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President U Thein Sein attends cornerstones laying for construction of birthplace of the Buddha-to-be, place of administering Dhammaçakka Sutta

NAY PYI TAW, 19 Sept—A ceremony to lay cornerstones for construction of the birthplace of the Buddha-to-be and the place of administering Dhammaçakka Sutta was held in the four Samvejaniya places in Ottarathiri Township of Nay Pyi Taw Council Area, here, this morning.

Also present on the occasion were Chairman of State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee Presiding Nayaka Sayadaw of Bhamo Monastery of Mandalay and members of the Sangha, President U Thein Sein, Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham and wife Daw Nan Shwe Hmon, Vice-President U Nyan Tun and wife Daw Khin Aye Myint, the Chief Justice of the Union, the Chairman of the Constitutional Tribunal of the Union, the Chairman of Union Election Commission, the Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services, Union ministers, senior military officers, deputy ministers, members of Nay Pyi Taw Council, guests and wellwishers.

At Sasana Beikman near Thatta Thattaha Maha Bawdi Pagoda, Vice-Chairman of SSMNC Manawhari Monastery Sayadaw Agga Maha Saddhamma Jotikadhaja Bhaddanta Kusala of Hleseik Model Village in Htantabin Township of Yangon Region administered the Nine Precepts.

The President offered gems casket, bronze plaque, stone plaque and golden brick and alms to the Sayadaw.

Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham and wife, and Vice-President U Nyan Tun

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President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein offers alms to a Sayadaw.—MNA

Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham and wife Daw Nan Shwe Hmon presents offertories to a Sayadaw.—MNA

Vice-President U Nyan Tun and wife Daw Khin Aye Myint offer alms to a Sayadaw.—MNA

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Theme song winners to be selected on 21 Sept

NAY PYI TAW, 19 Sept—An awarding ceremony of theme song competition will be held at Mindon Hall of Sedona Hotel in Yangon at 3 pm on 21 September.

The winning theme songs will be used for the opening and concluding ceremonies of the 27th SEA Games.

A briefing on selecting the winning songs will take place after the awarding ceremony, according to the Ministry of Sports.

MNA

LOCAL NEWS

Bags of rice donated to flood victims in Taungtha

NAY PYI TAW, 19 Sept—Ayeyawady River overflowed three feet deep water into Thayaaye Village of Taungtha Township in Magway Region on 16 September.

A total of 202 people from 50 households were evacuated to Tawtaik Monastery in Nyaunggan Village. There were no casualties in the flood.

The Acting Commander of Township Police Force, the Taungtha Township Administrator and officials of Township Management Committee provided one bag of rice each to flood victim households.—*Kyemon-Police Information*

Construction

Khunnan Creek Bridge construction completed

INDAW, 19 Sept—New Khunnan Creek Bridge which is located at the main point on Shwebo-Myitkyina Road in Katha District of Sagaing Region has been completed recently.

The bridge is 300 feet long with 24 feet wide motor way flanked by three feet wide pedestrian way on either side.

It is of reinforced concrete facility, built by Special Projct Group (2) of the Ministry of Construction, spending K 81 million.

"We are so pleased for completion of Khunnan Creek Bridge. It is important for Shwebo-Myitkyina Union Highway. Thanks to the new bridge, the local people have easy access to Htigyaing, Indaw, Katha townships of Katha District and villages in the region," said a local.

Kyemon-Indaw IPRD

Railroad inundated in Kyaikto Township

KYAIKTO, 19 Sept—Due to heavy rain on 15 September, 11 inches deep water inundated on 300 feet long section of Yangon-Mawlamyine railroad, east of Sittoung Bridge (Old) near Kanthaya culvert in Nawarat Ward of Kyaikto Township in Mon State.

In consequence of inundation on the railroad, Bago-Mawlamyine mail 86-down train that left Mawlamyine stopped over at Theinzayat Station while No 17-up Nay Pyi Taw-Mawlamyine train stopped at Hsatthwagon Station, west bank of Sittoung Bridge.

After subsiding the water, Nay Pyi Taw-Mawlamyine 17-up train depart Hsatthwagon Station heading for Mawlamyine at 7.30 pm. Likewise, No 86-down local train left Zayatgyi Station of Thaton Township leading to Bago.

According to the observation of Department of Meteorology and Hydrology, the heavy rain showered in Thazayet area with 4.57 inches fom 9.30 am to 6.30 pm.

Kyemon-Ye Khaung Oo

Heavy rain, landslide hit Theinzayat of Kyaikto Township

A damage house seen after collapse in Theinzayat Station of Kyaikto Township.

KYAIKTO, 19 Sept—On 15 September, heavy rain caused landslides. In consequence, the soil of landslide fell on a house.

At 4.30 pm, a house, 16 feet long and 12 feet wide, built at the slope of the hill in Seikkantha Ward of Theinzayat Village was collapsed due to heavy rain and landslide.

Meanwhile, house owner U Soe and five family members lived in the house. There were no casualties. In 2011, the house caused similar form of damage. The already damaged builting was constructed in the landslide.

Village administrator U Khin Zaw and local responsible persons provided necessary instructions to the victims.

Kyemon-Ye Khaung Oo

Fire

Fire blazes two-storey building in Pyapon

PYAPON, 19 Sept—A fire triggered by the overheated cable broke out at No. 188 B, upstairs of two-storey building of U Mya Win on Aungthukha Street in Ward 3 of Pyapon in Pyapon District in Ayeyawady Region at 11.30 am on 17 September.

The fire fighters managed the fire under control at 11.35 am and totally put out the fire at 11.45 am.

A total of 20 policemen led by police officer, 10 members of Fire Services Department led by the officer, 30 members of Auxiliary Fire Brigade, the ward administrator and 50 people participated in fighting the fire under the supervision of the Deputy Commissioner of the District General Administration Department, the deputy township admi-nistrator, the commander of Township Police Station, the township electrical engineer, the head of District Fire Services Department and officials.

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Anti-Narcotic Drives

Heroin seized in Pangsai (Kyukok)

NAY PYI TAW, 19 Sept—Members of Muse Special Anti-Drug Squad of Shan State together with witnesses lay in wait at the toll gate in Pangsai (Kyukok) of Shan State.

A 3.30 pm on 15 September, they searched the a Kenbo motorcycle driven by Shel Ein Phint, 39, of Monekoe Sub-Township.

The police seized four blocks of heroin weighing 2.04 kilos worth K 40.8 million hidden under seat of the motorcycle.

According to further investigation, Ran El ordered him to transport heroin to Pangsai (Kyukok) at 3 pm on 14 September and contact him with telephone number.... near Wamting Creek. He will get 4000 yuans as transport charge. He took 1000 yuans as deposit.

Pangsai (Kyukok) Myoma Police Station opened a file of lawsuit against Shel Ein Phint under Sections 15/19)a) of Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.

Kyemon-Police Information

Fire breaks out at Nyaungbinlay Market

YANGON, 19 Sept—A fire broke out at Nyaungbinlay Market on Lanmadaw Township, here, on 17 September morning.

The fire engulfed some parts of property including one air-conditioner.

At 10.30 am, the fire started at a company office at No. 44 on fourth floor of eight-storey A complex. Fire could be put out within 15 minutes. It destroyed one air-conditioner and parts of one UPS and one fiber door.

The fire was triggered by the overheated motor from the air-conditioner. Fire fighters from Kyauktada, Sangyoung, Ahlon, Tamway, Thakayta and Latha townships managed to totally put out the fire at 10.17 am.

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NATO chief urges Europe to fill drone, aircraft gaps

BRUSSELS, 19 Sept — NATO Secretary-General Anders Fogh Rasmussen will urge Europe on Thursday to step up its commitment to defence by buying more surveillance drones, transport and tanker aircraft and strengthening its fragmented defence industry. Senior US officials, and Rasmussen himself, have expressed growing concern that defence cuts pushed through by cash-strapped European governments have created a big gulf between US and European military capabilities and risk weakening NATO.

The European Union has also launched a debate, set to culminate in a summit of European leaders in December, on how Europe can strengthen its arms industry and bolster a common defence policy.

In a speech to the Carnegie Europe think tank in Brussels on Thursday, Rasmussen will argue that a strong NATO needs "a strong Europe — with strong capabilities, strong defence industries, and strong political commitment," NATO officials said. He is expected to urge European allies to strengthen their capabilities in key areas, saying they should acquire more surveillance drones, more large transport and air-to-air refueling aircraft and more upgraded ship radars so they can be integrated into NATO's planned missile defence system.

As the United States turns its strategic focus increasingly towards Asia, it is banking on Europe to take more military responsibility in its backyard. But during the 2011 Libya conflict, European states had to rely heavily on the United States for air-to-air refueling, intelligence and surveillance.

Rasmussen will also say that Europe needs a strong defence industrial base, arguing that the continent's defence industry remains too national and fragmented, NATO officials said.

He will welcome proposals put forward by the European Union's executive Commission in July to make the industry more efficient and competitive.

The Commission proposed helping Europe's defence industry cope with falling military budgets by funding research and aiding the development of new technologies with military uses. British Defence Secretary Philip Hammond voiced skepticism over the Commission's proposals last week and said London would oppose any moves to enforce new rules on the region's defence industry that damaged British companies' competitiveness.

Drones are an area where Europe lags the United States and Israel. Three European aerospace companies — France's Dassault Aviation, EADS Cassidian and Italy's Finmeccanica Alenia Aermacchi — called on Europe in June to launch its own independent drone programme to equip armies across the continent.

Reuters

NATO Secretary General Anders Fogh Rasmussen talks to the media during a monthly news conference in Brussels on 2 Sept, 2013.—REUTERS

Abe, Australia's new PM agree to strengthen bilateral ties

TOKYO, 19 Sept — Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe and new Australian Prime Minister Tony Abbott agreed by phone on Wednesday to closely cooperate in strengthening bilateral ties, the Foreign Ministry said. During a 15-minute conversation, Abe congratulated Abbott on becoming the new premier and said he hopes to further strengthen security relations between the two countries, the ministry said.

Abe noted that Tokyo and Canberra are "strategic partners" who share fundamental values and strategic interests. Abbott concurred, according to the ministry.

The Conservative leader was sworn in as new prime minister earlier Wednesday, more than a week after his Liberal-National coalition swept to victory in a general election and ended the centre-left Labour Party's six years in power. Abe conveyed to Abbott Japan's willingness to strengthen economic ties with Australia and devise new economic rules through participation in such multilateral free trade initiatives as the Trans-Pacific Partnership and the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership, which encompasses East Asia.

Abbott agreed with him on these points, as well, the ministry said.

Kyodo News

Passenger train, bus collide in Canada's capital, six dead

Investigators examine the scene of an accident involving a bus and a train in Ottawa on 18 Sept, 2013.—REUTERS

OTTAWA, 19 Sept — A passenger train and a double-decker city bus collided on the outskirts of Ottawa on Wednesday, killing six people on the bus and injuring 30 others, emergency officials said. The front of the red double-decker bus was sheared off and the engine of the VIA Rail train had derailed, but the train cars remained upright with little noticeable damage.

"Paramedics had to declare five persons deceased on scene, nothing could be done. And of the 31 that were transported, we've just been advised that one was deceased in hospital, for a total of six deaths at this point," Anthony DiMonte, chief of Ottawa Paramedic Services, told a news conference.

He said 11 of the people taken to hospital had been in critical condition.

Ambulances and fire trucks swarmed the scene in the rural west end of Canada's capital city as emergency workers helped train passengers disembark past the wreckage of the bus. Five bodies appeared to be wrapped in yellow tarps beside the train track. One had a purse and a backpack next to it. One passenger on the bus said the driver did not seem to notice the oncoming train or that the track-level signals were flashing. He said some passengers tried to warn the driver before the collision.

