

Message of President of the Republic of Union of Myanmar to the Conference of the Leaders of Five Faiths

NAY PYI TAW, 1 Oct—President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Agga Maha Thayay Sithu, Agga Maha Thirithudhamma U Thein Sein sent a message to the Conference of the Leaders of Five Faiths. The full text of the message is as follows:-

I wish health and happiness and greater energy for all religious leaders present here at this conference in serving the interest of your own faith with extra impetus.

Honored Religious Leaders

Our country has a fine tradition of harmonious co-existence among all the different faiths for a very

long period throughout history. Since inauguration, my government has been in vigorous drive for political, economic and administrative changes towards ensuring State peace and stability, the rule of law and social economic progress of the country in accord with the aspirations of the entire national people.

We are now in the pro-

cess of making legal reforms through amendments and additions to existing laws as well as introducing new laws and bylaws as and when necessary for the citizens to enjoy fundamental rights such as freedom of expression, freedom of association and assembly, freedom of belief as stipulated in the Constitution.

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I will continue to do everything in my power to institute an all inclusive political process and a new democratic political culture

NAY PYI TAW, 1 Oct—The following is the full text of the speech delivered by President U Thein Sein through radio programmes to the entire people on 1 October.

My Fellow Citizens:

I would like to inform all of you about the recent changes and developments that have taken place in our country during the month of September just as I have done previously on this radio program.

In this month's radio speech, I want to emphasize the peace process

which is directly related to the long term plan to realize national reconciliation—a subject that I touched on in last month's radio speech. I will explain the policies and positions of our government with regard to the peace process since the prevailing political and economic developments in the country are intertwined

with it.

All successive governments have tried to achieve peace in the country. History will be the judge whether these governments did the right thing or had the right intentions when making peace. One thing which we can all agree on is that we have not achieved

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President U Thein Sein accepts a photo of historic Shitthaung (a) Yanaung Zeya Pagoda.—MNA

President U Thein Sein makes inspection tour of MraukU, Kyauktaw, Maungtaung Townships in Rakhine State

NAY PYI TAW, 1 Oct — President U Thein Sein made an inspection tour of MraukU, Kyauktaw, and Maungtaung Townships in Rakhine State today.

The President together with Union Ministers Lt-Gen Ko Ko, Lt-Gen Thet Naing Win, U Soe Thane, U Tin Naing Thein and U Htay Aung, Chief of the General Staff (Army, Navy and Air) General Hla Htay Win and Lt-Gen Hla Min of the Office of Commander-

in-Chief of Defence Services (Army), deputy ministers and officials left here by air and arrived in Sittway this morning.

Next, the President and party together with Rakhine State Chief Minister U Hla Maung Tin and Commander Maj-Gen Ko Ko Naing proceeded to MraukU by helicopter and inspected the peaceful and stable situation in the town.

After hearing reports on the tourism and agricul-

ture sectors and regional development tasks presented by officials at the hall of Nawarat Hotel in MraukU, the President left instructions on measures to be taken for ensuring peace and stability and socio-economic development of the local people.

Then, the President paid homage to historic Shitthaung (a) Yanaung Zeya Pagoda in MraukU where he made cash donations and historic Maha Muni Buddha Image in Kyauktaw where

he offered gold foils to the Buddha Image.

In meeting with members of the township development affairs committee and supportive committee for the development of the township, townsmen and officials at Nawarat Hall in Kyauktaw, the President stressed the need to report the requirements for the development of the township after holding a group discussion by committee

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Japanese companies plan fashion show in Myanmar



YANGON, 1 Oct — Japanese companies will sponsor a fashion show in mid-November in Yangon to promote awareness of the upcoming 27th Southeast Asian Games in Myanmar, according to Japanese Foreign Ministry officials.

Well-known Japanese fashion designer Junko Koshino, who designed the Myanmar national team's uniform, will introduce it to the public at the show, which will also feature her fashion collection and tra-

ditional costumes of Myanmar national races.

The date and venue for the show, which will be broadcast live by Sky NET, have not been fixed yet.

President U Thein Sein invited Koshino to design the Myanmar's team's uniform when she visited the country in June last year as part of a Japanese culture and sport exchange mission. "A total of 2,400 uniforms made in Japan will be provided to the Myanmar athletes and staff," Naoya Kishi, deputy director of the Japanese Foreign Ministry's First Southeast Asia Division, told NLM reporters.—NLM



President U Thein Sein being welcomed on arrival of Maungtaung.—MNA

Conveying of SEA Games torch in rehearsal



NAY PYI TAW, 1 Oct—Conveyance of torch for the XXVII SEA Games was practised by the veteran athletes who had brought honour to the State on 29 September afternoon.

A total of 78 athletes who had uplift prestige of the nation in success eras conveyed the torch in relay from the City Hall of Nay Pyi Taw to the Wunna Theikdi Stadium.

Kyemon-Chit Ko Ko:
Photo: Shine Htet Zaw

10th Rehabilitation Medical Conference

YANGON, 1 Oct—Organized by Physiology Medical Society of Myanmar Medical Association (Central), the 10th Rehabilitation Medicine Conference will be held at Panda Hotel in Lanmadaw Township of Yangon Region from 8 am to 5 pm daily on 11 and 12 October.

Those wishing to attend the conference may contact the physiotherapy specialist department of Yangon General Hospital from 7 to 9 October and Pearl Hall of Panda Hotel from 8 to 8.30 am on 11 October.

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Pyinmana Township Coop Syndicate holds AGM

NAY PYI TAW, 1 Oct—Pyinmana Township Cooperative Syndicate of Nay Pyi Taw Council Area held the annual general meeting for 2012-2013 fiscal

year at its office on 26 September morning with an address by the chairman of the syndicate.

Next, Deputy Director of the Nay Pyi Taw Cooperative

Department and township staff officers made speeches.

Members of the Board of Directors read the work report of the BOD, financial statement and audit report. The meeting approved the reports.

Next, officials replied to queries raised by members of the syndicate.

Pyinmana Township Cooperative Syndicate is constituted with 90 basic cooperative societies and it is carrying out microfinance works and rural development and poverty alleviation tasks.

Kyemon-Myint Than



Hoteliers visit Vishnu ancient city

TAUNGDWINGYI, 1 Oct—Members of Myanmar Tourism Association led by Chairman of Magway Region Hoteliers Association U Kyi Tun visited Vishnu Archaeological Museum in Taungdwingyi on 29 September afternoon.

They were welcomed by Region Hluttaw representative U Kyi Thein, Deputy Township Administrator U Kyaw Myo Naing, Assistant Director U Khin Zaw of Archaeology, National Museum and Library Department who explained matters related to Vishnu ancient region.

The excursion tour visited mounds of the city and gate and paid homage to Shweyaungdaw Pagoda. They proceeded to Minhla Fort.

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Stimulant tablets, arms seized in Kholan Sub-Township



Two persons seen with stimulant tablets and arms and ammunition.

NAY PYI TAW, 1 Oct—The security troops raided the house of Nan Khin Sanda (a) Nan Kham Kaw, 39, daughter of U Sai Lu at No. 5/18 on Pyidaungsu Road in Wamphwee Village in Ward 5 of Kholan Sub-Township of Shan State (South) at 2 pm on 27 September.

They seized 220 stimulant tablets with WY brand and 96 grams of raw opium from the kitchen and

a room of downstairs.

At 4.20 pm, the security troops searched the house of Nan Hla Yin, 43, daughter of U Lon Kham Sein of No. 43 in Ward 2 of Kholan Sub-Township and the house of Pi Saw, 41, son of U Lon Kanda in the same residence. Meanwhile, a man arrived at the house. The security persons prepared to search him but the suspect person run away. In his arrest, the

security men found 60 WY brand stimulant tablets, one pistol, one magazine, 19 rounds, one BA-91 plastic grenade and K 1 million.

The security troops arrested him at 4.45 pm near Naungkyang Lake. When the security troops ordered him to surrender, but the suspect opened fire at the security men. So, the troop returned fire but the suspect jumped down into the lake. He was later found dead at 5.15 pm.

The security troops seized 1380 stimulant tablets from the belt and 20 damaged stimulant tablets. The same day, the security troop seized stimulant tablets worth K 6,328,000 and opium worth K 44590.

At 4.50 pm, a surf car arrived at the house of Nan Hla Yin in Ward 2. The security troops searched the two suspected persons from

Culture

Artistes join Performing Arts Competitions in Sagaing

SAGAING, 1 Oct—The 20th Performing Arts Competitions of Myanmar Nationals 2013 of Sagaing District was held at the city hall in Sagaing on 28 September morning.

At first, Chairman of District Management Committee U Myint Wai made a speech.

The District Management Committee Chairman, Township Townsellers Committee Chairman U Zaw Win and Chairman of Town-

ship Thabin Association Tetkhit U Min Lwin formally opened the competitions.

At the ceremony, six gold medallist Daw Thanda song the song composed by gold medallist U Kyaw Zan Lay and members of Township Thabin Troupe, the song of Tetkhit.

The Thabin artistes from Sagaing, Myinmu and Myaung townships took part in the competition.

Kyemon-Htwe Myint Naing (Sagaing)



the car and brought them to Kholan police station.

The security squad found one M-22, 168 rounds of ammunition, two magazines, 17 bullets of long-barrel shotgun gun, one bandolier and 20000 stimulant tablets worth K 80 million from the car.

After putting Sai San Min, 19 of Wampon Village in Karli Sub-Township and Sai Sein, 28 of Wamphree Village in Kehsi Township under interrogation, the dead person was identified

as Sai Ti, 41 from Panswe Village in Mongshu Township. The three persons trafficked arms and narcotic drugs to Kholan through Mongshu-Mongsan-Karli-Kunhing Road. Sai Ti was business-in-charge of SSA (Wamhing) Group and Sai Sein was a private of SSA (Wamhing) Group with the number 028171. Action is being taken against two arrested persons and efforts are being made for arresting more related persons.

Kyemon-Myawady



Daw Nan Hla Yin and Daw Nan Khin Sanda seen with stimulant tablets.

WORLD

Netanyahu to Obama: Tighten sanctions if Iran defies West

WASHINGTON, 1 Oct — Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu urged President Barack Obama on Monday to step up sanctions on Iran if it pursues its nuclear drive even as Teheran exchanges overtures with Washington and restarts negotiations with the West. Seeking to reassure Israel about the emerging US diplomatic engagement with Iran, Obama said Teheran must prove its sincerity with actions, insisted that Washington would not ease sanctions prematurely and reaffirmed US readiness to resort to military action if all else fails.

Netanyahu visited the White House three days

after Obama and new Iranian President Hassan Rouhani spoke by telephone in the highest-level contact between the countries in more than three decades. The call fueled hopes for a resolution of Iran's decade-old nuclear standoff with the West.

Signs of US-Iranian rapprochement have rattled Israel, which accuses Iran of trying to buy time and get out from under tough international sanctions while it seeks to develop nuclear weapons. Iran denies it is working toward an atomic bomb.

Netanyahu, whose aides had said he would warn Obama in private not

to trust Rouhani's charm offensive, signaled grudging acquiescence to Obama's outreach to Iran. But he appeared to demand that Teheran offer immediate concessions by suspending sensitive nuclear projects or else face even greater international pressure.

"It is Israel's firm belief that if Iran continues to advance its nuclear programme during negotiations, the sanctions should be strengthened," Netanyahu told reporters a day before he was due to address the United Nations General Assembly in New York.

Netanyahu brandished a cartoon time-bomb in his UN speech last year to



US President Barack Obama speaks alongside Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu in the Oval Office of the White House in Washington, on 30 Sept, 2013.

REUTERS

illustrate his view that time was running out to curb Iran's nuclear arms ambitions. Israeli sources predict he will opt for a less flashy approach due to the delicate nature of the outreach with Iran but will still stress skepticism.

Obama said he was

entering negotiations with Iran "clear-eyed" and was ready to test Rouhani's overtures. "Anything we do will require the highest standards of verification in order for us to provide the sort of sanctions relief that I think they are looking for," he said.—Reuters

Venezuela expels three US diplomats

CARACAS, 1 Oct — Venezuelan President Nicolas Maduro on Monday ordered to have three American diplomats expelled for allegedly plotting with the Venezuelan opposition to stir up violence in the country.

