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Appointment of Deputy Minister

Under Sub-sections (a) and (d) of Section 234 of the Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and Para (ix), Sub-section (b) of Section 16 of the Union Government Law, Dr Sai Kyaw Ohn has been appointed as Deputy Minister for Hotels and Tourism.

Sd/ Thein Sein
President
Republic of the Union of Myanmar

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Duty assigned as Deputy Minister

Under Sub-sections (a) and (d) of Section 234 of the Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and Para (ix), Sub-section (b) of Section 16 of the Union Government Law, U Tin Ngwe, member of Nay Pyi Taw Council, has been assigned as Deputy Minister for Livestock, Fisheries and Rural Development.

Sd/ Thein Sein
President
Republic of the Union of Myanmar

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Duty assigned as Nay Pyi Taw Council member

Under Para (ii), Sub-sections (a) and (b) of Section 285 of the Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, Section 22 of the Union Government Law and Section 4 of the Nay Pyi Taw Council Law, U Phone Zaw Han, Mandalay Region Minister for Finance and Revenue, has been assigned as Member of Nay Pyi Taw Council.

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President
Republic of the Union of Myanmar

Kotkaw bridge to be built in Thingan-Nyinaung Tsp



Union Minister for Border Affairs Lt-Gen Thet Naing Win views site chosen for construction of Kotkaw Bridge.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 9 Sept—Union Minister for Border Affairs Lt-Gen Thet Naing Win looked into progress of Zayetpyugon-Htilawthi-Kyawkho-Kotkaw road section and site chosen for construction of Kotkaw Bridge through border area development fund in Thingan-Nyinaung, completion of one-storey

school building in Htilawthi (BEPS), construction of Mepale-Kotkaw-Htiwahkalay and Mepale-Shwekokko roads and completion of new three-storey school building in Shwekokkomyaing (BEHS) on 7 September.

Yesterday, the Union minister met with the leaders from peace group in

Kayin State at Aye Chanphyo Hall in Myawady and coordinated regional development tasks. He then went to women's vocational training school and viewed the basic domestic science course and advanced tailoring course and provided cash assistance to the trainees.

Similarly, he donated

offertories to Nyaungpintha monastery Sayadaw in Myainggalay village-tract in Hpa-an District and met with members of Border Guard Force at the meeting hall of Hpa-an station and staffs at State/Region Development Supervisory Office (Hpa-an) on 6 September.

MNA

US strike on Syria risks emboldening terrorists: Russian, Syrian FMs

Moscow, 9 Sept—Russian and Syrian foreign ministers warned on Monday that a US military strike against the Middle East country would embolden terrorists.

A US attack on Syria could lead to the spread of terrorism, Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov said after holding talks with his vis-

iting Syrian counterpart Walid al-Moualem.

"We believe it is absolutely necessary to respect international law and agreements reached. That applies to the necessity to thorough investigate all reports about use of chemical weapons," Lavrov told reporters. Moualem, for his part, said the United States

wanted to unleash an attack against Syria on behalf of terrorist groups related to al-Qaida, and that was "an aggression". The Syrian government, he said, was still prepared to participate in the Geneva-II conference without any preconditions.

Noting that "the drum-beat of war is heard from the United States," Moualem said he did not know what may happen after a US strike, probably a missile attack.

Xinhua

Hanlin city to go to World Heritage List

NAY PYI TAW, 9 Sept—Of three ancient Pyu city states, Hanlin city has been nominated to the World Heritage List, local people are to cooperate with the department for securing success of tasks, said Union Minister for Culture U Aye Myint Kyu in meeting with local people in Hanlin Village of Wetlet Township on 7 September.

He stressed the need for departmental personnel to take part in regional development tasks. The local people were urged to join hands with the department for preservation of the cultural heritage.

Region Minister for Social Affairs Dr Myint Thein reported on cooperation made among departments to nominate

ancient Hanlin city to the World Heritage List and pledged to fulfill requirements in that tasks.

The Union minister looked into progress of the stone inscription house and Hanlin archaeological museum. He called for putting on display of Pyu stone inscriptions, relief slabs and Bagan era's stone inscriptions at the museum. It is necessary to showcase artifacts unearthed from ancient Hanlin city, he said. The Union minister gave instructions on cooperation between the department and the local people in future tasks.—MNA

Union Minister for Culture U Aye Myint Kyu observes cultural heritage.—MNA



Odd News

One BA-63 automatic rifle found at Phayakaing Creek in Myeik

MYEIK, 9 Sept—While searching the discarded plastic wares along Phayakaing Creek under the Bo 6 bridge in Myeik Central West Ward, Maung Soe Naing, 16, son of U Wei of Shwehninzi



Street in Myothit Ward 1 of Myeik took a packet and saw a magazine and parts of gun at 6.30 am on 7 September.

He informed a community leader of Yenamyay Ward of South Myeik Ward over his findings.

The 100-house leader informed again local authorities through ward

administrator U Tun Win Thein about finding the gun parts.

Deputy Commissioner U Lwin Ko Oo of Myeik District General Administration Department, Commander of Myeik District Police Force Police Lt-Col Shwe Nya Maung, the

commander of Township Police Force and party, and local authorities inspected the scene.

They found one BA-63 automatic rifle without butt, six magazines, 28 rounds of ammunition, one magazine of carbine, 20 .9mm bullets and parts of the gun.

Kyemon-Khaing Htoo

Anti-Narcotic Drives

WY brand stimulant tablets seized in Mawlamyine, Kyaikmaraw

MAWLAMYINE, 9 Sept—Under the supervision of the commanders of Mon State, Mawlamyine District and Township Police Forces, SIP Sithu Kyaw, SIP Myo Ko Ko and party in cooperation with local people searched the motorcycle driven by Zaw Naing Win, 26 of Magway Region near Zarni Bwa of Pabedan Ward in Mawlamyine of Mon State on 20 August morning.

They seized 22 stimulant tablets with WY brand worth K 132,000.

Mawlamyine Myoma Police Station opened a file of lawsuit against the drug possessor under the law.

At 10 am on 2 September, members of Kyaikmaraw Township Police Force and those of Mudon Township Police Force, acting on a tip-off, raided the house of Daw Khin Win, 42 in Pawdawmu Ward in Kyunywa Village of Kyaikmaraw Township of Mon State.

They found 52 stimulant tablets with WY brand worth over K 500,000 in a plastic box in the kitchen.

Action was taken against the drug possessor.

Kyemon-307

K 30 million donated to construction of stairway, archway

MANDALAY, 9 Sept—The cash donation for construction of the stairway and archway at Shwetheindaw Pagoda at Mandalay Hill of Mandalay Region was held on the platform of the pagoda on 5 September.

The ceremony was attended by Abhidhaja Maha Rattha Guru Abhidhaja Agga Maha Saddhammajotika Shwegyin Sangharaja Waso Sayadaw.

The chairman of the pagoda board of trustees supplicated on matters

related to the hill.

U Tun Tun Lwin (Shwe Theindi Shin Mineral Co)-Daw Nan Than Sein and family supplicated on purpose of donation and presented K 30 million to the pagoda board of trustees.

Abhidhaja Maha Rattha Guru Abhidhaja Agga Maha Saddhammajotika Myataung Shwewawin Monastery Sayadaw delivered a sermon and shared merits gained.

Kyemon-Aye Mya-Mandalay

National Sports

Myanmar tennis players leave for Dubai of UAE

YANGON, 9 Sept—The Myanmar selected tennis team that will take part in the 2013 Davis Cup by BNP Paribas Asia/Oceania Zone Group IV in Dubai of UAE from 9 to 15 September left here by air on 7 September.

The team comprised Min Min (Captain/player), Zaw Zaw Latt, Nge Hnaung and Aung Kyaw Naing.

A total of 10 teams from Bahrain, Bangladesh, Iraq, Jordan, Kyrgyzstan, Myanmar, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Singapore and Turkmenistan will take part in it. Two groups comprising five teams each are to play the group matches from 9 to 13 September.

Two top teams from both groups are to meet in a

match and runner-up teams in another match. Two winning teams will play against each other in the final match. Two winning teams will be allowed to take part in the Asia/Oceania Zone Group III to be held in 2014.

The tournament was organized by International Tennis Federation (ITF).

Kyemon

Traditional costume contest in Muse

MUSE, 9 Sept—The pageant contest was held at the town hall in Muse of Shan State (North) on 31 August afternoon to be able to select the outstanding pageants who will take part in the Friendship Festival to be held in Ruili of the People's Republic of China.

The contestants will participate in the festival with traditional costumes and bullock carts.

Present at the show were Chairperson of District Women's Affairs Organization Daw Nilar Aye, Chairperson of Township Women's Affairs Daw Pa Pa Min and party, judges of penal, supervisors from Muse, Namhkam and Kutkai townships and contestants.

Of them, 10 pageants were selected for costume contest and five more for the beauty contest in Ruili of the People's Republic of China.

"We are so happy for

selection of five pageants from Namhkam Township. We will train them within one month in the run up to the contest. We pledged to bring honour to the

region," said Daw Nay Chi Thway, supervisor of the pageant team from Namhkam Township.

Kyemon-Thein Zaw Oo (Shweli)



Accident



A car driven by Myo Min Htay, 22, of Mayangon Township in Yangon Region heading for Nay Pyi Taw from Yangon plunged off the Yangon-Mandalay Expressway near mile post No 101 at 12.05 pm on 2 September after hitting the traffic island due to out of control.—KYEMON-POLICE

INFORMATION



A Pajero driven by Nyan Lin Aung, 25 of 42nd Street between 80th and 81st streets in Mahaaungmye Township of Mandalay Region overturned by the roadside from Yangon-Mandalay Expressway near mile post No 73 at 12.30 pm on 3 September.—KYEMON-POLICE

INFORMATION

Communications

Low-priced SIM cards on sales in Hsinbaungwe

HSINBAUNGWE, 9 Sept—Low-priced SIM cards were sold for the second time in Hsinbaungwe Township of Thayet District in Magway Region on 30 August.

At the ceremony, a total of 560 people grasped the opportunity to purchase SIM cards through draw lot

system at the hall of Township General Administration Department.

In the township, a total of 650 SIM cards were allotted to the people, 300 cards to departments, 50 to regiments and units, totalling 1000 for this month.

Kyemon-District IPRD

WORLD

Obama growing isolated on Syria as support wanes



US President Barack Obama pauses during a news conference at the G20 Summit in St Petersburg on 6 Sept 2013.—REUTERS

WASHINGTON, 9 Sept—White House efforts to convince the US Congress to back military action against Syria are not only failing, they seem to be stiffening the opposition.

That was the assessment on Sunday, not of an opponent but of an early and ardent Republican supporter of Obama's plan for attacking Syria, the influential Republican chairman of the House intelligence committee, Mike Rogers.

Rogers told CBS's "Face the Nation" the

White House had made a "confusing mess" of the Syria issue. Now, he said, "I'm skeptical myself."

Congress will be in session on Monday for the first time since the August recess. Debate on Syria could begin in the full Senate this week, with voting as early as Wednesday. The House of Representatives could take up the issue later this week or next.

Obama is expected to spend the next several days in personal meetings with members.

Some Democratic opponents of a military strike, meanwhile, were looking for a way to spare Obama's administration the effects of a "no" vote.

Representative Jim McGovern of Massachusetts suggested that the president withdraw his request before it is defeated, saying on CNN's "State of the Union" that there was insufficient support for it in Congress.

There are no signs that Obama is considering that, but speculation about the possibility that the administration might delay a vote surfaced on Sunday when Secretary of State John Kerry, speaking in Paris after meeting Arab foreign ministers, did not rule out returning to the United Nations Security Council to secure a Syria resolution.

A US official who asked not to be named later squelched that speculation: "We have always supported working through the UN but have been clear there is not a path forward there."

