

President U Thein Sein felicitates DPRK leaders

NAY PYI TAW, 9 Sept — On the occasion of the Founding of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, which falls on 9 September 2014, U Thein Sein, President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, has sent messages of felicitations to His Excellency Mr Kim Jong Un, First Secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea, First Chairman of the National Defense Commission of

the DPRK and Supreme Commander of the Korean People's Army of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea; His Excellency Mr Kim Yong Nam, President of the Presidium of the Supreme People's Assembly of the DPRK; and His Excellency Mr Pak Pong Ju, Premier of the Cabinet of the DPRK.

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President U Thein Sein arrives in Netherlands

THE HAGUE, 8 Sept — President U Thein Sein of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar arrived at Amsterdam, the Netherlands at 4.15 pm local time after leaving Zurich of Switzerland by Royal Dutch flight on Sunday evening.

The president and delegation were welcomed by Head of Protocol Department of the Netherlands Mr Ban Ees, Bangkok-based Netherlands Ambassa-

dor to Myanmar Mr Joan BOER and Head of Asia and Oceania Department of the Netherlands Mr Potman, Myanmar ambassador to the Netherlands U Paw Lwin Sein and the family members of Myanmar mission at the Amsterdam-Schiphol International Airport (AMS) before going to the Bel Air Hotel in The Hague.

On Monday morning, the President and party visited the Maeslandtkering sluice gate

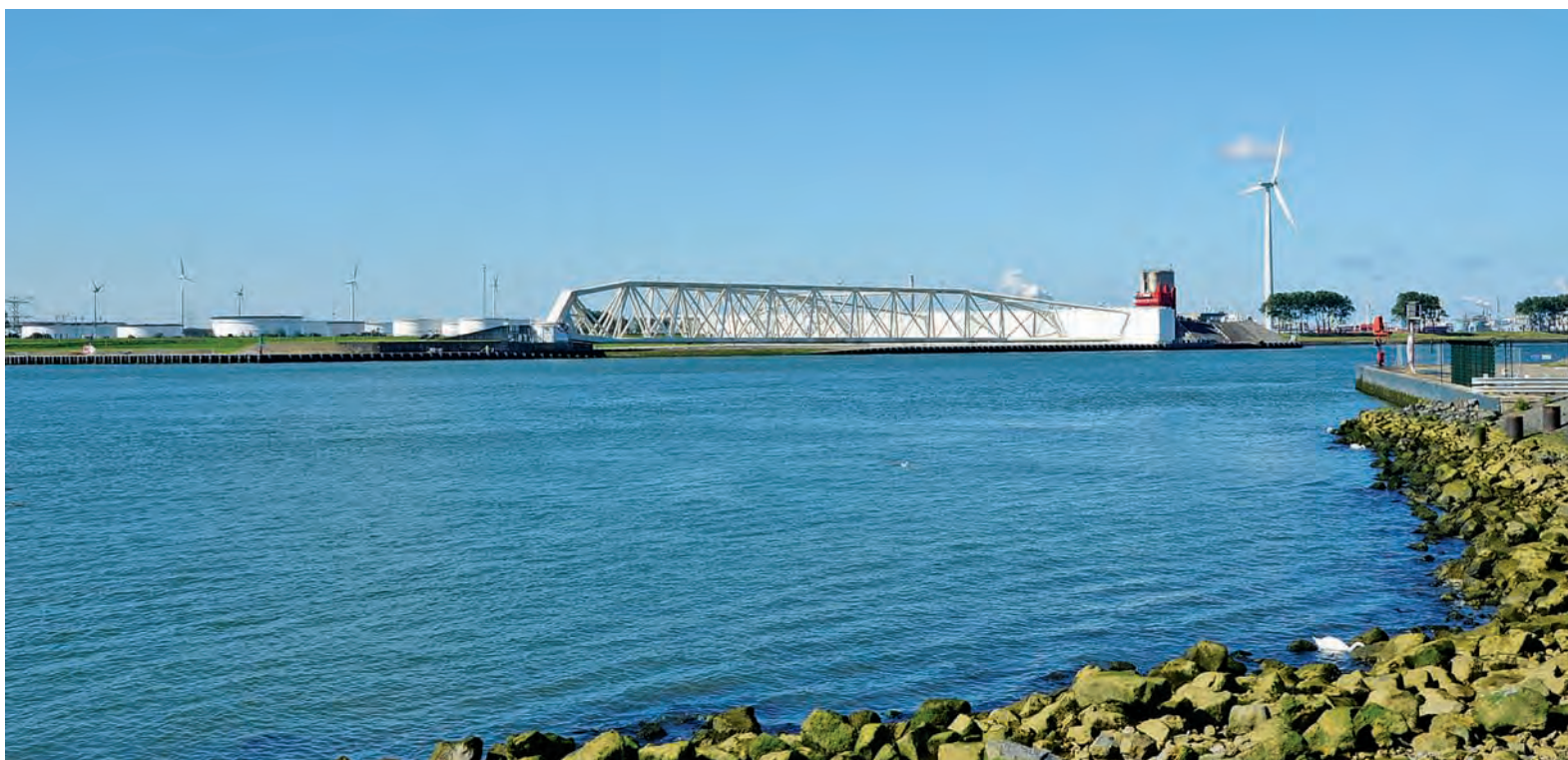
and observed the facility.

