

President U Thein Sein and party arrive in Nanning of China

NAY PYI TAW, 2 Sept—President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein and party left here by special aircraft to attend the 10th China-ASEAN Expo (CAEXPO) and the China-ASEAN Business and Investment Summit (CABIS) in Nanning of China at 9 am today.

The President and party were seen off at Nay Pyi Taw Airport by Vice-Presidents Dr Sai Mauk Kham and U Nyan Tun, Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, Union ministers and officials.

The President accompanied by Union Ministers U Myint Hlaing, U Ohn Myint and U Win Shein, Deputy Ministers U Thant Kyaw, U Yet Htut and Dr Win Myint and party arrived at Nanning

International Airport in Nanning of the People's Republic of China at 12.50 pm local standard time.

President U Thein Sein and party were welcomed at the airport by Vice-Chairman Mr Qin Ruixiang of Guangxi Zhuang Provincial People's Congress Standing Committee and officials, Union Ministers U Wunna Maung Lwin and U Win Myint who arrived in Nanning in advance, President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry U Win Aung and officials, Myanmar Ambassador to China U Tin Oo and staff of the consulate-general of Nanning and families.

Next, the President and party proceeded to Liyuan Resort in Nanning.

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President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein holds discussions with Secretary of Guangxi Zhuang Provincial People's Congress Mr Peng Qinghua.—MNA

Mr Nambiar stresses need for peaceful co-existence among all faiths

NAY PYI TAW, 2 Sept—Union Ministers Lt-Gen Thet Naing Win and U Khin Yi and United Nation Secretary General's Special Adviser on Myanmar Mr Vijay Nambiar and party met Chief Minister of Rakhine State U Hla Maung Tin and officials in Sittway yesterday.

The Union ministers explained measures taken for stability of the state.

The Chief Minister reported on opening of relief camps for victims, supply of safety water at relief camps, health care services and opening of schools.

Mr. Vijay Nambiar said that the UN will provide

assistance for the Rakhine State issue more than ever in cooperation with the respective organizations. He pledged that he will inform international organizations of actual situation of the state and progress of rehabilitation tasks. He was pleased with improvement of relations between the two communities in the state. They exchanged views on ongoing tasks for peace, stability and development of Rakhine State.

In the afternoon, they looked round rehabilitation of Mawrawady Village in Maungdaw Township, supply of clean drinking water and progress of socio-

economic development of the village and met local people at the village monastery.

They also met local people at relief camps in Kyeinnibyin Village of Pauktaw and Sittway townships and heard desire and needs of the local people and viewed trade activities between the two communities.

This morning, they met townsenders in Thandwe and discussed preserving stability by different faiths. Mr Vijay Nambiar stressed the need for peaceful co-existence among all religions.

MNA

Nuclear regulator working hard to stop water leakage at Fukushima: (By Ye Myint (NLM) from Tokyo)

TOKYO, 2 Sept — The head of Japan's Nuclear Regulation Authority said Monday that the authorities are working hard to stop the leakage of contaminated water at the Fukushima nuclear power plant, and voiced confidence

that the situation will be brought under control.

"The Japanese authorities are working hard on the decontamination of contaminated water leaking from a water tank which was detected on Aug. 19 in Fukushima Daiichi nuclear power station and

the current situation will be stable thanks to further measures," NRA Chairman Shunichi Tanaka told a press conference at the Foreign Correspondents' Club of Japan. The severity of the toxic water leak at the Fukushima plant has reached Level 3 from Level

1 on an eight-point scale, raising public concerns about the radioactive water leaking into the sea.

During a question and answer session, one Japanese correspondent called on the authorities to disclose all the measures being taken by the government to stop the rise in radioactive substances such as tritium in seawater.

NLM/Kyodo



Tokyo Electric Power Co. (TEPCO)'s tsunami-crippled Fukushima Daiichi nuclear power plant.—KYODO NEWS

Agriculture

Sesame growers earn high income



YEDASHE, 2 Sept—The local farmers are enjoying boosting production of sesame despite lesser rainfalls in the year.

Edible oil crops are

being grown along the banks of Sittoung River in Yedashe Township.

However, the cultivation at the bank faces a great risk due to rising water level and

heavy rains.

This year, there was lesser rainfall. Fortunately, it is the best opportunity for the local farmers in growing sesame and getting boosting production.

This year, the local farmers fetch K 34,000 per baskets of sesame.

"I have produced over 40 baskets. And, I have more piles of sesame plants to be winnowed. I think I would get 17-18 more baskets of sesame from the bales," said a local farmer of Ayethaya Village. The local farmers this year won the higher prices of sesame and sugarcane, enjoying benefits from their cultivation tasks.

Kyemon-Ko Lwin (Swa)

out of control and then hit a tree. The driver run away from the scene.

Traffic Police member Cpl Htay Win discharging duty at the traffic light arrested him.

In the incident, the traffic light post and wires were damaged. Action was taken against the driver under the law.

Kyemon-Zawgyi Panita

Crime

Driver who hit traffic light arrested

YANGON, 2 Sept—A vehicle run into Parami traffic light on Bayintnaung Road in Hline Township on 30 August afternoon.

A container driven

by Hsan Min Aung, 28 of Methilakan Village in Indagaw heading for north from south along Bayintnaung Road hit the Parami traffic light due to

Health

Content of iodized salt inspected

HTIGYAING, 2 Sept—An inspection of content of iodine in salt was held at Myoma Market of Township Development Affairs Committee in Htigyaing on 27 August afternoon.

A team comprising Dr Daw San San Moe, Dr Sein Po and Dr Tin Myo Aung of Township Health Department, Junior Engineer II of Township Development

Affairs Committee U Bo Min, SIP Sein Win, Dr Hla Myat Aye of Township Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department and responsible persons of Township Maternal and Child Welfare Association and Township Women's Affairs Organization participated in the inspection tour of market.

Kyemon-District IPRD



Workers of Myanmar Railways carrying out maintenance of rail tracks and substitution of new concrete sleepers along Yangon-Mawlamyine railroad at the entrance to Theinzayat Station in Kyaukse Township of Mon State on 27 August.

KYEMON-YE KHAUNG OO

GSM SIM cards allotted in Htigyaing for second time

HTIGYAING, 2 Sept—In-charge of Htigyaing Township Communications Station (Telephone) U Aye Kyaw issued 300 GSM SIM cards at Township General Administration Department for the second time on 27

August morning.

Due to allotment of the Township Management Committee, SIM cards were issued to 33 wards and village-tracts of the township and departments on a basic of ratio and to

the departmental personnel and people through draw lot system.

The winners in the draw lots were pleased with GSM SIM cards worth K 1500 each.

Kyemon-District IPRD

Systematic runs of private bus lines coordinated in Katha

KATHA, 2 Sept—Chairman of Katha Private Bus Systematic Transport Committee U Nyein Hsaung explained systematic runs of buses, formation of association, availability of wheeltaxes and work permits, systematic undertakings of loading and unloading, avoiding undisciplined

acts, establishment of gates for trawlergy and other matters at the annual general meeting of the committee in Katha on 31 August morning.

The meeting was held at the hall in Katha for 2012-2013.

Deputy Commissioner U Thet Lwin of District

General Administration Department, U Khin Maung Tint and U Khin Maung Toe acted as meeting chairmen.

At first, Meeting Chair U Khin Maung Tint made a speech.

Executive U Khin Maung Aye read out the financial report. Treasurer U Maung Maung Aye submitted the financial year.

Officials presented cash awards to gate officers of eight bus lines in Katha.

Chairman of the committee U Nyein Hsaung donated 50 sets of desk and furniture and one set of computer worth K 1,850,000 to Katha Basic Education High School Branch through headmistress Daw Khin Swe Myint.

The meeting chairman made concluding remarks.

Kyemon-Nyein Nyein (Katha)

Accident

Bagan express up-train derails

NATOGYI, 2 Sept—The 119 up-train leaving Bagan for Mandalay caused derailment between Myotha and Pyithaya stations on Bagan-Mandalay railroad on 28 August afternoon.

The root cause of the derailment was due to break

failure. The derailment was repaired and then the train left for Mandalay.

There was no casualty in the incident. It was the second time of derailment.

After the Bagan-Mandalay railroad section has been maintained with rail tracks, gravels and concrete sleepers, there was no incident of derailment.—*Kyemon-95*

Transport

Motorway changed for implementing Shwegondine Overpass Project till October

YANGON, 2 Sept—The motorways along Kaba Aye Pagoda Road have been changed for safely implementing Shwegondine Overpass Project, said officials of Yangon Region Traffic Rules Enforcement Committee.

The new motorways will be changed from 28 August to 26 October. The map of new motorway is shown off with the use of blue vinyl charts for drivers.

Small vehicles are allowed at Shwegondine Junction to be able to run along north to south of Kaba Aye Pagoda Road.

The vehicle above 10 feet high and large vehicles are allowed to use West Shwegondine Road, Yedashe Road, Nandawun Junction for section of Kaba Aye Pagoda Road. The vehicles that will run along from south to north are to turn left from Kyardawya Junction and to use Kyardawya Street, Yedashe Road and Dhammazed Road.

The vehicles leading for north from south along Kaba Aye Pagoda Road to go to East

Shwegondine Road are to use Kyardawya, Yedashe, West Shwegondine, Shwegondine Junction and

East Shwegondine Road, reminded by departments concerned.—*Kyemon-Htet Khaing (Sangyoung)*



WORLD

India's crisis within a crisis; finance minister fights on two fronts

NEW DELHI, 2 Sept — Late last month, with their doors shut to the mounting market panic outside as investors fled the country, India's cabinet ministers gathered to give final approval to a cheap food scheme for the poor.

It was hardly a difficult decision for a government that needs to shore up its sagging popularity before elections due by next May. But officials familiar with the discussion say there was one dissenting voice over what is now destined to become one of the world's largest welfare programmes.

Finance Minister P Chidambaram, already struggling to convince doubters that he will keep

the country's hefty fiscal deficit under control, made a last-minute attempt to trim the huge cost of the plan, estimated at about \$20 billion a year.

Chidambaram's ultimate failure to win colleagues around — despite his famed eloquence — is emblematic of the predicament he faces: he must stop investors heading for the hills as economic growth skids to its slowest pace in a decade, but he is surrounded by politicians who haven't grasped that there is a crisis at hand and want to spend their way to the ballot box.

In many ways, Chidambaram has been grappling virtually alone with India's economic emergen-

cy since he became finance minister for a third time 13 months ago. Cabinet colleagues, wayward allies of the ruling coalition and an obstructive opposition have together stood in the way of bold steps that might have averted this year's collapse of confidence in the India story.

It is a crisis within a crisis. With elections looming, that won't change anytime soon, which means Chidambaram will find it difficult to take robust policy action if the situation goes from very bad to worse.

"If parliament is not able to point to the direction in which the country's economy will go, parliament is not able to agree on, say 10 steps which the gov-



India's Finance Minister Palaniappan Chidambaram speaks at the Indian Private Equity and Venture Capital Association (IVCA) conclave in New Delhi on 16 July, 2013.—REUTERS

ernment should take today ... what kind of a message will it send to the rest of the world?" he asked lawmakers in frustration last week as the rupee tumbled ever-lower into uncharted territory.

"The fact is, the polity of this country is divided on economic policies and that

is understandable ... My plea to everyone, despite our differences: can we agree upon some measures which have to be taken in order to lift the country's economy from what it is today?" he said.

Chidambaram was not available for an interview for this story.—Reuters

Two Koreas begin 1st meeting of committee set up to run industrial zone

SEOUL, 2 Sept — North and South Korea on Monday began the first meeting of joint committee to discuss resumption of operations at an industrial zone in the North's border city of Kaesong, according to South Korea's Unification Ministry.

