

President U Thein Sein meets German President Mr Joachim Gauck

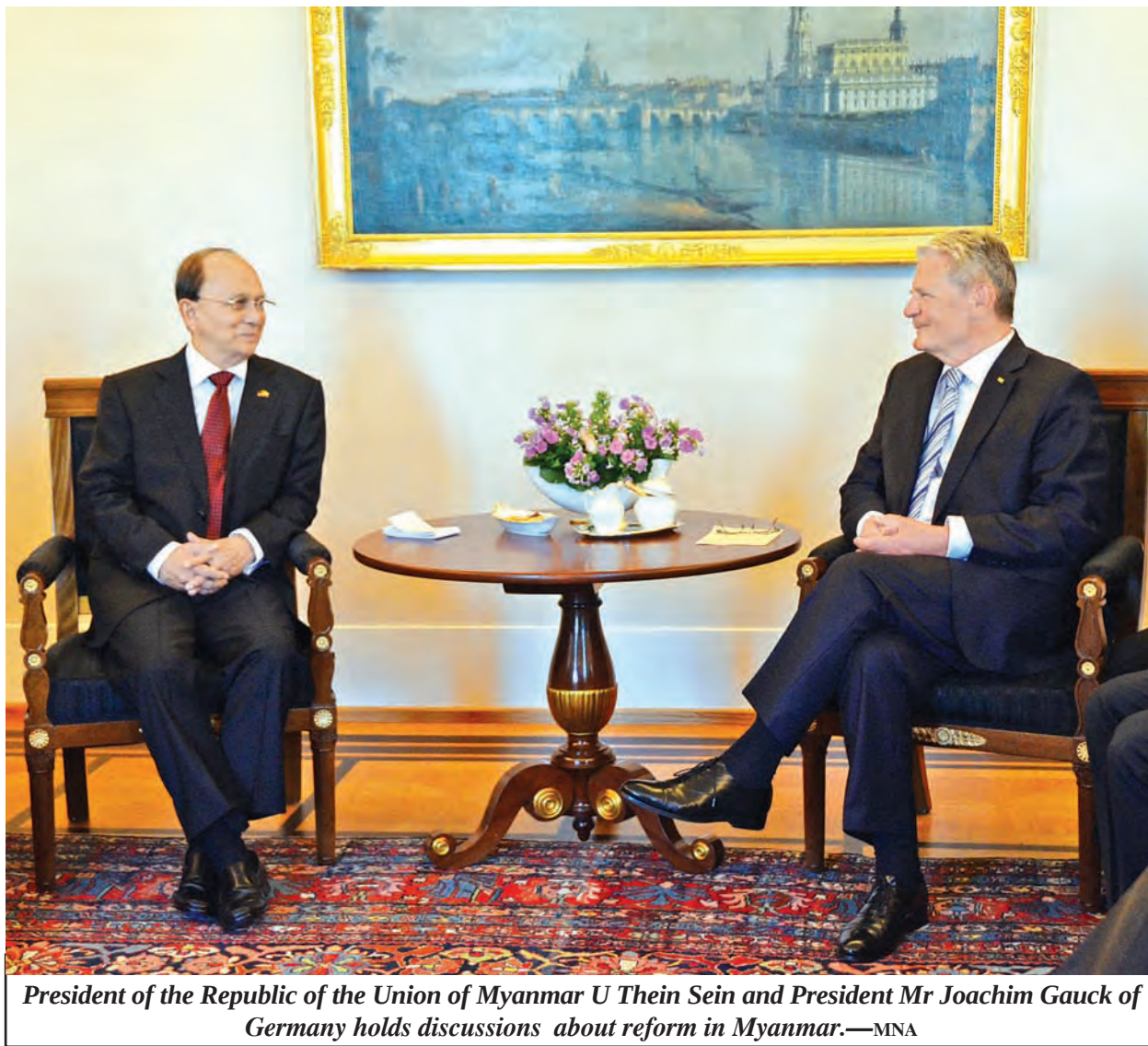
BERLIN, 4 Sept—President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein met with President Mr Joachim Gauck of Germany at the Presidential Palace in Berlin on Thursday morning.

The German president warmly welcomed President U Thein Sein and they posed for a documentary photograph in front of the presidential palace.

Then, President U Thein Sein signed on the visitors' book at the presidential palace.

Also present at the meeting were Union Ministers U Wunna Maung Lwin, U Ye Htut, U Soe Thane, U Ohn Myint, U Nyan Tun Aung and U Khin Maung Soe and Myanmar Ambassador to Germany U Soe Nwe. German President Mr Joachim Gauck visited Myanmar from 9 to 12 February 2014.

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President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein and President Mr Joachim Gauck of Germany holds discussions about reform in Myanmar.—MNA

Rakhine Chief Minister urges foreign aid agencies to exert effort on welfare of locals

SITTWE, 4 Sept—Steps are being taken to stabilize and develop the region on all fronts, the Rakhine State Chief Minister told a meeting with UN organizations and INGOs here on 2 September.

U Maung Maung Ohn said the government, as well as UN agencies and INGOs, directs efforts on the welfare of local people.

UN agencies and INGOs should take into consideration the feelings of Rakhine nationals in operating their activities successfully, he said.

Speaking of refugee shelters, he stated that the number of Bengalis is higher than that of Rakhine nationals.

He called for foreign aid agencies not to neglect Rakhine national villagers who he said are living in extreme poverty, with some living in a situation far worse than in refugee shelters.

He also urged them to assign duty to local people, adding that arrangements are underway to extend cooperation and protection for their safety and accommodation.

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International exhibitors of food, drink and pharmaceutical processing and packaging industries gather at ProPak Myanmar 2014&Plastic and Rubber Myanmar 2014

By Ye Myint

YANGON, 4 Sept — More than 185 exhibitors from 23 countries, and three international pavilions from Singapore, China Taipei and Thailand, gathered Thursday at Myanmar Convention Centre in Yangon to introduce Myanmar businessmen to their products at ProPak Myanmar 2014&Plastic and Rubber Myanmar 2014.

Bangkok Exhibition Services Ltd organized the two trade events— ProPak Myanmar 2014, the first international processing & packaging trade fair for the food, drink and pharmaceutical industries in Myanmar, and Plastics & Rubber Myanmar 2014, the first international plastics and rubber materials and technology trade exhibition



for Myanmar.

It is aimed at offering potential for developing domestic businesses and enabling Myanmar business people to realize the prospects of food, drink (See page 9)

Products of over 185 exhibitors from 23 countries on display at ProPak Myanmar 2014, the first-ever international processing and packaging exhibition for Myanmar's food, drink and pharmaceutical industries, held alongside Plastic and Rubber Myanmar 2014 at MCC Hall in Yangon. PHOTO: YE MYINT

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President U Thein Sein holds discussions with German Chancellor Angela Merkel



German Chancellor Angela Merkel rolls out red carpet for Myanmar President U Thein Sein on 3 September, 2014.—MNA

BERLIN, 4 Sept — President U Thein Sein attended the working luncheon hosted by Chancellor Angela Merkel on Wednesday afternoon.

They held discussions on political, economic and administrative reforms, rural development, poverty reduction, electricity generation, infrastructure development, development of small and medium enterprises, development of vocational education, development of agriculture and livestock breeding, prospects for cooperation in education sector, media development, press freedom and ethics, state constitution and elections, peace, stability and development of

Rakhine State and ASEAN and regional relations.

President U Thein Sein visited Wind Park (Energy Sufficient Feldheim Village) in Berlin in the same evening and studied generation of electricity with wind turbines which supply 25 percent of electricity need of Germany.

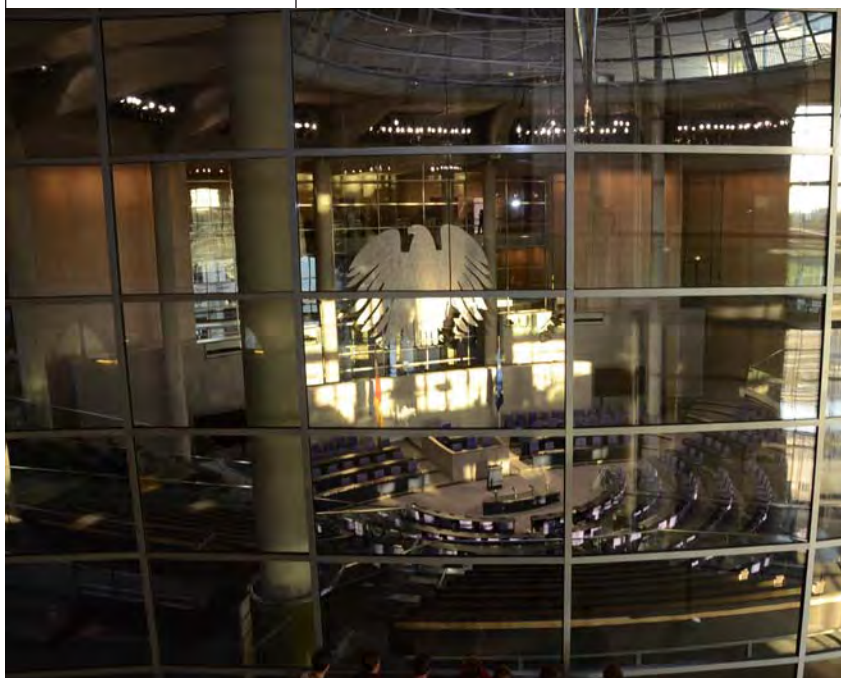
Then, the president went to parliament building and held discussions about reform process in Myanmar, check and balance among three pillars of legislative, administrative and judicial branches of the state in accordance with the provisions of the state constitution, power distribution among the union government, region/state governments and self-administered zones in Myanmar, constitutional reform and free and fair elections with Lower House Speaker Mr Norbert Lammert.

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President U Thein Sein observes German parliament building on 3 September 2014.—MNA



President U Thein Sein poses documentary photo at Wind Park (Energy Sufficient Feldheim Village) in Berlin on 3 September 2014.—MNA



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In the evening, the president attended the dinner hosted by President Mr Christian Wriedt of Korber Foundation, a non-political think tank.

Afterwards, President U Thein Sein met with Ambassador of Myanmar to Germany U Soe Nwe, staff, families and Myanmar students in Germany at the residence of the ambassador and explained political, economic, administrative

President U Thein Sein was welcomed by German Lower House Speaker Mr Norbert Lammert.—MNA



President U Thein Sein presents souvenir to President Mr Christian Wriedt of Korber Foundation.—MNA

and private sector reforms and efforts to promote the international relations.

