

All citizens have equal rights before the law: Vice-President U Nyan Tun



Vice-President U Nyan Tun delivers an address at Land Utilization Management Central Committee Meeting No. 1/2013.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 18 Sept—Land Utilization Management Central Committee was formed in accordance with the notification No. 59/2013

of the Union Government Office dated 16-9-2013 with the aim of dealing with confiscated farmlands and other lands in the nation in a just and fair manner,

said Chairman of Land Utilization Management Central Committee Vice-President U Nyan Tun at the central committee meeting No. 1/2013 this

morning.

As urbanization projects, designation of special project areas related to security and establishment of investment project are

compulsory for long-term development of the nation, farmlands and other lands are confiscated due to work demands. Confiscated land investigation commission was formed for just and fair tasks regarding the complaints of confiscated farmlands and other lands. The commission submitted the report in three portions

to the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw session to ensure that the people do not suffer loss in land confiscation.

In this regard, the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker had sent the messages to the President urging respective region and state governing bodies assigned by the Union

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Logo Design Competition further strengthens Israel-Myanmar diplomatic relations

YANGON, 18 Sept—The prize presentation for the Logo Design Competition in commemoration of the 60th founding anniversary of Israel-Myanmar diplomatic relations was held at the hall of National Culture and Fine Arts University (Yangon), here, yesterday morning.

Israeli Ambassador Mr Hagay Moshe Behar in his address said that the prize presentation ceremony was to mark the 60th founding anniversary of Israel-Myanmar diplomatic relations with talented works of youths and artists. The Israeli Ambassador pledged that the prize winning logo would be used as official office

communication works in coming year.

Speaking on the occasion, Deputy Minister for Culture U Than Swe said that the logo competition contributed to further strengthening of relationship between peoples from Israel and Myanmar.

Officials awarded first prize winner Maung Kyaw Khaing (Designer), second prize winner Maung Aung Ko Lwin of NCFA University (Yangon), third prize winner Maung Zin Maung Maung, deputy head of Ministry of Information and fourth prize winner Maung Than Htaik Oo (University of Computer Studies (Bhamo)).—MNA



Deputy Minister for Culture U Than Swe presents award to a winner of Logo Design Competition in commemoration of the 60th founding anniversary of Israel-Myanmar diplomatic relations.—MNA

MNHRC Website and Resource Centre launched

YANGON, 18 Sept—Jointly organized by Myanmar National Human Rights Commission and Raoul Wallenberg Institute of Human Rights and Humanitarian Law (RWI), Myanmar National Human Rights Commission Website and Resource Centre was launched at the commission's office, here, this morning.

The ceremony was organized by Sweden International Development Agency (SIDA).

At the event, Chairman

of Myanmar National Human Rights Commission U Win Mra, Senior Programme Manager/Policy Adviser to Sida Mr. David Holmertz and Deputy Director Mr. Rolf Ring of Raoul Wallenberg Institute of Human Rights and Humanitarian Law (RWI) extended greetings.

Next, expert Ms. Lena Olsson of RWI shared knowledge on Myanmar National Human Rights Commission Website and Resource Centre.

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Rural development and poverty alleviation strategy framework plan to be finalized within three months



Union Minister for Livestock, Fisheries and Rural Development U Ohn Myint speaking coordination meeting 1/2013 of rural area electrification and water supply committee.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 18 Sept—"The ministry has been carrying out rural development and poverty alleviation tasks as focal ministry. In doing so, priority was given to undertaking rural electrification and supply of drinking water which is essential for rural development," said Union Minister for Livestock, Fisheries and Rural Development U Ohn Myint at work coordination meeting 1/2013 of rural area electrification and water supply committee at the ministry, here, on 16 September morning.

The Union minister

continued that mapping out of work plans such as data collecting, fund raising, technical distribution and training was needed to implement strategy for rural electrification and supply of clean water. For rural agriculture and supply of clean water, food sufficiency, environmental conservation and creation of job opportunity in rural areas in Sagaing, Magway and Mandalay Regions, work policies were to be adopted and implemented, he said. The workshops, discussions, seminars, forums and field trips to finalize drawing of

rural development and poverty alleviation strategy framework plan in the coming three months will be conducted, he added.

Deputy Ministers U Khin Maung Aye and U Tin Ngwe discussed matters on cooperation with supporting committees and locals in nation-wide implementing rural development and poverty alleviation schemes.

Officials reported on drawing of strategy framework on livestock breeding, fisheries and rural development and implementation of policies of the ministry.

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Light truck plunges into creek, leaving eight dead in Mongphyat

NAY PYI TAW, 18 Sept—A light truck driven by U Kyi Win, 54 of Hseto Village in Mahlaing Township left Mahlaing of Mandalay Region left for Tachilek on 14 September.

On arrival at Supplaung Village of Mongphyat Township in Shan State, the vehicle plunged into the 50 feet deep Namlon Creek, right of Kengtung-Tachilek Union Highway between mile posts 59/60.

Among 23 passengers, Ko Soe Moe, 35 of Mahlaing Township and one man and five women and one child totalling eight died in the incident.

The injured were rushed to Mongphyat People's Hospital where one more woman died.

With regard to the remaining persons, Bala (a)

Tun Tun Naing, 29 and one woman sustained injuries to heads falling unconscious and 12 persons including

driver U Kyi Win were injured.

Mongphyat Myoma Police Station opened a file



Rescue works carried out at eroded villages in Magway Region

SEIKPYU, 18 Sept—Landslides were caused by erosion of Ayeyawady River along the bank of Seikpyu Township of Magway Region.

Members of Myanmar Police Force, Red Cross Brigade members, Fire Services Department personnel and village administrative

bodies carried out rescue works at Thanazon, Yaylethaung, Mayoekhon and Ywatha-aye villages of Pwintbyu Township under supervision of Township Administrator U Kyi Myint, Commander of Township Police Force Police Ma-

major Win Aung and Chairman of Township Development Committee U Kyi Maung.

MPF members, fire brigade members and red cross members evacuated people from four houses in Thanazon Village of Koetaunt Village-tract to the safe places on 14 September.

A total of 20 police-

Accident

of lawsuit against reckless drive U Kyi Win under the law.—Kyemon-Police Information

men led by SIP Kyaw Soe Khaing helped send the students and older persons to the safe places.

Water guards were assigned duties to check conditions of bank erosion.

Staff of Health Department provide health care services to the local people continuously.

If the condition become worse in bank erosion, rescue teams will be assigned duties to render assistance to the local flood victims.

MMAL-Township IPRD

Natural Disaster



MPF launches emergency, complaint-handling phone lines

NAY PYI TAW, 18 Sept— Myanmar Police Force under the Ministry of Home Affairs has put hot lines into place at Myanmar Police Force HQ and region/state police stations to enable the public to submit tip-offs and complaints over illegal acts, misappropriation and corruption.

The public may reach the numbers for their information and complaints but are requested to avoid manners causing disruptions to these phone lines.

Myanmar Police Force HQ, Nay Pyi Taw Police Force, Kachin, Kayah, Kayin, Chin, Mon, Rakhine and Shan State Police Forces, Sagaing, Taninthayi, Bago, Magway, Mandalay, Yangon and Ayeyawady Region Police Forces, Offices of Commanders of East, West, South and North District Police Forces in Yangon Region, No (1) Police Station in Taunggyi, Office

of Deputy Commander of State Police Force in Lashio, and Kengtung Police Station in Kengtung have emergency numbers of 199.

Phone numbers receiving complaints from the public are Myanmar Police Force HQ (067-412222 and 067-412444), Nay Pyi Taw Police Force (067-550333), Kachin State Police Force (074-21444), Kayin State Police Force (058-23355), Sagaing Region Police Force (071-24996), Taninthayi Region Police Force (059-23998), Bago Region Police Force (052-23999), Magway Region Police Force (063-28099), Mandalay Region Police Force (02-61444), Mon State Police Force (057-24987), Rakhine State Police Force (043-22833), Yangon Region Police Force (01-2302199), Shan State Police Force (081-2125455) and Ayeyawady Region Police Force (042-23844).

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WORLD

Obama says he wants to test Iran president's interest in dialogue

WASHINGTON, 18 Sept—President Barack Obama said on Tuesday that Iran's new President Hassan Rouhani appears to want to open a dialogue with the United States and that he is willing to test whether this is the case.

Obama's comment in an interview with Spanish-language network Telemundo was the latest indication the president would like to jump from the crisis over Syria's chemical weapons to a new search for a diplomatic deal to ensure Iran does not develop a

nuclear weapon.

Last weekend, Obama revealed he and Rouhani had exchanged letters about the US-Iran standoff. Both leaders will be at the UN General Assembly in New York next week, although White House officials say they are no current plans for them to meet.

"There is an opportunity here for diplomacy," Obama told Telemundo. "And I hope the Iranians take advantage of it." Obama ran for president in 2008 in part by vowing to open a dialogue with Iran.

But there has been no breakthrough and sanctions by Washington and the United Nations to weaken Iran's economy have gradually been increased to try to pressure Teheran to give up a nuclear programme that it denies is aimed at building a weapon.

"There are indications that Rouhani, the new president, is somebody who is looking to open dialogue with the West and with the United States, in a way that we haven't seen in the past. And so we should test it," Obama said.



US President Barack Obama

Since the surprise election in June of Rouhani, a centrist cleric, officials

from both countries have made increasing hints that they are open to direct talks

to seek an end to the decade-long nuclear dispute.

Reuters

Russia says no proof Assad was behind chemical attack



Children, affected by what activists say was a gas attack, breathe through oxygen masks in the Damascus suburb of Saqba, on 21 Aug, 2013.—REUTERS

MOSCOW, 18 Sept—Russia and France sharply disagreed on Tuesday over a report by UN investigators into a chemical weapons attack that killed hundreds of people in Syria, underscoring the difficulties in reaching agreement on action at

the UN Security Council.

Sitting beside French Foreign Minister Laurent Fabius at a news conference in Moscow, Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov said the report had produced no proof that President Bashar al-As-

sad's troops carried out the 21 August attack and that Russia still suspected rebel forces were behind it.

Fabius took the opposite view, saying the report left no doubt that Assad's forces were to blame for the attack which Washington says killed more than 1,400 people. The United States has also blamed Syrian government forces.

Lavrov acknowledged that the investigators' report proved that chemical weapons had been used but that "there is no answer to a number of questions we have asked," including whether the weapons were produced in a factory or home-made.

"We have very serious grounds to believe that this was a provocation," Lavrov said after talks in Mos-

cow between two countries with veto powers in the UN Security Council. He said there had been "many provocations" by the rebels fighting Assad's government, adding:

"They were all aimed, over the last two years, at provoking foreign intervention." Lavrov said the UN report should be examined not in isolation but along with evidence from sources such as the Internet and other media, including accounts from "nuns at a nearby convent" and a journalist who had spoken to rebels.

"We want the events of 21 August to be investigated dispassionately, objectively and professionally," he said.—Reuters

Australia's Tony Abbott sworn in as Prime Minister

SYDNEY, 18 Sept—Conservative leader Tony Abbott was sworn in as Australia's Prime Minister Wednesday morning, more than a week after his Liberal-National coalition swept to victory in a general election, ending the centre-left Labour Party's six years in power.

Abbott took the oath of office at Government House in Canberra, with Governor General Quentin Bryce congratulating him on officially becoming Australia's 28th prime minister. Members of Abbott's 42-person team, including ministers, assistant ministers and parliamentary secretaries, have also been sworn in.

Upon introducing his team to the governor gen-

eral, Abbott reiterated his government's policy commitments, "to scrap the carbon tax, to stop the boats, to get the budget under control and to build the roads of the 21st century."

