

President U Thein Sein receives East Asian economic ministers, ASEAN Secretary-General



President U Thein Sein with economic ministers of East Asia and the secretary-general of the ASEAN who attended the 2nd East Asia Summit in Nay Pyi Taw.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 27 Aug—President U Thein Sein received economic ministers of East Asia and the secretary-general

of the ASEAN at the Credentials Hall of the Presidential Palace in Nay Pyi Taw on Wednesday morning.

Also present on the occasion were Union Ministers U Wunna Maung Lwin, U Soe Thane, U Aye Myint Kyu, Dr

Kan Zaw and U Ye Htut and officials together with economic ministers of ASEAN countries and Australia, Canada, China,

India, Japan, New Zealand, Russia, Korea and the US and the secretary-general of the ASEAN.

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MIC prescribes investment business ineligible for exemption and relief from tax

Myanmar Investment Commission of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar issued Notification No.51/2014 dated 19 August 2014. The following is the unofficial translation of the notification.

Prescribing investment business which is not required to grant exemption and relief from tax

Myanmar Investment Commission of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, exercising the powers conferred under Subsection (b) of Section 56 of the Foreign Investment Law and Subsection (b) of Section 43 of the Myanmar Citizens Investment Law, prescribed the

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Union govt provides Bago region govt with over K1bn for flood victims

BAGO, 27 Aug — Union government of Myanmar has handed over over 1.047 billion kyat for flood-hit farmlands to Bago region government for the rehabilitation programmes of the victims at flood-hit areas in the region.

According to official figures, torrential rains and swollen river in Bago, located 50 miles (80 km)

north-east of Yangon, for more than two weeks have caused inundation to nearly 150 thousand acres of monsoon paddy fields, affecting about 60 thousand acres and damaging 11 thousand acres up to 13 August.

As a total of 46 thousand acres have been flooded for 16 days, these

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Canada reaches record bilateral trade level with ASEAN in 2013

By Aye Min Soe

NAY PYI TAW, 27 Aug — Bilateral trade between Canada and ASEAN in 2013 reached a record US\$16.5 billion.

“In 2013, Canada-ASEAN trade reached the highest it has ever been and bilateral trade is growing by more than 7.3 per cent per year and investment flows continue to increase,” said Ed Fast, Canada’s minister of International Trade, at the 3rd ASEAN Economic Ministers-Canada Consultations on Wednesday in Nay Pyi Taw.

According to Canadian statistics, Canada-ASEAN merchandise trade reached a record \$16.5 billion in 2013, a \$5.8 billion trade surplus for ASEAN and an increase of 4.2 per cent year-on-year.

Meanwhile, the stock of known Canadian direct investment abroad in the

ASEAN region reached \$5.7 billion at the end of 2013, an increase of 34.0 per cent year-on-year.

During the meeting, the ASEAN ministers welcomed recent announcements that Canada will establish a mission to ASEAN, name a dedicated ambassador and appoint resident representation in

Cambodia and Lao PDR.

“Canada can play a very constructive role and achieving neutral role in respective peace and security within the Asian Pacific Region,” Fast said in opening remarks. “ASEAN and Canada must engage in a very high level sustained way.”

Late last year, Canada

announced the Global Market Action Plan, which is Canada’s new blueprint for using trade and investment as driver for long-term creations for prosperity for Canada and its key trading partners.

The most important component of GMAT is to use free trade agreements

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Economic ministers of 3rd AEM-Canada Consultations joining hands in integration posture.—PHOTO: AYE MIN SOE

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Correction

Please read Maung Ngun Lian Sang instead of Maung Ngun Lyan Hsan in caption of the news under heading “President gives awards to outstanding students in English language proficiency competition” on page 1 of this daily appeared on 27-8-2014. Error is regretted.—NLM

EAS Economic Ministers express concern about WTO's Bali Package



Economic ministers at the 2nd East Asia Summit said they are concerned about abilities of WTO members in implementing Bali Package.

PHOTO: AYE MIN SOE

NAY PYI TAW, 27 Aug— Economic ministers from countries participating in the 2nd East Asia Summit expressed concern about the inability of WTO Members to implement the Bali Pack-

age in accordance with the Ministerial decision in Bali.

The Bali package is a trade agreement resulting from the 9th Ministerial Conference of the WTO in Bali, Indonesia, on 3-7

December 2013, and forms part of the Doha Development Round, which started in 2001.

The 2nd EAS Economic Ministers' Meeting in Nay Pyi Taw on Wednesday was

participated by economic minister from ten ASEAN members states, Australia, China, India, Japan, Republic of Korea, New Zealand, the Russian Federation and the United States.

During the meeting, the ministers reaffirmed the commitment to maintaining support for the multilateral system and called for a comprehensive and balanced implementation of the Bali Package and completion of a work programme on the remaining DDA issues in accordance with the Ministerial decision in Bali.

The ministers also underscored the importance of the Information and Technology Agreement- ITA Expansion negotiations, and called for a commercially significant and balanced conclusion in the shortest timeframe possible.

They also exchanged

views on the regional and global economic developments, noting that, according to the data of ASEAN statistics, the combined GDP of the EAS participating countries grew by 0.9 per cent in 2012-2013 compared to the 5.3 per cent growth recorded in 2011-2012.

The combined GDP of EAS participating countries stood at US\$ 39,813.3 billion in 2013.

ASEAN's total trade with the non-ASEAN EAS

countries was expanded by 1.6 per cent from US\$ 1,082.1 billion in 2012 to US\$ 1,099 billion in 2013.

The eight-non ASEAN EAS countries accounted for 43.8% of ASEAN's total trade. Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) inflows from the non-ASEAN countries in 2013 reached US\$ 64.3 billion, or 52.2 per cent of ASEAN's total FDI inflows, according to the data of ASEAN statistics.—NLM

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investment business which is not required to grant exemption and relief from tax under Subsection (J) of Section 12 of the Foreign Investment Law and Subsection (k) of Section 11 of the Myanmar Citizens Investment Law as follows:

1. Investment business groups which are not required to grant exemption and relief from custom duty and commercial tax

Sr. No	Investment business
(a)	Business which manufactures alcohol, beer, cigarettes and similar products and related services
(b)	Business that distributes gasoline, diesel, machine oil and natural gas
(c)	Business that provides vehicle repair services and similar services
(d)	Low technology and low investment industries which can be carried out by Myanmar nationals (except industries that require a large labour force)
(e)	Business which rents forest areas (forest reserves and protected forests outside forest reserves) for agriculture and logging.
(f)	Business which extracts natural resources (except exploration of oil and natural gas)
(g)	Business which constructs buildings and sells them
(h)	Business which provides vehicle and machinery rental service
(i)	Restaurants and business which sells foods

2. Food industry which is related to milk and dairy products will not be granted commercial tax exemption and relief but exemption and relief of custom duty will be granted to such industries.

3. Provisions in this notification shall be applied only to investment business which is permitted by the commission after the notification has been issued.—MNA

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and bilateral investment treaty to deepen the economic partnership between Canada and its trading partners and Canada will promote its economic interests in the most dynamic market in the world, not surprisingly, in ASEAN countries, Fast added.

During the dialogue with the ministers, the Canada-ASEAN Business Council proposed an ASEAN supply chain platform

to support the development of small and medium-sized enterprises in ASEAN.

The ministers tasked ASEAN senior economic officials to explore the proposal and its possible implementation.

The ministers also agreed to hold a meeting next year in Malaysia, with the main objective to adopt the new Joint Declaration on Trade and Investment Work Plan.

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Myanmar, Japanese NGOs sign MoU for educational, social and economic bridges between peoples

By Ye Myint

YANGON, 27 Aug— Myanmar-Japan Socio-Economic Development Association (Yangon), a non-governmental organization in Myanmar, and the Association for Support of Economic Sustainable Development of 21st Century based in Nagoya, Japan signed a memorandum of understanding Wednesday to share information between the two associations, establish cooperation in social, education and economic sectors and develop human capital in Myanmar.

The MoU signing ceremony was held in conjunction with memorial lectures given by Japanese officials at Royal Rose Restaurant in Yangon.

"It is surely acknowledged that development is impossible in the absence of long-term human resources development plans," Satoshi Kuroiwa, chairman of ESD-21, said.

"Although it can take a long time to build human capital before benefits arrive, it is imperative that we have to be patient with these plans," the chairman, who was also one of the speakers at the ceremony,

added.

Following the signing, the two organizations will exchange information and jointly conduct seminars, workshops and training programs paving the way for human resources development in Myanmar, U Aye Min, MMJP SEDA secretary, told The New Light of Myanmar.

On criticism from some of the Japanese style of doing businesses in Myanmar that takes too

much time, the secretary highlighted an importance of better understanding of Japanese business culture that calls for accurate facts and stats before setting foot in a designated country, adding that "we have to precisely share" detailed information about what they want to know.

According to the official, MMJP SEDA will also ink MoUs with Tokyo SEDA and Osaka SEDA in November this year.



Myanmar-Japan SEDA Chairman Dr Myint San shakes hands with Satoshi Kuroiwa, chairman of Association for Support of Economic Sustainable Development, after signing MoU to build educational, economic and people-to-people bridges between Myanmar and Japan through information sharing.—PHOTO: YE MYINT

NATIONAL

President's Assistance Organization discusses policies to help the poor

NAY PYI TAW, 27 Aug — The second coordination meeting of the President's Assistance Organization for the Poor was held at the Presidential Palace on Wednesday.

At the meeting, Chairman of the organization Union Minister for President's Office U Thein Nyunt said that the organization was

founded with the twenty five percent of salaries of the president, vice presidents, union ministers and those at minister level, and union deputy ministers and those at deputy minister level.

Then, vice chairman and members of the organizations discussed matters related to policies and tasks of the organization.—MNA

Union ministers discuss working plan of President's Assistance Organization for the Poor.—MNA



Mandalay's fruit and flower producers to set up wholesale market

NAY PYI TAW, 27 Aug — Mandalay Region sells various kinds of fruits not in the domestic market but in the foreign ones, said Union Ministers U Soe Thane and U Tin Naing Thein in meeting with responsible persons of vegetables,

fruits and flower groups of Mandalay Region at the office of Communication Station in Mandalay on 24 August.

They urged the local fruits and vegetable producers are to establish the advanced wholesale mar-

ket for vegetables, fruits and flowers in the region.

Responsible persons of groups welcomed the formation of the wholesale market and plans for cold storage and better packaging system for export fruits and flowers.—MNA

Myanmar, ROK to cooperate in enhancing quality management capacity for development of diverse value-added agricultural products

By Ye Myint

YANGON, 27 Aug — Myanmar's Ministry of Commerce and ASEAN-Korea Centre of the Republic of Korea on Tuesday hosted a Seminar on Measures for Quality Management for Quality Management of Myanmar Agricultural Products to bring better understanding of measures needed to follow in exporting Myanmar's agricultural products to the ROK, invigorating cooperation in agricultural sector of the two countries.

The seminar held at Chatrium Hotel in Yangon was aimed at strengthen-

ing the development of value-added agricultural products and quality management capacity of Myanmar's agricultural companies, thereby contributing towards boosting trade and economic cooperation between Myanmar and the ROK.