"I order Foreign Minister Elias Jaua to take action to expel them from the country. The officials have 48 hours to leave the country," Maduro said in a public address without identifying the diplomats.

"Get out of Venezuela! ... I'm not going to allow any action that stirs violence in this country," he said.—Xinhua

Russia says to push for Mideast free of mass-destruction weapons



Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov speaks to the United Nations Security Council after it unanimously voted in favour of a resolution eradicating Syria's chemical arsenal during a Security Council meeting at the 68th United Nations General Assembly in New York on 27 Sept, 2013.—REUTERS

MOSCOW, 1 Oct — Russia wants to revive plans for a conference on ridding the Middle East of weapons of mass destruction now that Syria has pledged to abandon its chemical arms, Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov said in comments

published on Monday.

Such a move could put Moscow at odds with Washington which announced the conference would be delayed last year. Analysts said it feared the event would be used to criticize its ally Israel, believed

to be the region's only nuclear-armed state.

Russia has been pushing to extend its influence in the Middle East. It initiated a UN deal to get Syria to abandon its chemical arms after Washington threatened military strikes to punish Damascus for a sarin gas attack on rebel areas.

"We will seek to have this conference take place," Lavrov said in an interview with the Russian daily *Kommersant*.

Lavrov said Syria's agreement to destroy its chemical weapons by next June should trigger a broad effort.

"In the current situation, it is particularly important to make the ... non-possession of weapons of mass destruction universal in this explosive region," he said.—Reuters

Competition between Islamist militants may fuel big attacks

LONDON, 1 Oct — The assault on Kenya's Westgate shopping mall has brought into sharp relief a pattern likely to complicate efforts to counter Islamist militants — competition among jihadis can increase the risk of a major attack.

As with the 2008 assault on the Indian city of Mumbai and this year's raid on an Algerian desert gas plant, the attack in Nairobi by Somalia's al Shabaab was preceded by in-fighting or loss of supporters to other militant groups.

This competition can

initially make groups seem divided and weak, while actually making them more dangerous if a leader then feels compelled to mount a big attack to burnish his jihadi credentials — thereby bringing in fresh recruits and funding.

Western counter-terrorism officials have long been aware of the risk that intensive security measures adopted at home following the 11 Sept, 2001 attacks on the United States are driving militants to target Westerners overseas.

But the impact of com-



Women carrying children run for safety as armed police hunt gunmen who went on a shooting spree in Westgate shopping centre in Nairobi in this 21 Sept, 2013 file photo.—REUTERS

petition, sometimes caused by government efforts to curb militants, is only just beginning to be understood.

Two US generals ousted over failure to secure Afghan base

WASHINGTON, 1 Oct — The head of the Marine Corps on Monday effectively fired two US generals over their failure to defend a major base in Afghanistan from a deadly Taliban attack last year, in an extraordinary and rare public censure. Two Marines were killed and eight personnel were wounded when Taliban insurgents breached what a military investigation determined was inadequate security at Camp Bastion, in southern Afghanistan's Helmand Province.

A four-month investigation concluded that Major General Charles Gurganus, the top Marine commander in the region at the time, and Major General Gregg Sturdevant "did not take adequate force protection measures within the range of responses

proportionate to the threat," the Marine Corps said. Marine Corps Commandant General James Amos asked both men to retire on Monday, speaking personally with Gurganus at the Pentagon and by video-conference with Sturdevant, who

was abroad, one Marine Corps official told Reuters.

Both men accepted that request, the official said. US officials could not recall any similar top-level firings in the 12-year-old Afghan war over failure to properly defend a base.—Reuters



US Marine Corps Major General Gregg A Sturdevant (C) speaks to Marines at Camp Fiddler's Green in Helmand Province, Afghanistan in this 22 November, 2012 handout photograph provided by the US Marine Corps.—REUTERS

APEC meetings kick off in Bali, focused on multilateralism

NUSA DUA, (Indonesia), 1 Oct — The 21-member Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation forum on Tuesday kicked off a series of meetings on Bali aimed at restoring trust in multilateralism and resisting protectionist pressures, which have been rising amid the slowdown of the global economy. Over the next two days, senior officials from the Pacific Rim economies will discuss issues to be tackled by their ministers when they meet on Friday and Saturday ahead of the annual APEC summit, which will take place on Monday and Tuesday on this Indonesian resort

island.

Besides issuing a joint declaration as they typically do at the end of their talks, this time APEC leaders will also issue a separate statement reaffirming their commitment to strengthening the multilateral trading system and safeguarding trade expansion to facilitate economic growth, job creation and sustainable development, officials said.

The leaders will also extend by one year to 2016 a "standstill" commitment, first made in 2008, to refrain from increasing existing levels of protectionism, such as new barriers to trade in goods and services.—Kyodo News

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

Cassini spacecraft finds plastic ingredient on Saturn moon



WASHINGTON, 1 Oct—US space agency NASA said on Monday its *Cassini* spacecraft has detected propylene, a chemical used to make food-storage containers, car bumpers and other consumer products, on Saturn's moon Titan.

Cassini identified a small amount of propylene in Titan's lower atmosphere, marking "the first definitive detection of the plastic ingredient" on any moon or planet, other than Earth, NASA researchers said in the journal *Astro-physical Journal Letters*.

"This chemical is all around us in everyday life, strung together in long chains to form a plastic called polypropylene," lead author Conor Nixon, a planetary scientist at NASA's Goddard Space Flight Centre, said in a statement. "That plastic container at

the grocery store with the recycling code 5 on the bottom — that's polypropylene."

The researchers said they identified the chemical using *Cassini*'s Composite Infrared Spectrometer (CIRS), an instrument that measures the infrared light, or heat radiation, emitted from Saturn and its moons in much the same way our hands feel the warmth of a fire.

The discovery fills in a mysterious gap in Titan observations during the *Voyager 1* spacecraft's close flyby of this moon in 1980, NASA said. At that time, *Voyager* identified many of the gases in Titan's hazy brownish atmosphere as hydrocarbons, the chemicals that primarily make up petroleum and other fossil fuels on Earth.

Xinhua

TRAI set to implement TV advertisement caps on Tuesday

MUMBAI, 1 Oct—Broadcast regulator TRAI is likely to implement the 12-minute per hour cap on advertisements for non-news TV channels from Tuesday as the deadline agreed to by broadcasters to bring down the time allotted to commercials ended on Monday.

However the fate of TRAI's Quality of Service (QoS) regulation, which mandates channels to show not more than 12 minutes of ads and promotional content per hour, still hangs in balance as some broadcasters have appealed to Telecom Disputes Settlement and Appellate Tribunal (TDSAT) against it.

According to the sources in TRAI, the law pertaining to ad cap has not been stayed by the TDSAT. Hence, it would be implemented. As per the regulation, channels will have to submit a weekly report on quantum of ads

shown every hour. However, the News Broadcasters Association (NBA), which represents news channels, had got some relief on 30 August from the TDSAT which has directed "till further orders, the TRAI shall not take any coercive measures against the appellants or its members to make them abide by the impugned Regulations".

Moreover, it had also exempted news broadcasters from submitting the weekly report to the



Nokia says India freezes some assets in tax dispute

NEW DELHI/HELSINKI, 1 Oct—Indian authorities have frozen some of Nokia's assets in a tax dispute, the Finnish phone maker said on Monday, although it does not expect the move to delay the sale of its handset business to Microsoft Corp.

Nokia has been in dispute with Indian authorities over an income tax bill of 20.8 billion rupees (\$333 million), one of several tax disagreements involving foreign companies in India.

Indian tax authorities froze Nokia's assets and bank accounts last Wednesday, a company executive said.

Nokia appealed to the Delhi High Court which last Thursday ordered the bank accounts in India to be unfrozen, allowing the company to transfer or withdraw funds parked there.

But some fixed assets such as buildings remain frozen since last week, the Nokia executive said, meaning the company cannot transfer ownership of the assets without the approval of the authorities.

"We are now talking to the authorities to clear up any lingering concerns," said the executive, declining to give details of the assets.



The flagship store of Finnish mobile phone manufacturer Nokia is pictured in Helsinki on 7 Sept, 2012.—REUTERS

Nokia said the freezing of the fixed assets would not have any impact on the day-to-day operations of the company and that it had sufficient assets in India to meet its tax obligations.

Nokia's 5.44 billion

euros (\$7.37 billion) deal to sell its handset business and license patents to Microsoft is expected to close in the first quarter of 2014, subject to approval by shareholders and regulators.

Reuters

Cyber Dome anti-cybercrime unit to be set up in Kerala



MUMBAI, 1 Oct—A high-tech 'cyber dome' would be set up by the Kerala government to counter and probe cyber related crimes, Chief Minister

Oommen Chandy said on Saturday.

The Centre would develop cyber forensic to assist cyber police in effective investigation of crimes, he

said, addressing the valedictory of the two-day 'International Cyber Security and Policing Conference'.

He said government is committed to ensuring cyber security in the state and strengthen crime prevention using Internet and other new generation devices, Chandy added.

The state Police, Kerala IT Mission, CERT-IN Kerala, Society for Policing of Cyberspace, and Information Security Research Association jointly held the conference titled 'CO-CON-2013'.

Cyber security experts

from various national law enforcement agencies, foreign delegates, information technology experts, entrepreneurs, and law enforcers took part in the conference.

Participants deliberated on innovations in cyber security, prevention and detection of cyber crime against women and digitisation of public service delivery systems.

The event provided a platform for experts in the field to discuss and share latest trends in cybercrime and deliberate on methods to combat it.

PTI

Candy Crush Saga creator sets sight on US IPO

LONDON, 1 Oct—King.com Ltd, the British mobile gaming company best known for its hit puzzle game 'Candy Crush Saga', has filed confidentially for an initial public offering (IPO) in the United States, a person familiar with the matter said on Sunday.

Online technology companies are rushing to the stock market on the backs of Twitter Inc's announcement earlier this month that it plans to go public in the most eagerly anticipated IPO since last year's flotation of Facebook Inc.

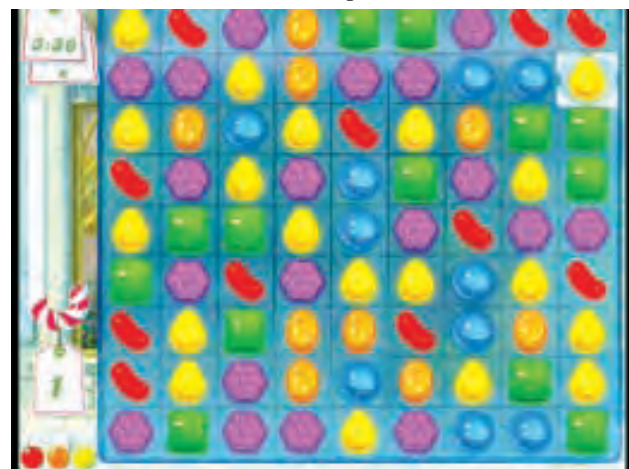
Emerging growth companies such as King can use a secretive IPO registration process in the US thanks to the Jumpstart Our Business Startups (JOBS) Act, which loosened a number of federal securities regulations in hopes of boosting capital raising and thereby increasing job growth.

King has hired Bank of America Merrill Lynch Corp, Credit Suisse Group AG and JPMorgan Chase & Co to lead the offering, said the person, confirming an earlier report by the *Daily Telegraph* and asking not to be identified because the information is confidential.

Representatives for King and the banks either declined to comment or did not respond to requests for comment.

King offers 150 games in 14 languages through mobile phones, Facebook and its website. It boasts more than 1 billion gameplays per day from its users.

The company's games appeal to a growing trend for players to play puzzles with their friends in short bursts, especially as games are increasingly played on the move on phones or tablets to kill spare minutes.—Reuters



BUSINESS & HEALTH

Bumpy road won't deter Sanofi's push into emerging markets



Chris Viehbacher, Chief Executive Officer of Sanofi, attends the company's 2012 annual results presentation in Paris on 7 Feb, 2013.—REUTERS

MUMBAI, 1 Oct — French drugmaker Sanofi SA will not be deterred from expanding in emerging markets through acquisitions despite government crackdowns on pricing and closer scrutiny of western pharmaceutical companies' business practices, its CEO said.

Multinational drug-makers such as Pfizer Inc, Sanofi and AstraZeneca PLC have depended on rising demand in emerging markets as sales in the developed economies slow due to a wave of patent expirations on top-selling drugs.