The reference to boats operated by people smugglers underlined one of the major campaign issues in the lead-up to the 7 Sept election.

He also pledged "to govern for all Australians" and not to forget the marginalized, including people with disabilities, the Indigenous community and women juggling a career and family. "We aim to be a calm, measured, steady and purposeful government that says what it means and does what it says," Abbott said.

Kyodo News

Russia to hand over aircraft carrier to India by November

NEW DELHI, 18 Sept—India's second aircraft carrier, an upgraded and retrofitted former Soviet navy vessel, will be handed over to the Indian navy by Russia by November, local media reported on Tuesday.

NDTV news station quoted sources as saying aviation trials on the INS Vikramaditya, including takeoffs and landings by MiG-29K fighter aircraft, were successfully completed in Russia earlier in the day.

It also underwent a full power trial, entailing pushing the ship to maximum speed at sea and then testing all systems for accuracy

and endurance.

The 45,550-ton vessel, formerly known as Admiral Gorshkov, was to have joined the Indian Navy last year, but the insulation tiles of its boilers cracked during full power trials.

Since then, the Kiev-class carrier, India's second aircraft carrier after the Centaur-class INS Viraat, has undergone stringent testing in the Barents Sea and the White Sea.

The Hindu, an English language newspaper, reported on 5 Sept that the INS Vikramaditya will be handed over to the Indian Navy on 15 Nov at a formal ceremony in the Rus-

sian northern seaport of Severodvinsk on the White Sea, citing sources.

India and Russia signed a \$2.3-billion contract for refitting the aircraft carrier in 2004.

Last August, India launched its first indigenously developed aircraft carrier INS Vikrant, which it plans to commission in 2018 following sea trials. Defence Minister AK Antony said then that the carrier will play a crucial role in projecting India's maritime prowess, especially at a time when China is expanding its naval presence in the Indian Ocean.

Kyodo News

Two injured in clashes in Lebanon's largest Palestinian camp

BEIRUT, 18 Sept—Clashes erupted on Tuesday in Lebanon's largest Palestinian refugee camp near the southern city of

Sidon, leaving at least two people injured, local security source said.

The clashes occurred in the Al Taware neighbour-

hood in the Ain al-Hilweh camp between members of the Palestinian Fatah Movement and Islamists, injuring one member of each sides.

The Palestinian liaison committee there exerted efforts to appease the clashes.

Ain al-Hilweh, the largest Palestinian camp in Lebanon, is home to about 50,000 refugees and is known for harboring extremists and fugitives. It has witnessed recurrence of violence as Islamist and secular Palestinian factions vied for power within the camp. According to a long-standing convention, the Lebanese army doesn't handle security in the country's 12 refugee camps.

Xinhua



Bolivian Carmelo Flores Laura is alleged the oldest living human in the world at the age of 123.

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SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

Yahoo Japan search engine device produces 3D objects for the blind



Yahoo Japan Corp President Manabu Miyasaka (L) unveils a machine during an event in Tokyo on 17 Sept, 2013, that uses a 3-D printer to produce search results as three-dimensional figures so that blind people can touch them. —KYODO NEWS

TOKYO, 18 Sept—Yahoo Japan Corp has developed a materials printing machine linked with a voice-activated search engine to produce three-dimensional objects for use at a school for blind and visually impaired students.

If users say words such as “elephant” and “car,” it will search for corresponding 3D data in the Internet. If the data is found, the 3D printing machine will create a palm-size object in five to 60 minutes, depending on complexity, the company said on Tuesday.

The company does not plan to sell the equipment for the time being. It will make it available for students at the Special Needs Education School for the Visually Impaired affiliated with the University of Tsukuba.

The company said it currently has 3D data on about 110 types of objects including animals and vehicles uploaded in a dedicated Website. It plans to increase the data by asking for contributions from businesses and private citizens.

Kyodo News

Australian researchers create first interior 3D map of Leaning Tower of Pisa

CANBERRA, 18 Sept—Australian researchers have created the first ever interior 3D map of Italy’s iconic Leaning Tower of Pisa by using a breakthrough mobile laser mapping system, a latest statement from CSIRO, Australia’s national science agency, said recently.

According to the statement, developed by the CSIRO, the Zebedee technology is a handheld 3D mapping system incorporating a laser scanner that sways on a spring to capture millions of detailed measurements of a site as fast as an operator can walk through it. Specialized software then converts the system’s la-

ser data into a detailed 3D map. While the tower’s cramped stairs and complex architecture have prevented previous mapping technologies from capturing its interior, Zebedee has enabled the researchers to finally create the first comprehensive 3D map of the entire building.

“This technology is ideal for cultural heritage mapping, which is usually very time consuming and labour intensive. It can often take a whole research team a number of days or weeks to map a site with the accuracy and detail of what we can produce in a few hours,” said Jonathan Roberts, Research Program Leader at CSIRO’s

Apple iPhone fingerprint scanner gets plaudits in early reviews

SAN FRANCISCO, 18 Sept—The fingerprint reader on Apple Inc’s top-end iPhone 5S received an early thumbs up for ease of use from two influential reviewers, helping dispel concerns about the scanning technology which has been notoriously unreliable in other cellphones.

Apple’s scanner is seen as a first step toward realizing the full potential for biometrics in personal electronics, heightening security for applications like banking and shopping while doing away with multiple passwords.

“The best part is that it actually works - every single time, in my tests,” wrote reviewer David Pogue of the New York Times.

“It’s nothing like the balky, infuriating fingerprint-reader efforts of earlier cellphones. It’s genuinely awesome; the haters can go jump off a pier.”

The Wall Street Journal’s Walt Mossberg was also enthusiastic, calling it simple and reliable. But he noted that the gadget would inexplicably prompt him for a password when swiping a finger to make purchases, which he blamed



Phil Schiller, senior vice president of worldwide marketing for Apple Inc, talks about the pricing of their new products at Apple Inc’s media event in Cupertino, California on 10 Sept, 2013.—REUTERS

on a bug.

“I have come to like it and consider it a step forward, despite a few issues,” he said of the overall device.

Re-tooled iOS7 mobile software, a better camera, a

more useful voice-activated “Siri” personal digital assistant and a faster processor combined to make the iPhone 5S the best smartphone on the market, he added.

Reuters

Tesla enters race to build self-driving car

SAN FRANCISCO, 18 Sept—Electric car company Tesla Motors is working to produce a car capable of running on “auto-pilot”

within the next three years, CEO Elon Musk said, joining tech giant Google and rival carmakers in the race to roll a driverless car into

the market.

The California-based company’s autonomous car would allow the driver to hand 90 percent of the control of the car over to the vehicle’s computer system, Musk said in an interview with the *Financial Times* newspaper.

Fully autonomous cars would take longer to develop, he said.

The self-driving car would be developed in-house using Tesla’s own technology, not that of another company, Musk said in comments confirmed by a Tesla spokesperson.

Tesla’s online job board currently has a post for an Advanced Driver Assistance Systems Controls

Engineer, who will be responsible for helping “Tesla’s effort to pioneer fully automated driving.”

On top of the technical obstacles, legal and safety issues must be overcome before driverless cars are allowed on the road. European Union laws currently call for drivers to control their cars at all times.

And it is unclear whether the multi-billion dollar car insurance industry has any appetite to back the cars until the technology is proven, although driverless cars would be free from human error and programmed to obey traffic laws, features that could appeal to insurers.

Reuters



Tesla Motors Inc CEO Elon Musk talks about Tesla’s new battery swapping programme in Hawthorne, California on 20 June, 2013.—REUTERS

AT&T to expand in Latin America with America Movil deal

NEW YORK, 18 Sept—AT&T Inc is planning to announce on Wednesday that it will expand its Latin American reach for business customers through a collaboration with Mexican billionaire Carlos Slim’s America Movil.

AT&T will be able to

do business in 15 countries, including Argentina, Chile and Colombia, through connections with America Movil networks, according to a representative for AT&T.

Terms of the agreement were not disclosed. The deal will also extend

AT&T’s reach to Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua, Paraguay, Peru and Uruguay.

Previously, AT&T’s Latin American focus was primarily on Mexico and Brazil. AT&T has a long-standing relationship with America Movil and the US company holds a roughly 9 percent stake in the company and has executives on its board of directors.

Since AT&T has been exploring possibilities for expanding in Europe and America Movil has a presence there, some analysts have speculated the companies could combine forces in Europe.

Reuters



An At&T logo is seen atop a store in Beverly Hills, California on 31 August, 2011.

REUTERS

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BUSINESS & HEALTH

Red grapes, blueberries may enhance immune function



WASHINGTON, 18 Sept — Two compounds found in red grapes and blueberries may help boost the human immune system, a US study said on Tuesday.

Resveratrol in red grapes and pterostilbene from blueberries could work with vitamin D to raise the

expression of the human cathelicidin antimicrobial peptide, or CAMP gene, which is involved in immune function, researchers from the Oregon State University reported.

“Out of a study of hundreds of compounds, just these two popped right out,”

Adrian Gombart, an associate professor in the university’s college of science said in a statement.

“Their synergy with vitamin D to increase CAMP gene expression was significant and intriguing. It’s a pretty interesting interaction,” Gombart said. Resveratrol has been the subject of dozens of studies for a range of possible benefits, from improving cardiovascular health to fighting cancer and reducing inflammation. This research is the first to show a clear synergy with vitamin D that increased CAMP expression by several times, the researchers said.

The CAMP gene itself

is also the subject of much study, as it has been shown to play a key role in the “innate” immune system, or the body’s first line of defence and ability to combat bacterial infection. The innate immune response is especially important as many antibiotics increasingly lose their effectiveness. A strong link has been established between adequate vitamin D levels and the function of the CAMP gene, but the new research suggests that certain other compounds may play a role as well, the researchers reported in the journal *Molecular Nutrition and Food Research*.

Xinhua

Ford on the way to displace diesel with turbo

CHICAGO, 18 Sept — Ford on Tuesday announced production of the 2 millionth EcoBoost engine, marking the Dearborn-based US auto giant is on the way to displace its diesel engines with turbo engines.

Ford’s production of turbo-charged EcoBoost engines is set to surpass its diesel engines this year. “We now are building five versions of the EcoBoost engine,” *Chicago Tribune* quoted Ford spokesman Joe Bakaj as saying.

Compared with diesel engines, turbo-charged EcoBoost engines are more energy efficient. Taking EcoBoost 3.5-liter V-6 and

Ford’s 5.0-liter V-8 of same 365 horsepower as an example, fuel economy figures rated by the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for EcoBoost 3.5-liter V-6 are 16 miles per gallon (MPG) in city and 22 MPG in highway, while that for 360-horsepower 5.0-liter V-8 are rated at 15 MPG in city and 21 MPG in highway.

Thanks to fuel savings, auto owners who choose EcoBoost could recover the extra cost in an average of 20 months, ahead of diesel engine payback, despite the fact that there is a 1,095-dollar price difference between them.

Xinhua

Asia business sentiment drops sharply in Q3

SINGAPORE, 18 Sept — Business sentiment among Asia’s top companies deteriorated in the third quarter, led by businesses in export engines such as China and South Korea, ending three consecutive quarters of improving sentiment, the latest Thomson Reuters/INSEAD Asia Business Sentiment survey showed.

The Thomson Reuters/INSEAD Asia Business Sentiment Index fell to 66 in the third quarter from 71 in the second quarter when it reached the highest level in more than a year. An index reading above 50 indicates an overall positive outlook.

Some of the weakest readings came from north Asia’s economies of China, South Korea and Taiwan, and regional trading hub Singapore, all of which turned in readings of 50 — highlighting the impact of a stuttering global economy.

