Incorporation
- Records and Regulation of Company
- Name of Foreign's Technical Cooperator

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Palm Island is piled up by 100 million cubic meters of rocks and sands. A total number of 210 million cubic meters of rock, sand, limestone were dug up for the re-construction of these islands, of which only the outer ring took up 10 million cubic meters of rocks. These rocks are transported over throughout the United Arab Emirates from 16 quarries, and these materials may be sufficient to build a fence around the earth three times. The construction was completed on 24 Sept, 2008.—XINHUA

World largest amber fair starts in Poland

WARSAW, 31 Aug—The 14th Amber Fair Ambergart, the largest amber event in the world, started in Gdansk (North Poland) on Thursday.

Ambergart is a fair organized annually in Gdansk to present jewelry products. It is considered a leading jewelry event in Central and Eastern Europe.

According to the di-

rector of the project, nearly 170 exhibitors, from Poland, Lithuania, Latvia, the US, Russia and Italy, take part in the fair this year.

The Ambergart has been supported by the Polish Economy Ministry's promotional programme of the jewelry and amber industry within the EU's Innovative Economy programme.—Xinhua

Singapore's Changi Airport to cater to 135 mln passengers yearly

SINGAPORE, 31 Aug—Singapore's Changi Airport are going to have the capacity to handle 135 million passenger movements a year by the mid-2020s, when the airport's fifth terminal starts operation, Josephine Teo, Minister of State for Transport who is chairing the Changi 2036 steering committee, said on Friday.

Changi Airport currently have three terminals operating, with a total passenger handling capacity of 66 million passengers per year. It recorded a total passenger movements of 51.2

million in 2012.

The fourth terminal, which is under construction and upgrading work and formerly know as the budget terminal, will raise the total capacity of the airport to 85 million passenger per year by around 2020.

The fifth terminal is initially designed to have the capacity to handle 50 million passenger movements a year — larger than twice of the capacity of Terminal 1. It will be one of the largest terminals in the world.

Teo said two conceptual options for the layout

of Terminal 5 have been developed with various considerations such as passenger convenience and airfield and terminal operations efficiency in mind. The concept plan is expected to be finalized in the first half of 2014.

The airport will also begin operating on a three-runway system from around 2020, instead of the current two. The existing runway 3, currently used by the military, will be extended from 2.75 km to 4 km to handle larger passenger aircraft.

Xinhua

Chinese Mainland, Macao sign 10th supplement to CEPA

MACAO, 31 Aug—The Chinese central government and the government of the Macao Special Administrative Region (SAR) signed a supplement to an economic agreement on Friday to further enhance trade exchanges between Macao and the inland areas.

The Supplement X to the Mainland and Macao Closer Economic Partnership Arrangement (CEPA), representing the 10th expansion since 2004, was signed by Vice Minister of Commerce Gao Yan

and Secretary for Economy and Finance of Macao SAR, Tam Pak Yuen, at the SAR's Government Headquarters.

The new supplement, which will become effective in January 1 next year, would further relieve restrictions and facilitate trade in services between Macao and the Chinese mainland in a wide range of areas such as legal, financial, health, tourism, sports and social services sectors.

According to the agreement, the mainland

will expand the scope of privileged policies for Macao companies and individuals to provide services in varied sectors in Guangdong Province, and abolish some restrictions in investing in transport industry in Fujian Province.

One of the initiatives in Supplement X is to enable individuals with Macao identification documents to work temporarily in the mainland for Macao services providers that are not commercially registered in the mainland.

Xinhua

ENTERTAINMENT

21st Int'l Film Festival "Love is Folly" kicks off in Bulgaria

VARNA, (Bulgaria), 31 Aug—The 21st International Film Festival "Love is Folly", one of the three largest movie festivals in Bulgaria, officially opened here on Friday evening at the Black Sea coast.

More than 70 movies from dozens of countries will be shown to the public during the one-week event, held in the Festival and Congress Centre Varna, with 12 of them competing for the Grand Prix "Golden Aphrodite."