"Emerging markets

has six billion people and I think the marketplace will be bumpy on occasions, but the need for healthcare is undeniable," Sanofi Chief Executive Chris Viehbacher told reporters in Mumbai on Monday.

"For the longer term I continue to believe in the importance (not just) from the healthcare point of view but also from the business point of view in emerging markets," he said.

Sanofi's India unit was believed to be one of the bidders for the domestic drug formulations business of India's Elder Pharmaceuticals Ltd for \$400 million-\$450 million, sources had told Reuters in July.

Viehbacher declined to comment on the Elder deal, but said the company would continue to look for acquisition opportunities in the

emerging markets, which accounts for a third of Sanofi's revenue, including in India.

Western drugmakers who covet a bigger share of India's fast-growing \$13 billion drugs market have been frustrated by a series of decisions on intellectual property and pricing.

India in August revoked a patent granted to GlaxoSmithKline for breast cancer drug Tykerb, a decision that followed a landmark court ruling disallowing patents for incremental innovations that was a blow to global pharmaceutical firms.

The decision was the latest in a series of rulings on intellectual property and pricing in India that have frustrated attempts by Western drugmakers to sell their medicines.—Reuters

Two-thirds of kids know cigarette brands in developing nations

WASHINGTON, 1 Oct — More than two-thirds of young children in developing nations could identify at least one cigarette brand logo, according to a US study released on Monday that examined the reach of tobacco marketing to five and six year olds in countries where adult smoking rates are the highest.

Researchers from the University of Maryland School of Public Health and the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health worked one-on-one with five and six year olds in Brazil, China, India, Nigeria, Pakistan and Russia, asking them to match pictures of different products with their corresponding cigarette logos.

In China, where roughly 71 percent of households with participating children had a tobacco user, 86 percent of children



could identify at least one cigarette brand logo, the researchers reported in the journal Pediatrics. Pakistan had the second highest percentage, with 84 percent of children capable of identifying at least one cigarette brand logo. Russia ranked last on the list with half of the participants able to

identify any of the cigarette brand logos.

"(What surprised us most was) that children who were so young, five and six years old, were so familiar with tobacco logos," Dina Borzekowski, lead author of the study and research professor in the University of Maryland, told Xinhua.

She said that even in households without smokers children could identify tobacco logos. This is because "not only do children see logos in their homes, the neighborhood stores where the children visit have very prominent tobacco advertisements," Borzekowski said.—Xinhua

Chicago agricultural commodity futures market closes lower

CHICAGO, 1 Oct — Chicago agricultural commodities went down across the board on Monday on a negative stocks report on major agricultural crops released by US Department of Agriculture (USDA) in the day.

The most active corn contract for December delivery dropped 12.5 cents, or 2.75 percent, to close at 4.415 dollars per bushel. December wheat dipped

4.5 cents, or 0.66 percent, to close at 6.785 dollars per bushel. November soybeans shed 37 cents, or 2.8 percent, to close at 12.8275 dollars per bushel. December corn closed on Monday at the lowest level since September 2010 on a negative stocks report from USDA. The report showed that by 1 Sept, corn stocks were at 824 million bushels, higher than market expecta-

tions of 681 million bushels but down 17 percent year on year.

Warm weather forecast and market expectations for a record corn harvest ahead also dampened the crop. Traders are expecting corn yield to jump to 158-160 bushels per acre in USDA's October update. December wheat dipped on Monday under the influence of weak performance of major grains

market, but the drop was limited as the USDA stocks report offered wheat support. The report showed that by 1 Sept, wheat stocks were at 1.855 billion bushels, lower than market expectations of 1.915 billion bushels and down 12 percent year on year. Combined US wheat production came at 2.128 billion bushels, as against market expectations of 2.108 billion bushels.—Reuters

Canadian stock market falls on looming US government shutdown

TORONTO, 1 Oct — The Canadian stock market closed lower on Monday as hopes faded that a compromise could be reached in the US budget talk in time to prevent the shutdown of partial government services.

The Toronto Stock Exchange's benchmark S&P/TSX Composite Index dropped 56.89 points, or 0.49 percent, to a two-week low of 12,787.19.

The Canadian dollar closed flat at 0.9705 US dollars as Canada's economic growth in July came in better than expected.

Statistics Canada reported that the economy grew by 0.6 percent in July, rebounding from a 0.5 percent decline in June. The rise in the country's gross domestic product in July, which was one of the

biggest in two years and among the strongest since the recession, was better than the economists' expectations.

All sectors on the main index for the Toronto Stock market moved down as investors worried the approaching deadline of the US budget talk would result in cutting to non-essential government services. An even more worrisome deadline comes up on 17 October, when the US government hits its debt limit.

Worries about the economic impact of a US government shutdown depressed oil prices and pushed energy sector on the Canadian market down by 0.5 percent. Suncor Energy lost 1.3 percent to 36.83 Canadian dollars (about 35.73 US dollars) a share.

Xinhua

Adidas calls in fitness experts to revive Reebok

FRANKFURT, 1 Oct — Reebok is turning to sponsorship deals with prominent fitness groups to try to revive a venerable name that has faded since it became part of Germany's Adidas (ADSGn.DE) sportswear group eight years ago.

The sports shoe and clothing brand is winning converts among hardcore sports enthusiasts and aims to build on this support to make up ground it has lost to rivals such as global market leader Nike (NKE.N).

"They had a sticky patch, but now the shoes and gear are good," said former triathlete Steve Antcliff who runs a gym in the German city of Frankfurt offering CrossFit classes, for which Reebok produces training shorts, shoes and shirts.

The CrossFit regime of squats, lifts and rope-climbing has been imported from

the United States and is attracting devotees in Europe.

Adidas hopes to revive Reebok after paying \$3.8 billion for the company in 2005 in order to take a larger slice of business in the United States, the world's largest sportswear market with sales of \$80 billion.

The deal instantly doubled Adidas' US sales, and taking over Reebok's basketball and baseball contracts gave the German company's famous three-stripes brand more exposure there.

But US-headquartered Reebok has struggled. It lost a contract to supply the US National Football League and was hit by a lockout at the National Hockey League. Its toning shoes (intended to tone the body as you walk) fell out of favour, and it was the victim of fraud in India.

Reuters



File photo of Adidas logos on the company's building in Landersheim near Strasbourg on 31 March, 2009.

REUTERS

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Unfortunately, there were instigations fueling minor crimes into conflicts between the two communities and two religions. Such instability based on religion and race harms and delays the State reforms and tarnishes the national image internationally.

Honored Religious Leaders

It is my pleasure and honor to witness that lead-

ers of the respective faiths have been energetically and harmoniously working together for interfaith unity to prevent the recurrence of racial or religious conflicts. I assure you of the government's full cooperation for the success of your work.

In fact, the main goal of all the five religions is the peaceful co-existence of mankind. One of the fundamental teachings of all faiths is that in the face

of a problem or a conflict it should be settled with truth, loving kindness and tolerance every. One of the principle teachings of Buddhism is to follow the middle path that is free from all extremes such as greed and anger. Additionally, we all must overcome self-obsession, and there will be no end or answer for a problem if self-obsession takes centre role in solving it. So, we all must avoid extremes.

Individual freedom or the basic foundation

of democracy is to enjoy freedom without harming others. The Constitution of Myanmar fully guarantees freedom of religion as the fundamental right of citizens. We all should never misuse this noble idea of the freedom of religion as a springboard for any kind of extremism and fueling hatred.

Honored Religious Leaders

I believe that only the all-inclusive democracy can guarantee long-term progress and peace and stability of a country like

Myanmar formed with numerous indigenous peoples, and different races, religions and cultures. We all must understand our own diversity, and more importantly, this diversity must be a united force for our own interest. We all must protect our country's image as a peacefully co-existing society while preserving the existing age old fine tradition of social harmony among the fellow citizens.

We are building a new national identity representing the entire country. While accepting the diver-

sity, it is advised to make collective efforts for ending discrimination.

My sincere message to the entire nation including people of the religious orders is the collective efforts with equality and no racial or religious discrimination for building a harmonious society in which all the people of different religions, beliefs, languages and ethnicities have mutual understanding on the diversity, respect independently existing rights, and staying away from conflicts.

I will continue to do...

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genuine peace that will bring an end to all armed conflicts in the country. This is the political reality of our times.

Our history lessons also tell us that ceasefire alone will not lead to lasting peace; we will have to solve the root causes of the problems through political means.

Since the first time our government started making the necessary plans to end all ethnic conflicts and build lasting peace, we have considered the aforesaid political reality. The current peace building plans undertaken by our government came out of the analysis of such political reality.

As you may recall, shortly after assuming office, I invited all ethnic armed groups to come to the peace talks without setting any preconditions other than their genuine will for peace. The ethnic armed groups responded positively to my invitation.

All the stakeholders have tried to do everything they can to overcome the difficulties and challenges with dedication and resolve in order to get to where we are in the peace process. We are also aware of the fact that there still are some minor skirmishes between the government troops and some ethnic armed groups even though ceasefire agreements are in place with many of the ethnic armed groups. At the same time, there is much evidence of potential confrontations being averted because of timely communication and nego-

tiation between officials from the Tatmadaw and the ethnic armed groups. All major confrontations and hostilities were de-escalated through negotiations. These events show us that the Tatmadaw, ethnic armed groups and all other stakeholders truly yearn for peace and that they are determined to strive for peace with patience, tolerance and understanding.

Although there are some setbacks, the current state of the peace process unambiguously shows that the achievements outweigh the setbacks. We should also congratulate our dialogue partners including leaders of all ethnic groups, The Tatmadaw and ethnic armed groups for the achievements we have attained thus far.

Of all of the achievements, the one that I value most is the decision by all ethnic groups to not secede from the Union. Such a position indicates that our ethnic brothers and sisters wish to be part of the Union of their own accord.

We are now planning to organize a signing ceremony for a nation-wide ceasefire agreement in order to recall and reaffirm all the achievements and agreements we have attained thus far. This will be part of an attempt to implement the agreements reached at State and Union level meetings. The nation-wide ceasefire agreement will also acknowledge that ceasefire is not the ultimate goal of the peace process. In addition, it will also initiate the political dialogue process that is designed to solve all the underlying problems associated with armed conflict

in the country.

Soon after the nationwide ceasefire agreement is signed, a meeting with stakeholders will be held to discuss the drafting of the framework for political dialogue. Such commitment should serve as a guarantee of political dialogue. Once we have the framework for political dialogue, we will start the political dialogue process that will lead us to the national peace conference. We will hold meetings to discuss and decide how the political dialogues and the national peace conference are to be held, how long they will take, how the delegates will be selected, and how the agenda will be set. We will share what is discussed at the meeting with the public whenever it is appropriate to do so.

Meanwhile, as the President of this country, I would say that political dialogue process will serve as a forum to discuss any issue so long as they constructively contribute to the state-building and national unity and are in line with the principles of non-disintegration of the union, non-disintegration of national unity and the perpetuation of sovereignty.

In an attempt to achieve national reconciliation, I also met with the leaders of the 88 generation peace and open society in the middle of September. I will continue to do everything in my power to institute an all inclusive political process and a new democratic political culture.

A special development in the peace process is that the people of Yangon, Mandalay, Mawlamyine and Myitkyina celebrated the international peace day wholeheartedly and enthusiastically. I was very im-

pressed with the peoples' longing for peace, especially the activities organized by the youths with resolve to assume the duty of peace building. I am convinced that if the entire population participate in the process it will definitely succeed.

As all of you know, our government has expended political space for the society at large by undertaking the democratic reforms. The media in our country enjoys more freedom than its counterparts in other Southeast Asian countries. Since we are beginning to enjoy more freedom, we must also take on more responsibility. Only then will we be able to create a harmonious society. I would like to urge the media profession to enforce media ethics, avoid covering unfounded rumors and stop making personal attacks at a time the country is sowing the seeds of media freedom. At a time when the entire country is engaging in historic state-building process, we all must work together to prevent such unethical personal attacks that rise to the level of abuse of recently acquired media freedoms.

