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President U Thein Sein meets 88 Generation Peace and Open Society Group

NAY PYI TAW, 14 Sept—President U Thein Sein held talks with the 88 Generation Peace and Open Society Group led by U Min Ko Naing at the meeting hall of farmer educative mechanized farming model plantation (500-acre) here this morning.

They held a cordial discussion on emergence of all-inclusive political process for ensuring peace and national reconsolidation, mapping out of a new form of political culture, flourishing of democracy system, promoting socio-economic status of the people, dealing with the possible challenges in transitional period with a visionary and farsighted view, land disputes, political prisoners affairs and all inclusiveness of national races groups, political parties and Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) including the Union government, the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and national races armed groups outside the Hluttaws in the process of working together among those with different views, ceasefires and peace-making.

Also present at the call together with the president were Union Ministers U Soe Thane, U Aung Min, U Tin Naing Thein, U Ohn Myint and U Khin Yi. U Ko Ko Gyi, U Min Zeya, U Htay Gywe, U Jimmy, Daw Nilar Thein, U Mar Kee, U Aung Thu, U Thet Zin, U Zaw Min and Sangyoung U Ko Ko Gyi from the 88 Generation Peace and Open Society Group accompanied U Min Ko Naing.—*MNA*

President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein conversing with the 88 Generation Peace and Open Society Group led by U Min Ko Naing.
MNA

President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein poses for documentary photo together with the 88 Generation Peace and Open Society Group led by U Min Ko Naing.—MNA

Timor-Leste PM and wife visit Bagan

NAY PYI TAW, 14 Sept— Prime Minister of Timor-Leste Mr. Kay Rala Xanana Gusmão and wife Mrs. Kirsty Sword-Gusmão left Mandalay for NyaungU by air this morning.

The Prime Minister and party visited Shwesigon Pagoda, Htilominlo, Ananda and Myingaba Gupyaukgyi temples in Bagan ancient cultural areas.

At Myanmar Lacquerware Institute, they were presented a large lacquer bowl with stand and cover by Director-General U Kyaw Ngwe of the Small Scale Industries Department.

In the evening, they proceeded to Bagan Archaeological Museum where they observed preservation of cultural heritages of Bagan Dynasty, handicraft and literature booths. They were presented puppet and a book on museum given by Deputy Minister for Culture Daw Sanda Khin.

Next, the delegation bought various kinds of lacquerwares at U Ba Nyein Lacquerware House in Khayay Street in Khantlatt Ward in Bagan.

They returned to Yangon by air, and attended a dinner hosted by Yangon Region Chief Minister U Myint Swe and wife at Chatrium Hotel in Yangon.—*MNA*

Timor-Leste Prime Minister Mr. Kay Rala Xanana Gusmão and wife visit U Ba Nyein Lacquerware House.—MNA

LOCAL NEWS

Japanese, Korean delegations observe Nay Pyi Taw mechanized farmlands

NAY PYI TAW, 14 Sept—Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing held a meeting with a delegation led by Chief Resident Representative Mr. Shin Man-Shik of Korea International Cooperation Agency (KOICA Myanmar) at the meeting hall of the ministry here on 9 September. They discussed matters on establishment of agricultural machinery training school by the ministry in cooperation with KOICA and transformation of 100-acre farmlands into mechanized farming in Tegyigon Village of Zabuthiri Township.

After the meeting, the Union minister and reps from KOICA observed thriving Korea quality paddy at the paddy research farm near Tegyigon Village of Ngalike irrigation area in Zabuthiri Township and various agricultural machinery at the warehouse near Chaing Village.

On 12 September morning, the Union minister together with Deputy Ministers U Ohn Than and U Khin Zaw, the deputy director-general from the MAFF of Japan observed vegetable and pineapple plantations at 900-acre farmland of Setsetyo irrigated area in Ottarathiri Township.

They looked round vegetable processing plant, Satake rice mill, completion of harvesting and grinding of Japanese paddy strains, storage of paddy strains, organic crop plantations, advanced milch cow breeding farms, thriving of 500-acre Palethwe monsoon paddy plantation in Pyinmana Township and 3000-acre Palethwe monsoon paddy plantation of Yanaungmyin irrigated area in Dekkhinathiri Township. The Union minister and the Japanese guests discussed JICA's assistance programmes for development of Myanmar's agriculture sector and promotion of Myanmar's agricultural export products to Japanese market.—*MNA*

Lunch hosted to Japan-Myanmar Association Chairman

YANGON, 14 Sept—The Myanmar-Japan Association hosted a luncheon to Chairman of Japan-Myanmar Association Mr. Hideo Watanabe and members at Kandawgyi Palace Hotel, here, yesterday afternoon.

Myanmar-Japan Association Chairman U Saw Hla Min and CEC members and Japan-Myanmar Association Chairman Mr. Hideo Watanabe and members concentrated on sector-wide cooperation between the two associations over lunch.

The Japanese Ambassador to Myanmar and officials concerned from the Japanese Chambers of Commerce and Industry were also present on the occasion.—*MNA*

Criminal Case

Over 400 snakes seized at Muse 105-mile checkpoint

MUSE, 14 Sept—An inspection team formed with departments seized 26 bags comprising cobra and various species of snakes from the Surf near Tungkhan Village of Muse 105-mile checkpoint in Muse Township of Shan State (North) on 5 September.

A total of 428 snakes from the bags were temporarily kept at the office of Muse Township Forest Department.

Of these reptiles, cobras were handed over to No. 1 Pharmaceutical Factory (Yangon) at 10 am on 11 September.

"In the past, if the officials seized snakes at the checkpoints, they released them into the forests. These snakes reproduced next generations and then snakes were found in the place which is not their native. Therefore, it was so dangerous. We could not find the snakes with venom here. We are pleased with information that the snakes were handed over to the factory," said a local.

Kyemon-Thein Zaw (ShweliU)

International Literacy Day observed in An

AN, 14 Sept—A ceremony to mark the International Literacy Day 2013 was observed at Pyinnya Yadana Hall of Basic Education High School No. 1 in An of Kyaukpyu District in Rakhine State on 8 September.

At first, An Township Administrator U Kan Saw Hlaing spoke on the occasion.

Deputy Township Education Officer U Nyan Tun explained matters related to International Literacy Day.

Departmental officials presented prizes to the winner students at high and middle school level essay contests in honour of Ashin Uttama Day.

Also present on the occasion were members of social organizations, townselders and students, totaling about 150.

Kyemon-Than Maung (An)

Electrification

Digital electric meters installed in Bago

BAGO, 14 Sept—Electricians from Bago Region Electrical Engineer's Office installed digital electric meters at the houses in Bago urban area.

Assistant Engineer U Htein Win and party of Bago Region Electrical Engineer's Office install the meters in Mon Sanpya and Shwephayonme Sections of Hinthagon Ward 19 in Bago on 11 September.

"We give priority to installation of digital meters at the RC posts. Wooden lamp-posts were substituted with concrete ones. We worked installation of meters in the residential wards with no factory and industry, from 9 am to 5 pm.

In the urban areas with many factories and industries, we cut out electrification when we install the digital meters. We informed the local people of cutting out the duration of electrification," said Assistant Engineer U Htein Win.

Kyemon-Min Sit Thu

An electrician install digital electric metre.

National Sports

Myanmar sweeps seven gold, four silver, six bronze in Thai Karatedo Open

YANGON, 14 Sept—Myanmar Karatedo team bagged seven gold, four silver and six bronze medals in the Thai Karatedo Open in Bangkok of Thailand from 7 to 10 September.

Myanmar team led by President of Myanmar Karatedo Federation Dr Win Zaw is made up of 35 athletes, coaches and manager.

Yi Nwe Win secured one gold in women's singles Kata event, Min Hein Khant, one gold in men's singles Kata event, Myanmar women's team comprising Thazin Aye, Po Mya and Swe Swe Aung, one gold in Kata event, men's team comprising Min Hein Khant, Kyaw Kyaw Tun and Aung Khant, one gold in Kata event, Aprial Phaw one gold in women's Kumite under-50 kilo class, Nway Nway Zaw Win one gold in women's under-61 kilo Kumite event and Saw Kyaw Thu one gold in men's under-84 kilo class Kumite event.

Thazin Aye won one silver in women's singles Kata event, Po Ei Phyu one silver in women' under-68 kilo class Kumite event, Myint Maung Maung Hein one silver in men's under-55 kilo class Kumite event and San Toe in men's under-60 kilo class Kumite event.

Thet Htut Oo and Kyaw Kyaw Tun secured one bronze medal in men's single Kata event and Ju Steena one bronze in women's under-50 kilo class Kumite event, Win Thuza Min and Khaing Khaing Htet in women's under-55 kilo class Kumite event and Tin Tun Aung in men's under-67 kilo class Kumite event.

A total of 15 gold, 15 silver and 30 bronze medals were awarded to the winners in the contest.

Of them, Myanmar athletes won seven gold, four silver and six bronze medals, standing top on the table of nine contending teams.

The victorious Myanmar Karatedo team arrived back here by air on 11 September.

They were welcomed back at Yangon International Airport by Principal Director U Kyaw Hsan Oo and officials of Sports and Physical Education Institute (Yangon).

Khin Maung Win (Kyemon)

Beware of Dengue Hemorrhagic Fever

UN report expected to confirm chemical arms used in Syria

A UN chemical weapons expert, wearing a gas mask, holds a plastic bag containing samples from one of the sites of an alleged chemical weapons attack in the Ain Tarma neighbourhood of Damascus on 29 Aug, 2013.—Reuters

United Nations, 14 Sept — A report by UN chemical weapons experts will likely confirm that poison gas was used in a 21 August attack on Damascus suburbs that killed hundreds of people, UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon said on Friday.

"I believe that the report will be an overwhelming, overwhelming report that chemical weapons (were) used, even though I cannot publicly say at this time before I receive this report," Ban said at a UN meeting.

He was referring to an eagerly awaited report by the UN expert team led by Ake Sellstrom of Sweden.

UN spokesman Farhan Haq said that Ban does not have Sellstrom's report yet. Ban has said previously, however, that he was in contact with Sellstrom and had urged him to expedite his conclusions.

France's UN ambassador, Gerard Araud, told reporters on Monday is the tentative date for Ban to present Sellstrom's report to the Security Council and other UN member states.

Ban also said on Friday that Syrian President Bashar al-Assad "has committed many crimes against humanity," though he did not say whether it was Assad's forces or rebels who used the chemical weapons in the 21 August attack.

While Sellstrom's report will not explicitly pin the blame on either side, diplomats say the facts they gathered could suggest which side in the 2-1/2 year civil war was responsible.

The United States and other Western powers blame forces loyal to Assad for the attack. Russian President Vladimir Putin asserts there is "every reason to believe" it was carried out by rebels.

Two Western diplomats said they strongly expect Sellstrom's report will confirm the US view that sarin gas was used in the attack, which the United States says killed over 1,400 people, many of them children.

The diplomats added they expected the report would indirectly implicate the Syrian government. They declined to elaborate, but the details that the report could include are types of weapons used and trajectories.

Sellstrom's report could become a bargaining chip in talks between Russia and Western powers on conditions for Syria to give up its chemical weapons and the terms of a UN Security Council resolution on the matter.

Reuters

Mongolian Prime Minister Norov Altankhuyag (standing) gives a speech during a dinner party at the prime minister's office in Tokyo on 13 Sept, 2013. Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe is seen to the right.
Kyodo News

French, British, US top diplomats to meet Monday on Syrian issue

Paris, 14 Sept — Foreign ministers of France, Britain and the US were scheduled to meet in Paris on Monday afternoon to discuss the Syrian crisis, France's foreign ministry said on Friday. On the same day, the foreign ministry also said France considered Syria's plan to sign up the global treaty banning chemical arms "insufficient" and that a UN resolution was necessary to end Syrian crisis.

"The statements by the Syrian regime are useful, but definitely insufficient. We can't just accept statements of intent by the Syrians. We need commitments that can be set, monitored and checked," foreign ministry spokesman Philippe Lalliot said.

"There has to be a UN Security Council resolution because it is a text that is legally binding. All other texts within the council are insufficient, such as a presidential declaration...," he added. On Thursday, Damascus accepted a Russian proposal to place its chemical arsenal under international control and allow its destruction to avert an eventual US-led military operation.

Experts say removing 1,000 tons of chemical weapons, located in secret installations, would take long months and even years to destroy the total stocks.

"It's a time frame that is much longer than we expect. If there were any breaches, they would need to be punished, otherwise resolutions would have no sense," Lalliot said.

France proposed a UN resolution outlining conditions to ensure the chemical arms handover by setting "extremely serious consequences for violation of Syria's commitment" and sanctions "against the perpetrators of the chemical massacre ... who have to be brought before the International Criminal Court.