The meeting in Kaesong followed last month's agreement to reopen the industrial zone that was closed in early April amid heightened tensions between the two Koreas. The Unification Ministry, which handles the South's ties with the North, said the joint committee, made up of four subcommittees, will focus in Monday's meeting on when to resume operations.

Pyeongyang has sought the immediate resumption of operations at the industrial zone, which combines South Korean capital and expertise with cheap North Korean labor, but Seoul has said safeguards should be put in place to prevent another disruption.

On 8 April, North Korea announced the withdrawal of all its 53,000 workers employed by more than 100 South Korean companies, causing operations at the industrial zone to be suspended for the first time since production there began in 2004. After a series of unsuccessful negotiations, the two Koreas agreed to normalize operations on 14 August.

Kyodo News

Putin sees chance to turn tables on Obama at G20



Russia's President Vladimir Putin looks on during a meeting with journalists in the far eastern city of Vladivostok, on 31 Aug, 2013.—REUTERS

MOSCOW, 2 Sept — Less than three months after Vladimir Putin was cast as a pariah over Syria at the last big meeting of world leaders, the Russian president has glimpsed a chance to turn the tables on Barack Obama. The US president's dilemma over a military response to an alleged poison gas attack in Syria means Obama is the one who is under more pressure going into a G20 summit in St Petersburg on Thursday and Friday.

Obama stepped back from the brink on Saturday, delaying any imminent strike to seek approval from the US Congress.

Yet at a G8 summit in Northern Ireland in June, Putin was isolated over his backing for Syrian President Bashar al-Assad and scowled his way through talks with Obama, who later likened him to a "bored kid in the back of the classroom".

Putin has ignored the

jibe and stood his ground over Assad, dismissing Obama's allegations that Syrian government forces carried out a chemical weapons attack on 21 August. Buoyed by growing pressure on the US, French and British leaders over Syria, the former KGB spy has also now hit back in comments referring ironically to Obama as a Nobel Peace laureate and portraying US global policy as a failure.

"We need to remember what's happened in the last decade, the number of times the United States has initiated armed conflicts in various parts of the world. Has it solved a single problem?" Putin asked reporters on Saturday in the city of Vladivostok.

"Afghanistan, as I said, Iraq ... After all, there is no peace there, no democracy, which our partners allegedly sought," he said during a tour of Russia's far east.

Reuters

WASHINGTON, 2 Sept — The US State Department said on Sunday for the first time that the US envoy for Israeli-Palestinian peace had taken part in a meeting between the two parties since negotiations resumed in late July, but declined to say when or whether any progress was made.

"Israeli and Palestinian delegations have been meeting continuously since final status negotiations resumed on 29 July," State

Department spokeswoman Jen Psaki said in a brief written statement.

"The negotiations have been serious, and US Special Envoy Martin Indyk and his team have been fully briefed on the bilateral talks and also participated in a bilateral negotiating session," she added. "As we have said in the past, we are not planning to read out the details of these meetings."

It was not clear why the State Department decid-

ed to make the disclosure.

Despite deep skepticism among analysts and diplomats, US Secretary of State John Kerry this summer succeeded in persuading the two sides to resume peace negotiations that had collapsed in 2010.

Since their resumption, the State Department has said little about their course, and much of the Obama administration national security team's attention has been focused on the Egyptian military's crackdown on the Muslim Brotherhood and on the Syrian government's alleged use of chemical weapons against its own people. Israeli-Palestinian peace has become Kerry's signature issue even as the United States is grappling with the unrest in Egypt and the civil war in Syria.—Reuters



Israel's Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu attends the weekly cabinet meeting in Jerusalem on 1 Sept, 2013.—REUTERS

Scornful Syria hails 'historic American retreat' as Obama hesitates

BEIRUT/WASHINGTON, 2 Sept — Syria hailed a "historic American retreat" on Sunday, mockingly accusing President Barack Obama of hesitation and confusion after he delayed a military response to last month's chemical weapons attack near Damascus until after a congressional vote.

US Secretary of State John Kerry said tests had shown sarin nerve gas was fired on rebel-held areas on 21 August, and expressed confidence that US lawmakers would do "what is right" in response.

Washington says more than 1,400 people, many of them children, were killed in

the attack. It was the deadliest incident of the Syrian civil war and the world's worst use of chemical arms since Iraq's Saddam Hussein gassed thousands of Kurds in 1988. But opinion polls have shown strong opposition to a punitive strike among Americans weary of wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Obama's announcement on Saturday that he would seek congressional authorization for punitive military action against Syria is likely to delay any strike for at least nine days.

His administration launched a political offensive on Sunday to win over

a skeptical Congress, but faced tough questions from lawmakers in both parties.

The United Nations said Obama's announce-

ment could be seen as part of an effort to forge a global consensus on responding to the use of chemical arms anywhere.—Reuters



A Free Syrian Army fighter watches US President Barack Obama's speech with his family in Ghouta, Damascus on 31 Aug, 2013.—REUTERS

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

HTC execs detained over leaked trade secrets; shares tumble

TAIPEI, 2 Sept — Three HTC Corp design executives were arrested on suspicion of leaking trade secrets, sending the Taiwanese smartphone maker's shares tumbling on Monday as its troubles deepened amid a wave of senior staff departures and

disappointing sales. Taipei prosecutors confirmed that HTC vice president of product design Thomas Chien, research and development director Wu Chien-Hung and senior manager of design and innovation Justin Huang were arrested on Friday.



A new HTC Android-based smartphone Sensation is displayed during a news conference for the launch of the product in Taipei on 27 May, 2011. — REUTERS

Chien and Chien-Hung remain in custody, while Huang was released on bail, prosecutors office spokesman Mou Hsin Huang said. The executives were also accused of making false commission fee claims totaling around T\$10 million (\$334,200). No further details about the allegations were immediately available. The arrests came in response to a complaint filed by HTC last month accusing the executives of leaking trade secrets.

HTC declined to comment except to say the investigation had no impact on its operations. Chien and Chien-Hung could not be reached and Huang was not immediately available

to comment. Media reports citing the police said the executives were planning to use stolen new interface technology to set up a new mobile design company aiming at Chinese vendors.

Shares of HTC lost 6.4 percent to T\$146.5 at 0250 GMT, versus a 0.2 percent fall in the broader market. Rocked by internal feuding and executive exits, and positioned at the high end of a smartphone market that is close to saturation, HTC has seen its market share slump to below 5 percent from around a quarter five years ago. Its stock price is at 8-year lows, and it has warned it could make its first operating loss this quarter.

Reuters



A Long March-4C carrier rocket carrying the Yaogan XVII remote-sensing satellite blasts off from the launch pad at the Jiuquan Satellite Launch Centre in Jiuquan, northwest China's Gansu Province, on 2 Sept, 2013. The satellite will be used to conduct scientific experiments, carry out land surveys, monitor crop yields and aid in reducing and preventing natural disasters.—XINHUA

Russia puts Israeli satellite into orbit

MOSCOW, 2 Sept — Russia has sent an Israeli communications satellite into orbit, the federal space agency Roscosmos said on Sunday.

A Zenit-2SB rocket carrying the satellite blasted off from the Baikonur space centre in Kazakhstan at 00:05 Moscow Time on Sunday (2005 GMT Saturday), according to Roscosmos.

At 6:50 am Moscow Time (0250 GMT), the

Amos-4 satellite successfully separated from the DM-SLB upper stage, a spokesperson with the space agency told reporters.

Built by Israeli Aerospace Industries Ltd, the satellite will provide broadband Internet services as well as other services to consumers in Russia, Central and Southeast Asia, Central and Eastern Europe and the Middle East.

Xinhua

Tablets more popular than PCs in Mideast, Africa

DUBAI, 2 Sept — Tablet shipments in the Middle East and Africa exceeded PCs for the first time in the second quarter of 2013, according to a report released on Thursday by an American market research firm. International Data Corporation (IDC), specialized in the information, technology and telecom industry, said tablet shipments for the period in Mena soared by 208 percent year on year, reaching a total of 2.79 million units.

As tablets such as Apple iPad, Lenovo X61 and Samsung Galaxy Tab more

and more popular in the region, "the growing demands have attracted several multinational PC vendors to divert a larger proportion of their overall focus on tablet ranges," said the report. The Android operating system was the major contributor to the growth, said IDC, with 2 million Android-running devices shipped during the period.

"The launch of the iPad mini could not prevent iOS from rapidly losing shares to Android devices, with cost being a key factor in consumers' choice of tablets," said Victoria Mendes,

IDC research analyst on PCs and IT infrastructure in the Middle East, Africa and Turkey. "However, Apple's new product launch, expected before the end of this year, will definitely spur some growth for the vendor in the region," she added.

According to IDC, Apple's shipments totaled lower-than-expected 682,000 units for the quarter, followed very closely by Samsung, which shipped a total of 627,000 units. Lenovo entered the market in the third place, shipping 140,000 units. Global PC

and tablet producers are expecting an increase of sales in the Middle East and Africa to be boosted by the annual GITEX technology week on Oct. 20-24 in Dubai, the biggest fair of information and communications technologies in the region.—Xinhua

US exit to leave Vodafone with M&A war chest



A customer walks past the Vodafone logo in a shopping mall in Prague on 7 Feb, 2012. — REUTERS

LONDON/PARIS, 2 Sept —Vodafone's exit from the United States in a \$130 billion deal expected to be sealed on Monday will give it a war chest to make acquisitions even after it rewards its shareholders. The board of Verizon Communication will meet on Monday morning New York time to vote on buying out Vodafone from its joint venture, meaning a full announcement could come after the London market close, sources said.

Assuming Vodafone receives \$116-132 billion from the sale of Verizon Wireless, analysts at Citigroup estimated it could distribute \$40 billion in cash and Verizon common stock to shareholders, and still have \$30-38

billion in deferred proceeds after paying tax and reducing debt. With that cash pile, Vodafone boss Vittorio Colao will have to build a new future for the world's second-biggest telecom operator now that it can no longer rely on its US unit to drive growth and provide billions in cash for dividends.

Investment bankers and analysts are already speculating. They say it's too early to know whether Colao will beef up in Europe, look at new countries such as Brazil or even attempt a re-entry to the US market via acquisition. "It's early days still but I imagine that Vodafone already has some ideas about acquisition targets since they will have a lot of money to

play with," said one sector banker who declined to be named. "Colao's first priority will be to strengthen in countries like Germany, Italy and Spain where Vodafone is already present via a mix of higher network investments and bolt-on acquisitions in fixed or cable," the person said. "Don't expect Vodafone to do some big transformational deal right away."

Unlike in the United States, where mobile operators have prospered in the smartphone era, European operators have struggled with intense price competition and tough regulation. To cope, some in markets like France and Spain have turned to bundles that offer consumers lower prices if they take packages of fixed, mobile, television and broadband services. To be able to match such offers, Vodafone has increasingly diversified from its pure play mobile strategy in the last 18 months, buying British fixed-line operator Cable & Wireless Worldwide for \$1.6 billion last year and German cable operator Kabel Deutschland for \$10 billion in June.—Reuters

Bigger and healthier: European men grow 11cm in a century

LONDON, 2 Sept — The average height of European men grew by a surprising 11 centimetres from the early 1870s to 1980, reflecting significant improvements in health across the region, according to new research published on Monday. Contrary to expectations, the study also found that average height accelerated in the period spanning the two World Wars and the Great Depression, when poverty, food rationing and hardship of war might have been expected to limit people's growth.