"From what I can tell the bus driver did not notice that these train-tracks signal lights were on and the gates were down. People screamed on the bus shortly before the crash because he was not stopping," Gregory Mech, a passenger on the top level of the double-decker bus, told CBC Television.—*Reuters*

Putin dissatisfied with Russian armed forces rearmament pace

MOSCOW, 19 Sept — Russian President Vladimir Putin on Wednesday voice his dissatisfaction with the slow pace of the nation's military rearamment, warning that outdated military equipment threatened to hurt the efficiency of the entire army.

There was scant progress in balanced development of weaponry for the Russian armed forces, Putin told a meeting on the federal armament programme held in the central Russian city of Izhevsk, home to many military enterprises.

Naming the equipment for reconnaissance, combat management and rear support as the weak links in military machinery production and design, he warned, "Weakness of even one link decreases efficiency of the entire system, especially in the modern warfare. "

Putin urged military industrialists to stay on the cutting edge of the arms development, demanding that new military equipment be delivered to the armed forces starting from 2014.

"Our weapons today and tomorrow must be better than that of a potential enemy," he said, stressing that many types of arms Russia produces have already fallen short of the modern combat standards.

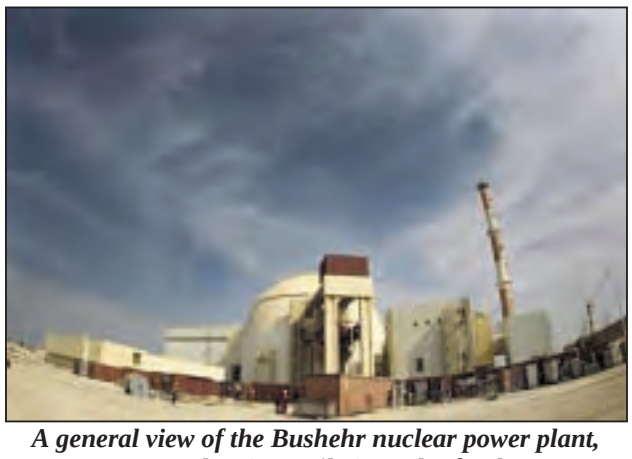
In March, Russian Deputy Defence Minister Yuri Borisov said that the country's military-industrial complex has exhausted its scientific and technical stocks, and Russia risked losing an opportunity of seeking a breakthrough in developing supersonic devices, weapons used in cyber warfare.

Xinhua

Israel accuses Iran of deception to buy time for atom work

VIENNA, 19 Sept — Israel accused Iran on Wednesday of using "deception and concealment" to buy time for its nuclear programme, signaling skepticism about the new Iranian president's move away from the hardline stance of his predecessor. Israel, believed to be the Middle East's only nuclear-armed power, also said an Arab push to single it out for criticism at a UN nuclear agency meeting this week would deal a "serious blow" to any attempt to hold regional security talks.

The election of a relative moderate, Hassan Rouhani, as Iranian president has raised hopes of progress in long-stalled efforts to find a solution to the decade-old dispute over Teheran's nuclear programme.



A general view of the Bushehr nuclear power plant, some 1,200 km (746 miles) south of Teheran on 26 Oct, 2010.—REUTERS

An Iranian official said he saw an "opening" in Iran's nuclear row with the West, in the latest signal that Teheran expects fresh movement to break the deadlock. But the head of Israel's Atomic Energy Commission said: "The picture that the Iranian representatives are portraying regarding openness and transparency of their nuclear programme ... stands in sharp contradiction with Iran's actual actions and the facts on the ground."

The issue was not whether Iran has "modified its diplomatic vocabulary ... but whether it is addressing seriously and in a timely manner outstanding issues that have remained unresolved for too long," Shaul Chorev told the annual meeting of member states of the UN International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA). The United States and Israel accuse Iran of seeking to develop nuclear weapons capability and maintain a threat of possible military action if diplomacy fails.—*Reuters*

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

BlackBerry's BBM chat coming to Android, iPhone this weekend

BlackBerry Chief Executive Thorsten Heins speaks at the company's annual meeting in Waterloo, Ontario on 9 July, 2013.
REUTERS

TORONTO, 19 Sept — BlackBerry Ltd said on Wednesday that its popular BlackBerry Messenger instant chat application will be available for rival devices using Google Inc's Android software and for Apple's iPhone this weekend.

The struggling Canadian smartphone maker had announced plans to open up the service, often referred to as BBM by both fans and the company, back in May.

Once a unique tool to send short messages without running up SMS charges, BBM now competes with mobile instant messaging products from Facebook, Apple and others, and less directly with the micro-blogging service Twitter.

Android users will be able to download the application on Saturday, while iPhone users can get it on Sunday.

Reuters

Earth's ozone layer recovering, but effect on climate change unknown

WELLINGTON, 19 Sept — The hole in the earth's stratospheric ozone layer over Antarctica is closing slowly and should be completely recovered in the later half of this century, but its effect on global climate change is still uncertain, a New Zealand expert said on Thursday.

The Montreal Protocol, which effectively banned chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs), had helped reduce the size of the ozone hole, University of Canterbury academic Dr Adrian McDonald said in a statement.

The protocol, which entered into force in 1989, is an international treaty to phase out substances believed to be responsible for ozone depletion.

If the international agreement was adhered to, the ozone layer was expected to recover by 2050, McDonald said.

Ironically, stratospheric ozone depletion may have indirectly protected Antarctica from the worst of greenhouse gas-related warming.

"With the ozone recovery, the future of Antarctic climate is less certain, though the complex interactions in the atmosphere associated with climate change makes this region particularly hard to predict," he said.

"The increasing ozone hole has until now acted to change the circulation of the Southern Hemisphere so that the strong winds linked to the jet streams have moved towards the pole."

McDonald said ozone recovery should act to move the winds back towards the equator, but greenhouse gases might counteract this effect on the jet-stream positions, which help to control the width of tropical and polar weather belts.

Due to its widespread adoption and implementation, the Montreal Protocol has been hailed as an example of exceptional international co-operation.

Xinhua

Cyber security costs soar at global financial institutions

DUBAI, 19 Sept — With the global rise of hacker attacks, banks are keeping up with the latest technologies to secure their own and customers' assets, experts said here at an ongoing banking transaction fair.

Cyber security at global financial institutions is a central topic at this year's Sibos, a four-day exhibition held for the first time in the Middle East.

Nigel Hayward, chief technology officer for international treasury services at US bank JP Morgan, said his bank was increasing its spending on IT security by more than 10 percent next year. "And what I hear from our industry peers, costs on fighting hacker attacks are mushrooming at all financial service providers."

According to a study released on 25 June by Russian anti-virus software producer Kaspersky and research firm B2B International, 649,000 US dollars is the average cost at large companies in the wake of a cyber attack rise.

Earlier in the year, a series of cyber attacks knocked down the websites of major US lenders, including Citigroup, JP Morgan Chase and Bank of America. "The global cyber warfare is going to escalate in 2013," said Kaspersky founder and CEO Eugene Kaspersky back in October 2012 in Dubai.

Most IT security experts at the Sibos, which is organized by Belgium-based global transactions service provider SWIFT and attended by 7,300 delegates, agreed that cyber security shall not be considered as a cost center but as an investment into a bank's financial soundness and reputation.—*Xinhua*

Orbital Sciences' new cargo ship blasts off for space station

WALLOPS ISLAND, 19 Sept — An unmanned Antares rocket blasted off from a seaside launch pad in Virginia on Wednesday, sending a cargo capsule to *the International Space Station.*

The 13-story rocket, developed by Orbital Sciences Corp, lifted off at 10:58 am EDT from the state-owned Mid-Atlantic Regional Spaceport on Wallops Island.

The two-stage booster, making its second flight, soared southeast over the Atlantic Ocean, leaving behind a pillar of smoke and flame visible from New York City to South Carolina as it headed into orbit.

Perched on top of the rocket was Orbital Sciences' new Cygnus freighter, one of two robotic spaceships developed in partnership with NASA to fly cargo to the space station following the space shuttles' retirement.

On Sunday, the capsule was expected to reach the space station, a $100 billion research complex that flies about 250 miles above Earth.

"This is a very exciting day for us," Orbital Sciences executive vice president Frank Culbertson told reporters after launch.

"It's difficult to get a rocket off of a launch pad, no matter how many times you do it," he said.

Privately owned Space Exploration Technologies, which began work about 18 months before Orbital Sciences, has made three trips to the station.

NASA invested $686 million in Orbital Sciences and SpaceX and awarded the firms contracts totaling $3.5 billion to fly cargo to the station.

This mission is intended to show Orbital Sciences' ability to transport cargo to the space station. A successful flight may boost its chances for additional NASA work, and could attract commercial and scientific customers for the Antares rocket and Cygnus capsule. "We have a lot interest from people who are waiting to make sure we do, in fact, succeed with this before they place a firm order," Culbertson said.

Reuters

The Orbital Sciences Corporation Antares rocket, with the Cygnus cargo spacecraft aboard, launches from NASA's Wallops Flight Facility in Virginia in this handout photo taken on 18 Sept, 2013.—REUTERS

Sony Corp's logo is seen at the company headquarters in Tokyo on 22 May, 2013.
REUTERS

Sony aims to sell 5 million PS4 consoles in less than five months from launch

TOKYO, 19 Sept — Sony Corp aims to sell 5 million PlayStation 4 game consoles in less than five months from a launch that will coincide with the release of rival Microsoft Corp's Xbox One.

It sold 5.5 million of predecessor PS3 from its November 2006 launch to the 31 March, 2007 financial year end.

Sony, for whom the PS4 is central to restoring profitability at its hardware operations, will start selling the console on November 15 in the United States. The Xbox One will go on sale a week later.

PS4 sales in Japan will begin on 22 February, giving Japan sales just over a month to contribute to Sony's end-March target, disclosed by game unit chief Andrew House in a presentation at the Tokyo Game Show on Thursday. Preorders totalled 1 million as of August.

Sony, like Microsoft, has extended its latest console beyond gaming by making it a living room entertainment hub controlling movie, television and internet content.

Microsoft's Phil Spencer, in charge of Xbox content, on Wednesday told *Reuters* the Xbox business would soon unveil television projects, following on from an agreement to produce a television series of its popular Halo game in collaboration with Steven Spielberg.

Reuters

BUSINESS & HEALTH

Lufthansa aircrafts sit on the tarmac at Frankfurt Airport on 12 July, 2013.—Reuters

Lufthansa backs major Airbus, Boeing jet order

Frankfurt, 19 Sept—Deutsche Lufthansa (LHAG.DE) signaled a major aircraft order to drive down fuel costs on long routes, saying its board had backed modernization plans that industry watchers expect to benefit both Airbus (EAD.PA) and Boeing Co (BA.N).

Germany's top carrier gave few details after Wednesday's board decision, but people familiar with the matter said the deal could include $14-15 billion of firm orders split between jetmakers, including the first order for a revamped *Boeing 777*.

Lufthansa is in the middle of a deep restructuring that includes 3,500 job cuts, while investing in modern jets to cut its fuel bill and catch up with Middle East rivals particularly on highly fought-over routes between Europe and Asia.

Lufthansa said outgoing Chief Executive Christoph Franz would hold a news conference at 11 am local time (0900 GMT) on Thursday in his first public appearance since he announced he was quitting to be chairman of Swiss drugmaker Roche Holding AG (ROG.VX).