The Syrian opposition claimed that some 1,300 people were killed in a chemical weapon attack by the government troops on militant strongholds in the suburbs of Damascus on 21 August, something the Syrian government strongly denied.—*Xinhua*

Kerry to visit Israel on peace process

Washington, 14 Sept — US Secretary of State John Kerry will visit Israel and meet with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu to discuss Mideast peace process and Syria, the State Department announced on Friday. According to a State Department press release, Kerry will travel to Jerusalem Sunday to have "an in-depth discussion with the Prime Minister on the final status negotiations between the Israelis and Palestinians."

The department said they will also "focus on development in Syria." Kerry met with Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas in London, Britain, Monday on the peace process.—*Xinhua*

NATO ready to protect Turkey from Syrian conflict repercussion

Budapest, 14 Sept — NATO's primary concern amid the conflict in Syria is to keep its allies safe, which at this time means defending Turkey, Air Force General Philip Breedlove, Supreme Allied Commander Europe of NATO Operations told Hungarian wire service MTI in a Friday interview. Breedlove, a four-star general of the US, is attending a three-day meeting of NATO's senior military authority, the Military Committee. He said NATO would do whatever it took to protect Turkey, which borders Syria, adding that at this point, that was NATO's sole responsibility as far as Syria was concerned.

Breedlove acknowledged that NATO had Patriot missiles deployed along the Turkish-Syrian border, which it would use for defensive purposes if necessary. He also said he thought the countries of the world agreed that the Syrian conflict needed to end as soon as possible. However, he added, it was too soon to say how it would end. Regarding the chemical weapons, he said that NATO's allies increasingly agreed that the Assad regime had used them against its own people. Chemical weapons were weapons of mass destruction, he added, and all such weapons were a global threat. Breedlove praised the NATO alliance, calling it the most successful alliance in world history. He acknowledged that the economic downturn was a challenge but, he said, it was also an opportunity to streamline operations while waiting for members to weather the crisis.—*Xinhua*

Jamel Gamra, the Tunisian minister of tourism, is pictured during an interview with Kyodo News in Tokyo on 13 Sept, 2013.
Kyodo News

Geneva talks at "pivotal point"

Beijing, 14 Sept — The United States and Russia are "coming to agreement" on the size of Syria's chemical weapons stockpiles in their Geneva talks and reaching a "pivotal point," according to a US official.

US Secretary of State John Kerry opened talks with his Russian counterpart Sergei Lavrov on Thursday night. Their discussion centres on a Russian proposal under which Syria would sign international treaties banning chemical weapons and hand over its stocks for destruction.

The meeting, originally scheduled for two days will now continue into Saturday. Both nations have vowed to renew efforts to negotiate a peaceful end to the Syrian civil war. Syria became a full member of the global anti-chemical weapons treaty on Thursday according to its envoy to the UN.

Xinhua

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

HTC One max purported press branding render leaks

MUMBAI, 14 Sept—The HTC One max, which has been rumoured for quite some time, is in the news again, this time thanks to a leaked branding image. The leak comes from the notorious phone tipster, @evleaks who has posted a press render of the device's branding revealing the official name for the device, HTC One 'max'. The image confirms that the upcoming phablet will follow the naming convention previously seen in the HTC One mini, with the suffix in all lower-case. The tweet said, "Would have thought MAX..."

Prior to this, @evleaks claimed that the company planned to officially introduce the smartphone codenamed HTC T6 as the HTC One max. The HTC One max's alleged renders were also leaked, recently.— *PTI*

Asus K5130 desktop PC with DOS operating system launched

MUMBAI, 14 Sept—Asus has launched its K5130 desktop PC in the Indian market.

The Asus K5130 desktop PC is powered by a 2.8GHz Intel Core i3 3220T processor with Intel HD Graphics and 4GB of RAM which is expandable up to 8GB. It features Intel Turbo Boost Technology 2.0 that enables processor cores to run faster than the base operating frequency, as per claims by the company. The desktop supports data transfer speeds of up to at 4.8Gbps with USB 3.0.

The ASUS K5130 desktop PC runs DOS operating system and includes Ai Charger technology which claims to offer up to 50 percent faster charging speeds for all USB-compatible devices. The PC comes with 500GB of internal storage. Asus notes that the new desktop also natively supports hard drives larger than 2.2TB in 64-bit operating systems.

The Asus K5130 has been priced at Rs. 25, 800 (without monitor), and users can opt to pay an additional Rs. 5,950 for the ASUS VS197DE Monitor. The desktop PC comes with 3 Years onsite warranty.

Earlier, Asus launched ET2301, an all-in-one desktop PC, for Rs. 1,00,803 in India. The Asus ET2301 features a 23-inch multi-touch full-HD IPS display which can deliver 178-degree wide viewing angles. It is powered by a fourth-generation Intel Core i5 processor with Nvidia's GeForce GT 740M graphics processor with DirectX 11 and Nvidia's 3D Vision technology. It comes with up to 3TB SATA hard drive and 8GB of RAM. The all-in-one runs Windows 8 and weighs around 11.6 kilograms. Asus ET2301 also sports a 2-megapixel front-facing camera with auto-focus and 1080p HD video recording capabilities.

PTI

Tiny recon robots herald new generation of drones

LONDON,14 Sept—Ex-US Marine Ernest Langdon pulls a pin and throws a small black object onto the ground. But it doesn't explode. Instead, the robot rights itself and swiftly scuttles away, feeding infrared video back to a small radio control screen.

Unmanned drones have become an almost ubiquitous presence on the battlefield for US and other high-tech forces.

But the market for remote controlled vehicles is evolving from the sometimes multi-tonne craft that patrol the skies over Afghanistan or Yemen, carrying out reconnaissance and targeted strikes, to tiny robots that police and even film companies can use.

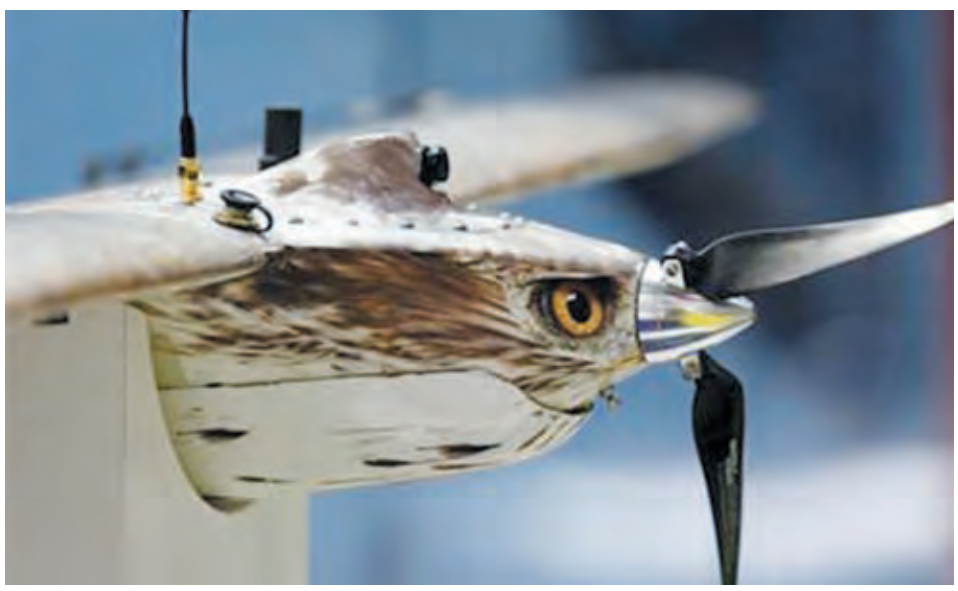
The top end of the market continues to be dominated by US companies such as Lockheed Martin, Northrop Grumman and General Atomics, formerly a division of General Dynamics and creator of the Predator and Reaper drones. Other major defence firms such as BAE Systems are pushing forward with next-generation drones with stealth and other features. Smaller companies are increasingly redefining the industry, however. Drones on display at this week's DSEI defence fair at London's Excel exhibition centre include undersea robots that can act as mini submarines or simply drive along the surface of the seabed to clear mines or conduct reconnaissance.

Remote control "quadrocopters" with four or more rotors can be launched from backpacks. Even conventional military vehicles are becoming increasingly robotized. The stand of US truck manufacturer Oshkosh Corp showcases a picture of a convoy of military trucks it says are being entirely remote-controlled.

Critics of the use of drones controlled remotely argue that they make warfare too clinical and easy, and too often end up killing innocent people.

Advocates say the reality is that a drone removes the three "D"s—"difficult, dull and dangerous"—making it increasingly difficult to justify deploying human beings in certain situations.

Reuters



A Shepherd-MIL Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV) is seen during the Defence Security Equipment International (DSEI) arms fair at ExCel in London on 10 Sept, 2013.—REUTERS

THE SIGHTS

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The Capital Nay Pyi Taw

Uppatasanti Pagoda Nay Pyi Taw

The Uppatasanti Pagoda in Nay Pyi Taw, is a replica of the magnificent Shwedagon Pagoda in Yangon. Within the vicinity of the pagoda are the Sasana Beikman (building for discussing matters to do with Buddhism), four halls for members of the Sangha (monks), a monastery and an ordination hall.

Nay Pyi Taw

Literally meaning 'Royal Capital', Nay Pyi Taw was declared Myanmar's capital on 1 January, 2006. Nay Pyi Taw is expanding rapidly because it is attracting people from throughout the country.

Ngalaik Kantha Resort

The Ngalaik Kantha Resort - where visitors can relax in a soothing natural envoriment- is on the Ngalaik dam near Kyweshin village, about 11 kilometres (7 miles) from the national capital, Nay Pyi Taw. The resort offers scenic views across the dam to the Bago mountain range.Activities at the 8538 hectare (21,100 acre) resort include horse, buggy and boat rides, as well as hiking and cycling.

The resort also includes a golf course and a beach and water slide. Bungalows are available for visitors who wish to have an extended stay.

Gem Museum Nay Pyi Taw

Myanmar's Gem Museum in Nay Pyi Taw exhibits world-class gems, jade and jewellery.

The museum displays the world's largest natural pearl, weighting 45.06 mommes (845 carats), as well as a Myanmar cultured pearl weighting 9.8 mommes (104.39 carats), and the biggest ruby found in Myanmar, of 21,450 carats.

Jade Garden

The Jade Garden is next to the hall where Gem Emporiums are held. It is beautifully landscaped, with large jade boulder set amid its lawns.

Zoological Garden

The Zoological Garden in Nay Pyi Taw is the biggest in Myanmar. The zoo covers about 200 hectares (500 acres) and is home to 430 animals, representing 81 species. They include animals found in Myanmar and exotic species such as penguins and kangaroos. One of the star attractions of the zoo is a family of white tigers.

Myanmar International Convention Centre (MICC)

Myanmar International Convention Centre (MICC) is in Zabuthiri Township, about five minutes drive away from Nay Pyi Taw hotel zone. Designed and built by Chinese compaines, the 312,000 square feet centre occupies a 16-acre site. The centre's plenary hall can accommodate nearly 2000 participants. Meeting rooms, a 306-persons capacity news briefing room, a media centre and 720-persons capacity banque hall are on its ground floor. Because it can accommodate a large number of people it is an ideal place for national level meetings, workshops and ceremonies.

Safari Park in Nay Pyi Taw

The Nay Pyi Taw Safari Park is the first in its kind in Myanmar to offer visitors the opportunity of seeing wild animals in a natural envoriment. The 117 hectare (291 acre) park opened in early 2011 and is next to the Zoological Gardens. The park, with three zones for Asian, Australian and African safaris, has nearly 300 animals from throughout the world, including lions, tigers, deer, camels, giraffes, kangaroos and the rare white rhinoceros. Buses seating 29 passangers and Jeeps capable of carrying up to 29 people are available for touring the park.

The Nay Pyi Taw Safari Park is open daily from 8am to 4pm.

BUSINESS & HEALTH

Gordon Brown says China's commitment to growth will drive global economy

London, 14 Sept—Former British Prime Minister Gordon Brown said that China's degree of success will determine global growth, and determine whether the 21st century would be the Asian century.

In a column article issued by *Reuters* on Thursday, Brown, who attended the annual Summer Davos Forum opened on Wednesday in Dalian, a costal city in northeast China, said Chinese officials will reveal how long China will need to make the transition from an investment-led, middle-income country to an innovative, consumer-driven, high-income one, and thus when it will become the world's largest economy.

"Can China circumvent what we know as 'the middle-income trap' that has for decades denied high-income status for Latin America and Asian countries like Malaysia and Thailand?" he asked.