Rob Nillson, the jury chairman, told a press conference just before the opening ceremony that he would judge films by the honesty and the personal effect.

Prof. Alexander Grozev, the festival's Artistic Director, said Rob Nillson's movie "Collapse" would have its world premiere at the festival.

Bulgarian film "Rat Poison" finished ten days ago would also be shown for the first time, Grozev said.

In addition, the organizers would focus the viewers' attention on films from China, Palestine and Belgium, Grozev added.—Xinhua



A model presents a creation during the Fall/Winter 2013/2014 collection show for Diana in Taipei, southeast China's Taiwan, 28 Aug, 2013. XINHUA

Showtime bets 'Ray Donovan' will be summer success for years

LOS ANGELES, 31 Aug—From the FBI agent tripping on acid to the action film star marrying a transsexual, the Sunday night Showtime drama "Ray Donovan" has served up its share of bizarre twists.

In the tale of a ruthless yet morally conflicted Hollywood "fixer" played by Liev Schreiber, "you never know where it is going to go," executive producer Mark Gordon says.

What the premium cable network does know is that "Ray Donovan" — now heading into the final three episodes — will be its biggest show in its first season. Ratings are outpacing the current record holder, domestic terror thriller "Homeland," by almost 40 percent.

The show already has been renewed for a second season, and CBS Corp.-owned Showtime Networks Inc has bet on "Ray Donovan" as its next big show-

case.

Popular serial killer drama "Dexter" concludes next month after eight seasons, and "Homeland" em-

the four seasons of the year," said David Nevins, Showtime's entertainment president. "I think 'Ray Donovan' has already es-



Actors Liev Schreiber (L), Jon Voight and Elliott Gould (R) of the show "Ray Donovan" listen to questions on stage during the Showtime panel presentation of the 2013 Winter Television Critics Association Press Tour at the Langham Huntington Hotel in Pasadena, California, on 12 Jan, 2013. REUTERS

barks on a crucial third season after a more lukewarm reception to season two.

"We are trying to have one anchor show each of

established itself as one of the anchors. It will probably be our anchor in the summer for years to come."

Reuters

First Italian movie at Venice Film Festival brings theater language into cinema

VENICE, 31 Aug—An alley where two tenacious women face each other on a hot Sunday afternoon was the stage on which Emma Dante, the Italian theater playwright turned movie director at the ongoing Venice Film Festival, guided her public in a journey inside complexity of human nature.

Via Castellana Bandiera, the first Italian film in the running for the coveted Golden Lion award, on Thursday opened to warm applause at Lido island in Venice, the Italian water city.

The story, based on a book written by Dante her-

self in 2008, is about a fierce showdown between two women of different cultures and generations who refuse to give way when their cars confront each other on a narrow street, Via Castellana Bandiera, in the Sicilian capital city of Palermo.

Rosa and Samira face off in a silent duel that is fought out in the intimate violence of their stares, which is "monstrously true," Dante said in a crowded Press conference surrounded by her cast. Besides the director herself playing the role of Rosa, main roles include actors such as Elena Cotta and Alba Rohrwacher.—Xinhua



Cast members of Italian film "Via Castellana Bandiera" pose for photos during the photocall at the 70th Venice Film Festival on the Lido Island of Venice, Italy, on 29 Aug, 2013.—XINHUA

Nicolas Cage praises Chinese cinema, looks forward to performing in China

VENICE, 31 Aug— "I am attracted by Chinese cinema because it is good," Hollywood star Nicolas Cage told Xinhua on Friday during the ongoing Venice Film Festival on the Lido island in Italy.

The Academy Award-winning actor said that Chinese cinema has many "great actors such as Liang Chaowei and Zhou Runfa" working with "great directors" for "great movies."

"I have a great relation with China and I am proud of that," he highlighted. Cage went on to say that he has visited China several times.

"There is a great flow in the conversation that I have with the people there, they are always very warm to me and I am very thank-



US actor Nicolas Cage poses for photographers during a photocall at the 66th Venice Film Festival on 4 Sept, 2009. REUTERS

ful," he stressed.