They were greeted by Minister for Infrastructure and Environment Ms Schultz Van Haegen and party of the Netherlands.

They also visited the 1000-megawatt coal plant near Rotterdam Port by Vessel Marco Polo. —MNA

**President
U Thein Sein and party
view Maeslandtkering
sluice gate and facility
in the Netherlands.**

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BTMU-organized Japanese investment mission visits Myanmar to explore business opportunities

By Ye Myint

YANGON, 8 Sept—Thirty Japanese investors from 18 firms visited Myanmar on an investment mission organized by The Bank of Tokyo-Mitsubishi UFJ, Ltd on Monday to study business opportunities in the Southeast Asia's "last frontier" for investment.

The purpose of the mission is to promote foreign direct investment in Myanmar, supporting the Myanmar's government strategic reform process and contributing towards the economy of a country offering a lot of opportunities to potential foreign investors, the BTMU said in a press release.

According to the state-

ment, participants in the investment mission are from Japan and also from ASEAN countries where they base their headquarters.

The 30-member investment mission was kicked off with expert briefings on the investment environment in Myanmar by officials from BTMU, Directorate of Investment & Company Administra-

tion, Japan External Trade Organization and Thilawa Special Economic Zone Management Committee at the Sule Shangri-La Hotel on Monday.

The business briefing session followed a seminar hosted by the BTMU, the core banking unit of Mitsubishi UFJ Financial Group, in August in Japan where about 1,000 busi-

nesspeople were provided with investment information for setting up businesses in Myanmar.

The business mission also marks the 60th anniversary of the Establishment of Diplomatic Relations between Myanmar and Japan, a BTMU official said at the briefing. According to the (See page 9)

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Talks on control of Ebola disease given in Muse Township

MUSE, 8 Sept — The Ebola disease care activities are being undertaken at Muse of northern Shan State and its related border gates such as Ruili of China.

On Sunday afternoon, Medical Superintendent Dr Tin Tun of Muse General Hospital gave a health educative talk to the local people in Mongyu Village.

Deputy Director Dr Tun Tin of Health Department (Nay Pyi Taw) explained the symptoms of the Ebola disease and its infection signs. The health officials urged the local people to wash their hands after



touching anything.

The officials urged the local people to inform the

Health Department of Ebola suspect persons as soon as possible.

The talk was attended by 124 local people at the village.—L Soe (IPRD)

Journalists of Upper Myanmar meet



MANDALAY, 8 Sept — The Upper Myanmar Journalists Association held the second coordination meeting at Shwe Seesein Tea and Cold Drink Centre on 62nd Street between 31st and 32nd Streets in Mandalay on Sunday.

Chairman of the association U Htay Aung explained the future tasks of

the association.

At the invitation of the Dehong Dai Autonomous Prefecture Merchant Association of China, the association will make arrangements for paying a visit to China. Moreover, the association will publish Po Waziya Magazine.

Min Htet Aung (Mandalay Sub-printing House)



Mobile phone users still face difficulties in Karathuri Sub-township

KAWTHOUNG, 8 Sept— Local authorities and people made concerted efforts in erection of communication towers in May 2014 in Karathuri Sub-township of Kawthoung District in Taninthayi Region.

However, the local phone users cannot get access to mobile telephone communications up to September.

The installation of communication machinery is difficult in the rainy season, according to the officials.

As September is in the late-monsoon season,



the local people are eager to complete the installation of mobile phone

communication in the sub-township.

Karathuri (IPRD)

International Literacy Day marked in Ye

MEIKTILA, 8 Sept — A ceremony to mark the International Literacy Day was observed at the hall of Basic Education High School No 1 in Ye of Mon State on Monday.

Township Education

Officer Daw Moe Moe Aye explained emergence of the International Literacy Day.

Officials presented prizes to winners in the essay and poster contests in commemoration of the international literacy day and

gave one dozen each of copy book to 13 students with disabilities. The ceremony was attended by Township Administrator U Moe Zaw Naing and departmental officials and social association members.—Htut Htut

Animal husbandry course for rural people concludes

DABAYIN, 8 Sept — Dabayin Township Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department concluded the basic animal husbandry and livestock breeding course that started on 31 August, at the hall of the Township LBVD in Dabayin of Sagaing Region

on 4 September.

Staff Officer Dr Aung Moun of Township LBVD explained the purpose of conducting the training to the local people.

The course was attended by 20 trainees from village-tracts.

The course shared

knowledge to the local people about timely prevention against animal-to-human infectious diseases, prevention and treatment of animal diseases at cattle and development of livestock breeding on a manageable scale.

Aung Lin (IPRD)

Talks about development of retail sales given

MANDALAY, 8 Sept — The talks on development of retail sales, organized by Myanmar Retailers Association (Mandalay Region) took place at Oriental House at the corner of 27th and 64th Streets in Chanayethazan Township of Mandalay on Sunday.

Secretary of the region association U Nay Myo Thant Tin spoke on the occasion. Saya U Nyan

Aung gave talks about ownership, joint venture, company limited, taking loans from banks, security exchange companies, stock share, and differences between wholesales and retails under the topic “a way to overcome capital shortage of small business firms”.

The entrepreneurs participated in the talks.