The influential airline's decision is keenly awaited as Airbus and Boeing scramble for advantage in the lucrative market for twin-engined jets carrying between 300 and 400 people.

Excluding options, Lufthansa is expected to order up to 45 aircraft, including the first solid order for a revamped version of Boeing's best-selling twinjet, code-named *777-9X*. Designed to compete with the newer Airbus A350-1000, the upgraded *777-9X* aircraft aims to carry 41 more seats while burning less fuel per seat than the existing 365-seat *Boeing 777-300ER*.—*Reuters*

Studies confirm colon cancer screening reduces deaths

New York, 19 Sept—There's new evidence that regular screening for colon cancer has long-term benefits.

Testing for blood in the stool reduced the risk of death from colorectal cancer by as much as 32 percent and it seemed to keep the death rate low even after testing stopped, according to one study.

A second found that getting a regular colonoscopy, where a tube is put in the colon to look for and—in some cases—remove abnormal growths, was linked to a 68 percent reduction in risk. It also confirmed that, if no growths are found, people can safely wait 10 years for their next test.

But the findings do not compare the relative merits of the two methods, even though that may be tempting, wrote Drs Theodore Levin and Douglas Corley in an editorial in the *New England Journal of Medicine*, where the studies appear.

"Both colonoscopy and fecal occult-blood testing are effective for colorectal cancer screening, and these new studies support current screening guidelines," said the duo, who are based at Kaiser Permanente Medical Centres in California— Levin in Walnut Creek and Antioch and Corley in San Francisco.

"Both tests have been improved since they were used among the participants in either study. However, the two studies are different, which makes direct comparisons of effectiveness difficult."

"These studies don't break new ground, but they put us on more solid footing in recommending colorectal cancer screening by the current methods and, in general, at the current intervals," said Dr. Greg Enders, a gastroenterologist at Fox Chase Cancer Centre in Philadelphia, who was not connected with either study.

Colorectal cancer kills over 600,000 people worldwide each year, according to the World Health Organization.

The American Cancer Society estimates that the US has about 50,800 deaths per year, with 142,800 new cases annually, a rate that has been declining thanks to screening.—*Reuters*

JPMorgan likely to lead Chrysler IPO

A sign stands in front of the JPMorgan Chase & Co bank headquarters building in New York, on 15 March, 2013.
Reuters

New York, 19 Sept—JPMorgan Chase & Co (JPM.N) is likely to lead the underwriting of Chrysler Group LLC's initial public offering, CNBC reported late on Wednesday, citing a person familiar with the offer.

An IPO would bring to a head the battle between Sergio Marchionne, who leads both Chrysler and its main shareholder Fiat SpA (FIA.MI), and a healthcare trust fund affiliated with the United Auto Workers union.

Chrysler plans to file documents this month that would allow its minority investor to sell shares in a stock market listing, a process that will slow Fiat's plans to take full control of the US automaker.

The trust, a type known as a voluntary employees' beneficiary association or VEBA, is unhappy with the price Fiat has offered for its Chrysler stake and is exercising its right to push Marchionne to take Chrysler public.

A Chrysler spokeswoman declined comment to CNBC on the company's IPO.

Chrysler and JPMorgan could not immediately be reached for comment by *Reuters* outside of regular US business hours.

Reuters

Gene discovery could lead to new types of HIV treatments

London, 19 Sept—Scientists have identified a gene which they say may have the ability to prevent HIV, the virus that causes AIDS, from spreading after it enters the body.

In an early-stage study in the journal *Nature*, researchers said the gene, called MX2, appears to play a key role in how HIV is controlled in human cells, so using it could lead to the development of new, less toxic treatments that harness the body's natural defences and mobilize them against the virus.

Although there are many more years of research ahead, Mike Malim, who co-led the research at King's College London, described the finding as "extremely exciting" and said it advanced scientists' understanding of how the HIV virus interacts with the immune system.

HIV virus may be controlled without antiviral drug treatment in some patients.
Reuters

"Until now we knew very little about the MX2 gene, but now we recognize both its potent anti-viral function and a key point of vulnerability in the life cycle of HIV," he said in a statement about the study, published on Wednesday.

Some 34 million people worldwide are infected with the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) that causes AIDS—the vast majority of them in poor and developing countries.

But while, particularly in wealthy nations, there are many effective drugs available that allow HIV patients to live long, healthy lives, they often have side-effects and drug resistance can become a problem with long-term use.

Reuters

Goldman, Ex-Mirae CIO to launch Asia long/short hedge funds

Hong Kong, 19 Sept—Goldman Sachs Investment Partners and Cong Li, the former chief investment officer of Mirae Asset Global Investment (Hong Kong), are preparing to start separate Asian hedge funds as fund launches gather pace in the second half of the year in the region.

Goldman is raising money for Oryza Capital, an Asia-focused long/short equities hedge fund it set up this month, according to a document seen by *Reuters*. The fund has initial capital of $80 million, the document showed.

Oryza's 14-member team is led by Goldman partners Hideki Kinuhata in Tokyo and Hong Kong-based Ryan Thall who will focus on mid and large-cap stocks, the document showed.

A Goldman Sachs spokeswoman declined to comment.

In a separate development, Cong Li is setting up Zenas Capital Management in Hong Kong and will invest in Greater China stocks, a hot performing region for hedge funds this year. Li left Mirae in July where he managed more than $9 billion.

He told *Reuters* that he will launch the fund in mid-October and expects to raise more than $100 million in the next year.

Li is among the first generation of Chinese fund managers, dating back to 1998 when China's mutual fund industry started. He moved to Mirae Asset in 2006 from Hamon Investment Group in Hong Kong. Before that, he worked at Hua An Fund Management Company in Shanghai between 1998 and 2003.

Jason Jin, a junior portfolio manager and investment analyst at Mirae Asset, has also joined Li.

The MSCI China share index fell 7.6 percent through August of this year. Yet hedge funds investing in China shares gave an average return of 8.8 percent during the period, according to data from industry tracker Eurekahedge, raising hopes for capital inflows into such funds.

"The concern on China is overdone," Li said, adding a correction in Chinese shares has made them attractive.

Bloomberg earlier reported the launch plans of Oryza Capital.—*Reuters*

WORLD

Vietnam attaches importance to relations and co-op with Cuba

HANOI, 19 Sept—Vietnam always attaches importance to relations, and tries its utmost to further developing bilateral cooperation with Cuba, said Vietnamese Prime Minister Nguyen Tan Dung when meeting with Cuban Minister of Foreign Trade and Investment Rodrigo Malmierca Diaz here on Wednesday.

Vietnam is ready to boost agricultural cooperation in particular with Cuba, and expects Cuba will provide favourable conditions for Vietnamese businesses' long-term investment in Cuba, said Dung.

Dung also hailed Rodrigo's visit to Vietnam, saying it will positively contribute to promoting the all-sided cooperation between Vietnam and Cuba.

For his part, Rodrigo expressed his pleasure at the fine development of the Cuba-Vietnam friendship and cooperation, saying both countries should continue to expand ties in all fields, especially in economics, trade and investment.

Vietnamese Prime Minister Nguyen Tan Dung (R) talks with Rodrigo Malmierca Diaz, Minister of Foreign Trade and Foreign Development of Cuba in Hanoi, capital of Vietnam, on 18 Sept, 2013.—XINHUA

Cuba will always create favourable conditions for businesses from the two countries to expand their trade and cooperation, making bilateral economic ties growing in parallel with their political and diplomatic ties, said the Cuban minister.

Rodrigo's visit to Vietnam coincided with the 40th anniversary of the historical visit by former Cuban President Fidel Castro to Vietnam's central Quang Tri Province during the harsh war time.

Vietnam will hold a solemn meeting on Thursday and Friday in Quang Tri province to celebrate the event, which praised Fidel Castro's visit as "a huge support and encouragement of the Cuban people rendered to the Vietnamese people's resistance war against the aggressors, for national liberation and reunification," said Dung.

Xinhua

GS Yuasa eyes equipping Ethiopian homes with solar power systems

OSAKA, 19 Sept—GS Yuasa Corp said on Wednesday it has landed a 50 million yen order from the Japan International Cooperation Agency to study the feasibility of equipping poor Ethiopian households with a compact solar cell-based power generation and storage system.

The Kyoto-based battery maker will start in November researching the market potential for selling the company's "Akari Solar Light Kit" consisting of a solar panel, a lead storage battery and USB ports for recharging cellphones and light-emitting diode lamps, possibly in 2015.

At present, many households in African farming areas rely on kerosene lamps as their communities do not have access to electricity from power generation plants.

GS Yuasa expects sizable demand for the solar panel-based power supply systems from such households, due to the danger of fire and rising cost of oil to fuel kerosene lamps.

The company, which has been selling solar cell-based power generation and storage systems around Asia and Latin America, said it expects to post several billions of yen in annual sales of the compact power source systems.

Kyodo News

Looting hits Acapulco as Mexico storm death toll reaches 80

ACAPULCO, (Mexico), 19 Sept—Looting broke out in the flooded Mexican beach resort of Acapulco on Wednesday as the government struggled to reach tens of thousands of people cut off by flooding that had claimed at least 80 lives.

Stores were ransacked by looters who carried off everything from televisions to Christmas decorations after floodwaters wreaked havoc in the Pacific port that has experienced some of the worst storm damage to hit Mexico in years.

Tens of thousands of people have been trapped in the aftermath of two tropical storms that hammered vast swathes of Mexico. More than 1 million people have been affected. Acapulco's Airport terminal was under water, stranding tourists.

However there was no let-up in sight.

One of the tropical storms, Manuel, became a hurricane late on Wednesday, barreling north along Mexico's northwestern coast and threatening more flooding and mudslides.

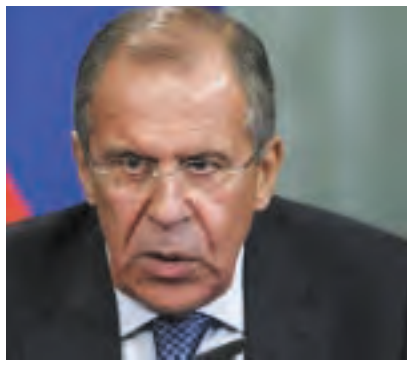
An aerial view of a flooded neighbourhood is seen in Acapulco on 17 Sept, 2013.—REUTERS

Shops were plundered in the city's upscale Acapulco neighbourhood of Diamante, home to luxury hotels and plush apartments, where dozens of cars were ruined by muddy brown floodwaters. Marines were posted outside stores to prevent further theft.

"Unfortunately, it wasn't looting from need of food. It was stealing for stealing's sake," said Mariberta Medina, head of a local hoteliers' association. "They even stole Halloween and Christmas decorations and an outboard motor."

Acapulco's tourist trade was already grappling with a surge in drug gang violence, which earned the city the dubious distinction of Mexico's murder capital last year.—*Reuters*

Russia says to show Syrian evidence of rebel chemical arms use



Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov speaks during a news conference following his meeting with his Egyptian counterpart Nabil Fahmy in Moscow on 16 Sept, 2013.
REUTERS

MOSCOW, 19 Sept—Russia will show the UN Security Council evidence it has received from Syria's government pointing to the use of chemical weapons by rebels in the Damascus suburbs, Russian news agencies quoted Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov as saying on Wednesday.

Lavrov, who has said a report by UN investigators did not dispel Russia's suspicions that rebels were behind an August 21 poison gas attack, spoke after one of his deputies was given unspecified evidence by the government while visiting Syria.