Reuters

S Korea, US in plan to deter N Korea's nuclear threat

SEOUL, 9 Sept—South Korea and the United States are about to complete a plan aimed at deterring the nuclear threat from North Korea, a Seoul daily reported on Monday, citing a South Korean government source.

The two countries have conducted joint research on a "tailored deterrence strategy" over the last 10 months and already practiced it during last month's joint military simulation exercise, according to the Chosun Ilbo.

They will sign off on the plan at the bilateral Se-

curity Consultative Meeting in Seoul on 2 October, it said.

In addition to the "nuclear umbrella" the United States provides, the strategy encompasses a missile defence and even precision strikes on North Korean nuclear facilities if the North is about to launch a nuclear-tipped missile.

"The nuclear umbrella was abstract so far and we didn't know anything about a concrete action plan. But now Seoul and Washington have for the first time jointly worked out a nuclear deterrence

strategy which functions as an operational plan," a military source was quoted as saying.

The precision strikes would use South Korean ballistic missiles with a range of 300-800 kilometres and cruise missiles with a range of more than 500-1500 km, and US Tomahawk cruise missiles and B-2 Stealth bombers, the report said.

The two countries originally decided to complete the tailored strategy by 2014 but brought it forward after the North's third nuclear test in May this year.—Kyodo News



Former Japanese Foreign Minister Masahiko Komura (L) and Iranian President Hassan Rouhani shake hands in Teheran on 8 Sept 2013. Komura was in Iran as a special envoy of Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe.

KYODO NEWS

Italy coalition faces risk as Senate panel meets on Berlusconi

ROME, 9 Sept—A special committee of the Italian Senate meets on Monday to consider expelling Silvio Berlusconi following his conviction for tax fraud, a decision that could shatter the fragile ruling coalition and plunge Italy into fresh political crisis.

Senior figures in Berlusconi's centre-right People of Freedom (PDL) party have threatened to pull out of Prime Minister Enrico Letta's government if Berlusconi is stripped of his seat in the Senate.

The process that could lead to at least temporary political exile for the 76-year-old billionaire may take weeks. With tensions high between partners in the governing coalition, open conflict at Monday's meeting could trigger a crisis. The 23-member panel, with representatives from the main parties, is dominated by Berlusconi adversaries. At least 14 lawmakers are likely to vote in favour of expulsion.

Financial markets have been increasingly on edge as political tensions have escalated ahead of the



Italy's Prime Minister Enrico Letta speaks during a news conference at the G20 summit in St. Petersburg on 6 Sept 2013.—REUTERS

meeting, driving up government borrowing costs.

With Italy struggling with a 2 trillion euro public debt and mired in its longest recession since World War Two, business leaders warned that political turmoil could snuff out the first glimmers of a turnaround.

"Political stability is a pre-condition for economic recovery, and if there were to be a crisis, the recovery would be at risk", Federico Ghizzoni, chief executive of Unicredit, Italy's largest bank by assets, said at the weekend.

So far, Letta's centre-left Democratic Party (PD) has insisted that Berlusconi cannot remain in parliament after Italy's top court convicted him of being at the centre of a vast tax fraud scheme at his Mediaset television empire.

The PDL says Berlusconi, sentenced to four years in jail, has been targeted unfairly by left-wing magistrates and accuses the PD of using judicial tactics to eliminate a rival it has been unable to defeat politically.

The complicated committee rules may avert an

immediate showdown between the centre-left PD and Berlusconi's centre-right PDL, which were forced together in an unwilling coalition after deadlocked elections in February.

The committee is due to meet at 3 pm (1300 GMT) with proposals from PDL member Andrea Augello on how to organize the proceedings, which may make clear whether or not there is any margin for a compromise. Berlusconi's lawyers argue that the "Severino law", under which convicted politicians are ineligible for parliament, cannot apply in Berlusconi's case because it was passed last year.

Berlusconi's lawyers have appealed to the European Court of Human Rights. They want the Senate committee to postpone proceedings until the European Court decides or Italy's constitutional court rules on whether the law is valid.

That possibility has been rejected by the PD, which accuses the PDL of trying to waste time with groundless appeals.

Reuters

Syrian handover of all chemical arms could prevent attack

LONDON, 9 Sept—US Secretary of State John Kerry said on Monday Syrian President Bashar al-Assad could avoid a military strike by turning over all his chemical weapons within a week but immediately made clear he was sure that would never happen.

When asked by a reporter whether there was anything Assad's government could do or offer to stop any attack, Kerry said:

"Sure, he could turn over every single bit of his chemical weapons to the international community in

the next week - turn it over, all of it without delay and allow the full and total accounting (of it) but he isn't about to do it and it can't be done."

It did not appear that Kerry was making a serious offer to the Syrian government, which the United States accuses of using chemical weapons in an 21 August attack.

Kerry said the control of chemical weapons in Syria was limited to Assad, Assad's brother Maher and an unnamed general.

Reuters



Britain's Foreign Secretary William Hague (L) greets US Secretary of State John Kerry outside the Foreign Office in London on 9 Sept, 2013.—REUTERS

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

Smartphones try fashion makeovers to stand out from pack



Different coloured examples of Motorola's new Moto X phones rest on a table at a launch event in New York, in this 1 Aug, 2013 file photo.—REUTERS

SAN FRANCISCO, 9 Sept —Bright colours, funky textures and personalization are coming to a smartphone near you as mobile phone makers turn to fashion to buoy sales in a crowded market. Apple Inc and Google Inc's Motorola are among those trying to score style points as game-changing technological innovation becomes harder to achieve in the maturing business.

le, is trying to win back consumers with the Moto X, relying partly on customized colors and, soon to come, engravings and unusual casing materials such as wood. Robert Brunner, founder of design consultancy Ammunition and a former Apple industrial design chief, said personalization is a well-worn tactic employed when a product's uniqueness fades.



A phone with a wooden back on it rests in a display at a launch event for Motorola's new Moto X phone in New York, in this 1 Aug, 2013, file photo. REUTERS

Since the first touch-screen iPhone hit the market in 2007, software features have become easier to replicate and improvements in speed, weight, display size and resolution have become routine. The explosion of me-too products is already hurting profit margins and nibbling at Apple and Samsung Electronic Co Ltd's market share. Time to bring out the paintbrush. Apple has invited reporters to an event on Tuesday where it is expected to introduce new iPhones in a much broader palette of colours, perhaps even gold.

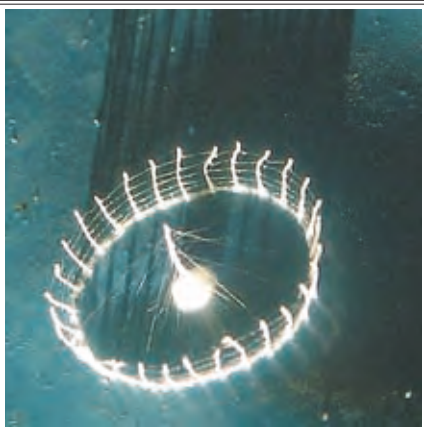
One-time leader Motorola, now owned by Google,

“As something becomes embedded in lifestyle and as it starts to become commoditized, people look toward more superficial design things to differentiate or at least reach more people,” said Brunner, whose clients have included Amazon.com Inc, Dell Inc and Nike Inc. “And colours are the classic. If you do it at the right time, it will create a significant increase in sales every time.” Much of the speculation around new iPhones this year has focused on colors and material, in marked contrast to previous years when hopes ran high for a breakthrough feature.

Reuters

Unknown creature found in Amazon jungle. A mysterious structure which has appeared in the Peruvian Amazon — and appears to be a spire surrounded by a white picket fence — is baffling scientists.

XINHUA



US tapped into networks of Google, Petrobras, others

RIO DE JANEIRO/SAO PAULO, 9 Sept—The US government tapped into computer networks of companies including Google Inc. and Brazilian state-run oil firm Petroleo Brasileiro SA, according to leaked US documents aired by Globo, Brazil's biggest television network. A week after it broadcast a report that the US National Security Agency spied on the presidents of Brazil and Mexico, Globo said the agency had also spied on major companies. It showed slides from an NSA presentation, dated May 2012, that it said was used to show new agents how to spy on private computer networks.

In addition to Google and Petrobras the presentation suggested the NSA had tapped into systems operated by France's foreign ministry and the Society for Worldwide Interbank Financial Telecommunication, an international bank cooperative known as Swift, through which many international financial transactions take place. The report did not say when the

alleged spying took place, what data might have been gathered or what exactly the agency may have been seeking. As with its previous report, Globo disclosed the information in coordination with Glenn Greenwald, an American blogger and journalist for the *Guardian* newspaper, who has worked with former NSA analyst Edward Snowden to expose the extent of US spying at home and abroad.

During an interview in the Globo broadcast, Greenwald said the documents he obtained from Snowden contain “much

more information on spying on innocents, against people who have nothing to do with terrorism, or on industrial issues, which need to be made public.” In an email exchange with *Reuters*, Greenwald declined to discuss the report further. Petrobras, which has made some of the world's biggest oil finds in recent years, did not respond to requests for comment on Sunday. Spokespeople for Swift and Google couldn't be reached for comment. Officials at the French embassy in Brazil also could not be reached.—Reuters



A Google logo is seen at the entrance to the company's offices in Toronto on 5 Sept, 2013.—REUTERS

Daimler aims to launch self-driving car by 2020

MUNICH, 9 Sept—Germany's Daimler AG plans to start selling a self-driving car by 2020 as part of its campaign to regain the top spot among premium carmakers, its development chief said. Carmakers and suppliers across the world are working on ways to make driving safer and more comfortable through automation, and the race is on to bring the technology to the mass market. “We want to be the first to launch autonomous functions in production vehicles. You can be sure: we will accomplish that in this decade,” Daimler head of development Thomas Weber said.

Daimler, battling to regain the top spot in the luxury car market from German rival BMW, is focusing on so-called highly automated driving, in which cars master situations such as cruising the motorway or maneuvering through traffic jams while the driver relaxes. The car would recognize difficult situations such as dealing with traffic lights or urban driving among pedestrians and cyclists, and hand control back to the human behind the wheel. Daimler, the maker of Mercedes-Benz and Smart cars, is not

alone in its ambitions. Japan's Nissan, for example, has also announced plans to launch a car completely guided by computers this decade.

Testing is already under way in many countries. US Internet search and advertising group Google has fitted out several cars with radar-like equipment that lets them navigate roads in California and Nevada. The technology will feature at this week's Frankfurt car show, the world's biggest, although experts say the move from dream to reality will likely take 10 to 15 years. German auto supplier Continental aims to enable cars to drive themselves at speeds of up to 30 km per hour (18 miles per hour) by 2016, and at up to 60 km/h by 2020. Google is reportedly discussing an alliance with Continental on self-driving cars that could be announced as soon as this week.

Daimler's Weber said it was hard to forecast exactly when drivers would turn into passengers in their own cars. “Autonomous driving will not come overnight, but will be realized in stages,” he said. One obstacle to overcome is

making it legal for cars to steer themselves. European Union laws currently call for drivers to be in control of cars at all times, so test vehicles at Daimler and BMW need special approval in Germany. There's also the challenge of convincing



drivers of the technology, although Georgeric Legros, a Paris-based management consultant with AlixPartners, believes attitudes are changing.

“The slightly macho aspect of cars is gradually disappearing in favour of a more functional, safety-minded image,” he said. “People prefer to be comfortably installed in a leather seat, reading the paper or catching up on email, rather than stuck behind the wheel in a traffic jam or on a monotonous motorway.”

India to launch its maiden Mars mission in November

NEW DELHI, 9 Sept — India is all set to launch its maiden mission to Mars this November, a top official has said.

“Hectic preparations are on to launch Indian Space Research Organisation's (ISRO) ambitious Mars Orbiter Mission in November. The Mars Orbiter Mission will be sent through powerful PSLV-XL launch vehicle,” Professor U R Rao of Governing Council of Physical Research Laboratory told the media.