Lectures given by Korean officials to Myanmar's agricultural entrepreneurs and officials from the departments concerned were Korea's import inspection & quarantine procedures for Myanmar agricultural products, measures for enhancing food safety and development of processed food suitable for the Korean

market and introduction to organic certification procedures.

"Without trade promotion, economic success could not be achieved in a certain country", Director-General U Toe Aung Myint of the Department of Trade Promotion told The New Light of Myanmar. Trade promotion will not be possible whatever growth of production we see if the products are not meeting standards set by our trade partners, he added.

In his opening remarks, the director-general called on Myanmar business people to share mutual interest in developing technology

cooperation with the ROK for export of the country's cheap and fresh fruit and vegetables to South Korean markets.

"Necessary measures are being made to allow Myanmar's mango export to the ROK where tropical fruit including mango have huge market potential", Secretary-General Mr. Cheng Hae-Moon of Korea-ASEAN Centre said in his greeting speech.

While giving a lecture on Korea's import inspection & quarantine procedures for Myanmar agricultural products, Mr. Young Tae Kim, Deputy Director for Department

Assistance for parliamentary research tasks discussed



Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw (Lower House) Thura U Shwe Mann and Mr Desmond Awayne, Minister of State for International Development of the Britain discuss about UK's assistance for parliamentary research tasks of Myanmar.—MNA

Union govt provides Bago region...

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cultivation plots are mostly likely to be ruined, amounting to nearly 60 thousand acres of damages.

Due to higher level of Bago river, 68 relief camps were set up at for the 25,809 flood victims from 5,390 families of the flood-hit towns of Bago, Thanatpin, Waw and Kawa towns from 6 to 14 August.

After the water levels declined, the rescue camps in Bago, Thanatpin and Waw were closed. However, as many as 25 flood shelters are still opened at Kawa town affected by sea water.

The relief items for the flood victims are 100 units

of anti-snake venom and 35 buckets of water treatment medicine from Ministry of Health; 500 dozens of copybooks from Ministry of Education; rice, food and money worth 55 million from Ministry of

Social Welfares, Relief and Resettlement; 3,215 rice bags, 40 salt bags and 433 gram bags from UN's Food and Agriculture Organization; and 750 baskets of paddy seeds from Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation.

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Myanmar, Turkey consult bilateral air services

YANGON, 27 Aug—The consultations for conclusion of a bilateral air services agreement between Myanmar and Turkey were held at the Department of Civil Aviation in Yangon on 22 August.

Director-General U Win Swe Tun of the DAC of Ministry of Transport and party and the Turkish delegation by Mr Bahri Kesici,

of Quarantine, Animal and Plant Quarantine of the ROK, Myanmar's mango export to South Korea was encouraged, saying that mango price in South Korea is about K12,000 per one. According to him, Korea imported 2,958 metric tons of Philippine mangoes in 2013.

Officials said the seminar was the second time this year following a similar seminar in March, 2004. Last year, such a seminar was held in cooperation with Myanmar Food Processors & Exporters Association to add values to Myanmar's farm products for having access to the markets in ROK.

Myanmar's agricultural products will be showcased in ASEAN Trade Fair 2014 to be held at COEX

Deputy Director-General of Directorate General of Civil Aviation of the Ministry of Transport, Maritime Affairs and Communications negotiated, agreed on final draft and initiated an air services agreement and signing of it.

They also agreed on route rights, traffic rights, operational rights for designated airlines of both countries.—NLM/DCA

Building in Seoul, the Republic of Korea on 17-21 November, said the Ministry of Commerce in its press release.

According to sources, trade volume between Myanmar and the ROK reached about \$1.2 billion— Korea's exports to Myanmar was \$700 million while its imports from Myanmar was \$500—in 2013. Korea's main exports to Myanmar are steel products, industrial machines, fabric, etc. and its main imports from Myanmar are textile products, agricultural products, forest products, marine products, etc. Statistics in 2013 revealed that the Republic of Korea is Myanmar's sixth largest trade partner with a total investment capital of \$5billion in Myanmar.

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Mandalay University, Gifu University of Japan sign MoU

MANDALAY, 27 Aug — An MoU on cooperation in education between Mandalay University and Gifu University of Japan was inked at Gifu University in Japan on 25 August.

Rector Dr Maung Thin of Mandalay University and party left Myanmar on 20 August and signed an MoU on five-year term education cooperation in exchange of students in learning, exchange of faculty members in academics and exchange of information with Professor Rokugo Keitetsu, Dean of the Faculty of Engineering, Gifu University of Japan.

The MoU benefits exchanges of faculty members, researchers and students for uplifting education standard of Myanmar, exchange of science apparatus on research works, subject-wise



term-paper publications, science and social science information, joint conducting of research works, cooperation in curriculum, conferences and symposia.

Mandalay University has signed MoU with

Meijo University of Japan on 14 November 2013 and Yokohama University on 30 July 2014. The MoU signing with Gifu University was the third time of its kind.

In the past, Mandalay

University had inked MoU with nine foreign universities of England, Germany, Japan, Singapore, Korea, Thailand and Australia.

Min Htet Aung
(Mandalay Sub-printing House)

Bronze and iron casting, lathe industries marketable in Myeik



MYEIK, 27 Aug — Bronze, iron and metal casting and lathe industries are booming in Myeik of Taninthayi Region for man-

ufacturing equipment to be used in large and small trawlers.

As the people in Myeik are engaged in marine

products, they need fishery products and equipment daily. Thus, the entrepreneurs wish to extend their works with the use of

modern machinery.

If the local industries produce import-substitute equipment for fishery industry, the entrepreneurs will operate their businesses on a wider scale, said U Than Win of bronze, iron and metal casting industry from Ward 2 of Myeik and lathe industry owner U Maung Win. According to the sources, Taninthayi Region government plans to disburse K100 million each in maximum to entrepreneurs for extending their small and medium scale industries.

Seven of 23 SME entrepreneurs from Myeik District have accepted permissions from the region government to get loans.

Zaw Myo Naing
(Myeik District)

Bamboo shoot producers face market manipulation in Mohnyin

MOHNYIN, 27 Aug — Three foreigner countries monopolize the market of dried bamboo shoots in Mohnyin Township of Kachin State. Thus, the people of Nyaunggaing Village engaging in bamboo shoot trade face difficulties.

“We boil raw bamboo shoots and dry them as processing works before selling them to the customers. Over 100 bamboo shoots processing workshops are being operated in the village. The foreigner urged

us to sell bamboo shoot K3,800 per viss to her. If not, action will be taken against vendor at bus terminal, station or on the road. We know bamboo shoot can be sold at K5,000 per viss as street price. Now, we all are pay tax to the Forest Department regularly,” said Daw Ngwe Shein of Nyaunggaing Village.

“The Forest Department has ordered the local bamboo shoot procedures to pay K5 per bamboo for 800,000 pieces of bamboo per year in Mohnyin Township. In the past, nine forest beats collected the tax to the department. This year, three female foreigners apply for licence of bamboo production. But, the permission has not been given yet and they have not paid yet,” the forester said.

“Without permission, the foreigners manipulate the domestic bamboo shoot market,” said a local.

Dried bamboo shoot can be sold at over K10,000 per viss at Myanmar-China border.—NLM-001



Netherlands to provide technical assistance for supply of drinking water

MANDALAY, 27 Aug — Mandalay City Development Committee and Vitens Evides International (VEI) of the Netherlands signed an agreement on technical cooperation at the hall of the MCDC in Mandalay on Saturday, with VEI of the Netherlands saying it will provide US\$150,000 for the

supply of drinking water to the dwellers in Mandalay.

Joint Secretary of MCDC U Thet Naing Tun and Mr William of VEI signed the agreement on upgrading purifier systems of No 8 and No 4 water pump stations, management for minimizing waste of water, reviewing the wa-

ter pipeline system and upgrading laboratory service of the MCDC.

The meeting was also attended by Mandalay Mayor and Mandalay Region Minister for Development Affairs U Aung Moun.

Thiha Ko Ko
(Mandalay)

LOCAL NEWS

SMIDB plans disbursement of loans to SME entrepreneurs in Mandalay Region

MANDALAY, 27 Aug — Small- and Medium-Scale Industrial Development Bank will disburse loans for development SMEs in Mandalay Region. In this regard, the loans scrutiny committee held a meeting at the Mandalay Region Industrial Coordination and Inspection Department in Mandalay on 23 August afternoon.

The disbursement of loans for the entrepreneurs from Mandalay Region was announced in the dailies of Mandalay, a total

of 289 applicants from 21 townships of the region applied for the loans.

According to the statistics, 289 entrepreneurs of over 7,000 applied for the loans, accounting to 4 per cent. Of them, 85 persons only submitted complete documents attached to the applications.

The loan scrutiny committee decided to deliver K50 to K30 million to some applicants and K20 to K30 millions for some persons depending on their proposals.

The bank instructed its branches to disburse K1 billion each to states and regions in addition to Nay Pyi Taw Council Area and delivers K100 million in maximum to each entrepreneur. However, Mandalay Region has larger number of loan applicants. That is why Mandalay Region demanded more loans from the union government. As a result, the region can allot K2 billion to the entrepreneurs.

Maung Pyi Thu
(Mandalay)



Mandalay Region Chief Minister views thriving paddy plantations, development tasks in Yamethin Tsp



MANDALAY, 27 Aug — Chief Minister of Mandalay Region U Ye Myint met township development supportive committee members at the hall of Township General Administration Department in Yamethin

of Mandalay Region on 24 August.

The committee members reported to the Chief Minister on construction of new gymnasium and installation of power lines in the new satellite ward.

After attending to the needs, the chief minister said that the region government has been dredging lakes and sinking tube-wells for water sufficiency in the township. Thanks to Department of Rural Development, the authorities carry out the smooth process of development tasks. He stressed the need to enforce the traffic rules for prevention of traffic accidents.

At the 25-acre quality paddy production farm in Ingying Village, the chief minister asked the local farmers and fulfilled their needs.

He also viewed thriving

paddy plantation of Daw Htwe.

Later, the chief minister instructed local authorities to help the personnel in distributing quality paddy seeds to the local farmers.

Thiha Ko Ko
(Mandalay)

Volunteers for anti-drug supervisory under training

KUNHING, 27 Aug — Shan State Social Welfare Department opened the volunteer anti-drug supervisory course No 2/2014 at Nampun Hall in Kunhing of Loilem District in the state on 25 August.

Head of Shan State SWD U Than Htay explained the purpose of conducting the course.

Officials of Social Welfare Department, Anti-Drug Special Police Force, Health Department, Psychology Department, Law and Judicial Offices gave lectures to the trainees.

Moe Lwin Oo
(Loilem)

Farmers get cash assistance for flood-hit farmlands

NYAUNGLEBIN, 27 Aug — A ceremony to present cash assistance for flooded farmlands by Bago Region Government was held at Yebukan Village of Nyaunglebin Township on Tuesday.

The region government gave cash assistance K 96.138 million to 5,497

flood-hit farmlands from 27 villages of the township due to heavy rains as of 1 August. Members of township and village farmland management committees and authorities presented cash assistance to the farmers within a day.

Nay Lin
(Nyaunglebin)



Social Security Board gives mobile health care to workers in Mandalay

MANDALAY, 27 Aug — Social Security Board of the Ministry of Labour, Employment and Social Security provides health care services to insured workers of private factories and government service personnel by mobile health care vehicle in Mandalay Region since early August.