“Asian companies are still maintaining a relatively cautious outlook regarding their earnings growth prospects,” said Fan Cheuk Wan, chief investment officer for the Asia-Pacific region at Credit Suisse’s private banking and wealth

management unit. “It could be partly related to the recent volatility across the emerging economies over the past three months.”

Asian equities, currencies and bonds have taken a beating over the last few months after the US Federal Reserve hinted it would halt its nearly five-year policy of flooding markets with cheap cash.

“This market volatility also inevitably has an impact on the perception and business sentiment of Asian corporates as they are still assessing the global growth outlook,” Fan said.

The survey showed that shipping and financial sectors were the most negative with a third-quarter score of 50, a sharp drop from the shipping industry’s reading of 80 and financials’ reading of 78 in the second quarter.

The poll conducted by Thomson Reuters News in association with INSEAD, a global business and management school, surveyed more than 100 executives in 11 Asia-Pacific countries across sectors including autos, financials, resources, food and retail.

Reuters

Nissan unveils Datsun 3-row, 5-door hatchback in Indonesia

JAKARTA, 18 Sept — Nissan Motor Co took the wraps off the Datsun GO+ seven-seat, three-row hatchback on Tuesday, its second model to be released under the revived Datsun brand. The 1.2-liter hatchback will go on sale in 2014, as will

the Datsun GO five-seat, two-row hatchback, the automaker said. The five-seat model was unveiled in July in New Delhi, India. “It’s exciting to know that, for many Indonesians, the first new car they will buy will be a Datsun,” Nissan Presi-

dent Carlos Ghosn told a news conference.

The models, to be built at a plant southeast of Jakarta, will retail for under

100 million rupiah (about 900,000 yen) and provide a local content rate of 80 percent, the automaker said.

Kyodo News

Nissan Motor Co President Carlos Ghosn unveils the Datsun GO+ seven-seat, three-row hatchback in Jakarta, Indonesia, on 17 Sept, 2013.—KYODO NEWS



People select goods during the first China-Arab States Expo in Yinchuan, capital of northwest China’s Ningxia Hui Autonomous Region, on 17 Sept, 2013. The expo was opened to the public on Tuesday.—XINHUA

IBM pledges 1 bln dollars for Linux, open source innovation

WASHINGTON, 18 Sept — IBM said on Tuesday it plans to invest 1 billion US dollars in Linux, a freely available open source operating system that competes with Microsoft’s Windows, and open source technologies in a bid to adapt its Power Systems servers to handle big data and cloud computing applications in the post-PC era.

IBM has long been one of the biggest backers of Linux, and the amount

equals a pledge the US company made in 2000 to support the technology.

“Many companies are struggling to manage big data and cloud computing using commodity servers based on decades-old, PC-era technology. These servers are quickly overrun by data which triggers the purchase of more servers, creating un-sustainable server sprawl,” IBM Vice President of Power Development Brad McCredie said

in a statement. “The era of big data calls for a new approach to IT systems; one that is open, customizable, and designed from the ground up to handle big data and cloud workloads,” McCredie said.

IBM said it opened a Linux centre in Beijing in May and will now establish another in Montpellier, France. Additional centers are located in New York and Austin, Texas.

Xinhua

Agenu brain cancer vaccine improves survival in mid-stage study

NEW YORK, 18 Sept — Biotechnology company Agenu Inc said its experimental brain cancer vaccine increased the survival of patients without their cancer worsening in a mid-stage trial, compared with the standard treatment.

Agenu shares jumped as much as 34 percent on the Nasdaq on Monday morning.

The vaccine, code-named HSPPC-96, showed an almost 18 month median progression-free survival — a 160 percent increase versus current standard treatment of radiation combined with chemotherapy drug temozolomide.

The vaccine was being used in combination with the standard treatment to treat patients with newly diagnosed glioblastoma multiforme, an aggressive type of tumour which affects the brain.

Reuters



EU team to investigate Gibraltar dispute next week



A Union flag flies at Europa Point in front of the Rock (rear), a monolithic limestone promontory in Gibraltar, south of Spain on 12 August, 2013.

REUTERS

LONDON, 18 Sept—The European Union will send a team to investigate the border dispute between Spain and Gibraltar next week, Britain's Foreign Office said on Tuesday.

Officials from the European Commission, the EU's executive arm, will visit the British overseas territory on 25 September to look into what caused a summer of tension at the frontier that has strained relations between Madrid and London.

Spain lays claim to the territory, which has a population of 30,000, which it ceded to Britain by treaty 300 years ago. The team will "assess the border controls, free movement of people and goods, including fraud and smuggling", the Foreign Office said, citing an EU document given to its officials in Brussels.

They will also check Spanish complaints that Gibraltar impeded its fishing boats by dropping concrete blocks into disputed waters

off the territory. Gibraltar said it had created an artificial reef in the Mediterranean to protect fish stocks.

"We welcome this confirmation that a monitoring mission will be sent," a Foreign Office spokesman said. "We stand ready to offer all necessary support to ensure that the mission can conduct its investigation successfully."

Spain tightened border controls over the summer in retaliation for the reef, causing long tailbacks, and threatened to take further action, including a 50-euro (\$67) border levy.

Prime Minister David Cameron condemned the threat and said Britain was not prepared to discuss Gibraltar's sovereignty.

Opposition parties in Spain and Gibraltar's Chief Minister Fabian Picardo have accused Spain's ruling centre-right government of using the conflict to distract voters from the weak economy and a corruption scandal involving senior politicians.—Reuters

UN chief hopes Kaesong opening normalizes relations with N Korea

NEW YORK, 18 Sept—UN Secretary General Ban Ki moon on Tuesday said he saw the reopening of the Kaesong industrial complex as a positive step towards normalizing inter-Korean relations that have been marred by tension.

"It is my hope that the recent agreement on the resumption of Kaesong Industrial Complex is just the first step towards resuming regular, normal dialogue," Ban told reporters when questioned about the situation in North Korea, which is formally known as the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

After reaching an agreement, North and South

Korea reopened their joint industrial park on Monday in the North's border town of Kaesong, five months after the zone was closed amid heightened tensions on the Korean Peninsula, according to South Korea's Unification Ministry.

While admitting it would likely be a "long process," Ban expressed relief that the two sides are "focusing on points of mutual interest rather than disagreement."

The UN chief also said the agreement could become "the first block in building mutual trust between the two parties" that could lead to the possibility of reuniting separated

families. If carried out he viewed such steps as "confidence-building measures" that could eventually lead to a reconciliation.

Yet, against the backdrop of the promising move are troubling reports that the North has restarted a reactor at the Yongbyon nuclear complex.

"If confirmed, this would be a clear violation of the decisions of the Security Council," Ban said. "I remain seriously concerned about the nuclear weapons programme of the DPRK and I call upon the DPRK to demonstrate this commitment to a verifiable denuclearization of the Korean Peninsula."—Kyodo News



A wave hits the dam on the coastal avenue in front of the Rio de la Plata during the passage of the extra-tropical cyclone that affects the country, in Montevideo, capital of Uruguay, on 17 Sept, 2013. The Uruguayan authorities issued an orange alert for the next hours by the passage of extra-tropical cyclone that has already caused power shortage to more than 3,000 homes, and more than 600 people have been evacuated in various departments of the country.—XINHUA

Mortar attack kills five in Syrian capital

DAMASCUS, 18 Sept—At least five people were killed on Tuesday in mortar attacks that targeted several parts of the Syrian capital of Damascus, the pro-government media reported.

The fresh attacks, staged by the rebels, targeted the residential districts of Amara, Qassa, and

al-Abbasyeen, in southern Damascus, the official news agency SANA said.

Five people were killed and another 30 wounded when two mortars struck a marketplace at Bab al-Salam area in Qassa.

Another mortar landed at a church in the Qassa area, causing property loss,

SANA said, adding that other mortars caused material damage in other southern districts of Damascus.

The fresh attack came amid heavy clashes between the government troops and the rebels in the southern countryside of Damascus.

Xinhua

Chaos as floods submerge Mexico's Acapulco, death toll rises

ACAPULCO, (Mexico), 18 Sept—Mexico's famous beach resort of Acapulco was in chaos on Tuesday as hotels rationed food for thousands of stranded tourists and floodwaters swallowed homes and cars after some of the most damaging storms in decades killed at least 55 people across the country.

Television footage showed Acapulco's international airport terminal waist deep in water and workers wading out to escape floods that have prevented some 40,000 visitors from leaving and blocked one of the main access routes to the city with mud.

A torrential, three-day downpour cut off several roads into the Pacific resort of 750,000 people, which

was a magnet for Hollywood stars in its heyday, but had the highest murder rate in Mexico last year amid a surge in drug gang violence.

The flooding has disrupted deliveries of supplies, piling fresh misery

on a city heavily dependent on tourist spending. The entrance to a main hillside tunnel into Acapulco was completely blocked with mud.

The rains were spawned by two major storms that converged on



People get out of their cars and gather near a portion of the road collapsed by heavy rains in San Cristobal de Vega in Oaxaca state, on 16 Sept, 2013.

REUTERS

Mexico from the Pacific and the Gulf, triggering flash floods that washed away homes and landslides in eastern Mexico.

Tropical Depression Manuel had faded but was strengthening again on the Pacific coast on Tuesday, moving northwest toward the Baja California peninsula. It was expected to become a Tropical Storm again late on Tuesday or early Wednesday, the US National Hurricane Centre said.

Much of Acapulco's upscale Diamante District was flooded, and tourists were unable to take cash out of bank machines due to lack of power. Fast food outlets were also without power, and insisted on payment in cash.—Reuters

South African police arrest dozens in violence against foreigners

CAPE TOWN, 18 Sept—Police on Tuesday arrested more than 70 people suspected of attacking foreign-owned shops in Port Elizabeth, about 700 km east of Cape Town.

This xenophobia attack was the latest in a series of similar attacks in the country in the past recent months. The latest violence was sparked by the death of a man who was shot dead by a foreign shop owner on Saturday in nearby New Brighton.

Local residents took to the streets to protest the shooting. The protest turned violent when some demonstrators began attacking shops owned by Somalis.

Police intervened, rounding up more than 70

people for looting and public violence, police Brigadier Marinda Mills said, adding the situation was "tense but stable."

The looting and related violence were strongly condemned by the City of Port Elizabeth. The attacks on Somalis had put the people of Port Elizabeth to shame, the municipality said in a statement.

A suspected act of criminality by a Somali could never justify the looting and attacking of innocent people, the statement said. "We want to put it straight and clear, these incidents are criminal, cowardly, irresponsible and inexcusable to say the least," the statement said

Xinhua

LOCAL NEWS

Toungoo Writers Association meets

TOUNGGOO, 18 Sept—Writers Association of Toungoo Township in Bago Region met at Treasurer U San Hla's (San-Kaytu) house on 15 September.

Patron of the association U Kyaw Hla (Thamadi) and Chairman U Aye Shwe (Aye Shwe-Kaytumati) delivered speeches at the meeting.

U Mya Thein (Toungoo-Aung Htoo) recorded meeting minutes. Treasurer U San Hla (San-Kaytu) read out the financial statement and it was then confirmed by those present at the meeting.

The meeting focused on future plans which include the land ownership of the association and providing painting and writing courses at the schools by the association.

MMAL-136

Anti-elephantiasis administered in Kawkareik District



KAWKAREIK, 18 Sept—Vaccines against elephantiasis were administered by Kawkareik District Health Department in Kayin State on 11 September.

The door-to-door vaccination covers all wards/villages in Kawkareik. The district deputy commissioner and

township administrators, health staff, ward/village administrators, departmental personnel, district/township Maternal and Child Welfare Association and Women's Affairs Organization joined up in the efforts to administer all the people in each ward/village.

