

Senior General Min Aung Hlaing arrives at Wing-6 of Royal Thai Air Force in Bangkok



Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing and party being welcomed at Wing-6 of Royal Thai Air Force in Bangkok of Thailand.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 16 Sept—The Myanmar Tatmadaw delegation led by Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing left here by air yesterday to attend the 1st Thailand-Myanmar High Level Committee Meeting to be held in Thailand and

arrived at Wing-6 of Royal Thai Air Force in Bangkok of Thailand at 2.25 pm local time.

The Senior General and party were welcomed by Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Royal Thai Armed Forces Admiral Yuttana Phagpolngan, senior

military officers of Royal Thai Armed Forces, the Myanmar Ambassador and the Military Attaché.

The Senior General and party proceeded to Dusit Thani Hotel in a motorcade.

In the evening, the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services and

party were hosted a dinner by Supreme Commander of Royal Thai Armed Forces General Tanasak Patimapragorn at Chatrium Riversides Hotel. During the dinner, the music band of Royal Thai Armed Forces entertained them with songs.—MNA

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Appointment of Shan State Minister for Development Affairs

Under Sub-sections (e) and (f) of Section 262 and Sub-section (c) of Section 264 of the Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, Sub-section (c) of Section 19 and Sub-section (c) of Section 82 of the Union Government Law and Sub-section (g) of Section 8 and Sub-section (a) of Section 56 of the Region or State Government Law, Pyithu Hluttaw Representative U Sai Hla Win of Mongping Township Constituency No 2 has been appointed as Shan State Minister for Development Affairs.

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President
Republic of the Union of Myanmar

U Soe Nwe presents Credentials to Polish President

NAY PYI TAW, 17 Sept—U Soe Nwe, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar to the Republic of Poland, presented his Credentials to His Excellency Mr. Bronislaw Komorowski, President of the Republic of Poland, on 5 September 2013, in Warsaw.—MNA

Moeyungyi Lake, home to migratory birds, bio-diversities

Moeyungyi Lake is located in Bago Township, southeast of Waw Township and north of DaikU Township. It is six furlongs east of Pyinbongyi model village near Yangon-Mandalay Highway. The lake can be seen with Bago mountain ranges in the background.

Moeyungyi Sanctuary was established in 1986 with the aim of conserving the area of migratory birds, jointly conducting research on water birds in cooperation with international organizations, mobilizing the local people to participate in wetland conservation and raising awareness of the people on importance of watershed

conservation.

The lake is on 25600 acres. In 1235 ME, British Burma Timber Co dug the 38 miles long Bago-Sittoung Canal from the Sittoung River to Bago Tarwa Sluice Gate. The company transported various kinds of timber to Yangon. The emergence of the canal had aspired the construction of Moeyungyi Lake. With the passage of time, it has become a natural lake.

The lake is a Ramsar site for the nation. Myanmar joined the RAMSAR in November 2004 so as to conserve international wetland conservation. Moeyungyi Lake was designated as the first Ramsar site of Myanmar.

A total of 10485 shade

and perennial crop trees are grown on the land of the lake which gives accommodation to 126 species of birds, 46 species of fish and other animals.

The lake benefits cultivation of monsoon and summer paddy plantations and other crops of 20 villages around its 40 miles radius area. The panoramic

views of the lake attract the visitors at home and abroad. The visitors watch natures of migratory birds from the towers with the use of binoculars.

Indeed, Moeyungyi Lake is home to migratory birds and bio-diversities.

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LOCAL NEWS

Ma Hta Tha (APBCCC) formed with new members

YANGON, 16 Sept—Yangon Region All Bus-line Control Central Committee was formed with elected persons.

In the elections, bus owners, drivers and conductors chose the committee members.

A total of 30 candidates participated in the election. The person with top score of votes will be assigned duty as vice-chairman of the committee and the remaining persons will be members of the committee.

Officials explained election process to the

media.

“We, bus owners, drivers and conductors, know the requirements in the grassroots level.

We will solve sufferings of bus workers,” said U Min Zaw, who won the largest amount of votes in the election.

In the election, U Min Zaw, bus owner of No 43rd bus line of branch 7 stood first, U Zaw Lin Maung, bus owner of No 51st bus line of branch 1 second and U Thet Naing, bus owner of No 63rd bus line from branch 8 third.

Kyemon-K Thein Swe

Knowledge about prevention against natural disaster shared

YAMETHIN, 16 Sept—Talks on prevention against natural disaster was held at the hall of Waho Ward administrative office in Yamethin on 11 September afternoon.

Staff Officer U Phoner Er of Township Fire Services Department explained the natural disasters, directives of the ministry, installation of fire extinguishers, use of life jackets at water, and preparedness for natural disasters.

Sgt Tun Lin Aung lectured systematic use of fire at kitchen and loss and damages in negligent fires.

The staff demonstrated use of life jackets and fire extinguishers.

Also present were ward and village authorities,

townselders and local people.—*Kyemon-Hlaing Than Tint (Yamethin)*

Hsipaw Township Police Force Commander meets townselders



HSIPAW, 16 Sept—Commander of Township Police Force of Shan State (North) Police Major Myint

Swe met townselders on 11 September at the hall of Township Police Force.

It was also attended by

the ward administrators.

Police Major Myint Swe discussed conditions of security and rule of law in the township and informed the townselders that the township is still witnessing illicit drug trafficking.

He pushed the townselders to help keep up the morale of the youths.

Townselders said they would report the police force if there is any drug trafficking in their surroundings.

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Meter bill collected through computer system

YAMETHIN, 16 Sept—Staff of Township Electrical Engineer Office of Yamethin Township in Mandalay Region collected payments for electric meter bills through computer system.

They gathered the charges of power consumption from the people door to door on 11 September morning.

Thanks to their efforts, the local consumers save

the time and avoid the act of paying fine for overdue payments.

In addition, the people can pay bills for the power consumption immediately.

Kyemon-Tin Oo (Yamethin)

Anti-Narcotic Drives

Heroin block seized in Mongphyat

MONGPHYAT, 16 Sept—Members of Mongphyat District Police Force of Shan State (East) searched the motorcycle driven by Ah Haw near Hona Village on Kengtung-Tachilek Union Highway on 14 September.

The police seized one heroin block weighing 300 grams worth K 15 million, 1140 baht and one mobile phone.

Mongphyat Police Station opened a file of lawsuit against Ah Haw, 29,



of Kengtung under the law.

Kyemon-Than Zaw (Mongphyat)

Photo shows drug trafficker Ah Haw.

Aid distributed to flood victims in Singaing Township



SINGAING, 16 Sept—Some villages in Singaing Township were deluged with flood by the rising water level in Dokhtawady River.

Villagers of flooded villages have been evacuated and moved to higher ground with the assistance of District/Township Administrators and region development supportive group under the guidance of Mandalay Region Government.

Authorities provided food, rice, water and others to the temporary camps in flooded villages on 13 September.

The Mandalay Region government provided 26 bags of rice and District General Administration Department 44 bags of rice, District Women's Affairs

organization, 17 boxes of instant noodle and 400 bottles of purified drinking water.

The assistances were distributed by District Deputy Commissioner U Ohn Than, Township Administrator U Myint

Thein and officials, District Women's Affairs Organization Chairperson Daw Aye Aye Win and party.

Myaukkaing, In-lechan, Sehnakai, Banyarlaw, Tabetswe and Tatmyaw villages were flooded since

9 September.

The flood affected 21 villages, 499 houses, 532 households and 2306 population.

Authorities have relocated the victims in temporary relief camps.

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Books, wall magazine, photos shows held

MAWLAMYINEGYUN, 16 Sept—In commemoration of the Myanmar Anti-Trafficking in Persons Day 2013, the books, wall magazine and photo shows was held at No 1 Basic Education High School in Mawlamyinegyun on 11 September morning.

Commander of Township Police Force Police Major Min Thein talked about fighting against trafficking in persons,

Additional Township Judge U Kyaw Kyaw legal affairs and trafficking in persons, the head of Township Immigration and National Registration Department, population and 2014 taking census and Head of Township Information and Public Relations Department Daw Thida Aung, knowledge in the literature to the students.

Kyemon-Mawgyun Myint Aung

Tree falls down on staff quarters of Myanmar Railways



MYITNGE, 16 Sept—As strong winds hit Myitnge of Amarapura Township in Mandalay Region at 4 pm on 13 September, a tree fell down on the staff quarters of

Myanmar Railways.

A tree fell down on the house of U Chan Tha, a worker of Carriage and Wagon Factory of Myanmar Railways in Aungmingala

Ward of Myitnge.

In the accident, there was any casualty.

Likewise, a neem tree fell down on the house of U Than Maung in Aungchantha Ward of Myitnge in the strong winds.

The people in Myitnge experience natural disasters

such as outbreak of fire, strong winds and flood in the recent days,” said a local.

Kyemon-Maung Maung Soe (Myitnge)

WORLD

Kerry reassures Israel on bid to rid Syria of chemical arms

JERUSALEM, 16 Sept—US Secretary of State John Kerry assured Israel on Sunday a US-Russian deal to remove Syria's chemical weapons would be effective, addressing concern that a lack of resolve would embolden Iran in its nuclear drive.

"We cannot have hollow words in the conduct of international affairs, because that affects all other issues, whether Iran or North Korea or others," Kerry said after talks with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu.

Kerry briefed Netanyahu on what he called "the most far-reaching chemical weapons removal ever", after the Israeli leader said the deal would be judged on whether it achieved the arsenal's "complete destruction".

Israeli officials had privately expressed dismay about US President Barack Obama's handling of the Syria crisis, fearful that any failure to follow through with threatened military action would encourage Iran to press on with its nuclear work.

"The Syrian regime must be stripped of all its chemical weapons, and that would make our entire region a lot safer," Netanyahu said after his talks with Kerry. "The determination the international community shows regarding Syria will have a direct impact on the Syrian regime's patron Iran. Iran must understand the consequences of its continual defiance of the international community by its pursuit towards nuclear weapons," Netanyahu added.

Standing alongside Netanyahu, Kerry said the framework agreement he reached with Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov in Geneva on Saturday "has the full ability ... to strip all of the chemical weapons from Syria".

Kerry reiterated that the military option remained should Syrian President Bashar al-Assad fail to comply with the deal.

The accord called for Assad to account for his chemical arsenal within a week and let international inspectors eliminate it all by the middle of 2014.

"The egregious use of chemical weapons by the Assad regime against innocent men, women, children, their own citizens, all indiscriminately murdered in the dead of night is unacceptable," Kerry said, refer-



US Secretary of State John Kerry (L) shakes hands with Israel's Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu after speaking to the media at the prime minister's office in Jerusalem on 15 Sept, 2013.—REUTERS

ring to an 21 August attack that Washington says killed more than 1,400 people.