The challenges that China's new leadership faces in pushing for rising levels of innovation, entrepreneurship and skills will be the main discussion points this week at the New Champions summit in Dalian, the former British prime minister said.

Brown, who service as British prime minister from 2007 to 2010, is currently the UN Special Envoy for Global Education, also quoted Chinese Premier Li Keqiang as saying that China "can no longer afford to continue with the old model of consumption and high investment."

Recalling the history of China's development in recent years, Brown said under the first wave of modernization, China's progress to middle-income status has been astounding and dramatic. "In the first decade of the century, China became the world's largest manufacturer. In 2009, China surpassed Germany as the world's largest exporter. In 2010 it passed the US to become the world's largest car producer," according to Brown.

He predicted that China would depend less on exports to the West. In the last decade, merchandise exports to developing economies have already doubled, to 25 percent.

Brown pointed out that China should no longer rely on "one-off" advantages such as the move from an agricultural to an industrial economy, comparatively low-cost labor, and the boost from membership in the WTO. "China knows it will have to move quickly to exploit the "Third Industrial Revolution" from 3D printing and digital design to nanotechnology, biotechnology and genetics, hence its one million research and development workers and its plans for 100 million more graduates," he said.

Brown also noted that most important barriers to long-term success are the disparities in wealth, now being addressed under Chinese premier's desire to "promote social equity."

Xinhua

Foods to help you calm down before sleep

1. Chrysanthemum Tea
2. Honey
3. Potato
4. Almond
5. Graham Bread

Low levels of chloride might post high risk

London, 14 Sept—Sodium in salt is widely acknowledged as a major risk factor for high blood pressure, however, scientists have found that salt's other constituent chloride might play a role.

A study by researchers at the University of Glasgow has revealed that low chloride levels in the blood is an independent indicator of mortality risk in people with hypertension.

The role of chloride in hypertension has received little attention from scientists hitherto.

After analyzing data from almost 13,000 patients with high blood pressure, followed up over 35 years, the researchers found that low levels of chloride was associated with a higher risk of death and cardiovascular disease.

The results are published in the *journal Hypertension.* Dr Sandosh Padmanabhan from University of Glasgow was quoted as saying that: "It is too early to draw any conclusions about relating this finding to salt intake and diet. We need more research to establish exactly what the relationship between chloride and health risk is."

Xinhua

Cost of flying Northrop's Global Hawk down over 50 percent

***An undated US Air Force handout photo of a RQ-4 Global Hawk unmanned aircraft.*—Reuters**

Washington, 14 Sept—The cost of flying Northrop Grumman Corp's (NOC.N) *RQ-4 Global Hawk* unmanned spy plane has dropped more than 50 percent over the past three years, reflecting higher use and efforts to lower operating costs, a source familiar with the programme said.

Government records show that it cost $18,900 per hour to fly the high-altitude reconnaissance and surveillance drone in mid-2013, compared to $40,600 in 2010, according to the source, who was not authorized to speak publicly.

The source said the cost was driven lower in part by higher usage, which meant logistics and support costs were spread over a higher number of flight hours.

Contractor logistic support, which accounts for a large portion of the overall cost per flight hour, dropped even more sharply to just under $11,000 per flight hour, from nearly $25,000 three years ago, the source said.

Details about the operating cost of the unmanned planes emerged as the Air Force worked on two budget proposals for fiscal 2015. One of those examines the impact of a 10 percent across-the-board funding cut that would apply if mandatory spending cuts under sequestration remained in effect.

The Air Force has sought for two years to truncate the Block 30 version of the Global Hawks, arguing that it would be less expensive to keep flying its Cold War-era U2 manned spy planes. Lawmakers have thus far blocked those plans. No comment was immediately available from the Air Force, which operates the unmanned planes, on the flight hour data.

Northrop spokesman Randy Belote declined to comment on specific flight hour data, but said the company was working to improve the performance of the aircraft, which has been used for surveillance over Iraq and Afghanistan, and natural disasters.

The Navy is developing its own version of Global Hawk, called Triton, that will be used for maritime surveillance.

Tom Vice, who heads the company's aeronautics division, told reporters last month that Northrop was continuing aggressive efforts to reduce the cost per flying hour of the plane, and had cut the cost significantly. He gave no further details.

"We're pleased with the operational performance of Global Hawk and are working closely with the Air Force to improve the system and bring down costs," Belote said.

The Air Force announced on Thursday that it had awarded Northrop a contract valued at $170 million to provide logistics support for the RQ-4 Global Hawk through September 2014. The contract includes fielded air vehicles, engines, payloads, ground segments and other support.

Reuters

Banks to get third-quarter profit boost from dipping into reserves

New York, 14 Sept—Top US banks will get billions of dollars of extra profit this quarter from the money they set aside in tougher times to cover bad loans.

Banks including JPMorgan Chase & Co, Wells Fargo & Co and Bank of America Corp said this week that more borrowers are paying their loans on time, which allows the lenders to keep less money on hand to cover loan losses.

Dipping into the money they had previously set aside — known as "releasing reserves" — is entirely legal, and banks have been doing it for some time. But it will be particularly handy for banks this quarter. Mortgage lending has slowed down, cutting into a key source of income growth for the banks.

Meanwhile, overall loan growth has been tepid, Federal Reserve data shows, signaling that there are few obvious sorts of income growth to replace mortgages, and litigation costs for many banks are rising.

"We are in a better quality environment that still is not a growth environment," said Nancy Bush, an analyst at NAB Research in Annandale, New Jersey.

JPMorgan is expected to release around $1.5 billion in the third quarter from areas including credit card loans and mortgages, finance chief Marianne Lake said this week at a conference hosted by Barclays Capital. These reserve releases will allow the bank to set aside more money to cover litigation expenses, Lake said.

Wells Fargo expects to release more reserves in the third quarter than the $500 million in released in the second, Chief Financial Officer Tim Sloan said at the conference. He did not provide a specific number, and a spokeswoman for the San Francisco company declined to comment further.

Bank of America finance chief Bruce Thompson did not provide an estimate of the bank's expected reserve releases when he spoke this week, but he did say that much of its worst loans have been written off, and he said in July that he expects "continued reserve releases, particularly in its consumer real estate portfolios."

Reuters

***Morning commuters walk on Wall Street in New York's financial district on 5 Sept, 2013.*—Reuters**

WORLD

UK's defence ministry to release radio waves for 4G use

A plaque is seen on the Ministry of Defence building entrance in London, on 15 Sept, 2010.—Reuters

London, 14 Sept—Britain's defence ministry plans to release a large chunk of radio waves to regulator Ofcom for commercial use, in a move aimed at helping meet the country's growing demand for mobile data.

Radio airwaves, known as the real estate of the mobile industry, have been the subject of hotly fought auctions between mobile operators such as Vodafone and EE who are racing to roll out superfast 4G services.

The Ministry of Defence (MoD) said on Friday it was preparing to release around 200 Megahertz (MHz) of radio airwaves to Ofcom, which plans to put the spectrum on the market in 2015/16.

It said the airwaves being released were all below 15 GHz, which is regarded as the most useful and valuable part of the radio spectrum because of its wide range of applications.

"Demand for additional spectrum is currently high, fuelled by the needs of consumers to access video and data-hungry applications on their smartphones and tablets," the MoD said in a statement.

"The spectrum being released can help meet this demand by supporting the expansion of fourth-generation mobile services to more people in cities, towns and villages across the UK."

The move is part of a government commitment to release at least 500 MHz of airwaves below 5 GHz by 2020 for new mobile commercial users.

The MoD spectrum to be released will have no impact on the national security or operational effectiveness of the armed forces, Minister for Defence Equipment, Philip Dunne, said.

In February, Ofcom raised 2.3 billion pounds from an auction of 250 MHz worth of 4G airwaves. The MoD said it was not issuing a figure for how much the next release is expected to raise.—*Reuters*

Two roadside bombs kill 30 outside mosque in Baquba

Baquba, 14 Sept—Two roadside bombs killed 30 people outside a mosque in the Iraqi city of Baquba just as Sunni Muslim worshippers were leaving following Friday prayers, police said.

The civil war in neighbouring Syria has strained relations between Islam's two main denominations across the region, contributing to a resurgence of sectarian violence in Iraq.

A further 25 people were wounded in the Baquba explosions, which occurred about ten minutes apart in the ethnically and confessionally mixed city, situated around 65 km (40 miles) northeast of the capital Baghdad.

The second explosion tore through a crowd of people who had rushed to help those hurt in the first blast.

"We were evacuating the wounded after the first roadside bomb exploded inside a dustbin. Ten minutes later another bomb exploded about six meters away from the first and I got some shrapnel in my stomach," teacher Khalid Jameel, 25, told *Reuters* from his hospital bed.

A woman reacts inside a Sunni mosque after two roadside bombs attacks on Sunni Muslim worshippers following Friday prayers in Baquba, around 65 km (40 miles) northeast of the capital Baghdad, on 13 Sept, 2013.—Reuters

It was not immediately clear who carried out the attack.

Separately on Friday a car bomb killed three Shi'ite Muslim pilgrims from Iran in the city of Samarra, where the bombing of a shrine in 2006 touched off the worst sectarian carnage to engulf Iraq after the US-led invasion that toppled Saddam Hussein, a Sunni Muslim.

Violence abated from its peak in 2006-07, but in recent months Sunni Islamist insurgents, who view Shi'ites as non-believers, have been regaining momentum, raising fears of a return to full-blown civil strife in Iraq.

Reuters

Japan captain Makoto Hasebe (L) shows off his new jersey during a Press conference in Nuremburg, Germany, on 12 Sept, 2013, after joining Bundesliga team Nuremberg from rival club Wolfsburg. At right is coach Michael Wiesinger.
Kyodo News

Award-winning Fukushima village head warns to prepare for worst

Geneva, 14 Sept—Masahide Matsumoto, mayor of a village in Japan's Fukushima Prefecture, said upon receiving a UN-sponsored disaster response award in early September that the importance of not underestimating a disaster should be stressed and the worst-case scenario should always be considered.

The 75-year-old Katsurao village mayor received the 2013 Green Star Award from the Green Cross International, the UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs and the UN Environment Programme, for his leadership during the Fukushima nuclear crisis in March 2011. "I was surprised when I found out about the award and thought 'Why me?'" he said.

In the aftermath of the 11 March earthquake and tsunami that set off explosions at the Fukushima Daiichi nuclear power plant, Matsumoto instructed all residents to evacuate the village, located some 20-30 kilometres away from the power plant. His prompt decision, which was made ahead of the central government's evacuation instruction, consequently saved 1,600 residents from being exposed to a high level of radiation, as the plant suffered more explosions just a few hours after the evacuation, covering the entire village with a radioactive plume.

Kyodo News

Newly detained man admits stabbing Japanese students in Turkey

Nevsehir, 14 Sept—Turkish investigators arrested a man Thursday in relation to a deadly knife attack earlier this week on two Japanese women in Cappadocia, central Turkey.

A local investigative authority source said Fatih Uyar, a 24-year-old mechanic, has admitted to acting alone in attacking the women including Mai Kurihara, a 22-year-old student at Niigata University who was stabbed to death in the attack on Monday. He was arrested for alleged murder.

The other woman, also a senior at the university, was wounded several times and remains hospitalized.

The latest development came after the investigators on Tuesday detained a 26-year-old electrical engineer over the attack. He has denied the charge and was released by police on Thursday, according to his lawyer.

A local media report and authority officials said Uyar told investigators during questioning that he quarreled with the two women after the car he was driving bumped into a bike near the site of the attack. He then attacked them with a knife and took money and valuables from them and fled the scene.

A bike rental shop in Goreme, a town in Cappadocia, said it lent mountain bikes to the Japanese women.

Police also found a knife in a river nearby after following up on Uyar's statement that he had thrown the knife into the river. They have also found items that appear to belong to the women at his home.

The parents of Kurihara arrived in Ankara on Wednesday night where their daughter's body had been taken for an autopsy, the Japanese Embassy in Turkey said.

The parents saw their daughter's body after arriving, according to a person familiar with the situation.

The parents left Turkey Friday evening for Japan along with the daughter's body, the Embassy said.

Kyodo News

Fatih Uyar (L), a 24-year-old mechanic, is escorted by investigators at Zemi Vally in Cappadocia, Turkey, on 12 Sept, 2013. He is suspected of attacking two Japanese tourists at the site, killing one of the women and seriously injuring the other.—Kyodo News

Fishing vessel sinks after collision in Malacca Strait, 30 crewmen rescued

Kuala Lumpur, 14 Sept—All 30 crew members were rescued after a fishing vessel sank in the Strait of Malacca after collision, local media reported on Saturday.