Thiha Ko Ko (Mandalay)



NATIONAL

Vice President inspects Muse Central Economic Zone project

NAY PYI TAW, 8 Sept — Vice President Dr Sai Mauk Kham and wife Daw Nan Shwe Hmon arrived at Muse Central Economic Zone Project being implemented by New Star Light Company on Monday morning and heard reports on work done presented by Project director U Ngwe Soe, the chief minister of Shan State and officials.

After hearing the reports, the vice president said that the project will be a good image for the country if it has been completed during the term of the government and urged officials to create job opportunities and strive for regional development.

Afterwards, the vice president and party inspected the project site.

Then, the vice president and party proceeded to international terminal S-83, where the project di-

rector and the deputy mayor of Ruili briefed the vice president on benefits of the terminal. The vice president inspected the terminal construction site.

Later, the vice president and party went to Lwe Tainkham Pagoda Hill, where Migada Maha Pagoda is to be built, and donated K 10 million for construction of the pagoda. The chief minister and the commander of Northeast Command donated K 5 million each for the pagoda while New Star Light Company donated K 10 million.

Then, the vice president and party continued to 105-mile Trade Zone and inspected warehouses, storage of goods and the 1200-ton cold storage factory of National Development Company.

During the tour of Muse, Daw Nan Shwe Hmon, the wife of the vice



Vice President Dr Sai Mauk Kham views scale model of Muse Central Economic Zone Project.—MNA

president, attended the ceremony to present cash donation for construction of Yinky Leinmar Dhammapyinyar Hall.

Wife of the vice presi-

dent Daw Nan Shwe Hmon make a speech at the ceremony. In her speech, she said she was glad to see a large number of women participate in regional de-

velopment tasks and religious affairs and urged them to nurture their offspring to become good citizens for the country under the guidance of the State.

Then, Daw Nan Shwe Hmon, the wife of Shan State chief minister and officials accepted K 2 billion donated by wellwishers.

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Vietnam needs to compete with other investors in the Myanmar's market



Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Thura U Shwe Mann meets Mr Nguyen Phu Trong, General Secretary of the Communist Party of Vietnam.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 8 Sept —Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and Pyithu Hluttaw Thura U Shwe Mann met Mr Nguyen Phu Trong, General Secretary of the Commu-

nist Party of Vietnam at the Communist Party Headquarters on Saturday evening.

They exchanged views that both countries have given a helping hand to each

other. Despite changing political systems, Myanmar and Vietnam must promote bilateral relations and cooperation in all sectors.

The Speaker received

Chairman Mr Tran Bac Ha of the Association of Vietnamese Investors in Myanmar (AVIM) and the Bank for Investment and Development of Vietnam (BIDV) at BIDV Tower in Hanoi of Vietnam on Sunday morning.

They cordially discussed that cooperation in agriculture, livestock breeding, tourism and banking services will benefit the both countries. As Myanmar is practising market-oriented economic system, Vietnam needs to compete with other investors in the Myanmar's market.

The Chairman of AVIM and BIDV hosted a luncheon to the Speaker and party.

After that, they arrived at Tan Son Nhat Airport in Ho Chi Minh City at 16.30 hrs.—MNA

Union FM felicitates DPRK FM

NAY PYI TAW, 9 Sept — On the occasion of the Founding of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, which falls on 9 September 2014, U Wunna Maung Lwin, Union Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr Ri Su Yong, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.—MNA

Senior Level Officials Management Course kicks off

YANGON, 8 Sept—The Central Institute of Civil Service (Phaunggyi) opened the Senior Level Officials Management Course No 3 on Monday for the director level officials who are serving their respective duties at union level administrative bodies, government ministries and region and state governments.

Chairman of the Union Civil Services Board U Kyaw Thu delivered an address. Outside lecturers from UNDP and Hanns Seidel Foundation and local scholars will give lectures on politics, economics, sociology, management, law, national defence and security to 43 trainees in the eight-week course.—MNA

Deputy Minister Daw Lei Lei Thein chairs first ACCC national coordinators meeting.—MNA

Discussions underway for tentative programme of activities for ASEAN Connectivity Coordinating

NAY PYI TAW, 8 Sept—The 3/2014 ASEAN Connectivity Coordinating Committee meeting, the first ACCC national coordinators meeting and the related meetings were held at the Hotel Max here on Monday.

The meetings were simultaneously held at the same venue, discuss-

ing physical connectivity, as well as communication among organizations and people.

The first ACCC national coordinators meeting was chaired by Deputy Minister Daw Lei Lei Thein, national coordinator of the programme and the 3/2014 ACCC meeting was chaired by Amba-

sador U Thein Lwin, permanent representative of Myanmar to ASEAN. The meeting was attended by representatives from ASEAN member countries and the Office of ASEAN Secretariat.

The meetings will be continued until 10 September.

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Western Youth clinch title in Shwe Zeyar Cup

SAGAING, 8 Sept — Western Youth team emerged champion in the final with a 3-0 win over One Star team in the 4th Monsoon Shwe Zeyar Cup at the district football ground in Sagaing on 6 September.

Rector of Sagaing University Dr Thura Oo presented medals and cash awards to best players in places.

Amyotha Hluttaw representative U Win Tint gave the fair play award to While Pearl team, Region Hluttaw representative U Sein Khe, the most progressive award to Thabyue Youth team and Zeyar Shwe Myay FC Chairman

U Thurein, the third prize and medal to Mansell team.