"And we have said in no uncertain terms that this

should never happen again. This country (Israel) understands the words 'never again' perhaps more than any other," he said, a refer-

ence to the Nazi Holocaust in which six million Jews were killed, many of them in gas chambers.

Reuters



Children look at a dancing remote-controlled robot during the Science Picnic in Zagreb, Croatia, on 15 Sept, 2013. More than ten thousand people visited the event organized for the purpose of popularization of scientific knowledge. —XINHUA

S Koreans head to N Korea for trial operation at industrial zone

SEOUL, 16 Sept—More than 800 South Korean managers and workers traveled to an inter-Korean industrial zone on Monday in the North's border city of Kaesong for a trial to resume operations after a five-month suspension, according to the South's Unification Ministry.

More than 400 of them are expected to stay overnight to oversee production operations there, the minis-

try, handling inter-Korean ties, said.

Of the 123 South Korean companies that have factories at the zone, more than half are to start trial operations and have asked North Korean workers to report to work, *Yonhap News Agency* reported.

The resumption of operations at the zone came after the two Koreas agreed last week to resume operations after a trial operation

in the zone.

The two sides also agreed to host a road show for foreign investors at the zone in October in an effort to develop Kaesong into an international industrial zone.

All operations in the zone, which first began in 2004, came to a halt on 8 April, when the North pulled out all of its 53,000 workers amid heightened tensions on the Korean Pen-

insula. The industrial zone, which combines South Korean capital and expertise with cheap North Korean labour, has been a major symbol of inter-Korean co-operation. In another sign of easing tensions between the two Koreas, additional rounds of reunions of families separated by the 1950-1953 Korean War will be held next week at the North's Mt Kumgang.

Kyodo News

Obama says Syria deal offers "lesson" for possible diplomatic resolution to Iran nuclear standoff

WASHINGTON, 16 Sept—US President Barack Obama said on Sunday the just-concluded deal on ridding Syria of its chemical weapons arsenal offers a "lesson" to Iran that it is possible to resolve the US-Iranian nuclear standoff diplomatically.

In an interview with ABC's "This Week With George Stephanopoulos," Obama said both a credible threat of force, combined with a rigorous diplomatic effort, will lead to a deal on solving the crisis over Iran's nuclear programme.

The US and Russia reached a deal on Satur-

day in Geneva on placing Syria's chemical weapons under international control and destroying them by mid-2014, so to avert a US military strike on the war-torn Middle Eastern country. The agreement, reached by US Secretary of State John Kerry and his Russian counterpart Sergei Lavrov, was struck after the Obama administration lobbied intensively Congress for authorizing its use of force against Syria over the latter's alleged chemical attack in the suburbs of Damascus on 21 Aug, which the US claims killed more 1,400 people.

The Obama administration has also threatened to use force to thwart what it suspects Iran's attempt to acquire a nuclear weapon through its controversial nuclear programme, which Teheran insists is solely for the purposes of scientific research and civil energy use.

Obama said Iran's nuclear programme is "a larger issue" than the chemical weapons issue, because the threat to Israel posed by a nuclear Iran "is much closer to our core interests," and a nuclear arms race in the region would be "profoundly destabilizing."—Xinhua

44 killed, 133 wounded in Iraqi violence

BAGHDAD, 16 Sept—At least 44 people were killed and 133 others wounded in separate violent attacks across Iraq on Sunday, police and sources said.

Three people were killed and 12 others wounded when a roadside bomb exploded inside a popular cafe in the Shala area of northwestern Baghdad, an Interior Ministry source told *Xinhua* anonymously.

Unidentified gunmen also stormed into the house of a local leader of the government-backed Sahwa militia group, killing him, his wife and two of his children in the Rashid area of southern Baghdad, the source added. On condition of anonymity, a local police source told *Xinhua*

that two car bombs went off successively at a marketplace in the al-Debis area, some 25 km northwest of Kirkuk, killing two people and wounding 16 others.

Additionally, in Iraq's eastern Province of Diyala,

a police source revealed two farmers were shot dead in their orchard by gunmen in the town of Abu Sayda, some 30 km north of the provincial capital city of Baquba, about 65 km north-east of Baghdad.—Xinhua



Policemen inspect the site of an explosion which killed two people and wounded 16 others in Kirkuk, Iraq, on 15 Sept, 2013. At least 44 people were killed and 133 others wounded in separate violent attacks across Iraq on Sunday, police and interior ministry sources said.

XINHUA

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY



BlackBerry bidders eye parts of the company, shareholder explores private route

NEW YORK, 16 Sept—A handful of potential bidders, including private equity firms, are lining up to look at BlackBerry Ltd, but initial indications suggest that interest is tepid and buyers are eyeing parts of the Canadian smartphone maker rather than the whole company, several sources familiar with the situation said.

Private equity firms are mostly interested in businesses such as BlackBerry's operating system and the patents around its keyboard, two of the sources said. However, one possibility is for a Canadian pension fund to team up with an investor to buy the whole company, which is currently worth a little more than \$5 billion, one of the sources said.

BlackBerry's biggest shareholder, Fairfax Financial Holdings Ltd, has approached several large Canadian investment funds about forging a deal to take the smartphone maker private, *Reuters* reported last week.

Fairfax has a 10 percent stake, and its chairman and chief executive, Prem

Watsa, has left BlackBerry's board already to avoid any possible conflict of interest as the company assesses its strategic options.

Nevertheless, in recent days a few private equity firms have signed confidentiality agreements or have agreed to meetings with the company to gain access to the company's books, the sources said, adding that the sale process was expected to start in a few weeks.

BlackBerry declined to comment. The apparent lack of interest among private equity firms in the whole company underscores the challenges BlackBerry has been facing in competing with rivals such as Apple Inc's iPhone and devices using Google Inc's Android technology.

Its new BlackBerry devices hit store shelves this year just as the high-end smartphone segment was showing signs of saturation in markets such as the United States. Samsung Electronics recently reported results that fell shy of expectations, while Apple earlier this year reported its first quarterly profit decline in more than a decade.—*Reuters*

Cloud computing poised for take-off in Gulf countries

DUBAI, 16 Sept—The oil-rich Gulf countries are mostly advanced in using big data solutions and cloud computing but more awareness is needed to unlock the technology's true potential, industry experts told *Xinhua*.

Once regarded as a desert in state-of-the-art information technology, the Gulf Arab region is moving rapidly into the new world of big data.

Speaking at a conference last Tuesday in Dubai, Patricia Florissi, vice president of US computer storage giant EMC Corporation said as companies in the Gulf countries mushroomed, demand for big data storage solutions soared in recent years.

Cloud computing, an outsourced data service,

is used by many entities to avoid the expensive use and management of hard and softer ware at their own premises.

According to US research firm Frost & Sullivan, the market for data centres in the Gulf region generated revenues of 231.7 million US dollars in 2012 and the number is poised to hit 706.3 million US dollars by 2018.

Gautam Jain, a senior official at British bank Standard Chartered that has ample presence here, said his bank started to use cloud computing based on Oracle software, adding "more awareness has to be promoted among market participants and customers that cloud computing is not insecure, but efficient and cost-effective."

According to Vinod Viswanath, head of cloud services at Dubai-based CEM Business Solutions, said cloud computing was not only for big entities but also for small and medium enterprises (SME). "An outsourced storage solution ... can save a Dubai-based SME trading firm up to 200,000 US dollars per year. It reduces IT vulnerability and can save one full-time employee."

He said Dubai, home to tens of thousands of trading firms, is at the forefront of Arab cloud computing. His company CEM is based in Dubai Internet City, the Middle East's biggest free zone for IT firms where blue chips like Microsoft, HP and Huawei run their Middle East headquarters.

While EMC's market

share in the United Arab Emirates grew from 37.7 percent in 2010 to 42.5 percent in 2012, other market participants such as China's Huawei and United States' Dell have also entered the Gulf region by offering cloud solutions and external data storage services.

According to an EMC survey conducted in the Middle East, 87 percent of IT decision makers regard big data solutions as a tool to make better decisions, 45 percent regard it as essential to stay competitive.

Florissi said EMC's development in the Gulf region was just at the beginning, adding economic growth in the oil-rich Gulf region "will lead to more workloads and this will drive storage innovation."

Xinhua

Tata Sky hopes Rs 900 crore MPEG-4 switch will help increase marketshare



NEW DELHI, 16 Sept—Direct-to-home television operator Tata Sky plans to invest Rs 900 crore this fiscal on upgrading technology as it targets a 30 percent growth in subscribers.

"We will invest around Rs 900 crore to shift to new technology that will help

us expand our channel offerings," Tata Sky CEO Harit Nagpal told *PTI*. The company will switch to the MPEG-4 format from the current MPEG-2 standard, enabling it to offer more than 300 channels from about 230 now. The changeover is part of Tata Sky's strategy to in-

crease its subscriber base, which stands at 10 million.

"We have already started the process of moving over to the new technology. This is likely to be completed by July 2014.

We have to change set-top boxes of each of our customers, hence it will take so

long," Nagpal said.

Tata Sky is one of six private DTH companies offering services to 56.5 million subscribers as of 31 March, according to the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI).

"We will grow by 25-30 percent this financial year," Nagpal said, adding that digitisation has helped to win over former analog cable customers. DTH companies are adding 8-10 million customers every year as analog cable systems are digitised to allow all TV signals to be provided only through set-top boxes, he said.

The second phase of digitisation of cable TV systems ended on 31 March and covered 38 cities with a population of more than 1 million, according to TRAI. The whole country is expected to be covered by the end of 2014.—*PTI*

Micromax Canvas Fun A63 with Android 4.2 available online for Rs 6,799

MUMBAI, 16 Sept—Micromax's new budget Android smartphone, the Canvas Fun A63 is now available online for Rs 6,799 through Snapdeal. However, the company has not officially launched the device in the country.

The Micromax Canvas Fun A63 was listed on the company's official website earlier this month; however there was no word about the pricing and availability of the device. The Canvas Fun A63 comes with a 4-inch

WVGA (480x800 pixels) display, and is powered by a single-core 1.3GHz Mediatek 6572 processor paired with 512MB of RAM. It also includes 1GB of inbuilt storage which can be further expanded up to 32GB.

The Canvas Fun A63 sports a 2-megapixel rear camera with flash. It runs Android 4.2.2 Jelly Bean. Connectivity options on the device include Wi-Fi, Bluetooth, EDGE, GPRS, GPS and 3G.

It includes a 1500mAh battery that can give up to

4.5 hours of talk time and 135 hours of standby time, as per the company. It is a dual-SIM device with support for GSM+GSM. Micromax has been launching a number of budget and mid-range devices in the last few days.

Earlier this month, Micromax introduced a new mid-range smartphone, the Canvas Ego A113, which went for pre-orders at Snapdeal for Rs 12,999.