On Thursday, the pres-

ident met with programme presenter Ms Amrita Cheema of Deutsche Welle News Agency at the library

of the Intercontinental Hotel and responded to questions concerning the reform in Myanmar. —MNA



President U Thein Sein meets Ms Amrita Cheema of Deutsche Welle news agency and explains Myanmar's reform process on 4 September, 2014.—MNA



President U Thein Sein meets Myanmar embassy staff and scholars at the residence of Myanmar Ambassador to Germany on 3 September, 2014.—MNA

President U Thein Sein attends luncheon hosted by Chair of Hanns-Seidel Foundation



BERLIN, 4 Sept — President U Thein Sein and party attended a luncheon hosted by Professor Ursula Maennle, Chair of Hanns-Seidel Foundation of Germany, at Bayerische Landesvertretung in Berlin on Thursday.

Also present at the luncheon together with the President were the Union ministers, the Myanmar ambassador to Germany and officials. —MNA

President U Thein Sein poses for a documentary photo with Professor Ursula Maennle of Hanns-Seidel Foundation.—MNA

Myanmar, Thailand discuss to resume Dawei special economic zone

NAY PYI TAW, 4 Sept — Myanmar and Thailand met at the Ministry of Transport here on Thursday to discuss the resumption of Dawei special economic zone and its related projects, sources said.

Ernst & Young, a multinational professional services firm with its headquarters in London, which has been assigned to calculate expenses of the projects already undertaken by the Italian-Thai Develop-

ment Company, submitted its 'final due diligence report' at the meeting.

The meeting also discussed the resumption of initial projects which include the construction of a two-lane motorway, a jetty, an industrial zone, a power station, a housing estate, water supply and communications facilities.

The Dawei special economic zone is located in Nabule, 17 miles north-west of Dawei in Tanin-

thayi Region. Despite the projects which started in November 2010 in accord with the framework agreement between the Myanmar Port Authority and the Italian-Thai Development Company, the project has faced long delay, which called for governmental cooperation between the two governments. Plans are under way to resume initial projects in the first week of November this year.

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Union minister attends ONS summit

NAY PYI TAW, 4 Sept — Union Minister for Energy U Zeyar Aung and delegation, at the invitation of Minister of Petroleum and Energy He Mr Tord Lien of Norway and Minister of State for Trade and Investment of Britain H.E Lord Livingston, visited Norway

and Britain.

During his trip, the union minister attended the Offshore Northern Seas Summit where about 900 officials and experts held discussions about energy supply, importance of oil and gas, new exploration technologies, climate

change, emission of carbon dioxide and environmental conservation.

At the summit, the union minister discussed with ministers from Norway and Britain, and a number of officials from oil companies and the EITI.

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Ancient artifacts found in Magway Region



NAY PYI TAW, 4 Sept — While digging a pitch for getting earth to make bricks, Ko Maung Maung Aye found numerous ancient ar-

tifacts on 23 June. They, on their own volition, donated the artifacts to Archaeology and Museum in Nay Pyi Taw on Wednesday. The

items include Buddha images, earthen spoon, gong, pot, bells and bricks.

Than Naing
(Zabu Thiri)

Trucks park in restricted areas to be punished as from 9 Sept

YANGON, 4 Sept — Trucks which park in restricted areas from parking will face penalty in accordance with the Yangon City Development Act as from 9 September.

Terminals and parking areas for 3-ton and above trucks and container trucks have been set up in Yangon, however, they parked for hours on Kyimyindine and Strand roads and roads in downtown which are

restricted for trucks from parking, causing traffic congestion and traffic accidents frequently, according to the announcement of the YCDC.

According to the 2013-Yangon City Development Act, a person who violates the regulation which prohibits 3-ton-and-above trucks and container trucks from parking in the restricted areas in Yangon shall be punished by im-

prisonment for one year, or by a fine of K10,000 or KK500,000 or by both that fine and imprisonment.

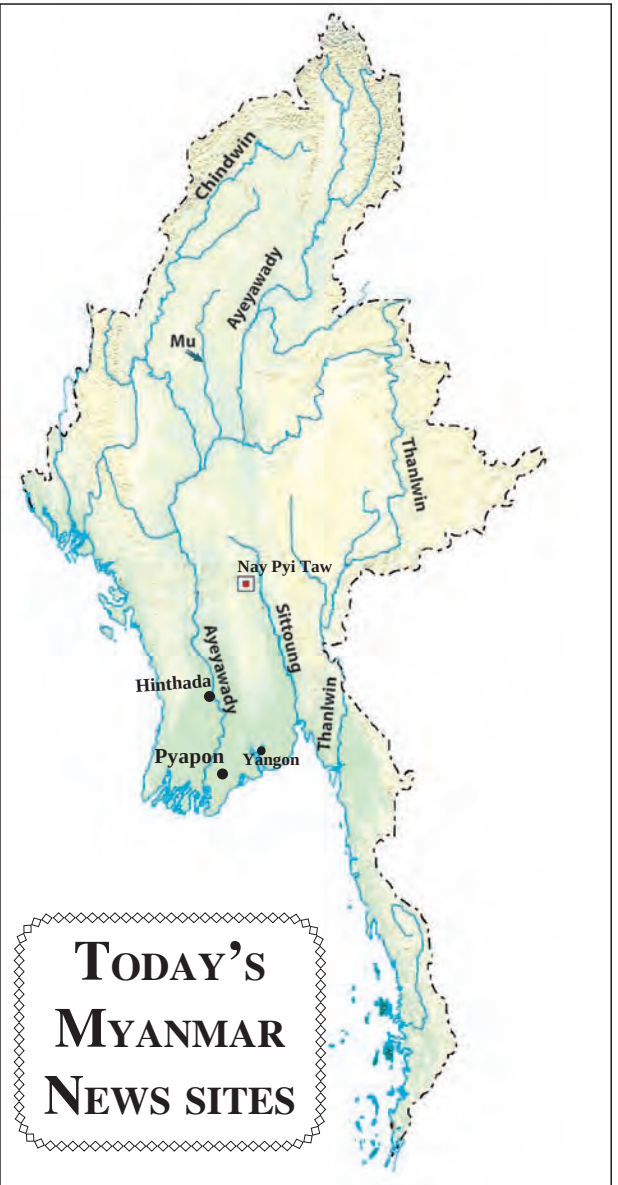
The number of road accidents in Yangon grew more than 19 percent in the first seven months of 2014 over the same period last year.

According to the Yangon Region Traffic Police Force, 99 per cent of traffic accidents are caused by human error.— Aye Min Soe

Self-reliant library opened in delta

HINTHADA, 4 Sept — With the aim of disseminating knowledge to the people, a self-reliant library was opened on 31 August in Letpazu village, Hinthada township in Ayeyawady Region. The RC type two-storey library, 30 feet in length and 44 feet in width, was named Nyeinchanaye (Peace and Prosperity). It was built at a cost of 28 million kyat.

Kyaw Kyaw
(District IPRD)



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Finishing touches put on monsoon paddy cultivation

NAY PYI TAW, 4 Sept — To be able to put farmland under cold season crops, efforts are being made to complete monsoon paddy cultivation on the model plot of farmer U Hla Hpe in Zeyar Thiri Township in Nay Pyi Taw Council Area on Wednesday. The plot was put under Pearl Thwe GW-1

strains with the use of GAP system.

In the township, target is set to raise the living standard of farmers through introducing mechanized farming. Officials planned to put 12007 acres of land under paddy and the target exceeded by planting paddy on 12133 acres.—Min Min Latt

Concrete water tank, medicines donated to Pyapon Home for the Aged

PYAPON, 4 Sept — Pyapon Township Development Supporting Committee Chairman U Raju and wife Daw Nilar Moe and family donated 1.5 million kyat worth concrete water tank with a storage capacity of 400 gallons to Kandawmingalar Home for the aged on Tuesday. They also donated medicines for the aged.

The home was established on 27 March 1991

and now is accommodating over 20 old persons.

They are now preparation to celebrate the centenary birthday of Daw Pwashin who has been staying at the home from the establishment of the home and still alive and kicking.

Those who wish to donate cash and kind may contact phone numbers: 09 495560, 09 8590589 and 09 250123120.

Thuzar Nwe (Pyapon)



REGIONAL

Thai PM vows reform council to include people from all walks of life

BANGKOK, 4 Sept —Thai Prime Minister Prayuth Chan-ocha on Thursday set out broad criteria for the selection of a 250-member council to draw up sweeping political reforms and approve a new constitution, saying people from all walks of life would be included.

Prayuth was speaking in Bangkok to mark the beginning of a selection process for the National Reform Council. It will draft political and economic reforms, including reshaping energy policy, education, public health, the media and other matters, he said.

"We want people who can really work and we won't exclude anyone. We want people from all walks of life," Prayuth said, adding that the council would be set up by 2 October.

"Committees will have to choose people carefully and transparently."

The aims of the council mirror demands made by pro-establishment, anti-government protesters who took to the streets of Bangkok for six months from late last year to try to oust then Prime Minister Yingluck Shinawatra.

They wanted sweep-



Thai Prime Minister Prayuth Chan-ocha.

ing political reforms and an unelected council of notable worthies to oversee the changes.

Yingluck, the sister of self-exiled former premier Thaksin Shinawatra, was forced from office by a court ruling in May and her government was ousted in a military coup days later.

The Shinawatras' supporters say the reforms are partly aimed at ending the political influence of Thaksin, a former telecoms tycoon who upset the establishment with populist policies that won him the votes of the poor. He lives in self-exile but retains huge support, especially in the countryside.

More than 7,000 peo-

ple have signed up to join the committee which will focus on 11 areas of reform. The NRC is expected to approve a new constitution in 2015.

The army denies accusations that it sided with anti-government, staunchly royalist protesters whose action led to Yingluck's downfall but it has also gone after Yingluck's supporters from the pro-Shinawatra "red shirt" movement.

Many group leaders have gone to ground and some have left Thailand.

Since taking control, Prayuth has rolled out a temporary constitution that grants the military absolute powers and hand-picked an interim parliament stacked

with military figures that subsequently appointed him prime minister last week.

Prayuth, whose speeches are tinged with nationalist overtones, sees himself as the guardian of 'Thainess' which, by his definition, means embracing the trilogy of nation, religion and king.

But critics say his rhetoric, including talk of orchestrating "social harmony" and the preservation of moral order and his wide-ranging reform plans, are unrealistic and unsustainable. Prayuth has said that a general election will be held around October 2015, which gives him time to tackle a host of troubles.