The swift advance may have been due to people deciding to have fewer children in this period, the researchers said, and smaller family size has previously been found to be linked to increasing average height. "Increases in human stature are a key indicator of improvements in

the average health of populations," said Timothy Hatton, a professor economics at Britain's University of Essex who led the study. He said the evidence — which shows the average height of a European male growing from 167 cm to 178 cm in a little over a 100 years — suggests an environment of improving health and decreasing disease

"is the single most important factor driving the increase in height".

The study, published online in the journal *Oxford Economic Papers*, analyzed data on average men's height at around the age of 21 from the 1870s up to around 1980 in 15 European countries.

Reuters



Workers cross London Bridge, with Tower Bridge seen behind, during the morning rush hour in London on 30 Sept, 2011. — REUTERS

BUSINESS & HEALTH

Commonwealth Bank of Australia executive resigns



SYDNEY, 2 Sept — The Commonwealth Bank of Australia (CBA) announced on Monday that Ian Saines had resigned as the bank's head of institutional banking and market. CBA Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Ian Narev announced Saines will leave the company at the end of 2013. Saines has been with

CBA since 2004 and was appointed Group Executive, Institutional Banking and Markets in 2009.

"During the past four years, Ian has been a valued and highly-regarded member of the group's executive committee," Narev said in a statement on Monday. "Importantly, Ian led the business through the challeng-

ing GFC (global financial crisis) period and through to the most recent financial period where the continued progress of the Total Capital Solutions strategy led to a 10 percent lift in profits."

Saines said he was looking forward to move on to a new phase in his career. "I consider my current role to be one of the best in Australian banking, so a decision to stay would have been easy," he said in a statement.

"However, the strength of the business and the outstanding quality of its talent gives me the opportunity at this time to move on to a new phase in my career." CBA CEO Narev said the bank would undertake a global search as well as an assessment of internal candidate pool for a replacement for Saines.—Xinhua

New formulation of Roche's Herceptin wins EU approval

ZURICH, 2 Sept— Swiss drugmaker Roche said on Monday the European Commission had approved a new formulation of its breast cancer drug Herceptin which allows the medicine to be administered more quickly.

Roche said it had won approval for a new inject-

able version of Herceptin which cuts down treatment time to just two to five minutes. It currently takes between 30 to 90 minutes to administer the drug intravenously.

Herceptin is used as a treatment for around a quarter of breast cancer patients who have tumours that

generate a protein called HER2, which tends to make their disease more aggressive. The drug, which goes off patent next year, is Roche's third-biggest seller and notched up global revenues of 3.08 billion Swiss francs (\$3.30 billion) in the first half of the year.

Reuters



New Daiichi drug vies for slice of clot prevention market

AMSTERDAM, 2 Sept —A new blood clot preventer from Daiichi Sankyo proved as effective as widely used warfarin in treating a dangerous condition known as venous thromboembolism and caused less bleeding, a large clinical trial found.

The Japanese drugmaker hopes the finding will help it take on rivals including Bayer, Johnson & Johnson, Pfizer and Bristol-Myers Squibb in a growing market for novel pills to prevent blood clots, especially as the drug appears to work best in sicker patients. Industry analysts believe modern blood thinners to replace warfarin could generate sales of more than \$10 billion (6.4 billion pounds) a year.

Daiichi's once-a-day drug, however, is the fourth new oral anticoagulant and doctors at the European Society of Cardiology congress, where the data were unveiled on Sunday, said it



A man walks past a sign of Japanese pharmaceutical company Daiichi Sankyo Co, Ltd at the company's head office in Tokyo on 17 July, 2009.—REUTERS

remained to be seen if it had an edge over competitors.

"I'm uncertain as to the degree to which it moves the needle forward," said Dr Patrick O'Gara of Boston's Brigham and Women's Hospital, who is also president-elect of the American College of Cardiology. He wanted to see how the new medicine, known as edoxaban, performed once it was used more widely by doctors, while other cardi-

ologists said price would be an important factor in weighing up the competing therapies.

"The world is changing pretty fast on cost and I have hopes that part of that will mean competition brings the price down," said American Heart Association President Dr. Mariell Jessup. The 60-year-old anticoagulant warfarin — originally developed as rat poison — is effec-

tive in preventing clots but is notoriously difficult to use because it requires careful monitoring of patients' blood levels and dose adjustments. Daiichi's drug met the main goal of the 8,292-patient venous thromboembolism (VTE) study by working just as well as warfarin in treating and preventing recurrence of the condition.

It also led to a significant reduction in the risk of clinically relevant bleeding, which occurred in 8.5 percent of patients on edoxaban compared with 10.3 percent of those taking warfarin, according to the data.

Bleeding is typically the most troubling side effect of extended use of blood thinning drugs. "This agent gets the job done," said Dr Sidney Smith of the University of North Carolina School of Medicine at Chapel Hill of the results, which were also published in the New England Journal of Medicine.—Reuters

Life expectancy gap growing between rich/poor world women: WHO

GENEVA, 2 Sept — Life expectancy for women at 50 has improved, but the gap between poor and rich countries is growing and could worsen without better detection and treatment of cardiovascular disease and cancers, the World Health Organization (WHO) said on Monday.

A WHO study, one of the first to analyze the causes of death of older women, found that in wealthier countries deaths from noncommunicable diseases has fallen dramatically in recent decades, especially from cancers of the stomach, colon, breast and cervix. Women over 50 in low and middle-income countries are also living longer, but chronic ailments, including diabe-

tes, kill them at an earlier age than their counterparts, it said. "The gap in life expectancy between such women in rich and poor countries is growing," said the WHO study, part of an issue of the WHO's monthly bulletin devoted to women's health.

There is a similar growing gap between the life expectancy of men over 50 in rich and lower income countries and in some parts of the world, this gap is wider, WHO officials said. "More women can expect to live longer and not just survive child birth and childhood.

But what we found is that improvement is much stronger in the rich world than in the poor world.

Reuters



Residents are seen in a senior citizens' home in Svetlograd, about 100 km (62 miles) from Russia's southern city of Stavropol on 1 April, 2009.

REUTERS

Dairy prices drive rise in New Zealand terms of trade

WELLINGTON, 2 Sept — New Zealand's terms of trade rose by 4.9 percent in the quarter to the end of June, due to rising export prices and falling import prices, the government statistics agency announced on Monday.

It was the second

straight quarterly rise in the terms of trade, a measure of the purchasing power of New Zealand exports abroad, but it was still 2.5 percent below the 37-year high reached two years ago, according to Statistics New Zealand.

"The terms of trade

increase of 4.9 percent reflected higher dairy prices," prices manager Chris Pike said in a statement.

"Without dairy, the terms of trade would have risen 1.6 percent. " In the June 2013 quarter, export prices rose 3.4 percent, while import prices fell 1.5

percent, reflecting lower prices for crude oil and capital goods.

Dairy exports were the main driver of the rise in terms of trade, with prices up 14 percent and export volumes down 18 percent.

Xinhua

WORLD

India's Gandhi expected in US for medical check-up

NEW DELHI, 2 Sept—Sonia Gandhi, president of the ruling Congress party, is expected to fly to the United States for a scheduled medical check-up, a news agency report said, just days after she took ill during a marathon parliament debate.

"Her going to the US

day, it added.

Last week, Gandhi, 66, returned home from a Delhi hospital after taking ill in parliament. She was led limping out of the Lok Sabha last Monday by her son and colleagues, and then taken by car to the All India Institute of Medical Sciences hospital in the capital.



Congress Party chief Sonia Gandhi smiles as she addresses the media at her residence in New Delhi on 16 May 2009.—REUTERS

for a medical check-up is due," the Press Trust of India (PTI) news agency quoted an unnamed senior party leader as saying.

Gandhi, who underwent surgery in the United States for an undisclosed ailment in August 2011, flew there on 2 September last year for a check-up. She went again in February this year, the PTI report said. There is a speculation she may fly there on Mon-

The Italian-born politician has played a slightly reduced public role since her treatment in 2011. She is still the world's sixth most powerful woman, *Forbes* magazine said last year. The party is usually very secretive about Gandhi's health, but several media reports said she had been treated for cancer at New York's Sloan-Kettering Cancer Centre in 2011.

Reuters

Russia sends spy ship to Mediterranean

MOSCOW, 2 Sept — Russia is sending a reconnaissance ship to the eastern Mediterranean, *Interfax* news agency reported on Monday, as the United States prepares for a possible military strike in Syria.

The reconnaissance ship Priazovye left Russia's naval base in the Ukrainian Black Sea port of Sevastopol late on Sunday on a mission "to gather current information in the area of the escalating conflict," the report quoted an unidentified military source as saying.

The Defence Ministry declined immediate comment.

President Barack Obama said on Saturday he would seek congressional authorization for punitive military action against Syrian President Bashar al-Assad after what the United States says was a sarin gas attack that killed more than 1,400 people.

Russia says the United

States has not proved its case, and that it believes the attack was staged by rebels to provoke intervention in the more than two-year-old civil war.

Russia is one of Assad's biggest arms suppliers and has a naval maintenance facility in the Syrian port of Tartous. Moscow opposes any military intervention in Syria and has shielded Damascus from pressure at the UN Security Council.

Interfax said the Priazovye would be operating separately from a navy unit permanently stationed in the Mediterranean in a deployment which President Vladimir Putin said is needed to protect national security interests.

The Defence Ministry said last week that new warships would be sent to the Mediterranean to replace others in a long-planned rotation of the ships based there.

Xinhua

German candidates clash on euro and taxes in tight TV duel

BERLIN, 2 Sept—Chancellor Angela Merkel and her Social Democrat challenger in this month's German election clashed over the euro, tax policy and US spying in a television debate on Sunday that produced no clear winner.

The only TV duel of the campaign, watched by an estimated 15 million viewers, was one of SPD candidate Peer Steinbrueck's last chances to change the momentum in a race in which he has trailed the popular Merkel from the very start.

He accused the conservative chancellor, who is seeking a third term in the 22 September vote, of crushing southern European countries with austerity, failing to properly manage an exit from nuclear energy and overseeing a rise in low

wage jobs.

"For four years we have been at a standstill. I want to change this," Steinbrueck said.

Merkel, 59, said SPD plans to raise taxes would put Germany's prosperity at risk, and noted that Steinbrueck's party had supported her euro policies throughout the crisis. Smiling, she turned to him and said: "You voted for everything."

Dressed in black, both candidates appeared relaxed, made no obvious gaffes and appeared to have good grasp of the issues.

Merkel, wearing a twisty necklace in the colours of the German flag, turned often to speak directly to her challenger, while Steinbrueck stared straight ahead at the panel



People watch a TV duel of German Chancellor Angela Merkel of the Christian Democratic Union (CDU) with her challenger, the top candidate of the Social Democratic Party (SPD) in the upcoming German general elections Peer Steinbrueck, in a culture centre in Berlin, on 1 Sept, 2013, during an event organized by the SPD.—REUTERS

of four questioners, which included cult talk show host Stefan Raab.

A poll by Infratest Dimap conducted after the

debate gave Steinbrueck the edge, with 49 percent of respondents saying he won and 44 percent backing Merkel.—Reuters

Ex-S African President Mandela discharged from hospital

NAIROBI, 2 Sept—Former South African President Nelson Mandela was discharged on Sunday from a Pretoria hospital where he was being treated for a lung infection since 8 June, the presidential office said.

The 95-year-old Nobel

Peace Prize laureate "will receive the same level of intensive care" after returning to his home in Johannesburg, it said. The country's first black, post-apartheid leader "remains critical and is at times unstable," it said.