I would also like to discuss the people-centered administrative reforms which our government is undertaking. Our government will also carry out people-centered development programs during the remainder of my term. In trying to establish a new democratic country, it is important for the government to integrate peoples' energy in its efforts to meet peoples' needs. In order to ensure such government-society synergy, the Union ministers who are in charge of the reform committees

have frank discussions in their meetings with township development support committees and township municipal committees that are formed with community leaders. Such meetings not only allowed us to solve the ongoing problems in local areas but also helped us gather data about the daily lives of the people. We will have to draw on such data in drafting the budget estimate—one that can meet the needs of both the people and the government—and getting it approved. Since public participation can contribute to the effectiveness and success of the reform process, I would like to encourage the public to actively participate in these aforesaid committees.

I am very happy that I can explain the development of the peace process in this month's speech. I am also convinced that this speech will clear all suspicions and doubts one might have on the peace process. As noted above, the success of the peace

process depends on the dedication and resolve of all stakeholders. As such, the peace process will be successful only when the government, Hluttaws, political parties and other political groups, civil society associations, business associations, social and religious groups, Tatmadaw and the rest of the public participate in the peace process actively and genuinely.

At the present moment, if people come together and form a political force that care about peace, we will be able to achieve the lasting peace which we all long for.

In conclusion, I would like to note that I will try to do everything I can during the remainder of my term to achieve lasting peace, to improve the living standard of the general public, and to create bright and prosperous future for the young people.

May you all have peace of mind and good health.

MWEA executive and party leave for Indonesia

YANGON, 1 Oct—Myanmar Women Entrepreneurs' Association executive Daw Phyu Phyu Myint Naing and members Daw Khin Phyu Shwe, Dr Nu Myat Theingi Oo and Daw Yadana Zaw

Win left here by air yesterday to attend "ASEAN Youth Expo 2013: Fostering ASEAN Community 2015" to be held from 1 to 4 October at Jakarta in Indonesia.

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LOCAL NEWS

Electric bike rental business in Bagan booming



NYAUNGU, 1 Oct—Tourists visiting Myanmar's archaeological site Bagan found bikes cheaper and

more convenient to tour around the ancient city.

The battery-powered bikes rental business in the

“About 50 old (manual) bikes would be sold out,” U San Tun, an owner of a bicycle rental business, said.

tourist spot is booming in the area.

They were imported from China and arrived the tourism industry of Bagan in late June.

The boom of electric bikes spells an end to the manual bike rental business.

Tourism Industry

An electric bike rental business has some 300 bikes and rent a bike for K 8000 a day and K 2000 an hour.

Tet Sein Electric Bike District Company in Mandalay is a major supplier of the bikes.

MMAL-040

World Teachers' Day
5th October

Health Care Service

Oral Polio Vaccine given to children in Mahlaing

MAHLAING, 1 Oct—Nurses and health staff of Mahlaing Township Health Department under

the Ministry of Health in Meiktila District in Mandalay Region gave oral polio vaccine to children of the local people in Ward 3 of the township on 26 September.

They gave vaccine to 194 children under five from 320 households of Ward 3 and those from 539 households of 219 households of Ward 2.

Kyemon-627

Business Meeting

MBA holds AGM and Special Meeting

YANGON, 1 Oct—Myanmar Banks Association held its Annual General Meeting and Special Meeting at its office in No (2) Sibin street in Yankin Township here on 28 September.

The meeting elected the new executives of the association.

Chairman of Tun Foundation Bank U Thein Tun was elected as chairman of new CEC; Chairman of First

Private Bank Limited Dr Sein Maung, vice-chairman (1); Executive Chairman of Yoma Bank Limited U Thein Wai, vice-chairman (2); Senior Managing Director of Kanbawza Bank, vice-chairman (3); Vice-Chairman (1) of Myanmar Microfinance Bank Limited U Kyaw Lin, general secretary; Managing Director of Myanmar Investment and Commercial Bank U

Soe Min, associate general secretary (1); Managing Director of Asia Green Development Bank U Ye Min Oo, associate general secretary (2); Managing Director of Myanmar Oriental Bank Daw Kyi Kyi Than, treasurer; Deputy Managing Director of Myawady Bank Limited U Yu Lwin, associate treasurer; Managing Director of Small and Medium Enterprise Development Bank U Tin Maung Htay, auditor; and Managing Director of Myanma Economic Bank Daw Yin Mya, auditor.

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Construction

Violence-hit houses in Htangan Village of Kanbalu Tsp rebuilt

SHWEBO, 1 Oct—Some houses in Htangan village in Kanbalu Township in Shwebo District in Sagaing Region were destroyed in violence on 24 August.

Sagaing Region Border Affairs and

Security Minister Col Kyi Naing, Sagaing Region Development Affairs Minister U Tin Hlaing Myint, district/township departmental officials, townsenders and religious leaders supervised the

reconstruction of the houses recently affected by the violence.

Sagaing Region government provided 319 bags of cements; Sayadaw Bhaddanta Sobana of IBEC of Sagaing Region

funded K 1 million; and Haji Pho Lone (Nay Pyi Taw) and other donors also provided necessary assistance.

Five houses were rebuilt on 28 September.

MMAL-District IPRD



Authorities work for access of drinking water in Lewe

LEWE, 1 Oct—A total of 74 households in Sinseik village in Lewe Township in Nay Pyi Taw Council Area who were evacuated to Sasana Beikman in Lewe as the village was in flood have returned to their homes since 27 September as the flood waned.

Township Admi-

nistrator U Hla Shaung, departmental personnel, social organizations, visited the village on 20 September.

They chlorinated the sources of water and worked for treatment of polluted water sources.

MMAL-Min Min Latt (Mandalay University)

Mobile phone SIM cards allotted to Kyonpyaw Tsp

KYONPYAW, 1 Oct—Those from Kyonpyaw Township got 700 SIM cards for September.

The SIM card allotment committee accepts application for buying the

SIM cards.

Now, the number of applicants is growing day by day from 87 village-tracts and eight awards of the township.—MMAL-U Kyaing (Kyonpyaw)

Census-taking process

Census briefing held in Pyay



PYAY, 1 Oct—Deputy Minister for Immigration and Population U Win Myint attended the briefing on 2014 census-taking in the whole country Sriekstra Yadana City Hall yesterday

morning.

The deputy minister went into details about the census, census-taking processes, the functions of Central Census-Taking Committee, region/state/

district/township/ward/village-tract committees, questionnaires, the use of census and the census law.

He called for cooperation of the people in census taking efforts.

The Deputy Minister and Director-General of Immigration Department U Myint Kyaing answered queries raised by the media men and those present at the ceremony.

Some 600 local people including the Bago Region Minister for Security and Border Affairs, Pyithu Hluttaw, Amyotha Hluttaw and Region Hluttaw, members of District/Township/Ward/Village Census-Taking Committees, NGOs, religious organization leaders, district and township level departmental officials and journalists attended the briefing.

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PERSPECTIVES

Wednesday, 2 October, 2013

Freedom and accountability

A democratic nation is bestowed with freedom of speech and freedom of expression. However, freedom is subject to limitation, meaning freedom has to do with rules and laws. Freedom without abiding by the rules and laws is simply contrary to democratic practices.

Freedom is accompanied by responsibility and accountability. Freedom and accountability

are always intertwined and they should be exercised through the check and balance. If freedom is exercised beyond its limitation it leads to unaccountability. Only when freedom and accountability are balanced it serves the interest of the State and its own.

Now, our country is in the process of democratization. Therefore, the citizens are allowed to enjoy freedom of speech and freedom of expression. But, it is found that there are still setbacks in the exercise of freedom, especially in media freedom.

Thus, President U Thein Sein in his October radio speech said that since we are beginning to enjoy more freedom, we must also take on more

responsibility. Only then, will we be able to create a harmonious society, adding the media profession to enforce media ethics, avoid covering unfounded rumors and stop making personal attacks at a time when the country is sowing the seeds of media freedom.

The President's speech is visionary and far-sighted. And we are optimistic we will be able to bring about better outcomes if we exercise freedom in accordance with media ethics and rules and regulations. Only then, will the efforts for the emergence of the fourth estate capable of serving the interest of the State and the people be possible.

NATIONAL

No one from communities or national ethnic groups be left behind and excluded from enjoying fruits of reforms and exciting life of nation

NAY PYI TAW, 1 Oct—*Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Wunna Maung Lwin delivered a policy speech at the General Debate at the 68th United Nations General Assembly in New York of the US yesterday afternoon.*

The full text of the speech is as follows:-

Mr. President,

At the outset, I would like to extend my sincere congratulations to Your Excellency for your election as President of the 68th Session of the United Nations General Assembly. I assure you of the full support and cooperation of the Myanmar delegation. I am confident that your diplomatic skills and vast knowledge will guide our deliberations to a successful conclusion. I would also like to pay special tribute to your predecessor, His Excellency Mr. Vuk Jeremić, for his job well done in guiding the 67th Session of the General Assembly.

Mr. President,

We are fast approaching the deadline for the Millennium Development Goals. With less than 850 days to go, we are now in a sense of urgency to look back our past journey and chart the way forward. Despite laudable advances made in meeting several of the global MDG targets in the past thirteen years, there remains inequality and variations in achievement across regions and within countries. Therefore, we need to intensify our efforts and accelerate actions to the full realization of the MDGs in the remaining short span of time.

In many developing countries, especially least

developed ones, a large proportion of populations are still grappling with poverty, hunger, economic and social disparity and environmental degradation. It is therefore most pertinent and timely for the United Nations to set the Post-2015 Development Agenda, emphasizing on enhancing our efforts to eradicate extreme poverty, protect the environment and to bring about inclusive and sustainable economic development. On our part, we have been exerting relentless efforts to raising socio-economic conditions of the people with poverty alleviation as the core priority of the national economic strategy in commensurate with the MDGs. My delegation adds to the voice of the Group of 77 in calling to address the key implementation gaps of the MDGs and the poverty agenda over the next two years, as we craft a sound roadmap towards a post-2015 development agenda. In this regard, national efforts be assisted by international support and enabling environment. The role of the global partnership for development must also be strengthened.

Achieving inclusive and sustainable development will be the one of most paramount challenge of this century for the United Nations. Therefore my delegation welcomes the establishment of the High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development by the General Assembly.

Mr. President,

This year, Myanmar celebrates 64th anniversary of its membership in the family of the United Nations. We believe that

the United Nations system remains relevant and important to the current international situation. In this age replete with global challenges, the United Nations is more essential than ever. We have trust in the world body's capacity and capability of maintaining international peace and security, safeguarding fundamental human rights and promotion of economic and social development. Therefore, we have always been cooperating with the United Nations in good faith. As cooperation with the United Nations is the cornerstone of our Foreign Policy, we have all along strictly abided by the decisions and resolutions of the United Nations. We believe that the UN should be more democratic, representative and effective in order to face security and economic challenges in many parts of the world.

Mr. President,

The continued existence of weapons of mass destruction particularly nuclear weapons poses the greatest threat to mankind. Myanmar is therefore actively pursuing the cause of nuclear disarmament and nuclear non-proliferation at the international forums. One of the testimonies of her aspiration was demonstrated in the annual resolution on "Nuclear disarmament" submitted by our delegation since 1995.

Through this resolution, we have been calling upon Nuclear-Weapon States to cease immediately the qualitative improvement, development, production and stockpiling of nuclear weapons with a view to taking measures

leading to their total elimination within a specified framework of time.

With this firm belief, the Government of Myanmar has signed the Additional Protocol for the IAEA Safeguard Agreement on Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty on 17 September, 2013. This is yet another significant developments which testifying our commitment towards the goals of nuclear disarmament and nuclear non-proliferation. Myanmar will continue to cooperate with IAEA and the international community for its implementation. Myanmar fully subscribes to the fundamental principle of peaceful settlement of disputes as enshrined in the Charter of the United Nations. Accordingly, Myanmar has been contributing its fair share to the regional and international peace and security.

Mr. President,

In the domestic front, the Government of President U Thein Sein has been undertaking unprecedented, wide ranging political and economic reforms over the past two and a half years. The Government has dedicated its efforts to fulfill the twin objectives inspired by the people: to establish peace, stability and rule of law; and to advance socioeconomic development of the lives of the people.