The 49-year-old actor also told Xinhua that he is "going to be in China in about three weeks to play in a Chinese financed film called Outcast," an action adventure movie that will also star Hayden Christensen.

"I am looking forward to starting this, as I have not made a movie with China yet but I was told that the experience is really a good one, and they have fantastic food on the set all day," he said with a smile.

In the Venice Film Festival, Cage is playing a hard-drinker in his latest film, David Gordon Green's brutal American South drama "Joe," premiering in competition.

The actor was brought back to his indie roots in the role as the hard-living Joe Ransom, who is trying to dodge his instincts for trouble until he meets a hard-luck kid who awakens in him a tender-hearted protector.

Xinhua



US director Paul Schrader poses at the photocall of "The Canyons" during the 70th Venice Film Festival, in Lido of Venice, Italy, on 30 Aug, 2013.—XINHUA

Li sings his heart out to win "Chinese Idol" finale

BEIJING, 31 Aug—Li Xiangxiang wowed viewers and judges last night to win in the final of "Chinese Idol" at Qizhong Tennis Centre in Shanghai.

Li, a 27-year-old pub singer from Anhui Province, impressed the audience and the panel of judges with the song "Luo Ye Gui Gen" and his dancing skills.

Li said he was surprised he won as he didn't

think he performed well enough last night.

Tibetan singer Yangjima, also 27, who has been called "goddess" by fans due to her pure and tranquil voice, was the runner-up.

Six contestants competed in the final. Other finalists included the London-born James Morrisotterill, whose mother is Hong Kong Chinese and father British' dynamic pub

singer and dancer Ai Fei, melancholic singer Hou Lei, and versatile Kazakh singer Ah Lai.

Yesterday's finale also featured singer-songwriter and multi-Grammy award winner Lionel Richie of the US and Taipei singer Law Chi-cheung.

Richie performed his well-known song "Say You, Say Me," and did a duet with Chinese-Ameri-

can singer Coco Lee, also a judge on the show, of his hit "Endless Love."

Richie, on his first visit to Shanghai, also encouraged finalists to be themselves and turn their passion into a career.

According to the show's producers from Dragon TV, Li will sign a contract with Universal Music Group and record his first album.—Xinhua

Bayern Munich beat Chelsea in shoot-out to win European Super Cup

PRAGUE, 31 Aug—Pep Guardiola triumphed again in his rivalry against Jose Mourinho as Bayern Munich beat 10-man Chelsea 7-6 after a nerve-racking penalty shoot-out to win the European Super Cup on Friday.

Chelsea substitute striker Romelu Lukaku saw his effort saved by Bayern goalkeeper Manuel Neuer as the German team claimed a 5-4 penalty-kick win.

Chelsea, who have their midfielder Ramires dismissed late in the second half, seemed set to win as Eden Hazard scored in extra time after Frank Ribery hand cancelled out Fernando Torres' opener. But

Javi Martinez's last-gasp goal shattered the possibility.

Mourinho said the referee was too harsh with his dismissal of Ramires.

"Rules are rules but there is a very important rule which is common sense, which is the passion for the game. When a referee takes this decision, I'm not sure he's in love with football," he said.

"The best team played with ten men for a long, long period in the game. They played against the champions of Europe and they were the best team," he said. "We only have reasons to be proud, to believe in the future. But I prefer just to say the best team lost and stay

with it," he added.

Mourinho's side went ahead in the eighth minute when Torres swept in Andre Schurrle's cross from the right flank. Two minutes after the restart Ribery drifted in off the left and fired in an unstoppable 25-yard shot to equalise.

Then in the 84th minute, Ramires got his marching order after foul of Mario Gotze, but Chelsea withstood Bayern's attack and raced ahead again three minutes into the extra-time when Hazard replicated Ribery's strike. Chelsea goalkeeper Petr Cech thwarted some efforts from the German opponents, but could save Martinez's close shot in the last minute. The



Franck Ribéry of Bayern Munich celebrates after winning the UEFA Super Cup football match Chelsea FC vs Bayern Munich on 30 Aug, 2013 at the Eden Stadium in Prague. Bayern Munich won the match 7:6.—XINHUA

trophy had to be determined by spot-kicks. After the first nine penalty-takers succeeded, it came down to Lukaku whose soft kick was comfortably saved by Neuer,

handing Guardiola his 8th win over Mourinho in their 16 head-to-head encounters.