MMAL-District IPRD

Natural Disaster

Aid continues to flow into Singaing as flood recedes

SINGAING, 18 Sept—Flood that has engulfed 21 villages in six village-tracts in Singaing Township since 9 September due to the rising water level of Dokhtawady has started to recede on 15 September.

"The river water level waned by 6 inches yesterday. Today, it falls nearly two more inches. The flood water was five feet deep in our village. If the decline continues, we may be able to return to our village within next five days," Myaukaing village-tract administrator U Aung Min said.

"Cattle or pigs could not be able to immediately return to the village for fear of animal diseases as the land would be muddy," he added.

Some flooded villages have yet to see the decline



in water level as the river is in stable condition, showing no signs of swelling.

The administrator said there was still a potential to increase the water level if the water level of Ayeyawady River that Dokhtawady River flows into increases.

Authorities and donors are providing assistance to the flood victims in the area daily.

"Wellwishers and donors come virtually daily. They come and donate purified drinking water, rice and instant noodle. The District General

Administration Department have also provided aids," Ma Khin Toe Toe Kyaw, in-charge of the relief camp said.

Among the donors were social organizations and political parties.

The lunch boxes were provided by nearby villages that escaped the flood as all five villages in the village-tract were suffered from the flood, Ma Khin Toe Toe Kyaw said.

Healthcare centers are opened in each relief camp. There is no major health problems in the relief camps.

MMAL-Tun Tun Naing

Hsipaw Maha Muni Pagoda Pujaniya hits 110th year

HSIPAW, 18 Sept—A coordination ceremony to organize alms offering ceremony to the entire monks in Hsipaw Township in commemoration of 110th anniversary Pagoda Pujaniya of Hsipaw's landmark historic Maha Muni Buddha Image was held in Township Meeting Hall on 14 September.

The pagoda was built by Hsipaw Emirate Saw Kyar Khaing and royal family 121



years ago and is a replica of Mandalay Maha Muni

Buddha Image.

Patron of the organizing committee Township Administrator U Myo Tint Zaw delivered an address and Secretary of the committee for organizing Pagoda Pujaniya and alms offering ceremony U Aung Than Oo read out financial statement and reported on the plans to organize the events.

Townsenders U Aung Khin and U Khin Maung Win made recommendations.

Alms were offered to 1617 monks and novices and the fund of more than K 80 million was established in the previous year.

Alms would be offered to 1597 monks and novices from 60 monasteries in the township in traditional styles.

MMAL-Sai (Hsipaw)

collection of wasters with bell rings.

The shopkeepers were informed about the new waste collection system through loud speakers.

MMAL-090

Roads and wards in Pyay flooded

PYAY, 18 Sept—Some roads and wards in Pyay have been under water since 15 September as the water level of Ayeyawady River has risen due to heavy rains these days.

Sugar Mill Road-

Malargon in Nawin ward and roads and wards in Bawga Area suffered the flood.

These lowland areas lie beside Nawin creek that flows into Ayeyawady River. If the flood does not recede within three days, it could pose a

threat to the area with the potential water level of three feet above the danger level. As the occupants of the area have made preparations, there is no loss of lives or property in the flood.

MMAL-District IPRD

Myitnge police distribute food to flood victims

MYITNGE, 18 Sept—Police Force members in Myitnge distributed food and snacks to the flood victims on yesterday morning.

A total of 16 members

of policemen participated in the efforts to distribute food to the flood victims in east Thayagon ward in Myitnge in Amarapura Township. Commander of Myitnge Police Station IP Hla Tu and Police Sub-Inspector Mya Soe led the campaign.



The police station ordered snacks from the tea shops of Myitnge and distributed the flood victims door to door.

"We're heartened beyond compare for a chance to offer food to those who are in distress," the commander

said.

Executives U Ye Naing and U Kan Htoo of east Thayagon ward helped them distribute the snacks to the flood-hit residents at relief camps.

MMAL-Maung Maung Soe (Myitnge)

PERSPECTIVES

Thursday, 19 September, 2013

LITERATES WHO DO NOT READ

Myanmar has high literacy rate. But what is the use of being literate without reading? Myanmar has the population of nearly 60 million. But the most successful newspaper sells a region of 200,000 copies. A publication that sells 10,000 copies is a complete best-seller. So, Myanmar has quite convincing number of literates who read little or none.

A relatively greater freedom on World Wide Web attracted various Internet users in Myanmar. They read. Yet they mostly read news stories, some blog posts and some short articles in a quick scroll-down manner. Most of the netizens don't digest. They rather collect information than knowledge. The internet has a lot to offer, but does it surpasses the books in essence. There are a lot of arguments which one is better—Internet or Books. This piece of writing has nothing to do with these arguments. Internet or books has their own advantages.

Our country has poor access to internet. The number of computer literates is not as high as the ordinary literates. So, we cannot totally rely on the electronics media to encourage reading habits.

We have long used small rural libraries as a tool to promote reading habits among the community. We need libraries, but they are not the best catalysts for boosting reading habits of the community. The mini book corners at public places are said to be successful so far. But it is not still enough to encourage the literates read. So, we need to try our best to make our dreams come true.

4th Junior Golf Myanmar Tournament kicks off

YANGON, 18 Sept—The tournament will be sponsored by Elite Myanmar Golf Federation, the Junior Golf Myanmar organized the first round of the 4th Junior Golf Myanmar Tournament 2013 at Pun Hlaing Golf Club in Hlinethaya Township yesterday morning.

A total of 35 golfers competed in the men's and women's U-24, U-18, U-14 and U-10 events.

Junior Golf Myanmar (JGM) holds monthly golf tournament for turning out new generation golfers.

The tournament will be sponsored by Elite Tech Group of Companies, Kandawgyi Palace Hotel, Aureum Palace Hotel, Air Bagan Ltd, Asian Wings Airways, Myanmar Solar Power (MSP), Double Eagle Golf Co Ltd, Han Golf Masters Pte Ltd, KM Golf Center, Sam Par Oo Purified Drinking Water, Premier Coffee, Kyone Sein Co Ltd, 100 Plus and Pun Hlaing Golf Club.

The second round of the tournament continues tomorrow.—NLM



To mark 65th Anniversary of Myanma Airways, Managing Director U Than Tun and officials of Ministry of Transport donate cash to fund for patient members of the Sangha at Jivitadana Sangha Hospital in Bahan Township on 18 September.—MNA

Politics and media

Min Ba Htoo



Press Release Team

Now, each and every ministry at the Union level has press release team (or) spokesperson team. Workshops were organized and trainings were provided to develop their capacity and 370 officials from different ministries underwent training in six batches at the Ministry of Information provided by local and foreign experts and trainers in a year. There are also similar organizations in other democracies tasked with communicating government policies to the public. One of the associations famous among them is National Association of Government Communicators (NAGC). Government communicators need to follow the code of ethics in releasing news, answering queries and holding press conference. I think NAGC ethical code would set an example to press release teams here in Myanmar. The following is its ethical code:-

- "Members will—
- Conduct themselves professionally, with truth, accuracy, fairness, responsibility, accountability to the public and adherence to generally accepted standards of good taste.
- Conduct their professional lives in accord with the public interest, on the assumption that each of us is a steward of the public's trust.
- Convey the truth to their own agencies' management, en-

gaging in no practice which could corrupt the integrity of channels of communication or the processes of government.

- Internationally communicate no false or misleading information and will act promptly to correct false or misleading information or rumours.
- State explicitly the names and titles of individuals involved in making policy decisions, the details of decision-making processes, and how interested citizens can participate.
- Represent no conflicting or competing interests and will fully comply with all statutes, executive orders, and regulations pertaining to personal disclosure of such interests.
- Avoid the possibility of any improper use of information by an 'insider' or third party and never use inside information for personal gain.
- Guarantee or promise the achievement of no specified result beyond the member's direct control.
- Accept no fees, commissions, gifts, promises of future consideration, or any other material or intangible valuable that is, or could be perceived to be, connected with public service employment or activities.
- Safeguard the confidence of both present and former employees, and of information acquired in meetings and documents, as required by law, regulation and prudent good sense.

Not wrongly injure the professional reputation or practice of another person, private organization, or government agency.

- Participate in no activity designed to manipulate the price of a company's securities."

I just shared them with the thought that it would help press release teams employ the international-standard code of conducts in their respective roles to inform the public in a manner acceptable by both sides. The press release teams of the respective ministries should adopt their procedures to deal with media. The press release team, for example, could be solely responsible for dealing with the media. The responsible staff must promptly reply to questions from media or refer to any specific contacts if they have no adequate answer. Any deviation needs be avoided. It is only for providing information rapidly. The reporter would be pleased to speak directly to the expert. It could be negotiated with the reporter if it needs time to arrange the conversation. The reporter may find it hard should be marathon procedure takes time as they also need to meet the specific deadline.

Everyone says this is the information age. There are many means of communication. Rapid communication narrows distances. We need to understand that the journalists are facing real-time challenges to get high-quality, fair and accurate news reports. The major challenge is that the information department's officials are reluctant to provide information. The major ethic of the journalist is that his/her report is accurate and the ma-

ior rule is to get it confirmed. They contact the responsible persons form confirmation only to hear such niches as "Busy, now!" and "I am not authorized to speak". They then have to write down the news report without confirmation before too late. Probability of a false report increases. The department itself is the first to suffer, then the public and the media. Consequences include making corrigendum, engaging in disputes and suing. I would like to request the press release team that they need to inform the public of the difficulties and how the problems are being dealt despite the job being risky and frustrating. It is not avoidable. It is an official duty. We should understand that we are granting a kind of human rights by publicizing information and ideas through the media in the age of democracy. The web portals should be launched in shaping e-government system as well. It could be used to inform the public of information they should know, services, political, economic and social opportunities and to open to questions from individual citizens. Although the social media is a useful way to provide the information rapidly, it should be aware that it is not included in the e-government system as it has no bond.

If the press release teams abide by the above-mentioned standards and ethics, there will be less risks and frustration and the freedom of expression would be promoted. This otherwise is the way to show respect to the universal human rights and the Fourth Estate.

(To be continued)

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Local people desire transparency in Mohnyin

MOHNYIN, 18 Sept—Questions on transparency arise in election and formation of Mohnyin Township Supportive Committee and capacity of committee members. "Local people did not know how the committee was elected and formed. The township supportive committee should be elected through the votes

of people from the entire township. Election should be carried out in a transparent manner. The committee member-elects must be friendly with local people, so that they can carry out smooth management," said a local of over 70 years.

"An important letter with an address to the chairman of the township

supportive committee was delivered to the office. The committee urged the chairman to show off the letter to be discussed at the meeting. But, the chairman kept it in hand because the letter was addressed to him. So, those who elected the chairman are responsible for his limited capacity," said a committee member.—NLM-001

NATIONAL

All citizens have equal rights before the law...

(from page 1)

government to effectively proceed with the complaints and appeals of the people for the confiscated lands with correct and firm evidence under the law. At this juncture, the Union government is carrying out political, economic and administrative and management system reforms over more than two years period. Land reform is being undertaken for systematically implementing the land use policy and land use management to be able to carry out rural and urban development projects and investment projects for fulfilling the basic needs, job opportunity and daily

life requirements.

Land reform is being undertaken for betterment of agricultural sector through morale, type of farmland, quality strains, agricultural mechanization and cultivation methods. With regard to land policy for solving the land disputes based on confiscation so as to extend regiments and units of the Tatmadaw, the President has given guidance that the military units are not to rent its confiscated lands to the people for cultivation and not to carry out the mutually beneficial tasks, to take actual areas for security measures of units, headquarters and training grounds and to hand over

the vacant lands to the original owners except actual required farmlands. The guidance is inclusive of not only the Ministry of Defence but also other ministries, Nay Pyi Taw Council and region/state governments.