A search and rescue operation was launched after the Malaysian Maritime Enforcement Agency received distress call early on Friday that a fishing vessel had sunk in the waters bordering Malaysia and Indonesia, according to local maritime official Abdul Razak Johan.

The fishing vessel, on its way from Cape Town of South Africa to Singapore, reportedly had sunken after collision with a larger ship.

The crew escaped in two life rafts before picked up by a passing ship.

The crew were from South Korea, China, the Philippines and Indonesia.

Xinhua

LOCAL NEWS

International Livestock and Aquaculture Expo in Myanmar launched

YANGON, 14 Sept—The International Livestock and Aquaculture Expo in Myanmar 2013 was opened at Tatmadaw Convention Hall, here, on 12 September, with an address by Union Minister for Commerce U Win Myint.

Over 80 companies from 14 countries showcase their products. The expo will introduce nutrition and health of animals, expertise in livestock breeding and significant products.

The expo will be of great opportunities for researchers, breeders and entrepreneurs in fish and meat sector to enjoy advanced technologies for operating the new works.

The Union Minister inspected preparations for sales of brand cars at Hyundai Car Showroom.

The Union Minister urged the sale agents to do their tasks with goodwill, and arrangements will be made for sales of brand new cars at reasonable prices.

MNA

Liaison officer course (5/2013) concludes

NAY PYI TAW, 14 Sept—The Ministry of Foreign Affairs concluded its liaison officer course (5/2013) at the meeting hall of the ministry, here, yesterday.

Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Tin Oo Lwin addressed the concluding ceremony and presented completion certificates to the trainees.

The course is aimed at uplifting capacity of the trainees who are going to serve in the ASEAN Summit and its related meetings in 2014.

A total of 69 trainees from 26 ministries took the course that ran from 2 to 13 September.

It covered ASEAN affairs, protocol knowledge, traditions and customs of ASEAN countries, current progress of Myanmar and English languages.

MNA

Transportation

Cable car project for Zwegabin Hsandawshin

A ceremony to take words of advice from members of the Sangha was held for implementation of the Cable Car Project to be built in Lumbini Park in Hpa-an of Kayin State.

At the social service association of Shan national races hall on 35th street between 66th and 67th streets in Mandalay on 8 September, the ceremony was attended by leader Sayadaws Zwegabintaung Sayadaw U Kavidhaja, World Missionary Maha Santisukha Monastery Presiding Penan Syadaw U Paññavamsa, Sasana Zeya Mingala Pariyatti Monastery Thondat Monastery Sayadaw U Paññinda and members of the Sangha, Chairman of the association U Sai Pan Hsai and executives, project implementation committee members, wellwishers and guests.

The leader Sayadaws gave words of advice. Five wellwishers donated cash to the fund.

The project will be implemented by SMET SDA BHD Co of Malaysia and experts of Myanmar Engineering Society. The cable car can give seats to 40 persons. The cables will be 38mm diameter and it can withstand 10 to 15 years. The necessary parts will be imported from Switzerland and Australia.

Cable cars will be installed along 1650 metres long cable from the foot of Zwegabin Hill onto the platform. It may cost US$ 20 million.

The project is led by Zwegabin Sayadaw, Penan Sayadaw and Thondatkyaung Sayadaw.

Those wishing to donate cash to the fund may contact 09-43111118 of U Yin Htwe Swe and 09-5661012 of U Aung Moung. Wellwishers from Mandalay may contact Shan national races social association.

Kyemon-Ba Oo (Mann)

Environment

All to watch tiger species in Hukaung Valley

Hukaung Valley Tiger Conservation Region was established in 2002 with the aim of conserving environs of watershed area originated from Chindwin River, protecting wildlife, developing ecotourism and creating job opportunities for local people.

The region is located on 8418 square miles in Tanai Township of Kachin State.

A plan will be implemented for a model area where wildlife and human beings live together in harmony, said an official from the region.

The region is home to mammals, rare bird species and endangered tigers.

Among eight tiger species across the world, two species namely Bengal Tiger and Indochina Tiger can be seen in the region. A pavement for animals was constructed along Lido Road for long-term conservation of animals.

Tigers can be found in India, Nepal, Bhutan, Laos, Cambodia, Bangladesh, Vietnam, Myanmar, Thailand, Indonesia, Malaysia, Russia and China.

Therefore, the tigers were killed for foods and medicine and keeping its parts for show and deteriorating of natural forests.

Tigers are the most important species for ecosystem. That is why Hukaung Valley was designated as a tiger conservation area.

MMAL-Magway Hla Myint

Anti-Narcotic Drives

1800 stimulant tablets seized in Nawnghkio

NAWNGHKIO, 14 Sept—A squad led by IP Nyein Chan Soe of Lashio Anti-Drug Special Squad (Nawnghkio Mobile Section) together with witnesses performed surprise checks near the Immigration and National Registration Department at the entrance to Nawnghkio of Shan State at 3 pm on 10 September.

They searched a Saloon driven by Zaw Min Latt from Ever Top Bus Line leading to Mandalay from Muse.

The squad members seized 1800 stimulant tablets with 88 and 1 brands, one citizenship scrutiny card bearing the name of Kyaw Thiha and one mobile phone from passenger Kyaw Thiha, 26, trader of 88th street between 22nd and 23rd streets in Chanayethazan Township of Mandalay Region and Nyi Nyi Lwin, 24 of 18th street between 86th and 87th streets in Aungmyethazan Township of Mandalay Region.

The authorities opened files of lawsuit against them under the law.

MMAL-Zaw Lwin (Lashio)

Disadvantages of narcotic drugs talked in Lashio

LASHIO, 14 Sept—The educative talks on menace of narcotic drugs was held at Yadana Hall of Basic Education High School No 7 in Lashio on 10 September.

Deputy Assistant Education Officer U Sai San Aye made a speech.

IP Thin Aung explained disadvantages of drug abuse and bad consequences and Township Law Officer U Win Maung, traffic rules and penalties.

Headmistress Daw Yeim Sawng urged the students to abide by the talks.

MMAL-Zaw Lwin (Lashio)

Time and Tide waits for No Man.

The New Light of Myanmar

PERSPECTIVES

Sunday, 15 September, 2013

In the coming thirty months

As a way of enhancing teamwork between the government and the people in realizing democracy, the current administration has already established Township Development Supporting Committees and Township Development Affairs Committees.

The Union Ministers from the National-Level Reform Steering Committee have been visiting every part of the country holding intimate and revealing discussions with members from the township committees in looking into hardships the committees at the basic level are experiencing and seeking best solutions to these problems.

Moreover, the country must concentrate more on the betterment of the basic livelihood and socio-economic needs of the people such as: access to safe water for drinking and other purposes; access to electricity; improvements in telecommunications; job creation; and agricultural sector and rural development. At the same time, the government will continue to carry out reforms in the education and healthcare sectors which are important not only to meet today's needs but also to meet the future needs of our nation.

The government's previous thirty months in the office can be considered as the first-half of its five-year mandate. During that time, the government tried to lay democratic foundations necessary to meet two fundamental aspirations of Myanmar citizens: to lead a harmonious and peaceful life within the framework of rule of law; and to promote socio-economic development.

And in the coming thirty months, the government will work hard to effectively and efficiently engage in people-centered development efforts.

In fact, we are a society and a society must never forget its history. In this regard we are beginning to see the initiation of a new political development that can break away from our turbulent past filled with pain, suffering and loss.

Here we the *NLM* would like to urge all the Myanmar people to strive in harmony and continue to nurture this new political development in the coming thirty months and beyond.

NATIONAL

MWA presents prizes to outstanding students in matriculation exam

Union Minister U Aung Kyi poses for documentary photo with officials of MWA and outstanding students.—MNA

YANGON, 14 Sept— The Myanmar Writers Association held the second prize presentation for outstanding students in 2012-2013 academic year at its hall of Sarpay Beikman Building on Merchant Street in Kyauktada Township, here, this morning.

Chairman of Welfare and Health Work Committee U Kyaw Win (Manoketha Kyaw Win) extended greetings.

Secretary of the association U Maung Maung Aye (Maung Haymar) reported on matters related to the prize presentation.

Union Minister for Information U Aung Kyi, Director-General U Ye Tint of Information and Public Relations Department and Joint Secretary of the association U Soe Htaik (Maung Soe Htaik-Thonze) presented prizes to the outstanding students who secured distinctions in the matriculation examination for 2012-2013 academic year.

Vice-Chairman of the association U Ohn Maung (Myinmu Maung Naing Moe) accepted cash donations from wellwishers and returned certificates of honour.

The ceremony ended with concluding remarks by Chairman of the association U Tin Hlaing (Ledwinthar Saw Chit).

MWA will present prizes to six two-distinction winners and seven one-distinction winners from countryside at their home.

MNA

New dredgers, supporting vessels handed over

New dredger handed over by CATIC Co of China seen at Nanthida Jetty.

MNA

YANGON, 14 Sept— At the ceremony to hand over new dredgers at Nanthida Jetty, here, this morning, Union Minister for Transport U Nyan Tun Aung called for using new dredgers for water course administration.

Chinese Ambassador Mr Yang Houlan expressed his belief that use of new dredgers would contribute to water way development tasks of Myanmar.

Director-General U Tun Lwin Oo of Directorate of Water Resources and Improvement of River Systems reported that according to the agreement signed with CATIC Co of China in December 2010, the department could add seven new dredgers and 12 supporting vessels to its list of 10 dredgers.

Vice-Chairman Mr Li Jin of CATIC Co of China explained plans to build and maintain vessels during the warranty period and handed over documents related to the dredgers and vessels to Director-General U Tun Lwin Oo.

Deputy Minister U Han Sein, the director-general and the vice-chairman of CATIC Co formally opened the ceremony. The Union minister launched the new vessels and visited there.

MNA

Refresher course sharpens reporters' skill

News crew from the Myanma Radio interviewed General Manager U Ye Naing of the News and Periodicals Enterprise (NPE) on capacity building refresher course for reporters conducted in Yangon on 13-9-2013. The following is the translation of the interview.

Q: May I know the refresher course for reporters?

Ans: Refresher course for 45 reporters from the lower Myanmar was conducted in NPE (branch) on Theinbyu Road in Yangon on 13-15 September.

Q: Let me know the course's subjects?

Ans: The subjects mainly taught in the course are media ethics and conduct, media law, practices of newspapers, news follow-up, reporting, news report programme, communication and journalist and belief.

Q: Who are the trainers?

Ans: Members from the Public Service Governing Body, experienced journalists and chief editors from the Myanma Alinn daily, the Mirror Daily and the New Light of Myanmar Daily conduct the course.

Q: May I know purpose and benefits of the course?

Ans: In the olden days, it had to take too much time to become a reporter and an editor. But now, some have no thorough understanding of ethics, conduct and media laws even though they have a few knowledge about English and the Internet. Those have to face charges due to the weakness in ethics, conduct and media laws. Efforts are being made to transform State-owned dailies into Public Service Media (PSM). The course is aimed at averting similar cases. And it can bring Win-Win situation not only for media but also for the readers.

Q: Let me know NPE has a plan to open similar course in the future?

Ans: Arrangements have been made for opening of refresher courses for reports in upper Myanmar in Mandalay Sub-Printing House on 21-23 September and at the office of District Information and Public Relations Department in Pyinmana Township, Nay Pyi Taw on 7-9 October. Plan is under way to conduct media and photograph courses.

Q: Do you want to say anything else?

Ans: Myanmar News Agency and three dailies are making efforts for release of accurate and reliable information and covering the four corners of the country including the border regions.

With this in mind, the Ministry of Information has already submitted the Public Service Media Bill to Hluttaw. I expect that it is sure to serve the interests of people in earnest after the PSM Law is approved.

Water level of Ayeyawady River may reach danger level

NAY PYI TAW, 14 Sept—According to the 12:30 hrs MST observation today, the water level of Ayeyawady River at Pakokku has reached 26 cm (about 0.9 foot) lower its danger level. It may rise its danger level during the next 24 hrs commencing this noon.

MNA

ASEAN Highways pass many townships in Myanmar

MANDALAY, 14 Sept—ASEAN Highway No 1 designated as AH (1) is 980 miles long and 24 feet wide passing Tamu-Kalay-Gangaw-Pale-ChaungU-Ohndaw-Sagaing-Mandalay-Myittha-Meiktila-Pyawbwe-Pyinmana-Toungoo-Nyaunglebin-Phayagyi-Kyaikto-Thaton-Hpaan-Kawkareik-Thingan-Nyinaung-Myawady route.

AH (2) which will be 449 miles and 24 feet wide passes Meiktila, Kalaw, Taunggyi, Loilem, Tarkaw, Kengtung and Tachilek.