The first component of the reform was on political transformation. The objective was to bring about peace and stability, national unity and reconciliation. Now, we have been able to establish a firm foundation for building democratic society. Political space has been created for



Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Wunna Maung Lwin addressing the General Debate at the 68th United Nations General Assembly in New York. —MNA

every stakeholder and the all-inclusive political system is in place. A number of new political parties are also mushrooming in anticipation of the next general elections. In a short time, the legislative bodies are also functioning well in an active and vibrant manner. Numerous legislations have been enacted to the benefits of the people, including new laws permitting greater freedom of press, freedom of speech and association. A Committee to review the Constitution has also been put in place by the Parliament. A series of amnesties has been granted and set free thousands of prisoners. We are speedily working through a screening mechanism to ensure that no prisoner of conscience remain behind bars by the end of the year.

Emergence of civil societies has also contributed to strengthening democratic values and practices. We have now been able to nurture a new culture of dialogue and accommodation among people of differing views and belief. Political actors in Myanmar, together with the people, are taking forward-looking approach to keep the reform process running, putting at

the fore the interest of the country and the people. We are also taking steps for establishing rule of law, good governance and clean government.

We have also made tangible progress in our efforts towards national reconciliation. The Government's peace overtures have led to reaching ceasefire agreements with all armed groups for the first time in over 60 years. We are hopeful that we will be able to celebrate the signing of a nation-wide ceasefire agreement in Nay Pyi Taw very soon. We are optimistic to be able to start a new round of political dialogue at the Union (Central) level in the near future to strike comprehensive and lasting peace agreement. We have no illusion that the next step will be an easy one. But we are determined to pursue this path for the sake of our people as they deserve it for so long.

Mr. President,

The hard-won peace and success in democratic transformation will not be realistic or sustainable until and unless we deliver economic and social needs of the people. Therefore, as the second component of

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President U Thein Sein makes inspection tour of MraukU...

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members and called for participation of local people in the tasks of ensuring community peace and tranquility, rehabilitation and regional development undertakings.

Next, the President attended to the needs on reports by those present.

On his arrival at Maungtaw this afternoon, the President called on local people to work together for

ensuring regional peace and stability, rule of law and development.

Then, the President looked into progress of housings for victims by helicopter and arrived back in Sittway in the evening.

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The President's motorcade seen Shitthaung Pagoda in the background.—MNA



Night landing and take-off...

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that arrangements are being made to operate flights services by FMI Airlines and APEX Airlines in Nay Pyi Taw International Airport and by Mann Yadanabon Airlines and SAGA Air-

lines in Mandalay International Airport. He assured that night landing facilities had been installed in Yangon, Nay Pyi Taw and Mandalay International Airports where aircrafts of Myanmar Airways International,

Thai Airways International, Bangkok Airways, Silk Air, Golden Myanmar Airlines, Air India, Hong Kong Dragon, Vietnam Airlines, Korean Air, Asiana Airlines and All Nippon Air-

ways are landing at night.

Pioneer Aerodrome Services Consortium was declared as the winner of tender for the development of Yangon International Airport and Yongnam-CAPE-JEC Consortium as reserved through state-run newspapers on 10 August 2013 and plans are underway to start the operation, he added.

"My question includes three suggestions, urging airlines to base in Mandalay and Nay Pyi Taw, to extend the area of Mingaladon Airport and to allow airlines to operate their flights at night. I would like to express my thanks to the Ministry of Transport as works suggested in my questions are taking place," U Nyunt Tin said.—MNA

More cooperation...

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rules and regulations in order to return unused farmlands to farmers.

Next, Deputy Minister for Commerce Dr Pwint Hsan and Deputy Minister for Construction U Soe Tint also made explanations regarding the report, vowing more cooperation and coordination to ease farmland matters

that still remain unsettled.

"I support the government's decision that unused farmlands will be returned to farmers," Daw Khin Saw Wai of Yathedaung Constituency said.

Today's session concluded in the evening and the second day session will be held on 3 October.

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Representatives at Amyotha Hluttaw first-day session.—MNA

Condition of Southwest monsoon withdrawal

NAY PYI TAW, 1 Oct—During the past (24) hours, Southwest monsoon had withdrawn from the North Bay of

Bengal and Central Myanmar areas, announced the Meteorology and Hydrology Department.

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No one from communities...

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reforms, we have opened up the economic through economic liberalization, financial reforms, inviting foreign investments, people-centered development approach, rural development, poverty alleviation and equitable development. We have also created investor-friendly environment. The Government is focusing on poverty alleviation and rural development. We have targeted to reduce the current poverty rate from 26 percent to 16 percent by 2015 as prescribed in the MDGs. We are also implementing the Framework on Economic and Social Reform (FESR) with a people-centered approach with a view to bringing about inclusive growth for the country and its people.

Narrowing development gap and enhancing eq-

uitable development among States and Regions is essential for fostering national unity for a multi-ethnic nation like Myanmar. We shall enhance our efforts to fight corruption and protect the environment to achieve sustainable development. Our commitment was demonstrated by our accession to the UN Convention on Anti-Corruption and establishment of a national anti-corruption body. We are now taking necessary steps to become a signatory to the Extractive Industry Transparency Initiative (EITI).

Recently, the Government is turning its focus to "private sector development" as a fourth wave of reform. At this stage, the Government is placing a great emphasis on improving institutional infrastructure and regularly framework to facilitate business,

trade and investment.

We are truly grateful to the international community for their invaluable support and encouragement in our democratic transition as well as in our efforts for the socio-economic development of the people of Myanmar. At the same time we also need assistance for human resource development so that we will be able to stand on our own in the future. We welcomed responsible trade and investment that will transfer technology to develop our economy, to create jobs and to lift our people from poverty. We would try our best to ensure that no one from the communities or our national ethnic groups be left behind and excluded from enjoying the fruits of our reforms and the exciting life of the nation.

Mr. President,

Myanmar is a multi-racial and multi-faith nation. Various ethnic popula-

tions with the world's four great religious—Buddhists, Christians, Muslims and Hindus—have been living side by side in peace and harmony as fellow citizens of Myanmar. The Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar also designated the four religions as officially recognized faith of the country. There are always people who wish to rock the boat. We will not let anyone to take advantage of political openness to instigate violence among different ethnic or religious communities. President U Thein Sein has clearly stated that the government will take a zero-tolerance approach to anyone fueling ethnic hatred. The Government has been making serious efforts to resolve the problem through short-term and long-term plans. It includes our extensive efforts, in cooperation with UN and NGO humanitarian or-

ganizations, to improve the living conditions and livelihoods of all affected peoples without discrimination. In parallel to these efforts, the Government is also encouraging inter-faith dialogues across the country with a view to promoting understanding and trust among different communities. On the other hand, the National Human Rights Commission, an independent human rights body of Myanmar, has also been working closely and intensively with domestic civil society organizations, inter-faith groups and regional and international human rights bodies for the promotion and protection of human rights in the country.

Our reform process is still at a nascent and sensitive stage where there is little room for error. With this in mind, the President has publicly emphasized the need for everyone to refrain from doing anything

that could jeopardize Myanmar's peaceful transition. Mr. President,

While undertaking political and reforms process domestically, we have also been able to reach out to the international community. The overwhelming support that we have received from the international community and the United Nations has contributed significantly towards the transition efforts in the country.

Myanmar is ready to take over the Chairmanship of ASEAN in 2014 for the very first time since the country joined the Organization in 1997. We take this opportunity with great honour. We shall be working closely with our fellow ASEAN members as well as with its Dialogue Partners in discharge of this important responsibility to move forward in unity to a peaceful and prosperous community.

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Interfaith Academic Conference on Security, Peace and Co-existence organized



The Academic Conference on Security, Peace and Co-existence in progress.—MNA

YANGON, 1 Oct—The Academic Conference on Security, Peace and Co-existence jointly organized by Institute for Global Engagement (IGE) and Sitagu World Buddhist Academy (Yangon) took place at Sitagu International Buddhist Academy, here, this morning.

Leaders of five main religions prayed for peace.

On the occasion, Chancellor of the academies Agga Maha Pandita Agga Maha Saddhamma Jotikad-

haja Dr Ashin Nanissara extended greetings, saying that all the religious leaders need to realize check and balance for modern education and moral education. He stressed the need for all to calm down the arrogance in holding meetings. Myanmar is home to multi-culture and multi-nationals and multi-religions that are in amity and unity for many years. All are to bring about the situation of better co-existence.

Archbishop Charles Bo

(CBCM) and Father Saw Shwe Lin (MCC) extended greetings. Sitagu Sayadaw read the message sent by President U Thein Sein.

Union Minister U Hsan Hsint read the message of peace saying that the Ministry of Religious Affairs is striving for ensuring peaceful situation upholding the freedom of religion and unity among them regardless of difference from isms.

Union Minister U Aung Min supplicated on

the peace message.

Director-General Dr Myo Myint (Rtd) read the message sent by Chairperson of Pyithu Hluttaw Rule of Law and Tranquility Committee Daw Aung San Suu Kyi. Next, Prof Dr Khin Maung Nyunt made a speech, and US, British, Pakistani and Indian Ambassadors read the messages. The chairman of IGE and the Sitagu Sayadaw submitted the papers.

The seminar continued in the afternoon.—MNA

Chief Justice of the Union receives US Judge and party

NAY PYI TAW, 1 Oct—Chief Justice of the Union U Tun Tun Oo received Judge Diarmuid Fionntain O' Scannlain and party of the United States of America at the hall of the Supreme Court of the Union, here, this morning.

The Chief Justice of the Union explained progress of judicial systems in Myanmar, organizational

set-up of the Supreme Court of the Union and courts at different levels and capacity building of judges.

The US Judge and party cordially discussed judicial system of the US.

Also present at the call were Supreme Court Judges U Tha Htay, U Soe Nyunt and U Mya Thein and Director-General U Sein Than.—MNA

Realistic Deliverables for ASEAN in 2014 discussed

YANGON, 1 Oct—A round table discussion on "Realistic Deliverables for ASEAN in 2014" jointly conducted by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Asia Foundation, the United States of America which headquarters is located in San Francisco was held at Saturingabala Hall of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, here, this morning.

Dr Thitinan Pongsudhirak, Director of the Institute of Strategic and International Studies (ISIS) and the attendees partici-

pated in the discussion on realistic deliverables for ASEAN in 2014.

It was attended by officials from Yangon Region Government, invitees from Governmental Organizations, members of Myanmar Institute of Strategic and International Studies (MISIS), Mrs. Kim Ngoc Bau Ninh, Country Representative of the Asia Foundation and representatives from the foreign embassies in Yangon as well as professors from invited universities.—MNA



Round table discussion on "Realistic Deliverables for ASEAN in 2014" in progress.—MNA

Bangkok Airways launches maiden flight

NAY PYI TAW, 1 Oct—Bangkok Airways launched its maiden flight from Bangkok to Nay Pyi Taw with the use of ATR-72 yesterday.

The flight carrying 55 Thai citizens, nine other foreigners and one Myan-

mar citizen, totaling 65 arrived at Nay Pyi Taw Airport at 7 pm.

Union Minister for Hotels and Tourism U Htay Aung welcomed the foreigner passengers at the airport and arranged convenience of the passengers at

the hotels.

Bangkok Airways runs Bangkok-Nay Pyi Taw trip every Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 30 September to 26 October. It will run daily flight as of 27 October.

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Myanmar win Australian in volleyball test match

NAY PYI TAW, 1 Oct—Selected Myanmar volleyball team competed with Norwood Bears Club of Australia in the second match of the Pre-SEA Games Volleyball Test Match 2013 at Zeyathiri Gymnasium B, here, this afternoon.

Myanmar beat the Australian club with 25-15, 25-22, 18-25 and 25-19 results.

Union Minister for Sports U Tint Hsan made a speech at the opening of the friendly match between selected Myanmar women's team and Norwood Bears Club of Australia at Zeyathiri Gymnasium B yesterday.

In the friendly match, Myanmar trounced Australian team with 3-0 result.

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Unrest occurs in Thandwe, measures being taken to restore stability

NAY PYI TAW, 1 Oct—Police fired warning shots to disperse the mobs in Thandwe, Rakhine State, on 29 September night.

Swearing at a tri-cycle motorized vehicle parked outside a shop sparked the unrest, leaving some houses burnt down.

The rioters also set fire to a refilling station around 8 pm on 30 September in Dwarawady Myothit in Thandwe and firemen managed to contain the fire around 9 pm.

Around 10 pm, a house on Padauk Shwe Wah Road in Kyaw Taung-5 Ward in Thandwe was set on fire and the fire died down

around 11 pm.