In conclusion, the Vice-President urged them to properly deal with the confiscated farmlands and other lands in line with the basic points of good public service reform adopted by the government:-

- to give swift, smooth and satisfactory services to the people

- to remove red tape of government departments that poses obstacle to the public service works

- to cultivate practice of effective service so as to fight bribery and

corruptions

- to enable the State to sincerely take accountability and responsibility in giving public services between public service officers and personnel

- to raise attention on values, accountability and transparency in dealing with the people, and

- to promote the trusts of people on government and departmental personnel.

Vice-Chairmen of the Central Committee Union Ministers Lt-Gen Ko Ko and U Myint Hlaing reported on tasks of the central committee and farmland management and Secretary of the central committee Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Zan Myint, formation of land utilization

management committees at different levels and duty and functions.

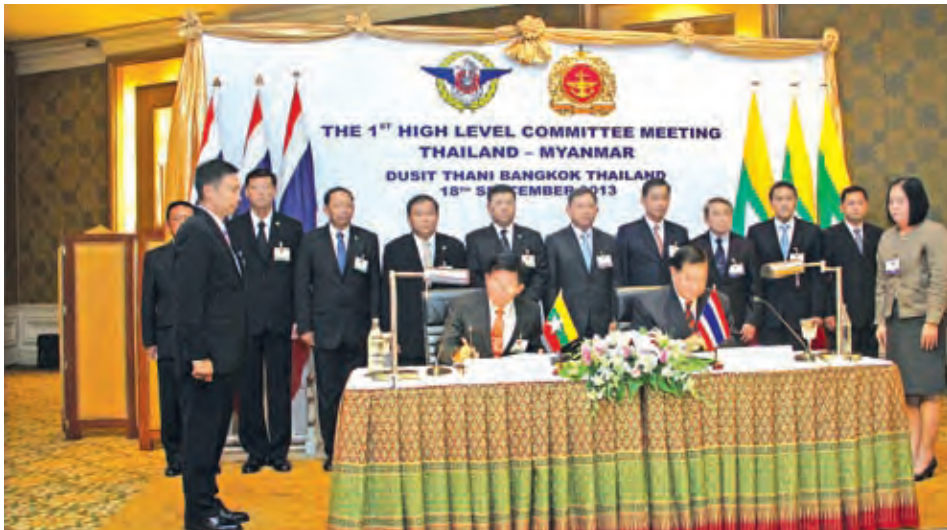
Next, the Union ministers, region and state chief ministers and the chairman of the Pyithu Hluttaw Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries Development Committee presented reports on farmland matters, and the vice-chairman of the central committee reviewed the discussions.

After that, the Vice-President made a conclusion remark saying that the Union government pays special attention to the farmlands of the farmers who are 70 percent of the population of the nation. The rule of law plays a crucial role in solving problems. All the citizens can enjoy rights

equitably under the law. The cases of farmlands are to be submitted with the firm evidence and firm reasons. Region and state governments are to do their works in a transparent manner under the law and inform the people of their work processes. He urged all to place special emphasis on solving the cases promptly and correctly.

Also present at the meeting were central committee members Union Ministers Lt-Gen Wai Lwin, U Thein Nyunt, U Win Tun, Dr Myint Aung, U Kyaw Lwin and U Maung Myint and region and state chief ministers and chairman of the Pyithu Hluttaw Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries Development Committee U Soe Naing and officials.—MNA

Agreements of First Thailand-Myanmar High Level Committee Meeting signed



First Thailand-Myanmar High Level Committee in progress.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 18 Sept—First Thailand-Myanmar High Level Committee Meeting was held at Napalai Ballroom in Dusit Thani Hotel in Bangkok of Thailand this morning.

Joint Chairman of Myanmar High Level Committee Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing and Joint Chairman of Thailand High Level Committee Supreme Commander of the Royal Thai Armed

Forces General Tanasak Patimapragorn delivered opening speeches on the occasion.

Then, the secretary of Thailand High Level Committee explained organizational set-up and miscellaneous matters. Afterwards, two chairmen approved 1st Thailand-Myanmar High Level Committee Meeting's minutes.

The two joint chairmen addressed closing speeches and signed and exchanged

the notes. After the meeting, Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing and Supreme Commander of the Royal Thai Armed Forces General Tanasak Patimapragorn had a lunch together with committee members.

Joint Secretaries meeting of 1st Thailand-Myanmar High Level Committee Meeting was held at Dusit Thani Hotel on 16-17 September.—MNA

C-in-C meets Myanmar ambassador, staff and students in Bangkok

NAY PYI TAW, 18 Sept—The Myanmar Tatmadaw delegation led by Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing arrived at the residence of the Myanmar Ambassador in Bangkok at 7 pm local time yesterday.

The Senior General and party were welcomed by Ambassador U Tin Win, staff of the Myanmar Embassy and Military Attaché Office and scholarship Myanmar students.

The Senior General explained latest development of Myanmar, promotion

of good relations between Myanmar and Thailand and progress of peace-making process.

The Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services presented gifts, foodstuff and cash assistance to them.

MNA

Union FM signs agreement with IAEA

NAY PYI TAW, 18 Sept—A protocol additional to the agreement between the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and the International Atomic Energy for the application of safeguards in connection with the Treaty on Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons was signed yesterday at the IAEA headquarters in Vienna, Austria. Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Wunna Maung Lwin and Director-General Mr Yukiya Amano signed the protocol on behalf of the Government of Myanmar and IAEA respectively.

Currently, Myanmar is undertaking a process of preparing herself to implement the protocol. The process, among others includes drafting

a domestic law, forming a national authority for implementation of the protocol and establishing a State System of Accounting and Control. When this preparatory process is completed, Myanmar will inform the Agency by a written notification to trigger the entry into force of the Additional Protocol for Myanmar.

Myanmar is actively pursuing nuclear disarmament and non-proliferation in international forums. At this Additional Protocol contributes towards these goals, Myanmar will continue to cooperate with IAEA and the international community for implementation of this Additional Protocol. MNA



Union FM U Wunna Maung Lwin and D-G Mr Yukiya Amano sign protocol.—MNA

Myanmar ASEAN Socio-Cultural Community Council's meeting 3/2013 held

NAY PYI TAW, 18 Sept—Myanmar ASEAN Socio-Cultural Community Council's meeting 3/2013 was held at the Ministry of Culture, here, this afternoon, with an address by Chairman of Myanmar ASEAN Socio-Cultural Community Council Union Minister for Culture U Aye Myint Kyu.

Speaking on the occasion, the Union minister said that bi-annual assessment report of the council could be presented to the ASEAN Secretariat in time

with the participation of relevant ministries. All are urged to actively cooperate in serving ASEAN Chairmanship-2014.

He continued that the meeting calls for respective ministries to review undertakings of Myanmar ASEAN Socio-Cultural Community Council so as to present preparations of the Council in the 10th ASEAN Social-Cultural Community Council's Ministerial Meeting to be held in Brunei Darussalam from 24 to 26 September, 2013. Besides, it needs to discuss

six main sectors of culture, youth, sport, education, disaster management, climate change under the agenda of 10th ASEAN Social-Cultural Community Council Meeting. He added that relevant ministries need to set days and dates on which ASEAN meetings related to the ministries will be held for culture promotion programme and national calendar for ASEAN Chairmanship-2014.

Next, officials reported to the Union minister on respective sectors.

MNA

Diamond Jubilee Buddha Pujaniya planned for Thambuddhe Pagoda



MONYWA, 18 Sept—The 75th anniversary of Mohnyin Thambuddhe Pagoda in Monywa of Sagaing Region will be held on a grand scale, said Presiding Nayaka of the monastery Sayadaw Ashin Sumana.

“We planned to hold the celebration in Tazaungmon in 2014. The invited monks will be donated and other commemorative ceremonies will be held,” said the Sayadaw.

In addition, a plan is underway to publish the diamond jubilee commemorative publications and calendar.

The diamond jubilee festival will be held ahead of the Buddha Pujaniya of the Mohnyin Thambuddhe Pagoda.

The pagoda was built in 1301 during the Second World War. Construction period ran 20 years and it will turn 75 years in

1376 Myanmar Era. Due to significant architectural works, the pagoda is famous not only in the nation but across the world. A total of 582,363 Buddha images were enshrined at the pagoda, attracting the pilgrims at home and abroad.

At present, all-round renovation is being carried out at the pagoda as part of preparations for the golden jubilee festival.

Kyemon-Ko Tun (IT)

HRD

Toungoo Township Education Network officials meet KMA CEO



TOUNGGOO, 18 Sept—The leading committee of the Toungoo Township Education Network and the Chief Executive Officer of Kaung Myanmar Aung Education Foundation held a talks for Education, Health, Economic and Environment Conservation at Tawwin Ketumati Hotel in Toungoo on 16 September.

General Secretary of the network Dr Ba Swe (Tawwin Hospital) explained tasks of the education network in detail.

CEO Saya Hla Myint of the KMA Foundation disclosed assistance to be provided by the foundation and future tasks for the education network.

Kyemon-129

Take preventive measures against DHF

Educative talks on protection of girls held in Bokpyin

BOKPYIN, 18 Sept—The educative talks on protection of girls was held at the hall of Aungmingala Post-Primary School in Bokpyin on 15 September.

Member of Township Women's Affairs Organization Daw Aye Po gave lectures on protection of girls against violence and other knowledge.

Head of Township Information and Public Relations Department Daw Phyu

Phyu Thein explained widening the knowledge through reading for avoiding the violence, culturing the reading habit by reading

at the library and advantages of reading.

The talks was attended by 180 girl students.

Kyemon-Bokpyin IPRD



Be correct measures for people

MANDALAY, 18 Sept—At the fourth day seventh regular session of the First Mandalay Region Hluttaw on 17 September, Region Minister for Security and Border Affairs Col Aung Kyaw Moe said that if the case of extorting money is based on security measures, the vehicle owners are to make complaints to the

authorities with date, time, and place attached to the number of plates. The investigation will be conducted quickly. If the case is correct, deterrent action will be taken against crime broker, he said.

He replied to the question by Region Hluttaw representative U Pyay Win on collection of money from the inspecting the vehicles and cargo trucks hearing for other townships from Mandalay.

In Thabeikkyin Township of Mandalay Region, any checkpoint is not stationed to inspect

the vehicles and check the buses and trucks. Security personnel are discharging duties on patrol and at outposts.

Instruction has been issued to all the security personnel not to collect any money on the ground of security and other matters.

The combined teams in the township, acting on tip-off, checked the vehicles and seized illegal timber carriers in Chaunggyi and Zayatgwin villages of Thabeikkyin Township.

Kyemon-DCE (Mandalay)

Talks on child protection disseminated

TAUNGGYI, 18 Sept—The talk on child protection, jointly organized by Social Welfare Department, UNICEF and Taunggyi Township Child Rights Committee of Shan State, took place at the hall of the Township General Administration Department in Taunggyi on 16 September.

Assistant Director of Social Welfare Department of Shan State U Tin Aung Yi explained matters related to child protection, stable and peaceful environment of the child, security, health care for children suffering from natural disaster and HIV.

On behalf of the township administrator, Deputy Township Administrator U Naing Naing Oo made a speech.

Associate Professor (Rtd) Dr Daw Thet Htar Win of Psychology Department of Yangon University gave lectures on protection of children to the parents.

They replied to queries raised by those present.

The talk was attended by members of the Township Child Rights Committee,

parents, ward administrators, NGOs and guests.