Reuters

Preliminary report on MH17 to be released this month

KUALA LUMPUR, 4 Sept — Malaysian Transport Minister Liow Tiong Lai said on Wednesday night that a preliminary report on the Malaysia Airlines Flight MH17 tragedy would be released by the investigation committee based in the Netherlands this month, Malaysian state news agency *Bernama* said.

It is important to provide a guide for a more detailed investigation to find out the cause of the tragedy, Liow said when attending a party function in Jasin of Malacca.

"There will only be one report, that is from the

investigation committee which we (Malaysia) are part of, no other reports will be issued, not from Malaysia or any other country that is involved," he said.

Liow also said the remains of another Malaysian victim had been identified by the investigation committee, which made the number of Malaysian victims identified so far amount to 33.

On 17 July, MH17, a Boeing 777 en route from Amsterdam to Kuala Lumpur, went down in eastern Ukraine, killing all 298 people on board.

Xinhua

Australian PM visits India to sign lucrative new uranium deal

CANBERRA, 4 Sept — Australian Prime Minister Tony Abbott started a two-day trip to India on Thursday with plans to sign a nuclear cooperation agreement that will allow Australia to sell uranium to New Delhi.

"I am hoping to sign a nuclear cooperation agreement that will enable uranium sales by Australia to India," Abbott said before leaving. "My hope is to deepen the friendship between Australia and India at a time of renewed optimism in India under the new government of prime minister Modi," he said.

The trip is Abbott's first visit to India as Prime Minister.



Australian Prime Minister Tony Abbott.

Abbott will first arrive in Mumbai, where he is expected to visit a memorial for the victims of the 2008 Mumbai terror attacks and hold meetings with business leaders. Then he will travel to New Delhi where, on

Friday, he will meet his recently elected Indian counterpart Narendra Modi.

The pair are expected to sign a long-awaited nuclear cooperation agreement. The deal will reduce India's nuclear isolation and increase its uranium supply options, while providing Australia with market diversification beyond China.

Australia has more than a third of the world's uranium reserves. The Minerals Council estimated a rise in demand from China and India would lead to Australia's uranium exports growing from 630 million AU dollars in 2013/14 to about 1.1 billion AU dollars by 2019.—Xinhua

Five suspected leftist rebels killed in N Philippines

MANILA, 4 Sept—Five suspected leftist rebels were killed in a clash with government troops in northern Philippines on Thursday morning, a military official said.

Major General Benito Antonio De Leon, commander of the Philippine Army's 5th Infantry Division, said the firefight between the soldiers and members of the New Peo-

ple's Army (NPA) erupted in Guinguinabang village, Lacub town in Abra Province. Soldiers recovered five high-powered firearms from the encounter site. No casualty was reported on the government side.

Military officials said the firefight is still ongoing.

De Leon said in a statement that Philippine Army soldiers chanced upon the NPA guerrillas while con-

ducting security operations in the area.

He said residents had informed government troops that the leftist rebels were in the area to extort money and collect food from them. The NPA, armed wing of the Communist Party of the Philippines, has been fighting a leftist insurgency in 60 Philippine Provinces since 1969.

Xinhua

Philippine gov't condemns beheading of militiaman in S Philippines

MANILA, 4 Sept—The Philippine government condemned on Thursday the beheading of a paramilitary man in the southern Philippine Province of Basilan.

Presidential Communications Operations Office Secretary Herminio Coloma, Jr said Philippine authorities have already launched an investigation into the incident.

"We will not tolerate

such incident. This is now being thoroughly being investigated by our authorities," Coloma said in a news briefing in Malacanang, the presidential palace.

The victim, Hadji Aldam, was a member of the Special Civilian Armed Auxiliary.

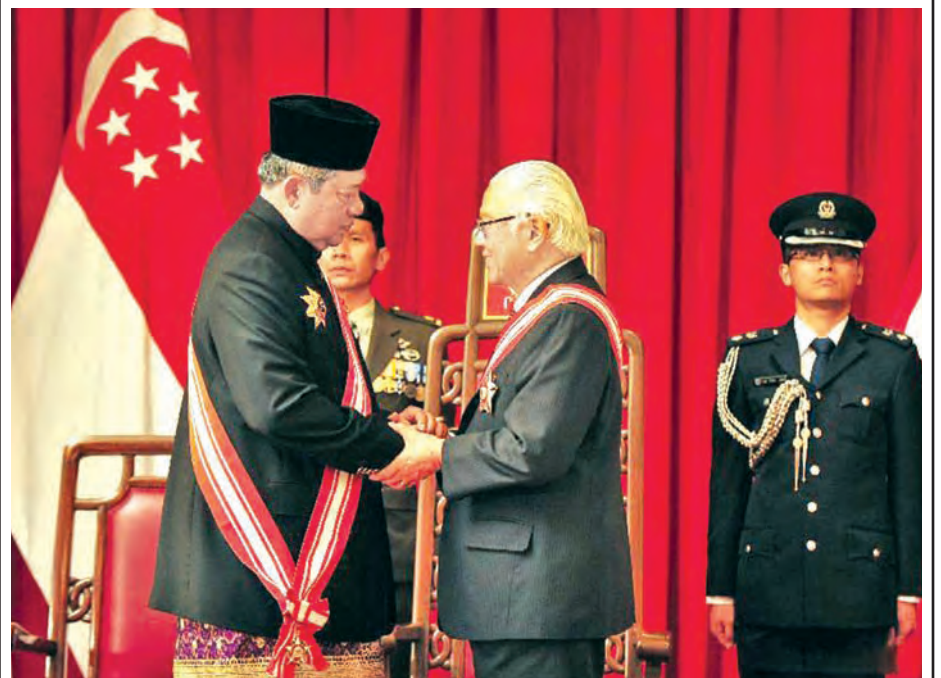
He was allegedly beheaded by the al-Qaeda-linked Abu Sayyaf Group in Basilan Province.

A photo of Aldam's

beheading circulated on a social network site, apparently similar to what the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS) militants did when they killed American journalist James Foley.

The Abu Sayyaf Group victimizes locals and foreigners and has been involved in a number of high-profile criminal activities in southern Philippines.

Xinhua



Singaporean President Tony Tan Keng Yam (2nd R) shakes hands with Indonesian President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono during the conferment ceremony of the Order of Temasek (First Class) in Singapore's Istana on 3 Sept, 2014.—XINHUA

Al-Qaeda announces India wing, renews loyalty to Taliban chief

DUBAI, 4 Sept — Al-Qaeda leader Ayman al-Zawahri on Wednesday announced the formation of an Indian branch of his militant group he said would spread Islamic rule and “raise the flag of jihad” across the subcontinent.

In a 55-minute video posted online, Zawahri also renewed a longstanding vow of loyalty to Afghan Taliban leader Mullah Omar, in an apparent snub to the Islamic State armed group challenging al-Qaeda for leadership of transnational Islamist militancy.

Zawahri described the formation of “al-Qaeda in the Indian Subcontinent” as a glad tidings for Muslims “in Burma, Bangladesh, Assam, Gujarat,



Al-Qaeda’s second-in-command Ayman al-Zawahri speaks from an unknown location, in this still image taken from video uploaded on a social media website on 8 Jun, 2011.—REUTERS

Ahmedabad, and Kashmir” and said the new wing would rescue Muslims there from injustice and oppression.

Counter-terrorism experts say al-Qaeda’s ageing leaders are struggling to compete for recruits with Islamic State, which has galvanised young followers around the world by carving out tracts of territory across the Iraq-Syria border.

Islamic State leader Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi calls himself a “caliph” or head of state and has demanded the loyalty of all Muslims.

The group fell out with Zawahri in 2013 over its expansion into Syria, where Baghdadi’s followers have carried out beheadings, crucifixions, and

mass executions.

As well being an indirect repudiation of Islamic State, the announcement could pose a challenge to India’s new prime minister, Narendra Modi. He has already faced criticism for remaining silent about several incidents deemed anti-Muslim, underscoring fears that his Hindu nationalist followers will upset religious relations in the majority Hindi nation.

However, while al-Qaeda is very much at home in the Afghanistan-Pakistan border area, due to influential contacts and a long presence there, it is a minnow compared to local militant groups in terms of manpower and regional knowledge.

Reuters

UN denies Golan peacekeepers ordered to hand arms to Syria rebels

UNITED NATIONS, 4 Sept — The UN peacekeeping chief strongly denied on Wednesday allegations from the Philippines’ army chief that Filipino peacekeepers in the Golan Heights were ordered to surrender their weapons to Islamist militants who had trapped them.

Filipino army chief General Gregorio Catapang said his soldiers had defended themselves against Islamist rebels last weekend in defiance of an order from their UN force commander to surrender their weapons, a move that would be highly controversial in the six-nation, blue-helmeted force.

The UN’s under-secretary-general for peacekeeping, Herve Ladsous, denied that any such order was given.

The back-and-forth underlines a rise in tensions in the UN peacekeeping force following weekend skirmishes with Islamist militants in Israeli-controlled territory on Syria’s south-eastern border.

Islamist fighters battling the Syrian army overran last week a crossing point in the line that has separated Israelis from Syrians in the Golan Heights since a 1973 war, the most recent escalation of Syria’s civil war, now in its fourth year.

The fighters then turned against UN blue helmets from a peacekeeping force that has patrolled the ceasefire line since 1974. After 45 Fijians were captured on Thursday, 72 Filipinos were besieged at two other locations for two days by militants before they escaped.

The militants, believed to be part of an al-Qaeda-linked group known as Nusra Front, are still holding the 45 Fijian members of the United Nations’ UNDOF Golan Heights force.

Catapang said that at one point while the Filipinos were trapped, UNDOF Force Commander General Iqbal Singh Singha of India ordered the soldiers to surrender their arms to prevent harm from befalling the captured Fijians.

Asked what order was given to the Filipinos, Ladsous replied, “Never to hand over weapons.”

The order was simply “not to shoot,” he said.



Philippine Armed Forces chief General Gregorio Pio Catapang Jr gestures as he speaks during a forum with members of Foreign Correspondents Association of the Philippines (FOCAP) in Mandaluyong City, Metro Manila on 2 Sept, 2014.—REUTERS

One UN official told *Reuters* that no force commander would order his troops to hand over weapons to rebels. If that were

to happen, the official said, the commander would “be out of a job” since countries that supply weapons and materiel to the force would be reluctant to re-supply the mission.

Several Security Council diplomats said the issue of what orders might have been given was discussed on Wednesday in a closed-door meeting of the 15-nation body.