Kyodo News



Rescuers work at the accident site after a coal and gas outburst at the Bailongshan Coal Mine in Fuyuan County, southwest China's Yunnan Province, on 2 Sept, 2013. One miner was killed and another eight trapped in the accident which happened on Sunday morning.—XINHUA

BRICS agree on bank's structure, progress difficult

MOSCOW/BRASILIA, 2 Sept—The BRICS bloc of large, emerging economies has agreed on the structure of a proposed development bank with \$50 billion in capital, but ironing out "difficult" details may take months, Russian Deputy Finance Minister Sergei Storchak said.

Officials from Brazil, China, India, Russia and South Africa agreed in early August that the bank's capital should come from three payment categories, including subscriptions, Storchak told journalists in remarks for publication on Monday.

The establishment of the development bank aimed at providing funds for infrastructure projects has been slow in coming, with prolonged disagree-

ment over funding and management of the institution.

"We must assume that the bank will not start functioning as fast as one could imagine," Storchak said. "It will take months, maybe a year." At the summit of the Group of 20 developed and developing nations this week in Russia's St. Petersburg, BRICS leaders will meet in an unofficial format, Storchak said, to discuss the progress on setting up the bank and a joint reserve fund.

The issues of division of the capital, payment of the capital, the location of the bank and the bank's management still need to be decided, Storchak added.

Reuters



Photo shows piles of books on former South African President Nelson Mandela in a bookstore at an airport in Johannesburg, South Africa, on 27 Aug, 2013. Sales of books and products related to Mandela have increased since Mandela was hospitalized in June 2013. He was discharged on 1 Sept from a Pretoria hospital.

KYODO NEWS

LOCAL NEWS

Tree planting ceremony held in Homein

HOMEIN, 2 Sept— Monsoon tree planting ceremony was held in the environs of Naunglong Lake in Homein Sub-Township in Langhio District in Shan State on 30 August.

The Township

Administrator delivered an address at the ceremony. Departmental personnel, members of social organizations and local people participated in planting saplings.—MMAL-Ye Naung (IPRD)

Sagaing Region Hluttaw Speaker visits fire-hit areas

SHWEBO, 2 Sept— Sagaing Region Hluttaw Speaker U Thin Hlaing, Region Minister Col Kyi Naing, the Region Police Force Commander and District/Township officials attended the relief camp in

Htangan village in Kanbalu Township in Shwebo District on 28 August.

They briefed on security measures to prevent similar incidents, electrification for regional development, communications and transportation development and peaceful interfaith coexistence.

The Sagaing Region Hluttaw Speaker and party viewed the damages and called for measures to return to normalcy.

MMAL-Soe Thiha

HRD

1718 midwives nurtured from four courses in Magway

MAGWAY, 2 Sept— Magway Region government has opened four midwifery courses for 4804 villages in the region to narrow the healthcare gap between rural and urban areas.

The fourth course was opened on 26 August.

A total of 1718 midwives—447 from Magway District, 337 from Minbu District, 345 from Thayet District, 453 from

Pakokku District and 136 from Gangaw District—were nurtured from the courses.

The courses are aimed at reducing infant and mother mortality rate.—MMAL-Tin Tun Oo

Livestock Breeding

Fingerlings released into farmland, distributed to farmers

LETPADAN, 2 Sept— Under the guidance of the Ministry of Livestock, Fishery and Rural Development and the Region Agriculture and Livestock Breeding Minister, a ceremony to release and distribute fingerlings was held at the farmland of farmer U Mya Sein of Nabekwin village-tract on 18 August.

The ceremony is aimed at ensuring rural development and poverty

alleviation, preserving the fish resources and developing fish production.

It was attended by Thayawady District Deputy Commissioner U San Aung, District Fisheries Department Head U Kyaw Tun, Letpadan Township Administrator U Thiha, Region Hluttaw Representative U Kyaw Min, Township Police Force Commander, departmental personnel, the Township Fishery Department Head

U Oh Win, staff and some 100 farmers.

The deputy commissioner, the township administrator, the Region Hluttaw representative and the district and township Fisheries Department heads released 10,000 fingerlings into the 20-acre farmland.

A total of 200,000 fingerlings were distributed to other farmers.

MMAL-Township Fisheries Department

Communications

Low-priced SIM cards allotted in Pyinmana



PYINMANA, 2 Sept— Low-priced SIM cards were sold to the local people in wards and villages in Pyinmana Township at respective administrator offices on 23 August.

The sale was supervised by Township Administrator U Hsan Maw.

On 26 August, similar activity was held in Uyinsu Village-tract of the township. Village-tract administrator U Soe Naing Win and officials allotted the SIM cards to the local people through draw lot system.

MMAL-Min Min Latt (Mann Tekkatho)

Yaw Min Gyi brick monastery open to public

MANDALAY, 2 Sept— The brick monastery of Yaw Min Gyi U Pho Hlaing near Shwe Mann Taung Golf Course in Aungmyethazan Township in Mandalay is open to public.

The building bears resemblance to French architecture. U Pho Hlaing is said to be an admirer of French architecture which he witnessed in his diplomatic

trip to France.

It was built in later Konbaung era in 1866 and was hit by air bombings in 1945.

It was used as a headquarters of the Central Command in December, 1998. The building is now under the management of the Archaeology Department.—MMAL-Aye Mya (Mandalay)

Japanese experts observe Bago-Sittoung Canal

THANATPIN, 2 Sept—A team composed of Mr Suzuki of Japan's Infrastructure Development Institute (IDI), nine fellow Japanese experts, Deputy Director of Irrigation Department of Bago Region U Ko Ko Oo, Assistant Director of Construction Group-1 U Aung Myat Myo, and Assistant Director of Bago District Irrigation Department U Myint Soe observed Bago-Sittoung Canal by motor boat from Thanatpin to Bagan

Nyaungbin diversion gate on 29 August.

They are conducting observation for dredging Bago-Sittoung Canal to prevent flood in Waw, Thanatpin and Kawa Townships.

The construction of the sluice gates would take time and the dredging of the canal would relatively less time-consuming and not need much observation.

The excursion was made possible after the

meeting between IDI and the Irrigation Department head office in Nay Pyi Taw two days ago.

The observation reported to the government, Assistant Director U Myint Soe said.

The Japanese group is an environmental research group of Infrastructure Development Institute.

It would inform the Japanese government of the possible aids, Mr Suzuki promised.

MMAL-Ye Htut (Min Village)

National Sports

Pantanaw solo bicyclist to travel start and end of Ayeyawady Region within two months

MEIKTILA, 2 Sept—Ko Khin Maung Than, 40, hailed

XXVII SEA Games to be hosted by Myanmar with a

solo bicycle marathon from Pantanaw to Myitkyina.

The two-way trip is 2500 miles long. He left Meiktia on 29 August and headed for Mandalay with his bike.

Pantanaw is the nearest town to the mouth of the legendary Ayeyawady River and Myitkyina is the start of the river with the famous Maekha-Malikha confluence. The purpose of his solo marathon is to raise public awareness for the XXVII SEA Games which is scheduled to kick off in December, to praise the government for better mobile telecommunications and to



Transport

New

hovercrafts to ply between Yangon and Mawgyun

YANGON, 2 Sept—Two hovercrafts will ply between Yangon of Yangon Region and Mawlamyinegyun of Ayeyawady Region a day, according to an in-charge of the vessel line.

The ferry charge for 100-mile trip is K 2500 per passenger.

The vessels have seen constant increase in number of passengers in the aftermath of Cyclone Nargis.

The vessels stopped over at Bogale-Myinkakon jetties along the itinerary.

MMAL-Khin Hsai

honour Myanmar cyclists to play in the upcoming SEA Games.

The legendary river has the length of 1230 miles but his trip from the start and end of the river is estimated to be 1250 miles long as he has to take the road with better roads.

He started his trip from Pantanaw on 23 August and is expected to arrive back in Pantanaw on 18 August after 56-day trip.

MMAL-Chan Tha (Meiktia)

NATIONAL

PERSPECTIVES

Tuesday, 3 September, 2013

Urbanization

After the formation of the Livestock, Fisheries and Rural Development Ministry, the country's villages are seeing brighter prospects for their further progress. Talks on strategic planning between local and foreign donors, social organizations and experts produced 17-point ideas, of which three—adequate clean water for every village, electricity supply and food security—have been translated into priority tasks.

As food and water are essential requirements for life, and electricity is a must for every human society, donors are now taking part in implementing the said three priority tasks with might and main.

Rapid progress of villages will automatically help narrow the divide between the rural and the urban. As rural is the foundation of the country, its advancement will also reduce the development gap between Regions and States and serve as the engine for multi sectoral development of the whole Union.

Today, the world is witnessing increase in the number of mega cities. These mega cities are the result of population explosion that triggers rural-urban exodus just for a better life. In other words, it is an evidence of expanding rural-urban gap. Normally, people have no wish to leave their native place and family.

Here, one initiative is that if we can make the rural develop as urban we can control this mass migration. But not in a way that prohibits rural people from moving to cities. The method here is to develop towns or even villages into cities or major towns by creating job opportunities there for social progress.

For example, Shenzhen a city of 12 million inhabitants in present day China was once a coastal village. The development drive that brought international transport networks including ports, industrial estates, housing estates, affordable housing programs, special economic zones plus domestic and foreign investment have lured rural people from elsewhere to the newly developed city. It bears witness that urbanization is one of the best answers to the rural development.



President U Thein Sein and party arrive in Nanning ...

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At 2.30 pm local time, President U Thein Sein received Secretary of Guangxi Zhuang Provincial People's Congress Mr Peng

Qinghua of Communist Party of China at Liyuan Resort.

They frankly discussed cooperation in agriculture sector, runs of airlines and

promotion of comprehensive cooperation between Myanmar and Guangxi Zhuang Province.

Present at the call together with the President were Union ministers, deputy ministers and the Myanmar Ambassador to

China. The Secretary of Guangxi Zhuang Provincial People's Congress was accompanied by the Vice-Chairman of Guangxi Zhuang Province People's Congress and officials of the Guangxi Zhuang Province.

MNA

Audit parties to abide by international auditing norms and audit ethics



Auditor-General of the Union U Thein Htaik addresses Audit Officers and Township Audit Officers Workshop No 3/2013.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 2 Sept—The Audit Officers and Township Audit Officers Workshop No 3/2013 was opened at the hall of the

office of Auditor-General of the Union this morning, with an address by Auditor-General of the Union U Thein Htaik.

The workshop was aimed at enabling the audit officers to discuss significant findings from the departmental accounts

and seek weaknesses and strengths in the accounts and implement legal affairs and instructions of the Office of the Auditor-General of the Union, he said.

The audit parties are to abide by international auditing norms and audit ethics in inspecting the accounts with firm evidences, he said. He stressed the need to carry out auditing works under the prescribed laws in respective regions/states/districts and townships. He noted that auditors are to discharge duty of auditing, not for accountants.

The ceremony was attended by the deputy auditor-general, the director-general, officials and 145 audit officers and township audit officers. The workshop will run up to 5 September.

MNA

Civil Service Training kicks off



Deputy Information Minister giving opening speech at opening of civil service training course.

MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 2 Sept—Civil Service Training, organized by the Ministry of Information and Singaporean media expert Dr. N. Ganesan, was held at the assembly hall of the Ministry of Information, here, this morning.

On the occasion, Deputy Minister for Information U Pike Htwe gave an opening speech, and Regional Coordinator,

Konrad Adenauer Stiftung of Singapore Dr. Wilhelm Hofmeister delivered address.

Member of the Press Governing Body U Thiha Myo Nyunt lectured 67 trainees from the information teams of the ministries on the Rule of Law and mass communications among societies.