Kyemon-U Maung Maung Than (Taunggyi)

Motorcycles head on collision

MEIKTILA, 18 Sept—Two motorcycles headed on collision between mile posts 341/4 and 341/5 on Yangon-Mandalay Highway near Zaungchagon Village of Meiktila on 16 September afternoon.

Bashan-110 driven by Hlaing Bwe, 20 and Thaw Zin Phyo, 21 of Yanmyoang Ward bumped against Loujia-110 by Ma Win May, 27 and Ma Nu Nu Htwe, 26 of No 19 Tatmadaw Heavy Industry-Meiktila from Meiktila to

Accident

Mandalay.

Four persons from both motorcycles were injured in the incident.

No 2 Police Station opened files of lawsuit against Hlaing Bwa and Ma Win May under the law.—*Kyemon-579*

Branches of trees over power lines cut in Myanaung

MYANAUNG, 18 Sept—Electricians and workers of Myanaung Township Electrical Engineer Office of Ayeyawady Region cleared and cut the branches of trees over 11 KV power line at the entrance road to No 51 Infantry Regiment in Ward 6 of Myanaung on 17 September.

Power line in-charge U Paw Tun and party of the township office carried out cut of branches over the power line in the urban areas

of Myanmar in September. Their works was undertaken with the purpose of not losing the electricity due to touch of branches and power

line, under the supervision of Township Electrical Engineer U Aung Shwe.

Kyemon-Nay Win Zaw (Myanaung)



REGIONAL

Philippine army says Muslim rebels fleeing southern city

ZAMBOANGA CITY, (Philippines), 18 Sept—Philippine forces freed scores of civilian hostages on Tuesday as fighting subsided in a port city where hundreds of rogue Muslim guerrillas have been battling for more than a week.

The fighting, in which nearly 100 people have been killed, has highlighted lingering grievances in the Catholic-majority country despite its growing economy and an agreement with the biggest Muslim rebel group that was meant to bring peace.

The guerrillas who stormed into the city of Zamboanga on Monday last week belong to a breakaway faction of the

Moro National Liberation Front (MNLF).

They object to a deal aimed at ending 40 years of conflict signed last October with the main Muslim rebel group, the Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF), and are trying to derail it.

An army spokesman said on Tuesday the guerrillas were fleeing from Zamboanga and heading to outlying islands, off the main southern island of Mindanao. While the army had freed about 200 hostages since late on Monday, the fleeing rebels had taken captive a team of police officers, including the Zamboanga City police chief, police said.—Reuters



Government soldiers help former hostages of the Muslim rebels of Moro National Liberation Front (MNLF) after they were released from their one-week captivity in Zamboanga city, in southern Philippines on 17 Sept, 2013.—REUTERS

Vietnam, New Zealand aim 1 billion USD trade by 2015

HANOI, 18 Sept—Vietnam and New Zealand on Tuesday set a target to lift bilateral trade turnover to 1 billion US dollars by 2015.

The consensus was reached at the talks between Vietnamese Deputy Prime Minister Vu Van Ninh and New Zealand Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance Bill English in Vietnam's capital Hanoi, reported the online newspaper of Vietnamese government.

Towards the set goal, the two sides will coordinate to efficiently implement high-level agreements and focus

on carrying out the 2013-2016 action plan as well as the agreement on double taxation avoidance signed in August. The bilateral trade turnover stood at 700 million US dollars in 2012.

The two sides agreed to boost exchange of high-ranking visits and cooperation in national defence, security, agriculture, milk and beverage production, processing industry, energy and wood exploitation, mining, law, education-training, tourism, labour and people-to-people exchange. The Vietnamese official underscored Viet-

nam's policy of treasuring cooperation with the South Pacific nations, including New Zealand.

Deputy Prime Minister Ninh said Vietnam will actively work with New Zealand and relevant countries to soon accomplish negotiations on the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) agreement. Bill English, for his part, hailed Vietnam as one of New Zealand's important partners in the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) and the Asia-Pacific region as well.

Xinhua



Pan Yizhong, a big eater in Central China's Hunan province, eats up 40 dishes of food within an hour in a local buffet restaurant on 17 Sept, 2013. Pan has eaten his way to many records, including eating up 147 dumplings at one time, 36 Zongzi (sticky rice dumplings) in 15 minutes and 40 bowls of rice noodles in 15 minutes.

XINHUA

Up to 300 tons of cesium-tainted wood chips found near Lake Biwa

OTSU, (Japan), 18 Sept—Around 200-300 tons of wood chips were found abandoned near Lake Biwa in Shiga Prefecture, with samples taken from the pile showing a reading of up to 3,000 becquerels of radioactive cesium per kilogram, prefectural officials said on Tuesday.

The radioactive reading was below 8,000 Bq, which requires special measures, such as one to keep the contaminated material from contacting water but exceeded 100 Bq, a level deemed unfit for recycling, they said.

The prefectural government is investigating from where the chips were brought. They were found in the dry bed of the Kamo River in Takashima city

and some other locations near the lake, the officials said. The chips were also laid on a path used for river embankment work and were also found in 77 sandbags, the prefecture said, adding that nearby residents alerted the prefecture in late April.

A man suspected of having left the chips there said he laid the chips on the path to make it easier to pass through, the officials said. The prefecture has

not been able to contact the man since 30 April.

The prefecture plans to issue a removal order for the chips saying that leaving the material there may violate the river law. "The site is an estuary leading to Lake Biwa, and leaving (the chips) there without permission is extremely malicious. We will deal with the matter strictly," said Shiga Gov Yukiko Kada.—Kyodo News

Singapore's R&D investments have encouraging outcomes

SINGAPORE, 18 Sept—Singapore's research and development investments are seeing encouraging outcomes, local broadcaster Channel NewsAsia reported on Tuesday, citing an official of the National Research Foundation.

Low Teck Seng, chief executive officer of the National Research Foundation, said the foundation has partnered 15 technology incubators and five early stage venture funds over the years.

"Together we have invested in more than a hundred companies through them ... of which, quite a few have done well, and we have exited (our investments)," he said.

Singapore is now half way through a five-year plan for boosting research and development. Under the Research, Innovation and Enterprise 2015 scheme, the

16.1 billion Singapore dollars (12.7 billion US dollars) plan aims to support the government's long-term vision to develop an innovative and entrepreneurial economy like Sweden, Finland or Israel.

According to the Agency for Science, Technology and Research (A* STAR), activity in the innovation and

enterprise space has picked up in recent years.

It spun off over 40 start-ups in the past five years, with the majority taking place in the last two years.

There were 400 licenses over the same five-year period, 70 percent of which were issued in the last two years.

Xinhua



Photo taken on Sept. 17, 2013 shows the west 2nd Ring road at the afternoon rush hour in Beijing, capital of China. Due to the coming of national holiday and a light shower, Beijing suffered from heavy traffic on the main roads on Tuesday. —XINHUA

Japan and Vietnam agree to introduce Japanese-style postal system

TOKYO, 18 Sept—Japan and Vietnam have reached a formal agreement to help the latter introduce a Japanese-style postal system, Japanese government officials said on Tuesday.

Masahiko Shibayama, Japan's senior vice minister of internal affairs and communications, reached the agreement with Vietnam's Minister of Information and Communications Nguyen Bac Son during talks in Vietnam on Monday.

The two governments will set up working-level talks and consider specific measures such as the introduction of automatic postal code-reading and sorting machines, according to the officials.

As well as introducing the machines, Japan will offer its expertise in managing an efficient logistics network and developing human resources. Japan's postal system is highly regarded for its reliability in collecting and delivering items.—Kyodo News

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The 11th session of the Conference of the Parties (COP11) to the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) is opened in Windhoek, Namibia, on 16 Sept, 2013, as delegates met to discuss ways of tackling land degradation and desertification.—XINHUA

Sudan slams US for rejecting Bashir's participation in UN meetings

KHARTOUM, 18 Sept—Sudan slammed on Tuesday the US state department for rejecting to issue visa for Sudanese President Omar al-Bashir to attend the United Nations General Assembly in New York.

On Monday, the US state department said it received a visa application for al-Bashir to attend the 69th session of the UN General Assembly, noting that al-Bashir should not make such a trip because he is accused of war crimes.

The visit of the president would be to the UN headquarters and not to the United States itself which does not have any legal right to object to the participation of any official from any country enjoying full membership of the international organization in the UN activities, the Sudanese foreign ministry said in a

statement on Tuesday.

The statement, a copy of which was obtained by *Xinhua*, said the United States had committed war crimes and genocide, including invasion of Iraq in 2003 that left over one million people killed.

The ministry reiterated Sudan's adherence to its full right in participating, at the highest levels, at the meetings of the 69th session of the UN General Assembly, urging the United States to fulfill its duties and issue the necessary entry visa as soon as possible.

In 2009, the International Criminal Court issued an arrest warrant against al-Bashir for alleged war crimes and crimes against humanity in the country's restive region of Darfur, which was rejected by Khartoum.

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Yemen extends national dialogue to October due to south issue dispute

SANAA, 18 Sept—Yemen's national reconciliation dialogue that due to end on Wednesday is extended to October as participants need more time to debate on the south issue, a spokesman told *Xinhua* on Tuesday.

"Negotiations about the future link between the country's north and south regions, as well as changing the republic into a future federal state are going on," said Mohamed Qahtan, the

spokesman of the committee handling the north-south issue.

"The final session is postponed to the first week of October," he said.

He said that the delegates are considering a six-point accord, including "a solution to the southern issue to preserve the security and stability of Yemen's unity", and to determine "a transitional period before to make a complete move to the new federal state."

"During the proposed transitional period, the southerners will enjoy 50 percent of representation in all government's leading institutions, as well as the parliament," he said.

The southerners, complaining of being economically and politically marginalized, have been demanding an independent state after the north won a civil war in 1994, just four years after the two parts united.—*Xinhua*

Private institutions encouraged to play big role in eldercare

BEIJING, 18 Sept—Private institutions have been encouraged to play a big role in China's elderly care service industry, the Minister of Civil Affairs said on Tuesday.

Li Liguang said private firms should lead the industry via government procurement, and reform public elderly care institutions and nongovernmental op-

erations with government subsidies.

The ministry also wants pilot regions to find innovative ways when it comes to financing, land use, taxes, talent management and technologies, Li said.

On 13 Sept, the State Council, China's cabinet, issued a guideline to accelerate the development of

the country's elderly care services.

"Civil affairs government organs at all levels should fully implement the guideline to build a social care network," Li said, adding that the ministry will dispatch work teams to supervise local eldercare operations in May and June next year.

Xinhua

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ENTERTAINMENT



Jack Black in a still from *Gulliver's Travels*.

Jack Black to star in 'Goosebumps' movie?

LONDON, 18 Sept—Actor Jack Black is in talks to star in a movie based on the classic children's book series 'Goosebumps'.

The School of Rock star could return to family fare by joining the spooky film, which is based on R L Stine's best-selling horror books aimed at children, reported Contactmusic.

Black would play an author, akin to Stine, whose creepy characters leap off the page and come to life, forcing him to hide from his own creations.

The movie would reunite the actor with his

Shark Tale and *Gulliver's Travels* director Rob Letterman.

Fast & Furious franchise producer Neal H Moritz is producing the film for Sony Pictures, along with Deborah Forte for Scholastic Entertainment, the publishers of the books.

Goosebumps is one of the most successful fictional franchises for children, selling over 300 million copies worldwide.

The books spawned a successful children's TV show of the same name, which ran from 1995 to 1998.—Reuters

Brad Pitt, Angelina Jolie rent lavish mansion for vacation

SYDNEY, 18 Sept—Hollywood couple Brad Pitt and fiancée Angelina Jolie have reportedly rented a luxurious mansion here, for which they are paying 23,270 pounds per week.