“The unmanned mission, which will explore the existence of life and the possibility of sustaining life on Mars, will travel 299 days in space before reaching the Red Planet in September 2014,” he added.

Called the Mangalyaan Mars probe, the mission will lift off from the state-owned ISRO's launch site at the southern Indian spaceport of Sriharikota.—Xinhua

Technology already on the market allows partly automated driving in which motorists stay in control but get a hand from the vehicle. Daimler for instance offers traffic jam assistance, which can maintain distance to other cars in

stop-go situations, in its top-line S-Class Mercedes, and BMW will roll this out in its new i3 electric car before the end of the year.

Rivals including Audi and Volvo Cars are moving in the same direction. Daimler sees itself ahead in the race to develop robot cars because it says its technology can handle city driving as well as motorways. It uses readily available sensors rather than specially designed technologies for research vehicles.

Reuters

BUSINESS & HEALTH

Researchers say two-drug therapy for deadly MERS virus effective in monkeys

WASHINGTON, 9 Sept—A combination of two licensed antiviral drugs could be used to treat the deadly Middle East Respiratory Syndrome (MERS) virus that causes an acute respiratory illness in humans and has killed about half of the individuals known to be infected, a US study said on Sunday. The findings, published in the journal *Nature Medicine*, showed that the combination of the two drugs, known as interferon alpha-2b (IFN-2b) and ribavirin, “reduces virus replication and improves clinical outcome” in a recently developed monkey model of the MERS virus infection.

The two drugs are routinely used together to treat viral diseases such as hepatitis C, and its combined use has been reported to inhibit replication of MERS virus in cell culture in a previous study, according to the researchers. Given the current lack of treatment options, the researchers concluded that the combination “should be considered as an early intervention.” In their study, investigators at the National Institutes of Health infected six rhesus

macaques with the MERS virus and, eight hours later, treated half of them with the two-drug regimen.

Compared to the untreated animals, the treatment group showed no breathing difficulties and only minimal X-ray evidence of pneumonia, the researchers said. They also found that the treated animals had lower amounts of virus and less severe tissue damage in the lungs. These findings lent support to the potential clinical application of the combination for treatment of the MERS virus infection in humans. “IFN-2b and ribavirin treatment would be expected to provide the greatest benefit early in infection; however, the prolonged disease course in humans suggests the treatment window may be considerably longer,” they wrote in their paper.

The researchers were also quick to point out that the rhesus macaque appears to develop only mild to moderate forms of the MERS disease, making it difficult to extrapolate the outcome of this treatment in severe human cases.

Xinhua

Broader economic co-op serves both interests of China, EU



BRUSSELS, 9 Sept — Beijing hopes China and the European Union (EU) can take advantage of their economic complementarities to enlarge their cooperation. Ambassador of the People's Republic of China to the European Union (EU), Wu Hailong, said in his article published on Friday by *European Voice*, when commenting on the “friendly settlement” between Chinese companies and the European Commission for the photovoltaic panels file.

For Wu, China and the EU are important trading partners with deeply interwoven interests. “The

EU has its advantages in capital, technology, innovation, talent, managerial expertise and environmental protection.” These make it an indispensable partner to China in its pursuit of modernizations. While “China’s huge market, robust demand and healthy returns are providing a strong boost to the EU’s recovery from the crisis.” “Broader economic cooperation is in the interests of both sides.” Wu said.

“The solar-panel case is a reminder that protectionism cannot remove trade frictions. The EU’s choice to pursue trade remedy measures cost both sides tremendous time and

resources, and also undermined the EU’s image in China and weakened the confidence of Chinese companies in doing business with Europe,” warned the Chinese ambassador. He stressed the importance of “a bigger cake” by multiplication as the enlargement of converging interests and exploitation of the potential of bilateral cooperation, to provide a larger development space to cooperation between China and the EU.

In order to ensure bilateral economic ties develop steadily in a long run, Wu said “the key lies in expanding cooperation and bringing interests closer

together, so that both sides share the fruits of growth.” China and the EU should accelerate planning for their cooperation in 2020 and redouble their efforts to enhance cooperation in trade, investment, infrastructure, infrastructure, science and technology, innovation, green development and urbanization, with a view to optimizing the benefits of bilateral cooperation, said Wu. Wu suggests China and the EU to make investment a priority. Currently, less than 3 percent of the EU’s investment is in China. The same is true of Chinese investment.

“At present, our mode of cooperation is trade-led. It should be transformed into an approach driven by both trade and investment. Leaders from China and the EU have agreed to open negotiations on an investment agreement and the European Commission is seeking a negotiating mandate” Wu expressed his hope that talks on the matter launched as soon as possible in order to ease access to each other’s markets and feasibility studies conducted into the potential for a free-trade agreement. —*Xinhua*

South Korea probes three foreign brokerages including Goldman

SEOUL, 9 Sept—South Korean financial regulators are reviewing three foreign brokerages including Goldman Sachs Group Inc’s local unit for possible breach of domestic capital markets regulations, a source at one of the regulators said.

The Financial Supervisory Service (FSS) is investigating whether Goldman Sachs sold foreign bonds in the domestic market through its Hong Kong unit, which does not have any license to sell such products directly in South Korea, the source told *Reuters* on Monday.

The source declined to be identified due to the sensitivity of the subject and because the probe is still ongoing. The FSS said on Sunday that it was reviewing three foreign brokerages, without identifying them in its brief statement. The regulator is investigating their business practices to see if they are following domestic capital markets regulations, according to the statement.



Traders work on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange near the Goldman Sachs stall on 16 July, 2010.—REUTERS

Goldman Sachs representatives in Seoul declined to comment. Regulators are focusing their review on Goldman’s sale of Malaysian state-backed securities to domestic investors including Korea Investment Corp, the country’s sovereign wealth fund, according to the source.

The local operations

of Credit Suisse Group AG and Royal Bank of Scotland Plc are the other two foreign brokerages being investigated, the source said. Credit Suisse and RBS were not immediately available for comment. The probe began in late August and is expected to last for another week or so, according to the source.—*Reuters*

Nikkei gains on Olympics, China data boosts Asian shares

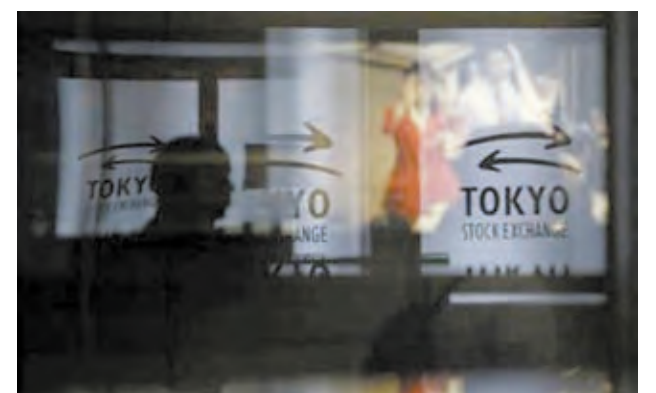
TOKYO, 9 Sept —Japanese shares rallied and the yen dropped on Monday after Tokyo won its bid to host the 2020 Summer Olympics, while Asian shares also gained on mildly upbeat Chinese trade data that underscored signs of stability in Asia’s powerhouse. The dollar licked its wounds and US debt yields were off two-year highs after a disappointing US jobs report on Friday, which raised speculation the Federal Reserve may minimize the size of a likely reduction in stimulus many investors expect later this month.

“The data was undoubtedly weak. I suspect the Fed will start tapering this month but maybe they will just trim bond buying by \$5 billion a month for now,” said a US bond trader at a Japanese bank. The Fed currently buys \$85 billion of bonds per month. Japan’s Nikkei share average .N225 gained 2.2 percent, hitting a one-month high as investors bet hosting the Olympics would boost the economy —from con-

struction and higher prices —by 3 trillion yen (\$30 billion) over the coming seven years. “In the short-term, this (Olympics-bid win) will be positive mainly through a boost on Olympic-related shares,” said Ryota Sakagami, chief equity strategist at SMBC Nikko Securities in a report.

“In the longer run, its impact depends on how much the government can push for infrastructure investments and promotion of tourism business but it is likely to be positive for the Japanese economy and shares,” he said. MSCI’s broadest index

of Asia-Pacific shares outside Japan .MIAPJ0000PUS rose 0.7 percent thanks to improved Chinese trade figures released over the weekend. Hong Kong shares rose 0.9 percent .HSI while South Korean shares .KS11 rose 0.8 percent, both hitting their highest level in about three months. Mainland Chinese shares also extended gains after positive Chinese August inflation data added to optimism following solid trade figures, with the CSI300 .CSI300 of the leading Shanghai and Shenzhen A-share listings up 2.1 percent.—*Reuters*



A visitor walks past logos at the Tokyo Stock Exchange in Tokyo on 13 June, 2013.—REUTERS

Thai Airways Airbus 330 skids off Bangkok runway, 14 injured

BANGKOK, 9 Sept — An Airbus 330-300 operated by Thai Airways skidded off the runway at Bangkok's main international airport after the nose wheel collapsed on landing late Sunday night, injuring 14 passengers, the airline said.

The flight from Guangzhou, China, was carrying 288 passengers and 14 crew members. Passengers were evacuated using emergency slides and the 14 injured were sent to a Bangkok

hospital, Thai Airways said. "Thai Airways International Flight TG 679 from Guangzhou was scheduled to arrive at Suvarnabhumi Airport at 23:00 hours local time. The nose gear failed as the plane touched the runway causing the plane to skid," the airline said in an emailed statement.

"Sparks were noticed from the vicinity of the right landing gear near the engine; the matter is under investigation" by Thai civil aviation officials, it said.

Bangkok's futuris-

tic Suvarnabhumi Airport opened seven years ago and has since become one of the busiest airports in Asia. Built to handle 45 million passengers a year, Suvarnabhumi Airport is already seeing 53 million passengers annually.

The airport is expanding a new passenger terminal and adding more parking bays and a new runway to enable it to handling 60 million fliers by 2017, according to the Airports of Thailand Public Company Ltd.—Reuters



An airplane takes off in the distance as airport staff work around a Thai Airways plane that skidded off the runway while landing at Bangkok's Suvarnabhumi Airport on 9 Sept, 2013.—REUTERS



German Chancellor Angela Merkel addresses an election campaign event in Duesseldorf, Germany, on 8 Sept, 2013. —XINHUA

Israel allocates 5,000 work permits for Palestinians from the West Bank

JERUSALEM, 9 Sept — The Israeli cabinet approved on Sunday the allocation of 5,000 work permits to Palestinians from the West Bank, the Israeli Governmental Press office revealed in a statement.

The move is part of a set of gestures Israel is providing for the Palestinian Authority following the recent renewal of Israeli-Palestinian peace talks held on 30 July in Washington DC, after a three-year halt in ne-

gotiations.

According to the cabinet communique, "the allocation among the various branches of employment will be implemented pursuant to an agreement that will be formulated between the defence, finance, economy, construction and housing and interior ministries."

The proposal was submitted by Defence Minister Moshe Ya'alon, and it was stated that it aims at helping the Palestinian economy.

In November 2012, the Israeli Justice and Interior ministries announced granting work permits for Palestinians married to Is-

raeli citizens, as well as 3,000 general permits for Palestinian working in construction. According to data provide to Xinhua by Co-ordination of Government Activities in the Territories (COGAT), a body which administers the Defence Ministry's policies and directives on the West Bank, there are currently 50,000 Palestinians authorized to work in Israel, 39,000 of which are permanent.

The data also reveals that the unemployment rate among Palestinians in the West Bank is estimated at 17.5 percent.

Xinhua

S Korea considering joining TPP

SEOUL, 9 Sept — South Korea has decided to join the US-led Trans-Pacific Partnership and is studying the schedule and potential impact, a Seoul daily reported on Monday, citing a high-ranking South Korean government official. "We are considering taking part in the TPP," the official told the Chosun Ilbo. He also said Seoul has told China of its decision and won tacit approval.