The mobile lab team comprising doctors of Social Security Clinic and Thukha Mingala Lab of Yangon gave health care services to about 800 insured workers from 14 departments under Mandalay City Development Committee. The mobile team also delivered health care to workers from industrial zones in the region.

The mobile vehicle is facilitated with ECG, lab, X-ray machine and other modern health care devices, said U Aung Myint Myat, computer room foreman of Mandalay Daily.

Thiha Ko Ko
(Mandalay)



Food, health care services for inmates inspected at Thaton Jail



THATON, 27 Aug — Thaton District Judge Daw Aye Aye Thein and officials inspected Thaton Jail of Mon State on Tuesday morning.

The judge and offi-

cials discussed completion of hearing the cases for the prisoners. They inspected sanitation at the halls of the jail, foods for 238 inmates and prisoners, health care services and availability of

drinking water.

The district judge stressed the need to place emphasis on better security of the jail.

Thet Oo
(Thaton)

Indonesia president-elect to announce cabinet in early October

JAKARTA, 27 Aug — Indonesia's Joko Widodo will announce his cabinet team in early October, according to a senior adviser to the president-elect, as he steps up preparations to become the next leader of the world's third largest democracy.

All eyes are on Widodo's choices to head the main economic ministries, who will inherit problems in Southeast Asia's biggest economy ranging from a widening current account deficit and cooling investment to the slowest growth since 2009.

But the most pressing problem will be cutting big



Indonesia's president-elect Joko Widodo

fuel subsidies, a politically sensitive issue that raises the spectre of protests within weeks of the new administration taking office. "Subsidies are a top priority for us to solve," said Luhut

Panjaitan, an adviser on the team handling Widodo's transition into office and a leading contender for the position of chief economics minister.

"With a huge fuel subsidy how can you send a good signal to the markets?" Widodo narrowly won last month's election and is set to take office on 20 October. He is bound by law to appoint a cabinet within two weeks of his inauguration.

According to an economic adviser to Widodo, those in the running to become chief economics minister, who aims to coordinate the work of dif-

ferent ministries, include Panjaitan, Rini Soemarno, former finance minister Sri Mulyani Indrawati, central bank governor Agus Martowardojo and a former central bank governor, Darmin Nasution. Panjaitan, a retired four-star general-turned-coal baron, was an important supporter of Widodo's presidential campaign.

He was trade and industry minister under former president Abdurrahman Wahid, and a former ambassador to Singapore, and is seen as armed with considerable business and political credentials.

Reuters

Philippines to monitor nation's UN troops from Ebola-hit Liberia

MANILA, 27 Aug — The Philippine Department of Health said on Wednesday that Filipino UN peacekeepers to be repatriated from Ebola-stricken Liberia will undergo a 30-day observation period when they return home.

Spokesman Lyndon Lee Suy of the department made the statement after the Armed Forces of the Philippines announced on Saturday that 115 Filipino peacekeepers in Liberia will return to the country due to the outbreak of the Ebola virus disease in West Africa.

"Just like other overseas Filipino workers who return from Ebola-hit countries, returning peacekeepers will also be monitored for 30 days," said Lee Suy.

The troops are part of some 1,000 Filipino soldiers and policemen who are serving under the UN in disaster-hit and conflict areas in Haiti, Cote d'Ivoire, East Timor and the Korean Peninsula.

The department monitors returning Filipinos from Ebola-affected countries for 30 days even if they do not exhibit symptoms. This is one of the precautionary measures adopted by the Philippine government to prevent the entry and spread of Ebola in the country.

World Health Organization data showed that as of 20 August, there were 1,538 confirmed Ebola cases in Liberia, Sierra Leone, Guinea and Nigeria, including 884 deaths.—Xinhua

S Korea proposes vice-ministerial talks with Japan in September

SEOUL, 27 Aug — South Korea has proposed holding a vice-ministerial meeting with Japan in early September in a major turnaround of its position to expand dialogue with the neighbouring country, a Seoul daily reported on Wednesday.

Citing multiple South Korean government sources, the Dong-A Ilbo said South Korea is awaiting Japan's reply after having proposed the dispatch to Japan of Cho Tae Yong, first vice foreign minister, for talks with Akitaka Saiki, vice foreign minister at the Japanese Foreign Ministry. "Talks with Japan will be vitalized except for a summit meeting," multiple

South Korean government officials told the daily.

As for a summit between President Park Geun Hye and Prime Minister Shinzo Abe, "Japan should show actions in a responsible way such as admitting responsibility for the forced mobilization of former 'comfort women' and also for issues over wartime history," the officials were quoted as saying.

Abe and Park have not held a one-on-one summit meeting since Park took office in February 2013, two months after Abe did so, amid disagreements between Tokyo and Seoul over territory and interpretations of history.

Kyodo News

Nuns of Missionaries of Charity perform prayers during a service to commemorate Mother Teresa's 104th birth anniversary at the Missionaries of Charity house in Calcutta, eastern India, on 26 Aug, 2014. Mother Teresa, a Nobel peace prize winner, was born on 26 Aug, 1910.

XINHUA

One Ebola suspect found in Indian capital

NEW DELHI, 27 Aug — India has found one Ebola virus carrying suspect and quarantined five others on Tuesday night, said health officials on Wednesday.

Over 100 Indians arrived in the country on different flights from Liberia on Tuesday night. Seventy were screened in Mumbai and 17 in Delhi.

Health ministry officials said of the 17 passengers who arrived at the Delhi airport, one person has been found to have fever and sore throat which is associated with Ebola Virus Disease (EVD) besides other diseases. The passenger suspected for EVD has been quarantined at the Airport Health Organiza-

tion (APHO), a specialized health centre run by the health ministry to screen international passengers for deadly diseases.

At least six others, including two women and a child, were taken to APHO for detailed health screening and officials later said they did not have any symptoms of the disease.

In addition, five passengers from the affected countries — Sierra Leone, Republic of Guinea and Nigeria — with symptoms of fever have been quarantined at the isolation facility at Delhi airport.

The Ebola epidemic has killed over 600 in Liberia since breaking out one month ago.—Xinhua

China continues to reject substandard food imports

BEIJING, 27 Aug — Chinese authorities found 424 batches of substandard food imports in July, the country's top quality supervisor announced on Wednesday.

Poor quality, excessive additives and microbial contamination were the main problems discovered in these imports, which came from 35 countries and regions, according to the General Administration of Quality Supervision, Inspection and Quarantine (AQSIQ).

The rejected food products fell under 19 categories, with most classified as biscuits and candies, beverages and seasonings, said AQSIQ spokeswoman Li Jing.

Besides food, the AQSIQ also found four shipments of substandard cosmetic products imported from three countries and regions.

All the substandard products were either sent back or destroyed, Li said.—Xinhua



Cambodia's Foreign Ministry Secretary of State Ouch Borith (R) meets with Scot Marciel, visiting Principal Deputy Assistant to the US Secretary of State for East Asian and Pacific Affairs, in Phnom Penh, Cambodia, on 27 Aug, 2014. Cambodian and US senior officials met on Wednesday to discuss ways to strengthen bilateral ties and to exchange views on regional issues.

XINHUA

WORLD

Obama says “justice will be done” for Islamic State killers

WASHINGTON, 27 Aug — President Barack Obama vowed “justice will be done” against the Islamic State killers of American journalist James Foley on Tuesday as the United States sought to identify targets for potential airstrikes in Syria.

Obama’s tough talk followed his decision to approve US surveillance flights to gather intelligence on Islamic State units in Syria should he decide to order airstrikes in the country, which has been embroiled in a three-year civil war.

“America does not forget. Our reach is long. We are patient. Justice will be done,” Obama told veterans gathered at a convention of the American Legion in Charlotte, North Carolina.

Obama, who ordered air strikes against the militant group’s fighters in Iraq and is considering extending them across the border into Syria, said he would do whatever was necessary to go after those who harm Americans.

“Rooting out a cancer

like ISIL won’t be easy and it won’t be quick,” he said. ISIL is the acronym the United States uses for Islamic State, an offshoot of al-Qaeda which has declared a caliphate in a large swath of territory in Syria and Iraq.

Obama returned to the White House later and met Secretary of State John Kerry and Vice President Joe Biden. Islamic State was on the agenda for their talks.

US officials elaborated on their case for why the group posed a national security threat, saying foreigners from Western countries who are fighting for Islamic State could later return to their home countries and launch attacks against civilians.

“If left unchecked, the group could one day pose a more direct threat to the US homeland and other countries beyond the region,” said deputy White House press secretary Shawn Turner.

Launching air strikes into Syria would add an unpredictable element to a



US President Barack Obama speaks at the American Legion’s 96th National Convention at the Charlotte Convention Centre in Charlotte, North Carolina, on 26 Aug, 2014.—REUTERS

civil war that Obama has taken great pains to stay out of. A year ago he stepped back from attacking the government of Syrian President Bashar al-Assad for using chemical weapons on his own people.

Finding Islamic State targets inside Syria would be a daunting task given the difficulty of gathering intelligence on the locations of the militants. A key area of focus was believed

to be the northern city of Raqqa, the group’s Syrian stronghold.

Analysts said the United States was scrambling to gather intelligence.

Tom Sanderson, a counter-terrorism expert at the Centre for Strategic and International Studies in Washington, said aerial intelligence was not enough. US officials would need on-the-ground forward spotters, and moderate Syr-

ian rebels backed by the United States may not be sufficient.

“Hitting them in open areas is better. Once they are in urban areas you need exceptionally good intelligence,” he said. “We need good intelligence and you can’t get good intelligence from untrustworthy sources.”

White House spokesman Josh Earnest said there was no plan to coordinate with the Syrian government on how to counter the threat from Islamic State. Syria has appealed for coordination.

“As a matter of US policy we have not recognized the Assad regime as the leader of Syria. There are no plans to change that policy and there are no plans to coordinate with the Assad regime as we consider this terror threat,” he said.

Obama’s actions followed the release of a graphic video last week showing the beheading of Foley by Islamic State fighters. A decision to launch air strikes in Syria

did not appear to be imminent.

Earnest said the crisis in the region caused by Islamic State’s rapid advance could not be solved by US military power alone and would require the involvement of other countries.

General Martin Dempsey, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, said last week that Islamic State would eventually need to be addressed on “both sides of what is essentially at this point a non-existent border” between Syria and Iraq.

Dempsey’s spokesman confirmed on Monday that options against Islamic State were under review and stressed the need to form “a coalition of capable regional and European partners.”

He said Dempsey was working with US Central Command, which is responsible for American forces in the Middle East, to prepare options to address Islamic State in both Iraq and Syria “with a variety of military tools including air strikes.” —Reuters

Afghan president will not attend NATO summit next week



Afghan President Hamid Karzai (C) speaks during celebrations to commemorate Afghanistan’s 95th anniversary of independence as he is flanked by presidential candidates Abdullah Abdullah (R) and Ashraf Ghani in Kabul on 19 Aug, 2014.

REUTERS

KABUL, 27 Aug — President Hamid Karzai will not attend a key NATO summit next week because of his disagreements with Washington over Afghan security needs after most foreign troops leave his country at the end of 2014, his spokesman said on Tuesday.