"We will present all this in the UN Security Council, of course," Interfax quoted Lavrov as saying.—*Reuters*

Forty-five percent of Scots say independence would harm economy

EDINBURGH, 19 Sept—Scottish separatists may feel their goal of an independent state built on national pride and commercial acumen heaving into view; but a poll published on Wednesday suggested nearly a half of Scots fear a break with London would damage their economy.

With exactly a year to go until Scotland votes on independence, campaigners were out in force on the streets of Edinburgh, flying the Scottish flag—diagonal white cross on blue background—posing with children and arguing the case for ending a 300-year-old union with England.

"This is going to be a very exciting year and the pace is picking up," Scottish National Party (SNP) leader Alex Salmond told *Reuters* after spending 30 minutes with a group of children at an Edinburgh childcare centre.

Salmond, a popular and shrewd politician, won a landslide victory in 2011 giving the SNP a majority in the Edinburgh parliament and putting a vote on independence on the agenda. He acknowledged he has his work cut over the next year. Opinion polls consistently show a clear majority against independence.

"Now it is a question of getting the message across that Scotland has a viable, strong future as an independent country. This is the biggest opportunity Scotland has ever had—a once in a generation event—and we must not waste it."—*Reuters*

Two Iranian warships dock in Sudan to load fuel

KHARTOUM, 19 Sept—Two Iranian warships on Wednesday entered Sudan's regional water on their way to dock at Port-Sudan harbour to load fuel and food, local media Ashrouq net reported.

The visit of the two Iranian warships, a destroyer ship and a supply vessel, aimed at getting fuel, water and food supply, said Al-Sawarmy Khalid Saad, a Sudanese army spokesman, describing it as a regular and routine procedure.

Last December, two Iranian warships docked at Port-Sudan harbour in eastern Sudan and stayed for three days. Earlier than that, another two Iranian warships docked at the same Sudanese port shortly after an Israeli aerial attack against Al-Yarmouk arms factory complex in the Sudanese capital Khartoum, demonstrating a close ties between the two countries.

However, the Sudanese army reiterated then that the Iranian warships came within routine work and aimed at bolstering the ties between Khartoum and Teheran.—*Xinhua*

Health Care Services

Anti-elephantiasis vaccination course conducted

YAMETHIN, 19 Sept—A one-day training course for anti-elephantiasis vaccination was given at the Meeting Hall of Yamethin Township People's Hospital in Mandalay Region on 9 September.

Township Health Officer Dr Nilar Tun organized the course which was attended by staff of station health units, rural dispensaries and Maternal and Child Welfare Association.

Anti-elephantiasis vaccination targeted at 220,993 people from 246 villages from 68 wards/village-tracts was carried out on 9-15 September.

Staff of three rural health centres, rural dispensaries, and Maternal and Child Welfare Association, ward/village-tract administrators and members of social organizations participated in the door-to-door vaccination campaign.—*MMAL-011*

Agricultural law books presented to Bago Region Hluttaw

The law book presentation ceremony in progress at Bago Region Hluttaw.

BAGO, 19 Sept—Bago Region Agriculture Department presented books on agricultural laws to the region Hluttaw on 13 September morning.

At the ceremony held at Bago Region Hlutaw Hall, Head of Region Settlement and Land Records Department presented 80 sets of books on Farmland Law and Rules, Vacant Land, Fallow Land and Virgin Land Management Law and Rules through Bago Region Speaker U Win Tint.

MMAL-Thant Zin (Bago)

Construction

Yinchaung Bridge approach road repaired

MYITNGE, 19 Sept—A approach road of Yinchaung Bridge on Kanbya-Myothit-Nay Pyi Taw road was eroded by heavy rains on 15 September.

It cut off the approach which is 25 ft wide and 20 ft long. The road was first repaired by a combined team of township General Administration Department, Township Public Works, Fire Brigade, Myanmar Police Force and local people.

It was damaged by the heavy rains on 16 September.

With the help of Magway Region Public Works, it was then restored on 17 September, resuming the traffic that stranded on either side.

MMAL-Zaw Zaw

Bridge damaged by bad weather

NAY PYI TAW, 19 Sept—One pile of an RC bridge in Kawkareik in Kayin State was eroded on 15 September.

One of four pillars of Khin Nein Mu Bridge was broken due to bad weather.

Members of Kawkareik District Police Force, and staff of Township General Administration Department and Township Public Works inspected the damage.

The traffic is currently in control and only small vehicles are allowed to pass the bridge one by one.

The District Police Force took charge of the traffic.

Staff of Public Works are repairing the bridge.

MMAL-Police Information

Vessels in Chindwin River suspended

KALAYWA, 19 Sept—The vessels in Chindwin River have been suspended since 12 September as the water level of the river continues to increase and could pose threat to the vessels.

Both passenger vessels and cargo ships were suspended on a temporary basis.

There are plans to prevent loss of those who already have ordered tickets, according to region vessel supervisory committee.

The water level of Chindwin River has increased 1-2 feet in Khamti and Homalin and 2-3 feet in Mawlaik, Kalaywa and Monywa in second week of September, according to the Meteorology and Hydrology Department.

MMAL-Nay Su (Chin Yoma)

Mobile complaint centre opened in Haka

HAKA, 19 Sept—Chin State Mobile Complaint Centre was opened with telephone number 070-22555 at Chin State Manager Office of Myanma Posts and Telecommu-nications.

The centre is stationed in Haka of Chin State as of 13 September with the aim of giving services to mobile phone users. The telephone users may contact the cntre to disclose difficulties in mobile phone communi-cations in person or through on-line.

MMAL-State IPRD

Disaster

Food, water, rehydrated salt presented to flood victims

NAYPYITAW, 19 Sept—A combined team formed with staff families of No (14) Police Battalion, Township General Administration Department and Village-tract Administration provided food, water and medicines to flood victims at Thirithaya Dhammayon and Shwe Yan Kin Pagoda in Uyindaw village in Myitnge Station in Amarapura Township in Mandalay Region.

They presented purified drinking water, lunch boxes and drugs to 187 flood victims—50 in Thirithaya Dhammayon and 137 in Shwe Yan Khin Pagoda precinct.

MMAL-Police Information

University students in distress, as flood hits campus

MANDALAY, 19 Sept—The Yadanabon University (Mandalay) in Amarapura Township of Mandalay where students are sitting their final exams is being deluged with flood.

Most students have to pass the one-foot-deep water on their road to the school building to sit for the exams while some others use boats.

The circular road of Taungthaman Lake has also been flooded, causing difficulties for the students.

Many corners in the country, especially riverside areas, witnessed flood this month as the river water level has increased after several days of heavy rains.—*MMAL-Maung Maung Soe (Myitnge); Photo: Tin Maung (Mandalay Sub-printing House)*

PERSPECTIVES

Friday, 20 September, 2013

In the aftermath of flooding

Due to heavy incessant rains in the central Myanmar most recently, the water level of rivers has reached its danger level. The water level in some regions stood above its danger level, resulting in river flooding. Especially, the regions in the central Myanmar along Ayeyawady River had to suffer flooding.

Flooding can cause a range of health impacts and risks, including death and injury, contaminated drinking water, hazardous material spills, increased population of disease-carrying insects and rodents, moldy houses, and community disruption and displacement.

Although most floods do not cause serious outbreaks of infectious disease or chemical poisonings, they can cause sickness in workers and others who come into contact with contaminated floodwater. In addition, flooded areas may contain electrical or fire hazards connected with downed power lines.

Eating or drinking anything contaminated by flood water can cause water-borne diseases such as cholera and dysentery. It is crucial for people in the flood-affected regions to get clean water and food. Local communities across the country can prevent floods and heavy rains from their dilapidated homes and buildings by updating infrastructure, improving drinking water safeguards, and creating public plans for what to do in case disaster strikes. People in the flood-affected regions need to be well aware of hazards in the aftermath of the flood.

Follow-up News

Please read "The Speaker and party were seen off at Yangon International Airport by Deputy Speaker of Pyithu 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, the Ambassador of Malaysia to Myanmar and Charges d' Affaires ai from Malaysia, Thai and Brunei Embassies" in the news under the heading of "Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker leaves for Brunei" on page 16 of this daily issued on 19 September.

MNA

Low pressure formed over Northwest Bay of Bengal

NAY PYI TAW, 19 Sept— According to the observation at 16:00 hrs MST today, a low pressure area has formed over Northwest Bay of Bengal, announced the Meteorology and Hydrology Department.—*MNA*

NATIONAL

***President U Thein Sein, Vice-Presidents Dr Sai Mauk Kham and U Nyan Tun at cornerstone laying ceremony for birthplace of Lord Buddha and place of administering Dhammaçakka Sutta.*—MNA**

President U Thein Sein attends cornerstones ...

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and wife offered provisions to the Sayadaw.

Next, the Chief Justice of the Union, the Chairman of the Constitutional Tribunal of the Union, the Chairman of the Union Election Commission and the Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services donated offertories to members of the Sangha.

The Union ministers, senior military officers and officials presented alms to members of the Sangha.

At the ceremony, 93 wellwishers made cash donation of over K 175.8 million.

The Chairman Sayadaw delivered a sermon, and the congregation shared the merits gained.

The President put gems casket, bronze plaque, stone plaque and jade brick at the place dedicated to the birth place of the Buddha-to-be.

The President and party laid jade bricks at the place dedicated to administering the Dhammaçakka Sutta.

Maha Bo Tree and Golden Throne is one of four Samvejaniya places in Nay Pyi Taw. Arrangements are being made for building three remaining Samvejaniya places. Today, the gem bricks have been laid for construction of the birth place of the Buddha-to-be and that of administering the Dhammaçakka Sutta.

In commemoration of the noble demise of the noble Lord Buddha for Parinirvana at 80 years of age, the cornerstone laying ceremony will be held for construction of the place dedicated to attaining Nirvana of the Lord Buddha after 80 days.—*MNA*

Handing over and opening of water supply systems for locals in Sagaing, Magway Regions held

YANGON, 19 Sept— Under the Grant Assistance for Grass-roots Human Security Projects (GGP) Scheme of Japanese Government, the handing over and opening of Water Supply Systems for the villages in Sagaing and Magway Regions were held from 12 to 14 September.

The ceremonies were attended by Mr. Go NAKAYA, Second Secretary of Japanese Embassy, departmental officials, members of water supply committee and locals from Sagaing, Myaing and Chauk Townships.

Parami Ward was established in 1990 and situated at the western side of Sagaing Mountain Range. Dwellers in the ward are solely relying on tube wells and they are suffering shortage of drinking water in the dry season.

Similarly, residents from Kyaw Village in Myaing Township and Taungtha Village in Chauk Township are facing scarcity of drinking water every year especially in the dry season.

To ensure better access to safe and clean water, the Japanese government granted, under the GGP scheme, provided the necessary funds for construction of pumping station on the bank of Ayeyawady River, fixing ground tank and main distribution pipeline for Parami Water Supply System and construction of water pond, installation of solar panel and water pumping system and water distribution pipeline to the village at Kyaw Village and Taungtha Village Water Supply System. The Japanese government had spent US$ 212,038 for the three projects.—*MNA*

Winners in 4th Junior Golf Myanmar Tournament 2013 awarded

YANGON, 19 Sept— The prize-awarding ceremony of the 4th Junior Golf Myanmar Tournament 2013, organized by Junior Golf Myanmar and supervised by Myanmar Golf Federation, took place at Pun Hlaing Golf Club, here, yesterday.

After the tournament, Executive of MGF U Chan Han presented special prizes to the youngest winners Zwe Htet Aung, Thin Wai Khaing and Aung Hsaing Pha and awarded R&A's golf set to youngest best golfer Min Than Lwin Aung.