Guardiola paid tribute to his predecessor Jupp Heynckes and thanked the

former Bayern boss after the game. Guardiola said: "Heynckes is the architect and creator of this title, I want to dedicate it to him."

Xinhua

Murray overcomes hiccup as Hingis comeback ends



Andy Murray of Britain celebrates a point against Leonardo Mayer of Argentina at the US Open tennis championships in New York, on 30 Aug, 2013.

REUTERS

NEW YORK, 31 Aug—Andy Murray experienced his first little hiccup at the US Open on Friday, but recovered quickly to safely book his place in the third round of the season's last grand slam. The Scotsman was never in any danger of losing his match against Argentine baseliner Leonardo Mayer but did drop a set for the first time in the tournament.

If there were any heart flutters amongst his army of supporters, who were queued up outside Louis Armstrong Stadium to catch a glimpse of the 26-year-old, they were short-lived as he instantly regrouped and ran away with the fourth set to win 7-5, 6-1, 3-6, 6-1.

"It was a very tough match," said the defending champion, whose next op-

ponent is Germany's Florian Mayer. "Both of us did a lot of running.

"I started to move better as the match went on. He's a big hitter of the ball and I had to defend a lot."

The queues were even longer at court 17 where Martina Hingis was making her comeback to grand slam tennis. The former world number one was granted a wildcard entry to the doubles with Daniel Hantuchova but the pair fell at the first, losing 6-3, 7-5 to defending champions Sara Errani and Roberta Vinci.

For Hingis, who retired for a second time in 2007, it was a return to forget as she finished with back-to-back double faults to close out the match.

Novak Djokovic kept his perfect record intact after surviving an early test

from Germany's Benjamin Becker on a baking hot day at Flushing Meadows, where gusting winds provided little relief from the heat and made it hard for the players to hit cleanly.

The world number one saved two set points in the opening set before rebounding to win 7-6, (2) 6-2, 6-2 and advance to the next round against Portugal's Joao Sousa, a five-set winner over Jarkki Nieminen of Finland. "It was a struggle," Djokovic said. "It was a lot of unforced errors, very windy conditions. 'You couldn't really read and kind of predict where the ball is going to go, so you have to be very alert.'"

Tomas Berdych, the men's fifth seed and a semi-finalist last year, beat American Denis Kudla 7-6 (3), 7-6 (3), 6-3 and will face Frenchman Julien Benneteau in the next round.

Reuters

Mickelson flirts with 59, shares Deutsche Bank lead

NORTON, (Massachusetts), 31 Aug —A red-hot Phil Mickelson fired a brilliant front-nine 28 on Friday that gave him a share of the first-round lead at the Deutsche Bank Championship on Friday.

Mickelson started early on the 10th tee and went a sizzling seven-under through his opening nine holes as he quickly showed how easy scoring could be on the soft greens at the TPC Boston before closing with an eight-under par 63.



Phil Mickelson of the US pumps his fist after a birdie on the 14th hole during the first round of the Deutsche Bank Championship in Norton, Massachusetts on 30 Aug, 2013.

REUTERS

"I played really well, obviously putted really well," said Mickelson, who admitted that at the turn he had considered his chances of shooting just the sixth 59 on the PGA Tour.

"The greens were perfect on my front nine and I saw the line and just rolled them in.

It felt really good to putt like that."But with the shadows falling, England's Brian Davis, bogey-free throughout his round, drained a curling 25-foot

putt on his final hole to finish with two consecutive birdies and earn his place atop the overnight leaderboard.

British Open champion Mickelson's hopes of a truly remarkable score were undone by bogeys on the first and last holes of his back nine, although an eagle at the par-five second ensured he did not undo much of his outstanding start.