The 4-5 September summit in Wales is meant to determine how much aid Afghan security forces will get after NATO’s combat mission ends. The alliance wants a smaller force to stay beyond 2014 to train and

advise the security forces but it needs the Kabul government’s consent — something Karzai has refused to give.

“It is because of his views and his position on the continuation of US and NATO military presence beyond 2014 (that he is not going to Wales),” Karzai’s spokesman Aimal Faizi told Reuters. “There is no change in that and the conditions are the same,” Faizi said, adding that Karzai had responded to the NATO invitation by saying either his

successor as Afghan president or a member of the current government would attend instead. Karzai’s relationship with Washington has soured during his final term in office and he has refused to sign a bilateral security deal with the United States allowing its troops to stay beyond this year, demanding certain conditions be met first. Those conditions include ending military operations on Afghan homes, taking steps towards making peace with the Taliban and returning Afghan inmates held at Guantanamo prison camp.

Karzai’s refusal to ink the deal has fuelled anxiety among Afghans about the future, as a similar pact with NATO countries also remains unsigned as a result, raising the prospect of a full pull-out of international troops by the end of this year. Afghanistan’s 350,000-strong security force currently costs about \$6 billion to run and is mostly funded by foreign donors. If international forces leave altogether, much of the money pledged by the donors could also follow.

Reuters

Berlin conference is important for EU enlargement in Balkans

VIENNA, 27 Aug — Austria’s Foreign Minister Sebastian Kurtz has said that Vienna sees this year’s conference on the Western Balkans, held in Berlin, as the cornerstone of the EU’s enlargement in the region.

The European peace project and the EU itself will not be complete without the Western Balkans, he stated.

The Western Balkans remains in focus of Austria’s foreign policy, he told Tanjug, thanking German Chancellor Angela Merkel for suggesting Berlin as the host city. Kurtz will attend the conference in Berlin together with Austrian Chancellor Werner Faymann and Minister of Economy Reinhold Mitterlehner.

Experience from the

1990s shows that neglecting the Western Balkans will have negative consequences sooner or later, Kurtz said, adding that the economic and social situation in the region had to improve, that EU integration would help the most in that and that it was the main topic of the conference, together with future directions. Austria will host the conference next year and intends to continue the integration of the Western Balkans into the EU and provide new momentum for the process, he noted.

Austria hopes that significant progress in the accession talks between the EU and Serbia will be achieved by then, so a roadmap for the future could be created in Vien-

na, says Kurtz, pointing out that Austria intends also to help strengthen further the civil society in Bosnia-Herzegovina and that it would work hard on that until the conference in Vienna.

The conference in Berlin will be held on August 28 under Merkel’s patronage. The meeting will be attended by high-ranking officials from Serbia, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Macedonia, Montenegro, Albania and Kosovo, as well as European Commission President Jose Manuel Barroso, Commissioner for Enlargement Stefan Fuele and Energy Commissioner Guenther Oettinger.

High-profile officials from Croatia, Slovenia, Austria and France are also expected.—Tanjug

Russian food safety regulator shuts 5th McDonald’s restaurant

MOSCOW, 27 Aug — Russia’s food safety watchdog has ordered the temporary closure of one of McDonald’s (MCD.N) restaurants in Yekaterinburg in the Urals region, the fifth such closure in recent weeks, the fast food chain

said on Tuesday.

The restaurant was closed as a result of mass unscheduled inspections by Rospotrebnadzor, the regulator, a spokeswoman for McDonald’s in Russia said.

The state watchdog agency previously closed

three McDonald’s restaurants in Moscow and one in Stavropol and unveiled sweeping checks at its outlets across the country.

Rospotrebnadzor was not immediately available for comment.

Reuters

PERSPECTIVES

Thursday, 28 August, 2014

Mobile teams will need effective and cooperative support

By Aung Khin

Ministry of Commerce in Myanmar formed mobile teams in December 2012 to inspect cross-border trade with neighbouring countries as the country's tax to GDP ratio is 4.4 per cent, low compared to some Asian countries.

The ratio of tax to GDP in Thailand is 16.5 per cent; it is 16.1 per cent in Malaysia, 14 per cent in Singapore and 12.9 per cent in the Philippines. These numbers suggested Myanmar need a more systematic plan to scrutinize and inspect trade sector.

Several types of illegal trade are major underlying reasons for lower tax revenue in Myanmar. Unethical traders import the goods without permission, trade in goods or commodities that differ from those listed on the license or identification documents, with excess of the license, at incorrect prices and tax rates.

During the educative period of the crackdown on illegal trade, those who violate laws on imports are subject to fines. From August 1, those found violating export and import laws or maritime customs laws are charged according to these laws.

Thanks to the efforts of these mobile teams, illegal imports have noticeably dropped; consumer protection has increased after seizing contraband goods. Some food items illegally imported through borders are not good for health.

Illegal trade hurts the government in lost revenue, and also damages legitimate importers, who must compete with cheaper and untaxed items. The volume of Myanmar trade has increased after mobile teams were formed.

According to the official data, the trade volume in the 2014-15 fiscal year, which began on April 1, amounted to \$6.6 billion by June 20, compared with \$24.96 billion in 2013-14 and \$18.4 billion in 2012-2013 respectively. The Ministry of Commerce has predicted the trade volume to reach nearly \$26 billion for this fiscal year.

As these mobile teams cannot totally avoid illegal-trafficking gangs, their security must also be considered seriously. They are the gatekeepers of both trading routes and national security.

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ACTION

Kyi Mun

(continued from 27-8-2014)

Alive, Active, Alert, Agile, awake

Emerson said : "Nothing great was ever achieved without enthusiasm." That means great things can only be achieved by being fully alive, active, alert and agile.

Jack London said : "The proper function of man is to live, not to exist." That is to say that to live is to act, and to be fully alive is to be full of actions.

Henry Thoreau said : "Only that day dawns to which we are awake. That means only those of us who are fully awakened to the vicissitudes of life are ready to face the day with a meaningful purpose.

Action also means effort, endeavour, diligence, painstaking, doing, fixing, performing, and also out-doing and outperforming.

Every action should be done with a Right/Positive Mental Attitude, with a Can-Do-Spirit, and with a Habit of Going the Extra Mile.

And an action should be done well if it is worth doing at all. A common thing should be done uncommonly well. An action should create wealth or it should add value !

Constructive, Creative, Committed

Constructive means : Having a useful and helpful effect rather than being negative or with no purpose. *e.g. constructive criticism/suggestions/advice. His work involved helping hyperactive children to use their energy in a constructive way. The government is encouraging all parties to play a constructive role in the reform process.*

Creative means : (1) Involving the use of skill and the imagination to produce something new or a work of art. *e.g. A course on creative writing. (= writing stories, plays and poems). The creative and performing arts. Creative Thinking = thinking about problems in a new way or thinking of new ideas. e.g. the company's creative team, the creative process.*

(2) Having the skill and ability to produce something new, especially a work of art; showing this ability : *e.g. She is very creative. She writes poetry and paints. Do you have any ideas ? You are the creative one. Creativity and originality are more important than technical skill.*

Committed means : Willing to work hard and give your time and energy to something ; believing strongly in something. *e.g. A committed member of the team. They are committed socialists.*

Target, Objective, Goal

Target : Synonyms-Objective, Goal, Aim & Object, End. These are all words for something that you are trying to achieve.

Target : A result that you try to achieve. *e.g. Set yourself targets that you can reasonably hope to achieve; attainment targets in school ; Target Date/ Area/ Group.*

Objective : Something that you are trying to achieve; *i.e. What is the main objective of this project ?*

Goal : Something that you hope to achieve; *e.g. He continued to pursue his goal of becoming an actor.*

Innovative, Insight, Inspiring

Innovative means : Introducing or using new ideas, *e.g. There will be a prize for the most innovative design. Innovative technology; Recent innovative technology in steel-making.*

Insight means (1) The ability to see and understand the truth about people or situations; *e.g. A writer of great insight.*
(2) An understanding of what something is like; *e.g. The book gives us fascinating insights into life in Mexico.*

Inspiring means : Exciting and encouraging you to do or feel something; *e.g. An inspiring teacher.*

Opportunity, Objective-not subjective, Open-minded

Opportunity means : A time when a particular situation makes it possible to do or achieve something. Synonym is Chance. *e.g. You will have the opportunity to ask any question at the end.*

Objective (not being subjective) means : Not influenced by personal feeling or opinions ; considering only facts. Synonym is Unbiased, *e.g. An Objective analysis/ assessment /report/ objective criteria; e.g. I find it difficult to be objective where he is concerned; Objective reality; Concrete analysis of concrete situation.*

Open-minded means : Willing to listen to; think about or accept different ideas. Opposite : Narrow minded.

Networking, Never-say-die, Niching

Networking means : A system of trying to meet and talk to other people who may be useful to you in your work.

Never-Say-Die means : Never quitting ; unyielding, indomitable or unflappable, imperturbable, etc. It also means never giving up, never giving in and standing up to the challenge and

Niching means : Specializing in something like a role, job or way of life. It means that an action to be successful should specialize in some line of pursuit or in some field of endeavor.

Strategy & Strengths, Success

Strategy : The art of distributing and applying (military) means to fulfill the ends of policy, according to Liddell Hart.

Strategy is about competitive position, about differentiating yourself in the eyes of the customer, about adding value through a mix of activities different from those used by competitors, according to Michael Porter.

Strategy answers the problem : What are the Ends we seek and How should we achieve them ? Strategy sees and secures Vision, Values and Victory.

Strengths means : Resources in Human, Financial, Technological and Organizational dimensions plus Distinctive Capabilities plus Morale of the entire organization.

Success means : Achievement, Attainment, Accomplishment of Goals & Objectives. Being Triumphant, Victorious and Ending Well.

It is said that without theory, one is blind; and without action, one is lame. The story goes like this : Once upon a time, there were two persons living on the outskirts of a village. One is blind and the other is lame. There is a big festival going on in the village with great fun-fair and free meals served in charity. As they wanted to join and participate in the festivities so badly that they collaborated together by combining their forces. The blind man carried the lame man on his back, the latter telling the former the direction of the way to the village.

It is also said that THEORY IS THE BEACON that shows the way and PRACTICE OR ACTION is the TOUCHSTONE, which is something that provides a standard against which other things are compared and / or judged-the touchstone for quality.

The theme is that without ACTION, there would be no result, no gain, no achievement and no legacy for the posterity, but one should never act hastily and without knowledge.

P.S. Pardon for being longer 500 words restriction, please. It was written prior to that notice.

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NATIONAL

Myanmar, OPCW focus on process of Myanmar to ratify CWC

NAY PYI TAW, 27 Aug — Mr Mark Albon, Director of the International Co-operation and Assistance, organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW) based in The Hague, the Netherlands called on U Wunna Maung Lwin, Union Minister for Foreign Affairs at the ministry in Nay Pyi Taw on Wednesday.

They focused on implementation process of Myanmar to ratify the Chemical Weapons Convention (CWC) and potential cooperation between Myanmar and OPCW in the future.

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Prospects of Myanmar's agricultural sector discussed

NAY PYI TAW, 27 Aug — Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing received national expert for the Netherlands' water resources (former Agriculture Minister) Dr Cees Veerman and Netherlands' Ambassador Mr Joan Boo and experts at the ministry in Nay Pyi Taw on Tuesday.