China worries the US-led free trade initiative will sideline it in the global race to access new markets, the report said. Another South Korean government official said it is just "a matter of time" before South Korea joins the TPP. The government is apparently considering making an official announcement of its decision later this month at the earliest, the report says.

The TPP is a multilateral free trade agreement that aims to further liberalize the economies of 12 Pacific-rim countries, including Canada, Australia, Japan, Vietnam and Singapore.

Kyodo News

Nearly complete count says Kremlin ally wins Moscow election

MOSCOW, 9 Sept — Kremlin ally Sergei Sobyannin won a Moscow mayoral election on Sunday, according to results released by electoral officials after a nearly complete vote count, but opposition leader Alexei Navalny claimed the results were falsified.

A count of votes from more than 99 percent of polling precincts gave Sobyannin, the acting mayor, nearly 51.3 percent, the city electoral commission said, enough to clear the 50 percent threshold needed to avoid a second-round runoff.

Navalny, who was second with 27.3 percent, alleged that the vote count



Current Moscow mayor Sergei Sobyannin (C) addresses supporters during a rally after voting in a mayoral election in Moscow on 9 Sept, 2013.

REUTERS

was marred by "many serious violations." He said in a statement: "We consider

the official election results to be deliberately falsified." Reuters

At least one killed, 30 abducted in military-rebel clash in S Philippine

MANILA, 9 Sept — A heavy firefight erupted near Zamboanga City in southern Philippines between the military and the Moro National Liberation Front (MNLF) rebels early Monday morning, killing at

least two civilians, wounding four others, local media reported. More than 300 suspected members of the Moro National Liberation Front (MNLF) had taken over 4 villages in Zamboanga City Monday. They took

away more than 30 people as hostages, reports said.

"Their target is the City Hall. They want to raise their flag of independence at the city hall," radio station DZBB reported.

Xinhua

S China school explosion kills two, injures 17

GUILIN, (Guangxi), 9 Sept — Two people have been killed and 17 others injured in an explosion near a school in south China's Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region on Monday morning. The injured, including 10 students, were all hospitalized and one of them is in critical condition, according to local public security bureau.

The rest of the injured are adults who were accompanying the students to school or passing by the site. Witnesses told Xinhua the explosion happened at around 8 am, when a man riding a three-wheeled motorcycle passed the entrance to Balijie Primary School in Guilin.

A Xinhua reporter saw a body lying at the site, which was cordoned off by local police.

"First, the motorcycle caught on fire and then it exploded with a huge sound

that could be heard from far, far away," a witness told Xinhua.

A dozen motorcycles are scattered around the explosion site and the window panes of some cars and stores by the school were damaged.

Police are investigating the cause of blast.

Xinhua



A restaurant staff member serves churrasco, or grilled meat popular in Latin America, carving it in front of customers at Restaurante Carioca in Tokyo's Minato Ward on 6 Aug, 2013. —KYODO NEWS

LOCAL NEWS

JICA, Health Ministry to build health care centres in Magway Region

NAY PYI TAW, 9 Sept—A plan is underway to construct rural health centres in Magway Region in 2014 so as to improve health care services for the rural people.

Arrangements have been made for opening 33 health care centres in wards and villages of nine townships in Magway Region, under the programme of Ministry of Health and Japan

International Cooperation Agency (JICA).

“The construction will be completed in 2014 in Magway Region. Daiho Corporation of Japan will take responsibility for construction tasks,” said an official of the project.

On completion in May 2014, the health care centres will be facilitated with hospital equipment and

operation theatre equipment by Japan-based Green Hospital Supply Inc.

A total of 33 health care centres will be built in Pakokku, Yezagyo, Salin, Saw, Seikpyu, Pauk, Myaing, Sedoktara and Natmauk of the region. JICA will spend 1.2 billion yen on the construction of the health care centres.

MMAL-Khin Lay Myint Aung

Myanmar youth boxers to take part in Muay event

NAY PYI TAW, 9 Sept—Muay event is one of the sports events in the XXVII SEA Games to be hosted in Myanmar.

At present, host Myanmar is providing training to outstanding boxers at the camps and they will take part in the muay event, said the Secretary of Myanmar Traditional Boxing Federation.

“In the SEA Games, our traditional boxing event cannot be included in the games. Our boxers are to take part in the muay event that use covers at head, body and hands. The competition is held through point system. We have limited time to produce new players for the event. To be able to compete in the games, Myanmar traditional boxers will be selected for the muay event,” he said.

Myanmar players for muay event are now under training at



Gold Camp in Nay Pyi Taw. A total of 24 boxers—15 men and nine women—are under training of trainers.

The SEA Games will include muay event categorized into nine men's classes and five women's classes. Each

country can take part in the event with nine men and three women. It was reported that 14 gold, 14 silver and 14 bronze medals will be awarded to the winners in the game.

MMAL-Kyan Taing Aung; Photo: Tin Soe

Air Asia to ply Nay Pyi Taw-Bangkok for US\$ 50 per passenger

NAY PYI TAW, 9 Sept—A direct flight from Nay Pyi Taw to Bangkok, city of Thailand, will start from October, according to Air Asia airline, and the flight ticket will be sold for US\$ 50 per passenger.

“Air Asia is the first airline of its kinds running daily flights for Nay Pyi Taw-Don Mong route. New airplanes will be used in plying the flights taking one and a half hours in cheap cost. It is targeted to provide transport facilities to the SEA Games to be hosted in Nay Pyi Taw. In addition, those wishing to pay visits to Bangkok can take cheap airline daily,” said the Chief Executive Officer of the airline.

At present, Air Asia runs its flights to Bangkok of Thailand via Yangon and Mandalay international airports. The new flight



will be plying from Nay Pyi Taw to Bangkok directly.

The new flight will be launched on 28 October. The ticket charge is US\$ 50 per passenger comprising airport tax. The flights will be run three times a week from 28 October to 15 November, and after 15 November, the flight will be ran daily.

“We are pride of transporting athletes and

passengers to the SEA Games. Quality of airlines is one of the leading roles in growing volume of foreign investment in Myanmar,” said the CEO.

Air Asia is one of the cheapest airlines in Asia. Since its 11 years establishment, the airline has transported over 180 million of passengers.

MMAL-Thun Wathan

Disaster

Landslides on Tachilek-Monghsat road section

TACHILEK, 9 Sept—Due to heavy rains on 5 September, the torrential rains flowed down on Tachilek-Monghsat road section near Phethi Village, two miles from Tachilek in Shan State (East).

The torrential rain eroded the road, causing landslides.

Deputy Commissioner of Tachilek District U Thaung Tin Htwe, Township Administrator U Ye Htoo and officials inspected the conditions of landslides.

Thawdawin Construction Co is repairing the road for the runs of small vehicles and motorcycles as quickly as possible.

Efforts are being made



for ensuring regular transport of commodities by large vehicle and prevention

against occurrence of more landslides.

MMAL-Maung Yin Kyay

HRD

Reading habit raised in rural area of Tatkon Township

TATKON, 9 Sept—A talk on taking census and raising reading habit was held at Hsinthe Village of Tatkon Township of Nay Pyi Taw Council on 5 September afternoon.

Head of Township Information and Public Relations Department Daw Tint Tint Khaing gave talks on population, households, census-taking and durability of libraries and replied to queries raised by the local people.

The talk was attended by over 200 people.

MMAL-Township IPRD



Transport

Thazi-Myingyan train gives smooth transport to local people

MEIKTILA, 9 Sept—The local people wishing to take train from Meiktila Station are enjoying smooth transport thanks to Thazi-Myingyan train.

“No 111-up mail train running Thazi and Myingyan arrives at Meiktila Station at 7.03 am the right time.

It departs from the station at 7.18 am. The 112-down train arrives at the station at 6.42 pm. Most of the passengers from Meiktila ride the train for Mahlaing, Yonzingyi, Taungtha and Myingyan. The local people transport domestic products and crops to the other regions

by the train to sell them in Meiktila. They buy the products from Meiktila and re-sell them in their regions. Meiktila produces plenty of fruits and vegetables,” said a passenger who takes Meiktila-Myingyan train up and down.

MMAL-Chan Tha (Meiktila)



PERSPECTIVES

Tuesday, 10 September, 2013

What goes around comes around!

Mother Earth has been providing us with air to breathe, water to drink, land to live and the magnetosphere to tame solar rays and protect us from solar flares. And because of air, water, land and sun we can live. In fact these four elements are supporting life on Earth.

But what will happen if one of these four elements turns bad? Our very existence will be gravely threatened. And this can become a reality if human beings, the most intelligent creature on the planet, fail to care about the Mother Earth as in the past.

Greed and egoism coupled with narrow view and irresponsibility has been harming the world for many years, and in some cases wiping out the entire flora or fauna species or destroying the whole environment. There were species extinctions and forest depletions all along the human history or the history of civilization.

This continuing human destruction has made Mother Earth a wounded planet. The atmosphere has been forced to accept unwanted chemicals, particulates, or biological materials that cause discomfort, disease, or death to humans, damage other living organisms such as food crops, or harm the natural environment.

Water pollution is also occurring because of pollutants directly or indirectly discharged into water bodies without adequate treatment to remove harmful compounds. In addition, industrial activity, agricultural chemicals, or improper disposal of waste are causing soil contamination. What's more, ozone layer depletion can let sun's ultraviolet radiation to freely harm all living beings on Earth.

Even if one of the elements goes wrong the price will be very high for Mother Earth the only planet kind enough to harbor life. But now, all the four elements are damaging. So we all can imagine the consequences and the real importance of saving the Mother Earth in time.

Now, human beings themselves are feeling the heat too. In fact, what goes around comes around!



ARTICLE

READING CAMPAIGN—A SOCIAL REVOLUTION

"Some books are to be tasted; some to be swallowed; and some few to be chewed and digested."

Bacom said so in one of his essays that attracted the people of those days and the posterity to have concentration on books and reading.

Thanks to the emergence of cuneiform writing and palm-leaf writing, the written words and pictures gained popularity in the ancient world. It was the first sign of civilization that would be spawned and spread worldwide. Each continent and each nation had its distinctive way of expression which had developed and disseminated. Finally, the invention of printing press by Johannes Gutenberg brought about the uplift of the civilization.

No doubt, a book, which is a source of knowledge has a long history. According to the encyclopaedia, the word "book" comes from the early English word 'boc' which means tablet or written sheets. People assumed that the first printed books in Europe appeared during the mid-1400's. Even historians cannot definitely say when the first books appeared, but there is evidence that books were written in Egypt as early as 2700 BC. The first books printed in Europe using movable type appeared in Mainz, Germany between 1453 and 1456. One of the first books printed was a bible in Latin. Since then, millions of books have been printed on almost every subject and in every written language.

Nowadays, in one language only, scores of new books are published in a month, and millions in a year. Think of the number in all the languages in the world. Today, paperback books dominated the publishing market. New colour printing techniques enable publishers to produce beautifully illustrated books inexpensively.

New types of books include talking books, which are records or tapes of books that read aloud. They are used by people

who cannot read, such as young children and the blind. Moreover, people can now have easy access to e-books and the Internet users are on the increase.

In the 1970s, the use of computers to aid in the type-setting process became more and more common. In the decades that followed, the printing and binding process became increasingly automated.

A major development in the late 20th century was print on demand. By using powerful computers, from companies store digitized versions of books. When needed they use advanced printers and binding techniques to run off as many books as required. Printing

Maung Hlaing

only as many books as needed allows companies to save money, and being able to store book digitally means that books can be printed whenever necessary.

While millions and millions of books in various languages are coming out, thousands of books are being published in Myanmar. However, if you raise a question, "How many readers are there in our country?", we cannot give you a correct answer. Objectively, compared to the present population of Myanmar, the (actual) readers may be very (very) limited.