Mickelson, the world number three, was grouped with Tiger Woods and Adam Scott, ranked first and second in the world, respectively, and he set the perfect tone with a 19-foot putt for birdie on his opening hole.

The left-hander birdied every hole on the back nine except the par-four 12th and 13th, producing pinpoint iron shots and composed putting.

Reuters

Endurance swimmer Nyad to attempt Cuba-Florida crossing



US long-distance swimmer Diana Nyad adjusts her swimwear before attempting to swim to Florida from Havana on 23 Sept, 2011.—REUTERS

HAVANA, 31 Aug—US endurance swimmer Diana Nyad will attempt to swim from Cuba to Florida this weekend, better prepared for the sharks, venomous jellyfish and powerful Gulf Stream currents that foiled her four previous attempts at the 103-mile (166-km) crossing.

If she succeeds, Nyad, 64, would become the world record holder for the longest unassisted open

ocean swim, meaning no shark cage protected her during the swim, which is expected to take more than 60 hours. Equipment emitting a mild electric current in the water should keep sharks at bay.

Nyad said on Friday that a protective silicone mask would better protect her from the poisonous jellyfish that forced her to end one of two attempted crossings last year.

She said the custom-made mask slows her and makes it more difficult to breathe, so it may take up to 80 hours to complete the swim.

But it should help shield her from paralyzing stings and prevent toxins — including those from potentially deadly box jellyfish — from building up to dangerous levels in her system as happened last year.

Reuters

GENERAL

Indonesia, Pakistan commence free trade pact early next month

JAKARTA, 31 Aug—Indonesia and Pakistan have signed bilateral Free Trade Agreement (FTA) pact, which is to take effect early September, paving the way for Indonesia's expectation to gain trade growth up to 2 billion US dollars with Pakistan next year, a senior Indonesian official said on Friday.

"After the implementation of free trade with Pakistan, trade growth is to be significant this year and may reach between 100 to 200 million US dollars from crude palm oil, footwear, garments, papers and coal commodities. We are seeing potential trade growth between 1.5 to 2 billion US dollars next year," Trade Deputy Minister Bayu Krisnamurti said in his office here.

He said that Indonesia has recorded significant trade growth with Pakistan as trade figures in the first half this year showed surplus in oil and gas, and other than oil and gas products stood at 2 million US dollars and 1.1 billion US dollars respectively.—Xinhua

City Dures celebrates 3010 years of civilization

DURRES, 31 Aug—Durres town-hall organised on Friday evening the cultural event "Durres, 3010 years of civilization."

This activity is part of an initiative taken 10 years ago by the city's Archaeological department of the town and Durresi Association which organized a series of events under the motto "Durres, 3000 years of civilization - pride and responsibility."

During this event held at Liria square, the "Dyrrah 3010" award went to businessman Ymer Lushakaj, film director and translator Gjergj Vlashi, doctor Mikel Muka and bank consultant Kostandin Heba.—Xinhua

Asleep in Jesus Mr. Thomas Minus (Aged 83 years)

Beloved father of Ms. Margret Minus & Mr. Peter Minus, Mr. George Minus, Mr. Eddy Minus, Mr. Johnson Minus, Mr. Joseph Minus, Ms. Rosalia Minus & Mr. Augustine Minus was passed away on 31 August 2013 and funeral service will be on 2 September 2013 (10:00 am) at St. Mary's Cathedral, Bo Aung Kyaw Street, Yangon.

Loving Sons & Daughters

Asleep in Jesus Mr. Thomas Minus Aged 83 years

Son of Mr & Mrs Austine Minus and son in law of U Khin Nyunt & Daw Mya Chit, beloved brother of Mrs Ann Minus; Mr Jonny Minus, Mr Bonny Minus and Mr Bengy Minus was passed away in 31.8.2013. Funeral Service will be on 2 September 2013 (10:00 am) at St. Mary's Cathedral, Bo Aung Kyaw Street, Yangon.

Loving Brothers & Sisters



China's biggest bionical architecture with the shape of Calla lily will come into use next month. The architecture is located in science and technology city of Wuhan.