The Micromax Canvas Ego A113 features a 4.7-inch display. The device is

powered by a 1.2GHz quad-core processor along with 1GB of RAM. It comes with 4GB inbuilt storage which can be expanded up to 32GB via microSD card. It also sports an 8-megapixel rear camera with an LED flash while there is no word about the front-facing camera.

The Micromax Canvas Ego runs on Android 4.1 Jelly Bean. It is a dual-SIM phone with support for GSM+GSM. It also packs in 2000mAh battery.

PTI



BUSINESS & HEALTH

France risks sanctions if fails to meet financial target: EC president

PARIS, 16 Sept—European Commission (EC) President, Jose Manuel Barroso on Sunday said sanction measures would be considered if France failed to meet its financial commitment.

He urged the government to take more audacious reforms to respect its economic pledges. “France made significant efforts over the past five years, but if the commission believes that the country did not respect the stability pact, it has the duty to act. There

are procedures to be followed,” the EC president said.

Speaking to the local broadcaster Europe 1, Barroso hailed efforts of the eurozone’s main powerhouse to fix domestic economic problems but pointed that further audacious reforms were still needed mainly to improve competitiveness. “In our opinion, France’s main problem is (how to boost) competitiveness. If it does not solve this problem, there will be no growth,” the European official said.



“The French government announced that it would take measures to offset the increased costs on businesses and... this is a problem because we do not create favourable conditions for job creation,” he added.

The European Union offered France two extra years to reach its financial commitments and “to cor-

rect the excessive deficit at the latest by 2015” instead of 2013.

Presenting their draft budget for 2014 last Wednesday, the Socialist government cut its 2014 growth estimate to 0.9 percent from a previous forecast of 1.2 percent and hiked the budget gap target initially set at 3.7 percent to 4.1 percent.—Xinhua

Taipei’s HTC trims US workforce, shares tumble

TAIPEI, 16 Sept—HTC Corp laid off around 20 per-



Customers look at HTC smartphones in a mobile phone shop in Taipei on 30 July 2013.

REUTERS

cent of its US-based staff in what it called a move to

streamline its operations after a period of growth, sending its shares tumbling on Monday.

The struggling Taiwanese smartphone maker said it laid off 30 employees on Friday to “optimize our organization and improve efficiencies after several years of aggressive growth”.

The company’s shares dropped 4 percent by 0122 GMT on Monday, underperforming a 0.9 percent rise in the broader market.

HTC had around 150 employees in the United States — its largest market

until last year — before the layoffs, including some design and marketing executives. The company said in a statement that it would “continue to hire in strategic areas”.

The US layoffs represent a tiny fraction of HTC’s global workforce of about 17,000. HTC’s sales so far this year have dropped 31.5 percent compared to the same period last year, rocked by a component shortage in the beginning of the year and its position at the high end of a smartphone market that is close to saturation.—Reuters

Cancer drug might help treat diabetes

WASHINGTON, 16 Sept—A cancer drug already approved for use in humans might also be effective in the treatment of diabetes, US researchers said on Sunday.

The research, done in mice, identified a molecular pathway involved in the development of diabetes, and found that the drug aflibercept, marketed as Eylea or Zaltrap, can regulate the pathway.

Aflibercept is approved to treat metastatic colorectal cancer and a form of macular degeneration. It inhibits the vascular endothelial growth factor (VEGF) pathway, thus blocking the growth of the blood vessels into tumours and starving them of oxygen.

Researchers from the Stanford University School of Medicine reported in the journal *Nature Medicine* in two articles that they have identified

a series of protein interactions that link VEGF inhibitors and blood glucose levels, including one called Phd3 that could be a particularly attractive target. “We were surprised to find that this drug currently used in patients for cancer treatment had beneficial effects on diabetes in laboratory mice and could, potentially, in humans,” said Professor Calvin Kuo, senior author of one of the two papers.

The studies hinted that VEGF inhibitors, such as aflibercept, could function in a similar way in humans, but human studies have not been formally conducted.

“Anecdotally, there have been reports that diabetic patients who have been prescribed VEGF inhibitors to treat their cancer are better able to control their diabetes,” Kuo said.

Xinhua



Boeing moves closer to South Korean fighter jet deal

SEOUL, 16 Sept—Top decision makers in South Korea’s 8.3 trillion won (\$7.64 billion) fighter jet tender have briefed the president on the outcome of an assessment process and told her that Boeing Co’s *F-15 Silent Eagle* was the sole eligible bid, a source with knowledge of the process told Reuters.

The country’s defence minister, the head of the Defence Acquisition Programme Administration (DAPA) and the air force chief of staff were at the briefing on Friday, said the source, who was briefed on the meeting.

The source could not be identified due to the sensitivity of the closed-door meeting. A spokesman for DAPA confirmed the meeting had taken place, but declined to comment on what was discussed. Boeing’s *F-15SE* fighter was the only one

of three bids that came in under budget. Rivals Lockheed Martin Corp’s costlier *F-35* stealth fighter and the Eurofighter consortium’s *Typhoon* were both over budget.

The closely fought tender will be scrutinized by a final decision-making committee chaired by the defence minister. The committee meeting is expected to be held next week, the DAPA spokesman said, but a date had not been set. The new jets are being acquired to partially replace ageing *F-4* and *F-5* jets.

Debate has intensified as the tender decision has drawn closer and 15 South Korean former air force chiefs signed a petition in late August opposing the selection of the *F-15SE*, saying it lacked the stealth capabilities of more modern aircraft.

While it is still possible that the tender could

be made void by President Park Geun-hye, she has more pressing budgetary issues to address and needs to fund ambitious social spending pledges that helped her win a presidential election last year.

“Unlike the last administration, the Park administration has comparatively little interest in this programme,” said Yang Uk, a senior research fellow at the Korea Defence and Security Forum.

“With this year’s tax revenue expected to be several trillion won short of target, the government is likely to stick with the current tender instead of possibly increasing the budget down the line,” he said. On Friday, Finance Minister Hyun Oh-seok told a parliamentary hearing that South Korea faced a 2013 revenue shortfall of up to 8 trillion won (\$7.37 billion).

Reuters

Global stocks & bonds rally, dollar dips as Summers steps aside

SYDNEY, 16 Sept—The US dollar slid while bonds and shares rallied in Asia on Monday after news Lawrence Summers had dropped from the race to head the Federal Reserve promised to prolong the lifetime of super-easy money.

Further whetting risk appetite was signs of progress on Syria, all of which helped Australian shares to a five-year peak and South

Korea to a six-month high.

Summers’ surprise decision comes just before the central bank meets on Tuesday and Wednesday to decide when and by how much to scale back its asset purchases from the current pace of \$85 billion a month.

Investors wagered that US monetary policy would stay easier for longer should the other leading candidate for Fed chair, Janet Yellen, get the job.

Markets had perceived Summers as less wedded to aggressive policies such as quantitative easing and more likely to scale it back quicker than the more dovish Yellen, who is currently second in command at the Fed.

“Short-term interest rates are going to remain at zero for longer than you ever would have imagined,” should Yellen get the chair, said Chris Rupkey, chief financial economist at Bank of Tokyo-Mitsubishi UFJ.

It was even possible a first hike would be pushed out into 2016, rather than 2015 as currently planned, he said. Going by Yellen’s past speeches, she would likely make getting the jobless rate down a priority.

“Yellen looks like the clear front-runner, and seems to be the public’s popular choice,” he argued.

Reuters



An office worker walks past the board of the Australian Securities Exchange building displaying its logo in central Sydney on 5 April, 2013.—REUTERS

China welcomes Russia-US deal on Syria, says foreign minister

BEIJING, 16 Sept — Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi on Sunday said China welcomes a recent agreement between Russia and the United States over the issue of Syrian chemical weapons, according to a Foreign Ministry press release.

Wang told visiting French counterpart Laurent Fabius that China also welcomes the Syrian government's decision to sign the Chemical Weapons Convention.

The explosive situation in Syria is easing and the prospect of settlement of the Syria's chemical weapons issue through peaceful methods is opening up, according to Wang.

China hopes the settlement process of the Syria issue will be brought into

the United Nations framework as soon as possible, the minister said, adding that the UN Security Council should play an important role.

China also expects the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW) will conduct work with an attitude of neutrality, objectivity, impartiality and professionalism with the international support, Wang said.

A political resolution is the only realistic way to solve the Syria issue, he stressed, adding that the political resolution process should be pushed forward together with the destruction of the chemical weapons.

Military means cannot solve the issue, said the minister.

Wang urged an immediate cease-fire to create conditions for destruction of the chemical weapons and an early convening of the second international conference on Syria in Geneva.

Fabius said the Russia-US deal is a significant progress and called on all sides to accelerate the settlement process, according to the Press release.

The UN Security Council should play a greater role, he said.

The minister said that France is ready to strengthen communication and coordination with China.

After three days of intense negotiations, US Secretary of State John Kerry and his Russian counterpart Sergei Lavrov reached agreement on Saturday on



Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi (R) shakes hands with his French counterpart Laurent Fabius during their talks in Beijing, capital of China, on 15 Sept, 2013.—XINHUA

a framework to secure and destroy Syria's chemical weapons by mid-2014 and impose UN penalties if the Bashar al-Assad govern-

ment fails to comply.

According to the framework, Syria must submit a "comprehensive listing" of its chemical weap-

ons stockpiles within one week, and weapons inspectors must be on the ground in Syria by November.

Xinhua



Palestinian fishermen ride on a boat in the Mediterranean Sea off the coast of Rafah in the southern Gaza Strip, near Egypt's territorial water, on 15 Sept, 2013. Hamas Government said two Egyptian Navy boats opened fire towards a Palestinian fisherman on Saturday evening, and damaged his boat off the coast of Rafah.—XINHUA

Tokyo governor urges allowing airliners to use US Yokota air base

TOKYO, 16 Sept — Tokyo Gov Naoki Inose called on Sunday for commercial airliners to be allowed to use the runway at the US Yokota Air Base in western Tokyo so Japan can handle the expected surge in international traffic for the 2020 Summer Olympics.

"It would be appro-

priate to open the Yokota Air Base for joint military-civilian use and an international airport," Inose said on a TV news show.

He made the proposal in commenting on reports that the government envisions building a fifth runway at Haneda airport in Tokyo Bay, which he said

"would not make it in time for the Olympics," calling for a "change in mindset, rather than spending money." Inose told reporters after the show, "Although former Gov Shintaro Ishihara proposed opening Yokota for joint military-civilian use, it did not make headway."—Kyodo News

Assad government hails 'victory' in arms deal, troops attack

BEIRUT, 16 Sept — Syria's government hailed as a "victory" a Russian-brokered deal that has averted US strikes, while President Barack Obama defended a chemical weapons pact that the rebels fear has bolstered their enemy in the civil war.

President Bashar al-Assad's jets and artillery hit rebel suburbs of the capital again on Sunday in an offensive that residents said began last week when

Obama delayed air strikes in the face of opposition from Moscow and his own electorate.