Developing and even developed nations are now facing the challenges of the people who do not read although they know how to read or even they are educated. It is for this reason that literacy movements are being waged on the one hand and reading campaign being launched on the other. Through the experiences, teaching illiterates to be literate is easier than driving or organizing those who are literate or even educated to read. This is simply because we cannot deny the fact that the man who never or hardly opens a book has a comparatively empty mind. On the contrary, he who reads widely and judiciously will surely have a full mind.

Compared to our childhood days, children and youths of today are so lucky that they can have

easy access to all kinds of reading materials ranging from ordinary books to e-books on various subjects. Unlike them, when we had our first schooling in the monasteries, we had only a slate and slate-pencils plus only a single text-book which was so-called a reader. No newspapers; no radios; no reading rooms; and etc. etc. As the books published in those days hardly reached our rural areas, most of my neighbours did not know how to read to gain knowledge.

We had to rely on only story-telling practice to expand our horizons. Before or after we were sent to monastic schools, we loved to listen to the tales or stories our grandparents or parents told us.

Hundreds of times we were transported to the Benares and saw King Bramahadatta who is well acquainted with children. Together with the brave prince we broke the spell the witch had cast over sleeping beauty. And we were all familiar with the story of "Ma Htwe Lay and the Serpent," an original Myanmar folktale. We had pity on Ma Htwe Lay who was simple and honest and had antipathy on her cruel elders. Whatever it may be the tales we had listened to make our thinking fruitful.

Only when I pursued my middle and high school education at the only a single State High School in our town, could I use the school library. As our teachers taught us how to use a library, we came to know the value of the Information Reading Centre opened by the Ministry of Information at that time. Our teachers guided us to write articles and poems in the school magazines or school-mounted journals. When our class-teacher bought a good book, he brought it to the class and made his students read. After going through the whole book, we had to tell him about our views or ideas on that book. Whatever it may be, such a good practice made us take interest in books and reading.

Today is quite different from 'yesterday'. Reading materials on various subjects are mushrooming in the cit-

ies and towns and even villages except some remote areas. The Information and Public Relations Department has been opening libraries in both urban and rural areas as part of the post literary programme. So far, IPRD has already established over 50,000 libraries in rural areas alone. Besides, the IPRD has introduced Mini-book Corner series to the reading public. Now, readers can join the readers channel on TV organized by veteran writers and celebrities.

In addition to the weekly and monthly magazines and periodicals, private newspapers have emerged as the media freedom is gradually taking shape. As long as modern technologies develop in the publishing world, millions and millions of books are and will be coming out day by day. However, the number of reading public is still limited compared to the population of our country.

What I mean is that we had better make our younger generation have interest in reading and books.

Doubtlessly, reading helps broaden the horizons of the public and enables them to distinguish between the good and the bad. Today is the Knowledge Age. In this age, competition for prosperity is intense. If one fails to read books to acquire knowledge, one will not know as much as it should be and one will lag behind others who read more in prosperity. Without reading, one cannot improve one's reasoning power.

Reading is a crucial element in an enriching, successful life. Serious reading can change our lives and even escape literature can bring a little excitement to a sober existence. Furthermore, without good reading skills, the subject matter of any discipline is incomprehensible.

The future of our civilization might depend on reading.

Let's read more and more!

LOCAL NEWS

Tourism

Magway Region Chief Minister calls for development of tourism industry

MAGWAY, 9 Sept—The meeting on tourism development in Myanmar was held at Nan Htaik Thu Hotel in Magway on 5 September, attended by Chief Minister of Magway Region U Phone Maw Shwe and officials in addition to hoteliers of Magway Region.

Officials discussed tourist attractions of Shweseetaw sanctuary, golden deer, Natyaykan on 5280 feet high hill in Ngaphe Township, 76 miles from Magway.

They expressed their opinions that visit of one tourist is equal to exportation of four tons of rice; and neighbouring countries are earning a large amount of

foreign exchange through tourism industry.

Dr Thet Lwin explained there are many tourist attractive areas in Pakokku region.

The Chief Minister of the region called on departments concerned to contribute to development of tourism industry in Magway Region.

"It is the first time of its kinds in meeting between the Chief Minister and departmental officials and entrepreneurs in a cordial manner. Similar coordination can see success in tourism industry," he said.

Kyemon-Nay Oo Maung (Pakokku)

HRD

Mini book corners updated with new publications



MEIKTILA, 9 Sept—The books in general genre kept in the first week of July 2013 have been updated at the mini book corners at the busy places of major cities in districts, regions and states of Information and Public Relations Department.

Each major towns of regions and states and district Information and Public Relations Departments has been equipped with 20 to 40 mini book corners. The corners are supplied with religious, social, sports, health, education, public ethics, culture, fine arts, politics, agriculture, livestock breeding and biography genres. These public book corners are accessible for the travelers and people. Monthly, the publications in the book corners are updated. This month, the books in volume 1, number 3 have

been changed with new ones. Some of publications were lost but the reading habit of the people are in momentum, said a staff of Meiktila District Information and Public Relations Department of

Construction

Myanaung-Kyangin road under expansion

MYANAUNG, 9 Sept—Public Works under the

Ministry of Construction expanding the four furlongs long road section from



Electrification

Village electrification launched in Nampaung Village of Lashio Township

LASHIO, 9 Sept—A ceremony to launch supply of electricity to Nampaung Village in Lashio Township of Shan State (North) took place on 5 September morning, attended by Shan State Minister for Electric and Industry U Sai Tun Yin.

Shan State Minister U Sai Tun Yin, Shan State Hluttaw representative U Sai Kyu, State Electrical Engineer U Sai Tun Hla, U Ohn Myint of Mega Myint Co and Chairman of Nampaung Village Electrification Committee U Sai Kham cut the ribbon to open the ceremony.

The state minister launched the supply of electricity.

The village is supplied electricity from Lashio Sub-Power Station. The work cost K 360 million. The electrification task was funded K 5 million by Commander of North-East Command Brig-Gen Aung Soe and the remaining cost by local people.

A total of 12.5 miles long power line was installed from the sub-power station to the village. Two 200 KVA transformers are installed in the village to supply electricity to the local people. The power line can supply the 400-house village sufficiently.

At the hall of the village, Mandalay Region.

The books were compiled by editorial staff of Sarpay Beikman. Respective IPRDs took responsibility for presenting these works to the people.

Kyemon-Chan Tha (Meiktila)



the state minister met with about 300 people and invited reports on requirements by the people.

Village administrators from Nampaung, Khasho, Namma and Thanlwin villages submitted reports on their requirements. The state minister attended to the needs as much as

he can. He donated two computers, Asia World Co two computers, Mega Myint Co (Taunggyi) one computer and Mya Thin Kyu Private Electronic Co (Lashio) one computer to Nampaung Basic Education High School.

In Shakhaik Village of Mehan Village-tract,

the state minister held a talk with about 400 local people at the Dhammayon. Responsible persons of the electrification committee submitted reports in detail for electricity supply tasks. The state minister attended to the needs.

Kyemon-San Zarni Aung (Lashio)

Environment

Mt Popa Lovers Association celebrates its first birthday

KYAUKPADAUNG, 9 Sept—A workshop on environmental conservation organized by Mt Popa Lovers Association with youths, in commemoration of its first birthday, was held at Shwe Nadi Parahita Monastic Education School in Kyaukpadaung of Mandalay Region.

The workshop aimed at performing environmental conservation at Mount Popa ran from 1 pm to 4 pm on 3 September.

Saya U Sithu Lwin, Dr Daw Than Than Sein and



executive U Kyaw Win Swe submitted papers. As of 6 mile posts 3/4 to 4/0 on Myanaung-Kyangin to become the road three feet wider on either side.

Myanaung-Kyangin road is 12 feet wide only. At present, the road is being expanded to be 18 feet wide one. The road is being constructed with the use of laterite meeting set standards. The road surface is being repaved to be smooth, said Daw Cho Cho, Junior Engineer II Daw Cho Cho of Public Works (Myanaung).

Kyemon-Nay Win Zaw (Myanaung)

pm on 4 September, writers U Sithu Lwin, Aw Pi Kyei and Daw Devi Thant Sin gave talks on environmental conservation.

The association was constituted with Sayadaw U Yujana (Shwe Nadi Parahita) and Saya U Saw Yu Shein as patrons on 5 September 2012.

In one-year term, the association has planted 15955 saplings in many villages in the township with the assistance of Forest Department and Arid Zone Greening Department in cooperation with the local people.

Kyemon-Ko Nay (Kyaukpadaung)

WORLD

North Korea's leader has a baby daughter



North Korean leader Kim Jong-Un and his wife Ri Sol-Ju attend the opening ceremony of the Rungna People's Pleasure Ground on Rungna Islet along the Taedong River in Pyongyang in this 25 July, 2012.

REUTERS

SEOUL, 9 Sept—North Korean leader Kim Jong-un has a baby daughter, seemingly guaranteeing the future of a dynasty has ruled the isolated and impoverished state for three generations, according to US basketball star Dennis Rodman who met Kim last week.

Kim's wife Ri Sol had appeared to be pregnant in pictures issued last year by North Korea's state news agency, although no confirmation was available.

She then disappeared from public view, returning last October.

Rodman, who has visited North Korea twice this year and describes Kim as his "friend", told Britain's *Guardian* newspaper that he had held the baby.

"I held their baby Ju-ae and spoke with Ms Ri (Sol-Ju, Kim's wife) as well. He's a good dad and has a beautiful family," Rodman was quoted as saying by the newspaper. Kim Jong-un

is the third member of his family to rule North Korea and is believed to be 30 years old. He was effectively anointed as his father's successor in 2010, despite the fact he is the third son.

Given the traditional nature of North Korean society, it is unlikely that Ju-ae would succeed her father, although female relatives of Kim, such as his aunt, occupy key positions in government.

Reuters

Egyptian official indicates rewriting of constitution, drawing mixed reaction

CAIRO, 9 Sept—Egypt may rewrite its constitution instead of mere amendments, said Amr Moussa, who was elected on Sunday to lead a panel to look into constitutional matters.

"Probably, a new constitution will be drafted, instead of amending the old one," said Moussa in a statement. A 50-member panel tasked to get the country's constitution right elected Moussa as its chairman on Sunday.

Following the ouster of President Mohamed Morsi, a 10-member committee of legal experts was formed to propose amendments to the controversial constitution drafted under Morsi. Morsi's constitution, approved in a December 2012 referendum with only a 33-percent turnout, was suspended after his ouster in early July. The 50-member panel will have 60 days to review the amendments proposed by the 10-member commit-

tee. Then a final draft will be crafted for national referendum.

Moussa said his panel will consider the recommendations of the 10-member committee, but did not rule out a brand new constitution. Moussa said the former panel, composed mainly of Islamists, did not consider the opposition and did not deal with it seriously.

He said the mistakes of the Muslim Brotherhood with which Morsi was af-

iliated, would not be repeated, and that all his panel's sessions will be aired on state TV. Moussa said all the political factions are represented in the new panel, not like the former one which targeted one political faction, in reference to Islamists. He said his panel will take 60 days to finish its work, and may request more time if necessary. The important thing, he said, is to get a consensus-based constitution.

Reuters

A naval fleet of the Chinese People's Liberation Army (PLA) are seen at the Pearl Harbor in Hawaii, the United States, on 7 Sept, 2013. The fleet arrived here on Friday for a three-day friendly visit.

XINHUA



Chinese central gov't approves mechanism to boost economic reform

BEIJING, 9 Sept—The State Council, China's cabinet, has approved setting up a joint meeting mechanism under which key regulators will hold regular or irregular meetings on economic reforms. Under the State Council's leadership, the joint meeting mechanism

will work to tackle key problems in economic reform, study fundamental reform programmes, and carry out research on crucial reforms, said a statement on the government's website on Friday.

The country's top economic planner, the National Development and Reform

Commission, will coordinate meetings among other 34 ministries, administrations and other organizations, including the Ministry of Education, the Ministry of Science and Technology and the People's Bank of China.