In that meeting, Ladsous expressed full support for Singha, diplomats who were present told *Reuters*. Ladsous later told reporters that Singha had “exercised good sound judgment all along” during the crisis.

Ladsous said the United Nations had not confirmed that the militants who attacked the Filipinos and are holding the Fijians belong to Nusra Front.

UNDOF troops were kidnapped twice last year and in both cases were released unharmed.

Reuters

S Korea, US to set up first combined army division in 2015

SEOUL, 4 Sept — South Korea and the United States have agreed to establish a combined army division in early 2015, which will be headed by a US major general-level officer, Seoul’s defence ministry said on Thursday.

The combined division will be composed of the US 2nd Infantry Division in Uijeongbu, north of the capital Seoul, and a South Korean brigade-level unit, according to the ministry.

It would be the first time that the US military sets up a combined army unit with troops of another country.

The army unit will be led by a US major general, with a South Korean brigadier general to be named as assistant division commander. The number of staff officers will be equally allocated to the two countries.

Choi Yun-hee, chairman of South Korea’s Joint Chiefs of Staff (JCS), and US Forces Korea

(USFK) Commander Gen Curtis Scaparrotti have recently agreed to set up the unit, tasked with wartime operations, to strengthen defence posture of combined forces at a tactical level, the ministry said.

In peacetime, the unit only maintains a joint staff section, which is forecast to be composed of about 30 staffs.

During wartime, it will be changed into a reinforced division with South Korean troops as a main force and a part of soldiers from the US 2nd Infantry Division as well as a South Korean armored brigade under its wing.

Details on the new unit’s mission are not available, but it would be reportedly tasked with special operations such as the elimination of weapons of mass destruction (WMD) and the civil affairs operation against the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea (DPRK).—Xinhua



A glider aircraft is crashed on the roof of a building at Babu Purwa in Kanpur, India on 3 Sept, 2014. The pilot of the glider was seriously injured in the incident according to the report.—XINHUA

WORLD

Britain considering arming, training Kurdish forces



Britain's Prime Minister David Cameron leaves Downing Street, following a COBR meeting, in central London on 3 Sept 2014.—REUTERS

LONDON, 4 Sept — Britain is considering providing arms and training to Kurdish forces to help its fight against Islamic insurgents, Prime Minister David Cameron said on Thursday. Britain has so far carried out aid drops and surveillance and transported military supplies to Kurdish regional forces allied with the Baghdad central government.

Other European countries, including Germany, France and Italy have already agreed to send Kurdish forces a quantity of light weapons to use against the militants who have swept into northern Iraq. "We're prepared to do more and we're considering actively whether to give them arms ourselves and whether we can more directly to train Kurdish militia, we're already playing a role there but we can do more," Cameron told ITV.

Reuters

Dutch national pleads guilty in US to running online narcotics bazaar

LOS ANGELES, 4 Sept — A Dutch national who created and ran an elaborate online marketplace for the buying and selling of narcotics has pleaded guilty to US drug trafficking and money laundering charges, prosecutors said on Wednesday.

Marc Willems, 45, of the Netherlands pleaded guilty on Tuesday to the two felony counts and admitted to launching "The Farmer's Market," which facilitated the sale of drugs like LSD, ecstasy and marijuana to users in the United States and dozens of other countries, the Los Angeles US Attorney's Office said.

The online bazaar provided order forms and customer service for shoppers, guaranteeing delivery in exchange for a commission and accepting payment through PayPal, Western Union and other means, the federal grand jury indictment charged.

The secret ring operated through the TOR computer network, which allows users to communicate anonymously, according to the indictment. Willems told prosecutors that the online bazaar processed some \$2.5 million worth of orders over its several years of existence.

Willems was extradit-

ed from the Netherlands to face the charges and now faces a maximum penalty of life in prison. He is slated to be sentenced on 10 December, prosecutors said.

He was one of eight people arrested and the sixth to plead guilty following a two-year investigation into the marketplace. A seventh defendant, Ryan Rawls, 33, of Alpharetta, Georgia, has agreed to plead guilty on Monday to conspiring to distribute controlled substances, prosecutors said. An eighth suspect has since died, prosecutors said, without providing further details.

Reuters

Ivanovic: Charges monstrous, politically motivated



BELGRADE, 4 Sept — The leader of the Citizens' Initiative Serbia, Democracy, Justice Oliver Ivanovic has dismissed the charges raised against him as monstrous, totally fabricated and politically motivated, vowing that he and his lawyers will put up a strong fight to discredit the indictment.

Ivanovic, who is in a detention unit in Kosovska Mitrovica, was responding to questions asked by the RTS Internet portal.

Suspected as the leader of a Serbian paramilitary police unit at the time, Ivanovic has been charged by the Kosovo judiciary with inciting a group of subordinate personnel to commit war crimes against civilians on 14 April, 1999 in North Mitrovica. He was arrested on 27 January this year, but was only able to enter his plea after seven months.

Ivanovic said that seven months or fifteen years ago he could not have even imagined that he might end up in prison, because the life he had led ruled out that scenario altogether.

"No one who knows me even just a little can believe the charges, which are monstrous and totally fabricated. My confidence that this will be proved before the public is what is giving me strength... The support from the Serbian government and the entire public, which did not let the case be covered up, is very important to me," Ivanovic said. Ivanovic said that he was most afraid of the possibility of the indictment being delayed indefinitely, and cited the example of Orahovac Mayor Andjelko Kolasinac, who spent more than four years in detention, but was eventually cleared of all charges.

"At this point, that is not possible in my case—the court will either drop the charges, which may even be dismissed by the prosecutor himself, as he is aware that my lawyers and I will put up a strong fight to discredit the indictment, as well as the prosecutor, whose motives for such an indictment we will not go

into for the time being. It is apparent that the motives are of political nature," Ivanovic said.

The inhumane treatment has failed to break me and the Serbian government reacted vehemently, while Serbian President Tomislav Nikolic spoke about the case before the UN Security Council—there was comprehensive media coverage and 17,000 signatures were collected in a week, which all encouraged me, Ivanovic said.

"I have whom to fight for, because this, most of all, is a fight to clear myself of the disgrace and stigma—at the same time, my defence is a fight to prevent such political deals and political arrests from occurring ever again and to ensure that the Serbs can, at last, have the peace and security they need," Ivanovic said. Had anyone in the Eulex mission wanted to act in a professional manner, they would have checked whether and where I worked in 1999, which would have led to an immediate conclusion that "the stories of the eccentrics in Mitrovica make no sense whatsoever," Ivanovic said..

Tanjug

UAE calls for 'unified effort' against militancy in region

DUBAI, 4 Sept — The United Arab Emirates (UAE), one of Washington's closest allies in the Middle East, has called for a "unified effort" to root out radical militancy in regional hotspots including Iraq, Syria, Yemen, Libya, Somalia and Afghanistan.

In a statement issued on the eve of a 4-5 September NATO summit in Wales which the UAE will attend as an observer, the foreign ministry said the Gulf Arab oil and business hub wanted cooperation and coordination against what it called the global scourge of terrorism, especially in Iraq and Syria.

"An international undertaking ought to apply to other regional countries as well, including Yemen, Somalia, Libya and Afghanistan, who also suffer from the radical ideology and incitement to violence emanating from ISIL and al-Qaeda," said the statement, is-

sued late on Wednesday.

It did not specify the kind of action that could be taken but said a clear strategy was necessary.

"It is important that this strategy does not stop with Iraq and Syria, but seeks to tackle the phenomenon of terrorism wherever it arises. Only through such a unified effort will it be possible to combat terrorist groups and put a stop to their violence," it said.

The administration of US President Barack Obama has said it is seeking to build an international campaign against Islamic State jihadist fighters in Iraq and Syria, including recruiting partners for potential joint military action. US officials said last month that UAE warplanes carried out air raids on Islamic factions in Libya which if true would be an unusual escalation of outside Arab involvement in the north African country's turmoil.—Reuters



An elementary schoolgirl receives injection during the school children immunization month held by paramedics in Tangerang, Indonesia on 4 Sept, 2014. School children immunization month aims to lower the number of pain and death of measles, diphtheria and tetanus primarily in elementary schools.

XINHUA

18 killed, 26 injured in rain-related accidents in East Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, 4 Sept —At least 18 people were killed and 26 others injured in separate rain-related accidents in Pakistan's east Punjab province on Thursday, local media reported.

Dunya TV said that six people of a family including two women were killed and 10 others injured when a double-storey house col-

lapsed due to heavy rains in the provincial capital of Lahore.

Four people including a girl were killed and 16 others injured in accidents resulting from roof collapse in other cities of the province. Four people died of electrocution in various areas of the province.

The flood water inun-

dated houses in several low lying areas, creating trouble for the residents.

The injured people have been shifted to nearby hospitals. In a weather forecast report, Met office said that the heavy rains will continue for the next two or three days which may cause flood in two of the major rivers of the province.

Chief Minister of Punjab Shahbaz Sharif expressed sorrow over the loss of lives and directed rescue teams to mobilize their resources for providing rescue and relief to the affected people. Monsoon rains hit Pakistan every year in June and start retreating in the first week of September.

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PERSPECTIVES

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Four drivers of change for capacity development

By Kyaw Thura

It is encouraging to witness that the world has come together to initiate capacity development as a pragmatic concept, with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) identifying four drivers of change based on its empirical work on the ground.

These four drivers of change are institutional arrangements, leadership, knowledge and accountability, all of which need strategic interventions to bring about long-term gains on capacity.

In the first place, institutional arrangements

will require governments and organizations to adopt policies to legislate, plan and manage their activities efficiently, let alone coordinating with others. Incentives include supporting merit-based recruitment criteria and remuneration packages, and promoting a result-based management culture through mutual interactions.

The second driver is concerned with leadership. One thing important to note however is that leadership has nothing to do with a position of authority. Leadership is in fact informal and can be held at many levels. Leadership involves taking the lead in pushing for public administration reforms and bringing about society-wide change. Building leadership skills covers priority setting, strategic planning, risk management skills, and policies for succession planning.

Knowledge, as the third driver, should be shared rather than fostered at individual levels. Organizational learning strategies are essential for sharing knowledge through vocational training or organizations. Knowledge sharing demands the development of education systems as well as educational policy re-

form. In doing so, investment should be made in reforming university and technical education to ensure long-term capacity development.

The fourth driver, accountability can be simplified as a situation in which “rights holders are able to make duty bearers deliver on their obligations”. Accountability can be found in the relationship between a government and its people, between an organization and its workers or customers and so on. Accountability is best practiced by means of strengthening stakeholder feedback mechanisms through monitoring and evaluation systems as well as independent review mechanisms.