Tournament sponsor former Union Minister for Construction Thiri Pyanchi U Khin Maung Myint presented medals and cash award to second prize winner One Star team and Sagaing Region Minister for Development Affairs U Tin Hlaing Myint, the cash awards and sports suits to players.

Thiri Pyanchi Thura U Aye Myint and Thiri Pyanchi U Khin Maung Myint awarded championship trophy, medals and cash awards to champion Western Youth team.

Tin Maung (Mandalay)



Yazagyo multi-purpose dam project to benefit people of Kalay Township

KALAY, 8 Sept — Yazagyo multi-purpose dam project is located on Nerinzara River, two miles north of Yazagyo Village in Kalay Township, near Kalay-Tamu Road to irrigate 8,500 acres of farmlands in Myittha Basin of Kalay Township and to generate 4 megawatts.

It is a 13,660-foot-long and 165-foot-high earthen embankment to store 52,000 acres of water at full brim. The main embankment is 4,745 feet long and saddle dike 8,915 feet long.

The dam will contribute to rural development of the irrigated area and cultivation at farmlands.

Implementation of the project will cost K54,244 million. Its main canal will be nine miles long and feeder canals in total length, 8.25 miles long.

The local farmers and people hope for timely completion of the dam project.—Joe Net

Power lines maintenance to minimize loss of electricity

MEIKTILA, 8 Sept — Officials of Electricity Supply Enterprise from Meiktila and Yamethin districts carried out maintenance of power lines from the main power station in Thazi Township on 6 September, aimed at minimizing loss of power in supplying it to the people

Head of Thazi Main Power Station U Zarni Moe, Meiktila and Yamethin district electrical engineers inspected the supply of electricity through 33KV feeder and 33KV Thazi feeder, substituted insulators along the power lines, cut the branches of trees and repaired jumper connections.

The engineers and electricians plan to carry out maintenance of power lines every Saturday.

Chan Thar (Meiktila)



Duty assigned to implement non-formal primary education in Dala

DALA, 8 Sept — The non-formal primary education in 2014-15 academic year was launched in conjunction with the capacity enhancement of basic supervisory committee at the town hall in Dala of Yangon Region on 6 September.

Township Administrator U Ye Win assigned duties to the chairman of the base camps and presented prizes to winner students from the non-formal primary education.

Officials held talks about capacity enhancement of base camp supervisory committees.

A total of 199 students join six non-formal primary education base camps in Dala Township for 2014-15 academic year.

Wellwisher U Ko Ko Htwe (Tawwin Family Company) sponsors non-formal primary education in 10 townships of Yangon Region including Dala Township.

Khin Zaw (Mingalar)

Logos invited to National Kandawgyi Gardens in PyinOoLwin



MANDALAY, 8 Sept — The Botanical Garden in PyinOoLwin established in 1920 attracts travellers at home and abroad.

The government up-

graded the Botanical Garden to the National Kandawgyi Gardens in the year of 2000. In 2002, the Flowers Festival and Music Festival were held in the

gardens.

A plan is underway to hold the 10th Flowers Festival and Music Festival including the Logo Contest to depict the symbol of the National Kandawgyi Gardens in December 2014.

Each contestant may submit three types of designs. The entries are to be sent with the use of soft copy and proof, not later than 19 September. They may apply any format for the entries.

The works must be own creation. The entries are to be attached to name, address and telephone number. The prize winner will win K500,000 for the Logo.—Thiha Ko Ko (Mandalay)



REGIONAL

Australia to buy Japanese submarines: local media

SYDNEY, 8 Sept — The next generation of Australian submarines will be made in Japan, local media reported on Monday.

News Corp Australia claims the Australian government will select the Japanese-built Soryu Class submarine to replace locally built Collins Class boats, when they retire in 2030.

According to the report, more than 20 billion Australian dollars (18.72

billion US dollars) would be spent buying up to 10 of the Japanese submarines.

The claim is contrary to what Australian Prime Minister Tony Abbott promised in the lead-up to last year's election, in which, he said the submarines would be built in South Australia.

Abbott on Monday did not deny the latest media report. Instead, he told reporters in Sydney, "The most important thing is to

get the best and most capable submarines at a reasonable price to the Australian taxpayer."

It is estimated the Japanese vessels would cost half the price of Australia-built submarines.

A final decision was due to be included in the Defence White Paper to be released by mid 2015, however the government could announce the new deal before the end of the year.—Xinhua



German Foreign Minister Frank-Walter Steinmeier (2nd L) visits the Gandhi memorial in New Delhi, India, on 7 Sept, 2014.—XINHUA



Tokyo Gov. Yoichi Masuzoe speaks to reporters in Moscow on 7 Sept, 2014, after meeting with Moscow Mayor Sergei Sobyanin. Masuzoe said he and Sobyanin agreed to resume exchanges of visits by the leaders of the two capitals, which have had no such exchanges in 20 years. KYODO NEWS

Cities of Tokyo, Moscow to resume exchanges of visits by their chiefs

TOKYO, 8 Sept — The cities of Tokyo and Moscow will resume exchanges of visits by their leaders, Tokyo Gov. Yoichi Masuzoe said on Sunday after meeting Moscow Mayor Sergei Sobyanin in the Russian capital.