Xinhua

Chinese president arrives in Tashkent for Uzbekistan visit

TASHKENT, 9 Sept—Chinese President Xi Jinping arrived here on Sunday evening for a state visit to Uzbekistan aimed at further boosting bilateral relations and cooperation.

In a written speech delivered upon his arrival, Xi lauded the time-honoured friendship between China and Uzbekistan, saying the Silk Road has linked the two peoples together since more than 2,000 years ago.

Since establishing diplomatic relations 21 years ago, the two countries have witnessed all-round and rapid development of bilateral ties, Xi said, adding that history has proved that it is a right strategic choice for them to pursue everlasting friendship and mutually beneficial cooperation.

Xi said he is looking forward to exchanging

views with President Islam Karimov on bilateral relations and cooperation as well as other global and regional issues of common concern. "I am confident that this visit will be successful and inject fresh vigor into the development of the China-Uzbekistan strategic partnership," Xi said.

Xi flew to the Uzbek capital after wrapping up a state visit to Kazakhstan. Earlier in his ongoing overseas trip, he visited Turkmenistan and attended a Group of 20 summit in the Russian city of St. Petersburg.—Xinhua



Chinese President Xi Jinping (L) is welcomed by Uzbekistan's President Islam Karimov at the airport in Tashkent, Uzbekistan, on 8 Sept 2013. Xi arrived here on Sunday for a state visit to Uzbekistan. —XINHUA

107-year-old Arkansas man killed in shootout with police

LITTLE ROCK, (Arkansas), 9 Sept—A 107-year-old man was killed in a shootout with a police SWAT team at a home in Pine Bluff, Arkansas, where he had earlier threatened two people with a gun, authorities said on Sunday.

The fatal shots were fired on Saturday night after Pine Bluff police responded to a report that the man, Monroe Isadore, pointed a gun at two people in the home in Pine Bluff, a city of roughly 48,000 people about 45 miles south of Little Rock, according to police who confirmed local TV reports.

When police arrived at the home on Saturday afternoon, they removed the two people from the house and then entered to begin negotiations. Isadore then shot at

them through the door, according to the reports confirmed by police.

No officers were struck, and police called for backup, including a Special Weapons and Tactics unit.

Negotiations were started and SWAT officers inserted a camera into the room where Isadore was holed up. Officers saw that Isadore had a handgun, according to the reports confirmed by police.

When negotiations failed, SWAT officers threw gas into the room. Isadore fired and officers entered the room. When Isadore shot at them again, the officers returned fire, killing Isadore, according to the reports confirmed by police. Police said the coroner confirmed Isadore's age as 107.—Reuters

REGIONAL

Chinese premier calls for efforts to tackle urbanization challenges

BEIJING, 9 Sept — Chinese Premier Li Keqiang has called for efforts to tackle challenges in the country's urbanization wave and seek quality and efficiency in this process.

China's urbanization needs to be supported by integrated reforms, said Li in a recent meeting with academicians and experts from the Chinese Academy of Sciences (CAS) and the Chinese Academy of Engineering (CAE).

More than 100 experts

from the two academies have conducted research on different aspects of urbanization, and they recently shared the research findings with the premier.

A survey by the CAE showed that most of migrant workers born after 1980 are unwilling to go back to the countryside. The rural-urban population shift has become an inevitable trend.

Academicians also found that more than 100 million migrant workers in

Chinese cities cannot enjoy the same public services as urban residents, highlighting the need for reforms.

A number of other issues including job creation and environmental protection in the urbanization process were also raised by academicians.

Li said urbanization is a complex and big project and the government must hear opinions from all sides.

The premier reiterated that China will put the people in the heart in pushing



Chinese Premier Li Keqiang (L) presides over a meeting with academicians and experts from the Chinese Academy of Sciences (CAS) and the Chinese Academy of Engineering (CAE) on the country's urbanization in Beijing, capital of China, on 30 Aug, 2013. —XINHUA

for urbanization, adding that China will take an urbanization path that incor-

porates the ideas of green and efficient growth.

Xinhua

Zardari steps down as Pakistan president

ISLAMABAD, 9 Sept — Pakistani President, Asif Ali Zardari, stepped down on Sunday on completion of his five-year constitutional term. Zardari, who was elected in 2008, became the country's first elected President to complete his tenure.

Zardari was presented guard of honour by a contingent of Pakistani forces at the Presidency after national anthem was played.

He then left the Presidency for the eastern city of Lahore where he will speak at his first political gathering of Pakistan Peoples Party, his spokesman, Senator Farhatullah Babar said.

"I am glad to leave my office with dignity and honour on completion of my five-year term," Asif Ali Zardari told staff of the Presidency at a dinner late Saturday. He said he always took decisions in the interests of the country and that he devolved powers to the Parliament voluntarily.

Zardari told Geo television in his interview as the President that he will not seek to become the prime minister and will instead focus on running his party.

President-elect Mamnoon Hussain is scheduled to take oath as Pakistan's 12th President on Monday. —Xinhua



A policeman inspects the blast site in southwest Pakistan's Quetta, on 8 Sept, 2013. At least two people were killed and six others injured on Sunday evening as a blast hit Pakistan's southwestern provincial capital of Quetta, local media reported. —XINHUA

Singapore gov't to help poor more in health care

SINGAPORE, 9 Sept — Singapore government will do more to help Singaporeans cope with their medical bills, but those who are better off should not expect to receive the same degree of help as those who are poorer, a government minister has said.

Chan Chun Sing, minister for social and family development, sought to allay residents' worries about rising medical costs at a community dialogue as he spelt out the govern-

ment's approach to health-care financing, local daily *Straits Times* reported on Monday.

"If each and every one of us just wants to take the maximum for ourselves, then we become a very selfish society," Chan said.

"Those who have less, we should help them more," he said in reply to a resident's questions about how to cope with rising health-care costs.

Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong, speaking

at a rally last month, said the government will play a bigger role to build a fair society and will spend more to subsidise housing and healthcare costs. One of the key changes is for the MediShield Life, a basic health insurance scheme, to cover Singaporeans for life.

It is expected to fund a higher proportion of their hospital bills, it has also raised concerns as premiums are expected to go up.

Xinhua

Philippine gov't condemns attack by rebels

MANILA, 9 Sept — The Philippine government condemned in the "strongest possible terms" on Monday the attack allegedly by members of the faction of the Moro National Liberation Front (MNLF) in southern city of Zamboanga. Presidential Spokesperson Edwin Lacierda said that it is incumbent on all people of goodwill to reject the violence that has erupted.

"The ongoing attack of armed individuals in Zamboanga City, including initial reports of the possible

use of civilians as human shields, is a cause for great concern," he said.

He assured that authorities have been responding to the situation in a manner that will reduce the risk to innocent civilians and restore peace and order to Zamboanga City at the soonest possible time.

At least an army soldier was killed and several others were wounded. Some 30 individuals were also reportedly being taken as hostages.

Lacierda urged the

public to refrain from spreading speculation as fear and alarm spread by disinformation would only help those intent on disrupting the lives of residents of Zamboanga City. Misuari-led MILF reportedly declared independence early last month in a village in Sulu Province. His faction has been opposing the framework agreement between the government and the Moro Islamic Liberation Front, the largest rebel group in the country.

Xinhua

Taipei to ban Kanebo whitening substance

TAIPEI, 9 Sept — Taipei will ban Kanebo Cosmetics Inc's skin-whitening chemical substance following consumer complaints of white blotches, the island's health authorities said on Monday.

Lu Li-fu, spokesman of the Food and Drug Administration under the Ministry of Health and Welfare, said the ban will come into force as soon as this week after all necessary procedures are

completed. Lu said 47 users are confirmed to have developed symptoms relating to the blotches since Kanebo Taipei began to import skin-whitening products from Japan in 2011. Before a recall of the products began in July, Kanebo Taipei imported about 280,000 units from Japan.

The recall came after Kanebo Cosmetics in Japan apologized in July after some users complained about patchy whitening of their skin after using products containing a whitening chemical called 4-(4-hydroxyphenyl)-2-butanone, which the company had named "Rhododenol."

Kanebo has been marketing cosmetics that use

the ingredient as an active substance since 2008. Despite a dermatologist's alert in May regarding the blotch problem, the company only decided to recall the products on 28 June and did not begin the recall plan until 4 July.

Taipei is the Japanese company's biggest overseas market, with Kanebo ranking among the island's top-five best-selling cosmetics brands.

Kanebo Taipei began recalling 19 products that contain the chemical on 5 July. As of 10 August, over 63,700 units were recalled. Consumers opting to keep the products containing the substance should stop using them, Lu said.

Kyodo News

Foreign tourists gather on the beach in Bali, Indonesia, on 8 Sept 2013. As many as 1,200 business leaders planned to take part in APEC meeting in Bali, Indonesia from 1 to 8 Oct, Indonesian official said here on Friday. XINHUA



Chinese Foreign Ministry provides office supplies to Cambodian counterpart

PHNOM PENH, 9 Sept — The Chinese Foreign Ministry on Monday donated 50 laptops and 100 cellphones in equivalent to 70,000 US dollars to its Cambodian counterpart to increase task efficiency.

Speaking while handing over the supplies to Cambodian Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Hor Namhong, Chi-

nese Ambassador to Cambodia Bu Jianguo said the donation came as promised by Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi during his official visit to Cambodia last month.

"We hope that these materials will assist office staff at the Cambodian Ministry of Foreign Affairs to work fast and more efficiently," she said.

Hor Namhong said the ministry was very happy to receive these modern office supplies as they would relieve the difficulties of staff in their work.

He highly spoke of excellent friendship relations between Cambodia and China in all fields and vowed to further enhance the ties in the future.

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Algerian president okays anti-terror operations near Tunisia, Libya

ALGIERS, 9 Sept — Algerian President Abdelaziz Bouteflika gave the green light for the army to carry out military operations against terrorists near the border with Tunisia and Libya, a security source told *Xinhua*. The source said the army mobilized 20,000 soldiers of its special forces

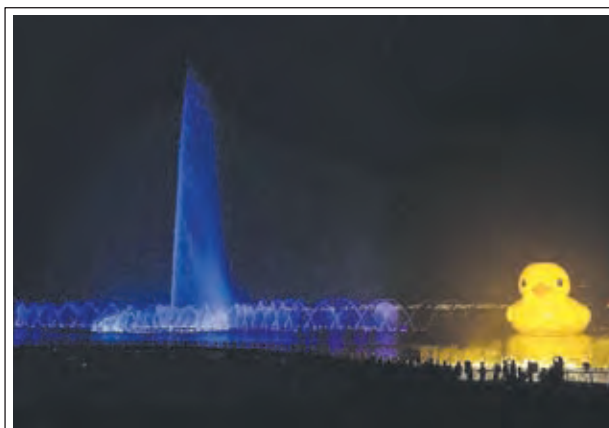
and elite units to carry out combing and searching operations that should end by the beginning of 2014 along the 965-km border with Tunisia and the 1000-km border with Libya.

Last week, during his meeting with army chief of staff, Bouteflika approved military plans to deal with

frequent incursions of militants across the border from Tunisia and Libya.

Also last week, a security source told *Xinhua* that Algeria deployed 12,000 troops to step up control on the border with Tunisia, as some 60 checkpoints and outposts were established.

Xinhua



Cars run in rain in Yinchuan, capital of north-west China's Ningxia Hui Autonomous Region, on 7 Sept, 2013. A rainstorm hit Yinchuan on Saturday and local meteorological centre issued yellow alert for thunder and lightning. China has a four-color weather warning system, with red being the most serious type of alert, followed by orange, yellow and blue. —XINHUA

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Designers in New York keeping it simple with black and white

NEW YORK, 9 Sept—It's all there in black and white. Stylish clothes being unveiled for spring 2014 are highlighting the pronounced simplicity of black and white. The colours are either elegant monochromes or mixed up in playful zebra prints, classic checks and mod colour blocking. Victoria Beckham's show on Sunday

pleats at the midriff. All the black and white was accented with just a brief splash of hot pink and a subdued rust. At Yigal Azrouel, the collection was entirely black, white, cream and gray. Some were solids, some mixed.