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Making A Living and Making A Life

Kyí Mun

“I make a living by what
I can get and I make
a life by what I can give.

-Winston Churchill

For making a living, the following four things are most wanted; and for making a life, the following noblest things are sought after.

To Make A Living

- Money
- Love / Sex
- Ego Food
- Health

To make A Life

- Health
- Contentment
- Friendliness
- Peace of Mind

The Priority Factor

The crucial factor is to decide which is more important in your life – to make a living or to make a life. In fact, both are important but you have to give, by your personality type, priority to some areas in your life. It all depends on your age, your education, your habit and attitude and your talent.

Money

To make a living, money is indispensable. Although it is said that money makes everything, and money is the second God, I don't think, money is the most important thing in

life – in fact money is a good servant, but a bad master. It is said in the Bible that : “the love of money is the root of all evils.” It is also said that : “you can't serve God and Mammon at the same time”.

Love and Sex

I think love as well as sex is the mainstay of human life. Without love, the world will be in chaotic disorder; and without sex, the human life will be a humdrum existence. It is said that love is the nectar, and sex, the milk and honey of life.

Ego Food

Man is egoistic. Man is largely selfish. Man is ego-centered. Man always thinks “what is in it for me”. But, when wisdom and right mindedness prevails, altruism can assert itself and sense of self-importance, pride, greed for power, possessions and thirst for fame more or less recede or diminish.

Health

It is said that : “Health is the greatest gain”. Life would be futile without reasonably good health. Health largely depends on the lifestyle, beside genetics. Health can be nurtured and cultivated by the right / positive mental attitude, diet and exercise.

Contentment

It is said that : “Contentment is the greatest wealth”.

Contentment means not complacency at all, nor apathy and inertia. Contentment actually means moderation and temperance in sensual desires and self-indulgence. Contentment means self-control, self-denial and self-composure. Contentment means mental discipline and fortitude, and above all good personal habit.

Friendliness

It is said that : “Friendliness is the best relative”. If there is no friendliness between family members, there would no happiness and joy in the family. I think friendliness or fondness is the spice of life. In other words, loving kindness, compassion, sympathetic joy are the manifestations of the blessedness of life.

Peace of Mind

It is said that Peace of Mind is the Best Reward of Life.

Peace of mind is a simple product of the purity of mind. You can have peace of mind only when you ardently practice DILIGENCE AND FRUGALITY, and PLAIN LIVING AND HARD STRUGGLE. Peace of mind can only be attained when you have a very strong MODE OF SATTVA which means MODE of LIVING IN SERENITY.

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14 factories get final warnings to improve waste water treatment system

YANGON, 4 Sept— Out of 14 factories which received final warning from authorities to improve their waste water treatment system by 31 August, eight have upgraded the system and six are still undergoing. Environmental Conservation Division under the Yangon City Development Committee sent the final warning to the factories on 15 August to upgrade their waste water treatment system as the laboratory tests show that quality of the water they dumped have not met with the required standard.

The Environmental Conservation Division found 25 factories which need to upgrade the waste water treatment systems during the inspection of the factories in industrial zones in Yangon in June.

The factories were ordered to complete the improvement of the system by July.

Of them, 11 factories have upgraded their system meeting the set standard while the remaining did not pass the laboratory tests.

Most of the factories which cannot carry out waste water treatment meeting the set standard are food stuff factories, according to YCDC.

Waste water from factories is tested under five criterions, and if the waste water dumped by a factory does not meet the required standard, a license of the factory shall be revoked or the factory shall be shut down temporarily as punishment, according to YCDC.

YCDC began the inspection work in the 2012-2013 fiscal year with the arrangement of the Yangon Region Government and the committee will carry out the work two times per year, an official of the Environmental Conservation Division said.— Aye Min Soe

Robotic exoskeleton for people with spinal cord injuries



By Jenn Virskus

The global health technology industry is booming as population levels and life expectancies increase around the world. From a battery-powered set of legs, to mobile app to connect diabetes patients, Israel is leading the global health technology industry. Forbes recently

named its picks for the top-10 most important health companies, from a start-up that enables doctors to provide patients with personalized instructions via easy-to-understand videos, to a robotic exoskeleton that helps people with spinal cord injuries to walk. Five of the 10 companies have ties to Israel. “It’s amazing that Israel – a country of

only 8 million people – produces so many leading health technology companies,” David E. Williams, president of the U.S.-based Health Business Group, told From the Grapevine.

“Israel’s highly educated technical and medical workers are reared in a society that prizes problem solving and innovation and that places tremendous val-

ue on curing illness and saving lives,” Williams added. “These conditions have generated a virtuous cycle that draws venture capital and contributes to a rich ecosystem that speeds innovation, lowers costs, and increases the likelihood for companies to succeed.”

The ReWalk system is a wearable exoskeleton that helps those with spinal cord injuries to walk using powered hip and knee motion. It was designed by Israeli entrepreneur Amit Goffer, who himself suffered an injury that left him in a wheelchair for life.

The ReWalk system was approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration earlier this summer. “This revolutionary product will have an immediate, life-changing impact on individuals with spinal cord injuries,” said Larry Jasin-ski, CEO of ReWalk Robotics in a recent press release.

NATIONAL

Vice president and diplomats visit relief camps in Rakhine State

SITTWE, 4 Sept — Chairman of the Central Committee for Stability and Development Vice President Dr Sai Mauk Kham, together with Union Ministers U Khin Yi and Dr Than Aung, deputy ministers, ambassadors and officials from INGOs arrived at the office of the Emergency Coordination Centre in Sittwe on Thursday morning and met with officials of 23 UN and international organizations in Rakhine State.

At the meeting, the vice president heard reports on work of the emergency coordination committee and delivered a speech.

In his speech, he thanked the UN agencies and INGOs in Rakhine State on behalf of the government and said that all displaced people are safe in relief camps due to the efforts of the government and the assistance of UN agencies and the international community. It is necessary to relocate the displaced people in areas

where security and stability can be guaranteed and that are close to their former places in one way or another on their own volition so that they can work for their living or do social and business activities, the vice president added. The government is waiting for the best time when the two communities can accept the same conditions for stability and the citizenship scrutiny measures being taken by the government is the initial step for the resettlement project, the vice president said. In conclusion, the vice president urged UN agencies, international community and development partners to provide development assistance for Rakhine State.

Then, ambassadors of Turkey and Brunei, the representatives of the Bangladesh Embassy, UNOCHA and UNICEF exchanged their views on development and stability of Rakhine State and urged the government to help overcome the challenges in cooperation



Vice President Dr Sai Mauk Kham, ambassadors and officials of foreign missions in Myanmar meet those living at relief camp in Myebon Township in Rakhine State.—MNA

for humanitarian aids.

After the meeting, the vice president and party went to Mrauk-U and paid homage to historic pago-

das there. Then, the vice president continued to the Mrauk-U Hotel and heard reports on maintenance of Mrauk-U heritage site and

Mrauk-U hotel zone.

During the tour, the vice president and visited the relief camps in Minbya and Myaybon, where the

diplomats accompanying the vice president raised questions and officials replied their queries.

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Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker meets with authorities in Pyu



Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann cordially greets an elder in Pyu.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 4 Sept — Speaker of the Pyithu Hluttaw (Lower House) Thura U Shwe Mann met with members of township development supporting committee, township security, rule of law and stability committee, township management committee, township development committee and elders in Pyu on Thursday morning.

Present at the meeting were Chief Minister of Bago Region U Nyan Win and officials in the region.

At the meeting, Thura U Shwe Mann urged the attendees to properly and correctly use the democratic rights which were previously unavailable and to participate in the efforts for flourishing of democracy. Then, Chief Minister U

Nyan Win reported on poverty reduction and development tasks in the region and assistance for flooded paddy fields in Bago Township. The meeting concluded with the remarks by the Pyithu Hluttaw speaker.

After the meeting, U Thura Shwe Mann viewed the photographs of the model of the city hall to be constructed in Pyu.—MNA

International exhibitors of food, drink and pharmaceutical processing . . .

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and pharmaceutical industries for processing and packaging, said BES in a press release.

The purpose of organizing the exhibitions together is to support local businesses in developing their food, beverage and pharmaceutical processing and packaging businesses, said Justin Pau, BES general manager.

“Myanmar is an agricultural land and it has lots of exports. But, most of the exports are exported as raw commodities. That’s why it has huge opportunities for adding value with processed and packaged products for the local market for domestic demand as well as for exports,” he added.

Pau continued that the exhibition can help to raise the standards of processing and packaging in terms of hygiene, regulation and food safety.

“I hope we will have good feedback from local industries and there will be good business discussions here,” he said.

Trade and business

visitors to the events will be able to see new products and machines that can benefit their businesses, become more aware of technologies and solutions in the sectors of packaging, filling, processing, quality assurance, testing and measurement, automation, transportation, storage, refrigeration and labeling and network with industry professionals from different countries.

During the exhibition, participants in the “National Conference on Development of Food Science and Technology in Myanmar” organized by Food Science and Technology Association (FoSTA) will gain market knowledge and insight from industry experts, exchanging views and learning the latest industry topic, trends, regulations and solutions.

“As the Myanmar market is getting bigger and stronger, we can find new potential customers to buy our machines through this exhibition,” Vandy Sin of Long Durable Machinery Co., Ltd

told The New Light of Myanmar.

“We are looking for agents to transport our automatic packaging machinery equipment and bean product processing equipment here,” she added.

According to her, labeling machine on display at her booth is priced at \$11,000 and the price of a plastic packing machine is \$5,600.

U Hnin Oo, vice president of Myanmar Fisheries Federation, called on local business people running microenterprises to visit the exhibition to broaden their horizons. He also called for the government and local banks to lend money to them for machine purchases so as to develop the country’s small and medium enterprises.

ProPak Myanmar 2014 held alongside Plastic and Rubber Myanmar 2014 is the first event of its kind in Myanmar. The food, drink and pharmaceutical processing and packaging event last until 6 September.—NLM

In northeast Syria, Islamic State builds a government

BEIRUT, 4 Sept — In the cities and towns across the desert plains of northeast Syria, the ultra-hardline al-Qaeda offshoot Islamic State has insinuated itself into nearly every aspect of daily life.

The group famous for its beheadings, crucifixions and mass executions provides electricity and water, pays salaries, controls traffic, and runs nearly everything from bakeries and banks to schools, courts and mosques.