Although the two capitals have a friendship city agreement, there have been no official exchanges of visits by the Tokyo and Moscow city chiefs in 20 years, Masuzoe told reporters.

The Tokyo governor called on Sobyanin after attending from Friday to Saturday an assembly in

Tomsk of the Asia Network of Major Cities 21, a global network of capital and major cities in Asia committed to projects aimed at developing the region.

Masuzoe, who is actively promoting city-level diplomacy, has visited neighbouring Asian countries in recent months at a time when Japan's ties with China and South Korea have been strained due to territorial and historical issues. Masuzoe met Beijing Mayor Wang Anshun in April and Seoul Mayor Park Won Soon as well as South Kore-

an President Park Geun Hye in July. Masuzoe also agreed with Sobyanin to cooperate in tackling various issues faced by major cities such as traffic jams, waste disposal and environmental concerns.

Upon arrival in Narita airport near the Japanese capital on Monday morning, Masuzoe underscored the need for the government to "implement measures against infectious diseases in preparation for the Tokyo Olympics," bearing in mind the recent spread of dengue fever in Japan.

Kyodo News

Cambodia's parliament chief to visit Laos

PHNOM PENH, 8 Sept — Heng Samrin, president of the National Assembly of Cambodia, will make an official visit to Laos from 13-17 September to advance bilateral ties and cooperation, the legislative body said in a statement on Monday.

"The visit is aimed to strengthen friendship relations, solidarity and cooperation between the two countries," the statement said.

Xinhua

Chinese, Australian FMs hold new round diplomatic, strategic dialogue

SYDNEY, 8 Sept — Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi on Sunday co-hosted with his Australian counterpart Julie Bishop the 2nd Round of China-Australia Diplomatic and Strategic Dialogue in Sydney.

Wang Yi said Australia is a regional power with international influence and it is a key cooperation partner for China in its extended neighbourhood. The current bilateral relations have maintained an optimistic momentum.

To further enhance the bilateral ties, Wang said, both sides need to promote mutual trust and mutual benefit as well as to enrich the connotations of the bilateral strategic partnership.

In response, Bishop pointed out that the bilateral relations between Australia and China are strong, mature and progressive. The two countries share frequent high-level exchanges, flourishing economy and trade cooperation,

thriving cultural exchanges and good coordination and cooperation in the international and regional affairs.

She said Australia is willing to deepen and expand the strategic cooperative relationship with China based on mutual respect and benefit so as to bring the Sino-Australian relations to a new level.

During the Dialogue, Wang also put forward "Four Respects" in regard to the issue of the South China Sea. The first is to respect the historical facts, second to respect the international regulations, third to respect the direct dialogue and consultation between the countries involved, last to respect the joint efforts made by China and ASEAN on safeguarding peace and stability of the South China Sea.

Meanwhile, the two foreign ministers conducted in-depth discussions and reached a broad consensus on new goal of the bilateral strategic partnership, new blueprint of the trade and

investment cooperation and new plan of the non-governmental exchanges.

Before the dialogue, Wang told the media that China may not be Aus-

tralia's closest friend at the moment but China can surely become the most sincere friend of Australia. He added that China likes Australia to play an active

role as a bridge and as a link between the East and the West.

At the invitation of Foreign Minister Murray McCully of New Zealand

and Foreign Minister Julie Bishop of Australia, Wang paid official visits to New Zealand and Australia from 4 to 8 September.

Xinhua



Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi (R) and his Australian counterpart Julie Bishop attend a news conference before the second China-Australia diplomatic and strategic dialogue in Sydney, Australia, on 7 Sept, 2014.—XINHUA

Arabs vow to confront Islamic State, cooperate with international efforts



Foreign ministers of the Arab League take part in an emergency meeting at the league's headquarters in Cairo on 7 Sept, 2014.—REUTERS

CAIRO, 8 Sept — Arab League foreign ministers agreed on Sunday to take all necessary measures to confront Islamic State and cooperate with international, regional and national efforts to combat militants who have overrun swathes of Iraq and Syria.

The Arab League also endorsed in the closing statement of its meeting in Cairo a UN Security Council resolution passed last month calling on member states to “act to suppress the flow of foreign fighters, financing and other support to Islamist

extremist groups in Iraq and Syria”. Baghdad had earlier submitted a draft resolution endorsing its own efforts to confront militants who have seized large areas for a cross-border caliphate and to condemn Islamic State’s actions as war crimes and crimes against humanity.

Diplomatic sources said before the meeting that Arab foreign ministers were set to endorse a US aerial campaign against the group and Egypt’s official *Mena* news agency said the ministers would agree to coordinate with the United States. The

final text did not directly endorse either the Iraqi or US campaign against Islamic State, but diplomatic sources said the wording clearly offered Arab cooperation to US and Iraqi efforts and could be read as a tacit agreement to back Washington’s campaign against the group.

At the opening session, several foreign ministers spoke of the gravity of the challenge posed by Islamic State in Iraq as well as the violence that has engulfed Libya and other regions.

Arab League chief Na-

bil al-Arabi told the session that the rise of the group in Iraq challenged not merely the authority of the state but “its very existence and the existence of other states” and called for a decisive resolution to confront terrorism militarily, politically, economically and culturally.

Arabi suggested that military action could take place under the umbrella of an Arab League joint defence pact.

It was not clear whether the Arab commitment to take all necessary action against Islamic State and other militant groups would include direct military involvement in Iraq or Syria.