The training course lasts till 4 September.—MNA

Warning of hightide

NAY PYI TAW, 2 Sept—The public are here by informed that exceptionally high spring of from 20.0 feet to 20.7 feet high above the datum are expected to occur in Yangon River during the period 5th to 11th September, 2013. That it is not serious

because the high tide have reached up to 21.7 feet high above datum in the year 2011-2012 and that the warning is issued only because high tide reaches over 20 feet high above datum, announced Myanma Port Authority.—MNA



Vice-Presidents of Myanmar Hockey Federation U Kyaw Kyaw Hlaing and U Saw Lu Lu Htaw and General Secretary U Khin Maung Latt seen at the airport together with President of the federation U Htin Zaw Win on 2 September before their departure for Thailand to enjoy competitions of tentatively selected Myanmar women's and men's hockey teams in Pre-SEA Games Hockey Tournament from 1 to 8 September.

THAN SWE (PABEDAN)

NATIONAL

Work Committee for promotion of production and market competition in ASEAN Region meets

NAY PYI TAW, 2 Sept— Under the leadership of the Union Minister for NPED, the 13th work coordination meeting of the work committee for promotion of production and market competition in ASEAN Region for accomplishing ASEAN Economic Community-AEC (2015) and successful taking the place of ASEAN Chairmanship-2014 was held at the Ministry, here, this morning.

Present at the ceremony were Chairman of Implementing Work Committee for AEC Union Minister for National Planning and Economic Development Dr Kan Zaw, the chairmen of the work committee the Deputy Ministers from the related ministries and the directors-general, responsible persons



Union Minister Dr Kan Zaw addresses meeting for promotion of production and market competition in ASEAN Region.—MNA

from Yangon Institute of Economics, Myanmar Computer Professionals Association, UMFCCL.

Union Minister Dr Kan Zaw made a speech on the occasion.

Those present discussed

issues of the 23rd ASEAN Summit which will be held in the first week of October.

At the meeting Daw Than Than Lin, ASEAN Senior Economic Officer, explained the tasks of the 45th ASEAN Economic

Ministers' Meeting and related meetings held in August, 2013. Those present discussed preparedness for taking ASEAN Chairmanship-2014. The Union Minister attended to the needs.—MNA

Union Minister for Industry U Maung Myint and wife being welcomed by Vietnamese Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Pham Thanh Dung and wife at the reception to mark 68th Anniversary National Day of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam at Sedona Hotel in Yangon on 2 September.

MNA



Nay Pyi Taw Election Sub-commission Chairman, members leave for Australia



Chairman of Nay Pyi Taw Election Sub-commission and party being seen off by UEC member U Win Ko and officials at the airport.—MNA

YANGON, 2 Sept— Chairman of Nay Pyi Taw Election Sub-commission and 15 members of region/state election sub-commissions left here by air

this evening for Australia to observe the general elections to be held in Australia on 7 September.

They were seen off by Union Election Commission

Member U Win Ko and officials from Yangon Region election sub-commission at Yangon International Airport.

MNA

LOCAL NEWS

Rural baseline data collected in Taungtha

TAUNGTHA, 2 Sept— Rural Development Department, Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department and Township Development Affairs Committee made field trips to 243 villages in 77 village-tracts in Taungtha Township in Mandalay Region to collect baseline data on

22-27 August.

They also gave educative talks on rural electrification, access to pure drinking water, social development activities and animal diseases. They recruited trainees for veterinary courses as well.

MMAL-Lin Let Kyal (Taungtha)

Katha-Indaw road in bad condition

INDAW, 2 Sept—Road users of Katha-Indaw motor road in Sagaing Region found it difficult to cope with the badly damaged road by weather.

The length of Katha-Indaw road is 18 miles and Katha-Indaw-Manle, Katha-Indaw-Bamauk, Katha-Indaw-Htigyaing,

Katha-Indaw-Htigyaing-Mandalay, Katha-Nabar and Katha-Mawlu passenger buses are operating daily along the road.

The muddy road with holes which has been in bad condition since 2010 is inviting dangers of traffic accidents.

MMAL-Ko Min (Indaw)

Myanmar trade union leaders to receive training in Japan

YANGON, 2 Sept—Ten leaders of Federation of Trade Unions of Myanmar left for Japan to attend Youth Leadership Course in Japan on 1-7 September, General Secretary U Maung Maung said.

The course was organized by Japan International Labour Assistance Foundation.

The course will cover activities of labour unions, labour laws, collaborative dispute settlement and information sharing,

according to Secretary of FTUM Daw Khaing Zar Aung.

The trainees are from labour unions of Myanmar Locomotive Shed, agricultural industry, industrial zones and transportation sectors.

Myanmar has 197 labour unions with 16041 members.

The FTUM has become a full-fledged member of International Trade Union Council.

MMAL-Ye Khaung, Myat Thanda Maung

Electricity supply to villages in Pasawng Tsp commences

LOIKAW, 2 Sept— Installation works for electrification of Papu and Namkit villages in Pasawng Township in Bawlake District in Kayah State has been completed.

A total of 40 households in Papu village and 93 households in Namkit village will receive electricity from the National Power Grid. It will connect Lawpita-Pasawng power grid from Lawpita No (2) Power Plant.

The installation started on 18 June, 2009, and the power grid begun supply of electricity in December, 2009.—MMAL-Kyee Myint Naing (Loikaw)

Knowledge on human trafficking in person shared in Hlinethaya

YANGON, 2 Sept— Chairperson of Women's Affairs Organization of Yangon North District and party gave educative talks on human trafficking and held dialogue at No (6) ward Manaung Dhammayon in Hlinethaya Township in Yangon North District on 31 August.

They disseminated

education and information about human trafficking and formation of monitoring team in each ward and village.

A total of 29 attendees from wards and villages frankly discussed ways to prevent human trafficking.

MMAL-Than Htaik (Hlinethaya)



Arrival and departure of tourists to be checked in Myeik District

MYEIK, 2 Sept—A coordination meeting on scrutiny for entrance and exist of tourists was held at Kyunyadana Hall of Myeik District General Administration Department in Myeik of Taninthayi Region on 30 August.

Myeik District Deputy Commissioner U Lwin Ko Oo explained the

suggestion by the Union Minister for Immigration and Population for tourists in Taninthayi Region.

Head of Myeik District Immigration and National Registration Department U Hla Soe explained the provisions of the foreign tourists travelling law. Rector of Myeik University Dr Si Si Hla Bu discussed opening

of training courses on English proficiency and Thai languages for tour guides to serve the tourists on their smooth and convenient visits.

Commander of Myeik District Police Force Police Lt-Col Shwe Nya Maung reported on duty and functions of the Foreigner Care Supervisory Committee.

HRD

Milk fed to students at BEPS in Yebyu Township

YEBYU, 2 Sept—With a view to turning out fit and healthy children in the future, milk was fed to students at Basic Education Primary School No 4 in Yebyu Township of Dawei District in Taninthayi Region.

Under the leadership of Township Livestock Breeding and Veterinary

Department, milk was given to students at BEPS No 4 in Ward A on 25 August morning.

The milk feeding was organized by Staff Officer Dr Min Zin Oo of Township Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department, Deputy Head of Department Dr Aye Min Htwe, Head of Township Information and

Public Relations Department Daw Phyu Phyu Shein and ward administrator U Win Shwe.

Headmistress Daw Tin Tin Cho spoke words of thanks.

It was reported that more programmes are underway to feed milk to the schoolchildren.

Kyemon-Yebyu IPRD

School children fed milk at Practising Middle School



Milk feeding to students in progress at primary school.

SAGAING, 2 Sept—A ceremony to feed refreshments to students was held at Sagaing Education College Practising Middle School in Sagaing on 30 August morning.

The refreshment was donated by IP Han Tun Kyaw of Sagaing District Police Force and wife Daw Zin Pyone Ei, son Maung Hnaing Htet Aung of KG.

The refreshment was

served to over 300 students.

On behalf of the students and teachers, Headmistress Daw Tin Tin Win spoke words of thanks.

She then explained feeding of milk to over 30 pre-primary school located in the compound of the Practising School daily with the sponsorship of parents and teachers so as to emerge fit and healthy children and to have high intelligence for the school children.

Kyemon-Myo Win

Sanitation

THONGWA, 2 Sept—Thongwa Township Development Affairs Committee managed dredging of drains both along sides of Yuzana Road in Ward 3 that flow into Hmawwun Creek in of Thongwa Township in Yangon South District.

The committee used heavy machinery in dredging the drains on 30 August.

Thanks to dredging, the water can flow properly along its route as part of taking preventive measures against dengue haemorrhagic fever for the children and preventing floods.—*Kyemon-Kyaw Hsan (Thongwa)*

Tourism

Departmental officials participated in the discussions on scrutiny for tourists in their respective sectors.

The meeting ended with concluding remarks by the Deputy Commissioner of Myeik District General Administration Department.

Kyemon-Moe Hein (Myeik)



Agriculture

Thriving crops plantations inspected in Haka

HAKA, 2 Sept—A ceremony to show off thriving crops was held at Haitaland Farm in Haka of Chin State on 30 August morning with the aim of boosting production of crops and developing agriculture sector by Agriculture Department.

Chief Minister of Chin State U Hong Ngai, state level departmental officials and local authorities viewed thriving crops and paddy plantations and hybrid plantations.

Head of Chin State Agriculture Department U Thein Zaw and officials reported on progress of cultivation and replied to questions raised by those present. After looking into thriving maize plantation and tea plantation in Kawbok Agricultural Farm in Kyawbok Ward in Haka, the Chief Minister gave instructions use of high yield quality crop strains, systematic use of inputs and application of good agricultural patterns.

Kyemon-Chin State IPRD

Indaw Township's rural area gets new upgraded BEPS

INDAW, 2 Sept—A ceremony to upgrade the school to Basic Education Primary School was held in New Tonsi Village in Tagundaung Village-tract of Indaw Township in Sagaing Region on 28 August morning.

On the occasion, Deputy Head of Township General Administration Department U Kyaw Swa Win, Assistant Township Education Officer U Thein Swe Win and village administrator U Toe Maung formally opened the signboard of the school.

A ceremony to mark the upgrading of the school followed at the school hall.

Deputy Head of department U Kyaw Swa Win made a speech. Headmistress in-charge Daw Cho Cho Myint explained the history and requirements of the school.

Assistant Education Officer U Kyaw Lwin explained the disciplines for the school and teachers. He said that the government has upgraded 16 Basic Education Middle Schools (Branch), 17 BEPS and nine BEPS branches in the township for 2013 academic year.

The headmistress in-charge accepted cash and kind for the new upgraded school from wellwishers.

“Our school has been opened on a self-reliant

basic and goodwill of the teachers for 18 years. Yearly, we faced searching and organizing the teachers. Moreover, we sought fund for providing salaries to the teachers. Thanks to upgrading the school, we may overcome some difficulties for the school, said a local.

The ceremony was attended by the deputy head of department from Township Management Committee, assistant township education officers, education staff, teachers and guests, local authorities and guests together with townelders.

Kyemon-Maung Chit Linn

Drains dredged for proper flow of water in Thongwa



Anti-Narcotic Drives

18 packets believed to be raw opium seized in Katha Township

KATHA, 2 Sept—A squad comprising IP Shwe Thah Tun of Katha mobile section from Anti-Drug Special Squad, SIP Myint Lwin of Katha Myoma Police Station, leader of surveillance SIP Htay Win and party and officials together with wintesses, acting on tip-off, searched Yo Ei, 55/13, son of U Mar Do Ei, Humohti Village of Pruhsa Township, Kayah State, sitting on the roadside with two packets of

polyethylene in front of Sub-Power Station on Lanmadaw Street in Ward 7 of Katha in Katha District on 28 August.