Among the stand-out looks was a set of dresses, jumpsuit, jacket and culottes in white silk with a



A model rehearses before a presentation of the Thakoon Spring/Summer 2014 collection during New York Fashion Week, on 8 Sept, 2013.—REUTERS

was the latest in a string of collections at New York Fashion Week adhering almost entirely to a black and white palette. Her looks were sporty, with short pleated skirts, the season's omnipresent cropped tops and flouncy hemlines over knee-length shorts.

Describing her collection, the celebrity designer said she set "boyish elements against a sense of femininity." Some of Beckham's pieces were all-black or all-white, and she would use unusual structure or overlaid textures to bring them to life. Mixing the two colours, a short black dress revealed a pleated white skirt, peeking out from under an angled hemline, and a spaghetti-strapped black top was trimmed with white

black tree-branch pattern. Opening with all-cream looks, the show closed with a series of gray suits and dresses conservatively cut, but in an unlined, and revealing, open-weave fabric. "Minimalism reigns in a decisive pattern of black, white, and shades of gray," the New York-based designer said in a statement accompanying the show. "Androgynous tailoring and architectural lines are juxtaposed with arched necklines and seductive cut-outs." Another showcase for sporty minimalism, the Y-3 Adidas collection by Yohji Yamamoto featured a stream of black and white, from t-shirts and dresses to kneesocks, shoes and backpacks.

Reuters

Vin Diesel's "Riddick" claims top spot in North America box office



LOS ANGELES, 9 Sept—American action star Vin Diesel's latest film "Riddick" won the top place at the North America box office by unseating three-time winner civil rights epic "The Butler" this weekend and is estimated to roll up 18.67 million US dollars in ticket sales. "Riddick" is the third installment on the actor-led sci-fi action franchise and was debuted in 3,107 thea-

tres in the United States and Canada. It is a sequel to the 2000 release "Pitch Black" and 2004's "The Chronicles of Riddick."

In the new installment, Riddick, an ex-con who can see in the dark, leaves his comfortable world as leader of the Necromonger group to seek out his homeland. Once double-crossed and left for dead, he battles beasts and bounty hunters while

he works to rebuild himself physically and morally. Universal Pictures released "Riddick" in the United States while eOne Entertainment distributed the film in Canada. The ticket sales of "Riddick" is well below industry forecast for a start between 20 million and 25 million dollars. As always as the case with Vin Diesel's film, the majority of first-night audience was male (which made up 59 percent) and 53 percent over 30 years old.

Both critics and audience liked "Riddick," which earned a 59 percent positive rating from reviews aggregator Rotten Tomatoes, and a solid "B" from CinemaScore. "Lee Daniels' The Butler" parted with its three-week-long winning streak to finish at No 2 slot with 8.9 million dollars worth of tickets revenue, a hefty 40 percent drop from last week.—Xinhua

Bruno Mars to headline 2014 Super Bowl halftime show

NEWARK, (New Jersey), 9 Sept—Grammy-winning singer Bruno Mars was named on Sunday as the headliner for the halftime show at next year's Super Bowl. Mars and his band, The Hooligans, were introduced before hundreds of screaming fans at the Fox NFL on Sunday broadcast, which was held live from Times Square in New York City to kick off the first full weekend of professional football.

"It's just an honour," Mars said. "We just got off tour so being able to come to New York City and announce this right now is incredible. We're celebrating,

we're celebrating for sure."

The National Football League says the Super Bowl halftime show is the most-watched music event in the world. It says more than 110.5 million viewers saw last year's show featuring R&B superstar Beyonce.

Next year, Super Bowl XLVIII will be held on 2 February at the MetLife Stadium in East Rutherford, New Jersey. Mars, 27, whose style ranges from pop to reggae, will join a roster of music legends who have headlined the Super Bowl halftime show, including Bruce Springsteen, Prince and Madonna.

Asked if he planned any surprises, Mars said: "It's five months from now, so I got a couple of phone calls to make. "The Hawaiian born singer, whose real name is Peter Gene Hernandez, is a 14-time Grammy nominee and has sold more than 115 million singles worldwide.

He is currently on a 91-city tour, a statement from the National Football League said. Billboard magazine says Mars scored his first five No 1 hits on the 'Hot 100' chart faster than any male recording artist since Elvis Presley.

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Bruno Mars performs during the 2013 MTV Video Music Awards in New York in this 25 Aug, 2013 file photo.

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SPORTS

Williams shows no signs of fading, matches Federer



Serena Williams of the US raises her trophy after defeating Victoria Azarenka of Belarus in their women's singles final match at the US Open tennis championships in New York on 8 Sept, 2013.—REUTERS

NEW YORK, 9 Sept—It has been 14 years since Serena Williams won her first US Open but there was no hint of decline as the 31-year-old American outlasted Victoria Azarenka to claim her fifth US Open singles title on Sunday. Initially frustrated by a swirling wind at Arthur Ashe Stadium and shaken by Azarenka's second set comeback from 4-1 down, Williams regained the momentum in the third set with her power and range of strokes propelling her to a 17th grand slam title.

Williams will be 32 later this month but she seems far from even contemplat-

ing life after tennis. "I feel great. I have never felt better. I feel really fit," she said. "I can play a tournament like this, singles, doubles, with tough, tough schedules. For the most part, I felt really good." I haven't felt like this in a number of years. I'm excited about the possibilities. I don't know what can happen. I just keep playing and do the best that I can." Certainly Azarenka, who put up a brave fight throughout and looks easily the most likely to take over Williams' mantle whenever she does retire, had no doubts about the qualities of her opponent. "She's a champion, and she knows how to repeat that."

She knows what it takes to get there," said the Belarusian. "I think it's incredible what she's achieving. She's playing definitely her best tennis right now. It is just really exciting for me to be able to compete against that type of player who can be the greatest of all time." The 17th slam victory puts Williams on a par with Roger Federer among contemporary players of both genders and brings her within one title of Martina Navratilova and Chris Evert, the fourth most successful women of all-time.

"It's an honour to be even with Roger," said Williams, "He's been such a great champion throughout the years, and he's just an unbelievable competitor and he's still playing, and he can probably still win more."... "He's just been so incredibly consistent, so we have had really different careers," Williams said. "Then to be compared with Chrissy and Martina — not yet, because I'm still not quite there yet. I can't necessarily compare myself to them, because, you know, numbers wise they're still greater."

Reuters

Argentina, Colombia close in on World Cup berths

BUENOS AIRES, 9 Sept—Goalkeeper Sergio Romero returns to the scene of his international debut looking to equal a record run of 26 matches unbeaten as Argentina visit Paraguay determined to book their World Cup ticket on Tuesday. Colombia, equal on 26 points with Argentina at the top of the South American group, can also book their passage to next year's finals in Brazil with a draw against Uruguay at the Centenario in Montevideo (2200 GMT).

Along with third-placed Chile, who have a bye, the top three are guaranteed of at least reaching the fifth-place playoff

against an Asian qualifier. Romero, who made his debut in a 1-0 defeat in the equivalent fixture in Asuncion under then coach Diego Maradona on the way to the 2010 finals in South Africa, is eyeing Sergio Goycochea's 26-match Argentina record.

Penalty specialist "Goyco" had his unbeaten run between Argentina's defeat in the 1990 World Cup final in Rome and a 2-1 loss in a qualifier in Colombia in August 1993. Romero returns to the side along with captain Lionel Messi and striker Sergio Aguero after the trio missed the 2-1 friendly win over Italy in Rome last month.—Reuters

Uruguay's national soccer team coach Oscar Washington Tabarez gestures during a news conference at the team's headquarters on the outskirts of Montevideo on 8 Sept, 2013. REUTERS



Mercurial Johnson teases Australia with fiery one-day spell

MELBOURNE, 9 Sept—Mercurial paceman Mitchell Johnson, who has admitted to 'choking' in two different test series against England, could be in line for another shot at Ashes redemption if he keeps taking wickets, according to Australia captain Michael Clarke.

The 31-year-old Queenslander was overlooked for the recent Ashes, which England won 3-0, but gave a timely reminder of his pedigree on Sunday in Australia's emphatic one-day international win over the hosts.

Johnson has thrilled and frustrated Australian cricket

McCaw loss a blow for New Zealand despite strong resources

MELBOURNE, 9 Sept—New Zealand have arguably the best openside flankers in world rugby but the loss of captain Richie McCaw to injury is still a "big blow" for the All Blacks, according to South Africa coach Heyneke Meyer. McCaw hobbled off the pitch when 125 kg prop Charlie Fau-

showdown against the resurgent Springboks at Eden Park, a match between two undefeated sides that could go a long way to deciding the title. "Obviously, I've got a lot of respect for Richie. He's probably one of the best players that have ever played the game," Meyer told reporters in Auckland

the best opensides around. (Cane's) a quality player. If he's an openside in Super Rugby, being New Zealander he's a quality player. "They've won a lot of games without Richie as well and they won't change their game-plan, so we know what to expect." Meyer's Springboks arrive in Auckland in impressive form after a 38-12 demolition of the Wallabies in Brisbane, their biggest win on Australian soil and first at Lang Park in eight attempts.

The Springboks face a huge task to upset the world champions and title-holders at Eden Park, though, where they have not beaten the hosts since 1937. "I truly believe this is going to be the ultimate challenge, tougher than we've ever had before but it's a great challenge and I love being in New Zealand," Meyer said. "I think that's the mindset and can't wait to get onto the field." "We know we're probably, totally underdogs but we like that tag and we've done well under that tag so we feel that we're in a win-win situation and we can't wait to get going."

Reuters



New Zealand rugby union team captain Richie McCaw walks off the pitch after their Captain's Run training session ahead of their Autumn Test rugby union match against Scotland at Murrayfield Stadium in Edinburgh, Scotland on 10 Nov, 2012. —REUTERS

muina fell on his left leg during Saturday's win over Argentina in Hamilton and may not play another match in the southern hemisphere tournament.

With McCaw sidelined, Sam Cane is expected to take his place for this weekend's Rugby Championship

on Monday. "They've still got great leaders, (back-rower) Kieran Read and a lot of other guys as well but there's only one Richie McCaw and definitely it will be a big blow for them."

"One thing I know about New Zealand rugby, is (they have) probably

Australia's Mitchell Johnson appeals during the first day of the second cricket test against Sri Lanka at the Melbourne Cricket Ground on 26 Dec, 2012. REUTERS



tralian cricket going forward, that's for sure. "I think if Mitch continues to bowl the way he's bowling, there's no doubt he wants to be a part of all three forms of the

game. "And all you can do is perform, as a bowler take wickets and if you're a batter score runs, and the selectors will certainly have to think about it."—Reuters

Wrestling body credits 'modernization' for sport's Olympic return

BUENOS AIRES, 9 Sept—The head of the world wrestling body said on Sunday "modernization" helped the sport get reinstated in the 2020 and 2024 Olympic Games. The president of the International Federation of Associated Wrestling Styles (FILA), Serbia's Nenad Lalovic, said the

members of the International Olympic Committee (IOC), who voted earlier in the day to put wrestling back in the programme after axing it seven months ago, were convinced the sport has "improved" and "modernized".

"We had to think about why they had proposed we

leave the Games and then we studied what road we should take to once again be part of the Olympic family. We improved all of the areas the IOC pointed out, and this vote is the outcome," said Lalovic. At a Press conference following the IOC vote in Buenos Aires, which reinstated wrestling

and nixed baseball/softball and squash, Lalovic said his organization's Save Olympic Wrestling campaign succeeded "in modernizing our sport."