The couple is spending some family time with their six children — Maddox, 11, Pax, nine, Zahara, eight, Shiloh, six, and four-year-old twins Knox and Vivienne, reports mirror.co.uk. The mansion is a huge property and includes 12 bedrooms, a private tennis court, a swimming pool, a gym, and a cinema room. Estate agent Julie Rogers, who leased out the property to the couple, said: "It's without doubt one of the finest properties in Sydney."—PTI



Angelina and Brad

Robert Pattinson wants to design clothes

LOS ANGELES, 18 Sept—Twilight star Robert Pattinson is eyeing a move into the fashion industry after discovering a passion for designing women's clothing.

The 27-year-old actor who is the face of fashion house Christian Dior, has started working on a



Robert Pattinson is the face of fashion house Christian Dior.

book of sketches and hopes to one day take his new hobby to a professional level, reported Daily Mirror.

"I want to get more involved with the industry, I really like it. I like drawing couture dresses. I started doing it and was like 'What is happening?' Suddenly I had a sketchbook full of dresses," Pattinson said.

"I like the artistry of it, it's like costume design. The speed of it means you can just move so much quicker. I like designing clothes," he said.

The actor even dreams of presenting a runway collection one day, adding, "I actually really want to do it. Though it could be incredibly embarrassing."

PTI

Britney Spears' new single leaks online



Pop star Britney Spears

LONDON, 18 Sept—Pop star Britney Spears' new single has leaked on YouTube a day early and the

blonde beauty is encouraging her fans to put off listening to the song until the real thing is played on radio.

The 31-year-old singer was left disappointed after a low quality version of her new track emerged on YouTube, reported Contactmusic.

Writing on her official Facebook page, she said, "Woke up today and saw that a low quality version of Work Bitch had leaked. will.i.am, Otto Knows, and I worked so hard on this song! Can't wait for you all to hear it like you're supposed to."

The blonde beauty has been teasing fans for weeks about her comeback single and even shared a snapshot from her music video.—PTI

Lindsay Lohan dating former NFL player Matt Nordgren?

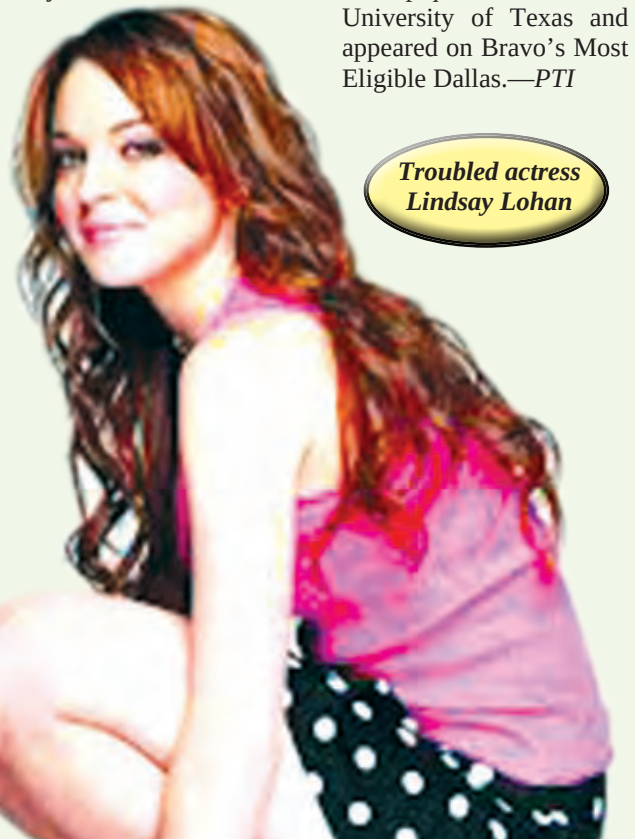
LOS ANGELES, 18 Sept—Troubled actress Lindsay Lohan is reportedly dating former NFL player Matt Nordgren.

The 27-year-old actress is said to be staying sober post her 90-day rehab stint and spending her days with him, reported E! online.

"I'm not surprised about Lindsay and Matt. They have a history of hooking up during New York Fashion Week. Last year, they had a wild night

of partying and hooking up. So it's not shocking they're hanging out again this time of year," a source said.

Nordgren played one season for the Philadelphia Eagles after being a backup quarterback for the University of Texas and appeared on Bravo's Most Eligible Dallas.—PTI



Troubled actress Lindsay Lohan

Jaden Smith is too cool for school

LOS ANGELES, 18 Sept—Teen actor Jaden Smith has criticised the school system, saying it brainwashes young people.

The 15-year-old took to microblogging website Twitter to express his views, reports aceshowbiz.com.

"If everybody in the world dropped out of school, we would have a much more intelligent society," he tweeted.

"School is the tool to brainwash the youth," he added, and later also posted, "Education is rebellion."

Son of Jada Pinkett and Will Smith, Jaden and his



Jaden Smith in a still from *The Karate Kid*.

sister Willow previously went to private school — New Village Leadership Academy — here.

Now the siblings are reportedly home schooled after the academy was closed earlier this year.

PTI

SPORTS

Guardiola proud of Bayern after holders crush CSKA



Viktoria Plzen's goalkeeper Matus Kozacik dives for the ball as Manchester City's Yaya Toure (unseen) scores a goal during their Champions League group D soccer match at the Doosan Arena in Prague, Czech Republic on 17 Sept, 2013.—REUTERS

Toure scores stunner as City sweep past Plzen

PLZEN, (Czech Republic), 18 Sept—Manchester City demonstrated their Champions League intent this season by crushing Viktoria Plzen 3-0 in their opening Group D game on Tuesday.

Edin Dzeko, Yaya Toure and Sergio Aguero scored in a 10-minute period early in the second half against the Czech champions. Dzeko put the English

side ahead in the 48th minute, slotting home under keeper Matus Kozacik after Aguero's pass.

Five minutes later Ivorian midfielder Toure produced the moment of the match, cutting inside and unleashing a magnificent swerving shot from 30 metres that flew into the net. Aguero added the third with a left-footed shot from the edge of the area.—Reuters

Rooney double gives United win over Leverkusen

MANCHESTER, 18 Sept—Wayne Rooney scored twice to chalk up 200 goals for Manchester United as his side beat Bayer Leverkusen 4-2 in their Champions League Group A opener at Old Trafford on Tuesday.

Rooney put the English champions ahead in the 22nd minute with a close-range volley and had chances to stretch the lead before Leverkusen captain Simon Rolfes levelled after 54 minutes.

Robin van Persie re-established the three-times European champions' lead five minutes later with an acrobatic volley and Rooney

made amends for an earlier miss by squeezing home a right-footed shot after a defensive mix-up.

Antonio Valencia made it 4-1 after 79 minutes before Omer Toprak's late consolation for Leverkusen as United's David Moyes enjoyed his first taste of managing in the Champions League group stage with a victory.

United, who had not scored a goal in open play in their last three matches, showed an intent to remedy that with an attack-minded lineup as midfielders Shinji Kagawa and Marouane Fellaini made their first starts of the season.—Reuters



Manchester United's Wayne Rooney (R) goes past Bayer Leverkusen's goalkeeper Bernd Leno during their Champions League match at Old Trafford in Manchester, northern England on 17 Sept, 2013.—REUTERS

MUNICH, 18 Sept—Holders Bayern Munich made a sparkling start to their Champions League title defence on Tuesday as Pep Guardiola's side eased past CSKA Moscow 3-0 in their Group D opener at the Allianz Arena.

Bayern, attempting to become the first team to win the trophy in back-to-back seasons, got off to a dream start when David Alaba floated a vicious free kick over the wall and past keeper Igor Akinfeev in the fourth minute. Croat Mario Mandzukic added a second goal in the 41st minute, heading in an Arjen Robben free kick, before the Dutchman made it 3-0 midway through the second half.

"We played good football especially in the first half," coach Guardiola told reporters after celebrating the victory with his players on the pitch.



CSKA Moscow's Vasili Berezutski and Georgi Schennikov (L) challenge Bayern Munich's Bastian Schweinsteiger (C) during their Champions League group D first leg match in Munich on 17 Sept, 2013.

REUTERS

"I am very proud of my team because the first game after what happened last season was always going to be a hard one."

Guardiola, who won 14 titles in his four years at Barcelona, is under pressure to deliver silverware after Bayern last season became the first German team to capture the Champions League-Bundesliga-German Cup treble.

The Spaniard replaced Jupp Heynckes in the close

season after taking a year off following his decision to leave Barca.

Bayern seemed to take sports director Matthias Sammer's criticism seriously after he had accused the players of being too lethargic in the 2-0 win over Hanover 96 in the Bundesliga on Saturday.

There was no sign of any lethargy on Tuesday as the Bavarians rode roughshod over the Russians,

stifling any forward forays while launching wave after wave of their own attacks in a one-sided affair.

It was Bayern's seventh consecutive victory in the competition and their 10th in a row in a Champions League opener. "It is always great to hear the Champions League song," said Robben who scored the winner in last season's final against Borussia Dortmund.

Reuters

Ronaldo treble sends Real to 6-1 win in Istanbul



Real Madrid's Cristiano Ronaldo (L) heads the ball past Galatasaray's Felipe Melo during their Champions League Group B match at Turk Telekom Arena in Istanbul on 17 Sept, 2013.—REUTERS

ISTANBUL, 18 Sept—Cristiano Ronaldo celebrated his contract extension by grabbing a second-half hat-trick as Real Madrid thrashed Galatasaray 6-1 in their Champions League Group B opener on Tuesday.

Real, who started with world-record signing Gareth Bale on the bench, went

ahead in the 33rd minute against the run of play when midfielder Isco's shot went in off the post.

Forward Karim Benzema doubled their lead in the 54th, calmly slotting past Fernando Muslera, before Ronaldo netted after 63 minutes and added his second three minutes later with Bale, who had just come on,

involved in the build-up.

Benzema scored again in the 81st minute, tapping the ball home following a cross from Ronaldo, before Umut Bulut got a consolation goal for the Turkish champions in the 84th. But Ronaldo, completed his hat-trick in added time when he sailed past three defenders before firing a powerful left-footed shot into the net. It was his second Champions League hat-trick.

Brazilian midfielder Felipe Melo went close in the second minute with a powerful shot forcing a diving save from Ilker Casillas.

Lopez was called into action almost immediately, smothering the ball after a close-range effort from Melo and on the half-hour mark he pulled off a stunning save to keep out a header from Melo from a Wesley Sneijder corner. Minutes

later Real went ahead thanks to Isco, who was making his Champions League debut for Real. He has scored four goals and delivered three assists in nine starts in the competition, eight of them for Malaga.

The home side had a golden opportunity to drag themselves back into the match in the 47th minute when a cross from Amrabat found Burak Yilmaz, who headed narrowly wide from close range. Benzema punished Galatasaray for the miss seven minutes later, racing in on goal after Angel Di Maria knocked the ball into his path and beating Muslera in a one-on-one.

Galatasaray's hopes of a comeback were shattered in the 63rd minute when Isco found Ronaldo, who slammed the ball into the roof of the net.

Reuters

Platini to decide on FIFA top job 'during or after World Cup'

LONDON, 18 Sept—UEFA president Michel Platini has said that he will make a decision on whether to run for FIFA presidency next year at the earliest.

"I have not yet decided what will I do in the future, and I want to have a few additional months to think," he told UEFA members in Dubrovnik ahead of this week's executive commit-

tee meeting. "I will take my decision during or after the FIFA World Cup in Brazil, not before."

FIFA president Sepp Blatter's mandate runs until 2015 and Platini has long been considered a natural replacement for the 77-year-old Swiss.