AH (3), 56 miles long and 24 feet wide, will pass Kengtung, Wamhka, Tarping and Mongla. With regard to the ASEAN Highways, Mandalay Region Minister for Transport U Kyaw Hsan replied to queries raised by Transport and Construction Affairs Committee member U Tin Oo at the first day session of the Seventh Regular Meeting of Mandalay Region Hluttaw.

MMAL-DCE (Mandalay)

Development

Undertakings of development tasks coordinated in Insein Tsp

Departmental officials and townselders hold discussions on development of Insein Township.

YANGON, 14 Sept—Insein Township Development and Work Implementation Committee held a meeting at the hall of Township General Administration Department in Insein Township in Yangon North District on 12 September.

Amyotha Hluttaw representative U Nu who is Secretary of Public Accounts Committee of Amyotha Hluttaw explained carrying out of regional development tasks and discussions of requirements in the township.

Insein Township Administrator Chairman of Township Management Committee U Kyaw Tint, Chairman of Township Development Affairs Committee U Maung Maung Tint and members, Township Education Officer U Tin Hlaing, Head of Township Planning Department U Tint Lwin and local athorities participated in discussions.

Before concluding the meeting, the Amyotha Hluttaw representative replied to queries raised by those present and reviewed the discussions.

Kyemon-Myint Oo (Insein)

Free clinic opened in Dagon Myothit (Seikkan) Tsp

YANGON, 14 Sept—A ceremony to open Aryu free clinic was held in Ward 94 of Yuzana Garden City in Dagon Myothit (Seikkan) Township on 12 September.

Township Administrator U Kyaw Naing Tun, Deputy Commander of Township Police Force Police Captain Sai Thein Maung and officials formally opened the clinic.

They sprinkled scented water on the signboard of the clinic.

Police Major Nyein Maung (Rtd) explained the purpose of the clinic. The township administrator made a speech, saying that free medical treatment will be served to the local people in their interests.

Townselders and wellwishers gave necesssary suggestions and spoke words of thanks.

Later, officials presented certificates of honour to the wellwishers.

Kyemon-512

Health Care

Foot-and-mouth disease vaccine injected to cattle

THAYETCHAUNG, 14 Sept—Foot-and-mouth disease vaccine was injected to buffalos, cows, pigs and goats by Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department.

Head of Thayetchaung Township Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department Dr Kyi Soe Lin and party of Dawei District injected the vaccine to the cattles in the villages of the township on 11 September.—*Kyemon-Po Shwe Thun-Dawei*

ADB meeting to upgrade Maubin-Pyapon Highway

PYAPON, 14 Sept—The upgrading of Maubin-Pyapon Highway was held at the hall of Maubin District Deputy Commissioner Office in Maubin on 12 September.

Advisers to Asian Development Bank discussed project of ADB and public interest tasks and officials of Public Works plan to upgrading the highway.

The senior engineer of Overseas Underwater Cable Station explained move of underground cable and departmental officials participated in coordination meeting.

Maubin-Pyapon Highway will be upgraded through ADB project loan.

Upon completion of coordination, open tender will be invited in March 2014 and the construction tasks in January 2015.

Before commencing the tasks, private-owned, public-owned and government-owned buildings will be abolished along the area of road in 2014.

The highway will be 24 feet wide and it can withstand 50 tons of loads.

In this regard, it needs to coordinate ADB and Myanmar policies. Depending on the desire of the people and departments, the project implementation may be carried out or not.

Only when the coordination meets the successm will the project carry on.

Kyemon-Chan Tha

Agricultural High School to be upgraded to Institute

FALAM, 14 Sept—Agricultural High School was closed in Ponpee Village of Falam Township in Chin State for many years, but it is planned to reopen the school as an institute, according to Chin State Minister for Agriculture and Livestock Breeding U Van Thong.

The state minister said, "The President told the people for opening the institute on his visit. The reopening of the school will be included in the coming fiscal year."

This year, about 150 local students proposed to attend the Agriculture University. when the fund is received, the Agriculture Institute will be opened quickly, said an official of Agriculture Department.

Kyemon-Zo Hae Hsa (Chin Hill)

WORLD

Chinese Embassy hands over renovated Primary School

Yongon, 14 Sept — According to Chinese Embassy in Yangon, the Chinese Embassy helps to renovate a primary school and hands it over to the Myanmar education authorities on Friday 13 Sept, 2013. The No 2 Primary School at Yankin Township, built with the support of the Chinese Embassy in 2001, was renovated this year.

At the brief ceremony attended by Chinese Ambassador Yang Houlan and his wife Madam Ruan Wei, the Chinese Embassy also donated teaching aids including stationery and computers. Headmistress Daw Hla Hla Maw thanked the Chinese side for the donation to the primary school which has nearly 100 students.—*NLM/Xinhua*

Chinese Ambassador Yang Houlan inspects student books at a renovated primary school in Yangon, Myanmar, on 13 Sept, 2013. The Chinese Embassy handed over a renovated primary school to the Myanmar education authorities here Friday to be put into service.
Xinhua

EU to quicken pace on Single Resolution Mechanism

Vilnius, (Lithuania), 14 Sept—European Union finance ministers and central bank governors on Friday expressed their intention to quicken the progress of Single Resolution Mechanism, which is the second step in building a genuine Banking Union in Europe.

According to a statement by European Commission,the EU finance ministers and central bank governors have discussed the Single Resolution Mechanism (SRM) for the first time at the ECOFIN level.

"Swift progress towards the Banking Union is essential to ensure financial stability and growth in the internal market, as well as sound framework of financial system. In the light of this, the Single Resolution Mechanism must be agreed as soon as possible," said Rimantas Sadzius, Lithuanian finance minister who chaired the ECOFIN Council.

European Central Bank Executive Board member Joerg Asmussen also said there was no time to lose for banking union.

Members of the European Parliament (MEPs) gave their green light to the Single Supervisory Mechanism (SSM)one day early, a new oversight system which involves the transfer of considerable bank supervisory powers from national to EU level. The Lithuanian presidency is concentrating efforts on reaching general approach on SRM in the Council in November 2013.

Moreover, the EU cleared a legal hurdle which is needed to change the EU treaty before setting up the new mechanism.

"It is also the view of our legal service at the ECB that Article 114 is indeed a solid and robust legal base. That means we now see a consensus among the legal experts of the Council, the Commission and the ECB and this should enable us to move forward," Asmussen said. However,German voiced opposition to establishing such new central resolution body.

"Resolution should generally be done by national authorities and not by the EU Commission," German Finance Minister Wolfgang Schaeuble told the Boersen Zeitung newspaper. "It is not an appropriate central resolution authority.—*Xinhua*

Three friends of accused Boston bomber to fight cover-up charges

Boston, 14 Sept—Three college friends of accused Boston Marathon bomber Dzhokhar Tsarnaev pleaded not guilty on Friday to charges that they helped cover his tracks when the FBI was trying to find the people responsible for the 15 April attack.

All three are charged with going to Tsarnaev's dorm room three days after the bombing and removing a laptop and a backpack containing empty fireworks shells after receiving a text message from him telling them to "go to my room and take what's there," according to court papers.

Dias Kadyrbayev and Azamat Tazhayakov, both 19-year-old exchange students from Kazakhstan, pleaded not guilty to the charge of obstruction of justice and could face 25 years in prison or deportation. Kadyrbayev's lawyer, Robert Stahl, said after the hearing that his client did not understand what Tsarnaev had done. "There was no criminal intent to obstruct justice, to assist Dzhokhar in any way," Stahl told reporters.

A woman kneels and cries in front of a memorial to the Boston Marathon bombings victims, at the barricades surrounding the scene in Boston, Massachusetts on 18 April 2013.—Reuters

Robel Phillipos, of Cambridge, Massachusetts, pleaded not guilty to charges of lying to investigators and could face up to 16 years in prison. Lawyers and supporters of Phillipos ushered him out of the courthouse and into a sports utility vehicle.

His lawyers said in a statement that Phillipos "had nothing to do whatsoever with the Boston Marathon bombing or destroying any evidence afterwards ... in the end, it will be clear that this prosecution should never have been brought in the first place." None of the men is charged with involvement in the bombing.

Prosecutors said that Dzhokhar Tsarnaev, now 20, and his older brother, Tamerlan, killed three people and injured 264 others with a pair of homemade pressure-cooker bombs at the crowded finish line of the marathon on 15 April.

Reuters

Dozens dead in fire at Russian psychiatric hospital

Moscow, 14 Sept—A fire killed 37 people in a Russian psychiatric hospital on Friday, the second deadly blaze at such a facility this year, heightening concerns about Russia's treatment of the mentally ill and other vulnerable wards of the state.

Fires have frequently claimed high tolls among residents of hospitals, schools and other state institutions over the past decade, raising questions about safety standards.

The pre-dawn fire razed a dilapidated ward for severely ill male patients at the hospital in a provincial village north of Moscow, apparently killing some while under sedation as fog slowed firefighters travelling from 45 km (28 miles) away.

Emergency and law enforcement authorities had recently sought to have the run-down wood, brick and concrete building condemned as unfit for use, a senior official said.

Federal investigators began a criminal inquiry into suspected negligence.

State television showed firefighters spraying water on the smoking, blackened ruins of the hospital ward.

A female orderly died while trying to save patients at the hospital in the village of Luka, which is in Novgorod Province between Moscow and St Petersburg, the regional branch of the federal Investigative Committee said in a statement.

Reuters

Firefighters work amidst the debris of a psychiatric hospital destroyed by fire in the Novgorod region town of Luka on 13 Sept, 2013.—Reuters

A Mercedes S500 plug-in hybrid car is displayed during the 65th Frankfurt Auto Show in Frankfurt, Germany, on 13 Sept, 2013. —Xinhua

Grenade blast in Rwandan capital kills one

Kigali, 14 Sept—One person was killed and 14 wounded in a grenade blast in a market in the Rwandan capital on Friday, police said, the latest in string of such attacks over the past few years.

There was a series of similar incidents in 2010 and at least three blasts last year. This was the third such incident in Kigali this year.

Police said in statement published on their Twitter feed that three people had been detained in connection with the blast in Kicukiro market.

It did not give further details, and police officers could not immediately be reached for comment.

The motive for the attacks is not clear. Rwanda starts voting in its parliamentary election on Monday. The ruling party is expected to sweep to victory again, in a nation where there is little space for dissent.

In the last such attack in the land-locked east African nation in July, two people were killed and 32 others wounded.

Reuters

REGIONAL

Indian judge sentences Delhi rapists to die for 'gruesome crime'

New Delhi,14 Sept — Four men were sentenced to death on Friday for raping and murdering a woman in New Delhi last December, satisfying a public clamor for them to be hanged for a crime that forced India to confront its culture of violence against women.

"These are the times when gruesome crimes against women have become rampant, and courts cannot turn a blind eye to the need to send a strong deterrent message to the perpetrators of such crimes," Judge Yogesh Khanna said in a ruling that capped one of the most notorious criminal trials in modern Indian history. Cheers went up from a crowd inside and outside the Delhi courthouse when lawyers rushed out to announce the sentence, which had been widely expected after Khanna found the four men guilty this week of "cold-blooded" rape and murder.The victim, who was raped for an hour and tortured with an iron rod on a moving bus, became a symbol of the dangers women face in a country where a rape is reported on average every 21 minutes and acid attacks and cases of molestation are common."The increasing trend of crimes against women can be arrested only once the society realize that there will be no tolerance (of) any form of deviance against women," said Khanna.

He ordered the men to "be hanged by neck till they are dead". In a symbolic gesture, he broke the nib of the pen so that it could not be used to sign another death order, court officials said. Lawyers for all four men said they would appeal, which means their execution could still be years away. —*Reuters*

Sri Lanka resumes train services to former rebel town

Colombo, 14 Sept — The Sri Lankan government on Saturday resumed train services to a former rebel-held town after 23 years.

President Mahinda Rajapaksa launched the train service linking the southern capital of Colombo to the northern Kilinochchi Town.

Kilinochchi was the de-facto capital of the rebels during the war, with rebel leaders operated from the area and taxed goods being transported along the road via the rebel town.

During the war between the Sri Lankan military and Tamil Tiger rebels, the railway line between Colombo and the northern town of Jaffna was completely damaged in areas including Kilinochchi.

Following the end of the conflict with the defeat of the rebels in May 2009, the railway track between Colombo and Omanthai, also in the north, was reconstructed with Indian assistance and now it has been extended to Kilinochchi.

As the next stage, the reconstruction of the railway track will be extended to Jaffna following which the north and the south will be linked once again by road, air, sea and the railway network.