Speaking of the US-Russian deal, Syrian minister Ali Haidar told Moscow's RIA news agency: "These agreements ... are a victory for Syria, achieved thanks to our Russian friends.

Though not close to Assad, Ali was the first Syrian official to react to Saturday's accord in Geneva

by US Secretary of State John Kerry and Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov. Bridging an angry East-West rift over Syria, they agreed to back a nine-month UN programme to destroy Assad's chemical arsenal.

The deal has put off the threat of air strikes Obama made after poison gas killed hundreds of Syrians on 21 August, although he has stressed that force remains an option if Assad reneges.

Yemeni court jails three al-Qaeda members for plot to assassinate president

SANAA, 16 Sept — A Yemeni court on Sunday sentenced three al-Qaeda members to up to seven years in prison for plotting to assassinate President Abd-Rabbu Mansour Hadi and foreign diplomats.

The state-run Saba news agency said the court, based in the capital Sanaa, sentenced Abdullah al-Khayshani to seven years in prison, Mahir al-Ramim to five years, and Omar al-Najar to one year in Jail.

The defendants were convicted of joining al-Qaeda group, monitoring the area in front of the main gate of President Hadi's residential compound since early 2011 until their arrest in January 2013, and plan to assassinate him by prepar-

ing two suicide car bombs.

They were also convicted of monitoring the movements of foreign diplomats including the US ambassador to Yemen to prepare to target them.

The Yemeni government has arrested and tried scores of al-Qaida suspects since the beginning of this year as part of a US-backed anti-terrorism campaign.

Also, dozens of militants, including several Saudis, have been killed by US drone strikes in the campaign.

The Yemeni troops defeated al-Qaeda fighters in the southern Province of Abyan and recaptured their strongholds in May 2012 after a year-long battle.

Xinhua

One in four people in Japan aged over 65

TOKYO, 16 Sept—One in four people in Japan are aged over 65 years old with their population standing at a record-high 31.86 million as of Sunday, up 1.12 million from a year earlier, according to a demographic estimate released by the government.

The figure, representing a record-high 25.0 percent, up 0.9 percentage point, was calculated based on births and deaths registered since a census in 2010, the Internal Affairs and Communications Ministry said ahead of Respect for the Aged Day, a national holiday that falls on the third Monday of September. It attributed the growing number and percentage of senior citizens to the post-World War II baby boom.

The National Institute of Population and Social Security Research said it expects one in three people in Japan to be aged over 65 in 2035.

The number of men aged over 65 stood at 13.69 million, accounting for 22.1 percent of the overall male population. The corresponding figures for women were 18.18 million and 27.8 percent, respectively. The number of people aged over 70 stood at 23.17 million, representing 18.2 percent of the overall population, while those aged over 80 stood at 9.30 million, accounting for 7.3 percent.—Kyodo News



Free Syrian Army fighters stand in shooting position in Aleppo's Sheikh Saeed neighbourhood, on 15 Sept, 2013.—REUTERS

US forces remain in position. Russia still opposes military action but now

backs possible UN sanctions for non-compliance.

Reuters

LOCAL NEWS

Myanmar Anti-Trafficking in Persons Day marked

SITTWAY, 16 Sept—Ceremonies to mark Myanmar Anti-Human Trafficking Day were held in various townships in Rakhine State.

Rakhine State Anti-Human Trafficking Committee organized the ceremony at U Ottama Hall in Sttway on 13 September morning.

Rakhine State Chief Minister U Hla Maung Tin delivered and address at the

ceremony and presented prizes to award winners in commemorative contests.

Rakhine State Anti-Human Trafficking Committee Chairman State Commissioner U Min Chit Oo explained anti-human trafficking efforts in the state.

The state chief minister and wife awarded winners in commemorative essay and painting contests.

MMAL-La/003

Construction



Hsipaw detour to be built soon

HSIPAW, 16 Sept—The people of eastern, southern and northern Shan State requested the construction of the Hsipaw detour to Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann and accompanying ministers on the Speaker's recent visit to northern Shan State town Lashio.

Engineers from Asia World Company, Township General Administration Department, Township Development Affairs Committee and Township Settlement and Land Records

Department conducted survey and set alignment on 7 September.

They teamed up with local construction group to set the alignment in order to ease the traffic of Mandalay-Lashio Union Highway.

Chairman of Hsipaw Township Development Supportive Committee U Khin Maung Win said the bypass is needed to ensure all the students in the township are safe from traffic.—MMAL-Kyin Maung (Shwe Kyangin)

Ayeyawady River reaches danger water level in Pakokku

PAKOKKU, 16 Sept—Ayeyawady River in Pakokku is nearing the town's danger water level at 2150 cm (70.5 ft), lifting the alert for the western Ayeyawady Riverside town.

The water level reached

69.6 ft on 14 September and could reach the danger water level within 24 hours.

The natural disaster prevention committee and district and township officials conducted flood preventive measures and get

ready aids group to provide necessary assistances.

They are pressing the after flood measures, health measures and supervision camps for potential flood.

Farmers who planted crops on alluvial lands are

Disaster

encouraged by the rise of water level as the winter crops were well fed with the water.—MMAL-Aung (Mann Tekkatho)



Rescue works for flood victims carried out in NyaungU

NYAUNGU, 16 Sept—As Ayeyawady River water level reached four feet above its danger level in Hselan Village of Taungbi Village-tract in NyaungU Township of Mandalay Region on 13 September, the local people were evacuated to safety.

Under the leadership of the Township Administrator and the Commander of Township Police Force, members of fire brigade, village and ward administrators, local people, members of Township Development Supportive Committee, health staff,

members of red cross and auxiliary fire brigade and members of social organizations totalling 200 carried out rescue works with the use of 18 motorboats and one Z-craft for evacuation of the local people.

About 1100 people from 228 houses, 300 cows and 20 pigs are being accommodated at the relief camps opened at five monasteries in Taungbi Village of the township.

As many as 154 people from 35 households and 49 cows are being accommodated at Shwe Monastery, 119 people from 44 households and 45 cows at

Kamma Monastery, 36 people from 12 households and 14 cows at Myathida Monastery, 36 people from seven households and five cows at Yadana Manaung Monastery, six people from two households and three cows at Myohtaung Monastery, totalling 351 people and 116 cows.

Under the township General Administration Department, local people presented packets of rice to the flood victims.

The region government provided four pyis of rice to each household.

Staff of the Health

Department provided health care services to the flood victims.

A plan is underway to evacuate the remaining victims and animals from the flooded areas to the safe places.

MMAL-District IPRD



Anti-Human Trafficking

Educative talk on anti-human trafficking organized

SEIKPYU, 16 Sept—An educative talks on human trafficking was held in Nawarat Hall of Basic Education High School in Seikpyu in Magway Region on 13 September morning.

Township Administrator UKyi Myint delivered an address at the ceremony held in commemoration of Myanmar Anti-Human

Trafficking Day.

Police Major Win Aung of Myanmar Police Force gave talks on Myanmar's anti-human trafficking efforts.

Awards were then presented to winners in commemorative essay contest of Myanmar Anti-Human Trafficking Day.

MMAL-Township IPRD

Makeshift tents provided to flood victims

MYITNGE, 16 Sept—Flood victims in Thantada village and Myaukkaing village received makeshift tents provided by Kyaukse District Deputy Commissioner and Singaing Township Administrator on 12 September.

"Makeshift tents, medicine, drinking water, rice and instant noodle were provided by District and Township Administrators.

Donors also provided assistances," said a flood victim. A total of 56 tents—13 to Palake village and 43 to Myaukkaing village—were provided.

Myaukkaing village administrator U Aung Min and other organizations are also working all the time to provide assistances to the flood victim.

MMAL-Maung Maung Soe (Myitnge)



Fish released into paddy fields

PYAPON, 16 Sept—Pyapon District Fisheries Department released 22500 fish into paddy fields in Kyonta Village of Pyapon Township in Ayeyawady Region on 12 September.

Region Hluttaw Representative U Win Myint, the District Deputy Commissioner U Kyaw Soe Win and District Fisheries Department, Township Administrator U Nyi Nyi Lin

and local farmers released 45000 fish into paddy fields. Similar ceremonies were held in Dedaye, Kyaiklat and Bogale townships.

MMAL-Aung Win (Pyapon)

Union Construction Minister on inspection tour of Magway Region

NAY PYI TAW, 16 Sept— Union Minister for Construction U Kyaw Lwin yesterday inspected roadwork on Nay Pyi Taw-Taungnyo-Chaungnat-Taungdwingyi Road and the construction site of Pantawpyin Bridge between mileposts 63/4 and 63/5 of Thayet-Minhla-Minbu Road in Minhla Township in Magway Region.

At the construction site, the Union Minister heard reports presented by Superintending Engineer U Soe Min on building new concrete bridge due to less durability of the old bridge, and instructed the officials to meet set standard of works, timely complete the tasks and emphasize work safety at the site.

Next, the Union Minister looked round progress of roadwork on Sitsano-Yenanma-Kyaukpon-Kantok Road, and that on Pathein-



Photo shows a bridge under construction in Magway Region.—MNA

Monywa Road section (2) and (3). He then proceeded to the construction site of No. 2 Pauk Bridge (Yepyar) between mileposts (380/2) and (381/1) where he left necessary instructions.

The Union Minister looked into preventive measures against erosion and maintenance of No. (1) Pauk Bridge (Ohntaw) on Seikpyu-Kantaw-Pauk Road and Yinchaung Bridge

between Mileposts (51/3) and (51/4) on Nay Pyi Taw-Taungnyo-Myothit-Kanpya Road and Chauk-Yenangyoung-Magway Road.

MNA

Thai-Myanmar JV office opened



Yangon Region Chief Minister U Myint Swe attends opening of Thai-Myanmar JV office.—MNA

YANGON, 16 Sept— Toyo Thai-Myanmar Corporation Co., Ltd. (TTMC) and Toyo Thai

Power Myanmar Co., Ltd (TTPMC) opened the office at Centre Point Tower at the corner of Merchant Street

and Sule Pagoda Road in Kyauktada Township, here this morning.

The Yangon Region

Chief Minister said in his speech that Toyo Thai Corporation was interested in making investment in Myanmar since many years ago. Priority is to be given to foreign investment that will run its works without harming environment. Second priority is to create job opportunity for the people and the third is to focus on technical transfer.

President & CEO Mr Hironobu Iriya of Toyo Thai Group explained the purposes of opening the office.

The region chief minister, Region Minister for Electricity and Industry U Nyan Tun Oo, the President & CEO of Toyo Thai Group cut the ribbon to open the office and visited the office.—MNA

Fire breaks out on Russian nuclear submarine

VLADIVOSTOK, (Russia), 16 Sept—A fire burned for five hours on an atomic-powered submarine undergoing repairs near Russia's eastern port of Vladivostok on Monday, but naval and shipyard officials said there was no risk of a radiation leak and nobody was hurt.