After that, General Manager Ma Yin Yin Aye of Pun Hlaing Golf Club presented awards to Kaung Myat Kyaw who stood first at under-10-class with 179, followed by Phyo Zan with 191, Kyaw Soe Han with 208, Win Tun Bo with 218 and Aung Phone Myat with 222 shots.

Then, Secretary U Myint Aung of JGM presented prizes to Tun Aung Khaing who stood first at under-14-class with 151, followed by Phu Pwint Yati Khaing second with 152, Pyae Min Shein third with 153, Min Sit Thwe fourth with 153 and Hein Sithu fifth with 156 shots.

Afterward, Executive Dr Myint Oo of MGF presented awards to Kyaw Thet Oo who stood first at under-24-class with 146, followed by Wai Yan Lin with 148, Thiha Htay with 152, Min Naing Soe with 154 and Kyaw Zin Tun with 156 strokes.—*NLM*

Combined system of small-scale hydropower, solar power and bio-fuel generator…

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He stressed the need to set the aim of supplying electricity to two LED 5W bulbs, charging mobile phone and one TV for each house and lamp-posts of the village. The government will provide necessary energy policies, fund and technical assistance.

At first, he said that it is necessary to choose 100 model villages in regions and states and 50 villages each in self-administered zones and division for implementing rural electrification based on renewable energy. Water supply tasks such as digging and dredging the lakes, damming the reservoirs, building embankments and drainage system are to be carried out in dry regions for socio-economic development of the local people. Thus, the water supply projects are to be implemented through windmill-fired water pumping system and solar PV-fired water pumping system, he noted.

For rural electrification and sufficiency of drinking water, the ministry is to hold stakeholder workshops occasionally with the participation of business companies, volunteers, NGOs, UN agencies, INGOs, experts and social organizations.

Placing more emphasis on services than sharing of technology would certainly bring about sustainable success in rural electrification. In doing so, it should be regarded as one of the essential needs of the public such as health care service.

Besides fulfilling the basic needs for promoting of socioeconomic status of the rural people, poverty alleviation and advancing of education, top priority is given to rural electrification and sufficiency of clean water, he added.

Then, Union Minister U Thein Nyunt and Committee Chairman Union Minister U Ohn Myint reported on progress of work, Region Chief Ministers, on undertakings for regional development, and committee members on plans for s upporting in respective sectors.

Vice-President U Nyan Tun attended to the needs and gave concluding remarks.—*MNA*

Union Minister for Defence receives Thai Permanent Secretary of Defence

Nay Pyi Taw, 19 Sept—Union Minister for Defence Lt-Gen Wai Lwin received a delegation led by Thai Permanent Secretary of Defence General Tanongsak Apirakyotin at his office, here, at 10.45 am today. They had a cordial discussion on cooperation between Tatmadaws of the two countries.—*MNA*

Union FM addresses 24th Session of Human Rights Council

Nay Pyi Taw, 19 Sept—U Wunna Maung Lwin, Union Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, who had already arrived in Geneva, Switzerland to attend the 24th Session of the Human Rights Council, delivered an address at the Session on 13th September 2013.

In his statement, the Union Minister mentioned that the Government and people of Myanmar are working together on reform agenda covering the political, social, economic and administrative spheres; the Government lays down a firm foundation for an all-inclusive political process; gives priority to the maintenance of law and order in Rakhine State and other parts of the country while managing the situation responsibly; pursues a zero tolerance policy against the perpetrators of the violence, regardless of faith or race; and also addresses seriously the legal status of people in Rakhine State. The Union Minister reiterated that Myanmar has been cooperating with the United Nations, INGOs and NGOs to facilitate their humanitarian assistance providing to both the communities in Rakhine State without any discrimination and the Government gives high priority to advocacy to promote understanding and accept peaceful and harmonious co-existence between the communities of different faiths or races. He continued to say that the Government has facilitated the eighth visit of the Special Rapporteur, Mr. Thomas Ojea Quintana, who paid a ten-day working visit to the country; Myanmar constructively participated and submitted its report in the UPR process in 2011 and is now making preparations for the second cycle; Myanmar and OHCHR are continuing their negotiations on a host country agreement for the OHCHR country office; and the Myanmar National Human Rights Commission was established soon after the Government took office in 2011, and a draft law on its composition, mandate and functioning has been approved by the Amyotha Hluttaw. The Union Minister also mentioned in his statement that the lifting or relaxation of economic sanctions on Myanmar has paved the way for economic opportunities for the benefit of the 60 million people.—*MNA*

Japan Products Expo 2013 at Tatmadaw Convention Hall till 22 Sept

Yangon, 19 Sept—The opening of Japan Products Expo 2013, organized by Myanmar Professional Services Co Ltd, took place at Tatmadaw Convention Hall, here, this morning. Yangon Region Chief Minister U Myint Swe, Japanese Ambassador to Myanmar Mr. Mikio NUMATA, Executive Director Mr. Toshihiro MIZUTANI of JETRO (Myanmar) and officials cut the ribbon to open the expo and looked round the booths.

The expo covers a total of 150 booths from 55 companies displaying electronics, home decoration items, personal goods and foodstuff manufactured by Japan till 22 September.

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***Yangon Region Chief Minister U Myint Swe and party at Japan Products Expo 2013 at Tatmadaw Convention Hall.*—MNA**

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Magway Region Advocate-General appointed

Under the Sub-sections (a) and (b) of Section 266 of the Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, Sub-section (c) of Section 19 of the Union Government Law and Section 22 of the Attorney-General of the Union Law, U Zeya has been appointed as Magway Region Advocate-General.

Sd/ Thein Sein
President
Republic of the Union of Myanmar

MYANMAR GAZETTE

Nay Pyi Taw, 19 Sept—The President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar has confirmed the appointment of the following heads of service organizations on expiry of the one year probationary period.

Name	Appointment
(1) U Hla Tun	Director-General President Office
(2) U Zaw Than Thin	Director-General Union Government Office
(3) U San Shwe Aung	Director-General Education and Training Department Ministry of Border Affairs
(4) U Win Hlaing	Director-General Planning and Administrative Department Ministry of Foreign Affairs
(5) U Tha Aung Nyunt	Director-General Consular and Legal Affairs Department Ministry of Foreign Affairs
(6) U Thurain Thant Zin	Director-General Protocol Department Ministry of Foreign Affairs
(7) U Tint Swe	Director-General Myanma Radio and Television Ministry of Information
(8) U Kyaw Soe	Managing Director News and Periodicals Enterprise Ministry of Information
(9) U Aung Maw	Managing Director Myanma Posts and Telecommunications Ministry of Communications and Information Technology

LOCAL NEWS

HRD

Reproductive knowledge for young people shared in Kyaukpadaung

KYAUKPADAUNG, 19 Sept—Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association organized the talks on reproductive knowledge for young people and shared practices of correct reproduction at the hall of Township General Administration Department on 17 September morning.

The talk was attended by Township Administrator U Saw Tun Win, Chairperson of Township Maternal and Child Welfare Association Daw Nam Thida Cho Sin and executives, ward administrators and trainees.

On the occasion, Township Administrator U Saw Tun Win and Township Health Assistant U Maung Maung Tar made opening speeches.

Next, Daw Khaing Zar Lin who attended the volunteer instructor course for reproductive knowledge (Nay Pyi Taw) explained the reproductive knowledge for young people.

Altogether 50 trainees—25 male and 25 female—from 12 wards and 13 villages are attending course from 17 to 21 September.

Kyemon-Ko Nay (Kyaukpadaung)

Health Care Service

Sitagu Hospital opens free out-patient clinic

DAWEI, 19 Sept—Under the aegis of the Sitagu Sayadaw, the Stiagu Arojadana Hospital opened the free clinic for out-patients in Bonmaw Ward of Dawei in Taninthayi Region.

As of 21 August, the clinic provides health care services to the local patients.

Doctors and specialists from the Dawei General Hospital of Health Department cooperate with wellwisher doctors of Township Doctors Association give health care to the local patients from 10 am to 3 pm every Tuesday and Thursday.

The local people are pleased for health care of the clinic.

Over 100 patients from Dawei, Yebyu, Launglon and Thayetchaung townships receive health care services at Sitagu Hospital.

Those wishing to donate cash and kind to office of the hospital may dial 059-23454 or 09-8750179.

Kyemon-Po Shwe Thun-Dawei

Embankment repaired in Myanaung

NAY PYI TAW, 19 Sept—Four feet high area of broken embankment caused by overflow of Ayeyawady River was repaired in Ward 4 of Kanaung Village-tract in Myanaung Township on 16 September.

The floods hit Wards 1, 2, 3 and 4 of Myanaung.

Members of Kanaung Police outpost, staff of Irrigation Department, members of Auxiliary Fire Brigade, local people and local authorities totalling 50 repaired the embankment to stop inundation.

Kyemon-Police Information

389,600 ownerless stimulant tablets seized in Tachilek

Anti-Narcotic Drives

NAY PYI TAW, 19 Sept—A combined team comprising members of Tachilek Special Anti-Drug Squad of Shan State checked vehicles at the Pakhok checkpoint detour in Mongphone B Village-tract in Tachilek Township in Shan State (East) on 16 September.

They saw a Pajero driven from Wampon that U-turned the way before the checkpoint and stopped the car on the road.

Two persons from the Pajero run away to the rubber plantation on the left side of the road.

The authorities seized 389,600 stimulant tablets from two polyethylene bags from the rare of the car.

Tachilek Myoma Police Station opened a file of lawsuit over seizure of stimulant tablets under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.

The local authorities are trying to arrest the escaped persons from the case.

Kyemon-Police Information

Raising reading habit, taking census talked in ChaungU Tsp

CHAUNGU, 19 Sept—With the aim of promoting reading habit of rural people and enhancing social economic life of the local people through reading, ChaungU Township Information and Public Relations Department conducted the mobile library and raising of reading habit in the precinct of Phayagyi Monastery in Ngashan Village at 1 pm on 17 September.

Head of Township Information and Public Relations Department Daw Yu Yu Win explained durability and development of village libraries, raising of reading habit of rural people with the assistance of mobile library and purpose of promoting the reading habit and taking census in 2014.

The bookworms and enthusiasts of local people discussed articles on agriculture and livestock breeding from the Doh Kyay Ywa journal issued on 15 September.

The Township IPRD lend the books to the local people as activities of mobile library.

Next, Myanmar Libraries Foundation and Region IPRD donated books and publications to the village library through the Head of Township IPRD.

Librarian U Hsan Min Naing of Oasis Library in Ngashan Village said that the mobile library is beneficial to the local people for reading various subjects of books and publications. The reading discussion is also widening the scope of the local people. Emphasis will be placed on durability of Oasis Library with the advice of the Township Information and Public Relations Department.

Kyemon-ChaungU Township IPRD

National Sports

Township Administrator Cup Football Tournament commences

LOILEM, 19 Sept—The Loilem Township Administrator Cup Football Tournament was kicked off at Loilem District Sports Ground in Loilem of Shan State at 2 pm on 15 September.

At the ceremony, Township Administrator U Hlwan Moe Han explained the purpose of holding the football tournament and took the salute of the football teams.

As a friendly match, Older Persons Team played against Girls Team. In the debut of the tournament, Mongpawn (A) team met with Panglong Ward 3 team.

Among the spectators were Deputy Commissioner of the Loilem District General Administration Department U Moe Hein, Pyithu Hluttaw representative U Khin Maung Thi, departmental personnel and officials of the various organizations.