They seized packet believed to be raw opium worth K 70,200,000.

The Katha Myoma Police Station opened a file of lawsuit against the drug possessor under Section 15/19(a)/21 of Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.—*Kyemon-District IPRD*

REGIONAL

Cambodian PM to join ASEAN-China Expo in Nanning

PHNOM PENH, 2 Sept — Cambodian Prime Minister Hun Sen, accompanied by a large group of business people, left here on Monday for Nanning of southwest China's Guangxi Province to attend the 10th ASEAN-China Expo, which is set to be held from 3 to 6 September. The premier was accompanied by Cham Prasidh, Minister of Commerce, Sok Chenda, President of the Council for the Development of Cambodia,

and other senior officials as well as business executives from 167 companies, Sry Thamarong, minister attached to Prime Minister Hun Sen, told reporters at Phnom Penh International Airport before departure.

During the expo in Nanning, Hun Sen will hold a bilateral talk with Chinese Premier Li Keqiang, and meet separately with Vietnamese Prime Minister Nguyen Tan Dung, Governor of China's Guangxi

Chen Wu, and Governor of China's Yunnan Province Li Jiheng, he said.

The expo was initiated by former Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao during the 7th ASEAN-China Summit and was firstly held in 2004. It is usually held in Nanning City. "Since its inception in 2004, the relations and cooperation in economics and trade between Cambodia and China have rapidly developed," said Sry Thamarong.—Xinhua



Dictionary is given as a present to students at Qianbajia Primary School in Beijing, capital of China, on 1 Sep, 2013. Students of primary and middle schools in China ushered in a new semester on Sunday.

XINHUA



Fishing boats set off for fishing from a fishing port in Qingdao City, east China's Shandong Province, on 1 Sept, 2013. Fishermen resumed fishing as the summer fishing moratorium in the Yellow Sea and Bohai Sea ended on Sunday.—XINHUA

Japan business investment up for 1st time in 3 qtrs

TOKYO, 2 Sept — Capital spending by Japanese firms rose for the first time in three quarters in the April-June period, as the yen's slide and policy effects have shored up the economy and prompted the corporate sector to beef up investment, the government said on Monday. Business investment by all nonfinancial sectors for purposes such as building plants and introducing new equipment gained 0.02 percent from a year earlier to 8.31 trillion yen (\$84.29 billion) in the three months through June, following a 3.9 percent fall in the previous quarter, the Finance Ministry said.

In the October-December period last year, capital spending plunged 8.7 percent due in part to the stronger yen against

a backdrop of lingering concern over the eurozone debt crisis. But the pace of deterioration in business investment had slowed after Prime Minister Shinzo Abe's policies dubbed "Abenomics," centering on drastic monetary easing and massive fiscal spending, drove down the Japanese currency and helped exports bounce back.

On a quarter-on-quarter basis, capital spending, excluding investment in software, climbed a seasonally adjusted 2.9 percent from the January-March period, up for the third straight quarter, the ministry said.

The data will affect revisions to Japan's economic growth figures, with the Cabinet Office set to release revised gross domestic product data for the same

period on 9 September.

Monday's readings showed spending by manufacturers fell 9.1 percent from a year earlier to 2.85 trillion yen, but nonmanufacturers logged a 5.6 percent increase to 5.46 trillion yen.

A preliminary GDP report released on 12 August showed Japan's economy grew by an annualized real 2.6 percent in the three months through June on the back of a recovery in consumption and exports.

According to the preliminary GDP report, capital spending, which accounts for around 15 percent of Japan's GDP, was down 0.1 percent on the quarter in the April-June period, marking a sixth consecutive quarterly loss.

Kyodo News

Strong quake strikes off eastern Indonesia, no tsunami warning

JAKARTA, 2 Sept — An earthquake measuring 6.6 Richter scale jolted eastern parts of Indonesia on Sunday, but there was no potential for tsunami or no report of damages and casualty, the Meteorology and Geophysics Agency said here.

The quake jolted at 18:52 pm local time (1152 GMT) with epicentre at 222 km northeast Maluku Baratdaya of Maluku Province and with the depth at 131 km under sea bed, an official of the agency told Xinhua by phone.

"The centre of the quake was too deep that the shakes could not be felt," the official said.

Indonesia sits on a vulnerable quake-hit zone so called "the Pacific Ring of Fire".

Xinhua

Hakuho looking to extend title streak at Autumn basho

TOKYO, 2 Sept — Gunning for his 27th career title, Mongolian firebrand Hakuho heads up the prestigious east yokozuna slot for the third tournament in a row as the Japan Sumo Association announced the rankings on Monday for the upcoming Autumn Grand Sumo Tournament in Tokyo.

Hakuho is seeking a fourth consecutive Emperor's Cup after a 13-2

showing in July in Nagoya will once again be the hot favorite at the 15-29 September basho at Ryogoku Kokugikan.

Fellow grand champion Harumafuji, meanwhile, will be looking to prove his worth after another mediocre 10-5 showing last time in Nagoya.

Looking short on confidence in recent meets, Harumafuji will be hoping to pick up where he left

off after bursting Hakuho's bubble with a surprisingly easy win on the final day of the Nagoya meet.

Kisenosato, on the east side for ozeki, is back at square one after his bid to join Hakuho and Harumafuji at sumo's top rank ended in failure after three early losses in Nagoya.

Kotoshogiku is also on the east side with Kakuryu, Kotooshu on the west.

Last year's amateur champion Endo enters the makuuchi division after just three tournaments since making his debut, the fastest rise to the top flight since the start of the Showa Era.

Estonian former ozeki Baruto missed the last tournament with a left knee injury and drops into the second-tier juryo division.

Kyodo News

Referendum to test support for New Zealand government's asset sales

WELLINGTON, 2 Sept — The New Zealand government is facing a mounting chorus to suspend its programme of asset sales after opponents on Monday were told they had won a referendum on the policy. The referendum was triggered when the Keep Our Assets coalition submitted a petition signed 327,224 people, about 18,500 more than the required 10 percent of eligible voters.

Although the result of the referendum will not be binding, it could undermine the government's claim to a mandate to sell up to 49 percent of four state-owned energy companies — Mighty River Power, Meridian Energy, Genesis Power and Solid Energy —

and the country's national carrier, Air New Zealand.

Mighty River Power was sold down in July, but the share price quickly fell and has struggled to come near its opening price, and the government has announced that Meridian will be sold down by the end of this year. Under New Zealand law, the government has a month to decide on a date for the referendum, which must be within 12 months of the petition being tabled in Parliament, which will happen on Tuesday.

Keep Our Assets spokesperson Roy Reid called on Prime Minister John Key to immediately suspend the sale of Meridian until the referendum had been held.

"New Zealanders have spoken up in unprecedented numbers to stop asset sales. The most respectful thing for the government to do is listen to New Zealanders and stop the asset sales until the referendum is held," Reid said in a statement.

"Our energy assets were built for the benefit of all New Zealanders, selling them only benefits a small number of people who can afford to buy shares. New Zealanders don't like that," he said.

"The sale of Mighty River Power has been a disaster for the government and investors. The share price has plummeted and average mums and dads could not afford to invest."

Xinhua

The Phnom Penh Municipality's anti-riot police get a special training at the Diamond Island Centre in Phnom Penh, Cambodia, on 1 Sept, 2013. The Phnom Penh anti-riot police got special training on Sunday at the capital's Diamond Island Centre.

XINHUA



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CLAIMS DAY NOTICE**MV MOROTAI VOY NO (216)**

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Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11:20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm to Claims Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the Vessel.

No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

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MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY
AGENT FOR: M/S CMA CGM**

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No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

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MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY
AGENT FOR: M/S HANJIN SHIPPING LINE**

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**SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT
MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY
AGENT FOR: M/S WONGSAMUT OOEAN
SHIPPING CO LTD**

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CLAIMS DAY NOTICE**MV JIU FENG LING VOY NO (2013009)**

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No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

**SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT
MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY
AGENT FOR: M/S BRIGHT SAIL SHIPPING**

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Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11:20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm to Claims Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the Vessel.

No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

**SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT
MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY
AGENT FOR: M/S BBC CHARTERING**

Phone No: 256916/256919/256921

**MINISTRY OF RAIL TRANSPORTATION
MYANMA RAILWAYS
INVITATION TO OPEN TENDER**

- Open Tender is invited for supply of the following items in Euro:

Sr No.	Tender No	Description
1.	12(T)10/MR(ML) 2013-2014	Locomotive Rolled Steel Tyre (Rough Turn) for DEL/DHL(500) Nos and Wheel Monobloc Rolled Steel (Rough) (100) Nos

Closing Date & Time - 3.10.2013(Thursday)(12:00)Hour.
- Tender documents are available at our office starting from 30.8.2013 during office hours and for further detail please contact: Deputy General Manager Supply Department, Myanmar Railways, Corner of Theinbyu Street and Merchant Street, Botahtaung, Yangon. Phone: 95-1-291985, 291994



Members of Akademi Polisi Indonesia (Akpoli) Police Band perform during World Police Band Concert in Jakarta, Indonesia, on 1 Sept, 2013. Bands from five countrys including Indonesia, Vietnam, South Korea, the United States and Japan attended the World Police Band Concert.—XINHUA

Ministry of Finance**Myanma Foreign Trade Bank
Announcement For International Open Tender**

With regards to the invitation for International Open Tender to supply banking software for Myanma Foreign Trade Bank under notification dated 7 August, 2013, tender opening date will be temporarily postponed and further notice will be announced in advance. The powerpoint presentation of the tenderer's of proposal will also be changed accordingly and at may not be hold on 7.9.2013 and 8.9.2013 at Nay Pyi Taw.

We confirm that the Tender Closing Date will be 6.9.2013 11:00 am and we cordially invite to apply your application for the Tender form in time.

For futher information and detail, kindly contact to phone No.951-381695/380614.

No Smoking

UN airlifts aid for Syrian refugee children in north Iraq

UNITED NATIONS, 2 Sept —A plane carrying 100 tonnes of UN emergency supplies to assist Syrian refugee children and families arrived Sunday evening in north Iraq, officials of the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) told reporters here. The supplies were urgently airlifted from UNICEF's global supply warehouse in Copenhagen, Denmark, to respond to the growing needs of Syrian refugees in Iraq, who now number more than 200,000, said the officials.

Some 50,000 refugees arrived in Erbil, Kurdistan Region of Iraq, in the last two and a half weeks. And

half of them were children.

Tens of thousands of other Syrians have also taken refuge in other countries like Jordan and Lebanon. They have left Syria to escape the ongoing fighting between the government and insurgents whom Damascus says are supported by some Western countries and their regional allies.

The supplies include water tanks, tap stands, latrine equipment, water purification tablets and testing kits; oral rehydration solution; emergency health and hygiene, early childhood development and recreation kits; school materials; and temporary schools and

safe spaces, said a UNICEF news release. "These supplies come just in time to meet the pressing needs of the over 20,000 Syrian children who have recently arrived in northern Iraq," said Dr Marzio Babilie, UNICEF's representative to Iraq. "This airlift underlines UNICEF's unwavering support for the vital services these children need in the face of terrible suffering, trauma and stress."

The items come on top of 12 trucks of supplies, carrying primarily hygiene kits for over 50,000 people, that arrived earlier this week from UNICEF's warehouse hub in Mersin, Turkey, as well

as an additional four trucks of emergency materials that arrived from Baghdad, the capital of Iraq. "All of these items are part of a first wave of supplies that will massively scale-up UNICEF's emergency response to the growing number of Syrian refugee children and families in Iraq," stated Babilie.