Black smoke poured from the submarine Tomsk, which is powered by two nuclear reactors, after it caught fire at the Zvezda shipyard in Bolshoi Kamen, about 25 km (15 miles) across a bay from Vladivostok on the Sea of Japan, authorities said.

The fire was the second on board a Russian nuclear-powered submarine in less than two years.

"There is no threat of radioactive contamination," the state-run Itar-Tass news agency cited an unidentified official in Russia's Pacific Fleet command as saying. Regionalemergency officials said radiation levels in the area were within the normal range. After the fire was extinguished, firefighters continued to douse the area to ensure it did not flare up again, the state-owned United Shipbuilding Corporation, which operates the shipyard, said in a statement.—Reuters

Seminar on FAL, Electronic Means for Clearance of Ships and use of Single Window Concept kicks off

NAY PYI TAW, 16 Sept— The National Seminar on FAL, Electronic Means for the Clearance of Ships and use of the Single Window Concept took place at Myat Tawwin Hotel, here, this morning.

Deputy Minister for Transport U Han Sein made an opening address.

Officials discussed facilities and clearance of

ships and cargoes sector, preparation for ways to improve and exchange of electronic information by applying single window system.

The seminar was attended by officials of Marine Administration Department, Myanmar Port Authority, Customs Department, Myanmar Marine Police Corps,

Immigration and National Registration Department, Research and Disease Control Department, Crops Protection Department, Vessel Traffic System and other port matters.

The seminar will run up to 18 September with the aim of seeking ways to sign the FAL Convention by Myanmar.

Altogether 115

countries have signed the convention. Thanks to the seminar, the organizations concerned in Myanmar will understand about the convention.

Convention on Facilitation of International Maritime Traffic, 1965, as Amended, one of the conventions of IMO came into effect on 5 March 1967.—MNA

LOCAL NEWS

Development of Natyaygan hilly region inspected

MAGWAY, 16 Sept—Chief Minister of Magway Region U Phone Maw Shwe viewed development tasks on Natyaygan Hill on Minbu-An valley road in Ngaphe Township of Magway Region on 14 September.

He looked into thriving crop plantations and maintenance of Minbu-An road and microwave station on the hill. The in-charge of the station reported installation of Mc Will CDMA-450 linkage, use of solar power and station security affairs.

The Chief Minister inspected clearing of landslide soils on Minbu-An road near Tongyi Village and maintenance of the damaged Natyaygan detour between Gokgyi and Pade Villages. He instructed officials to carry out greening tasks along the road and maintain the road linking Rakhine State in the rainy season.

At Linte Village tea plantation in Ngaphe Township, the Chief Minister inspected tea, coffee and macadamia plantations, and

heard reports on production of tea. He coordinated with departmental officials to accommodate the people at the recreation halls on the station.

Natyegan Hill An valley road in Minbu District of Magway Region is located at an altitude of 3775 feet. Along the road, the tea, coffee, macadamia and other plantations are being grown on a commercial scale. The hilly station can attract tourists with restaurants and recreation halls.

Kyemon-Nan Maung

Construction

Plan to build modern highway bus terminal in Meiktila



old graveyard near Yangon-Mandalay Highway in Aungmye Ward, said Deputy Commissioner U Tin Maung Soe of the District General Administration Department.

MEIKTILA, 16 Sept—As peace and stability has been restored in Meiktila of Meiktila District in Mandalay Region, the Myoma market and its environs are bustling with traders, customers and local people daily.

Hustling market causes traffic congestions its environs severally. Thus, green grocery market will be allotted at the place of the highway bus terminal in Thiri Mingala Ward and the bus terminal will be placed in the

The modern highway bus terminal will be facilitated with lodge, bathrooms and shopping apartments. Tender for the terminal will be invited soon, it was learnt.—*Kyemon-Chan Tha (Meiktila)*

Rice provided to flood victim households in Sagaing

SAGAING, 16 Sept—The people from Ayemyawady, Daweizay, bawga and Htonbo villages are in the flood due to raising water level of Ayeyawady Region in Sagaing.

Under the instruction of the District and Township management committees, departmental personnel, social organization members and ward administrators open relief camps for the flood victims and fulfill the requirements of the victims.

On 13 September afternoon, Chairman of the District Management Committee U Myint Wai, the ward administrators and people comforted the flood victims and provided four pyis of rice to 326 flood victim households.

Potential purified drinking water owner U Aung Kyaing Soe and family donated 100 water containers to the victims and they plan to continuously donate 100 water containers to the victims daily.

The deputy commissioner of the district explained that nurses are assigned to provide health care services to the victims. Thukhakari health and social association is ready to give services to the needy persons. Foods and purified drinking water will be donated to the victims. The authorities are making preparation for carrying out rescue and relief works at the dangerous areas along Ayeyawady River, he said.

Kyemon-Zaw Myint Naing

Aid provided to flood victims

NYAUNGU, 16 Sept—Due to overflow of Ayeyawady River, a total of 930 local people and 266 cows have been evacuated to the safe places up to 14 September.

Under the arrangement of Mandalay Region Government, 56 bags of rice were presented to 231 flood victims.

In addition, Region

Minister for Agriculture and Livestock Breeding U Myint Than presented 60 bags of rice, Bagan LND 422 packets of rice, Royal Bagan Foundation 500 packets of rice, District WAO 938 packets of noodle, Win detergent powder 294 packets of detergent power and USDP Secretary 66 water bottle and 12 cup.

Kyemon-District IPRD



Enforcement of traffic rules talked

BAGO, 16 Sept—No 3 Basic Education High School of Bago held the prize presentation ceremony for outstanding students in 2012-2013 academic year in couple with the talks on traffic rules disseminated by Bago Region Traffic Police Corps on 15 September.

Headmistress Dr Zin Thet Oo made a speech and presented prizes to outstanding students.

Police Major Htein Win of No 3 Traffic Police Corps Branch of Bago Region gave talks on traffic rules and



disciplines for road users. He then presented pamphlets to the students.

Also present on the occasion were teachers, parents

of students, members of No 3 Traffic Police Corps Branch and guests, totalling over 500.

Kyemon-Min Sit Thu

Helmets donated to BEHS in Sagaing

SAGAING, 16 Sept—The traffic rules talks and donation of helmets was held at the hall of Basic Education High School in Ohndaw Village of Sagaing Township on 14 September.

Inspector II U Kyaw Khaing Tun of Sagaing District Directorate of Road Administration lectured do's and don'ts for traffic rules, and IP Min Aung of No 63 Traffic Police Corps (Section) of Sagaing abiding by the traffic rules for road users.

IP Min Aung donated



150 helmets for students to Headmaster U San Aung who spoke words of thanks.

The talks was attended by 17 teachers and 457 stu-

dents.

Officials of the directorate distributed pamphlets on traffic rules to those present.

Kyemon-225

Population, taking census, anti-trafficking in persons lectured

DAWEI, 16 Sept—Talks on population, households, taking census and prevention against trafficking in persons were held at the hall of Dawei District Information and

Public Relations Department on 14 September.

Deputy Head of district IPRD Daw Mu Mu Aye gave talks to the local people at the Kyetsarbyin Ward administrative office in Dawei.

The head of Township IPRD said that accurate statistics of population and

households are very important for implementing the development projects of the nation. Thus, he urged the local people to answer the questions without leaving anything about their households and population.

Officials explained prevention against trafficking in persons and the role of public participation in the tasks. Later, Dawei District IPRD presented pamphlets on anti-trafficking in persons.

Kyemon-Kyaw Kyaw Latt



International Literacy Day marked

KARATHURI, 16 Sept—A literary talk in commemoration of the International Literacy Day was held at Basic Education High School in Karathuri Sub-Township of Taninthayi Region on 12 September.

At the talk, Sub-Township Administrator U Ko Ko Nyein made a speech.

Headmaster U Myint Than explained the emergence of literacy day in Myanmar, Director U Khin

Zaw of AFO Construction Co advantages of reading, U Tun Min reading habit and Head of Sub-Township Information and Public Relations Department Daw Moe Moe Khaing helping hands to readers.

The talk was attended by teachers, students, departmental officials and workers of construction company, totalling 300.

Kyemon-Sub-Township IPRD

WORLD

Iraqi Kurds seek funds from oil companies for Syria refugees



Syrian refugees, fleeing the violence in their country, cross the border into the autonomous Kurdish region of northern Iraq on 4 Sept, 2013.—REUTERS

ARBIL, 16 Sept — Iraqi Kurdistan has asked oil companies operating in the autonomous region for \$50 million to help deal with an influx of refugees from Syria that has put a strain on its resources.

Around 200,000 refugees, many of them from Syria's own Kurdish minority, have poured into the self-ruled enclave in northern Iraq since the start of

the conflict more than two years ago.

The number of refugees crossing monthly into Iraqi Kurdistan surged to more than 40,000 in August after rebels fighting to overthrow Syrian President Bashar al-Assad made incursions into the country's northeast, where many Kurds reside.

"Given the huge scale of the crisis and the number

of refugees arriving daily we all need to work together to provide more urgently needed help," Kurdistan's minister for natural resources, Ashti Hawrami, said in a statement.

The Kurdistan Regional Government pledged to match contributions from the oil industry dollar-for-dollar.

In recent years, Kurdistan has signed lucrative contracts on its own terms with oil majors such as ExxonMobil and Chevron Corp, antagonizing the Iraqi central government, which claims sole authority to manage the country's crude.

A near 10-fold increase over the past 12 months in the rate of refugees crossing Syria's borders into Turkey, Iraq, Jordan and Lebanon pushed the total living abroad above 2 million earlier this month, the United Nations said.

Reuters

EU spending cuts to hit Portugal's poor

LISBON, 16 Sept — Spending cuts to European Union food aid programmes could leave Portugal's growing ranks of poor with even emptier plates.

Western Europe's poorest country is likely to lose 40 percent of 20 million euros (\$27 million) in food aid it gets from Brussels every year, according to Isabel Jonet, who heads the Food Banks charity.

Her institution supports 390,000 poor people out of Portugal's 10.5 million population. They have been helped by the EU "Food for the Needy" programme but it is due to be replaced by the Fund for European Aid.

The new fund will have fewer resources for food, Jonet told Reuters. And the cash-strapped government has made no preparations to deal with the problem, she said. "Unlike in other countries, Portugal does not yet have a plan to make up for the changes or for a delay

in the new scheme coming through, so there may be an interruption in our distribution of food," Jonet said.

The number of those in need in Portugal is rising as unemployment hit record highs this year.

The economy has struggled through its worst recession in decades due to austerity measures imposed under a 78-billion-euro EU and International Monetary Fund bailout.

"Unfortunately more

and more people need this help by the day. Although small, it makes a huge difference," said a tearful Maria Mendes, 50, picking up food staples at a charity that caters for 300 people in Lisbon's old neighborhood of Graca. Official data released in July showed that last year, 22 percent of the Portuguese were suffering from material deprivation, including almost 9 percent from severe deprivation.