Kyemon-Win Min Thant District IPRD

REGIONAL

Chinese student saves boy from swollen Osaka river in typhoon

Chinese student Yan Jun (R) receives a letter of appreciation at the Oyodo police station in Osaka City on 18 Sept, 2013. Osaka prefectural police thanked Yan, 26, for his bravery in rescuing a 9-year-old boy who fell into a river swollen by Typhoon Man-yi two days before.
KYODO NEWS

OSAKA, 19 Sept—Osaka prefectural police formally thanked Chinese student Yan Jun on Wednesday for his bravery in rescuing a 9-year-old boy who fell into a river swollen by Typhoon Man-yi.

Yan, who plans to enter Osaka City University's doctoral economics programme next spring, was jogging on Monday afternoon alongside the Yodo River in Osaka's Kita Ward when a cry for help alerted him to a boy struggling in the river.

The fourth-year elementary school pupil had lost his footing trying to photograph trains crossing a bridge.

A confident swimmer, Yan, 26, immediately jumped into the river to save the boy, but was overwhelmed by its fierce flow.

"I had never been in such murky waters. I thought I was going to die," Yan said.

After retreating to the river bank, Yan removed his shirt and ran downstream after the boy. He dived in again and grasped the boy's clothes, finally pulling him ashore around 350 metres downstream.

"It is highly likely the boy would have died if Mr Yan had not been there," police from the Oyodo police station said.

Kyodo News

China to help ASEAN train law enforcement officials

VIENTIANE, 19 Sept—China will invite 1,500 law enforcement officials from ASEAN member states to attend training courses in China, said Thongbanh Sengaphone, Lao AMMTC leader and Minister of Public Security, at a Press conference here on Wednesday.

The comments came towards the end of the 9th ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on Transnational Crime (9th AMMTC), which ran parallel to the 3rd AMMTC+China and concludes on Thursday.

AMMTC+China resolved to promote high-level exchange of visits and mutual trust as well as building even closer law enforcement cooperation. "The establishment of the ASEAN+China Forum will provide focused analysis on the various areas of transnational crime and promptly respond to the threat and challenges faced," Sengaphone said.

China will hold a meeting in 2014 to assess the implementation of the agreement and consider renewing the memorandum of understanding (MOU) between ASEAN and China.

Additionally, Sengaphone announced that an additional 100 Chinese language learning scholarships would be provided to ASEAN member states. The last AMMTC+China was held parallel to the 8th AMMTC in Bali, Indonesia in 2011.

Xinhua

*The Jaipur Metro train is seen during its trial run in Jaipur, India, on 18 Sept, 2013.—*XINHUA

Gov't to provide 10,000 to 15,000 yen to low-income earners

TOKYO, 19 Sept—To cushion the impact of a sales tax increase, the government plans to provide 10,000 to 15,000 yen in cash to low-income earners, sources close to the matter said on Wednesday. The government plans to give 10,000 yen per person to households exempt from the local inhabitant tax. Those payments would be provided to around 24 million households, at a cost of 240 billion yen, the sources said. It is also considering boosting the payment to 15,000 yen per person to the more than 10 million low-income households that receive pensions or child allowances, boosting the total cost to nearly 300 billion yen, the sources added. The government plans to fund the cash-benefit programme under an extra budget for fiscal 2013 through next March, as a step to cushion the potential negative impact on the economy of a sales tax hike next April to 8 percent, from the current 5 percent.

Private-sector members of the Council on Economic and Fiscal Policy, a key government panel, said last week that they estimate the 3-point hike would cost Japanese households an additional 6 trillion yen ($60.6 billion) in tax payments.

Abe is expected to announce on 1 Oct if the planned tax hike will be implemented. Under legislation passed by the Diet late last year, the national sales tax is to be raised in two stages to twice the current amount to raise money needed to cover the swelling social security costs of Japan's aging population.—*Kyodo News*

The Tokyo Game Show, one of the world's largest gaming events, begins at the Makuhari Messe convention centre in Chiba City, near Tokyo, on 19 Sept, 2013. A record 352 exhibitors, including 162 from abroad, are showcasing game titles and devices at the four-day video game expo.
KYODO NEWS

Singapore opens second sea water treatment plant

SINGAPORE, 19 Sept—Singapore opened its second sea water treatment plant on Wednesday, raising the proportion of water demand met by desalinated water to about 25 percent.

Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong officially opened the Tuaspring Desalination Plant on Wednesday.

Situated on a 14-hectare site in Tuas in Western Singapore, it will supply 70 million gallons of water per day for 25 years.

It is the second plant to be developed and operated by Singapore's biggest listed water treatment company Hyflux. Construction of the plant began in 2011. It also features an on- site combined cycle gas turbine power plant which will supply electricity to the desalination facility.

Singapore's first desalination plant, Singspring Singapore, was opened in 2005 and supplies 30 million gallons of treated water a day, making up 10 percent of Singapore's total water supply.

Treated seawater is one of Singapore's four "national taps." The other three are imported water from Malaysia, recycled water and water from reservoirs.

Singapore's daily water demand is now about 400 million gallons.

Xinhua

Three dead after N China colliery collapse

HOHHOT, 19 Sept—Three miners have been confirmed dead and another has been rescued after a colliery pit collapsed on Monday night in Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region, local authorities said on Thursday.

Rescue operations at the Huangyuchuan coal mine ended at 4:20 am on Thursday as rescuers retrieved the body of the last trapped miner. The rescued worker is receiving medical treatment and is reportedly in a stable condition.

Four workers were trapped after the accident occurred at 11:54 pm on Monday at the mine located in the township of Xuejiawan in Jungar Banner. The mine is owned by Shenhua Yili Energy Co, Ltd.

China's mining industry is plagued by frequent accidents due to poor safety measures and lax supervision.

The accident occurred on the same day when five people choked to death after inhaling poisonous gas underground in a pyrite mine in central China's Hunan Province.—*Xinhua*

Cambodia's rice exports up 107 pct in 8 months

PHNOM PENH, 19 Sept—Cambodia has seen a remarkable rise in the exports of milled rice in the first eight months of the year due to increasing demand on international markets, official figures showed on Wednesday.

The data, from the single window secretariat for facilitating milled rice exports, recorded that the country has exported 236, 730 tons of milled rice during January-August period this year, up 107 percent from 114,070 tons over the same period last year.

Seventy-two companies have exported Cambodian rice to 52 countries around the world, the report said, adding that five main Cambodian rice importers are Poland, France, Malaysia, Thailand and China.

Cambodia was expected to export up to 400,000 tons of milled rice in 2013, up from about 205,000 tons last year, thanks to rising demand on international markets and the country's efforts in developing rice industry, Agriculture Minister Chan Sarun said late last month. He said the Southeast Asian nation is likely to achieve the target of one-million-ton milled rice exports by 2015.

With over 80 percent of the population being farmers, the country produced 9.31 million tons of paddy rice last year.

Of this amount, besides local consumptions, it had around 3 million tons of milled rice left over for export this year. Last year, the country earned 132 million US dollars from rice exports, according to the Ministry of Commerce.

Xinhua

*Soldiers help local fishermen pull a boat back to a harbour in Trieu Phong District of Quang Tri Province, central Vietnam, on 18 Sept, 2013. Heavy rain and tornadoes brought by a tropical depression hit Quang Tri Province on Wednesday.—*XINHUA

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A painter stands in front of her pictures which are part of the group exhibition "Ottoman Period - 550 Years of Sarajevo" by artist from the colony, in "Hanikah" gallery in the old city, in Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina, on 18 Sept, 2013.
XINHUA

80,000 displaced by fresh fighting in DRC

UNITED NATIONS, 19 Sept — Some 80,000 people have been driven from their homes in a new outbreak of violence in the eastern Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) over the past month following repeated clashes between the national army and rebels, the United Nations reported on Wednesday.

"Cases of rape, kidnappings and other abuses by armed men have been reported," Madnodje Mounoubai, spokesperson for the UN Stabilization Mission in the DRC (MONUSCO), said in a briefing, warning that the population was living in precarious conditions.

"Entire villages have been emptied of their populations," he said. "Many of those displaced, fearing violence from the belligerents, are believed to still be in the forests in inaccessible areas."

Humanitarian organizations were very concerned with the situation in the Ituri region of Orientale Province where the national army and the Front patriotique de l'Ituri (FRPI), the Ituri Patriotic Front, have repeatedly clashed since 22 August.

The new outbreak of violence is to the north of the Goma region, where a MONUSCO unit has been helping the national army battle another rebel group, the M23, in North Kivu Province which has seen little respite from fighting since UN peacekeepers helped bring relative stability and elections to much of the rest of the vast country over the past decade following vicious civil wars.

The M23 is a group of former rebels of the National Congress for the Defence of the People (CNDP), which was rooted out in early 2009. Some CNDP fighters were then integrated into the army, before launching a new rebellion in April 2012, citing the failure of the government to implement the peace accord signed on 23 March, 2009 between the two sides.

The worsening situation around Goma, located near the border with Rwanda, is stoking tensions between the two neighbours, who have been accusing each other of involvement in attacks since the 1990s. The flare, if not contained, could once again pose a serious threat to the stability of the Great Lakes region, where a mini world war sucked in several countries between the late 1990s and the early 2000s.

Mounoubai said 120,000 people have been affected by the violence in the Irumu region of Ituri through the destruction of homes and the looting of property. Sporadic fighting between the army and the FPRI had broken out over the past weekend with both sides using heavy machine guns, mortars and rocket launchers.—*Xinhua*

Search for US pilot continues in China

SHENYANG, 19 Sept — Rescuers are still searching for a missing US pilot a day after a light aircraft crashed into a lake in northeast China's Liaoning Province on Tuesday, local authorities said. The accident occurred around 1 pm when a Lancier aircraft with pilot David Riggs and a Chinese translator onboard crashed into Caihu Lake in Liaoning's capital city of Shenyang during a trial flight.

Rescue forces, including a 11-member team from the Beihai Rescue Bureau under the Ministry of Communications, were dispatched to the scene immediately after the accident.

The translator was pulled from the water but died in hospital. Riggs remains unaccounted for.

Search scope has been expanded to more than 70 metres around the impact, according to Zhang Fang, a chief rescuer from the Dalian branch of Beihai rescue bureau. A seat and two seat-backs have been salvaged with another seat yet to be found, leading to speculation that the missing pilot was probably fastened to the seat and remained trapped in the aircraft.

"The aircraft crashed into the water, which badly damaged the aircraft and decreased the likelihood that Riggs will be found alive," Zhang said.

The search has been hampered by poor visibility and the low water temperatures which have meant divers cannot spend more than half an hour underwater.—*Xinhua*

Jing Zhenqing shows his handmade locomotive model at his studio in Shenyang, capital of northeast China's Liaoning Province, on 17 Sept, 2013. The 68-year-old veteran used to work on machinery production before retirement. He spent three years making this model with a real steam-power locomotive as the prototype. The miniature locomotive, 0.45 metre in height, could cruise on a railroad model.
XINHUA

Charter flight connects Alaska, China's Harbin

HARBIN, 19 Sept — A direct charter route has connected China's Harbin City and Anchorage of Alaska in the United States, cutting flight time to seven hours between the two places.

The first North American Airlines flight by *Boeing 767* left Anchorage and arrived at Harbin, provincial capital of Heilongjiang in northeast China, on Tuesday night, said Zhao Wenhua, deputy chief of the provincial commercial department.

The plane is scheduled to fly back to Anchorage on Wednesday night. And another round trip will be carried out on 29 and 30 September It usually takes over 10 hours to arrive in the United States from China, and the new route between Harbin and Anchorage is the shortest.

The route is likely to boost tourism and trade between the two regions, as well as to make Heilongjiang Province a hub for cargo to and from the United States.