During the final stages of the conflict, the only access route to Jaffna was either by air or by sea, which were both still considered dangerous owing to rebel activity.

The opening of the railway line connecting the north and south comes as the minority Tamil, which dominated the north, prepares to go to the polls this month for the first time in more than 20 years to elect a provincial council.

Xinhua

Mobile bridge for disaster

Shizuoka, 14 Sept — The "Mobile Bridge," a transportable bridge that extends like a pair of lazy tongs and can be installed over a river as wide as 17 metres in about 10 minutes, is unveiled in an experiment in Fuji, Shizuoka Prefecture on 12 Sept, 2013. The bridge was developed by engineers from Hiroshima University and a group of businesses, conceived with the aim of providing a quick fix to restore transportation infrastructure in the event of a disaster. — *Kyodo News*

Pakistani, Indian diplomats to finalize agenda for PMs' summit

Islamabad, 14 Sept — Pakistani and Indian diplomats will finalize the agenda for the summit of prime ministers (PMs) of the two countries in the United Nations later this month, senior Pakistani advisor on national security and foreign affairs Sartaj Aziz said on Friday. Sartaj Aziz met Indian External Affairs Minister Salman Khurshid in the Kyrgyz capital of Bishkek and discussed the summit of Pakistani PM Nawaz Sharif and his Indian counterpart Manmohan Singh.

Both PMs will travel to New York for the UN General Assembly' s meeting.

"Considering the likelihood of a meeting between the two prime ministers, we agreed to use diplomatic channels to finalize the agenda for such a meeting keeping in view the progress made so far in various working groups and in back channel contacts," a Foreign Ministry statement quoted Aziz as saying.

Pakistani and Indian top diplomats also discussed ways to reduce tension along the Line of Control (LoC) that divides both countries in the disputed Kashmir region.—*Xinhua*

Fukushima plant situation "not under control"

Tokyo, 14 Sept — A senior official of Tokyo Electric Power Co admitted during a meeting with opposition lawmakers on Friday that the massive radioactive water buildup at the crippled Fukushima Daiichi nuclear power plant is "not under control."

The government quickly rushed to play down the remark by Kazuhiko Yamashita, who holds TEPCO's executive-level title of fellow, as that view directly contradicts Prime Minister Shinzo Abe's statement last week to the International Olympic Committee in pushing Tokyo's bid to host the 2020 Summer Olympics.

Chief Cabinet Secretary Yoshihide Suga told a Press conference on Friday afternoon that the impact of the contaminated water leaks from the plant "remains inside the plant's port," which is enclosed by breakwaters.

Suga also suggested that Yamashita was pressured to make the remark, as he was "grilled by" the lawmakers of the main opposition Democratic Party of Japan during the meeting in the city of Koriyama, Fukushima Prefecture, to discuss issues related to the nuclear crisis, triggered by a huge earthquake and tsunami in March 2011.

During an exchange with Teruhiko Mashiko, a House of Councillors member representing Fukushima Prefecture, Yamashita said, "I think the current situation is not under control."

TEPCO later tried to show there was no discrepancy by saying through its website that it held the same view as Abe, who told the IOC on 7 September in Buenos Aires that "the situation is under control." "It is our understanding that prime minister intended his statement 'the situation is under control' to mean that the impact of radioactive materials is limited to the area within the port of the power station...According to this understanding, we share the same views," the utility said.—*Kyodo News*

***US nuclear experts Lake Barrett (L) and Dale Klein exchange words during a meeting at the head office of Tokyo Electric Power Co in Tokyo on 13 Sept, 2013, on radioactive water at the crippled Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Station. —*Kyodo News**

Cambodian ruling, opposition leaders end talks over election row under King's auspices

Phnom Penh, 14 Sept — Cambodia's long-ruling Prime Minister Hun Sen and long-time opposition leader Sam Rainsy on Saturday ended talks over election impasse under the auspices of King Norodom Sihamoni at the Royal Palace. The talks had lasted for less than 30 minutes. The two sides have not spoken to the press after the meeting.

The King invited the two political rivals for talks after the National Election Committee (NEC) has released the results of the 28 July election, confirming that the ruling Cambodian People's Party (CPP) of Hun Sen got victory with 68 parliamentary seats and the opposition Cambodia National Rescue Party (CNRP) of Sam Rainsy received the remaining 55 seats.

But the CNRP rejected the results, claiming that its party should win 63 seats, with the CPP getting 60 seats if alleged irregularities during the poll were fairly investigated.

It accused the NEC of being loyal to the CPP and pressed for the formation of an independent poll probe committee that excluded the NEC, but the CPP ruled it out, saying that it was against the kingdom's constitution. Earlier this week, the CNRP announced a three-day protest and camp-out planned for Sunday to Tuesday at the capital's Freedom Park against the election results and then, it would boycott the first parliamentary session, scheduled on 23 September, if the proposed committee was not formed.

Sam Rainsy said Friday that he would tell the King in Saturday' s meeting that the CNRP was not satisfied with the election results as long as there was no a transparent and just solution for the poll results.

Prime Minister Hun Sen has said that his party has enough lawmakers to override any opposition parliamentary boycott and form a new government.

Xinhua

***Tourists take photos of the Hukou Waterfall of the Yellow River from the site in Jixian County, north China's Shanxi Province, on 12 Sept, 2013.* Xinhua**

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-Transformer (315,11/0.4 KV & constructing of Two Pole Structure -6 Lots
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Heavy rain to hit NE, NW China

BEIJING, 14 Sept—Modest to heavy rain will hit northeast China and parts of northwest China in the coming three days, the National Meteorological Centre (NMC) said on Saturday.

A cold snap will bring modest to heavy rainfall in parts of northeast China on Saturday, as well as a temperature drop of 4 to 8 degrees Celsius in the east-central parts of Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region and some areas in northeast China and north China, the observatory said.—*Xinhua*

Gang held over 'audacious plot' to take over Santander UK computers

***Customers use ATM machines at the Surrey Quays branch of Santander Bank, whilst the premises remain closed , in Surrey Quays, south London, on 13 Sept, 2013.* —REUTERS**

LONDON, 14 Sept—British police said on Friday they had smashed an "audacious" and sophisticated plot to take control of the bank Santander UK's computer systems and steal millions of pounds.

Detectives, who described the plot as the most significant case of its kind, said they had arrested 12 men who had allegedly fitted a device in a Santander branch in southeast London capable of transmitting the entire desktop contents of the bank computer.

"In effect, this allowed the suspects to take control of the bank computers remotely," said a spokesman for London's Metropolitan Police.

"The device had been fitted and officers believed that the group would imminently have been in a position to go operational," he said, adding they had avoided multi-million-pound losses.

Santander UK said a bogus maintenance engineer pretending to be from a telecoms firm had fixed the device, which police described as a keyboard video mouse, to a computer in the Surrey Quays branch.

It said it had been aware of the alleged fraud and had worked closely with officers, adding no staff members had been involved.

"It failed and no money was ever at risk," the bank said. "Santander operates multiple levels of controls to protect customers' funds and this attack would not have been successful."

Detectives from the Metropolitan Police's Central e-Crime Unit said they had arrested 11 men at an address in west London and another man in central London on Thursday, while houses across the capital were raided.

The 12 suspects, aged between 23 and 50, are being held in custody at a London police station.

Cyber crime has become a major threat to companies and financial institutions. In July, US federal prosecutors charged five men responsible for a hacking and credit card fraud spree that cost companies more than $300 million (189 million pounds), the biggest cyber crime case filed in US history.

A week later, a panel of lawmakers said that Britain was losing the battle against cyber crime and needed a new crack crime unit to fight the growing problem.

The cost of cyber crime to the British economy is estimated to be between 18 billion and 27 billion pounds and British financial services firms lost a total of 5.4 billion pounds as a result of fraud last year, according to government data.

Fraud cost retail banks 475 million and online banking fraud cost 40 million pounds.

London police said Thursday's arrests were the result of a long-term, intelligence-led operation and had been achieved by working in partnership with banks.

"This was a sophisticated plot that could have led to the loss of a very large amount of money from the bank, and is the most significant case of this kind that we have come across," said Detective Inspector Mark Raymond.—*Reuters*

New colour purple depicts worsening climate risks in UN draft report

OSLO, 14 Sept—Some parts of nature and human society are more vulnerable than expected to climate change, according to a draft of a UN report that adds a new purple colour to a key diagram to show worsening risks beyond the red used so far. It says "unique and threatened systems" like coral reefs, endangered animals and plants, Arctic indigenous communities, tropical glaciers or small island states seem be less able to adapt to warming than believed in a last report in 2007.

The 44-page draft Summary for Policymakers by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) looking at impacts of climate change worldwide, obtained by *Reuters* and dated March 2013, is part of a series of IPCC reports updating science from 2007 as the main guide for governments.

It will be issued in March 2014 in Japan after several rounds of editing by experts. "It would be misleading to draw conclusions from it," said Jonathan Lynn, spokesman for the IPCC Secretariat.

Still, the draft by the world's leading experts introduces purple to the diagram summarising risks, often called the "burning embers" since it shows vertical bars that turn red towards the top on a scale of average world temperatures rising up to an extreme of 5 degrees Celsius (9F).

The base of the five bars is white or yellow, showing lower risks, but shifts to red as temperatures rise. "Purple colour, introduced here for the first time, reflects the assessment that unique human and natural systems tend to have very limited adaptive capacity" to rising temperatures, the draft says. And many are facing multiple threats.

The new purple replaces red at about a 2C rise over current levels to indicate extreme risks to many unique and threatened human and natural systems.

Recent scientific findings show that coral reefs, for instance, are vulnerable to death because of warming and the less well understood impact of acidification of the oceans, both linked to a build-up of carbon dioxide in the air.

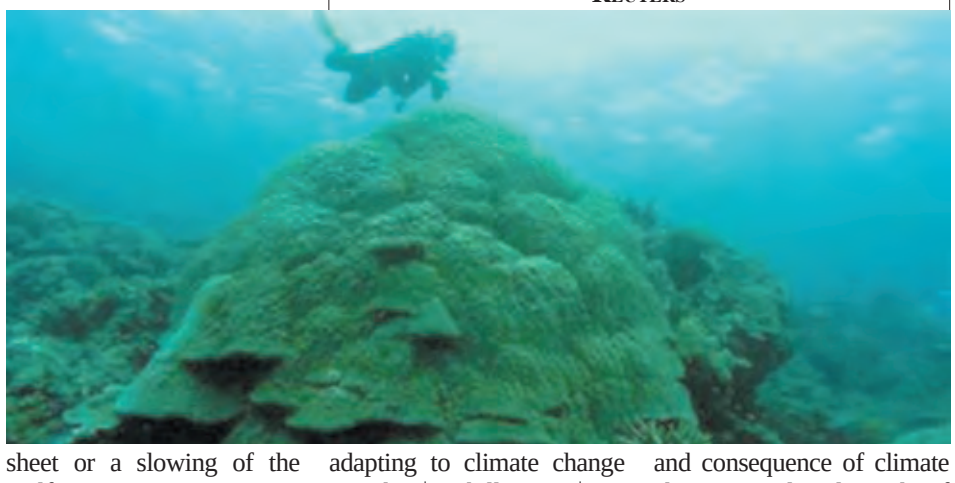
And "hot spots" of diversity of endangered animals and plants may be at greater risk, partly because climate change adds to stresses such as loss of habitats, hunting and invasive species.

Almost 200 governments have agreed to work out a deal, by the end of 2015, to limit global warming to an average temperature rise of below 2.0 degrees (3.6) above pre-industrial times. Temperatures have already gained by about 0.8 degree C.

Purple is not used in the other four bars in the diagram showing key "reasons for concern", which all stay red with higher temperature rises.

They illustrate projected risks from extreme weather events, how widely damage will be spread around the world, overall costs of climate change and risks of large shifts, such as a meltdown of Greenland's ice sheet or a slowing of the Gulf Stream.

An Australian Institute Of Marine Science (AIMS) diver inspects large Porites coral on the Great Barrier Reef, in this handout photo released to Reuters on 10 Feb, 2011.
REUTERS



In general, the draft says that risks in these categories have not changed radically since 2007. IPCC reports face some scrutiny, especially after the 2007 version incorrectly exaggerated the melt of Himalayan glaciers by saying they could melt by 2035. The draft 2014 summary says they will shrink but does not project a date of disappearance.

The new draft also reaffirms risks such as floods of coastal cities, a melt of permafrost in Russia or crop failures in sub-Saharan Africa. Estimated costs of adapting to climate change may be $75 billion to $100 billion a year by 2050, it says. Drafts of the Stockholm report also show it will raise scientists' confidence that climate change since the 1950s is mainly caused by human activities - rather than natural changes — to at least 95 percent, from 90 percent in 2007.