Similarly, some fires broke out at Kyaukgyi and Mangyichaung villages in Thandwe Township and fighting erupted in some places.

Shops were closed due to unstable situations, and local authorities are taking measures to return the township to normality and to control the conflicts.

The authorities have urged local people not to get involved in the conflicts and to cooperate with the local authorities and security forces to arrest those who got involved in the conflicts.

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LOCAL NEWS

Natural Disaster

Taninthayi Region Chief Minister comforts flood victims in Taninthayi



MYEIK, 1 Oct—Chief Minister of Taninthayi Region U Myat Ko, region ministers and departmental officials met flood victims at the relief camp at the town hall in Taninthayi on 29 September.

The Chief Minister presented relief items to the flood victims.

In meeting with township level departmental officials, members of Township Development Supportive

Committee and ward administrators, the Chief Minister stressed the need to provide paddy saplings to the farmers in time for cultivation of monsoon paddy.

The Chief Minister also paid homage to Chaungyi Monastery Sayadaw Bhaddanta Pannadipa of Taninthayi and donated alms to the Sayadaw.

He comforted flood victims at the relief camp opened at the monastery

and presented assistance to them.

In meeting with farmers of East Mawton Village, the Chief Minister heard reports on flood of paddy plantations and gave words of encouragement to them that the paddy saplings will be provided to the farmers in time for cultivation of monsoon paddy in Taninthayi Township.

Kyemon-Myeik District IPRD

39 houses collapse in floods of Taninthayi River

TANINTHAYI, 1 Oct—Due to overflow of Taninthayi River and Ngawun River, 39 houses collapsed in Chaunglamu Village on Myeik-Taninthayi-Bokpyin Road on 28 September.

Chaunglamu Village of Theinkhun Village-tract in Taninthayi Township is constituted with over 350 houses.

As of 24 September, the heavy rains and overflow of Ngawun Creek rose water level at 4 feet high at Chaunglamu Village.

Due to floods, 403 local people are accommodated at Post-Primary School and monastery in Chaunglamu Village.

On 28 September,

Officiating Commanding Officer Major Soe Min Lwin and servicemen, townselders and members of social organizations carried out rehabilitation of the flood victims of Chaunglamu Village.

Moreover, Taninthayi Township Administrator U Kyaw Thu and departmental officials presented rice, edible oil and relief aids to the flood victims.

The Chief Minister said that timber and construction materials will be provided to the flooded households.

Due to floods of Taninthayi River, 30 basic education schools were temporarily closed in vil-

lages in the township. Of them, 18 schools were reopened in the subsided villages.—*Kyemon-Taninthayi District IPRD*

CSC issued to eligible citizens in Kawthoung District

KAWTHOUNG, 1 Oct—The issuance of citizenship scrutiny cards was held in Khamaukkyi Sub-Township of Kawthoung District on 28 September.

At the Yuzana Oil Palm Cultivation Project site, staff of Kawthoung District and Khamaukkyi Sub-Township issued CSCs to the local people.

Assistant Director U Win Bo of Immigration and National Registration Department of Kawthoung District explained the purpose of issuance of the cards, aims and work procedures and

MYEIK, 1 Oct—A ceremony to set up the Lineage and Religion Care Association (Sasana Vamsapala) led by members of the Sangha of Myeik District was held at Tawkyauing Pariyatti Monastery in Myeik on 28 September.

Member of State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee Maha Ganthavaçaka Pandita Bhaddanta Tejobhasa of Tawkyauing Monastery, Member of State Central Working Committee of the Sangha Agga Maha Ganthavaçaka Pandita Bhaddanta Vimala of

Kantha Monastery and Chairman of Taninthayi Region Sangha Nayaka Committee Agga Maha Pandita Bhaddanta Kodanna of Kantha Monastery gave words of advice.

Chairmen Sayadaw of Alla Gana of Sangha in Myeik Township and representative of Township Sangha Nayaka Committees supplicated on propagation and flourishing of the Sasana and development.

Sandayon Monastery Sayadaw Bhaddanta Çandobhasa read the words of advice of Rector of International Theravada Buddhist Missionary Uni-

versity Agga Maha Pandita Dr Bhaddanta Nandamalabhivamsa.

Head of Aungmin-gala Pariyatti Monastery Ganthavaçaka Pandita Bhaddanta Dhammavamsa supplicated on tasks of the lineage and religion care central organization.

The deputy commissioner of Myeik District supplicated on religious affairs.

Kanthaya Monastery Sayadaw Bhaddanta Devinda sought the approval from the formation of the organizations.

Kyemon-Myeik District IPRD

Electrification for Inlay region discussed

TAUNGGYI, 1 Oct—Shan State Minister for Electricity and Industry U Sai Tun Yin met local people at the Dhammayon of Thaleuin Monastery in Inlay Region of Nyaungshwe Township on 29 September morning.

The state minister made a speech.

Next, the village electrification committee reported on tasks to supply electricity. The state minister gave concluding remarks.

The village electricity supply committee was

formed with 22 members.

The committee has collected K 15 million for

32 lamp-posts and power lines.—*Kyemon-Intharlay (Taunggyi)*



Citizenship Scrutiny

Heavy rains cause inundation on roads, damage bridges

KALAY, 1 Oct—The heavy rains hit Kalay of Sagaing Region as of 29 September night.

In consequence, Nerinzara Creek, Upok Creek and Nankalein Creek were swollen the low-lying areas of the township.

Moreover, Upok Creek Bridge broke and retaining walls of Nankalein Creek collapsed.

Due to inundation of Kalay-Kalewa road, the

transportation of Kalewa and Tamu cut out and the damage of Nankalein Bridge temporarily blocked Kalay-Mandalay Road in a short time.

Nerinzara Creek overflowed Nansaungpu, Kankyinhsaung and Mauk-laikkale villages located along its beach.

Local people carried out rescue and relief works for the flood victims.

Kyemon-Linlet Kyei Sinn



Take preventive measures against natural disasters.

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MV DAHIATUL KALBI VOY NO (05)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV DAHIATUL KALBI VOY NO (05) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 2-10.2013 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of S.P.W.(6) where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11:20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm to Claims Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the Vessel.

No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

**SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT
MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY
AGENT FOR: M/S BAY LINE**

Phone No: 256916/256919/256921

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

MV MOROTAI VOY NO (218)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV MOROTAI VOY NO (218) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 2-10.2013 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of M.I.P where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11:20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm to Claims Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the Vessel.

No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

**SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT
MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY
AGENT FOR: M/S CMA CGM**

Phone No: 256908/378316/376797

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

MV KOTA TAMPAN VOY NO (551)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV KOTA TAMPAN VOY NO (551) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 2-10.2013 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of H.P.T where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11:20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm to Claims Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the Vessel.

No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

**SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT
MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY
AGENT FOR: M/S ADVANCE CONTAINER
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Phone No: 256908/378316/376797

Ministry of Information

Myanma Radio and Television (Yangon)

Invitation to open tender to sell machinery

- Open tenders are invited as a total of 29 related items of radio and TV will be sold at Yeku transmission station of Myanma Radio and Television (Yangon) of Ministry of Information.
- Open tender forms and disciplines are available at 2000 Kyats per copy at Myanma Radio and Television (Yangon) from 09:30 hr to 16:30 hr during office hours from 25-9-2013 to 30-9-2013.
- Open tender forms are to be submitted in the presence of members of the Tender Board at Myanma Radio and Television (Yangon), not later than 16:30 hr on 4-10-2013. Overdue tender forms will not be considered.
- Those wishing to purchase may view 29 radio and TV accessories at Yeku transmission (Yangon) on 28-9-2013 and 29-9-2013.
- The disciplines of open tender forms, list of machines and detailed information are available at the following address.

**Open Tender Verification Committee
Myanma Radio and Television (Yangon)
Pyay Road
Ph:01-535980, 01-660301**

Ministry of Information

Myanma Radio and Television

Invitation to open tender to purchase machinery

- Open tenders are invited to purchase the following machinery (in kyats) for Myanma Radio and Television of Ministry of Information.
 - 50W TV Transmitter & Accessories 3 Lots
 - Broadcasting equipment 29 Items
 - (a). Equipment for Television 25 Items
 - (b). Tape & Disc 1 Lot
 - (c). HD Camera & Accessories 10 Sets
 - Machines for office 10 Items
- Open tender forms may be drawn from Myanma Radio and Television, Nay Pyi Taw (Tatkon), from (09:30) hr to (16:30) hr during the office days as of 4-10-2013.
- Open tender forms are to be submitted in the presence of members of the Tender Board at Myanma Radio and Television, Nay Pyi Taw (Tatkon), from 09:00 hr to 16:30 hr on 16-10-2013. Overdue tender forms will not be considered.
- Disciplines for the open tender forms, list of machines and detailed information are available at the following address.
- Verification of purchasing items' quality and price will be held at Office No.7, Ministry of Information, Nay Pyi Taw.

**Purchasing Committee
Myanma Radio and Television
Nay Pyi Taw (Tatkon)
Ministry of Information
Ph:067-79079, 79135**

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THE REPUBLIC OF THE UNION OF MYANMAR

MINISTRY OF ENERGY

MYANMA OIL AND GAS ENTERPRISE
(INVITATION FOR OPEN TENDER)

(9/2013)

Open tenders are invited for supply of the following respective items in United States Dollars and Myanmar Kyats.

Sr.No	Tender No	Description	Qty	Remark
(1)	IFB -073(2013-2014)	Electrical Spares for KG-2 kongsberg Gas Turbines	(47) Items	US \$
(2)	IFB -074(2013-2014)	High & Low Drum Clutch for ZJ 70 L Sr-1&2 Drilling Rigs	(2) Items	US \$
(3)	IFB -075(2013-2014)	1 Meter DEM or STRAMD Data (Myanmar)	(20) Nos	US \$
(4)	DMP/L-033(2013-2014)	9.00x20 Tyres, 12.00x24 Tyres	(4) Items	Kyat
(5)	DMP/L-034(2013-2014)	18 R 22.5 Tyres & 14.5x20 Tyres	(1) Lot	Kyat
(6)	DMP/L-035(2013-2014)	Sercel 408 UL Line Cable Section for Acquisition Recording System	(1) Lot	Kyat
(7)	DMP/L-036(2013-2014)	Spare Parts for Mud Logging Unit Ex ZJ 70 L&ZJ 50 D Drilling Rigs	(1) Lot	Kyat
(8)	DMP/L-037(2013-2014)	2"Dia,4"Dia, 6"Dia and 8"Dia Rubber Hose Pipe	(4) Items	Kyat
(9)	DMP/L-038(2013-2014)	Electrical Spares For US\$ Oil Well Drilling Rig (20 Pin Plug and Receptacle)	(32) Sets	Kyat
(10)	DMP/L-039(2013-2014)	200 AMP Circuit Breaker and Speed Adjust Rheostat For ZJ 50 D Drilling Rig	(2) Items	Kyat
		Electrical Cards For Mud Pump Field Thyristor of Main PCR Unit Ex D3 T2 Drilling Rig	(2) Items	Kyat

-Tender Closing Date & Time - 30-10-2013, 1300 Hrs.
Tender Document shall be available during office hours commencing from 30th September, 2013 at the Firance Department, Myanma Oil and Gas Enterprise, No (44) Complex, Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar.

Myanma Oil and Gas Enterprise
Ph: +95 67 - 411097/411206



A harvester reaps highland barley in Doilungdeqen County of Lhasa, capital of southwest China's Tibet Autonomous Region, on 30 Sept, 2013. Tibet is expected to witness a bumper harvest this year.

XINHUA

Indonesia, Australia to cooperate on asylum-seeker issue

JAKARTA, 1 Oct—The governments of Indonesia and Australia are determined to settle the issue of people smuggling, which has long concerned both countries, through a bilateral forum under the framework of the Bali Process.

The plan was made after the meeting of Indonesian President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono and Australian Prime Minister Tony Abbott at the State Palace on Monday, as Abbott started his two-day visit in Indonesia. Both leaders also discussed the issues of Papua, trade and investment.

Yudhoyono said that he and Abbott had a strong commitment to settle the humanitarian problem that has claimed hundreds of lives on sea.

"So with the spirit that Indonesia and Australia can address this problem, the solution is a cooperation, an effective and right cooperation," President Yudhoyono told a joint Press conference.