The Netherlands guests discussed Myanmar has much good prospects for development of agriculture sector depending on natural

resources. They expressed the wish of the Netherlands to provide technical assistance for water resources, improvement of river systems and agriculture sector of Myanmar.

The Union minister invited investments for development of Myanmar's agriculture sector and urged all to coordinate production of Myanmar agricultural produce to the market with assistance of the Netherlands.

MNA

Union NPED Minister meets US delegations

NAY PYI TAW, 27 Aug — Union Minister for National Planning and Economic Development Dr Kan Zaw held talks with US entrepreneur Mr Anthony Nelson and party and US trade representative Mr

Michael Froman and party at Myanmar International Convention Centre-1 in Nay Pyi Taw on Wednesday.

They focused on economic affairs.

MNA

YGH provides medicines, free tests to patients

YANGON, 27 Aug — As the government has been increasing the health-care budget for the Ministry of Health year by year, The Health Department allotted more funds for Yangon General Hospital for medicine, medical equipment, laboratory apparatuses and X-ray films to reduce the out-of-pocket costs of patients, according to a statement of the Ministry of Health.

With the funds, the hospital has been treating free of charge to patients who need blood transfusion since 1 August 2014

and issues free medical records for emergency patients and outpatients while arrangements are underway to conduct basic laboratory tests, digital X-ray and ultrasound services free of charge to emergency patients. Some laboratory tests will also be available free of charge for inpatients. Basic medicines and surgical equipment for inpatients and emergency patients will also be available, according to the Ministry of Health.

UNHCR Resident Representative calls on Union Home Affairs Minister

NAY PYI TAW, 27 Aug — Resident Representative Mr Giuseppe de-Vincentis of the UNHCR in Myanmar called on Union Minister for Home Affairs Lt-Gen Ko Ko at the ministry in Nay Pyi Taw on Wednesday to talk about cooperation matters.—MNA



Establishment of single free trade area discussed

NAY PYI TAW, 27 Aug — The 2nd RCEP Participating Countries Ministerial Meeting took place at Myanmar International Convention Centre-1 in Nay Pyi Taw on Wednesday.

Economic ministers from ASEAN and Japan,

China, Republic of Korea, Australia, New Zealand and India, the ASEAN Secretary-General and delegates reviewed the report of the Indian senior economic officer on the agreement on AFTA, establishment of the single free trade area combined

with six agreements of free trade areas signed with Japan, China, Korea, Australia, New Zealand and India.

In the evening, Chairman of ASEAN Economic Ministers' Meeting Union Minister for National Planning and Economic Development Dr Kan Zaw hosted

a dinner to economic ministers and delegates who attended the 46th ASEAN Economic Ministers' Meeting and related meetings at Jade Hall of Myanmar International Convention Centre-1 in Nay Pyi Taw on Wednesday night.

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Economic ministers of ASEAN and dialogue partner countries review report on establishment of single free trade area at the 2nd RCEP Participating Countries Ministerial Meeting.—MNA

SMEs foundation for reform process in economic sector

NAY PYI TAW, 27 Aug — SMEs, amounting to over 90 per cent of businesses, are a backbone of the State economy with creation of job opportunities for the three-fourth population of both urban and rural areas, said Union Minister for Industry U Maung Myint at the workshop on development of SMEs at Sule Shangri-La Hotel in Yangon on Tuesday.

The Ministry of Industry has been providing technical and monetary assistance to SMEs since 2012, he said, adding his hopes for seeking the best ways for development of SMEs as well as private sector.

SMEs are founda-

tion for reform process in economic sector. The US government will cooperate with the Myanmar government in creation of job opportunities, economic cooperation and development youths and women, said Deputy Chief of Mission of the US Embassy Ms Virginia Murray.

Chairman of US-ASEAN Business Council Mr Alexander C. Feldman said that U.S. business organizations will bring business development courses and social responsible business programmes for helping establishment of SMEs in Myanmar.

Local and foreign experts and entrepreneurs

Reminder for handover of air soft guns

NAY PYI TAW, 27 Aug — A total of 104 air soft guns have been handed over to the authorities, according to the 8-8-2014 issues of the State-run newspapers. As about 50 air guns have been sold to some persons, the people are urged to hand over the remaining air guns to the police stations as quickly as possible, and action will be taken against offenders.

From 9 to 27 August,

the people handed over 47 long and 33 barrel air soft guns to the police stations.

The Ministry of Home Affairs announced that the remaining air soft guns must be handed over to the police stations not later than 15 September, and action will be taken against those who do not hand over the air soft guns to the police station in time.

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from Myanmar Women Entrepreneurs' Association, UMFCCL, Myanmar Industries Association, USAID, the United Parcel Service of North America, Inc (UPS) and Procter & Gamble Co (P&G) discussed more inte-

gration of business partnership organizations, seeking foreign markets for SME products, technical applied market extension and border trade on legal point of view.

MNA

Euro hits fresh lows, Asia shares at highs on ECB buzz

SYDNEY, 27 Aug — The euro was cracking under pressure on Wednesday as feverish speculation of further policy stimulus in the euro zone drove bond yields to all-time lows and lifted Asian stocks to peaks not seen in almost seven years.

The groundbreaking call by European Central Bank President Mario Draghi for more action on both the monetary and fiscal fronts has markets wagering that fresh steps could come as soon as next week when the central bank's governing council meets.

"The comments have raised expectations that the ECB could announce even more monetary policy stimulus over coming months," said Peter Dragicevich, a senior currency and rates strategist at Commonwealth Bank of Australia. "The next programme could include broad-based asset purchases."

He said that euro zone



A man looks up as he is reflected on an electronic board displaying Japan's Nikkei average outside a brokerage in Tokyo on 11 Aug, 2014. — REUTERS

inflation data due on Friday was likely to show a new low for this cycle of just 0.3 percent and add to the sense of urgency on policy.

"This will continue to depress swap rates across the curve and keep the euro heavy."

The single currency broke down to an 11-month low of \$1.3154 EUR= in Asia, taking it nearer to the 6 September trough of \$1.3104 which also doubles as major chart support.

The euro's weakness helped lift the US dollar index DXY through its

September peak to reach its highest in 13 months at 82.698. The greenback could only manage a minor gain on the yen to 104.07 JPY=, short of Monday's 7-month peak at 104.49.

The prospect of yet further lashings of liquidity in Europe was taken as a positive for emerging markets and MSCI's broadest index of Asia-Pacific shares outside Japan .MIAPJ0000PUS gained 0.4 percent to its loftiest since January 2008.

After a solid start Japan's Topix .TOPX was

stalled by stiff chart resistance in the 1,290/1,300 zone where it has peaked a number of times in the past.

In Europe, financial spreadbetters predicted a pause after recent gains with the FTSE 100 .FTSE, DAX .GDAXI and CAC 40 .FCHI all expected to open a shade lower.

On Wall Street the S&P 500 .SPX had ended Tuesday above the 2,000 mark for the first time, adding 0.11 percent. The Dow .DJI firmed 0.17 percent and the Nasdaq .IXIC 0.29 percent.

Investors were cheered by solid data with the Conference Board measure of consumer confidence rising to its highest level since October 2007.

Durable goods orders jumped a massive 22.6 percent thanks entirely to bumper demand for Boeing aircraft, while upward revisions to past data suggested business investment was stronger than first thought.

Reuters

British competition watchdog probes foreign exchange market

NEW YORK, 27 Aug — The UK Competition and Markets Authority (CMA) has become the latest regulator to investigate the global foreign exchange market following allegations of rigging, the *Wall Street Journal* reported on Tuesday, citing two people familiar with the matter.

The antitrust watchdog recently shared information relating to its investigation with Britain's Financial Conduct Authority (FCA), which is at the forefront of probes into the global currency market, the *Journal* reported, citing sources.

"The CMA does not comment on whether or not it is conducting cartel investigations," a CMA spokeswoman wrote in an email, while a spokesman for the FCA declined to comment on the report.

The \$5.3 trillion (3.2 trillion pounds)-a-day foreign exchange market is the world's largest and least regulated financial market and is being investigated for collusion.

Reuters



A board shows the exchange rate of several currency against the Chilean Peso at a money exchange bureau in downtown Santiago on 25 Aug, 2014. —REUTERS

WHO shuts Sierra Leone lab after worker infected with Ebola



Medicins Sans Frontieres (MSF) health workers prepare at ELWA's isolation camp during the visit of Senior United Nations (UN) System Coordinator for Ebola David Nabarro, at the camp in Monrovia on 23 Aug, 2014. —REUTERS

FREETOWN / KINSHASA, 27 Aug — The World Health Organization (WHO) said on Tuesday it had shut a laboratory in Sierra Leone after a health worker there was infected with Ebola, a move that may hamper efforts to boost the global response to the worst-ever outbreak of the disease.

At least 1,427 people have died and 2,615 have been infected since the disease was detected deep in the forests of southeastern Guinea in March.

The WHO has deployed nearly 400 of its

own staff and partner organizations to fight the epidemic of the highly contagious hemorrhagic fever, which has struck Sierra Leone, Liberia, Guinea and Nigeria. A separate outbreak was confirmed in Democratic Republic of Congo on Sunday.

Nigeria's health minister said on Tuesday his country had "thus far contained" the Ebola outbreak. One of the deadliest diseases known to man, Ebola is transmitted by contact with body fluids. The current outbreak has killed at least 120 healthcare workers.

The WHO said it had withdrawn staff from the laboratory testing for Ebola at Kailahun — one of only two in Sierra Leone — after a Senegalese epidemiologist was infected with Ebola.

"It's a temporary measure to take care of the welfare of our remaining workers," WHO spokeswoman Christy Feig said, without specifying how long the measure would last.

"After our assessment, they will return."

Feig said she could not assess what impact the withdrawal of WHO staff would have on the fight against Ebola in the Kailahun, the area hardest hit by the disease. The WHO said in a later statement that staff would return after an investigation was completed, adding that testing would continue in the meantime at the Kenema laboratory.

The Senegalese medic — the first worker deployed by WHO to be infected — will be evacuated from Sierra Leone in the coming days, Feig said. He is currently being treated at a government hospital in the eastern town of Kenema.

Reuters

Doping hormone may help protect brains of preterm infants

WASHINGTON, 27 Aug — Administering three doses of erythropoietin (EPO), a blood-doping hormone that stimulates the formation of red blood cells, immediately after birth may significantly reduce brain damage in very preterm infants, a study published by the *Journal of American Medical Association* said on Tuesday.

About 2.6 million babies are born in the world every year before the 32nd week of pregnancy, according to the World Health Organization. There are numerous health implications for children who are born so prematurely, including brain damage and incomplete maturation of the brain, especially the

white matter responsible for propagating information in the nervous system, said the study led by the University of Geneva and the University Hospital of Geneva.

EPO, whose doping effects amongst athletes are well-known, is a treatment commonly used to prevent anemia. It is also used in preterm infants, as it reduces the need for blood transfusions. A number of recent studies have shown that the same hormone also has a neuroprotective effect.

In the new study in Switzerland, 495 infants born from 26 weeks to 32 week of gestation were randomly assigned to receive EPO or placebo intravenously before three hours, at 12 to 18 hours, and at 36

to 42 hours after birth.