The draft is one of four major reports by the IPCC due over the next year. The first will be issued in Stockholm on September 26, looking at the science of climate change. "Observations don't make me more optimistic about the potential severity and consequence of climate change," said Joel Smith, of Stratus Consulting in Colorado, who developed the diagram when it was first used in an IPCC report in 2001.

Smith, who is now an IPCC author on a separate subject, said he was giving a personal opinion, not talking about the draft.

The "burning embers" were dropped from the 2007 IPCC report, partly because of objections that they were too subjective. Smith and other IPCC authors published an update in 2009 in a US journal to give the diagram a stronger scientific anchor.—*Reuters*

ENTERTAINMENT

A model presents a creation of Ralph Lauren during the New York Merdedes-Benz Fashion Week Spring 2014 collections in New York, the United States, on 12 Sept, 2013. The fashion week ended on Thursday. XINHUA

Non-bailable arrest warrant issued against Preity Zinta

MUMBAI, 14 Sept—The local metropolitan magistrate's court at Andheri today issued a non-bailable arrest warrant against Bollywood actress Preity Zinta in connection with a cheque bouncing case. Preity Zinta is currently out of the country.

"The court has issued a non-bailable arrest warrant against Zinta today," confirmed her lawyer Ratneshwar Jha.

Jha told that he told the court that Zinta was out of the country, but the court issued the non-bailable arrest warrant against her.

"We will move the court to cancel the warrant or we will move the Bombay High Court and file a writ," Jha added.

The cheque bouncing case was filed by Abbas Tyrewala, dialogue writer of the movie Ishkq in Paris, released last year, after a cheque of Rs 18.9 lakh bounced.

It may be recalled that during the last hearing, the court had imposed a fine of Rs 5000 on Preity Zinta for non-appearance and the non-bailable arrest warrant has been issued, since she did not turn up in court on 12 September.

PTI

Preity was last seen on the silver screen in Ishkq In Paris

Billy Joel, Shirley MacLaine top Kennedy Centre honours list

Singer Billy Joel

NEW YORK, 14 Sept—Pop singer Billy Joel, Oscar-winning actress Shirley MacLaine and jazz composer Herbie Hancock on Thursday were among the annual recipients of this year's Kennedy Centre Honours, one of the United States' top cultural awards.

Rock guitarist Carlos Santana and opera soprano Martina Arroyo also will be honored at the ceremony at the John F. Kennedy Center for Performing Arts on 8 December in Washington, DC.

The Kennedy Centre Honours, which were created in 1978, recognize the lifetime contributions of performing artists to American culture. Joel, 64, a Grammy-winning singer-songwriter who broke out with 1973's "Piano Man," is one of the best-selling pop musicians in the United States. Hancock, 73, is considered an innovative jazz composer and pianist who was an early adopter of synthesizers and made waves with solo works "Cantaloupe Island" and "Watermelon Man."

Santana, 66, is best known as a guitar virtuoso who fused rock and Latin music, while Arroyo, 76, became a mainstay at the world's top opera houses from the 1960s to 1980s.

MacLaine, 79, won an Academy Award for her lead role in the 1983 comedy-drama "Terms of Endearment" and was nominated for four other acting Oscars. She also helped break the Hollywood studio's system of contracted movie stars. The honourees will be received by President Barack Obama and first lady Michelle Obama at a White House event prior to the ceremony, which will be broadcast by network CBS on 29 December.

Kennedy Centre Honours recipients are selected by a Kennedy Centre committee and come from the fields of music, dance, theater, opera, film and television.

The honours have been bestowed on more than 180 performers, including included Aretha Franklin, Barbra Streisand, Meryl Streep, Luciano Pavarotti, Paul McCartney and Willie Nelson.—*Reuters*

JK Rowling returns to wizarding world for screenplay debut

LONDON, 14 Sept—Best-selling "Harry Potter" author JK Rowling will return to the wizarding world for her screenplay debut with a film inspired by one of her fictional boy wizard's textbooks.

Rowling has agreed to write the screenplay for "Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them", a film from Warner Bros based on the adventures of Newt Scamander — the fictional author of a Hogwarts textbook of the same name. "I always said that I would only revisit the wizarding world if I had an idea that I was really excited about and this is it," Rowling said on Thursday in an emailed statement from Warner Bros Entertainment, a unit of Time Warner Inc.

"Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them" will be the first in a series of films about the adventures of Scamander and will be familiar to anyone who has read the Harry Potter books or seen the films, the 48-year-old Rowling said.

But the story will start in New York, 70 years before the Potter tale gets under way.

"Although it will be set in the worldwide community of witches and wizards where I was so happy for seventeen years, 'Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them' is neither a prequel nor a sequel to the Harry Potter series, but an extension of the wizarding world," she said.—*Reuters*

British writer JK Rowling, author of the Harry Potter series of books, poses during the launch of new online website Pottermore in London on 23 June, 2011. REUTERS

SPORTS

Sturridge expected to return for Liverpool at Swansea

Liverpool's Daniel Sturridge (L) scores past Aston Villa's Brad Guzan during their English Premier League soccer match at Villa Park in Birmingham, central England, on 24 Aug, 2013. REUTERS

LONDON, 14 Sept—Liverpool manager Brendan Rodgers says Daniel Sturridge could be fit for their Premier League clash at Swansea City on Monday despite the striker missing both of England's World Cup qualifiers because of an injury. Sturridge has scored in each of Liverpool's three 1-0 victories which have propelled them to the top of the league and Rodgers is hopeful he will return to help continue his side's best start to a season for 19 years.

A quick recovery from the thigh strain that prevented him playing for his country against Moldova and Ukraine could raise eyebrows, but Rodgers said Sturridge's commitment to England should not be questioned. "It was the medical experts who made the decision - it wasn't Daniel Sturridge," Rodgers told a news conference.

"He left the game against Manchester United injured, he's gone away and the great medical staff they have at England and the experts they have their deemed him not quite fit enough for the first game (against Moldova).

"He returned back and there was a slight improvement, but obviously (England manager) Roy (Hodgson) and his staff have to make the decision on whether he's going to be right or available. Obviously at that stage, he wasn't.

"But by the time we play on Monday, it'll be nearly two weeks and for a grade one strain, people in football and the experts who know better then I will you tell you it is perfectly reasonable to be back playing in that timescale," Rodgers added.

"He shouldn't be held as someone who has turned down his country."

Liverpool are riding a wave of optimism, especially after beating Manchester United before the international break, and Rodgers' squad will be bolstered by the availability of three new faces against Swansea.

Reuters

Nadal subdues Stakhovsky to put Spain in control

Spain's Rafael Nadal hits a return to Ukraine's Sergiy Stakhovsky during their Davis Cup World Group playoff tennis tie in Madrid on 13 Sept, 2013. REUTERS

MADRID, 14 Sept—A ruthless Rafa Nadal made a seamless transition from hard court to clay when he crushed Sergiy Stakhovsky of Ukraine 6-0, 6-0, 6-4, to give Spain a commanding 2-0 lead in their Davis Cup World Group playoff in Madrid on Friday.

Turning out for his country only four days after his US Open triumph in New York, the world number two showed no sign of fatigue or sympathy for his 92nd-ranked opponent as he dismantled the hapless Stakhovsky in devastating fashion at the futuristic "Magic Box" venue.

Clubbing winners apparently at will on the Manolo Santana showcourt, Nadal put Spain firmly in control following Fernando Verdasco's 3-6, 6-4, 6-4, 6-2, success against Ukrainian number one Alexandr Dolgopolov in the opening singles rubber.

Stakhovsky, who caused a sensation at Wimbledon this year when he beat seven-times champion Roger Federer in the second round, raised his arms and was given a rousing cheer when he won the opening game of the third set.

He found the inspiration to hold serve three more times before Nadal secured the crucial break to lead 5-4 and clinched victory on his first match point when Stakhovsky sent a backhand service return sailing beyond the baseline.

It was the first time in 769 career singles matches that Nadal has won the opening two sets of a best-of-five set encounter 6-0.

"Obviously it's not the ideal thing physically to change surfaces in a couple of days," the Spaniard said in a courtside interview with Spanish television broadcaster Teledeporte.

"But it's always special for me to play on clay and it's a surface that I love," the 27-year-old added.

"I had only a very short time to adapt but I more or less felt fine."

Spain need one more point for victory in the best-of-five tie and could wrap things up in Saturday's doubles as they bid to preserve their place in the elite World Group.

Reuters

Fuming Woods docked two shots at BMW Championship

Tiger Woods of the US hits from the second tee during the second round of the BMW Championship golf tournament at the Conway Farms Golf Club in Lake Forest, Illinois, on 13 Sept, 2013.—REUTERS

LAKE FOREST, (Illinois), 14 Sept—A livid Tiger Woods refused to speak to reporters following his second round at the BMW Championship on Friday after he was penalized two shots for a rules violation on his opening hole.

The infraction occurred on the par-four first at Conway Farms Golf Club where Woods struck his second shot over the back of the green under trees, then tried to remove a twig from his ball before playing his third.

Though Woods felt his ball had only oscillated before he ran up a double-bogey six there, video footage later showed that it had slightly shifted its position and his score was amended to a quadruple bogey eight.

The rules violation came to light as Woods was playing either his third or fourth hole of the day and the American world number one went on to card a one-over-par 72, ending the round seven strokes off the tournament lead.

Slugger White, the PGA Tour's vice president of rules and competition, advised Woods not to sign his card until he had viewed the video footage himself.

"I told him not to turn it in until I talked to him, and he looked at it, and clearly felt like the ball just oscillated," White told reporters. "It's pretty clear that the ball did move."

Asked how Woods had initially reacted when told of his two-stroke penalty, White replied: "He was a little disbelieving. How's that?"—*Reuters*

McIlroy's woes continue at Conway Farms

LAKE FOREST, 14 Sept—Rory McIlroy's dwindling hopes of qualifying for next week's season-ending Tour Championship in Atlanta all but disappeared on Friday after he struggled once again at the BMW Championship.

The Northern Irish world number four, winner here last year during a storming finish to his 2012 campaign, battled to a six-over-par 77 to end the second round at Conway Farms Golf Club stone last in the elite field of 70.

Only 30 players will advance to the Tour Championship at East Lake after this week's FedExCup playoff event and McIlroy is now projected to wind up 53rd in the points standings, leaving him with a likely four-week break from competition.

"I'm just not scoring well," the 24-year-old told reporters after finishing a staggering 24 strokes off the pace at 13-over 155, having mixed two birdies with six bogeys and a double at the drivable par-four seventh.

"I missed it on the wrong side, I'm missing greens with wedges, and just don't have my scoring hat on. I feel like I'm hitting the ball pretty well, I'm just not scoring."

McIlroy had been encouraged by "glimpses" of good form in the first two playoff events but has since regressed after the PGA Tour took a week's break following the Deutsche Bank Championship.

"I didn't play any competitive golf, but you come back and you get a card in your hand again, it's a lot different just practising than being out there," said the mop-haired Northern Irishman, who had won two major titles by the age of 23.

"Just not scoring as well as I need to. I felt really good after the PGA (Championship). When I've actually had a little bit of pressure, that's when I've played my best, so that's a good sign.

"The bad sign is that I'm not in contention too much. It's frustrating, but I'm trying to stay as patient as I can."—*Reuters*

Rory McIlroy of Northern Ireland hits out of the sand trap the first hole during the second round of the BMW Championship golf tournament at the Conway Farms Golf Club in Lake Forest, Illinois, on 13 Sept, 2013.
REUTERS

GENERAL

Asleep in Jesus
U A Soe Myint @ Alphonso Soe Myint
(Kayin State)
Member of Taunggu Association
Naing Ngan Gonyi (second class)
Age (88) years

Beloved son of U Phe+Daw Sar Mo; residing at No. 5B, Masoeyein Kyaung Street, No, (5) Ward, Mayangone Township, Yangon Region, son-in-law of U Henry Krasu+Daw Nyein Zan, beloved husband of Daw Dolly Soe Myint, young brother of (U Aung Nyunt+Daw Helen), (Sithu Saw Samuel Shi Sho+Daw Hla Daung), (U James Kyaw Myint), brother of (Col Daw Than Myint) (Vincent Aung Myint), (Graciano Kan Myint), Dr. Khin Htwe Myint+Dr. Win Kyi, beloved father of U Valentino Soe Myint+Daw Aye Kalyar Win, U James Soe Myint+Naw Louis Tun, Daw Annette Soe Myint+Ole Theil, Daw Valentina Soe Myint, Daw Caroline Soe Myint+U Leslie Soe Hlaing, U Alphonso Soe Myint, U Vincent Soe Myint+Daw Nan Soe, Daw Freeda Soe Myint+U Charles Frenkly, Daw Flavia Soe Myint, beloved grandfather of Ma Alexandra Yupar Myint, Saw Gwe Wah, Mg Adrain Soe Myint, Anne Theil, Melissa Soe Hlaing, Mg Andy Soe Myint, Timothy Soe Hlaing and Henrik Theil was fell asleep in Jesus on 12-9-2013 (Thursday) at 4:00 pm. Prayer Session will held on 15-9-2013 (Sunday) 1:pm at St.Augustine Church, No.64 Inya Road.The remains will be emtombed at Yay Way Ecumenical Garden.