Reuters



Members of a charity transport crates of tomatoes at the Food Bank institution in Lisbon on 10 Sept, 2013.

REUTERS

Hurricane Ingrid, Storm Manuel drench Mexico, kill 17

MEXICO CITY, 16 Sept — Hurricane Ingrid and Tropical Storm Manuel brought heavy rains to Mexico's Gulf and Pacific coasts on Sunday, causing flooding and landslides that killed 17 people and forced some towns to cancel national Independence Day celebrations. Thousands of people sought emergency shelter as the two storms moved closer to land and caused rivers and streams to burst their banks.

"There is a lot of water and the rivers are full," said Luis Felipe Puente, national coordinator for Mexico's emergency services. "There will be yet more rain when the storms make landfall."

In Guerrero state on Mexico's Pacific coast, 11 people died in landslides and as buildings collapsed because of heavy rain on Saturday and Sunday. In the states of Puebla and Hidalgo, three people were killed



Residents wade through a flooded street in Poza Rica, in the Mexican state of Veracruz on 14 Sept, 2013.—REUTERS

when a wall collapsed and three people were carried away by a strong current.

On the Gulf coast, Hurricane Ingrid, a Category 1 storm with sustained winds of 75 miles per hour (120 km per hour), was drench-

ing Tamaulipas and Veracruz states on Sunday, sending more than 6,000 people into emergency shelters.

Mexico's state oil monopoly Pemex, which has most of its installations in the Gulf, evacuated three

platforms off the Tamaulipas coast on Sunday.

In Veracruz, there have been landslides and localized flooding, but no injuries or deaths reported, local emergency services officials said.—Reuters

Kosovo and Macedonia end trade dispute

PRISTINA/SKOPJE, 16 Sept — Goods from Kosovo and Macedonia crossed their border on Sunday, ending a trade dispute that closed the frontier between the Balkan neighbours to goods and vehicles for six days. The dispute started in July when Macedonia limited the import of wheat and flour from all members of the Central European Free Trade Agreement (CEFTA), including Kosovo, in an effort to protect domestic production.

Kosovo first responded by banning imports of Macedonian food, beverages and cigarette products, and then introduced a blanket ban on Macedonian goods from midnight last Sunday after Skopje introduced a levy on Kosovo citizens entering Macedonia.

After days of talks between the two countries failed to break the deadlock, the ban ended only after the Macedonian limit

on flour expired on Sunday and Kosovo lifted its restrictions.

"After a week of blockade on both sides of the border, tonight at midnight, between the 14th and 15th, the border is open," Kosovo Trade Minister Mimoza Kusari Lila said at the border to mark the end of the blockade.

"This ends the unpleasant processes between the two countries from the last couple of days," Macedonia's Deputy Prime Minister Vladimir Pesovski said.

Though there was no obvious political backdrop to the row, relations between Macedonia and Kosovo have been far from simple since Kosovo's 1998-99 war helped trigger a spillover insurgency in Macedonia in 2001. Albanians are the overwhelming majority in Kosovo, and form a large minority — more than 25 percent — in Macedonia.

Reuters

French journalists detained in Syria "alive"

PARIS, 16 Sept — French President Francois Hollande on Sunday said he had "proof of life" of the two journalists kidnapped in Syria three months ago.

"We do everything to release them, but making

contacts to release them is a very long process," the president told the private channel TF1.

The journalist Didier Francois and freelance photographer Edouard Elias working for the local broad-

caster Europe1 were kidnapped in June when they were en route to Aleppo in Syria.

So far, five French people have been taken hostage in the Sahel region.—Xinhua

Turkey seizes over 10 tonnes of cannabis

ANKARA, 16 Sept — The Turkish army has seized more than 10 tonnes of cannabis in a large-scale operation in southeastern Turkey, Turkey's Diyarbakir Governor Cahit Kirac said on Sunday.

About 500 Turkish se-

curity forces and 25 teams of Turkish gendarme forces and police took part in the anti-drugs operation in Lice town of Diyarbakir Province on Saturday, Kirac was quoted as saying by private Dogan news agency, adding that the drugs were con-

fiscated. The campaign is the "largest anti-drug operation" in the past few years, according to Kirac.

Turkey has long been a key transit point along the drug smuggling route from Asia and Middle East to Europe.—Xinhua

REGIONAL



Photo taken on 15 Sept, 2013 shows a garment factory ablaze in Dhaka, Bangladesh. A six-story garment factory caught fire on Sunday, but no casualty has been reported, fire service said.—XINHUA

Fisheries official to fly to S Korea to seek import ban removal

TOKYO, 16 Sept—The Fisheries Agency will send a senior official to South Korea to ask the country to reconsider its latest import ban on fisheries products from Japanese prefectures amid concerns over leakages of radiation-contaminated water at the crippled Fukushima Daiichi nuclear power plant.

Kenji Kagawa, director-general of the agency's Resources Enhancement Promotion Department, will leave Japan possibly later on Monday to meet South Korean government officials and request that the ban be lifted, agency officials said.

South Korea earlier this month expanded its import ban to include all fisheries

products from Japan's Fukushima Prefecture and seven surrounding prefectures, citing the leakage of contaminated water at the nuclear plant. South Korea's fisheries ministry also decided that in the event of even a minuscule dose of radioactive material being detected in any fisheries or animal products from any other region of Japan, the issuance of a new radiation inspection certificate would be required upon its export from the country.

Japanese Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries Minister Yoshimasa Hayashi urged South Korea to make a "calm response based on scientific grounds" to the contaminated water issue.

Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe said shortly after South Korea's decision that the situation at the plant was under control and the contaminated water leaking from a storage tank was being blocked inside a limited area within the port at the nuclear complex.

Prior to the announcement of the newly imposed ban, South Korea had a ban in place on 50 items of fisheries products, including freshwater fish, from Fukushima, Aomori, Ibaraki, Gunma, Miyagi, Iwate, Tochigi and Chiba prefectures following the Fukushima plant accident triggered by the March 2011 earthquake and tsunami.

Kyodo News

Rare animal species run over in Okinawa's US helipad area

TOKYO, 16 Sept—Animals on the government's list of endangered species are often run over by vehicles within the US Marine Corps training ground in northern Okinawa's Yanbaru forest area, a Defence Ministry report showed on Sunday.

The report was compiled after the ministry's Okinawa Defence Bureau conducted four rounds of on-the-spot inspections of areas surrounding a helipad for MV-22 Osprey tilt-rotor aircraft and helicopters within the premises of the Northern Training Area during the year to March.

The first inspection in March 2012 found that a vehicle had run over an Ok-

inawa tree lizard listed on the Environment Ministry's Red List as a vulnerable species, the report said.

The third inspection found that eleven sword-tail newts designated as near-threatened had been hit and killed by vehicles, with the fourth inspection finding that four sword-tail newts had been run over, it said.

In addition to those incidents, the report said the bureau's inspectors saw birds, amphibians and mammals crossing roads at 29 locations within the training area.

Local residents have been opposed to the construction of helipads in the area, with one saying, "Many creatures may have

been sacrificed as a result of the construction or in the course of US training activities."

A Defence Bureau official said, "It is difficult to determine what vehicles hit them or to know which side's vehicles ran them over — Japanese construction machinery or US military vehicles."

The Yanbaru area is renowned as a habitat for the Yanbaru Kuina, or Okinawa rail, designated by the government as a protected species.

The bureau plans to build five more helipads in the area in addition to the completed one that was subjected to inspection.

Kyodo News

A trainer (R) instructs members of China International Search & Rescue Team (CISAR) during training in Beijing, capital of China, on 15 Sept, 2013. The CISAR, which was established in April 2001, is a national-level professional search and rescue team in China. Members of the CISAR have conducted rescue work in major disasters both in and out of China.—XINHUA



Hanoi Vertical Run 2013, conquering the vertical limits with your own foot

HANOI, 16 Sept—"It took me 1,914 steps to come here and it was a hard race but it is a fantastic view to be here. It is really amazing feeling," said Thomas Dold, gasping for breath.

Over 250 amateur and elite racers from all over the world challenged their strength and endurance to run up a total 1,914 steps to a height of 350 metres of the highest building in Vietnam's capital Hanoi on Sunday.

Held in the 72-storey

Landmark 72 in Hanoi, the Hanoi Vertical Run 2013 is the second edition of this kind ever held in Vietnam.

Reigning 2012 Vertical world champion Thomas Dold from Germany won the male elite category in nine minutes and 14 seconds, setting the overall fastest time up the Landmark 72.

To run to the height of 350 metres on his own two feet, the 29-year old racer revealed that his training is definitely intensive.

"You push very hard

from the beginning. And maybe you do it once or twice and even three times a week doing stairs like here. If you have a building like this make sure you don't do the whole building in once, may be split it up. And very important: Start slow and finish fast," said Dold.

Though being a winner in stairs running, Dold smiled when being asked whether climbing staircases is a habit in his daily life.

"Sometimes it is very difficult to take the stairs because they are closed or you cannot find it so easy. So sometimes I have to take ele-

vator. Because I am studying economics so I am unable to take so much time inefficient. But if it is a possibility, may be you are a little bit late at the train or something like that, I will take the stairs and keep on running doesn't matter if you have luggage or not."

Dold said that one of the factors that make his tough willing is to have a good discipline, be staid and focus. "Make sure you focus on your goals and may be that is the most important thing you can learn from the staircases and also a very good thing for doing business."—Xinhua

Bangladesh floats tender for training of river linked up with mega bridge project

DHAKA, 16 Sept—The Bangladeshi government on Sunday floated a tender for training of river linked up with the country's proposed longest Padma Bridge, an official told Xinhua.

"The tender for river training, an important component of the Padma Multipurpose Bridge, was floated today (Sunday)," said an official of Bangladesh's Ministry of Communications who preferred to be unnamed said. He said that the tender for river training will be worth 70 billion taka (about 880 million US dollars).

Tender documents will be collected from on 22 Sept, he said, adding the last date for submitting bid is 25 Nov.

The Bangladeshi government in June floated international bids for construction of the main infrastructure of the stalled Padma Multipurpose Bridge, which will be worth 100 billion taka (1.28 billion US dollars).

Earlier in June, the Bangladeshi government signed a deal with a Bangladesh-Malaysia joint venture to construct an 11-km ap-

proach road linked up with the Padma Bridge.

Abu Naser, spokesman of Bangladesh's Ministry of Communications, said then that an 11 billion taka (141 million US dollars) agreement was inked between Bangladesh's Abdul Monem Limited (AML) and Malaysia's HCM Engineering Sdn Bhd.

The implementation of about 3 billion US dollars bridge project was stalled after the World Bank cancelled 1.2 billion US dollars loan over graft allegations.