XINHUA

Hewitt stuns Del Potro at US Open

NEW YORK, 31 Aug—Australia's Lleyton Hewitt won an absorbing late-night thriller against Juan Martin Del Potro at the US Open on Friday to move into the third round.

In a battle between two former US Open champions, the veteran Australian came out on top after more than four hours, winning 6-4, 5-7, 3-6, 7-6 (2), 6-1, in one of the biggest upsets of the tournament.

Del Potro, who stunned Roger Federer to win the 2009 US Open, was one of the favourites to win the men's singles title but the towering Argentine was unable to find an answer to Hewitt's counter-punches as the pair slugged it out like two heavyweight boxers.

"It's amazing," Hewitt

said on-court. "I was pumped up when I won my first-round match because I knew I was playing Del Potro and we could be on Arthur Ashe (Stadium)."

"I don't know how many years I have left in me so I was just hanging to get back on this court again."

Hewitt may no longer be as fast as he was when he upset Pete Sampras to win the final 12 years ago but the 32-year-old showed he had lost none of his combative spirit.

Scrambling around the center court to keep up with his younger opponent, he fetched more balls than a golden retriever, and hit a string of inch-perfect winners.

His biggest flaw, however, remains his serve, which lacks the power of

most of his opponents and it threatened to let him down.

After snatching the opening set, Hewitt, who also won Wimbledon in 2002, had a perfect oppor-



tunity to take a two-set lead.

He was just a point away on his own serve when he double-faulted. Del Potro went on to break him and take the set and

Lleyton Hewitt of Australia celebrates defeating Juan Martin Del Potro of Argentina in the 5th set at the US Open tennis championships in New York, on 30 Aug, 2013.—REUTERS

seized the momentum.

The 24-year-old Del Potro, seeded sixth at Flushing Meadows, won the third set but was starting to run out of gas.—Reuters

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Over 100 kg heroin seized in Sri Lanka

COLOMBO, 31 Aug—At least 100 kg of heroin was seized from a container truck which had arrived in Sri Lanka from Pakistan, officials said on Friday.

Customs Director Mali Piyasena said that the containers were seized on suspicion and it was sent to a container yard to be checked.

He said that the documentation on the container indicates that it contained tins with grease. However when the tins were checked customs officers found at least 100 kg of heroin inside.

The customs department said that two people including a Pakistani national had been arrested over the incident. This was the biggest heroin haul seized in Sri Lanka.—Xinhua

Union Defence Minister arrives back in Yangon

NAY PYI TAW, 31 Aug—After attending the ASEAN Defence Ministers Meeting (ADMM) Retreat in Brunei Darussalam, Union Minister for Defence Lt-Gen Wai Lwin and party arrived back at Yangon International Airport by air yesterday evening.—MNA

Union Minister for Defence Lt-Gen Wai Lwin being welcomed back at Yangon International Airport by senior officers.—MNA



Myanmar to display products at China-ASEAN Expo

YANGON, 31 Aug—A 157-Myanmar-entrepreneur delegation led by Union Minister for Commerce U Win Myint left here by air this morning to attend the 10th China-ASEAN Expo 2013 to be held in Nanning of People's Republic of China from 3 to 6 September.

Myanmar will showcase its products at 84 commodity booths and 20 light industrial booths allotted at the expo in line with the expo's motto "Regional Cooperation and Development: New Opportunities, New Impetus and New Stage".

The national booth for Myanmar will be decorated in line with the Myanmar traditions and customs.

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Union Minister U Win Myint and party seen at the airport before departure for China.—MNA

Hyundai showroom opens in Yangon

YANGON, 31 Aug—The grand opening ceremony of Hyundai showroom was held at the showroom in Mayangon Township this morning. At the ceremony, Yangon Region Chief Minister U Myint Swe, Region Hluttaw Speaker

U Sein Tin Win, Region Development Affairs Minister Mayor U Hla Myint and Mr. Kim Hoo Keun from Hyundai Motor Co and officials formally opened the showroom.