Bereaved Family

British minister: minimum wage must rise further to lift living standards

London, 14 Sept— British Business Secretary Vince Cable said in an interview published on Friday that he will press a government commission to raise the minimum wage to ensure it is keeping up with the cost of living.

Cable believes the minimum hourly rate, which will rise to 6.31 pounds ($10.01) for those aged 21 and over from 1 October, has fallen in real terms by up to 12 percent since the 2008 financial crisis.

"We cannot go on forever in a low pay and low productivity world in which all we can say to workers is, 'You have got to take a wage cut to keep your job,'" Cable told *The Guardian* in an interview published on its website Friday.

"For a very long time, five or six years, wages have been suppressed in low wage sectors. I am sending a signal that we are entering a very different environment."

Cable hopes the increases would come into force over the next two to four years with Britain's minimum wage first introduced at 3.60 pounds ($5.71)an hour in 1999.

He said companies could be compensated for the extra costs of higher wages with a cut in the level of national insurance contributions paid by employers toward employee pensions and other state benefits.

The comments come as living standards are shaping up to be a key electoral issue ahead of national polls expected in spring 2015. As the British economy appears to recover, many workers feel they are not reaping the benefits due to pay cuts and wage freezes since the 2008 financial crisis.

The Cable interview came on the eve of his junior coalition Liberal Democrat party annual autumn conference in Glasgow, where members will debate government policy on a range of matters.

On the issue of the help to buy mortgage scheme - state guarantees for riskier mortgages due to be introduced in January to help first-time buyers—Cable said the government should consider only rolling out the programme in certain parts of Britain.

Reuters

Britain's Business Secretary Vince Cable holds on to his hat as he arrives to attend a Cabinet meeting at Number 10 Downing Street in London on 12 March, 2013.—Reuters

Traffic jam caused by heavy rainfall is seen in Hangzhou, capital of east China's Zhejiang Province, Sept. 13, 2013. Hangzhou was hit by a heavy rain on Friday evening. **Xinhua**

France says chemical regulator 'insufficient' for Syria arms control

Paris, 14 Sept — France said on Friday that a binding UN Security Council resolution was needed to police Syria's promise to give up its chemical weapons, insisting that the matter could not be left to an international watchdog.

Syria applied on Thursday to sign up to the global treaty banning chemical weapons, a major first step in a Russian-backed plan that would see it give up its stocks of poison gas to avert US military strikes.

However, France, which had been set to join the US strikes, fears Assad may play for time by trying to deal solely with the treaty body, the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW).

"The statements by the Syrian regime are useful, but definitely insufficient," Foreign Ministry spokesman Philippe Lalliot said. "We can't just accept statements of intent by the Syrians. We need commitments that can be set, monitored and checked."

Lalliot said it could take months to detail stocks according to OPCW standards, and at least two years to even begin dismantling them.

"It's a time frame that is much longer than we expect," Lalliot said. "If there were any breaches, they would need to be punished, otherwise resolutions would have no sense.

"There has to be a UN Security Council resolution because it is a text that is legally binding. All other texts within the council are insufficient, such as a presidential declaration, which is what the Russians would like to put forward."

France, one of Assad's fiercest critics, says the resolution must also ensure that those who carried out a chemical attack on the outskirts of Damascus on 21 August do not go unpunished.

Some Western diplomats and analysts have already said it will be difficult to verify whether Syria has given up all its chemical arms since there is no known reliable inventory of the stockpile or its whereabouts.

Lalliot said a French draft resolution was still under discussion with British and American allies, and would not yet be distributed to Russia and China, the other two permanent members of the UN Security Council, who have previously vetoed three resolutions designed to put pressure on Assad.

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Don't like my style? I don't care, says Fellaini

London, 14 Sept— Marouane Fellaini joined Manchester United to win trophies not friends and will not be changing the abrasive style that made such an impression during his time at Everton.

The fuzzy-haired Belgian midfielder, who joined United for 24 million pounds on the final day of the transfer window, gave his first news conference since joining on Friday and left no one in any doubt about what he will bring to the party.

"I came here to win trophies. For me, it's a dream to join the biggest club in the world," Fellaini, who is in line to make his debut against Crystal Palace on Saturday, said.

"I will prove myself on the pitch. Some people don't like my qualities, but I don't care. The manager, staff and players here know me. The manager gave me confidence (when he signed him at Everton). I didn't know anyone, but he helped me."

"I need to work hard for my place — there are a lot of good players. I need to show my ability, I'll keep focused. I want to help the team and give everything."

Fellaini was United's only high-profile addition to the United squad that won the title last season in former manager Alex Ferguson's swansong.

A strong, powerful player who is not afraid to mix it, he is not from the same mould as the likes of Paul Scholes, but manager David Moyes believes Fellaini will have a big impact.

Manchester United's new signing Marouane Fellaini (L) poses with manager David Moyes and a club shirt ahead of news conference at the club's Old Trafford stadium in Manchester on 13 Sept, 2013.—Reuters

"Fellaini's presence is very noticeable for many reasons, including his size. But you can't overlook his technical ability," Moyes, who signed him from Standard Liege, said.

"He is effective in different areas of the field. If he keeps improving as he has done, we could have a really top player on our hands. Every time I watch Belgium, Felli is the best player."

Moyes was asked to explain why United had left it so late to sign Fellaini when he had been linked with a move to Old Trafford from the moment Moyes left Everton to replace Ferguson.

"We didn't want to give up on (Everton defender) Leighton Baines so we kept the deals together and only split it (for Fellaini) at the last minute," Moyes said.—*Reuters*

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CSOs, media play crucial role for free, fair elections

UEC Chairman U Tin Aye delivers address at Media Conference (2013) between the Union Election Commission and political parties.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 14 Sept—A media conference (2013) between the Union Election Commission and political parties, jointly organized by Myanmar Multiparty Democracy Programme and International Media Support (IMS), was held at Inya Lake Hotel in Yangon this morning, with an address by UEC Chairman U Tin Aye.

Project Coordinator (Myanmar) Mr Glean Swanson from International Media Support (IMS), Coordinator Daw Khin Thazin Myint of Myanmar Multiparty Democracy Programme and editor-in-chief U Khin Maung Lay (a) Pho Thauk Kyar from the Golden Land Daily extended greetings.

In his speech, the UEC Chairman said that the UEC is reviewing its duties prescribed in the Constitution as well as studying election laws and system of other countries for its capacity building. In addition, the UEC has set the year 2013 for review, the year 2014 for training and the year 2015 for close supervision of free and fair elections.

UEC Chairman U Tin Aye gives interviews to media.—MNA

play a crucial role in ensuring a free and fair election and development of the country. The CSOs and media should well aware of laws and rules so as to steer the electoral process, he urged. It needs to educate voters for electoral process. He called for collaboration of all political parties, the CSOs and media for the success of elections.

Officials and representatives from IMS, political parties and local media held discussions on the role of media and democratic parties, the role of political parties in democratic society, the role of linkage between political parties and media in other countries and linkage and relations between political parties and media in Myanmar.

It was attended by officials and representatives from IMS, international organizations, political parties and CSOs, media and guests. IMS was opened in Myanmar in May of 2013. Its objective is to carry out the capacity building of media men for three years. It is the first-ever meeting between IMS and its partner organizations. IMS has planned to continue holding similar seminar in the future.—*MNA*

Prison break kills one, leaves seven injured

NAY PYI TAW, 14 Sept—One person was dead and seven injured in a jailbreak attempt in Kawthoung last night. As the authorities foiled it in time, no one could escape from the jail.

At about 8.30 pm yesterday, the turmoil, triggered by a quarrel between Ye Ko Hlaing and Nyi Nyi Hlaing brothers who were sentenced one-and-a-half-year im-prisonment each over fighting case with inmate Tun Tun Ko (a) Tun Tun Myint, occurred at room-4, upstairs of men's cell in Kawthoung Jail.

Taking advantage of the quarrel, inmates from room-3 and room-4 of cell (1) sparked the unrest. In controlling the situation, officials warned the inmates through hand speaker to abide by the prescribed laws and not to get involved in the unrest.

However, some inmates broke through the roof (CI), destroyed doors of the cell, set fire to upstairs corridor of cell (1) and downstairs corridor of cell (2) and broke down electrical slides. Then, they left the cell and sparked the unrest to break the jail.

The prisoners and inmates threw authorities with stones and materials in defiance of jail authorities. After that, they broke through the roof of the cell and arrived at the inner walls of the jail. Thus, Jail security persons fired warning shots with .303 rifle and BA-52 sten gun.

At 9.30 pm, the deputy commissioner of Kawthoung District, the commander of District Police Force, policemen and members of fire brigade arrived at the scene.

They together with members of jail security controlled the situation, gather the inmates outside the cell and put out the fire. The officials restored the power lines.

There were one prisoner dead and two prisons and five inmates injured in the incident. The injured are under medical treatment at Kawthoung Township People's Hospital. Action will be taken against those who attempted to commit jailbreak.

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A strategic plan is being drawn in cooperation with IFES (International Foundation for Electoral System) which is aimed at holding the 2015 elections successfully. Laws and bylaws which are being drafted by the UEC will be shown to political parties and Civil Society Organizations (CSOs). Cooperation of all political parties is of prime importance for successful holding of free and fair elections.

The CSOs and media

Myanmar hosts Pre-SEA Games Shorinji Kempo Test Match 2013

YANGON, 14 Sept—The opening of Pre-SEA Games Shorinji Kempo Test Match 2013 was held at National Indoor Stadium (1), here, this morning. It was attended by Myanmar National Sports Committee Chairman Union Minister for Sports U Tint Hsan, Yangon Region Chief Minister U Myint Swe, Deputy Minister for Sports U Zaw Win, region ministers, SEA Kempo Federation President and Indonesian Kempo Federation President Mr. KUSUMO and Coach Director Mr. INDRA, the president and executives of MKF and athletes.

Yangon Region Chief Minister U Myint Swe extended greetings. Union Minister U Tint Hsan in his address said that better experiences from the event will be beneficial to 27th SEA Games. Then, the Union minister and party greeted the teams.

The chief minister awarded prizes to winners in mixed Kumi Embu (Artistic) Pair Kyu-Kenshi event and the deputy minister, winners in men's double Mem Kumi Embu (Artistic) Pair Kyu-Kenshi event. President of MKF U Kyaw Moe Naing presented awards to first, second and third prize winners in women's group Embu (Artistic) 4-KENSHI event.

A total of 61 athletes from Myanmar, Indonesia, Vietnam, Timor-Leste and Laos are taking part in the tourney that will last till tomorrow.

Afterwards, the Union minister looked round stadium and sports grounds that will host seven sports events in 27th SEA Games.—*MNA*

Union Minister fulfills requirement of Myanmar workers in Malaysia

NAY PYI TAW, 14 Sept—A delegation led by Union Minister for Labour, Employment and Social Security U Aye Myint on 9 September met the organizations and care associations of Malaysia that help Myanmar migrant workers in Kuala Lumpur of Malaysia.

On 10 September, the Union minister coordinated with officials of Sony electronic factory and attended to needs of Myanmar workers.

The Union minister held talks with Malaysian Minister of Home Affairs Dr Ahmad Zahid Hamidi and party on opening of one stop service centre to legalize Myanmar workers and returns of illegal workers in distress to come back home.

On 11 September morning, the Union minister met with workers who renewed the passports and applied C of I for returning home at Myanmar Embassy to Malaysia. He asked about present work situation and difficulties of Myanmar workers and attended to the needs.

The Union minister also gave words of encouragement to Myanmar workers at oil palm plantations of Sime Darby Co and Panasonic electronics factory.

At Hei Tech Padu Berhad Data Center Co, the Union minister and party observed employment data gathering system and network connection system.

During the visit of the Union minister, an agreement was reached to provide necessary documents for Myanmar workers in Malaysia and ensure smooth return of Myanmar workers. A plan is underway to hold the expert level meeting of two countries.—*MNA*

Union Minister for Labour, Employment and Social Security U Aye Myint greets Myanmar workers in Malaysia.—MNA