"I deeply love UEFA, and it would be heart-breaking to choose another

path, but at the same time, the question continuously pops up and it is a legitimate one," said the former France captain.

"This is the reason why it is important for me to take my time, to make sure I take the right decision."

"Furthermore, these elections are in two years' time, and I think it would be egotistical of me to make



Michel Platini

it a topic for debate or discussion now when football faces much more important issues than me or my situation."

"Let's concentrate on the key current matters and we will have the occasion to think about my future in the coming months."—Reuters

GENERAL

Tiger in prime position for East Lake despite some doubts

ATLANTA, 18 Sept—Tiger Woods heads into this week's season-ending Tour Championship in pursuit of his sixth victory of the year as the top seed in the FedExCup standings, yet a few question marks are still hovering over his game.

No one has come close to his six PGA Tour wins during 2013 but the American world number one has lost some momentum in the last two FedExCup playoff events with poor putting undermining his once renowned ability to close out tournaments.

After getting into prime position to contend for the Deutsche Bank Championship outside Boston just over two weeks ago, Woods fell back into a tie for 65th with scores of 72 and 73 in the last two rounds. At the weather-delayed BMW Championship in Chicago, which ended on Monday, Woods trailed by just four shots going into the final round but he again struggled with his putting as he slipped back into a share of 11th in an elite field of 70.

"I think I had somewhere in the neighbourhood of either five to seven three-putts," Woods said of his four rounds at Conway Farms Golf Club where low scores were plentiful.

"It was not a very good putting week. You know, it was just one of those weeks



Tiger Woods of the US hits from the second tee during the third round of the BMW Championship golf tournament at the Conway Farms Golf Club in Lake Forest, Illinois, on 14 Sept, 2013.—REUTERS

where I just didn't have it."

Woods has recorded the lowest scoring average on the PGA Tour this season, with 68.87, but significantly he sits a lowly 118th when it comes to his average score in the final round, managing only 71.43. "Eliminate the simple mistakes on the greens, and I would have been all right," the 14-times major champion said of his final round at Conway Farms.

"I would have been in there with a better chance. But I'm in good shape going into this week."

Woods is certainly in good shape this week at East Lake as one of just five players in a field of 30 players who would secure FedExCup honors, and the mind-boggling bonus of \$10 million, with victory

here.

As the number one seed in the standings, he has a reasonable chance of landing the overall prize with a top-five finish at the Tour Championship, and mathematically could still do so by ending up 29th at East Lake.

"Well, I'm in a position just like the other four guys in the top five," said Woods, who was the FedExCup champion in 2007 and 2009. "Top five you control your destiny. You win the tournament, you win it outright."

"Sned proved that last year," he added, referring to fellow American Brandt Snedeker, who clinched the 2012 Tour Championship and FedExCup honors after starting the week fifth in the standings.—Reuters

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British government sells 6 pct stake in Lloyds bank

LONDON, 18 Sept—The British government on Tuesday announced that it has sold six percent of the shares of the Lloyds Banking Group for 3.2 billion pounds (about 5.1 billion US dollars), paving way for the part-nationalised lender's full return to the private sector.

"I can confirm this morning that we have sold 6 percent of Lloyds Bank at 75p a share. That is a profit for taxpayers, and rightly so," British minister of finance George Osborne said, "The money will be used to reduce the national debt by over half a billion pounds."

"This is another step in the long journey in putting right what went so badly wrong in the British economy; it's another step in repairing the banks; it's another step in getting the

money back for the taxpayer; and it's another step in reducing our national debt," Osborne said.

The government had owned a 39-percent stake after it bailed the Lloyds bank out for 20.3 billion pounds in the 2008 financial crisis.

Its stake has now been reduced to around 33 percent, according to UK Financial Investments, which manages the stake for the government. That means the government has made a profit of 61 million pounds.

Osborne received advice from the UK Financial Investments on Monday that it would be appropriate to begin the process to sell part of the government's shareholding in Lloyds. The Chancellor agreed with that advice and authorized the process to begin.—Xinhua



American pilot David Riggs prepares for a test-fly in Faku County of Shenyang, capital of northeast China's Liaoning Province, on 16 Sept, 2013. A small aerobatic aircraft crashed into a lake in northeast China's Liaoning Province Tuesday, leaving the US pilot Riggs missing and his Chinese translator dead, local authorities said.

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China issues stricter regulation on vehicle exhausts

BEIJING, 18 Sept—The Ministry of Environmental Protection on Tuesday issued a stricter regulation on light vehicle emissions, the fifth of its kind in the country, which will be fully implemented nationwide on 1 Jan, 2018.

Beijing now has a sup-

ply of low-sulphur fuel and is qualified to implement the new regulation. The State Council, China's Cabinet, has approved Beijing to carry out the new standard immediately after its release.

Cities with such fuel supply are encouraged to implement the fifth stand-

ard in advance, the ministry said. The fifth standard is equivalent to the current regulation on light vehicle emissions in Europe, according to the ministry.

Compared to the fourth standard, the fifth further lifts emission control requirements, including strict-

er control for nitric oxide and particulate matters, and adds a new indicator of pollutant control.

New vehicles must meet the fifth standard with tougher tests, such as doubling the mileage when testing for automotive emissions.—Xinhua

Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker leaves for Brunei



Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann being seen off by officials at Yangon International Airport.—MNA

YANGON, 18 Sept—A Speaker Thura U Shwe Myanmar delegation led by Pyidaungsu Hluttaw this afternoon to attend

Daw Aung San Suu Kyi concludes European tour

YANGON, 18 Sept—Daw Aung San Chairperson of Pyithu Hluttaw Rule of Law, and Tranquility Committee Daw Aung San Suu Kyi arrived back here this evening by air after visiting Poland, Hungary and the Czech Republic.

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Notice to MRTV's shift to digital from analogue

Since 1980, Myanmar Radio and Television (MRTV) has been broadcasting its programmes through Analogue system. With the advance of broadcasting technologies, MRTV will transform from Analogue system to Digital Video Broadcasting-Terrestrial-2 (DVB-T2) which is ASEAN Digital Standard and transmit its programmes through Free to Air (FTA) system. As a first phase, the move will start from transmitters in Yangon, Mandalay (Sagaing) and Nay Pyi Taw (Pyinmana) as of 15 October. As a second phase, digital transmitters will be installed in the transmitting stations in Myitkyina, Taunggyi, Kengtung, Lashio, Sittway, Minbu, Kalay (Kennedy), Falam, Popa, Meiktila, Tounggo, Nyaunglebin, Bago, Pyay, Loikaw, Mawlamyine, Hpa-an, Kyaunggon, Patheingyi, Hinthada and Dawei from November,

2013 to May, 2014. As a third phase, installation of digital system will be at 56 stations in 2014-2015 FY and 110 stations in 2015-2016 FY as a fourth phase. Digital TV with DVB-T2 and MPEG-4 Tuner systems and Analogue TV with DVB-T2 and MPEG-4 Set-top boxes can receive MRTV's programme for Digital (DVB-T2) system. Five digital channels—MRTV Channel, Myanmar International (MI Channel), Hluttaw Channel, National Races Channel and Farmers Channel will be transmitted from 6 am to 11 pm daily through Free to Air system. Plan is underway to extend new channels including the rest of national races channels.

MRTV continues broadcasting TV channels through Analogue system till next three years for the interests of Analogue TV owners.

Myanmar Radio and Television (MRTV)

Hluttaw U Nanda Kyaw Swa, Deputy Speaker of Amyotha Hluttaw U Mya Nyein, chairpersons of the committees of Pyithu Hluttaw and Amyotha Hluttaw, officials of the Yangon Region Hluttaw and Hluttaw Office and Charges d' Affaires ai from Malaysia, Thai and Brunei Embassies.

The Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker was accompanied by Pyithu Hluttaw International Relations Committee Chairman U Hla Myint Oo, Investment and Industrial Development Committee Chairman U Htay Myint and Hluttaw representatives.

A Hluttaw delegation led by Pyithu Hluttaw Representative Dr Soe Yin who will attend the 34th ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary General Assembly left for Brunei Darussalam in advance yesterday morning.—MNA

the 34th ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary General Assembly to be held in Brunei Darussalam and to pay a goodwill visit to Thailand.

The Speaker and party were seen off at Yangon International Airport by Deputy Speaker of Pyithu

Appointment of Ambassador agreed on

NAY PYI TAW, 18 Sept—The Government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar has agreed to the appointment of H.E Sheikh Sultan Bin Saif Bin Hilal Al Mahrooqi as non-resident Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Sultanate of Oman to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar.

He was born in Adam on 29 October 1959. He got a Bachelor Degree in Economic and Political Sciences from Cairo University in 1984.

He joined the Ministry of Foreign Affairs at the Arabic Department as Second Secretary in 1984. He was assigned in the Embassy of the Sultanate of Oman in Mogadishu from 1987 to 1988, was appointed as Head of the Arabic Department from 1988 to 1989, then at the Department of the Minister Office until 1992

and in the Embassy of the Sultanate of Oman in Kuwait from 1992 to 1994. He worked at the Arabic Department as an official to the General Secretariat part in the Arab League Office and then worked at the Technical and Economic Cooperation Department from 1994 to 2000. He served as Deputy Head of Asian Department in 2006. He has been serving as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Sultanate of Oman to the Socialist Republic of Vietnam since 24 June 2012. He is married with four children.

H.E Sheikh Sultan Bin Saif Bin Hilal Al Mahrooqi will serve as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Sultanate of Oman to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar with residence in Hanoi, Vietnam.

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Myanmar's interest closely intertwined with Thailand's: C-in-C



Senior General Min Aung Hlaing presents gift to Thai Prime Minister Mrs Yingluck Shinawatra at Thai Governmental House.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 18 Sept—Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing paid a call on Thai Prime Minister Mrs Yingluck Shinawatra at Thai Governmental House yesterday.

The Senior General said that the heads of the two countries pay special attention to High Level Committee as being the most crucial one for the relations between Tatmadaws of both countries. Myanmar and Thailand have a long history of amity and relations between the two countries and two Tatmadaws.

Diplomatic relations between the two countries have turned 65-year anniversary this year. Both countries have diplomatic, military and neighbouring relations and chance to further cementing relations between the two countries. Myanmar's interest is closely intertwined with that of Thailand.

He continued that Myanmar is serious about narcotic drug problem in the border region. He expressed strong belief that Thailand would make cooperation with Myanmar in dealing with narcotic drug problem.

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between Tamadaws of the two countries will further be promoted. Tatmadaw has been extending a helping hand to Myanmar's democratic reforms since 2011. The reform process would move forward, he said. He called for demarcation of border lines between Myanmar and Thailand at the height of relations.

The Thai Prime Minister expressed thank for achieving success in the addressing of border issues thanks to better cooperation between Tatmadaws of both countries. Narcotic drug problems could only be

solved through cooperation. She pledged that Thailand would make cooperation with Myanmar in border regions development. She called for cooperation between two Tatmadaws for development. She said that Myanmar is on the truly road to democracy, which is praised by international community. HLC meeting could promote amity between two Tatmadaws. Thailand would join hands with Myanmar. Drawing the demarcation of border lines between Myanmar and Thailand will be implemented as soon as possible, she added.

Also present on the occasion were Chief of the General Staff (Army, Navy and Air) General Hla Htay Win, senior military officers from the Office of Commander-in-Chief (Army) and the Myanmar Military Attaché to Thailand. The Thai Prime Minister was accompanied by Supreme Commander of the Royal Thai Armed Forces General Tanasak Patimapragom, senior military officers from the Royal Thai Armed Forces and the Thai Military Attaché to Myanmar.

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