The region chief minister expressed his

belief that Hyundai Motor Co will sell quality and cheap cars for Myanmar citizens, urging the company to run its business under corporate social responsibility (CSR).

Mr. Kim Hoo Keun of Hyundai Motor Co

and the chairman and CEO of Fortune Kolao International Motors spoke words of thanks. Then, they looked round the showroom.

The showroom will offer best services on purchasing cars and maintenance works for the customers.

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Yangon Region Chief Minister U Myint Swe views brand new cars at Hyundai Showroom.—MNA

Press release on actions of Ministry of Immigration and Population in response to suggestions submitted to Public Service Capacity Assessment Committee

1. The Ministry of Immigration and Population made the following clarification on issuance of birth certificates and other document for a child of a Myanmar citizen abroad and extension of stay visa:-

(a) Requirements for birth certificate are stated in Section (10) of the Myanmar Citizenship Law 1982; requirements for parents or guardians are stated in Section (13) Sub-Section (a) (i) aa-gg as follows:

- i. Section (10) of Myanmar Citizenship Law: A person born outside the State shall have his birth registered either by the parent or guardian in the prescribed manner within one year from the date of birth at the Myanmar Embassy or Consulate or organizations prescribed by the Ministry of Immigration and Population. (Proviso. If registration is not possible within one year from the date of birth, application may be made by the parent or guardian, furnishing sufficient reasons to the Central Body through the Myanmar Embassy or Consulate or organizations prescribed by the Ministry of Immigration and Population.)
- ii. Section (13) of Myanmar Citizenship

Bylaws (Citizenship Rules and Regulations): The following steps should be followed in applying birth certificates and inclusion in parent's passports by parents or guardians, death certificates, applying for citizenship scrutiny cards when he/she attained the age of 10 years, issuance of CSC cards, extension of citizenship scrutiny cards when he/she attained the age of 18 years:-

- aa. Parents or guardians shall inform the respective Myanmar embassy or consulate-general with copies of birth certificate within one year from birth. After receiving N-8 form from the respective Myanmar embassy or consulate-general, the parents shall return the form to the respective Myanmar embassy or consulate-general after filling it completely to include the child's name in the parent's citizenship certificate Form 6.
- bb. If the child is born in the area with no Myanmar embassy or consulate-general, after receiving N-8 form from the nearby Myanmar embassy or consulate-general

Hotels to accommodate athletes under arrangement of committees

NAY PYI TAW, 31 Aug—Chairman of Accommodation and Food Supply Committee of the XXVII SEA Games Union Minister for Hotels and Tourism U Htay Aung met hoteliers and hotel general managers of 53 hotels from Nay Pyi Taw Hotel Zone, at Office No 33, here, this morning.

The Union minister said that the hotel general managers are to accommodate the athletes under arrangements of the Accommodation and Food Supply Committee and the Games Organizing Committee. Athletes, jury members and team managers are to be accommodated at Sports Village and guests,

referees, some athletes, media, observers and spectators at Nay Pyi Taw Hotel Zone. The Union minister met with Union Minister for Sports U Tint Hsan and discussed accommodation and management matters visited the mess rooms for U-16 athletes and social zone of Sports Village.—MNA

or the Ministry of Immigration and Population with the registered letter, the parents must return the form to the nearby Myanmar embassy or consulate-general or the Ministry of Immigration and Population after filling it completely to include the child's name in the parent's citizenship certificate Form-6.

- cc. If the parents fail to apply for the birth certificate within one year from birth, they shall apply for it at the Myanmar embassy or consulate-general with the birth certificate, related certificate and valid reasons.
- dd. If the child is born in the area with no Myanmar embassy or consulate-general, after receiving N-8 form from the nearby Myanmar embassy or consulate-general or the Department of Immigration and Population with the registered letter, the parents shall apply it at the nearby Myanmar embassy or consulate-general or the Ministry of Immigration and Population, stating they would pay fine for failure.
- ee. They would follow instructions from respective authorities and pay the fine.
- ff. If a child passes away, parents or guardians shall register the death at the Myanmar (See page 9)