The researchers used a new imaging technique called magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) to identify brain damage in a subset of 165 of the 495 infants, half of whom had received three doses of EPO within two days of birth.

"We found that the brains of the children who had received the treatment had much less damage than those in the control group, who had been given a placebo," said co-author Russia Ha-Vinh Leuchter of the University Hospital of Geneva.

"This is the first time that the beneficial effect of the EPO hormone on the brains of premature babies has been shown." —Xinhua

Swiss private bank Pictet releases financial results first time

GENEVA, 27 Aug — Swiss private bank Pictet group released its half-year report of 2014 on Tuesday for the very first time in its 209-year history amid the United States tax investigation. Pictet posted an operating income of 975 million Swiss francs (about 1,065 million US dollars) and a net profit of 203 million Swiss francs for the first six months this year. The bank revealed no history data in this regard.

Assets under management or custody of the Swiss bank amount to 404 billion Swiss francs at the end of June this year, up 13 billion Swiss francs since 31 December, 2013, which confirmed its position as the third largest wealth manager by assets in Switzerland behind UBS and Credit Suisse. —Xinhua

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

Texas family to part ways with skeleton of mammoth found on its farm

DALLAS, 27 Aug — A North Texas family, who discovered the skeleton of a 20,000- to 40,000-year-old mammoth while mining through sediment on their farm, is preparing to turn over the remains to a local museum.

In May, Wayne McEwen and his family were gathering material from a gravel pit on their property, south of Dallas, when his son struck a 6-foot (1.8 meter) tusk while operating an excavator.

The rest of the near-complete skeleton was unearthed by a team from a nearby community college, who determined it was a Columbian mammoth — a slightly larger, less hairy version of the more famous woolly mam-



A nearly complete skeleton of a mammoth that died 20,000 to 40,000 years ago is pictured near Dallas, Texas in this undated handout photo obtained by Reuters on 26 Aug, 2014. — REUTERS

moth. The family decided to donate the remains to the Perot Museum of Nature and Science in Dallas.

Ron Tykoski, a paleontologist with the museum who is working with a team to prepare the specimen for

transport, said the remains are missing a few leg bones but are mostly intact.

"We get a lot of mammoth fossils in Texas but it's usually a tooth here, a tusk there or a piece of jaw," Tykoski said on

Tuesday. "This is unusual. It looks like it just laid down and died."

There is no sign the carcass was disturbed by scavengers, likely because flood waters covered it with silt shortly after its death, he said.

The mammoth is believed to be a female because of its small size, the length of the tusks and the flare of the pelvic bones.

The animal was approximately 8-9 feet (2.4-2.7 metres) tall at the shoulder, or similar in size to a modern-day female Asian elephant.

"It needed to stay in North Texas where the local communities can enjoy it for a long time to come," McEwen said in a news release. — Reuters

Chipmaker Qualcomm may face EU antitrust probe

BRUSSELS, 27 Aug — Qualcomm, the world's No 1 mobile chipmaker, may face a European investigation related to a four-year-old complaint from a subsidiary of rival Nvidia Corp, three people familiar with the matter said on Tuesday.

An EU probe would come at an awkward time for Qualcomm, which is seeking to end an investigation by China's pricing regulator into monopoly practices. If found guilty of breaching EU rules, the company could face a fine of up to \$2.5 billion.

"The Commission may open a case after the summer," said one of the sources, who declined to be named because of the sensitivity of the matter.

British cellphone chipmaker Icera, acquired by Nvidia Corp in 2011, took



Visitors walk past the Qualcomm stand at the Mobile World Congress in Barcelona, on 24 Feb, 2014. — Reuters

its grievances to the European Commission in June 2010, accusing Qualcomm of anti-competitive behavior.

Details of the complaint were never made public. But another person

familiar with the issue said Icera had accused Qualcomm of using patent-related incentives and exclusionary pricing of chipsets to discourage customers from doing business with Icera.

Until now, the issue appeared to have faded from the Commission's agenda, with the latest request for information to Qualcomm dated July last year.

Reuters

Hewlett-Packard recalls 6 million power cords over fire hazard



A man walks past the Hewlett-Packard logo at its French headquarters in Issy le Moulineaux, western Paris, in this on 16 Sept, 2005 file photograph. — REUTERS

WASHINGTON, 27 Aug — Hewlett-Packard Co (HPQ.N) is recalling about 6 million computer power cords after 29 reports of the cords melting or charring, the US Consumer Product Safety Commission said on Tuesday. The recalled item, the LS-15 AC power cord, was distributed with Hewlett-Packard and Compaq notebook and mini notebook computers and with AC adapter-powered accessories such as docking stations, the commission said in a statement.

"Customers should immediately stop using and unplug the recalled power cords and contact Hewlett-Packard to order a free replacement," the statement said.

About 5.6 million power cords are being recalled in the United States, along with 446,700 in Canada.

Reuters

Apple planning 12.9-inch iPad for 2015



Elementary school children use electronic tablets on the first day of class in the new school year in Nice, on 3 Sept, 2013. — REUTERS

SAN FRANCISCO, 27 Aug — Apple Inc (AAPL.O) is preparing to roll out a larger, 12.9-inch version of its iPad for 2015, with production set to begin in the first quarter of next year, Bloomberg cited people with knowledge of the matter as saying on Tuesday.

The report comes as Apple struggles with declining sales of its 10-inch and 7.9-inch tablets, which are faltering as people replace iPads less frequently than expected and large-

er smartphones made by Samsung Electronics Co Ltd (005930.KS) and other rivals encroach upon sales.

Apple has been working with its suppliers for over a year on larger touch-screen devices, Bloomberg cited the sources as saying.

It is expected to introduce larger versions of its 4-inch iPhone next month, although the company has not publicized plans for its most important device.

Apple was not immediately available for comment. — Reuters

SpaceX delays launch after test rocket explosion

CAPE CANAVERAL, 27 Aug — Space Exploration Technologies will delay the launch of its next Falcon 9 rocket by up to two weeks following Friday's explosion of a related prototype vehicle during a flight test, officials said on Tuesday.

The privately owned company, also known as SpaceX, had planned to launch a communications satellite owned by Hong Kong-based Asia Satellite Telecommunications Holdings Ltd early Tuesday from Cape Canaveral Air Force Station in Florida. On Sunday, SpaceX announced it would delay the launch of the AsiaSat 6 spacecraft for one day to review data collected during the botched test flight of a Falcon rocket demonstration vehicle that on Friday.

The Falcon 9 Reusable development vehicle, known as Falcon 9R, was outfitted with three engines and a prototype landing system the company had been developing to fly its

rockets back to the launch site for refurbishment and reuse. The Falcon 9R exploded about 17 seconds after liftoff from SpaceX's McGregor, Texas, rocket development and testing facility, video posted on YouTube by spectators showed.

After an initial review, SpaceX cleared its nine-engine operational Falcon rocket for the AsiaSat mission, but the firm owned and operated by technology entrepreneur Elon Musk apparently had second thoughts.

The launch had been slated for 12:50 am EDT/0450 GMT on Wednesday.

"We are not aware of any issue with Falcon 9, nor the interfaces with the spacecraft, but have decided to review all potential failure modes and contingencies again. We expect to complete this process in one to two weeks," the company said in a statement released late Tuesday. — Reuters

Ministry plans to increase interest-free student loans

TOKYO, 27 Aug — Japan's education ministry plans to boost financial support for children from low-income families by increasing the number of interest-free loans for college and university students, government sources said on Wednesday.

The Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology will also reduce tuition fees for 57,000 undergraduate and graduate students at state-run universities, an increase of 3,000, and for 42,000 students at private universities, also an increase of 3,000.

The ministry will seek the necessary funds for the loan expansion and the fee reduction in its budget request for fiscal 2015 which starts on 1 April, the sources said. Children from low-income families have been receiving financial support at

elementary, junior high and senior high schools, but the ministry has not been equally supportive for university and college students.

The state-run Japan Student Service Organization, which provides loans to students, plans to give interest-free loans to a total of 471,000 students, up 30,000. It also plans to provide regular student loans to 1,410,000, an increase of 12,000, in the next academic year, the sources said.

The education ministry has abandoned a plan to provide scholarships after the Finance Ministry opposed it, citing funding difficulties, the sources said.

It also plans to seek funding in the next fiscal year to subsidize vocational schools which reduce tuition fees for students from low-income families.

Kyodo News

Iceland volcano struck by biggest earthquake yet, still no eruption

STOCKHOLM, 27 Aug — A magnitude 5.7 earthquake hit Iceland's Bardarbunga volcano overnight, the biggest since tremors began 10 days ago, but there is still no sign of an eruption, the country's Meteorological Office said on Tuesday.

Intense seismic activity at Iceland's largest volcano system has raised worries that an eruption could cause another ash cloud like that from the Eyjafjallajokull volcano in 2010 that shut down much of Europe's airspace for six days.

"There was one event during the night ... it was a magnitude 5.7 (quake), the largest in this series," Pálmi Erlendsson, a geologist at the Met Office said.

"Activity is still deep and we see no signs of anything close to the surface."

On Sunday, Iceland lowered its warning code for possible volcanic disruption to the aviation industry to orange from red,

the highest level on the country's five-point alert system, after concluding that seismic activity had not led to a volcanic eruption under the glacier.

Red alert indicates an eruption is imminent or underway with a significant emission of ash likely.

Met Office scientists believe the earthquakes are a result of magma flowing out from under the crater of the volcano, causing a change in pressure.

The migration of magma — estimated at around 300 million cubic metres (10.6 billion cubic feet) along a 35 kilometre (21 miles) dyke by Icelandic scientists on Monday — could stop. That should lead to a gradual reduction in seismic activity.

But the magma could also reach the surface away from the glacier. This would probably lead to an eruption, but with limited explosive, ash-producing



A warning sign blocks the road to Bardarbunga volcano, some 20 kilometres (12.5 miles) away, in the north-west region of the Vatnajokull glacier on 19 Aug, 2014.— REUTERS

activity, scientists said.

If the magma reaches the surface under the glacier, that would lead to flooding and possibly an explosive eruption and ash production, they added. An eruption inside the Bardarbunga caldera is also possible, but scientists say less likely than the other scenarios.

"We still can't say whether it will cease, con-

tinue like this for a while or erupt. It's impossible to say," Erlendsson said.

There have been thousands of smaller quakes over the past week at Bardarbunga. Areas around the volcano, in the centre of the North Atlantic island nation, have been evacuated.

Bardarbunga is in a different range to Eyjafjallajokull.

Reuters

Silva surges in Brazil election race, threatens Rousseff

BRASILIA, 27 Aug — A surging Marina Silva has narrowed President Dilma Rousseff's lead in Brazil's presidential race, a new opinion poll showed on Tuesday, paving the way for a likely second-round runoff in which the popular environmentalist looks well-positioned to win.

Silva, who was thrust into the presidential race last week following the death of her party's candidate, has 29 percent of voter support heading into the 5 October vote, according to the survey by polling institute Ibope.

The poll showed Rousseff with 34 percent, down from 38 percent in the previous Ibope survey in early August. The other main opposition candidate, Senator Aécio Neves, had 19 percent support, down from 23 percent in the last Ibope poll.