While its merciless battlefield tactics and its imposition of its austere vision of Islamic law have won the group headlines, residents say much of its power lies in its efficient and often deeply pragmatic ability to govern.

Syria's eastern Province of Raqqa provides the best illustration of their methods. Members hold up the province as an example of life under the Islamic "caliphate" they hope will one day stretch from China to Europe.

In the provincial capital, a dust-blown city that was home to about a quarter of a million people before Syria's three-year-old war began, the group leaves almost no institution or public service outside of its control.

"Let us be honest, they are doing massive institutional work. It is impressive," one activist from Raqqa who now lives in a border town in Turkey told *Reuters*.

In interviews conducted remotely, residents, Islamic State

fighters and even activists opposed to the group described how it had built up a structure similar to a modern government in less than a year under its chief, Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi.

Reuters journalists are unable to visit the area for security reasons.

The group's progress has alarmed regional and Western powers—last month US President Barack Obama called it a "cancer" that must be erased from the Middle East as US warplanes bombed its positions in Iraq.

But Islamic State has embedded itself so thoroughly into the fabric of life in places like Raqqa that it will be all but impossible for US aircraft—let alone Iraqi, Syrian and Kurdish troops—to uproot them through force alone.

Last year, Raqqa became the first city to fall to the rebels fighting to overthrow President Bashar al-Assad. They called it the "Bride of the Revolution."

A variety of rebel groups ranging from hardline Islamists to religious moderates held sway in the city, although Islamists clearly dominated. Within a year, Islamic State had clawed its way into control, mercilessly eliminating rival insurgents.

Activists critical of the group were killed, disappeared, or escaped to Turkey. Alcohol was banned. Shops closed by afternoon and streets were empty by nightfall. Communication with the outside world—including



Militant Islamist fighters wave flags as they take part in a military parade along the streets of Syria's northern Raqqa province on 30 June, 2014. —REUTERS

nearby cities and towns—was allowed only through the Islamic State media centre.

Those rebels and activists who stayed largely "repented", a process through which they pledge loyalty to Baghdadi and are forgiven for their "sins" against the Islamic State, and either kept to their homes or joined the group's ranks.

But after the initial crack-down, the group began setting up services and institutions—stating

clearly that it intended to stay and use the area as a base in its quest to eradicate national boundaries and establish an Islamic "state".

"We are a state," one emir, or commander, in the province told *Reuters*. "Things are great here because we are ruling based on God's law." Some Sunni Muslims who worked for Assad's government stayed on after they pledged allegiance to the group.

"The civilians who do not have any political affiliations

have adjusted to the presence of Islamic State, because people got tired and exhausted, and also, to be honest, because they are doing institutional work in Raqqa," one Raqqa resident opposed to Islamic State told *Reuters*.

Since then, the group "has restored and restructured all the institutions that are related to services," including a consumer protection office and the civil judiciary, the resident said.

Reuters

RENO, (Nevada), 4 Sept — Thirteen people were hurt, including several children, in a chemical explosion on Wednesday at a museum in Reno, Nevada, where presenters demonstrating a so-called smoke tornado caused the blast with a faulty mixture, officials said. Seven children and two adults with non-life threatening injuries were transported to a local hospital, and another four people were treated and released at the Terry Lee Wells Nevada Discovery Museum in Reno where the explosion occurred, said Reno police spokesman Tim Broadway.

The people who were hospitalized had suffered burn injuries, said Matthew Brown, a spokesman for the city of Reno.

Presenters at the museum were trying to create a "smoke tornado" in a visual demonstration they had done before when a faulty mixture of alcohol and boric acid caused the blast, Brown said. The museum is aimed mainly at children and offers interactive exhibits in geology, astronomy, history and other subjects.

Officials said they did not immediately have details on the ages of the children hurt in the explosion, which they said did not light anything on fire at the museum.—*Reuters*

Thirteen people hurt in chemical explosion at Nevada museum



Firefighters confer outside the Nevada Discovery Museum in Reno, Nevada on 3 Sept, 2014.

REUTERS

Saudi court jails 24 men on terrorism charges

RIYADH, 4 Sept — A Saudi court on Wednesday sentenced 22 Saudi citizens, an American and a Yemeni to jail terms of between two and 27 years on terrorism charges, according to the official news agency *SPA*.

The court said charges ranged from "the establishment of a terrorist cell planning to targeting oil pipelines," having weapons, and planning attacks and at home and in neighbouring Bahrain.

The US citizen, who was not identified, was sentenced to 17 years backdated to the start of his detention six years ago for "cyber crimes", the court said without elaborating. He will be deported on completion of his sentence. Unrest by the Shi'ite minority in the oil-rich kingdom has bubbled since the 2011 Arab uprisings, and Saudi Arabia has lent its support to allies in Bahrain to quash anti-government protests mostly lead by Shi'ites.

Reuters

WORLD

German July orders rebound in strongest rise in over a year

BERLIN, 4 Sept — German industrial orders rose far more than expected in July in their sharpest increase in more than a year, driven by robust demand for capital goods from abroad, and raising hopes for a rebound in Europe's biggest economy in the third quarter.

Economy ministry data released on Thursday showed a 4.6 percent month-on-month increase in orders in July, way over the Reuters consensus forecast for a 1.5 percent increase. "After the uncertainty caused by geopolitical developments and a weaker economy in the

second quarter, the strong rise in orders is an encouraging signal for the industrial economy," said the ministry in a statement.

The ministry said big-ticket items had played a role in the increase but underlying activity was also positive.

"Finally some sign of relief. German new orders rebounded sharply in July, providing evidence that the euro zone's largest economy should return to growth in the third quarter," said ING economist Carsten Brzeski.

Germany's economy shrank by 0.2 percent in the second quarter due to weak



A general view shows the old city skyline at Unter den Linden street with the construction site of the Berliner Schloss (Berlin City Palace) — Humboldtforum (C) in Berlin, on 28 Aug, 2014. — REUTERS

investment and slow trade. Some economists fear Europe's economic engine will slip into recession in the third quarter.

Markit's composite Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI) showed on Wednesday that Germany's private sector expanded at its slowest pace in 10 months in August as manufacturing grew at a weaker rate. Orders for capital goods rose 8.5 percent, driven by a 14.6 percent increase in demand from countries outside the euro zone while contracts from members of the single currency rose just 2.9 percent.

Reuters

'Made in China' clothing sales may shrink under Pacific trade pact



Labourers work at a factory of Viet Huygarment company in Thuong Tin district, south of Hanoi in this on 4 Jan, 2012 file photo. — REUTERS

WASHINGTON, 4 Sept — "Made in China" will be a less frequent sight in US clothing stores if the United States has its way in a new trade pact negotiated among 12 Pacific Rim nations. Washington aims to engineer a deal where Vietnam, set to be one of the big winners among the members of the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP), would win apparel market share from China and oth-

er non-members, rather than Mexico and Central America. Today, thanks to regional trade deals half of US yarn and textile exports head south of the border, where cheap labour transforms them into clothes that mostly make it back to American shoppers, duty-free.

Many in the \$57 billion (34.63 billion pound) US yarn and textile industry fear the new pact,

billed as the world's most ambitious trade agreement, will destroy that business model, which has helped the sector rebound from a decade-long slump and sustains more than 1.5 million regional jobs.

A US official who spoke on condition of anonymity said tools such as rules of origin, which say how much local content is required to win duty-free status, and different time-tables for tariff cuts could protect regional interests while also providing value for Vietnam.

People in the United States familiar with the negotiations are confident Vietnam could take considerable market share from China and other countries without trade preferences.

"If damage is done to Central America by the TPP, that has a devastating effect on the industry here," said Bill Jasper,

chief executive of synthetic yarn maker Unifi (UFI.N).

"If structured properly and intelligently negotiated I think the majority of the impact is going to be on China and not on this region." Clothing is a priority for Vietnam, which is hosting a round of negotiations on the pact this week, but is just one of many issues for other countries, which may seek concessions in other areas in return for siding with Washington on textiles. The other TPP countries are Australia, Brunei, Canada, Chile, Japan, Malaysia, Mexico, New Zealand, Peru and Singapore.

In practice, different treatment of sectors depending on their US economic impact could mean longer wait for tariff cuts on cotton garments like underwear and men's knit shirts, where Central America has greater market share. — Reuters

UN says \$600 million needed to tackle Ebola as deaths top 1,900



(L-R) World Health Organization (WHO) Director-General Dr Margaret Chan, Senior United Nations System Coordinator for Ebola Virus Disease Dr David Nabarro, and Assistant WHO Director-General for Health Security Dr Keiji Fukuda appear at a briefing to discuss the Ebola outbreak in West Africa at the UN Foundation in Washington on 3 Sept, 2014. — REUTERS

WASHINGTON, /CONAKRY, 4 Sept — The United Nations said \$600 million in supplies would be needed to fight West Africa's Ebola outbreak, as the death toll from the worst ever epidemic of the virus topped 1,900 and Guinea warned it had penetrated a new part of the country.

The pace of the infection has accelerated, and there were close to 400 deaths in the past week, officials said on Wednesday. It was first detected deep in the forests of southeastern Guinea in March.

The hemorrhagic fever has spread to Liberia, Sierra Leone, Guinea, Nigeria, and Senegal, and has killed more people than all outbreaks since Ebola was first uncovered in 1976. There are no approved Ebola vaccines or treatments.

An experimental Ebola vaccine that Canada said it would give to the World Health Organization for use in Africa was as of Wednesday still in the lab

that developed it as officials are puzzled over how to transport it.

Ottawa said on 12 August that it would donate between 800 and 1,000 doses of the vaccine, being held at Canada's National Microbiology Laboratory in Winnipeg.

"We are now working with the WHO to address complex regulatory, logistical and ethical issues so that the vaccine can be safely and ethically deployed as rapidly as possible," Health Canada spokesman Sean Upton said in a statement.

"For example, the logistics surrounding the safe delivery of the vaccine are complicated." Upton said one of the challenges was keeping the vaccine cool enough to remain potent.

Human safety trials are due to begin this week on a vaccine from GlaxoSmith-Kline Plc and later this year on one from NewLink Genetics Corp.

Reuters

India battles HIV/AIDS drug shortage as some firms halt supply

MUMBAI, 4 Sept — India is facing a shortage of HIV/AIDS drugs provided under the government's free medicine programme after some drugmakers halted supplies due to delayed payments, leaving thousands of patients without treatment, activists said.

India's National AIDS Control Organization (NACO), a unit of the healthcare ministry, procures antiretroviral drugs for treating HIV/AIDS from companies through a tender process and supplies the drugs to healthcare provid-

ers across the country.