President Barack Obama declared last week that the United States was ready to “take out” leaders of Islamic State, and said NATO allies were prepared to join military action against a movement that he labelled a major threat to the West.

US warplanes carried out four strikes against Islamic State militants threatening western Iraq’s Haditha Dam early on Sunday, witnesses and senior officials said, broadening Washington’s campaign against the

fighters. Obama would like Gulf Arab states to consider military action, but also to support Sunni Muslim moderates in Iraq and Syria who could undermine the appeal of Islamic State. He also wants Islamic State’s sources of funding cut off, a point on which the closing statement touched.

US Secretary of State John Kerry is to travel to Saudi Arabia and Jordan in the coming week for talks with Gulf leaders to determine whether they are pre-

pared to back up their anti-jihadist rhetoric with action.

In a change of position, the Arab League statement also called for Syrian opposition groups to hold talks with the state aimed at creating a reconciliation government.

As the Syrian conflict has dragged on and Islamic militants have taken the upper hand, early Arab League support for opponents of Bashar al-Assad has given way to a more cautious tone.

Reuters



Afghan security forces display weapons captured from Taliban militants in Herat Province, western Afghanistan, on 7 Sept, 2014.—XINHUA

Fresh violence kills 22 in Syria

DAMASCUS, 8 Sept — At least 22 people were killed on Sunday during the ongoing violence in the unrest-torn country.

The rebels in the northern province of Aleppo fired multiple mortar shells against the government-controlled districts of Salhuddien and Midan on Sunday, killing five people and injuring 30 others, according to the pan-Arab al-Mayadeen TV.

Also in Aleppo, three people were killed and nine others wounded when armed militants opened fire at a passenger bus on the Athraya road in Aleppo, according to the report.

In the central province of Hama, the rebels fired mortar shells against the towns of Aziziyeh and Basha, killing two people and injuring nine others, according to the state news agency SANA.

The rebels’ ongoing mortar shelling also continued against the capital Damascus, killing one person in the eastern suburb of Jaramana and injuring

eight others separately in different parts of the capital, mainly in Kabbas, Abbasiyeen and Zahera residential neighbourhoods.

Throughout the crisis, the rebels opted to unleash mortar attacks against government-controlled areas to wobble the government’s grip on power and disrupt the daily lives of people living under the government’s umbrella.

On the opposition side, the UK-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights said a government airstrike in the rebel-held town of Subaikhan in the eastern province of Deir al-Zour killed 11 people, including women and children.

Large chunks of Deir al-Zour have fallen to the Islamic State (IS) militants in recent months, prompting the Syrian air force to target IS positions with airstrikes.

Over 191,000 people were reportedly killed in Syria between March 2011 and the end of April 2014, according to an updated UN study released last month.

Xinhua

Polls Show France’s Hollande should not seek second term as president

PARIS, 8 Sept — Most French people do not want Francois Hollande to seek a second term in the country’s 2017 presidential election, a poll showed on Sunday, in the latest blow to the president whose popularity is already at record lows.

The poll showed that 85 percent of those questioned did not want Hollande to run for president again, with 50 percent blaming him for not delivering on his promises.

The poll by IFOP for French weekly *Le Journal*

Du Dimanche was conducted between 5 September and 6 September and was based on a survey of 988 people.

The poll caps a week of bad news for Hollande, including the publication of a tell-all book by his former partner Valerie Trierweiler that described the Socialist president as being dismissive of the poor.

Hollande has lost support even among many left-wing voters largely due to frustration over his handling of the economy, where un-

employment is close to a record high above 10 percent and growth nearly flat.

Hollande said at the NATO summit on Friday he would stay in office until the end of his mandate despite the record-low poll ratings.

The IFOP poll followed another on Friday by TNS-Sofres giving Hollande an approval rating at a record low of 13 percent in August, further securing his status as the most unpopular president in France since World War Two.

A poll also published on Friday by IFOP for *Le Figaro* newspaper found that Hollande, who took office in 2012, would lose a second-round head-to-head presidential vote to extreme-right National Front leader Marine Le Pen.

Boosted by the poll, Le Pen on Sunday reiterated her calls for the dissolution of the French parliament, where the ruling Socialists have a majority, saying the situation in France was “disastrous”.

“It is more than necessary to let the French people speak again and to dissolve

the national assembly,” Le Pen told a meeting of the young members of her party in Frejus, Southern France.

“Polls are giving us hope. They show there is no longer a glass ceiling that would block our electoral victory,” she said.

Le Pen’s anti-immigrant, Eurosceptic party has been winning voters from mainstream political groups of both left and right amid record unemployment and growing disenchantment with a discredited French political establishment.

Prime Minister Manuel Valls told BFM-TV from Bologna where he had joined Italy’s Prime Minister Matteo Renzi at the Festa de L’Unita: “I will not let myself be impressed by internal debates, and even less so by calls for resignation or dissolution and by a Far Right that believes it is close to gaining power.”

Hollande has reshuffled his government twice since May mainly to respond to public dissatisfaction with economic policies that have failed to revive the French economy.—Reuters



French President Francois Hollande reacts as he attends the NATO summit at the Celtic Manor resort, near Newport, in Wales on 4 Sept, 2014.