"There has been the Bali Process, but it is acknowledged that besides the Bali Process, it needs a bilateral cooperation between Indonesia and Australia... based on Bali Process," said Yudhoyono.

He said that a further discussion over the plan would be carried out.

Abbott's visit to Indonesia is conducted after another sinking of Australian-bound boat off Indonesia's West Java coast on Friday, killing at least 33 people and leaving 59 other missing, according to West Java Search and Rescue Office.—Xinhua

ENTERTAINMENT

Katy Perry felt suicidal during marriage crisis with Russell Brand



The singer is ready with the release of her track Grace of God, which she wrote during the tough time of her marriage.—PTI

LOS ANGELES, 1 Oct—Singer Katy Perry says she experienced suicidal tendencies during her marriage crisis with now ex-husband Russell Brand.

Perry was married to Brand for 14 months before parting ways in 2011. Perry is currently dating singer John Mayer.

The Firework hitmaker is ready with the release of her track Grace of God, which she wrote during the tough time of her marriage with Brand. It is from her latest album Prism.

“That song is evident of how tough it really was at a certain point,” *Billboard* magazine quoted Perry as saying.

“I asked myself, ‘Do I want to endure? Should I continue living?’ All the songs are real-life moments,” she added.—PTI

Jennifer Aniston never took care of herself when young



The actress is best known for her role as Rachel Green in the sitcom F.R.I.E.N.D.S.—PTI

LOS ANGELES, 1 Oct—Actress Jennifer Aniston says that she never took care of her health when she was young.

The 44-year-old, best known for her role as Rachel Green in the sitcom F.R.I.E.N.D.S., has been part of many movies like Bruce Almighty, The Break-Up, Horrible Bosses and We’re The Millers.

Although she looks fit as a fiddle now, things were different during her younger days, reports femalefirst.co.uk.

“I used to eat like s**t, I didn’t sleep. You overestimate yourself so much when you’re young because we think we’re invincible,” said Aniston on a French TV show.

“I honestly didn’t even drink water, only sodas. I just didn’t take that good care of myself,” she added.—PTI

Sandra Bullock: George Clooney and I are too similar to date each other

LOS ANGELES, 1 Oct—The two Hollywood stars recently shared screen space in Gravity.

Actress Sandra Bullock says she cannot date her good friend George Clooney because both of them are very similar to each other.

The duo has been friends since a long time and has a rock solid bond, but never got involved romantically, reports femalefirst.co.uk.

“We go way back, so far back that we’re now started to take years off how long it’s been. We’ve known each other for a while... I think we’re probably the only two that haven’t dated in the business,” said Bullock.

“I think it’s probably because we’re a little too similar, in all the disturbing ways,” she added. Bullock and Clooney recently acted in Gravity.—PTI



Sandra Bullock: George Clooney and I are too similar to date each other.—PTI

Naomi Watts celebrates 45th birthday with boyfriend

NEW YORK, 1 Oct—Actress Naomi Watts celebrated her 45th birthday in a romantic way with her boyfriend Liev Schreiber.

Schreiber whisked Watts away for her birthday on Saturday and the two were spotted getting into a private helicopter here.

Watts appeared to be extremely excited about their trip and was laden down with Louis Vuitton luggage, reports dailymail.co.uk.

The Diana actress began her birthday celebrations a day early at the premiere of Captain Phillips at the New York Film Festival on Friday night.—PTI

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Brad Pitt buys Angelina Jolie USD 300,000 diamond necklace



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LONDON, 1 Oct—Brad and Angelina reunited after spending several weeks apart

Brad Pitt has reportedly bought Angelina Jolie a USD 300,000 diamond necklace during a recent shopping trip.

The pair recently reunited last weekend after spending several weeks apart.

Pitt, 49, was in Telluride and Toronto for the film festivals, to promote 12 Years a Slave, then he was in England working on Fury. At the same time, Jolie and the kids were in Australia while she scouted locations for Unbroken, reported Showbiz spy.

When Jolie and Pitt met, they went to a fancy jewelry store and the actor dropped about USD 300,000 on a diamond necklace for her fiancée plus three watches.—PTI



SPORTS

Azarenka undone by double faults and Petkovic



Victoria Azarenka of Belarus reacts after losing a point against Andrea Petkovic of Germany at the China Open tennis tournament in Beijing on 30 Sept, 2013.—REUTERS

BEIJING, 1 Oct—A deluge of double faults coupled with bad time management left Victoria

Azarenka cursing her luck as she floundered in the first round of the China Open following a 6-4, 2-6, 6-4, defeat by Germany's Andrea Petkovic on Monday.

Azarenka's 15 double faults, to go with 44 unforced errors, mirrored the defending champion's erratic display over two hours 22 minutes against Petkovic who appeared to be feeling dizzy in the second set.

"It was an awful match and very bad performance from me, so not much to say. It happens once, twice a year to every player, and happened to me today," the Australian Open champion, who has endured a miserable run in Asia as she suffered a second-round exit in Tokyo last week, told reporters. "If I'm going to be doing it again, I probably should

have taken a longer break (between tournaments) and just prepared myself. I don't feel like I was ready to play.

"It's just my mistake for not paying much attention after the U.S. Open how I managed my time and how I managed my health."

On Monday, it was Petkovic who appeared to be less than 100 percent fit in the second set as she needed a medical time out. The German seemed to be a spent force as she lost seven straight games and allowed Azarenka to level and take the contest into the decider.

The defending champion traded breaks with Petkovic to level at 4-4 in the third set but her 15th double fault on break point left Azarenka in a foul mood as the German served for the match.

Reuters

Galatasaray appoint Mancini on three-year deal

ISTANBUL, 1 Oct—Former Manchester City manager Roberto Mancini has signed a three-year deal with Galatasaray to replace Fatih Terim who was sacked as coach last week, the Turkish champions said on Monday.

The Italian was appointed two days before his new club visit his homeland to face Juventus in the Champions League.

"I'm very happy to arrive at a big club like Galatasaray," he said on uefa.com. "I decided to join a great community. The Galatasaray match will be a happy coincidence for me."

Galatasaray said Mancini would be paid 3.5 million euros for the rest of the season and 4.5 million for each of the following two seasons, excluding bonuses.

Mancini had been out of a job since being dismissed by the English club in May after his team were shocked by Wigan Athletic in the FA Cup final and gave up their Premier League crown to Manchester United without much of a fight.

He spent 3-1/2 years at

the Etihad Stadium, leading City to the Premier League title in 2012 and the FA Cup the previous year as the club's 35-year trophy drought came to an end.

The 48-year-old former Inter Milan, Lazio and Fiorentina manager was a popular figure with the fans at City but his tendency to publicly criticise his players was widely reported in the British media to have caused dressing room unrest.

His frantic gesticulations on the touchline, wild goal celebrations and sense of humour meant there was never a dull moment with Mancini but his often harsh management style seemed to get his players' backs up.

Having won silverware

at all the clubs he has previously managed, including four Italian Cups and three Serie A titles, he arrives in Turkey with the pedigree needed to turn around a poor start to the season by the 19-times domestic champions.

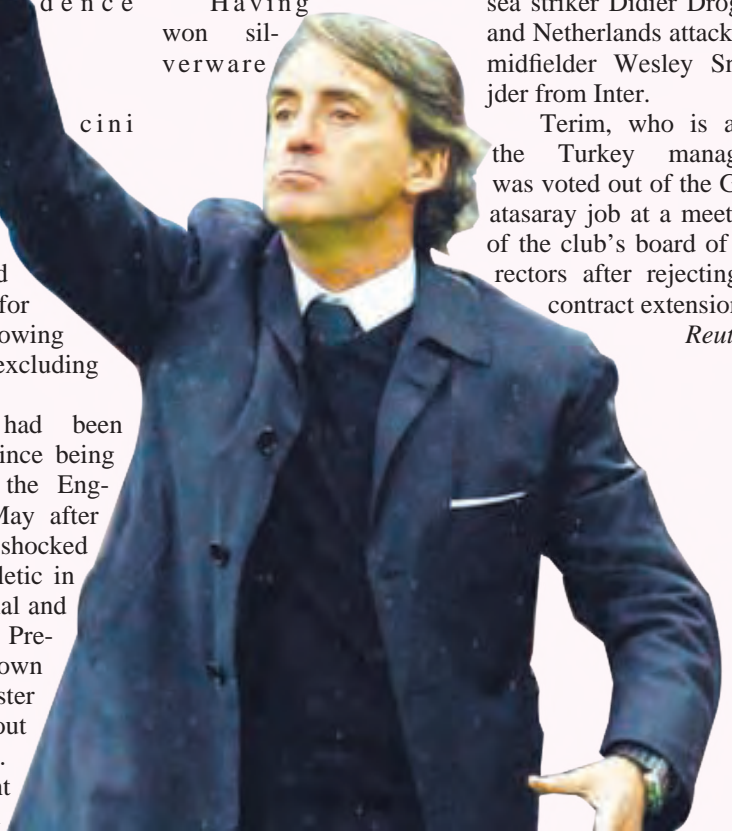
They sit 10th in the 18-team league and have taken seven points from their opening five games.

Their Champions League campaign got off to a dreadful start earlier this month when they were thrashed 6-1 at home by Real Madrid in Group B.

Galatasaray (GSRAY.IS) spent heavily on players in January, bringing in former Chelsea striker Didier Drogba and Netherlands attacking midfielder Wesley Sneijder from Inter.

Terim, who is also the Turkey manager, was voted out of the Galatasaray job at a meeting of the club's board of directors after rejecting a contract extension.

Reuters



Former Manchester City manager Roberto Mancini.

De Bruyne questions trigger Mourinho walk-out

LONDON, 1 Oct—Chelsea manager Jose Mourinho cut short his Champions League news conference in Bucharest on Monday and walked out after becoming riled by questions about his team selection.

Mourinho, preparing for the London club's Group E match against Steaua on Tuesday, was upset after being quizzed over the omission from the squad of midfielder Kevin De Bruyne.

The Chelsea coach said he was not impressed with the way the Belgian played last week against Swindon Town in the Capital One (League) Cup, nor with his recent perfor-



Chelsea's manager Jose Mourinho speaks during a news conference in Bucharest on 30 Sept, 2013.—REUTERS

mances in training. "He was not selected. It was my decision. I try to decide by what they do on the pitch and what they do in training," Mourinho told reporters.

"You have this ten-

dency to only ask about the guys who were not selected," added the Portuguese manager, referring to recent media reports about Juan Mata's Chelsea future.

Reuters



Newcastle United's Loic Remy (L) scores past Everton's Tim Howard during their English Premier League match at Goodison Park in Liverpool, northern England, on 30 Sept, 2013.—REUTERS

Lukaku shines as unbeaten Everton leap to fourth

LONDON, 1 Oct—A stunning first-half performance by striker Romelu Lukaku guided Everton to a 3-2 home victory over Newcastle on Monday to lift his side to fourth and maintain the Premier League's only unbeaten record.

The 20-year-old Belgian, on a season-long loan from Chelsea, scored twice, set up a goal for teenager Ross Barkley and also had two efforts disallowed for offside in the first 45 minutes. Second-half goals by Yohan Cabaye after 51 minutes and Loic Remy a minute from time gave the visitors hope but they were largely

outplayed. "He (Lukaku) is strong, powerful and extremely knowledgeable. He is also very gifted and at times unplayable," Everton manager Roberto Martinez told Sky Sports. Everton were ahead after five minutes when the pace of Kevin Mirallas on the right took him clear of the Newcastle cover and he crossed for Lukaku to side-foot home.

The striker made the second after 25 minutes when he burst from midfield and fed Barkley, the 19-year-old slipping the ball past two defenders and beyond goalkeeper Tim Krul from 18 metres. It was 3-0

on 37 minutes as Everton's dominance continued.

A huge clearance by goalkeeper Tim Howard was allowed to bounce just outside the Newcastle area. Krul's mid-air swipe missed the ball and Lukaku beat a Fabricio Colocini challenge to score from close range.