The majority of supplies were made possible by a 5.8-million-U S dollar contribution from the government of Kuwait as well as an in-kind contribution from UPS, a long-standing partner of UNICEF, which provided support toward the airlift cost from Copenhagen.—Xinhua

ENTERTAINMENT



Michael and Catherine recently revealed that they had separated after 13 years of marriage.—PTI

Michael Douglas still wearing his wedding ring

LOS ANGELES, 2 Sept — Michael Douglas was spotted wearing his wedding ring, two days after he and Catherine Zeta-Jones revealed that they had separated after 13 years of marriage.

Douglas, 68, attended the 2013 Deauville American Film Festival, which opened with his latest film Behind the Candelabra and he was pictured wearing the

wedding band, reported E! online.

With Douglas living at their Central Park West residence in Manhattan, Zeta-Jones has remained at their estate in Bedford, NY, where she enjoys golfing and horseback riding and frequents a local stable. They have two children together, 13-year-old son Dylan and 10-year-old daughter Carys.—PTI

Angelina Jolie books Jennifer Aniston's favourite Hollywood hotel



According to a source, Brad and Angelina usually stay at the Four Seasons or Hotel Bel Air.—PTI

LOS ANGELES, 2 Sept — For an intimate break with actor-fiance Brad Pitt, actress Angelina Jolie opted for the hotel, which is one of Jennifer Aniston's favourites.

The couple slipped unnoticed into the glamorous Sunset Tower Hotel in Hollywood on 27 August, and checked into suite 1502, the same room where Aniston, Pitt's ex-wife, likes to stay,

reports dailymail.co.uk.

"Brad and Angelina usually stay at the Four Seasons or Hotel Bel Air for their assignments," a source said.

"Brad usually handles all of the details, but this time it was Angelina who made the plans, and she specifically picked the very hotel and the very suite where Jennifer stays," the source added.—Reuters

Robbie Williams spends 30,000 pounds on back treatment

LONDON, 2 Sept — Singer Robbie Williams reportedly spent 30,000 pounds on getting his back treated during a recent tour. Williams is said to have got lower back spasms during the final leg of his Take The Crown tour.

He was unable to walk just a few days before the final act at Tallinn, Estonia, reports mirror.co.uk. "Robbie was wincing in pain when he walked into the room. He was stooping over with terrible lower back spasms and swelling, and he really couldn't sit down or stand up," said Allan Austin Oolo, the doctor who treated Williams.

"He said he'd hurt his back last year doing some sort of jump from a height," Oolo added. "A few days

before he saw me, he'd done a jump on stage that had made it much worse. At that moment it would have been absolutely impossible for him to have performed," he said.

Williams was adamant

about not cancelling his final gig. "Robbie was very humble and didn't want to let his fans down so I worked on him during three intensive sessions the following day," he added.

PTI



Robbie Williams got lower back spasms during the final leg of his Take The Crown tour.— PTI

'One Direction' edges 'Butler', sings its way to box office win

LOS ANGELES, 2 Sept — Concert film "One Direction: This is Us," a Sony Pictures/TriStar release featuring the red-hot British boy band One Direction, won the weekend box office race with ticket sales of \$17 million, edging the civil rights drama "Lee Daniels' The Butler" which had been the top film for the past two weeks.

The Weinstein Company's "The Butler," starring Forest Whitaker as a long-serving White House butler, generated \$14.7 million in ticket sales at domestic theatres from Friday through Sunday, according to studio estimates which did not include projected sales for the US Labour Day holiday on Monday.

Its sales have totalled more than \$74 million

and the film is generating awards season buzz, including for co-star Oprah Winfrey, who plays Whitaker's wife. Warner Bros' Jennifer Aniston hit, "We're the Millers," and starring Jason Sudeikis in the drug smuggling comedy, was third with \$12.6 million at US and Canadian theaters. For "One Direction", Sony worked with sister company Sony Music, which distributes the group's music, to make the film, and signed Oscar-nominated director Morgan Spurlock to direct.

The clean-cut five-singer group, which finished third in the British version of the musical competition show "The X Factor" in 2010, has sold more than 10 million albums and 19 million singles, according to its management com-

pany's website.

"We are thrilled with our result," said Rory Bruer, Sony Pictures' president of worldwide distribution.

Reuters



Actor Forest Whitaker, star of the new film "Lee Daniels' The Butler," poses at the film's premiere in Los Angeles, California on 12 Aug, 2013.

REUTERS

Johnny Depp's behaviour driving girlfriend "crazy?"



Johnny Depp has been reportedly relying on Amber to maintain his fragile ego, but she isn't sure how much more she can take.— PTI

LOS ANGELES, 2 Sept — Hollywood actor Johnny Depp is reportedly in a fragile state and is relying too much on his girlfriend Amber Heard. His "smothering behaviour" is said to be driving her crazy.

The 50-year-old actor has apparently been in a slump since the failure of his recent action film The Lone Ranger, reports showbizspy.com.

"He's in a terrible state over the whole thing," said a source.—PTI



Japanese director Hayao Miyazaki of the animated movie "Ponyo" smiles as he poses for a picture in Los Angeles on 28 July, 2009.—REUTERS

Oscar-winning Japanese director Miyazaki to retire, studio head says

VENICE, 2 Sept — Hayao Miyazaki, the Japanese director known for animated films like the Oscar-winning "Spirited Away", plans to retire from film-making after a five-decade career, his production company said on Sunday at the Venice Film Festival. "Next week Miyazaki will have a Press conference held in Tokyo to announce his withdrawal from active working," Koji Hoshino, head of Studio Ghibli, which was co-founded by Miyazaki, said at a festival news conference.

Hoshino gave no further explanation for the decision by the director who is sometimes described as the Walt Disney of Japan. "I cannot accept any questions on this because there will be an official Press conference on this. He wants to say goodbye to all of you from the bottom of his heart," Hoshino said. Miyazaki has made 11 feature films. His latest, called "The Wind Rises" in English, is already a box-office hit in Japan and had its premiere on the Venice Lido on Sunday, although Miyazaki was absent.

Based on the story of the man who designed Japan's feared Zero fighter plane used in World War Two, the film's themes about the dangers of nationalism and war set up the animator for unprecedented criticism.

Reuters

SPORTS

Bale to be measured against Ronaldo and Neymar

MADRID, 2 Sept—Gareth Bale will have to find his place within a star-studded Madrid line-up quickly because the world's most expensive player is sure to be compared constantly with his new team mate Cristiano Ronaldo and Barcelona's Neymar.

As if that were not enough, the name of David Beckham will also be thrown into the mix as the 24-year-old Welshman arrives 10 years after the former England captain and marketing machine left the Premier League for La Liga.

Bale lands at the Bernabeu with a hefty 100 million euro price tag and the need to impress one of the most demanding audiences in the world every time he steps out on to the pitch.

Ronaldo sets the standard and is seen to have justified his \$125 million transfer fee from 2009, scoring 202 goals in 202 matches.

Despite a few run-ins with Madrid fans, no one has ever doubted Ronaldo's voracious appetite for goals and his commitment to win every single game.

Real's arch-rivals Bar-



Gareth Bale

celona have splashed 57 million euros to sign Brazil forward Neymar and just as Ronaldo has had to get used to constant comparisons with Lionel Messi, Bale will be expected to outperform the Catalans' new boy. Bale, whose versatility is a mixed blessing, is likely to form a

formidable front three with Ronaldo and France striker Karim Benzema. Bale can play down either flank, centrally behind the striker, in a deeper midfield role or even at full back but new boss Carlo Ancelotti has yet to settle on a fixed formation.

Reuters

Dortmund top with Mkhitarian's first goals

FRANKFURT, 2 Sept—Henrikh Mkhitarian scored his first two goals for Borussia Dortmund since a 27.5 million euro (\$36.26 million) move to give them a 2-1 win at Eintracht Frankfurt which maintained their 100 percent record Bundesliga record on Sunday.

The Armenian's goals were both excellently taken as he side-footed the first past Kevin Trapp and then rifled in a 25-metre effort from the edge of the penalty area early in the second half.

them top of the Bundesliga as the only team with 12 points from their first four games. Defending champions Bayern Munich are two points behind in second with Hanover, Bayer Leverkusen and Mainz 05 on nine each. Eintracht are 15th with three points.

Mkhitarian, who joined Borussia in July from Ukrainian champions Shakhtar Donetsk, where he orchestrated the side who reached the last 16 of the Champions League last season, opened his account



Henrikh Mkhitarian (L) of Borussia Dortmund challenges Bamba Anderson of Eintracht Frankfurt before scoring his second goal during their German first division Bundesliga soccer match in Frankfurt, on 1 Sept, 2013. Dortmund won the match 2-1.—REUTERS

VfB Stuttgart, beaten in their first three Bundesliga outings, burst into life with a 6-2 win over Hoffenheim on coach Thomas Schneider's debut in Sunday's other match. Vedo Ibisevic led the way with a hat-trick.

Dortmund's win put

10 minutes into his third appearance. Jakub Blaszczykowski threaded the ball through the Eintracht defence and Mkhitarian, whose late father Hamlet was also an Armenian international, side-footed the ball first-time past Trapp.

Reuters

Li wins another pay-back match to reach quarter-finals

day. The fifth-seeded Chinese, who overturned last year's defeat by Laura Rob-

winners and conceded only 12 unforced errors in a dazzling display, converting all her seven break points in a 57-minute master class.

"The last time in Rome I lost in two sets straight away. She plays pretty good defence, but who knows, maybe I played the best match of my whole life," Li said with a chuckle in her on-court interview.

"I still remember last time I played her in Rome. I was feeling I played pretty good, but still lost the match," she told reporters. "So I was so sad after the match."

Li said her coach Carlos Rodriguez used that defeat to motivate her.

"Before this match, Carlos didn't tell me any-

thing. Just said, 'remember how you felt after that match.'

The victory put 31-year-old Li, Asia's first grand slam singles champion, into the US Open quarter-finals for the second time following her trip to the last eight in 2009.

A two-time Australian Open finalist, Li next faces Russian 24th seed Ekaterina Makarova, who upset third seed Agnieszka Radwanska 6-4, 6-4.

"Tonight she played really well, at a very high level," Jankovic said of Li. "I did not control the points. I let her do all the talk on the court. 'If she continues to play like this I think she can win the tournament.'"

Reuters

Li Na of China chases down a forehand to Jelena Jankovic of Serbia at the US Open tennis championships in New York, on 1 Sept, 2013.—REUTERS



NEW YORK, 2 Sept—Li Na notched another pay-back victory at the US Open, beating former world number one Jelena Jankovic 6-3, 6-0, to advance to the quarter-finals on Sun-

son by beating the Briton in the third round, snapped a four-match losing streak to the Serbian dating back to Paris in 2009.

Former French Open champion Li cracked 20

Arsenal and Liverpool claim derby spoils



Arsenal's Olivier Giroud celebrates scoring against Tottenham Hotspur during their English Premier League football match at the Emirates, London, England on 1 Sept, 2013. REUTERS

LONDON, 2 Sept—Arsenal and Liverpool emerged victorious from two of the Premier League's fiercest rivalries with wins over Tottenham Hotspur and Manchester United respectively on Sunday.

Arsenal prevailed over big-spending Spurs 1-0 thanks to Olivier Giroud's third goal in as many match-

es, while Daniel Sturridge matched him in the scoring stakes as The Reds also won 1-0 on the day the club celebrated the 100th birthday of their renowned former manager Bill Shankly.