REUTERS

WORLD

Obama to detail plans for fighting Islamic State on Wednesday

WASHINGTON, 8 Sept—US President Barack Obama said he will make a speech on Wednesday to outline his plans for fighting the Islamic State militant group that does not involve a major ground offensive.

"I'm preparing the country to make sure that we deal with a threat from ISIL," the president said on NBC's "Meet the Press" programme aired on Sunday, using another acronym for the radical group.

"This is not going to be an announcement about US ground troops," he added.

The Obama administration said on Friday that it had built a "core coalition" to combat the Islamic State

in Iraq, whose fighters had seized vast swaths of territory in northern Iraq since June and announced the establishment of a caliphate in areas under its control in both Syria and Iraq.

Obama came under immediate attacks after acknowledging late last month that he did not have a strategy yet for dealing with the rampaging militants.

Addressing a press conference on Friday as NATO wrapped up a summit in Wales, Obama vowed to "degrade and ultimately defeat" the group, which had beheaded two American journalists.

US warplanes have bombed targets of the Is-

lamic State in northern Iraq since 8 August, and Obama approved surveillance flights over war-torn Syria in late August.

US military personnel have been sent into Iraq in batches since June to assess the threat posed by the Islamic State.

"The next phase is now to start going on some offense," Obama told NBC. "What this is similar to the kinds of counterterrorism campaigns that we've been engaging in consistently over the last five, six, seven years."

"We are going to be as part of an international coalition, carrying out airstrikes in support of work on

the ground by Iraqi troops, Kurdish troops," he said of his upcoming plans. "We are going to be helping to put together a plan for them, so that they can start retaking territory that ISIL had taken over."

"There's going to be an economic element to this," Obama said. "There's going to be a political element to it. There's going to be a military element to it."

He gave no more details, but made clear about his objective.

"What I want people to understand, though, is that over the course of months, we are going to be able to not just blunt the momentum of ISIL. We are going to



US President Barack Obama

systematically degrade their capabilities. We're going to shrink the territory that they control. And ultimately we're going to defeat 'em," the president said.

He said he believes he has the authority to act without congressional approval.

"I'm confident that I

have the authorization that I need to protect the American people, and I'm always going to do what's necessary to protect the American people," he said. "But I do think it's important for Congress to understand what the plan is, to have buy in, to debate it," he added.—Xinhua

Palestinian protesters clash with Israeli police in Jerusalem

JERUSALEM, 8 Sept — Scores of Palestinians rioted in East Jerusalem on Sunday after hearing that a youth from their neighbourhood had died of wounds suffered in a clash with Israeli police last week.

Protesters in the neighbourhood of Wadi al-Joz close to the walled Old City threw rocks, petrol bombs and flares at passing cars, and riot officers responded with rubber bullets during an afternoon of clashes that lasted for several hours. There were no reports of serious injury.

Mohammed Sinokrot, 16, succumbed to a head wound suffered during a protest a week ago but the circumstances of how he sustained the wound were in dispute.

His father, Abdel-Ma-

jid, said his son had been hit in the head by a rubber bullet but Israeli police said Sinokrot had been hit in the leg with a foam projectile and had fallen and hit his head while running away from officers.

The body was taken for a post-mortem examination in Tel Aviv and the Israeli Justice Ministry's police investigations unit was examining the circumstances of the case, a police spokesman said.

In another incident, Palestinians attacked a petrol station in a Jewish neighbourhood in East Jerusalem adjacent to their own quarter of the city. They damaged fuel pumps and attempted to torch the station's convenience store, police said.

Street clashes with

police in riot gear, military-style raids on homes late at night and stone-throwing at Israeli vehicles have marked the most serious outbreak of violence in Jerusalem since a Palestinian uprising a decade ago.

The violent protests in the city have been raging almost nightly beyond the spotlight on the Gaza war, leading to a crackdown by Israeli police in which hundreds of Palestinians have been detained.

The protests erupted in July after the murder of a Palestinian teen in an alleged revenge attack by three Jews, who are standing trial. That followed the killing of three Israeli youths in the occupied West Bank by Hamas Islamist militants.



Palestinian protesters take cover during clashes with Israeli police in the East Jerusalem neighbourhood of Wadi Joz on 7 Sept, 2014.—REUTERS

The seething tensions have underscored deepening divisions in the Israeli-occupied part of the city that Israel claims as its "in-

divisible capital". Repeated damage caused by Palestinians to a Jerusalem light railway, which links Arab and Jewish neighbourhoods and

was once hailed by Israeli authorities as a symbol of coexistence, had put a third of its carriages out of commission.—Reuters



Riot police arrest a demonstrator during a clashes on the 41st anniversary of the military coup that brought Augusto Pinochet to power, in Santiago, capital of Chile, on 7 Sept, 2014. By the end of Pinochet's regime in 1990, 200,000 Chileans were driven into exile, 40,000 were tortured by the security apparatus, and more than 3,000 were executed or remain unaccounted for in the country.—XINHUA

Sudan refutes accusations of supporting Libya's armed factions

KHARTOUM, 8 Sept—Sudan officially denied on Sunday the accusation of supporting Libya's armed factions following Libya's interim government criticized the entry of a Sudanese military plane carrying arms into Libya's airspace.

The Sudanese plane was on a usual flight to provide the joint Sudan-Libyan forces with supplies, food and ammunition, in accordance with an agreement established by the joint forces to protect the joint border, the Sudanese Foreign Ministry said in a statement.