Newcastle, overrun in the first half, looked a different side after the break and Yoan Gouffran hit a post before a superb 25-metre strike from Cabaye made it 3-1 six minutes after the restart. Remy's late goal made for a nervous finish.—Reuters

GENERAL



"Yuri Ivanov", the lead communications ship of Project 18280 for the Russian Navy, is seen during a launching ceremony at Severnaya Verf Shipyard in St Petersburg, Russia, on 30 Sept, 2013. The Yuri Ivanov, a Project 18280 communication ship built at the Severnaya Verf shipyard, was launched here on Monday. The ship is 95 m long and has a displacement of about 4,000 tons, and will be assigned to the Russian Navy in 2014. — XINHUA

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| 6:20 am | 2:25 pm |
| 2. Physical Exercises | 19. Instrumental Music |
| 6:35 am | 2:35 pm |
| 3. Dance & Song of National Races | 20. Teleplay (Traffic) |
| 6:45 am | 3:00 pm |
| 4. Documentary | 21. News |
| 7:00 am | 3:15 pm |
| 5. News/Weather Report | 22. India Drama Series |
| 7:20 am | 4:00 pm |
| 6. Teleplay | 23. News/ Weather Report |
| 8:00 am | 4:25 pm |
| 7. News/International News | 24. University of Distance Education (TV Lectures) |
| 8:25 am | -Fourth Year (Law) |
| 8. Sing A Song | 5:00 pm |
| 9:00 am | 25. News |
| 9. News/International News | 5:15 pm |
| 9:25 am | 26. Documentary (Fashion Show) |
| 10. Mono Classical Songs | 6:00 pm |
| 9:50 am | 27. News/Weather Report |
| 11. Teleplay (Health) | 6:20 pm |
| 10:00 am | 28. Shwe Yin Khone Than |
| 12. News | 7:00 pm |
| 10:15 am | 29. News |
| 13. TV Drama Series | 7:45 pm |
| 11:10 am | 30. Wut Hmon Music Troupe |
| 14. Approaching Science Discovery World | 8:00 pm |
| 11:45 am | 31. News/International News/Weather Report |
| 15. Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions | 8:35 pm |
| 12:00 pm | 32. People Talks |
| 16. News/International News/Weather Report | 8:45 pm |
| 12:25 pm | 33. Documentary |
| 17. Myanmar Movies | 9:00 pm |
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| | 36. Fine Arts-Boston of Dramatic Performance |

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IDB to donate 400,000 USD for Mexico storm reconstruction

MEXICO CITY, 1 Oct — The Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) announced on Monday it would donate 400,000 US dollars to the Mexico Red Cross to support reconstruction in several states in Mexico affected by the two storms Ingrid and Manuel.

The money would be distributed to areas ravaged by heavy rains and massive landslides and assist local communities to do reconstruction and rebuilding work, IDB President Luis Alberto Moreno said when attending the XVI Inter-

American Microenterprise Forum 2013 in Guadalajara, a city of Jalisco state in central western Mexico.

The Mexican government has not made full preparation for the post-storm reconstruction and the total fund to pay for the cleanup by government was estimated at about 75 billion pesos (some 5.7 billion US dollars), Moreno said.

The bank is now waiting for the approval of the Finance Ministry, Moreno said, adding that "we are in the process, as we are indicated, the financing for the

reconstruction."

The two storms that began to batter Mexico in mid-September have killed at least 147 people and left swaths of the country under water, buckling bridges and destroying highways. About 30,000 people were still living in shelters currently.

States of Guerrero, Michoacan, Tamaulipas, Chihuahua, Chiapas, Jalisco, Puebla, San Luis Potosi, Oaxaca, Veracruz and Zacatecas were among the most affected regions in Mexico.—Xinhua

Kenya Airways opens direct flight to China

NAIROBI, 1 Oct — Kenya Airways has introduced flight changes to Far East Asia as the airline boosts its fleet to meet increased route expansion.

The airline CEO Titus Naikuni said Kenya Airways will launch direct flights three times a week to Chinese business hub Guangzhou on 19 Nov while maintaining the four-time-a-week linked flights to the city via Bangkok.

Naikuni said Far East is not only a key source of foreign direct investment and trade for Africa, but is also emerging as an important source market for the tourism sector in the continent.

"For these reasons, we are optimizing our services into the region so as to contribute towards sus-

tainable development of the continent which is our core purpose," Naikuni said in a statement released in Nairobi on Monday.

The nonstop flight will be carried out by Boeing 777-300ER.

Naikuni said the flight changes were introduced to optimize the airline's services into the Far East, thus facilitating economic interaction between Africa and the region.

The nonstop flights to Guangzhou will depart from Nairobi every Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

Trade between Africa and China has grown exponentially in the last ten years and makes China the biggest trading partner of the continent.

Xinhua

Fernandez-Castano replaces injured Hanson in Seve Trophy



Spain's Gonzalo Fernandez-Castano tees off on the 10th hole during the second round of the 2013 PGA Championship golf tournament at Oak Hill Country Club in Rochester, New York on 9 Aug, 2013.—REUTERS

PARIS, 1 Oct — Spaniard Gonzalo Fernandez-Castano will replace the injured Peter Hanson in the Continental Europe team for this week's Seve Trophy near Paris, the European Tour announced on Monday.

Swede Hanson has withdrawn from the bien-

nial contest against Britain and Ireland at St-Nom-La Breteche Golf Club due to a back injury that has affected him for most of the season.

Hanson, 35, said: "I am really disappointed not to be able to play. Everyone knows how much I love matchplay events.

"My back has been an issue for pretty much most of the year and it is still not 100 percent. I have my defense of the BMW Masters in China coming up which is part of the Final Series of the European Tour and I want to be in ideal shape for that full run of tournaments." Hanson's mind coach Torsten Hansson said the player was still practicing but did not think his back would stand up to the rigors of the Seve Trophy.

He added Hanson was about to spend two weeks in Florida, where he is based, receiving treatment on a compressed disc.

Fernandez-Castano, who will be making his third appearance in the contest, said: "I really enjoyed the two previous contests I played and it is important to support a tournament with

Seve's name on it, not only because of what he did for Spanish golf, but for what he did for the game in Europe and the European Tour as a whole.

"I wanted to show my respect for him. It was a privilege to play under Seve in 2007 and under Thomas Bjorn in 2009, and it is a dream come true for me now to play in the Seve Trophy with Jose Maria (Olazabal) as captain.

Fernandez-Castano is joined by his fellow Spaniard Miguel Angel Jimenez, Danish duo Thomas Bjorn and Thorbjorn Olesen, Frenchman Gregory Bourdy, Belgian Nicolas Colsaerts, Finland's Mikko Ilonen Dutchman Joost Luiten, and the Italian pair of Matteo Manassero and Francesco Molinari.

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More cooperation and coordination will be made to ease matters that remain unsettled

NAY PYI TAW, 1 Oct — In his speech at today's Pyidaungsu Hluttaw session, Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Man urged parliamentarians who are responsible for parliamentary legislation to enforce the Constitution and existing laws, stressing the need to make strenuous efforts for promotion of democracy in accord with laws and by-laws of the parliament. He highlighted the eighth regular session of the

first Pyidaungsu Hluttaw in which important laws including the additional budget bill will be discussed and promulgated.

He called on lawmakers to carry out submitting proposals and enacting the laws with goodwill and based on experience they gained during their tours at home and abroad. He extended greetings and wishes to officials concerned to perform their duties with the sense of accountability and responsibility and honesty.

Next, the Pyidaungsu

Hluttaw carried out documentation and sought the approval for the establishment of diplomatic ties with Lithuania. Then, Union-level members made clarifications regarding the report of the farmland-grab investigation commission.

Deputy Minister for Livestock, Fisheries and Rural Development U Khin Maung Aye assured that coordination will be made with region/state governments in accord with laws, (See page 9)

Tourists allowed to visit Mogok or Ruby Land

NAY PYI TAW, 1 Oct — Mogok or Ruby Land of Myanmar has been designated as a tourist destination according to the Notification No 77/2013 dated 15 January, 2013, of the Ministry of Home Affairs, becoming one of the 52 tourist destinations.

"Tourists can visit Mogok Township after seeking permission," said Deputy Minister for Hotels and Tourism Dr Sai Kyaw Ohn, asked is there any plan to designate Mogok Township or Ruby Land of Myanmar as a tourism promotion area questioned by U Win Oo of Yepyu Constitu-

ency during the first-day meeting of Pyithu Hluttaw here today.

The Union minister and deputy minister for Hotels and Tourism have been working together with departments concerned to arrange the convenience of tourists and visits to traditional precious stones mines, systematic sales of precious stones and their security.

According to Deputy Minister Dr Sai Kyaw Ohn, a committee comprising local people and Hluttaw representatives has been formed to promote environmental conservation and

social activities.

During the meeting of Pyithu Hluttaw today, eight representatives from the Defence Services took oaths, measures taken during the foreign visits of the Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw, the deputy speaker, Hluttaw representatives were recorded, a new member was assigned to the Legal Affairs and Special Cases Assessment Commission and six questions were raised.

The bill amending the Myanmar Trademark Law was unanimously approved by the Hluttaw today.

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Ford cars introduced in Nay Pyi Taw

NAY PYI TAW, 1 Oct — The Ford Motor Company has introduced its auto showroom at Myanmar International Convention Center, here, this morning.

On the occasion, Union Minister U Win Myint extended greetings, and an official from the Capital Automotive Ltd explained the purpose of importation of Ford cars.

The Capital Automotive Ltd donated a Ford

Explorer 3.5 LTD car to the Union Government through Deputy Minister for National Planning and Economic Development Daw Le Le Thein.

Next, the Union Ministers and those present on the occasion viewed the automobiles displayed in front of the MICC.

The ceremony was also attended by Union Minister U Khin Maung Soe.

The Ford Motor Com-

pany headquartered in Michigan of the United States of America was founded by Henry Ford on 16 June, 1903. It sells automobiles, tractors and commercial vehicles under the Ford brand and luxury cars under the Lincoln brand. It produced 5.5 million automobiles and employed about 213,000 employees at around 90 plants and facilities worldwide.

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Ford cars seen in auto showroom of the Ford Motor Company at MICC.—MNA



Today's session of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw in progress.—MNA

Night landing and take-off from Yangon International Airport allowed to airlines

NAY PYI TAW, 1 Oct — The Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker, in his greetings at the meeting held today, expressed his wishes to all parliamentarians to do their best to perform the tasks of improving the life of national races, protecting and cementing the already-achieved

friendship and amity with them. Only if the parliamentarians firmly safeguard the Union spirit, will the future of Myanmar be shaped to see peace and prosperity. Today's session started with an agenda in which the Defence Services Personnel Amyotha Hluttaw Representatives

took affirmation and signed letters of affirmation before the Speaker of Amyotha Hluttaw.

Next, Deputy Minister for Transport U Han Sein replied to the question of U Nyunt Tin of Yangon Region Constituency No (2) (See page 9)

C-in-C receives prestigious military award from Malaysia

NAY PYI TAW, 1 Oct — Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing was conferred the Honorary Malaysian Armed Forces Order for Valour (First Degree) Gallant Commander of Malaysian Armed Forces from Malaysia.

The honorary award was conferred on him by His Majesty, the Yang di-Pertuan Agong Tuanku Abdul Halim Mu'adzam Shah of Malaysia today at a ceremony to present prestigious military awards to mark the 80th Anniversary Armed Forces Day of Malaysia.

The prestigious recipients of the award also include the commanders-in-chief from the Philippines and UAE armed forces.

The conferment of the award on Senior General Min Aung Hlaing suggests his strenuous efforts for strengthening bilateral relations and cooperation between the two armed forces of the two countries.

Also present at the ceremony were Lt-Gen Kyaw Swe and wife, Charge d'affaires of Myanmar in Malaysia and wife, members of the Myanmar military delegation, Myanmar



Senior General Min Aung Hlaing being conferred the Honorary Malaysian Armed Forces Order for Valour (First Degree) Gallant Commander of Malaysian Armed Forces from Malaysia.—MNA

military attaché and wife, Commander-in-Chief of Malaysian Armed Forces General Tan Sri Dato' Sri Zulkifeli Bin Mohd Zin and wife and senior military officers.

During the ceremony, His Majesty, the Yang di-Pertuan Agong Tuanku Abdul Halim Mu'adzam Shah presented the prestigious military awards to

the commander-in-chief of Philippines armed forces, Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, the commander-in-chief of UAE armed forces, the commander-in-chief (Navy) of the Philippines and the commander-in-chief (Navy) of Brunei armed forces and presented the Second Degree award to Lt-Gen Kyaw Swe.

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