The proposed 25-metre-wide and 10-km-long bridge will be built over Padma River, one of the three major rivers in Bangladesh. About 6.15 km of the bridge will be built over the river while the remaining part will be on both banks. Apart from connecting nearly 30 million people in Bangladesh's southwest region to the rest of the country, the bridge will enhance regional trade and collaboration along the Asian No1 highway and the Trans-Asian railway network.—Xinhua

One dead, seven missing at ship collision offshore Vietnam

HANOI, 16 Sept—A Singaporean cargo ship and a Vietnamese fishing boat collided offshore Vietnam's southern Vung Tau Province in early Monday morning, leaving at least one people killed and seven missing, local VNExpress reported.

Singaporean cargo ship Sima Sapphire on its way from Vietnam's southern Ho Chi Minh City to Malaysia, collided with the Vietnamese fishing boat

with 16 people on board, at a site about 50 nautical miles south of Vung Tau Province.

The collision threw all 16 fishermen to the sea, of whom 8 were rescued by the Singaporean ship while the others were missing.

The report quoted Le Van Chien, director of the Vung Tau Port Administration as saying that the accident happened around 2 am on Monday (GMT 1900 on Sunday).—Xinhua



Firefighters attend the Singapore-Global Fire Fighters and Paramedics Challenge on the Singapore Civil Defence Force Day in Singapore, on 15 Sept, 2013. XINHUA

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Tom Hardy to replace Daniel Craig as James Bond?

LONDON, 16 Sept—The Dark Knight Rises villain Tom Hardy is reportedly being lined up as Daniel Craig's successor once the actor steps down from his role as big screen spy James Bond.

The 36-year-old actor is at the top of the list to take over from the Skyfall star once his time as the fictional British spy comes to an end after his next two films, reported *Daily Express*.

"Although Craig is signed up for the next two Bond films the search for

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Hardy is said to have previously expressed a keen interest in playing James Bond.

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Arctic Monkeys seize top spot in British albums chart

LONDON, 16 Sept—British indie rock group Arctic Monkeys seized the top spot in the British albums chart on Sunday with "AM", their fifth consecutive studio album to debut at number 1, sales figures showed.

The Official Charts Company said the group, from Sheffield, England,

had sold more than 157,000 copies of their album in the first week, making it the second fastest selling album of the year.

They were the first indie-released act to achieve a fifth debut number 1 in British chart history, it added.

Last week's number 1, The 1975, the self-titled album by another Eng-

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Members of the band Arctic Monkeys perform during the opening ceremony of the London 2012 Olympic Games at the Olympic Stadium on 27 July, 2012.

REUTERS

lish indie-rock band, was pushed to number 3, behind British alternative trio London Grammar, at number 2 with their new entry "If you wait".

In the singles chart, US singer Katy Perry held onto the top spot for a second

week with "Roar", which has sold more than 280,000 copies.

US band OneRepublic took the second spot with "Counting Stars", their highest charting UK single to date.

Reuters

Miss New York is first Indian-American to win Miss America

ATLANTIC CITY, 16 Sept—Nina Davuluri won the 2014 Miss America pageant on Sunday, becoming the first Indian-American to wear the crown, which went to Miss New York for the second year in a row.

"I'm so happy this organization has celebrated diversity, and, on this stage tonight, there was so much diversity," Davuluri told reporters shortly after defeating contestants from 49 other states, the District of Columbia, the US Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico.

"I'm so proud to be the first Indian Miss America," the 24-year-old aspiring physician said.

The field was narrowed to Davuluri and Miss California Crystal Lee, the first runner-up. Just before the results were announced, Davuluri said, "We are making history right here as Asian-Americans."

Contestants were

judged on a personal interview, a talent demonstration, an on-stage question, and their appearance in evening gowns and swimwear during the two-hour

nationally televised event. Davuluri performed a Bollywood fusion dance and was asked about revelations that American television personality Julie Chen had

plastic surgery on her eyes. Davuluri answered that she personally was opposed to plastic surgery and said that one's diversity should be celebrated.—Reuters



Miss America contestant, Miss New York Nina Davuluri (in yellow) celebrates with other contestants after being chosen winner of the 2014 Miss America Pageant in Atlantic City, New Jersey on 15 Sept, 2013.—REUTERS

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SPORTS

Luiten beats Jimenez in playoff to win KLM Open



Dutchman Joost van Luiten

ZANDVOORT, (Netherlands), 16 Sept—Dutchman Joost van Luiten became the second home player to win the KLM Open when

he beat Spain's Miguel Angel Jimenez on the first playoff hole at Zandvoort on Sunday.

Luiten's par four at the

18th hole, the first playoff hole, was enough to clinch victory after he and the experienced Jimenez had finished the fourth round on 12

under par.

The 49-year-old Jimenez, who began the day a shot behind Luiten, roared to the top of the leaderboard with three consecutive birdies from the second and reached the turn one ahead of Luiten.

Luiten picked up birdies at the 12th and 14th and there was nothing to separate the two players as they reached the par-three 17th where both found a green-side bunker off the tee.

Neither could save par but they achieved regulation fours down the 18th to force a playoff.

It was Luiten's second European Tour victory of the season having won in Austria in June and takes his earnings this year to over the 1 million euros (\$1.33 million) mark. (\$1 = 0.7542 euros)—Reuters

Spain's Rafael Nadal celebrates after defeating Ukraine's Sergiy Stakhovsky during their Davis Cup World Group playoff tennis tie in Madrid on 13 Sept, 2013.—REUTERS



dramatic about the Czech's demolition of an Argentina side missing the muscle of Juan Martin del Potro.

Berdych and Radek Stepanek had put the 2012 winners 2-0 ahead on Friday and then teamed up to win the Saturday doubles.

"It's definitely very exciting; Davis Cup means a lot, it's special for us, for the whole country," said Stepanek. "We loved so much delivering the trophy last year — it never gets old and we'd like to keep that trophy because it's beautiful."

Like Murray, Nadal was playing in the Davis Cup for the first time in two years. Showing no sign of fatigue after his US Open exploits he was unstoppable, winning his singles against Sergiy Stakhovsky for the loss of four games and then partnering Marc Lopez to doubles victory.

Reuters

Record Real spending faces first European test



Real Madrid's Gareth Bale kicks the ball during the warm up before their Spanish first division soccer match against Villarreal at the Madrigal stadium in Villarreal, on 14 Sept, 2013.—REUTERS

MADRID, 16 Sept—Real Madrid will get their first indication on Tuesday of whether unprecedented spending on players of more than 600 million euros over the past five years can secure the 10th European crown they have been chasing since 2002.

World-record signing Gareth Bale, who alone cost 100 million euros when he joined from Tottenham Hotspur this month, is likely to line up with 94-million-euro man Cristiano Ronaldo when Real begin their Champions League campaign at Group B rivals Galatasaray.

Wales winger Bale scored on debut in Saturday's 2-2 La Liga draw at Villarreal, while Portugal forward Ronaldo netted his 203rd goal in as many official matches for the Spanish giants. Real, the world's richest club by income, have

splurged 611 million euros on players in the last five years, according to the latest Prime Time Sport Football Transfer Review.

Their outlay is almost three times as much as European and Bundesliga champions Bayern Munich, who have spent 227 million, and only English Premier League side Manchester City come close with an outlay of 549 million.

Real were boosted by the news on Sunday that Ronaldo had agreed a contract extension until the end of the 2017-18 season and club president Florentino Perez said the deal was in line with the club's long-term policy of fielding the world's best players.

"(Former president) Santiago Bernabeu showed us that this team should always count on the best," the construction magnate told reporters.—Reuters

Masterful Mayweather defeats Alvarez to remain unbeaten

LAS VEGAS, 16 Sept—American Floyd Mayweather produced a masterclass as he outboxed Saul Canelo Alvarez to take the Mexican's WBA and WBC super welterweight titles by majority decision in Las Vegas on Saturday night.

The previously unbeaten Alvarez began by attempting to slow down Mayweather with stiff jabs and hooks to the body, but in response Mayweather (45-0, 26 KOs) snapped back his head with jabs of his own.

The more Alvarez (42-1-1, 30 KOs) stepped forward and became aggressive, the more he left himself vulnerable to Mayweather's rapid counterpunches.

After a relatively quiet opening few rounds, Mayweather began to open up in the fourth, snapping back

Alvarez's head with a succession of jabs and then landing a sweeping right at the bell. In the fifth, Mayweather stood in the pocket in front of Alvarez and landed a series of combinations that rattled his opponent.

When Alvarez attempt-

ed to pin Mayweather in the corner in the seventh, the American slipped most of his punches and answered with a right hand, followed by a sequence of jabs and an uppercut, before backing the Mexican to the ropes and picking him apart.—Reuters



WBC/WBA 154-pound champion Canelo Alvarez (L) takes a punch from Floyd Mayweather Jr of the US at the MGM Grand Garden Arena in Las Vegas, Nevada, on 14 Sept, 2013.—REUTERS

Djokovic, Nadal, Murray shine on national duty

LONDON, 16 Sept—Novak Djokovic produced a masterful performance on Sunday to help Serbia roar back to defeat Canada 3-2 and set up a Davis Cup final against the Czech Republic.

On a weekend in which the sport's biggest names, with the exception of Roger Federer, put their individual schedules to one side and donned national colours instead, Djokovic helped ensure Serbia stayed on course to repeat their 2010 triumph.

Rafael Nadal, fresh from winning his 13th grand slam title at the US Open,

but try telling that to the 15,000 fans who produced a deafening roar in Belgrade.

Serbia trailed 2-1 going into Sunday's two singles rubbers before Djokovic levelled the tie with a 7-6(1), 6-2, 6-2, win over Milos Raonic before Janko Tipsarevic beat Vasek Pospisil in straight sets to spark wild celebrations.

Canada had dreamed of a first Davis Cup final appearance when Daniel Nestor and Pospisil won a doubles cliffhanger on Saturday but their hopes were ultimately crushed.



Serbia's Novak Djokovic celebrates after winning a point against Canada's Vasek Pospisil during their Davis Cup semi-final tennis match in Belgrade on 13 Sept, 2013.—REUTERS

helped Spain crush Ukraine to retain their place in the World Group while world number three Andy Murray steered Britain back amongst the elite with three points in his side's playoff victory over a weakened Croatia.

In a sport where individual prizes dominate the calendar the Davis Cup is often regarded as a sideshow

"This is one of the sweetest wins of my career and I hereby wish to thank my team mates for their support. See you right here in the final against the Czechs," Tipsarevic said.