In a likely second-round runoff on 26 October between the top two vote-getters, Silva would defeat Rousseff by a margin of nine percentage points, according to the poll, which had a margin of error of plus or minus 2 percentage points.

A renowned defender of the Amazon rainforest who placed a strong third in the 2010 presidential elec-



Brazil's Socialist Party presidential candidate Marina Silva (L) attends a rally campaign in Sao Paulo on 24 Aug, 2014.—REUTERS

tion, Silva has upended this year's race since declaring her candidacy last Wednesday. But many political analysts warn that both Rousseff and Neves have plenty of time, along with more powerful and better-funded parties behind them, to counter Silva's rise before election day.

Silva surged 10 percentage points ahead of Neves, the centrist candidate favoured by investors, and now threatens to dislodge the ruling Workers' Party in its toughest election since it won office in 2002, the Ibope poll showed.

A separate poll due to be published on Wednesday by the transport industry lobby CNT will also show Silva surging and support dropping for Rousseff and Neves, the CNT said in a statement on Tuesday.

"Silva is the favourite for the runoff, where she will draw more of Neves's supporters than Rousseff," said Carlos Melo, a political scientist at the Insper business school. "If she makes no mistakes, she will be in a very strong position."

Silva's big asset is her low rejection rate, just 10 percent compared with 36

percent of voters who said they would never vote for Rousseff, which indicates the president does not have much room to grow but her challenger does.

Despite Brazil's high cost of living and a stalling economy, the Rousseff administration's approval rating rose two percentage points to 34 percent, a number her party is bound to point to as evidence that things are not that bad.

"Marina has become the No 1 factor in the election," said a Rousseff campaign official who asked not to be named. Silva has

become the catalyst of opposition sentiment, but now she will become the target of all the candidates, he said. "We have to see what the other campaigns will do to deconstruct her."

Analysts say Silva has benefited from sympathy over the tragic death of Eduardo Campos, who had invited her to join his ticket as his running mate, and they will be watching a series of opinion polls this week to see if support for Silva wanes after the initial surge.

Silva is seen as an anti-establishment figure who could restore ethical principles to Brazilian politics and she appeals to voters who are disenchanted with Brazil's main parties. A fervent evangelical Christian, she will also draw votes from this growing religious constituency.

The poll showed Silva stealing support from all candidates, including another evangelical candidate Pastor Everaldo, and drawing uncommitted voters into the election.

The prospect of Silva defeating Rousseff has rallied Brazil's stock market for two weeks, with investors betting on an end to the leftist president's interventionist economic policies, which have undermined

business confidence in the once high-flying emerging market economy.

Yet Silva's intransigent style of politics may make it difficult for her to build the coalitions with traditional political parties that she would need to govern Brazil if elected.

"The critical challenge for Marina over the next two weeks will be to transition from being a protest vote candidate to someone voters are willing and able to trust to lead the country," the Eurasia political risk consultancy said in a note to clients.

Silva's economic platform will be announced on Friday. While her policies remain a mystery, her top adviser, Eduardo Giannetti, has said they will be as orthodox and market-friendly as those of Neves.

Silva met recently with bankers in Sao Paulo and said, if elected, she would mostly delegate economic policy to a respected group of advisers. "I'm not going to try to manage something I don't understand," one banker present quoted her as saying. Ibope surveyed 2,506 people nationwide between 23-26 August for the poll, which was published on the website of the *O Estado de S Paulo* newspaper.—Reuters

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**Ministry of Energy
Myanma Petrochemical Enterprise
Request for Letter of Expression
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for Joint Venture Project
of Coastal Oil Tankers, River Crafts
and Barges**

1. The Myanma Petrochemical Enterprise, Ministry of Energy of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar hereby announced an invitation to the interested local investors, companies, the organizations / foreign companies to submit the Letter of Expression of Interest (LOEI) for Joint Venture Project of coastal oil tankers, river crafts and barges under Crude Oil and Petrochemical Movement Department of Myanma Petrochemical Enterprise (MPE). This business will be carried out by classification in accordance with coastal oil tankers, river crafts and barges group and the interested applicants can propose by conducting individual group or more.
2. The required data for LOEI submission and information related to coastal oil tankers, river crafts and barges group are available in the Ministry of Energy Website (<http://www.energy.gov.mm/index.php/en/information/announcement>) as well as the following address in person during the office hours.
3. LOEI shall be submitted to Managing Director, Building No.44, Myanma Petrochemical Enterprise, Nay Pyi Taw in person not later than 12:00 noon at the date of 25.9.2014. No submission of LOEI can be allowed by fax or email.
4. Only the qualified LOEI proposals will be invited to conduct the tender process.

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Weather report

FORECAST VALID UNTIL EVENING OF THE 28th August, 2014: Rain or thundershowers will be scattered in Magway Region, Kachin and Shan States, fairly widespread in Sagaing, Mandalay, Bago and Yangon Regions, Rakhine and Kayah States and widespread in the remaining Regions and States with likelihood of isolated heavy falls in Mandalay, Magway and Taninthayi Regions, Chin and Mon States. Degree of certainty is (100%).

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Miley Cyrus' MTV awards date wanted on probation violation



Miley Cyrus leaves with her spokesperson, named Jesse (L), after he accepted the award for video of the year for "Wrecking Ball" during the 2014 MTV Video Music Awards in Inglewood, California on 24 Aug, 2014.—REUTERS

PORTLAND, 27 Aug—MTV Music Video Award The young homeless man who accepted Miley Cyrus' in Oregon on a probation

violation, his probation officer said on Tuesday.

Lee Warren, the Polk County probation officer of 22-year-old Jesse Helt, said local authorities were unsuccessful in finding Helt in Salem, Oregon after his mother told the *Oregonian* newspaper that Cyrus had given him money to fly home.

Cyrus, 21, opted not to collect the video of the year award on Sunday for her hit "Wrecking Ball" and instead sent Helt in her place as a way to draw awareness to youth homelessness.

"I've cleaned your hotels rooms, I've been an extra in your movies, I've been an extra in your life," Helt said at the VMAs. "Though I may have been invisible to you in the streets, I have many of the same dreams that brought many of you here tonight."

Helt has had a warrant for his arrest on a probation violation for criminal trespass since November 2011 after he failed to report and comply with probation su-

pervision, Polk County Director of Community Corrections Martin Silbernagel said.

Helt's mother, Linda Helt, told the *Oregonian* that her son had moved to Los Angeles a few years ago and had been homeless at times.

Court records indicate Helt was arrested in 2010 for criminal mischief and criminal trespass, while a burglary charge was dismissed. He was arrested twice in 2011 for probation violations, according to records.

Cyrus defended Helt and accused the media of ignoring the issue of youth homelessness in favour of his legal issues.

"I hope that this can be the start of a national conversation about youth homelessness and how to end it," Cyrus wrote on Twitter. "While they (media) obsesses over one homeless mans legal issue lets help the other 1.6 million homeless youth," she added.—Reuters

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Gwyneth Paltrow slapped with copyright infringement lawsuit

LOS ANGELES, 27 Aug—Actress Gwyneth Paltrow has been slapped with a copyright infringement lawsuit over her lifestyle website Goop.

Health expert Charles Platkin is suing Paltrow's company, alleging that Goop infringed on his 'Diet Detective' copyright by posting an article using that title, reported Radar online.

According to the legal papers filed in US District Court, Southern District of New York, Platkin claims that Goop engaged in 'deliberate and unconscionable actions in infringing on Plaintiff's trademarks' in a 17 July, 2014 article.

Platkin, the author of various books under the Diet Detective name, claims that Goop violated his copyright and that all



Gwyneth Paltrow

his requests to the company for reimbursements 'for the value of infringed-upon trademark... Were all ignored and/or dismissed...'

He is seeking monetary damages and a jury trial and is asking a judge to bar bosses at the company from using his trademark again.

PTI

Lady Gaga strips, dances to metal numbers on bar-top



LONDON, 27 Aug — 'Poker Face' hitmaker Lady Gaga stripped while dancing on metal music at a bar-top in Australia.

Gaga, 28, took to Instagram to share pictures from the party which went till late one in the night, re-

Lady Gaga

ported Mirror. "Livin' after midnight. Melbourne Metal Madness," she captioned a picture of herself.

The DJ for the evening said she loves metal songs and asked her to play her favourites. "She was there between 1ish till close. She literally crawled on her hands and knees out the door and up the lane. Clas-

sic!!

"I played at least 10 of her requests as she's a total metal head! First request was 'Squealer' by AC/DC. Best part was when I made her perform for me on the bar top to 'Long Way To the Top'. Great night," DJ Mermaid wrote on her facebook page.

PTI

Red is the new black at Emmys, a night of sleek silhouettes

LOS ANGELES, 27 Aug—The Emmy awards saw a sea of red and white gowns with sleek silhouettes on Monday, as television's top talent channelled golden age glamour for Hollywood's first red carpet of the major awards season.

Red, often a risky choice as it can disappear into the colour of the carpet, was the favoured tone for stars such as "Veep" nominee Julia Louis-Dreyfus in a column halter Carolina Herrera and "Homeland" star Claire Danes in a vermilion embellished Givenchy dress.

"Mad Men" ladies Christina Hendricks opted for an asymmetric vermilion Marchesa gown with gold accents and January Jones went for a full-skirt-

ed strapless Prabal Gurung gown. "Big Bang Theory" actress Kaley Cuoco opted for a strapless Monique Lhuillier with pink floral motifs, while Mindy Kaling wore a sleek custom Kenzo gown. "Red is a vibrant, easy way for celebrities to wear colors that we've seen in fashion over the past year," said Eric Wilson, fashion news director of *InStyle* magazine. To juxtapose the red, some stars opted for bold jewel hues, such as Allison Janney in a royal purple strapless Nicolas Jebran gown, "Orange is the New Black" star Samira Wiley in a yellow Christian Siriano column dress and her fellow star Taryn Manning in a vintage gold Az-zaro strapless gown.

"The Voice" judge Gwen Stefani chose a silver

skirt and top combo with gold metal accents by Versace, while Amy Poehler picked a silver low-cut metallic gown by Theia.

"This is the sexiest red carpet at the Emmys in years," Wilson said. "Fashion has elevated in the last few years, celebrities are owning the fashion and taking chances."

Monochrome tones remained a popular choice to stand out on the red carpet. "House of Cards" nominee Robin Wright led the all-white line with a backless white Ralph Lauren jumpsuit, while "Orange is the New Black" nominee Taylor Schilling wore a cream halter-neck beaded Zuhair Murad gown, saying she loved the comfort of the style.

Michelle Dockery opt-



Julia Louis-Dreyfus accepts the award for Outstanding Lead Actress in a Comedy Series for her role in HBO's "Veep" onstage during the 66th Primetime Emmy Awards in Los Angeles, California on 25 Aug, 2014.

REUTERS

ed for a cream dress with pops of blue and green by Rosie Assoulin, a trend also favoured by "Girls" star Alison Williams in an off-white full-skirted Giambattista Valli gown.

"Masters of Sex" star Lizzy Caplan wore both black and white with her halter Donna Karen gown, while "The Good Wife" actress Julianna Margulies spun a twist on black with a

beaded Narciso Rodriguez column dress.