The governments of Heilongjiang and Alaska, which established friendship relations in 1985, are working to make the charter route into scheduled flights from next January, with two round-trips per month, said Zhao.—*Xinhua*

ENTERTAINMENT

Beyonce

Beyonce dragged into audience at concert in Brazil

London, 19 Sept—Pop star Beyonce Knowles had a bit of a frightening experience at a concert recently when she got dragged into the audience by an excited fan.

The 32-year-old Halo hitmaker was singing Irreplaceable during a concert in Brazil, when she got hauled off the stage by a fan while she was trying to interact with audience at the front of the stage, reported *Daily Star*.

This prompted her security personnel to leap into action and pull her back to safety. After getting back on the stage Beyonce said, "It's alright, it's alright" and also greeted the man, asking his name.

Thereafter the singer continued with her show. Earlier this year Beyonce's hair had got caught up in a fan during a concert in America but she remained calm and continued to perform.—*PTI*

Selena Gomez dating Union J's George Shelley?

Los Angeles, 19 Sept —Singer-actress Selena Gomez has reportedly moved on from her past romance with Justin Bieber and is currently dating boyband Union J's member George Shelley.

Gomez is said to have flown boyband Union J to one of her shows in Portugal and spent a night with Shelley, causing him to miss his flight back home.

The 21-year-old singer also hosted a private party at her Lisbon hotel suite and invited Union J members as well as her crew, reported Aceshowbiz.

"She invited all the Union J boys and some other members of her entourage to her room and they had a great time drinking and dancing. Selena and George were all over each other and things got very heated.

"Everyone else left the room at 2 am so they were able to spend the night together," a source said.—*PTI*

Selena Gomez

Lady Gaga to feature in The Secret Service?

London, 19 Sept—Pop star Lady Gaga has reportedly been offered a role in an upcoming spy movie titled The Secret Service.

The 27-year-old will star opposite actor Colin Firth, reports express.co.uk. The Poker Face hitmaker has previously been part of the action movie Machete Kills and now she is said to be expanding her Hollywood resume by taking on a small role in the new film.

"Gaga only had to commit one day to film her scenes early next year... She didn't take much persuading," a source told *The Sun* newspaper.—*PTI*

Jennifer Aniston thrilled to work in Life Of Crime

Actress Jennifer Aniston

Los Angeles, 19 Sept —Actress Jennifer Aniston is thrilled to work in the new movie Life Of Crime and says the script is wonderfully written.

"For me, it was just such a different role than (those that) usually come to me," the 44-year-old told showbizspy.com.

"So I was thrilled and I was honoured and it was riveting and wonderfully written," she added.

Meanwhile, the actress is keen for her beloved white shepherd mix Dolly, which she adopted as a pup in 2006, to star in a movie.

"Jen taught Dolly to sit, shake and roll over in a few hours, so she's convinced Dolly has the talent — she just needs the right training," said a source.

"She even tried to get Dolly cast in her current movie, Squirrels To The Nuts, added the source.

The actress and her fiance Justin Theroux recently adopted a puppy named Sophie in a bid to replace Aniston's beloved mutt Norman, who died in 2011 at the ripe old age of 15.

"Dolly and Sophie get along brilliantly, but Jen loves Dolly like a daughter. Her dream is to do a Marley & Me sequel with Dolly in the lead," said the source.

PTI

Pop star Lady Gaga

Elton John lauds young artists, then mixes his new songs with old

Los Angeles, 19 Sept —At 66 years old, Elton John says he can make whatever kind of music he wants, regardless of commercial pressure, but he professes to love what young musicians are doing today.

At a rare free concert in Los Angeles on Monday night, John told the audience that it's time to turn over the spotlight to younger artists, even as he prepares to release his 30th solo studio album "The Diving Board."

"I (my music) don't play on the radio. It's other people's turn. But at my age, I can do what I want," the British singer-songwriter, clad in his usual long glittering coat, said on Monday during a question-and-answer session between concert segments at the University of Southern California.

Despite the loud and energetic performance that included popular 1970s hits "Tiny Dancer" and "Levon," John's age was a prominent theme of the evening, and he opened the show with the number, "Sixty Years On."

John, who studied music for six years at London's Royal Academy of Music after winning a scholarship at age 11, told the audience, many of whom were music students, that he puts special emphasis on the youth.

"Listen to everything. Don't be dismissive," instructed John, who said he dropped out of music school to pursue rock because his fingers were like "cocktail sausages" and not long enough for a career in classical music.

"I pay tribute to the young. I have faith in the young and I love listening to new music," he added.

John, who underwent surgery this summer for appendicitis, raved about young artists like 16-year-old New Zealand singer-songwriter Lorde and described working in the studio with rappers Eminem and Kanye West as inspirational.

"If you want to coast and play 'Bennie and the Jets,' you might as well, just (expletive) off. Coasting is dangerous," he said, referring to himself and his need to constantly try new approaches and to listen to the new music of the day.

After speaking, John played a few songs from "The Diving Board," his new album that will be released on 24 September.

He described the album as more mature and reflective than his earlier work.

"This is an album by a 66-year-old man," he said, noting it was not an album he would have put out in his 20s, when he wrote songs like "Rocket Man."

The new album was written by John and longtime lyricist Bernie Taupin and produced by Grammy and Oscar winner T Bone Burnett.—*Reuters*

Musician Elton John performs songs off his new album "The Diving Board'' with USC Thornton School of Music students in Los Angeles, California on 16 Sept, 2013.—Reuters

SPORTS

Messi steals Ronaldo's thunder again, Chelsea crash

LONDON, 19 Sept—Lionel Messi stole Cristiano Ronaldo's thunder again by plundering yet another hat-trick for Barcelona and Basel ruined Jose Mourinho's Champions League return with a shock win at Chelsea on Wednesday.

Former champions Milan and Porto began the group phase with victories but last year's runners-up Borussia Dortmund suffered a jarring defeat at Napoli after being reduced to 10 men and having manager Juergen Klopp exiled to the stands.

A day after Ronaldo threw down the gauntlet with a hat-trick for Real Madrid in a 6-1 thrashing of Galatasaray, prolific Argentine Messi responded with three goals in Barcelona's 4-0 Group H romp at home to Ajax Amsterdam.

Whatever magic Ronaldo conjures, Messi always seems to have a riposte, soaring to ever greater heights in the ongoing duel between Europe's two most deadly marksmen.

Messi went through his repertoire, breaking the deadlock with a curling free kick after 22 minutes, running in his second 10 minutes into the second half and, after Gerard Pique had also got in on the act, completing his hat-trick with a clinical finish 15 minutes from time.

His latest exploits made him the first player to score four hat-tricks in the Champions League and took his overall tally to 62 goals in 80 matches in the competition.

Ronaldo, three times beaten to the World Player of the Year award by Messi in the last four years, has 53 goals in 93 games.

"We're riddled with stars and it's normal for a player to put in an excellent performance," said Barca coach Gerardo Martino after his first Champions League game in charge of the side. "I need a solid team so that the individuals can develop their full potential."

Barcelona's Lionel Messi (R) evades Ajax's Stefano Denswil (L) before scoring his second goal during their Champions League football match at Camp Nou stadium in Barcelona on 18 Sept, 2013.
REUTERS

After Tuesday's torrent of 30 goals, defences tightened up in Wednesday's Group E-H games with only four goals arriving in the night's eight matches before halftime — all scored by south Americans, including Napoli's new recruit Gonzalo Higuain.

Another came from Chelsea's Brazilian Oscar as Mourinho's first European game in charge since returning to the club that fired him six years ago appeared to be going to plan.

But Basel had other ideas as Mohamed Salah curled in an equaliser before Marco Streller headed a late winner to avenge his side's Europa League semi-final loss to Chelsea last season. "I'm not happy with the result," Mourinho said of the debacle as Chelsea suffered their first defeat in 30 home group matches in the competition.

Basel's Marco Streller (R) scores a goal against Chelsea during their Champions League football match at Stamford Bridge in London on 18 Sept, 2013.
REUTERS

"Instead of moving a step forward towards qualification we have taken a step back. "Emotionally, this is not a mature team and when you are in a difficult position it was not enough."

The goals eventually began flying in around the grounds although seven-times former champions Milan left it late before scoring twice to beat Celtic 2-0 in Group H.

Milan needed an own goal from Emilio Izaguirre to pierce Celtic's rearguard before Sulley Muntari sealed the points.

Porto had a second-half goal from Lucho Gonzalez to thank for a 1-0 win at Austria Vienna in Group G where Atletico Madrid began in confident fashion with a 3-1 defeat of Zenit St Petersburg in the Vicente Calderon.

Rafa Benitez is beginning a Champions League campaign with a fifth club and his Napoli side lived up to their billing as dark horses with Higuain heading the opener in a 2-1 defeat of last year's runners-up Borussia Dortmund.—*Reuters*

Tiger targets sixth win to lock up Player of Year

ATLANTA, 19 Sept—Tiger Woods heads into this week's Tour Championship at East Lake Golf Club with his sights set on a sixth victory of the season which, in all likelihood, would secure him PGA Tour Player of the Year honours.

Though he has not claimed a major title since the 2008 US Open, the American world number one feels his 2013 campaign has been one of the most consistent of his career, having included two wins in the prestigious World Golf Championship events.

The top seed in the FedExCup standings going into the PGA Tour season finale, Woods is one of just five players in the field of 30 who would automatically guarantee overall playoff honors and the $10 million bonus with victory this week. Each of the remaining 25 players has a mathematical chance of claiming both titles but would need several other scenarios to go his way.

"I'm excited to be back here at East Lake," Woods told reporters on Wednesday before heading out for a practice session ahead of Thursday's opening round.

"The playoffs have been pretty successful. I've gotten to the No 1 spot coming into the Tour Championship and that's kind of where I wanted to be, especially having the year I've had.

"Winning five times this year has been pretty good, and to have the No 1 spot, just like the other four guys in the top five, we control our destiny. I'm looking forward to the week and getting started tomorrow."

Asked how much bearing the season-ending Tour Championship would have on the battle for Player of the Year honours, Woods replied: "This tournament has a lot of value to it.

"There are guys who have won a couple of times but they've had major championships in there. I've won five times."

Reuters

Haas once again a long shot to win at East Lake

ATLANTA, 19 Sept — Bill Haas faces long odds in his bid for FedExCup playoff honours at this week's season-ending Tour Championship but no one in the elite group of 30 players has better experience in knowing what is possible.

Two years ago, the unassuming American came into this tournament ranked a lowly 25th in the points standings and yet, helped by the misfortune of a few other players, he went on to complete an astonishing double by winning both titles.

With both points leader Webb Simpson and Luke Donald failing to do well enough in the final round, Haas beat compatriot Hunter Mahan in a thrilling playoff to clinch the Tour Championship along with the FedExCup and its $10 million bonus.

Bill Haas of the US watches his tee shot on the second hole during the third round of the Memorial Tournament at Muirfield Village Golf Club in Dublin, Ohio on 1 June, 2013 in this file picture.
REUTERS

This week Haas faces a similarly uphill task, sitting 18th in the FedExCup standings after the first three playoff events and needing a great deal to go his way at East Lake for him to pull off a repeat double.

"I wouldn't say I have had the playoffs that I would have liked," the softly spoken 31-year-old told *Reuters* while preparing for Thursday's opening round in the PGA Tour's season finale.