"Wrestling is not a new Olympic sport, but what we are presenting today is a new kind of wrestling," added Lalovic.—Xinhua

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Fireworks explode at the closing ceremony of the International Military Music Festival in Moscow, Russia, on 8 Sept, 2013.—XINHUA

Baseball-softball vow to fight on after Olympic rejection

BUENOS AIRES, 9 Sept—Baseball and softball have vowed to make another pitch to be readmitted to the Olympics after striking out on Sunday.

Riccardo Fraccari, the president of the International Baseball Federation, told *Reuters* that baseball and softball were not giving up hope of getting back in the Olympics.

The two sports joined forces as the World Base-

ball Softball Confederation (WBSC) to bid against wrestling and squash for the one available berth on the Olympic programme for the 2020 and 2024 Games. But they missed out after the International Olympic Committee (IOC) members voted overwhelming to reinstate wrestling. Baseball-softball finished second in the three-way ballot.

“Congratulations to wrestling and FILA. It’s an

honour to have presented before the IOC, alongside great competitors like squash and wrestling,” Fraccari said. “The WBSC will continue working hard and will continue listening and learning from the IOC, so that baseball and softball can come under the Olympic umbrella to serve and strengthen the Olympic Movement, as our sport expands and globalises further.”

The odds were stacked against baseball and softball winning the vote. Wrestling was only kicked off the Olympic programme seven months ago, but immediately introduced a raft of reforms to win back its place. Baseball and softball were on the Olympic programme from 1992 to 2008 but were voted out in a secret ballot in 2005, becoming the first sports to be removed from the Olympics since polo in 1936.

Reuters



Members of the International Olympic Committee (IOC) watch the presentation of baseball and softball to be included as an Olympic sport in Buenos Aires on 8 Sept, 2013.—REUTERS

Uruguayan found alive after four months lost in the Andes

BUENOS AIRES, 9 Sept—A 58-year-old Uruguayan man who disappeared four months ago in the remote Andes Mountains was found alive on Sunday, after he spent a brutal winter eating rats and raisins to survive, local media reported.

Raul Fernando Gomez Circunegui in May set out to cross the mountains from Chile to Argentina on foot because his motorcycle broke down. He then reportedly lost his way during a snowstorm.

Argentine officials from the northwestern Province of San Juan stumbled upon Gomez in a shelter 2,840 metres (9,318 feet) above sea level when they traveled there to record snow levels.

A feeble Gomez was able to hobble over and open

the shelter’s door, alerting the crew to his presence.

“The truth is that this is a miracle. We still can’t believe it,” San Juan Governor Jose Luis Gioja told the local *Diario de Cuyo* newspaper. “We let him talk to his wife, his mother and his daughter. ... I asked him: ‘Are you a believer?’ He told me, ‘no, but now I am.’”

Sugar, raisins, rats and the shelter’s leftover supplies kept Gomez alive through the Southern Hemisphere’s winter. He lost 20 kilos (44 pounds) during the ordeal and is dehydrated, according to media reports.

Photos of an emaciated, bearded Gomez resting on a bed were splashed on the websites of Argentine newspapers *Clarín* and *La Nación*.—*Reuters*

Oracle win shows New Zealand has not locked up America’s Cup

SAN FRANCISCO, 9 Sept—Oracle Team USA edged out Emirates Team New Zealand in a blustery fourth race for the America’s Cup on Sunday, reminding the Kiwis, who won the first three races of the event, that the American yacht is formidable. While government-backed New Zealand won the third heat of the 17-race final series on San Francisco Bay, software billionaire Larry Ellison’s Oracle team led the first half of that match and controlled the entire fourth race, cruising into the finish about eight seconds in front of the Kiwis.

Though Oracle started the finals behind by two races due to a jury-imposed cheating penalty, the series now looks like a contest

between two well-matched, high-tech 72-foot catamarans. “A lesser team probably would have crumbled in the fourth race,” a jubilant Oracle skipper Jimmy Spithill said at a news conference. “It feels good to

shift the momentum over towards us.” Oracle had better starts near the fog-enshrouded Golden Gate Bridge than New Zealand in both Sunday races. In the first Spithill forced the challengers into a right-of-way infraction that

prompted a penalty.

But the Kiwis got around the Americans in an upwind tacking dual on the third leg off Alcatraz Island. Oracle was unable to regain the lead, trailing by 28 seconds at the finish line. The New Zealand boat looked fast upwind, turning a 17-second Oracle lead at the mark ending the first downwind leg, into a 29-second advantage over Oracle at the windward turning mark near the Golden Gate. Oracle’s AC72 seemed to excel when the wind increased to over 20 knots (23 miles per hour) in the second race of the day. Spithill, an Australian, used aggressive pre-start tactics to claim the advantageous position as the race kicked off.—*Reuters*



Emirates Team New Zealand (L) and Oracle Team USA head back to the course for Race 4 of the 34th America’s Cup yacht sailing race in San Francisco, California on 8 Sept, 2013.—REUTERS

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7:20 am	4:30 pm
4. People Talks	23. Song of National Races
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5. Teleplay (Health)	24. University of Distance Education (TV Lectures)
8:00 am	-First Year (Maths)
6. News/ International News	4:50 pm
8:25 am	25. Documentary
7. Teleplay (SEA Games)	5:00 pm
9:00 am	26. News
8. News/International News	5:15 pm
9:25 am	27. SEA Games Go for Gold
9. Documentary	6:00 pm
9:45 am	28. News/ Weather Report
10. Business News	6:20 pm
10:00 am	29. Documentary
11. News	6:45 pm
10:15 am	30. TV Drama Series
12. TV Drama Series	7:00 pm
11:05 am	31. News
13. Tamyethnar Takwetsar	7:15 pm
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14. News/International News/Weather Report	8:00 pm
12:25 pm	33. News/ International News/ Weather Report
15. Myanmar Video	8:35 pm
1:50 pm	34. Pyi Thu Ni Ti
16. Traditional Boxing	8:45 pm
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17. Musical Programme	9:00 pm
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**Republic of the Union of Myanmar
Pyidaungsu Hluttaw**

Announcement No (3/2013)
5th Waxing of Tawthalin, 1375 ME
(9th September, 2013)

**Eighth Regular Session of First
Pyidaungsu Hluttaw summoned**

It is hereby announced that in accord with Section 79 of the Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, Section 13 of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Law and Rule 3 and Sub-rule (b) of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Law, Eight Regular Session of First Pyidaungsu Hluttaw has been summoned to take place in Nay Pyi Taw at 2 pm on 1 October, 2013 (Tuesday) (12th Waning of Tawthalin, 1375 ME).

Sd/Thura Shwe Mann
Speaker
Pyidaungsu Hluttaw

**Republic of the Union of Myanmar
Pyithu Hluttaw**

Announcement No (2/2013)
5th Waxing of Tawthalin, 1375 ME
(9th September, 2013)

**Eighth Regular Session of First
Pyithu Hluttaw summoned**

It is hereby announced that in accord with Section 126 of the Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and Section 35 of Pyithu Hluttaw Law, Eight Regular Session of First Pyithu Hluttaw has been summoned to take place in Nay Pyi Taw at 10 am on 1 October, 2013 (Tuesday) (12th Waning of Tawthalin, 1375 ME).

Sd/Thura Shwe Mann
Speaker
Pyithu Hluttaw

**Republic of the Union of Myanmar
Amyotha Hluttaw**

Announcement No (2/2013)
5th Waxing of Tawthalin, 1375 ME
(9th September, 2013)

**Eighth Regular Session of First
Amyotha Hluttaw summoned**

It is hereby announced that in accord with Section 155 of the Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and Section 35 of Amyotha Hluttaw Law, Eight Regular Session of First Amyotha Hluttaw has been summoned to take place in Nay Pyi Taw at 10 am on 1 October, 2013 (Tuesday) (12th Waning of Tawthalin, 1375 ME).

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Speaker
Amyotha Hluttaw

Special Appellate Bench sits

NAY PYI TAW, 9 Sept—A Special Appellate Bench consisting of Chief Justice of the Union U Tun Tun Oo and all judges of the Supreme Court of the Union handed down six special

civil appeal cases and heard two special criminal appeal cases and four special civil appeal cases at the Supreme Court of the Union this morning.

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**Republic of the Union of Myanmar
Union Government
Notification
(No. 58/2013)**

5th Waxing of Tawthalin, 1375 ME
(9th September, 2013)

**Appointment of members of
advisory group to the President**

The following persons have been appointed as members shown against each advisory group to the President formed under Notification No (1/2011) dated 19-4-2011 and Notification No (53/2013) dated 7-8-2013 of the Union Government.

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| (1) U Than Swe | Political Advisory Group |
| Ambassador (Retd) | |
| (2) U Thaung Nyunt | Legal Advisory Group |
| Minister (Retd) | |

By order

Zaw Than Thin
Secretary
Union Government

Notice to Hluttaw representatives

The 8th regular sessions of Pyithu Hluttaw and Amyotha Hluttaw will be held at the meeting hall of the Hluttaw Complex in Nay Pyi Taw at 10:00 am on 1 October (Tuesday), 2013, and Pyidaungsu Hluttaw at 2:00 pm on that day. Invitation letters have been sent to Hluttaw representatives.

The representatives are requested to report at the Nay Pyi Taw Hluttaw Office No. (20) **not later than 30 September, 2013 and not earlier than 29 September, 2013** whether or not they receive the invitation letters and bring their representative registration cards and representative scrutiny cards.

**Hluttaw delegation leaves for
Indonesia**

YANGON, 9 Sept—A Myanmar delegation led by Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Public Accounts Joint Committee Secretary U Maung Toe left here by air this morning to attend Workshop on Parliamentary Budget to be held in Jakarta of Indonesia from 9 to 13 September. They

were seen off by the officials from the Hluttaw Office at Yangon International Airport.

Pyithu Hluttaw Legal Affairs and Special Cases Assessment Commission Member U Khin Soe accompanied the delegation.—MNA

**Union SWRR Minister back from ASEAN
Ministerial Meeting in Cambodia**

NAY PYI TAW, 9 Sept—Union Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Dr Daw Myat Myat Ohn Khin attended the ASEAN Ministerial Meeting for Social Welfare and Development (AMMSWD) in Cambodia from 5 to 8 September.

On 6 September, the Union minister attended the meeting between Cambodian Prime Minister Mr Hun Sen and ASEAN ministers in Siem Reap. She then attended the 8th ASEAN Ministerial Meeting for Social Welfare and Development.

Speaking on the occasion, the Union minister said that the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement is providing social welfare services to children, women, the disabled persons and the aged. The Child Law was enacted in 1993 and its rules and regulations in 2001. At present, the Child Law is being updated in conformity with the new era and system. Early Child Care and Development Bill and



Union Minister Dr Daw Myat Myat Ohn Khin poses for documentary photo with ministers of ASEAN at 7th AMMSWD.—MNA

policies will be approved soon. ASEAN countries need to gather data for protection of women and children against violence and to do research works.

On 7 September, the Union minister attended the 4th ASEAN+3 Ministerial Meeting on Social Welfare and Development at Sokha Angko of Siem Reap. The Union minister said that the ministry is in the process of drawing the laws for protection of women and

children against violence, opening of early childhood development centre in Yangon, drawing of national policies for youth and the aged and establishment of Social Welfare University in Yangon. She confirmed that Myanmar would carry on implementation of regional comprehensive social welfare system like that of other ASEAN countries.

The 8th ASEAN Ministerial Meeting released the ASEAN Declaration

on Strengthening Social Protection, the ASEAN Declaration on Elimination of Violence against Women and Children and the Joint Statement of 8th ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on Social Welfare and Development. The 4th ASEAN+3 Ministerial Meeting issued the Joint Statement of 4th ASEAN+3 Ministerial Meeting on Social Welfare and Development.

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Chief Minister of Yangon Region U Myint Swe and wife being welcomed by Ambassador of Democratic People's Republic of Korea to Myanmar Mr Kim Sok Chol and wife at the reception to mark the Day of the Foundation of the DPRK at Chatrium Hotel in Yangon on 9 September.—MNA