Sarah Paulson created red carpet drama with a black Armani Prive strapless gown that had exaggerated overlay of embroidered netting, which got the star caught on hedges lining the red carpet. Julia Roberts skipped the long gown trend for a short leg-baring sequined navy Elie Saab dress. And then there are the outfits that split fashion critics, which this year was "Girls" star Lena Dunham's pale pink shirt and multi-tiered full skirt by Giambattista Valli.

Wilson praised Dunham for taking a risk, saying "Lena looked amazing, it's really fun colour trend and with features, it's bubbly and fun, very much her personality."—Reuters

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Large bird's nest crushes a tree



The bird nest in the African continent is believed to be the largest one in the world. —XINHUA

BEIJING, 27 Aug — A bird nest weighing over 2000 pounds (about 907 kilograms) — believed to be the world's largest — has crushed a tree supporting it, the UK-based *Wired Magazine* reported recently.

Fortunately, its main structure remained intact as it is supported by some of the tree's branches.

The nest, six metres long, 4 metres wide and 2 metres high, was found on a semiarid plain between

South Africa and Namibia.

Biologist Gavin Leighton with Miami University said the nest with about 100 cubicles inside may accommodate around 500 birds.

He added that the nest may have existed for over a

century.

But excessive rainwater permeated the nest this summer that exceeded the maximum weight the tree could support. Part of the nest was damaged when the tree fell down.—Xinhua

British Oscar-winning actor, director Richard Attenborough dies at 90

BEIJING, 27 Aug — British Oscar-winning actor and film director Richard Attenborough died on Sunday at the age of 90, his son has said.

He was one of Britain's leading actors, before becoming a highly successful director.

In a career that spanned six decades, he appeared in films including *Brighton Rock*, *World War Two* prisoner of war thriller

The Great Escape and later in dinosaur blockbuster *Jurassic Park*.

As a director he was perhaps best known for *Gandhi*, which won him two Oscars. Richard Attenborough spent two decades trying to persuade skeptical movie moguls to back a tribute to Mahatma Gandhi and eventually created one of the most successful films of all time.

The 22-million US

dollar epic came out in 1982 and scooped eight Hollywood Oscars, including best director — a record for a British film.

Jurassic Park director Steven Spielberg said Lord Attenborough was passionate about everything in his life.

"He made a gift to the world with his emotional epic *Gandhi* and he was the perfect ringmaster to bring the dinosaurs back to life as

John Hammond in *Jurassic Park*," he said.

"He was a dear friend and I am standing in an endless line of those who completely adored him."

Paying tribute, Prime Minister David Cameron tweeted: "His acting in *Brighton Rock* was brilliant, his directing of *'Gandhi'* was stunning — Richard Attenborough was one of the greats of cinema."—Xinhua

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Italy under a cloud for Serie A kickoff

ROME, 27 Aug — The Serie A season kicks off on Saturday with Italian football at a new low following a miserable World Cup campaign and the election of a federation president embroiled in a racism row.

Once Europe's most prestigious league, Serie A has lost its glamour over the last few years as dilapidated stadiums, financial problems, racism and hooliganism have all taken their toll, not to mention two match-fixing scandals.



Italy's national soccer team coach Cesare Prandelli (C) talks to his players during a training session at the Maria Lamas Farache-Frasqueira stadium in Natal on 22 June, 2014.—REUTERS

It has dropped to fifth, below Portugal, in the UEFA ranking which determines the distribution of places in the Champions League and Europa League.

Rather than signing the world's best players, Italian football now has to make do with ones who have past their peak in the English Premier League and La Liga, or who have yet to make the grade there.

Champions Juventus chased Chile forward Alexis Sanchez but ended up with 21-year-old Spaniard Alvaro Morata, who

struggled to get a place at Real Madrid last season, and 33-year Patrice Evra from Manchester United. Evra's former United team mate Nemanja Vidic moved to Inter Milan on a free transfer.

There have been flickers of encouragement with Juventus, winners of Serie A for the last three seasons and proud owners of the only club-owned stadium in the top flight, and AS Roma showing what can be achieved with a new outlook.

Italy coach Cesare

Prandelli was another beacon of hope as he rooted out the negativity and cynicism often linked with the four-times world champions and did his best to rejuvenate the team despite an unproductive youth system.

But Italy's group-stage World Cup exit, following defeats by Costa Rica and Uruguay, undid much of his good work and prompted Prandelli to quit with two years left on his contract. He joined Galatasaray in Turkey.

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Man United thrashed 4-0 by MK Dons in League Cup

LONDON, 27 Aug — Manchester United's early season problems were compounded by a humiliating 4-0 loss to third-tier Milton Keynes Dons in the League Cup second round on Tuesday leaving new manager Louis van Gaal still looking for his first win.

MK Dons' Will Grigg and substitute Benik Afobe scored two goals apiece as United's defensive frailties were ruthlessly exposed by their enthusiastic lower division opponents who took advantage of playing against a second-string side.

Grigg capitalised on United's mistakes to score either side of halftime before Afobe compounded the visitors' misery with two late goals, the first seconds after coming off the bench.

Dutchman Van Gaal is still without a competitive victory since taking over at United in the close season and he will be desperate for British record signing Angel Di Maria to play after

he signed from Real Madrid earlier on Tuesday.

"It's a matter of making errors at wrong moments," Van Gaal told Sky Sports. "When you see the goals against us, I believe they were big errors that you cannot make."

"Then it was 2-0 and it was very difficult to come back into the game. In the second half we created a lot of chances and didn't have the luck to score. Then two more errors and it's 3-0 and 4-0."

It was United's first outing in the second round of the competition since 1995 and the first time they had conceded four goals in a League Cup match against lower league opposition.

Van Gaal left out several first-team regulars including captain Wayne Rooney and strike partner Robin van Persie but asked if he regretted making so many changes, he said: "No, you have to analyse the problem and I've done that."



Milton Keynes Dons' Will Grigg celebrates his goal against Manchester United during their League Cup soccer match at stadiummk in Milton Keynes, north of London on 26 Aug, 2014.—REUTERS

"We have nine injuries and a very young team. I've seen them trying to do their utmost best so you cannot expect more."

West Ham United lost 5-4 on penalties at home to

Sheffield United following a 1-1 draw after extra time, while fellow top-flight sides Leicester City and Burnley went down 1-0 to visiting Shrewsbury Town and Sheffield on Wednes-

day respectively.

Dwight Gayle scored a first-half hat-trick as Premier League crisis club Crystal Palace, without a manager after Tony Pulis left the club, enjoyed a 3-0 win at third-tier Walsall.

Newcastle United won 1-0 at Gillingham, Southampton beat Millwall 2-0 away, Swansea triumphed 1-0 at home to Rotherham United and West Bromwich Albion beat visitors Oxford United 7-6 on penalties with the teams locked at 1-1 after extra time.

Following Manchester United's 2-1 Premier League defeat by Swansea City, their first opening day loss at home since 1972, and a toothless 1-1 draw at Sunderland, they should have welcomed a seemingly straightforward game at lowly opponents.

After a bright start, though, they found themselves behind.

Jonny Evans gifted the hosts possession in his own penalty area and Grigg punished him with a cool

finish after 25 minutes.

Just after the hour mark the hosts doubled their lead and again United were the masters of their own downfall.

Another misplaced pass was capitalised on by Ben Reeves whose cross was steered home by Grigg's audacious chested finish.

Afobe was brought into the action after 68 minutes and immediately scored with a low shot which flew past United goalkeeper David de Gea.

Afobe added a fourth after 84 minutes, bundling his way past several defenders before firing into the corner to complete a famous win for a team who were only founded in July 2004.

"I'm a little bit in shock... it's ridiculous and something dreams are made of," said MK Dons manager Karl Robinson. "My players and my football club, and the city in general, deserve credit tonight."—Reuters

Barcelona sign Sao Paulo defender Douglas

SAO PAULO, 27 Aug — Barcelona have agreed to sign defender Douglas Pereira from Sao Paulo for four million euros, the Spanish club said on Tuesday.

The transfer fee could rise by another 1.5 million euros (1.19 million pounds) depending on the number of games the 24-year-old right back plays.

The five-year contract

is pending a medical later this week in Spain, the Catalan club said on their website.

His signing is the latest in a busy off-season for Barcelona, who are prohibited from signing players in the next two transfer windows after they were found to have breached rules on the signing of underage players.

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AC Milan's Urby Emanuelson (L) is tackled by Douglas of Sao Paulo during the third place match at the Audi Cup friendly soccer tournament in Munich on 1 Aug, 2013.—REUTERS

Teenager gatecrashes Serena and Federer party

NEW YORK, 27 Aug — Despite boasting 34 grand slam singles titles between them, Serena Williams and Roger Federer were forced to share the spotlight with a 15-year-old at the US Open on Tuesday as all three advanced to the second round.

American wild card Catherine Bellis, the youngest player in the draw, took her place alongside the five-times US champions by stunning 12th seeded Australian Open finalist Dominika Cibulkova of Slovakia 6-1, 4-6, 6-4.

The second-seeded Federer, looking to extend his record men's haul of slam titles to 18, posted a 6-3, 6-4, 7-6 (4) demolition of Australian Marinko Matosevic as the 33-year-old's boyhood idol Michael Jordan of basketball fame looked on.

"He was just my hero of all sports," said Federer, who has collaborated with Jordan on a sneakers design. "Besides (Stefan) Edberg and (Boris) Becker being my tennis idols, I had Jordan as my all-sports idol."

Williams advanced 6-3 6-1 over unseeded fellow American Taylor Townsend

as she followed Federer onto the Arthur Ashe Stadium court to cap the second day of the championships.

Should she go on to win the tournament, the two-times defending champion would join Chris Evert and Martina Navratilova in fourth place on the all-time list of women's grand slam singles champions with 18 titles apiece.

"Hopefully, I can just build on this," said Williams, who has had a disappointing slam season with her best result a fourth-round exit at the Australian Open back in January.

Margaret Court (24), Steffi Graf (22) and Helen Wills Moody (19) are the only three women to have won more grand slam titles.

Other leading contenders were keen to display their skills on a sunny day in Flushing Meadows.

Wimbledon champion Petra Kvitova and runner-up Eugenie Bouchard launched their Open campaigns with a bang, blasting by their respective first-round opponents with a minimum of fuss.

They were joined in the second round by eighth-seeded former world



Roger Federer of Switzerland celebrates after defeating Marinko Matosevic of Australia following their men's singles match at the US Open tennis tournament in New York on Aug, 2014.—REUTERS

number one Ana Ivanovic, 11th-seeded Italian Flavia Pennetta, 16th seed Victoria Azarenka and 2011 champion Sam Stosur, but the biggest jolt of energy was supplied by Bellis.

Playing on the secondary Court Six, the teenager added her name to the record books by becoming the youngest female to win a match at the US Open since Anna Kournikova in 1996.

"I went into the match thinking it was going to be such a great experience," said the pony-tailed Bellis, who received her wild

card when she became the youngest player to win the girls' 18s national championships since Lindsay Davenport in 1991.

"But I never thought I would come out on top winning. I'm still in shock about that match."

Third-seeded Kvitova of the Czech Republic crushed Kristina Mladenovic of France 6-1, 6-0, while Bouchard was nearly as efficient in dismissing Olga Govortsova of Belarus 6-2, 6-1 in the afternoon sunshine.

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