Liverpool sit top of the Premier League with nine points from three matches, two ahead of Chelsea.

Manchester City, Ar-

senal, Stoke City and Spurs are on six points, with United two further back on four.

Spurs have spent heavily in the transfer window in anticipation of the world record sale of Welsh winger Gareth Bale to Real Madrid, while Arsenal have only brought in Yaya Sanogo and Mathieu Flamini on free transfers.

Bale's transfer to the Spanish club for 100 million euros (\$131.86 million) was confirmed shortly after the match.

Spurs started brightly but Arsenal, however, looked the more cohesive side and were rewarded after 23 minutes when Tomas Rosicky and Theo Walcott combined to set up Giroud at the near post.

The goal failed to sub-

due a frantic start as both sides took advantage of gaps in the midfield, with Andros Townsend, Walcott and the impressive Aaron Ramsey all having opportunities.

Both teams pressed in search of further goals as the match progressed, but neither were able to find the crucial touch, with Spurs in particular indebted to goalkeeper Hugo Lloris, who made several fine saves.

"I was (relieved) because in the end we did hang on and protected our score because we could not get the second goal but overall it was an intense game," manager Arsene Wenger told Sky Sport.

"Their goalkeeper was their best player which shows you the chances we had. We had to dig deep to win in the



Liverpool's Steven Gerrard (C) takes a free kick during their English Premier League soccer match at Anfield, Liverpool, northern England on 1 Sept, 2013.—REUTERS

the transfer market.

It was a sweet victory for Arsenal who have recovered from their shock 3-1 defeat by Aston Villa on the opening day of the season with two successive wins, and could help silence some of the critics hitting out at Wenger's lack of action in

"We had opportunities in the first half, they also started strong but I think we came back into the game very positively," manager Andre Villas-Boas said, also acknowledging the new signings needed time to settle in.—Reuters

GENERAL

More foreign tourists come to Indonesia in July

JAKARTA, 2 Sept—The number of foreign tourist arrival in Indonesia in July rose by 2.37 percent to 717,800 people on a yearly basis, national statistic bureau announced here on Monday.

“This is a good development of our tourism industry,” Suryamin, head of the bureau told a press conference.

The Southeast Asia’s largest economy expects to target 9 million foreign tourists in 2013, higher than that of 8.04 million in 2012.

The Indonesian government is striving to lure more foreign holiday makers to visit the country by encouraging more Muslim tourists and boosting health tourism, as most of Indonesia’s 238 million populations are Muslim, with the majority of them moderate.

Indonesian tourism industry has recovered from the Asian financial crisis and terrorism attacks in recent years.

Xinhua

Bahrain warns citizens against travelling to Lebanon

MANAMA, 2 Sept—The Bahraini government on Sunday warned its citizens against travelling to Lebanon due to the ongoing unrest in the region.

The country’s foreign ministry called upon the Bahraini citizens to leave Lebanon immediately out of growing concerns over the repercussions of the Syrian crisis on Lebanon.

Bahrain will evacuate 37 citizens in Beirut “in several days,” the ministry said in a statement, adding it has set up a hotline for its citizens to ensure their safety and evacuation.

Xinhua

Obituary

Daw Mya Mya Sann @ Maimoona Esoof 87yrs Rander Bohra Surti Jamaat Yangon-Pathein (Shamie Family)

Cousin of late Chief Mufti Mahmood Dawood Yusuf, late Mohamed, Ahmed Babu (Shamie Confectionary), late Dr S.A.Nalla (Canada)-Halima (Karachi), Ahmed-Dr Aisha Esoof (US), Dr Timol-Hawa Esoof (UK), Hashim Bacchu (Scotland), Rahima Lei Lei Swe P.T (Singapore), Faruq Patail, Khalid Patail (Amir) Gora Moosa-Hafiza (Saudi), Dr.Htin Kyaw (Malaysia).

Elder sister of Khadija, Fatima, (Hashin), (Hawa), Sara, Dr Aung Soe (Medical Suprintendent), Aunti of Myat Thu- Salma, Ubeida (Hallo Mobile-Pathein) Grand Mother of Aisha Kay Zin Han, Abdullah-Sofie (Zaire-Africa) answed call of Almighty Allah at 0620 hrs at No-6, 132 street Ma-u gon, Yangon.

Berived Family

Ten-year-old boy wins Alaska’s contest for giant cabbages

PALMER, 2 Sept—A 10-year-old boy has won Alaska’s annual giant cabbage contest, submitting a 92.3-pound (41.9 kg) specimen named “Bob” to officials at the state fair.

Keevan Dinkel of Wasilla, Alaska, produced this year’s winning entry, which was carried in by several Boy Scouts, in the Alaska State Fair’s Giant Cabbage Weigh-Off on Friday night.

His giant cabbage, which rose to about thigh height on a typical adult, and those of other contestants were weighed at the fairgrounds in Palmer, in a contest watched by hundreds of onlookers, attended by green-clad women

dressed as “cabbage fairies” and monitored by a representative of the state Division of Weights and Measures.

Produce can grow to enormous sizes under Alaska’s summer midnight sun. Growing big cabbages is a tradition in this part of the state, just north of Anchorage, which is considered Alaska’s main farm belt.

This year was the first time in the contest’s 18 years that a child has won the weigh-off, according to state fair officials. The fair offers a junior competition for growers 12 and younger, but Keevan’s entry was put into the adult open category because of its size.

Reuters



Photo taken on 1 Sept, 2013 shows an artwork presented during the Fiber & Space Art Exhibition from China Academy of Art in Hangzhou, capital of east China’s Zhejiang Province.—XINHUA

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9:00 am	24. SEA Games Go for Gold
9. News/International News	6:00 pm
9:25 am	25. News/ Weather Report
10. Mono Classical Songs	6:20 pm
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11. Business News	7:00 pm
10:00 am	27. News
12. News	7:15 pm
10:20 am	28. TV Drama Series
13. TV Drama Series	8:00 pm
11:05 am	29. News/ International News/ Weather Report
14. Tamyethnar Takwetsar	8:35 pm
12:00 pm	30. Pyi Thu Ni Ti
15. News/International News/Weather Report	9:00 pm
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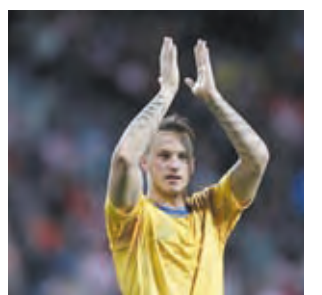
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- * Elago: A City Of Famous Historic Pagoda
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- * A Pretty Custom of Kadayawady Asia Vut A @ Rice Pounding Competition
- * Local News
- * Secret Place for Yummy Food (Myiek Noodle) (Episode-5)
- * World News
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- * Local News
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- * World News
- * Dengue Fever
- * Local News
- * Large Parasol: A Souvenir of Pathein
- * World News
- * Green Grocer

Stoke City sign Werder Bremen forward Arnautovic

LONDON, 2 Sept—Stoke City have signed Austrian international forward Marko Arnautovic from German club Werder Bremen on a four-year deal, the Premier League club said on Monday.

The 24-year-old, who was out of favour with the Bundesliga club for speeding on a German motorway, became the fifth new signing under manager Mark Hughes after Erik Pieters, Marc Muniesa, Oussama Assaidi and Juan Agudelo.

“Stoke City are delighted to sign Austria international winger Marko Arnautovic from German side Werder Bremen,”



Austria’s Marko Arnautovic reacts after winning their international friendly soccer match against Ukraine in Innsbruck on 1 June, 2012.—REUTERS

Stoke said on their official Facebook page.

“He joins on a four-year deal for an undisclosed fee.”—Reuters

Myanmar, China exchange views on comprehensive strategic cooperation

NAY PYI TAW, 2 Sept—President U Thein Sein held talks with Chinese Premier of the State Council of the People's Republic of China Mr Li Keqiang at Liyuan International Conference Hall in Nanning of China at 6 pm local time today.

They cordially exchanged views on comprehensive strategic cooperation between the two countries and relationship with partnership countries.

It was also attended by the Union ministers, deputy ministers, the Myanmar Ambassador to China and officials. The Chinese Premier was accompanied by the Minister of Foreign

Affairs, the Minister of Commerce, the Minister of Reform and Development, vice ministers, senior officers and Chinese Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Yang Houlan.

In the evening, President U Thein Sein attended a dinner in honour of Heads of State/Government of ASEAN countries to the 10th China-ASEAN Expo and the China-ASEAN Business and Investment Summit hosted by Chinese Premier Mr Li Keqiang on the second floor of Liyuan International Conference Hall in Nanning.

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President U Thein Sein and party meet with Chinese Premier of the State Council Mr Li Keqiang and party at Liyuan International Conference Hall in Nanning of China.—MNA



Senior General Min Aung Hlaing releases fingerlings into Yezin Dam



Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing and wife release fingerlings into Yezin Dam.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 2 Sept—The Office of the Commander-in-Chief (Army, Navy and Air) released fingerlings into Yezin Dam in Nay Pyi Taw Council Area this morning.

Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior

General Min Aung Hlaing and wife set free fingerlings into the dam and those present on the occasion followed suit.

Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Soe Win and wife

Daw Than Than Nwe, and senior military officers and their wives were present on the occasion.

A total of 183,000 fishes have been set free into the dam by the Office of the Commander-in-Chief (Army, Navy and Air).

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UNDP donates computers to UCSB

NAY PYI TAW, 2 Sept—Personal Computers along with accessories and office furniture were donated by United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) to support the computer skill development training course for UCSB staff at UCSB, here, this morning.

As part of assisting Myanmar's Civil Service reform processes, the Country Programme Action

Plan (2013-2015) was signed between the Ministry of National Planning and Economic Development and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) on 8 April, 2013. The donation and assistance to conduct a computer skill development training course is part of a civil service capacity development activity in accordance with the UNDP's Country Programme Action Plan.

On behalf of the UNDP, Mr. Toily Kurbanov, Country Director, handed over document related to computers, accessories and office furniture to U Kyaw Thu, Chairman of the UCSB. The donated computers, accessories and office furniture will be used for basic and advance level computer skill development training courses for UCSB staff.

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Technical assistance for SEA Games opening and closing ceremonies launched

NAY PYI TAW, 2 Sept—A ceremony to launch the technical assistance project for opening and closing ceremonies of the XXVII SEA Games was held at Wunna Theikdi Stadium, here, this morning.

Union Minister for Culture U Aye Myint Kyu, the director-general

of Ministry of Culture of China, the Chinese Cultural Counsellor and the CAEG Chairman made speeches.

The Union Minister and party formally opened the ceremony.

After the ceremony, officials met foreign and local media on launching the project.

The devices and materials to be used in the opening and closing ceremonies of the XXVII SEA Games arrived here from China on 27 August. Myanmar and China will cooperate in timely completion of tasks for preparations of the ceremonies.

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Union Minister for Culture U Aye Myint Kyu attends launching of technical assistance for opening and closing ceremonies at SEA Games.

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Liaison Officer Course opened

NAY PYI TAW, 2 Sept—An opening ceremony of Liaison Officer Course No. 5/2013 for ASEAN Summits to be hosted in Myanmar was held at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, here this morning.

Director-General U Thar Aung Nyunt of Consular and

Legal Affairs Department under the Ministry of Foreign Affairs delivered an address.

A total of 70 trainees from 25 ministries are taking the course which will last from 2 to 13 September. They are to be assigned duty as liaison officers to ASEAN Summit-2014 and related

meetings.

The course covers ASEAN affairs, knowledge on diplomacy, culture and customs of all ASEAN countries, sustainable development of Myanmar and proficiency of English language.

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