Some drugmakers stopped participating in the government's tender process over the past year because of delays in getting paid, creating a shortage, said LeenaMenghaney, an activist with the medical charity Medicins Sans Frontieres (MSF).

India had the third-largest number of people living with HIV in the world at the end of 2013 and accounts for about four out of 10 people living with HIV in the Asian region, according to the UN AIDS pro-

gramme UNAIDS. "The supply chain has broken down, tenders have not been filled. As a result there are not enough drugs in the program to meet the needs of the people. Patients have been told to fend for themselves," Menghaney told Reuters. "No manufacturer who supplies to the national programme, where the margins are miniscule, should have to be faced with payment delays. But the way to deal with that is not to boycott the programme."

Officials at NACO in New Delhi were not avail-

able to comment.

Delhi Network of Positive People, a trust that works with HIV/AIDS patients, is planning to file a lawsuit against the government over the shortage of the life-saving drugs in various states, said its president, Vikas Ahuja.

India has been providing free antiretroviral drugs for HIV treatment since 2004, but only 50 percent of those eligible for the treatment were getting it in 2012, a report last year by the World Health Organization showed. — Reuters

UN chief tries to kick-start sagging enthusiasm for climate deal



United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon

IAEA report expected to show little headway in Iran nuclear investigation

VIENNA, 4 Sept — The United Nations nuclear watchdog is expected to issue a report this week showing little progress is being made in its long-running investigation into suspected atomic bomb research by Iran, diplomats said on Wednesday.

They said the quarterly International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) report on Iran was likely to confirm, as *Reuters* reported last week, that Tehran failed to meet a late August deadline for answering questions about its atomic activities.

Western officials may see the lack of movement as a setback for broader efforts to end a decade-old dispute over a nuclear programme which Iran says is peaceful but which they fear may be aimed at developing a nuclear weapons capability.

They say Iran must address the IAEA's concerns if there is to be any chance of success in parallel diplomatic negotiations with six world powers aimed at

curbing the country's nuclear work in exchange for a gradual ending of sanctions on Teheran.

The IAEA is expected to issue its confidential report to member states on Thursday or Friday, ahead of a 15-19 September meeting of the IAEA's 35-nation board of governors. There was no comment from the Vienna-based UN agency on Wednesday.

Iran has promised to cooperate with the IAEA since Hassan Rouhani, seen as a pragmatist, was elected president in 2013.

It agreed in May to carry out five specific steps by 25 August to help allay international concerns. Iran promised to provide information on two issues that are part of the IAEA's inquiry into the possible military dimensions of the country's nuclear programme: alleged experiments on explosives that could be used for an atomic device, and studies related to calculating nuclear explosive yields.

Reuters



The flag of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) flies in front of its headquarters during a board of governors meeting in Vienna on 28 Nov, 2013.

REUTERS

LONDON/ WASHINGTON, 4 Sept — United Nations Secretary General Ban Ki-moon this month hopes to reinvigorate the years-long effort to forge a global climate deal, even as concerns grow over whether the final pact will be rigorous enough to address threats to the environment.

Ban wants heads of state at a 23 September gathering in New York to outline how their countries will contribute to a mutual goal to contain rising temperatures, said Selwin Hart, the

Barbadian diplomat helping to spearhead the conference. The final deal is due to be signed in Paris in 2015.

Hart said the event will avoid some of the thornier questions surrounding the ultimate outcome of the Paris summit, but should give a good indication of how serious countries are.

"What we are looking for is countries to signal a commitment to a universal and meaningful global deal, and signal their ambition," Hart told *Reuters*.

The summit will fea-

ture "unprecedented" participation of non-government organizations and the private sector, Hart said. Several hundred leaders from major banks, the oil and gas industry, and the agricultural sector will attend and are expected to make major "financial contributions." These contributions will centre around eight key action areas identified by Ban. They include cities, energy, transportation and climate resilience.

President Barack Obama is expected to be among

the 100 or so heads of state at the summit, but observers worry that the goal of securing a global deal in 2015 could be in peril if certain other high profile leaders decide to skip the meeting.

Tony de Brum, foreign minister for the Marshall Islands, one of several low-lying South Pacific nations vulnerable to rising sea levels, was alarmed by recent reports that China's President Xi Jinping and India's Prime Minister Narendra Modi were not planning to attend.—*Reuters*

Brazil polls show Silva surge halted ahead of October election



Presidential candidate Dilma Rousseff of Workers Party (PT) waves to the crowd before she takes part in a TV debate in Sao Paulo on 1 Sept, 2014.—REUTERS

ing rose two percentage points to 36 percent, welcome news for a president who appeared to be against the ropes.

Polling firm Datafolha confirmed that Rousseff's bleeding has stopped, with her support rising one percentage point to 35 percent since last week, while Silva remained at 34 percent.

Silva is still projected to win the expected 26 October runoff by 48 percent against 41 percent for Rousseff, a margin that has narrowed from 10 points last week, Datafolha said.

Silva was thrust into the election race when her party's candidate Eduardo Campos was killed in a plane crash.

A popular anti-establishment figure, she is threatening to end the 12-year rule of the Workers'

Party in the election, which is being watched closely by investors hoping that a change of government will bring more market-friendly policies that can stir an economy that slipped into recession this year.

In a first-round vote, support for Rousseff rose to 37 percent from 34 percent in the previous poll, while Silva's support rose to 33 percent from 29 percent, Ibope said. Support for market favorite Aécio Neves, who was pushed into third place by Silva, has fallen to 15 percent from 19 percent.

In other good news for Rousseff, the president's rejection rate, or the percentage of voters who say they would never vote for her, fell to 31 percent from 36 percent last week.

Silva's rejection rate is much lower, but rose slight-

ly to 12 percent from 10 percent in the previous poll, Ibope said. That would indicate that Silva has not suffered significant damage from two embarrassing revisions to her party platform that withdrew support for nuclear energy and same-sex marriage. The commitment to back legislation for gay marriage was dropped after an uproar by evangelical pastors that threatened to undermine support for Silva, a fervent Pentecostal Christian, among a growing religious constituency.

Silva, who vows to clean up Brazil's discredited political establishment, has also been dogged by media reports that allege the plane that crashed with Campos on board was acquired in a shady campaign donation of the kind that she has denounced.—*Reuters*

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Two Chinese officials investigated after fatal kindergarten bus accident

CHANGSHA, 4 Sept — Two officials are being probed for their roles in a kindergarten bus accident that left eight children dead in July in central China's Hunan Province, according to local authorities.

Yang Qiang and Zhang Hua, suspected of dereliction of duty, are being investigated by prose-

cutors, a spokesman with the provincial work safety administration said late on Wednesday.

Yang is in charge of school bus management in the education bureau of Yuhu District in Xiangtan City, and Zhang works with the district's traffic police brigade, said the spokesman.—Xinhua

Jason Aldean's sixth album to release on 7 October

LOS ANGELES, 4 Sept — Country music singer Jason Aldean has announced that his sixth album 'Old Boots, New Dirt' will be out on 7 October this year. The 37-year-old 'She's Country' hitmaker has said he wants to explore new territories with his new music, reported Aceshowbiz.

"With this new album, it's definitely the same old me. But, I like to mix things up and try new sounds and go into territory I've never explored before, so I do a little bit of that too. That's why I named the album 'Old Boots, New Dirt'.

"I'm almost 10 years into this crazy ride, but in a lot of ways, I feel like I'm just getting started. I think my fans have come to expect some surprises from me, and we've got another big one coming tonight. You'll have to pay attention or you could miss it in a flash," he said.

PTI

LOS ANGELES, 4 Sept — Singer Miranda Lambert landed nine nominations on Wednesday for this year's Country Music Association awards, outpacing the competition in one of the genre's top honours.

The Country Music Association awards, or CMA, will be handed out in a televised ceremony on 5 November in Nashville, Tennessee, the capital of country music. The show will be hosted by singers Carrie Underwood and Brad Paisley.

Lambert, 30, scored nominations for awards including for entertainer of the year and album of the year on the back of her acclaimed 2014 album "Platinum," and its wistful lead single "Automatic."

The Texan will try for her fifth consecutive female vocalist of the year award, as will her husband Blake Shelton, a country music singer and judge on NBC's "The Voice," in the male category.

Lambert's nine total nominations tie her own record for a female artist.

Dierks Bentley's up-tempo, break-up song "Drunk on a Plane," helped the singer pick up the second-most nominations with five, including nods for male vocalist and album

of the year. Eric Church and Australian singer Keith Urban scored four nominations each.

Country music veteran George Strait will seek to defend his entertainer of the year title, the ceremony's biggest honour. The 62-year-old retired from touring this year and is up against Lambert, Shelton, Urban and Luke Bryan.

Shelton, Bryan, Underwood and upstart Kacey Musgraves each received three nominations. New artist of the year nominees include Brady Clark, Brett Eldredge, Cole Swindell, Kip Moore and Thomas Rhett.

Florida Georgia Line will vie for a second consecutive top vocal duo award against Dan + Shay, Love and Theft, the Swon Brothers and Thompson Square.

The Country Music Association is a trade organization comprising individuals working in the genre, and members vote winners across singing categories.—Reuters

Country singer Miranda Lambert leads CMA awards with nine nods



Disney to make short follow-up to 'Frozen'

NEW YORK, 4 Sept — Disney will make a short film, a follow-up to its hit movie 'Frozen'.

The studio has confirmed that the 'Frozen Fever' will premiere in 2015 and will see the return of all the main original characters, reported *Huffington Post*.

Released last year, the Oscar-winning animated film 'Frozen' is a story of a fearless princess who sets off on a journey to find her estranged sister.

"In 'Frozen Fever', it is Anna's birthday and Elsa and Kristoff are determined to give her the best celebration ever, but Elsa's icy powers may put more than just the party at risk," reads

a plot description for the film provided by Disney.

The movie will also have a song from Oscar winners Robert Lopez and Kristen Anderson-Lopez, while Jennifer Lee and Chris Buck are set to return to direction with it.—PTI

Sofia Vergara is highest paid TV actress at \$37 million—Forbes

NEW YORK, 4 Sept — For the third consecutive year, Colombian actress Sofia Vergara, one of the stars of the hit ABC comedy "Modern Family," is the highest paid actress on US television, with estimated earnings of \$37 million (22.5 million British pounds), *Forbes* magazine said on Wednesday.