"I am just being patient, and I'm just trying to say, 'Well this week was a goal of mine after last year finishing just out (of the rankings) to try to defend and all of that stuff.' "So to get back here was a goal and to achieve that is a great feeling. I am looking forward to this week, just having good memories and I am proof that anything can happen this week."—*Reuters*

Liverpool's Coutinho needs surgery, out for six weeks

Inter Milan head coach Rafael Benitez (R) talks to Philippe Coutinho during a team training session at White Hart Lane in London on 1 Nov, 2010.
REUTERS

LONDON, 19 Sept—Liverpool's Brazilian midfielder Philippe Coutinho has been ruled out until late October after injuring his shoulder in their 2-2 draw at Swansea City in the Premier League on Monday.

Liverpool said the 21-year-old will require surgery following the injury that forced him off in the second half after a challenge by Ashley Williams at the Liberty Stadium.

"After being assessed by the Reds medical staff, it's been decided that Coutinho will now have surgical stabilisation on the AC joint in his shoulder," the club said on their website (www.liverpoolfc.com) on Wednesday.—*Reuters*

GENERAL

U Khin Win (70 years old)
Pazundaung Township
Retired Civil Servant, Ministry of News & Publication

U Khin Win, a resident of 702/97, Anawyahtar Road, Pazundaung Township, Yangon, the eldest son of late U Kyin Swe and late Daw Kyin Nyunt, the beloved husband of Daw Khin Khin Lay, the father of Aung Kyaw Soe+May Thandar, Aung Zaw Moe+Khin Hlaing Htoo Nyo, Zin Thwe Soe, and Yeyint Win, also the grand father of Yuya Aung, Claire Aung, Sophic Aung, Sulay Nyo, and Affred Aung, passes away on 17th Sept, 2013, Tuesday, at 4:25 pm at the Yangon General Hospital. The cremation ceremony will take place at 3:00 pm, 21st Sept 2013 in Yeway cemetery. Buses will leave the residence of the deceased to Yeway mortuary at 1:30 pm on 21st Sept 2013. —**Bereaved Family**

A dolphin leaps from the water at the Dolphin Island in Singapore's Resorts World Sentosa, on 18 Sept, 2013. The Marine Life Park at Singapore's Resorts World Sentosa plans to launch its dolphin interaction programmes on 30 September, the resorts said on Wednesday.—XINHUA

Air France to cut 2,800 more jobs by next year

PARIS, 19 Sept— France's flagship carrier Air France planned to raise its lay-off numbers from July's 2,600 to 2,800 in 2014 responding to the "weak demand" and stronger competitions, the air company announced on Wednesday.

The slash of the jobs is part of the Air France-KLM, the Franco-Dutch airline's restructuring program, which is designed to lowering the airline firm's debt by 2 billion euros out of its 6.5-billion-euro debt (8.65 billion US dollars) by the end of 2014. Speaking to the press after a work meeting with union representatives on Wednesday, Managing Director Frederic Gagey admitted that the company will suffer a loss for the sixth year running in 2013, owing to the "weak demand".—*Xinhua*

A Palestinian man harvests fresh guavas during the 2nd Guava Festival in the West Bank city of Qalqilya, on Sept. 18, 2013. Qalqilya is a major producer of guava fruit for domestic consumption and export to Jordan, Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates markets.—XINHUA

Construction of BCN World resort to create 10,000 jobs in Spain

BARCELONA, (Spain), 19 Sept— The construction of the first resort of BCN World, a macro complex that will be built 100 km away from Barcelona, will create 17,000 jobs, said on Wednesday BCN World's president Xavier Adsera.

Adsera said that the construction of the first resort, called Barcelona Dream, will create 10,000 direct jobs and a further 7,000 indirect new jobs.

When the construction of the first resort finishes, there will be a total of 5,000 new jobs. The hotel and restaurants will take on around 2,100 workers, the casino and a theatre 2,250 and 650 people will work in administration.

Three main groups will participate in the construction of this first resort at a cost of 1 billion US dollars: the Macau casino operator Melco Crow, the British group Value Retail and the Spanish hotel company Sol Melia.

The construction will start in about six months, when the parliament of the region of Catalonia passes legislation to allow gambling in the area and they expect to finish the first part in two years.

Xinhua

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China calls on ICC to heed pleas from Africa on Kenyan leaders' trials

BEIJING, 19 Sept—China called on the International Criminal Court (ICC) to heed the pleas of African nations and the African Union with respect to the trials of Kenyan leaders, a Foreign Ministry spokesman said here on Wednesday.

Spokesman Hong Lei made the remarks at a daily news briefing in response to the ICC trials of Kenyan President Uhuru Kenyatta and his deputy William Ruto.

"We have noticed that there are different voices in Kenya on the ICC trials, and that quite a few African nations have raised serious questions about the trials," said Hong. President Kenyatta and Deputy President Ruto were elected by Kenyans in a free vote, Hong said, adding that an African Union summit in May urged the ICC to transfer the trials of Kenyan leaders to Kenya.

"We hope the international community will respect the Kenyan people's choice, and the ICC will heed the advice of African nations and the African Union," he said.—*Xinhua*

European politicians pressured for Qatar to get World Cup

BERLIN, 19 Sept— Top European politicians pressured world soccer's governing body (FIFA) to award the 2022 soccer World Cup to Qatar, FIFA president Sepp Blatter said on Wednesday.

The tiny and energy-rich Gulf state was awarded the World Cup three years ago in a surprise decision which Blatter said was partly because of European politicians urging FIFA members to vote for it.

"Clearly yes," Blatter told Germany's Die Zeit newspaper when asked whether there was political pressure before the vote.

"There was direct political influence. European heads of governments advised voting FIFA members to vote for Qatar because of the wide financial interests linked with that country," Blatter said.

European soccer boss Michel Platini, a possible successor to Blatter, has said in the past he had dinner with then French President Nicolas Sarkozy and the head of Qatar's government prior to the vote but denied being told by the French politician to vote for the Middle Eastern bid.

The 2022 World Cup is mired in controversy with Blatter recently admitting it was a mistake to plan for a summer tournament in the desert state.

Staging the tournament in the Middle East has sparked widespread consternation because, if it is held over its traditional dates in the middle of the year, players will have to contend with 50 degrees Celsius heat.

FIFA President Sepp Blatter addresses the media after meeting the presidents of the soccer federations of Israel and Palestine at the FIFA headquarters in Zurich on 3 Sept, 2013.—REUTERS

Calls to move the World Cup to the northern hemisphere winter have also proved unpopular as it would disrupt domestic league competitions in countries such as Spain, England, Italy, Germany and France.

European soccer clubs said they wanted to be involved in discussions over any possible switch of dates. The Australian Football federation (FFA), which had also bid for the same tournament, is already demanding compensation.

Reuters

Brazil to continue measures to contain inflation

BRASILIA, 19 Sept— Brazilian Central Bank President Alexandre Tombini said on Wednesday the bank will continue to implement the inflation-control measures introduced in April for a "relevant period" of time.

Addressing a hearing at the National Congress, Tombini said that inflation is currently at an "uncomfortable" level, making it necessary to expand monetary restrictions and fulfill the bank's role in stabilizing prices.

"Confidence is a necessary condition for the consolidation of the country's economic growth," he noted.

Regarding the exchange rate, the bank chief said his agency's policy of flooding the market with dollars had been successful, since it allowed the rate to fall from 2.42 reales per dollar to 2.26 reales, and alleviated pressure on the foreign currency to rise above inflation.

Brazil's economy continues to be fundamentally sound, said Tombini, pointing to the 1.5 percent growth in the gross domestic product (GDP) from May to June, which is expected to expand in the third quarter. Brazil's monetary policy responds to the upper limit of the government target inflation for 2013 as well as 2014 and 2015, which stands at 4.5 percent, with a two-point margin, said the bank chief.—*Xinhua*

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Combined system of small-scale hydropower, solar power and bio-fuel generator will be best for establishment of village small-scale power line system

NAY PYI TAW, 19 Sept—A coordination meeting of the Rural Region Electrification and Water Supply Committee was held at the hall of the Ministry of the President Office, here, yesterday with an address by Vice-President U Nyan Tun. In his address, the Vice-President said that rural power and safe water supply plays a crucial role in socio-economic development of rural people. So far, about 17000 villages of over 64000 villages have been supplied with electricity through linkage of power line with national grid, diesel generators, small-scale hydropower, bio-fuel generators and solar system in regions and states.

As energy sources such as candle, gasoline, battery and diesel engine are so expensive, it needs to apply cheap and environment-friendly renewable energy sources such as small and medium scale hydropower, wind power, solar power, bio-gas and village-level small-scale power line.

He noted that the resources can be applied for rural region electrification through single house solar system, solar panel supply system, solar lamp charging system and small-scale hydropower system and bio-gas system. He pointed out that successful implementation of project and durability depends on affordability of consumer people, cost-effectiveness of electricity producer, and adequate funds of the Union cost government or regional government. The investment for the renewable energy is larger than that of running renewable energy. That is why, he stressed the need to invite investors and seek financial assistance at home and abroad for reducing heavy cost in PPP investment process.

He said that a combined system of small-scale hydropower, solar power and bio-fuel generator would be the best way for establishment of the village small-scale power line system. It is necessary to choose the business model.

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***Vice-President U Nyan Tun delivers an address at coordination meeting of the Rural Region Electrification and Water Supply Committee.*—MNA**

Speaker of Pyidaungsu, Pyithu Hluttaw Thura U Shwe Mann attends 34th AIPA

***Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and Pyithu Hluttaw Thura U Shwe Mann poses for documentary photo with Brunei King Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah and parliamentary speakers at AIPA.*—MNA**

BRUNEI DARUSSALAM, 19 Sept—The 34th ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary Assembly (AIPA) is taking place at Grand Hall of The Empire Hotel in Bandar Seri Begawan of Brunei Darussalam as of 17 September.

Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and Pyithu Hluttaw Thura U Shwe Mann attended a meeting between Parliamentary heads from ASEAN countries and Speaker of State Legislative Council (LegCo) of Brunei AIPA President Mr Pehin Orang Kaya Laila Setia Bakti Diraja on 19 September.

At the meeting, Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann posed for a documentary photo together with Brunei King Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah and other parliamentary speakers.

Brunei King Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah delivered an opening speech at the opening of 34th ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary Assembly (AIPA), and then the heads from member countries also made addresses on the occasion.

In his speech, Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann explained active role of Myanmar MPs in national reconsolidation and peace-making process. Myanmar is actively participating in activities of AIPA and cooperation between the parliaments. He pleaded that Myanmar continues supporting AIPA's activities.

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Myanmar Tatmadaw delegation arrives back

NAY PYI TAW, 19 Sept—A Myanmar Tatmadaw delegation led by Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing left Wing-6 of Royal Thai Air Force this morning by Myanma Tatmadaw Special Flight after attending 1st Thailand-Myanmar High Level Committee Meeting in Thailand.

They were seen off there by Supreme Commander of the Royal Thai Armed Forces General Tanasak Patimapragorn and military officers, Myanmar Ambassador to Thailand U Tin Win and the military attache. The Myanmar delegation arrived back here this afternoon.

The Myanmar Tatmadaw delegation attended a dinner hosted by Supreme Commander of the Royal Thai Armed Forces General Tanasak Patimapragorn at Napalai Ballroom in Dusit Thani Hotel in Bangkok of Thailand yesterday.

After the dinner, Senior General Min Aung Hlaing and Supreme Commander of the Royal Thai Armed Forces General Tanasak Patimapragorn exchanged gifts.

The dinner was also attended by Chief of the General Staff (Army, Navy and Air) General Hla Htay Win, senior military officers from the Office of Commander-in-Chief and the Myanmar military attache to Thailand.

Supreme Commander of the Royal Thai Armed Forces General Tanasak Patimapragorn was accompanied by Deputy Commanders-in-Chief of the Royal Thai Armed Forces and senior military officers from the Royal Thai Armed Forces.

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