"I think it will be a pretty open match against the Czech Republic. They have Tomas Berdych of course and have a strong doubles team. It's going to be very

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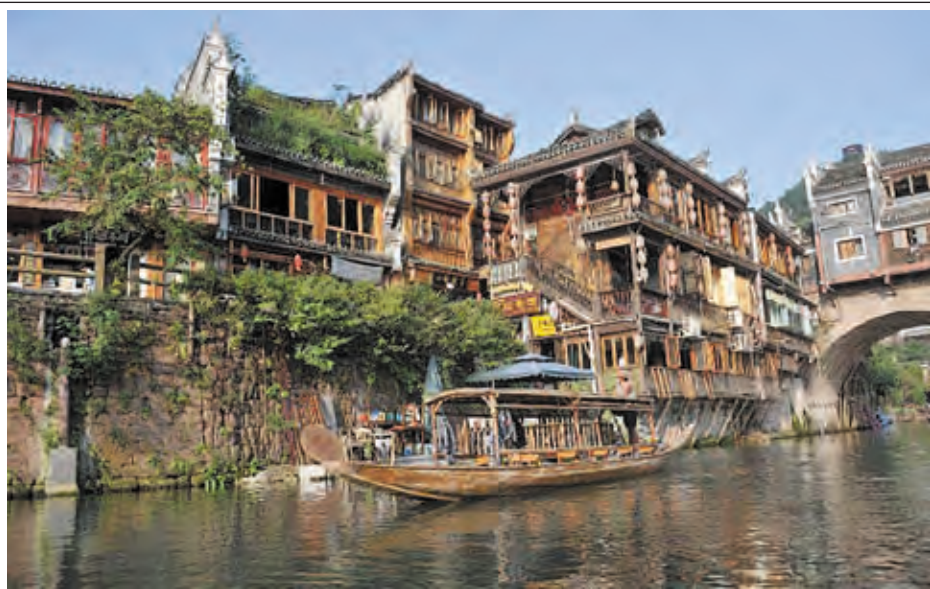


Photo taken on 15 Sept, 2013 shows the scenery in the ancient town of Fenghuang during the 2013 Hunan international tourism festival, which kicked off on 12 Sept and will last until 29 Oct, in Fenghuang County, central China's Hunan Province.

XINHUA

Somalis place high hope on Brussels conference for reconstruction

MOGADISHU, 16 Sept — As a major gathering on Somalia is to kick off in the Belgian capital Brussels on Monday, Somalis are placing high hope on the conference for the war-torn country's reconstruction.

The Somali government and other members of the international community will gather to endorse a partnership, dubbed the New Deal, which will give Somalia hundreds of millions of dollars to rebuild the Horn of Africa nation.

The Somali government has expressed hope that the outcome of the meeting of donor countries

will herald a new era in the relationship between Somalia and the international community in its recovery efforts.

Residents of the Somali capital say the endorsing of the new compact deal for Somalia's rebuilding will boost the peace dividends so far attained by the government.

"I am hopeful that the new deal will be of benefit for Somalia not only economically but also security wise and that is positive step by the international community," Moallim Ahmed, a school teacher in Mogadishu, told *Xinhua*.

The Somali government on Sunday announced that a top-level delegation led by President Hassan Sheikh Mouhamed will attend the Brussels conference to demonstrate a compact of priorities chosen by a ministerial taskforce.

"The compact will be presented and signed into an agreement at the Conference in (Brussels) on Somalia (Monday)," the Somali government said in a statement. Some Mogadishu residents say the gathering should not be another "pledging exercise" like in previous conferences.

Xinhua

Australia's Westfield Group sells seven US shopping centres

BRISBANE, (Australia), 16 Sept — The Westfield Group, Australia's shopping centre group, announced on Monday that it has entered into agreements to divest seven US shopping centres to private equity company Starwood Capital Group for 1.64 billion US dollars. Starwood will own and manage the assets in Ohio, Washington State, California and Indiana, as Westfield maintains a 10 percent equity interest.

Westfield said the transaction value of 1.64 US billion dollars is 120 million US dollars below the book value of the assets at the end of December 2012, and in line with book values as of 30 June.

"We are focused on re-deploying our capital into

superior retail destinations in major cities through divesting non-core assets and introducing joint venture partners into our high quality portfolio of assets," Westfield Group Co-Chief Executive Officer Peter Lowy said in a statement.

After the completion of the transactions, which are expected to be finalized in the fourth quarter of 2013, Westfield will own and operate 40 US shopping centres. The Westfield Group has interests in and operates one of the world's largest shopping centre portfolios with investment interests in 99 shopping centres across Australia, the United States, the United Kingdom and New Zealand, encompassing around 22, 000 retail outlets. —*Xinhua*

Ronaldo extends Real Madrid contract to 2018



Real Madrid's Cristiano Ronaldo celebrates after he scored against Villarreal during their Spanish first division soccer match at the Madrigal stadium in Villarreal, on 14 Sept, 2013.—REUTERS

MADRID, 16 Sept — Real Madrid have moved to tie Cristiano Ronaldo to the club until the end of the 2017-18 season by agreeing a three-year contract extension with the prolific Portuguese forward.

The announcement of

the deal on Sunday ended speculation about a possible return to Manchester United in 2015 when his previous deal expired.

Ronaldo left the English Premier League club in 2009 to join Real for what was then a world-record fee

of 94 million euros.

Big-spending Real president Florentino Perez and the 28-year-old Ronaldo signed the new contract at the club's Bernabeu stadium and appeared before the media at a glitzy ceremony on the giant arena's VIP tribune.

Neither Ronaldo, who said 2018 could mark the end of his career, nor Perez provided details about his salary, but Spanish media reported that his net annual wage would rise to 17 million euros, making him one of the world's best-paid players.

Wearing a dark blue jacket, light shirt and blue patterned tie and with a jewelled stud glittering in each ear, Ronaldo admitted there had been interest from other clubs, including Qatar-owned Ligue 1 side Paris St Germain.

He was also asked

about United and appeared to rule out a return to the city where he spent six years after joining from Sporting Lisbon in 2003.

"Everyone knows I was in Manchester for six years and it was a club that give me many, many things and I don't forget that," Ronaldo told reporters. "But Manchester, it's the past."

"Now my club in the present is Real Madrid, this is my home, my family it's here and I am really happy here."

"But I respect all the clubs, I respect the clubs who have knocked at the door to ask something about me."

"The future nobody knows but I am really happy here. I just want to win trophies for this club and I appreciate that the fans still like me a lot to be here."

Reuters

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Myanmar bags two gold in Petanque Test Match 2013

NAY PYI TAW, 16 Sept—The final match and prize awarding of Pre-SEA Games Petanque Test Match 2013, jointly organized by the Ministry of Sports and Myanmar Petanque Federation, was held at Petanque sport grounds, here, this evening. It was attended by Myanmar National Sports Committee Chairman Union Minister for Sports U Tint Hsan, Deputy Ministers U Thauing Htaik and U Zaw Win, officials of MPF and fans.

Myanmar and Thailand competed in the final matches of women's single and men's double events.

The Union minister and deputy ministers awarded prizes to winners.

Six teams from Myanmar, Thailand and Brunei took part in the event. Thailand secured first with three gold, three silver and four bronze, Myanmar second with two gold, one silver and five bronze and Brunei third with one silver and one bronze.—MNA



Union Minister U Tint Hsan together with winners at prize awarding ceremony of Pre-SEA Games Petanque Test Match 2013.—MNA

New rainfall records

NAY PYI TAW, 16 Sept—According to the observation at (9:30) hrs MST today, Nyaunglebin Station has set new rainfall record with 5.52 inches breaking the old record of 5.12 inches on 5-9-2002 set in the past 12 years. Likewise Ngathaing-

young set new rainfall record with 4.33 inches breaking the old record of 3.66 inches on 21-9-2007 set in the past 25 years, announced the Meteorology and Hydrology Department.

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International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer observed

NAY PYI TAW, 16 Sept—A ceremony to mark the International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer was held at the hall of the Forest Department under the Ministry of Environmental Conservation and Forestry, here, this morning.

Speaking on the occasion, Union Minister U Win Tun said that UN General Assembly designated 16 September 1987 as International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer when the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer was signed. Myanmar signed the Montreal Protocol and London Amendments on 24 November 1993, Copenhagen Amendments on 22 May 2009 and Montreal Amendments on 30 November 2012.

He continued that as one ton of CFC is equal to 10900 tons of carbon dioxide and one ton of HCFC, to 1810 tons of carbon dioxide, minimizing the use of CFC and HCFC will reduce



Union Minister U Win Tun speaking at ceremony to mark the International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer.—MNA

destruction of ozone layer and global warming. He noted that Myanmar did not produce the elements that cause the ozone depletion suspended the importation of CFC in 2007.

Member countries are to totally stop the consumption of HCFC in 2030 in line with the Montreal Protocol. Myanmar will implement

the plan to minimize the use of HCFC with technical and monetary assistance of UNEP and UN Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO).

Therefore, training will be given for control of using HCFC and use of substitution technology and elements, he said.

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U Mya Thin of UN Habitat read the message sent by the UN Secretary General. Next, the attendees were presented educative documentary video on ozone layer conservation. Later, the Union ministers, deputy ministers and guests viewed posters and photos on ozone and environmental conservation.

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Modern rice mill under construction for uplifting living standard of farmers

The pile driving ceremony for construction of 200-ton Satake rice mill, to be undertaken as joint venture between KHK Co Ltd of Myanmar and Intertrade Co Ltd of Thailand was held near Padaukchaung Village of Lewe Township in Nay Pyi Taw Council Area on 9 September.

Myanmar News Agency (Internal) interviewed officials of the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation and Ministry of Commerce and KHK Co Ltd.

U Kyaw Win, Director-General of Agriculture Department

The modern Satake rice mill can produce quality rice which fetches high price in the market and rises income of the farmers. Now, farmers use quality paddy strains, so they can earn increased income.

U Toe Aung Myint, Director-General Trade Promotion Department

Production of quality

rice depends on quality paddy strain, rice mill and efforts of farmers. Number of rice mills is increasing in the nation year by year. But, the nation needs more modern rice mills. In Nay Pyi Taw, farmers grow quality strains of paddy. However, they are to still rely on traditional rice

mills. Satake rice mills will contribute to rice production.

U Lin Aung, General Manager, Kyaw Htet Kyaw Co Ltd.

The Satake rice mill can mill 13000 baskets of paddy per day. Thanks to the modern rice mills, jobs can be created for

over 400 local people. Satake Rice Mills will run with technical assistance from CP International Co Ltd of Thailand. Rice of Thailand is ranked first in the world. We have decided to produce quality rice to be on a par with that of Thailand. The rice mill will be launched in April 2014. **U Hlaing Win, local farmer, Padauk Chaung Village**

We are pleased with construction of the modern rice mill. This year, my farmland yielded 80-90 baskets of paddy per acre. I fetched good price in sale of summer paddy.

U Nay Win Tun, Administrator of Padaukchaung Village

The 200-ton Satake Rice Mill will contribute to uplifting living standard of the local people. Over 400 farmers are engaged in cultivation of 2841 acres of paddy near the village. The farmers wish soonest finish of the rice mill.

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