Like last year, Vergara, who earns \$325,000 for each episode of "Modern Family," outpaced Mariska Hargitay, the Emmy-winning star of NBC's "Law and Order: Special Victims Unit," who came in second with \$13 million. Kaley Cuoco-Sweeting, 28, of CBS's "The Big Bang Theory," came in third, with \$11 million.

"At 42, the 'Modern Family' star continues her streak in large part due to her business savvy," said *Forbes*.

In addition to her TV work, Vergara has endorsement deals with beverage, cosmetic, clothing and other companies. She also co-founded Latin World Entertainment, a talent, management and entertainment marketing firm.

Hargitay, the 50-year-old star of the longest-running drama series currently on TV, earns \$450,000 per episode and bulks up her earning through syndication profits.

Reuters



KATE HUDSON slams eating disorder rumours

LOS ANGELES, 4 Sept — Actress Kate Hudson has slammed past eating disorder rumours in the October 2014 issue, saying she will never have such health hazard.

The 'Something Borrowed' actress, who stuns on the cover in a black and gold dress, stressed her desire to be a good role model to young women, reported *Us* magazine. "If there is one thing I will never have, it is an eating disorder," the mother of two said.

"I won't have girls — even if it is just one or two who care — thinking that. Because it is a serious sickness, not something to plaster on the cover of a magazine. And I am the opposite," she added.

The 35-year-old daughter of Goldie Hawn also addressed how, after gaining 70 pounds during her first pregnancy, she realises how important it is to feel loved.

"I want girls to love themselves. I want them to feel good about who they are... The thing is, I'm lucky because I was loved (during that time). But I have seen so many young women who can't feel good about themselves because they just don't have that love."—PTI



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Mongolian, Russian development banks agree on further cooperation

ULANBATOR, 4 Sept — The Development Banks of Mongolia and Russia on Wednesday signed a note of obligation to strengthen cooperation.

The note of obligation was signed by directors of the two banks during the working visit of Russian President Vladimir Putin to Mongolia.

The two banks agreed to promote high-level co-operation between them,

fund trade projects of the two countries and trade with national currencies on some items. According to the agreement, the Russian Development Bank will provide approximately 74 million US dollars of investment for the extension of Mongolia's Thermal Power Plant-4.

Putin arrived in Ulan Bator earlier Wednesday for a one-day working visit.

Xinhua

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Nishikori battles past Wawrinka to reach US Open semifinals

NEW YORK, 4 Sept — Kei Nishikori became the first Japanese player in 96 years to reach the semifinals of the US Open men's singles tournament on Wednesday after defeating No 3 seed Stan Wawrinka of Switzerland 3-6, 7-5, 7-6(7), 6-7(5), 6-4 in a 4-hour, 14-minute duel at the year's last Grand Slam event.

The 10th seeded Nishikori, coming off another marathon five-setter in Monday's round of 16, outlasted Wawrinka to advance beyond the quarterfinals at a major for the first time in his career. It was also Nishikori's first triumph in three career matches against the big-serving Swiss, who won the Australian Open in January and is currently ranked No. 4 in the world.

"I feel amazing," Nishikori said. "I don't know how I finished the match, but I'm very happy."

The Japanese ace, who has just returned from a month's layoff due to an injury to his right big toe, got off to a slow start against Wawrinka. He dropped the

first three games en route to losing the first set, but played more aggressively in the second set to remain on-serve through 11 games. The set fell his way when Wawrinka, trailing 6-5, lost serve in the decisive game with a costly double-fault.

"I started out a little bit tight, but as the match went on I grew more confident," Nishikori said.

Momentum continued to build for Nishikori in the third set, though he squandered a 5-2 lead and barely held on to win the set in a tiebreaker. Wawrinka would level the match at two sets apiece by winning the fourth-set tiebreaker after neither player could break his opponent's serve.

In the decisive fifth set, Nishikori stole a late break to secure the match after a double-fault by Wawrinka set up a pair of match points.

"The US Open is my favorite Grand Slam," said Nishikori, who made the round of 16 in his 2008 debut. "I have good memories here and I'm very happy to make the semifinals for the first time."



Japan's Kei Nishikori celebrates after defeating Switzerland's Stan Wawrinka in the US Open on 3 Sept, 2014, in New York. The 10th-seeded Nishikori defeated the third-seeded Wawrinka 3-6, 7-5, 7-6(7), 6-7(5) 6-4 to become the first Japanese player in 96 years to reach the US Open semifinals.

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"I hope that I can recover again and hopefully I can play tennis at a hundred percent (health) in the next round."

Nishikori is the first Japanese player to reach the men's singles semifinals at

the US Open since Ichiya Kumagai in 1918. Currently ranked 11th in the world, Nishikori became the first Japanese man to break into the top 10 when he was ranked a career-high No. 9 in May.

He will meet the winner of the quarterfinal match between world No. 1 Novak Djokovic.

In women's doubles, Japanese veteran Kimiko Date-Krumm and partner Barbora Zahlavova Strycova of the Czech Republic advanced to the semifinals with a 6-3, 4-6, 6-3 win over Czech Andrea Hlavackova and China's Jie Zheng.

"Even though we dropped the second set, we were able to stay in control and do what we needed to do in the third set," Date-Krumm said.

"Our opponents in the next round will also be tough, so we will do our best to prepare."

The pair will meet fourth-seeded Russian duo Ekaterina Makarova and Elena Vesnina in the semifinals.

Kyodo News

Hainan Airlines launches flights to Paris

BEIJING, 4 Sept — Hainan Airlines announced on Wednesday the launch of a route from eastern China's Hangzhou, via northwestern city of Xi'an, to Paris, its fifth route to Europe. The new route will use Airbus' A330-200 aircraft to fly twice a week in both directions on Thursdays and Sundays, the company said.

Xin Di, chairman of Hainan Airlines, said the launch of the new route will provide a more convenient bridge for further Sino-French exchanges in all respects, as this year marks the 50th anniversary of diplomatic relations between

China and France. Currently, Hainan Airlines also fly to European destinations Moscow, Saint Petersburg, Brussels and Berlin.

Xinhua



Djokovic wears down Murray to reach last four

NEW YORK, 4 Sept — World number one Novak Djokovic wore down his old foe Andy Murray in a typically gruelling encounter under the lights at Flushing Meadows on Wednesday to reach the semi-finals of the US Open.

In a repeat of the 2012 final, which Murray won, the pair combined for some stunning long rallies before Djokovic pulled away for a 7-6 (1), 6-7, 6-2, 6-4 victory to set up a semi-final against Kei Nishikori of Japan.

"I think we played a very physical match in the first two hours," Djokovic said. "I am very glad to get through to another semi-final."

"We both gave our best. At times, the tennis was not that nice, we made a lot of unforced errors but that's due to a very physical battle we had in the first two sets." "I knew coming into the match that he was going to go for his shots and the one who was the most aggressive would win. I am glad I managed to stay fit in the end and pull through."



Novak Djokovic of Serbia makes fun of himself after missing a shot to Andy Murray of Britain during their quarter-final men's singles match at the 2014 US Open tennis tournament in New York early on 4 Sept, 2014. —REUTERS

Murray ended the match struggling a little with his movement and required a hot compress

for his back midway through the fourth set.

But he produced arguably

his best tennis since having back surgery 11 months ago and gave the top seed a real scare.

In the end, the Scot was left to rue a series of missed break point chances, taking just four of 16 in all, while Djokovic was successful on seven out of 10.

In their 21st meeting, Djokovic dropped serve in the opening game but surged ahead 4-1 only for Murray to hit back, prompting the Serb to smash his racket on his chair at the change of ends.

He regained his focus to take the tiebreak 7-1 and when he led 3-1 in the second set, he looked as if he would run away with the match.

But Murray suddenly began cracking forehands with huge power and he recovered to force another tiebreak, also winning it 7-1.

The start of the third set proved crucial as Djokovic broke again for 3-1 but this time held his advantage to move ahead.

Although Murray hung in well for much of the fourth set, despite a sore back, Djokovic broke in the 10th game to advance to the last four.

Reuters

Di Maria dazzles as Argentina crush Germany

DUESSELDORF, (Germany), 4 Sept —A brilliant performance from Angel Di Maria spurred Argentina to a crushing 4-2 friendly win over world champions Germany on Wednesday in an entertaining rematch of July's World Cup final.

Despite the absence of injured captain Lionel Messi, Argentina ran circles around the World Cup winners on their home turf in the first match for both teams since Germany's 1-0 extra-time victory in the final in Brazil.

So impressive was the performance of the Argentine winger, who had missed the final through injury, in the Duesseldorf arena that even many of the German fans applauded his performance when he was replaced late in the match.

Germany coach Joachim Loew put only four of the starting 11 that won Germany's fourth World Cup on the pitch in the warm-up match for their Euro 2016 campaign that starts on Sunday against Scotland.

Captain Philipp Lahm, striker Miroslav Klose and defender Per Mertesacker, who all retired following the World Cup triumph, were hailed by the sell-out crowd of 51,132 while several other key players were missing through injury.

The inexperienced Germany defence could not contain new Manchester United signing Di Maria in the first half but also left lots of open space for lightning



Argentina's Angel Di Maria kicks the ball during the friendly soccer match against Germany in Duesseldorf on 3 Sept, 2014. —REUTERS

counter-attacks by moving deep into Argentina's territory.

Di Maria set up the first goal in the 21st minute with a pinpoint lob to the penalty spot where Sergio Aguero slipped away from his marker and beat Manuel Neuer with an unstoppable volley from point-blank range.

Nineteen minutes later Di Maria broke free on the right near the goal line where he lofted a cross back to Erik Lamela, standing in for the injured Lionel Messi, who smashed a fine volley past a frustrated-looking Neuer.

Central defender Federico Fernandez headed the third two minutes after the intermission from Di Maria's free kick before the winger made it 4-0 with a superb chip in the 50th minute.

"Di Maria is one of the best four or five players in the world

and so his performance didn't surprise me," said Argentina's new coach Gerardo Martino, adding he could have possibly made a difference had he been on the pitch in July.

"His absence there was noticeable," Martino told a news conference looking back to the World Cup final.

But Loew later told reporters he did not think Di Maria would have made a difference in the final. "We would have beaten them on 13 July even if Di Maria had been playing," Loew said, a statement that prompted some German reporters to applaud. "He couldn't have beaten us on that day."

Germany came into the match still aglow over their World Cup win in Brazil but were facing a rout when they fell behind 4-0.

Reuters



Serena Williams of the United States returns a shot during women's singles quarterfinal match against Flavia Pennetta of Italy at the 2014 US Open in New York, the United States, on 3 Sept, 2014. Williams won the match 2-0.—XINHUA