Earlier on Saturday, Libya's interim government said that a Sudanese military

plane carrying arms entered into Libya's airspace and made an emergency landing at Kufra airport to refuel before fly to Mitiga airport in its capital Tripoli.

The Sudanese statement said "the plane took its last flight on Thursday at the request of the joint Sudan-Libyan forces," and the landing at Kufra airport was authorized by the commander of the joint forces. It reiterated that the plane was not heading to Mitiga airport, and that it had not made an emergency landing at Kufra airport but landed normally with pre-arrangements.

Meanwhile, Libya's in-

terim government reportedly said that "Sudan is interposing itself by providing arms to a terrorist group," referring to the forces of "Libya's Dawn" which controls Tripoli. But the Sudanese Foreign Ministry said that it has no interest in intervening in Libya's internal affairs, as the "security and stability of sisterly Libya" remains part of its continual policy.

Media said that Libya had demanded expulsion of the Sudanese military attaché in Tripoli as a persona non grata, on which Sudan has denied receiving any confirmation from the Libyan authorities.

Xinhua

PERSPECTIVES

Tuesday, 9 September, 2014

Infrastructure development essential for Myanmar

By Myint Win Thein

Infrastructure is the basic systems or services that are necessary for a country or an organization to run smoothly for example buildings, transport, water and power supplies. Therefore, it is clear that our country cannot be run smoothly because of the lack of infrastructure.

The lack of infrastructure is one of the hindrances for foreign investment as it will raise the production cost of factories. For example, power plants are required to build in project areas and these projects are faced with environmental concerns from the local people.

In addition, there is not enough hotel and office space for foreign investors in Myanmar. This also put a strain on the property market in Myanmar and caused skyrocketing land prices and rents which also trouble the local people.

It is one of the reasons why Myanmar products are not competitive in the international market. Local entrepreneurs have to pay more transportation and production costs than other countries as they have to export their products at higher prices than those in other countries.

Because of the lack of infrastructure in rural

areas, people moved to urban areas where infrastructure is relatively developed. However, infrastructure in urban areas is also limited and migrant workers from rural areas have to live in slums due to high rents while some of them have become squatters.

These conditions might pose challenges for sustainable development of Myanmar. Therefore, Myanmar needs to tackle the lack of infrastructure as soon as possible.

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International Literacy Day 2014 observed in Nay Pyi Taw, Yangon

NAY PYI TAW, 8 Sept —Myanmar is striving for raising the literacy rate to 95.5 percent by 2015, said Union Minister for Education Dr Daw Khin San Yi at the ceremony to mark the International Literacy Day 2014 at the Myanmar International Convention Centre-II in Nay Pyi Taw on Monday morning.

She noted that a total of 4,343 teaching sessions were conducted in townships of regions and states for implementing the 2014 basic literacy movement, with efforts to raise the adult literacy rate. She added that literate people will have the job opportunities of their choice by taking information on security, health and social security to overcome challenges of life.

Resident Representative Mr Sadar Umar Alam to the UNESCO read the message sent by the UNESCO Director-General.

Union Ministers U Tin Naing Thein, Dr Daw Khin San Yi and Dr Daw Myat Myat Ohn Khin and Deputy Minister Dr Daw Min Aung presented prizes to the winners in the open article contest, education uni-



Union Minister Dr Daw Khin San Yi delivers an address at ceremony to mark International Literacy Day.—MNA

versity/college level essay contest, basic education high school level essay contest and the middle

school level poster contest respectively.

In 2015, the region and state governments and lo-

cal people cooperate in creating the compulsory learning opportunities for school-age children as na-

tional activity.

A similar ceremony was held at Ahlon BEHS No 4 in Yangon.—MNA

Meet E4, the self-propelled, dust-busting solar panel robot



By Jenn Virskus

Deserts are great places for solar farms — they get plenty of sunshine, and land is relatively inexpensive — but the hot, dry environ-

ment also produces a lot of dust. A dirty solar panel is an inefficient solar panel; depending on location and weather conditions, dust-covered panels can reduce energy production by up to 40 per cent.

Traditionally, solar panels have been cleaned by workers using three- to four-meter poles with a squeegee attached to the end. It takes a lot of time and water — a valuable commodity in a desert — to clean

an entire solar farm. And it's also risky: One wrong swing of the squeegee could crack and damage a panel.

Ecoppia, a startup based in Israel, has a different solution. The company's E4 cleaning system is a self-guided, battery-powered robot that uses microfiber cloths and controlled air flow to clean solar panels, completely water-free.

It was previously thought that photovoltaic panels should not be cleaned while dry. However, testing by the Berlin Photovoltaic Institute determined the E4's soft cloth could gently brush away the dirt without damaging the panel.

At the Ketura Sun solar field in Israel's Negev desert, each row of panels has an E4 robot attached to it. Each unit has five motors:

two for horizontal movement, two for vertical movement (to pull the robot up; gravity allows it to descend) and one to spin the microfiber cloth.

Other solar panel cleaning robots in development, like the Miraikikai Wall Walker and Sinfonia's Resola, use little or no water. What makes the E4 unique is that it's completely self-contained and centrally controlled.

"You can be in San Francisco and you can easily control your solar parks in Ghana, Namibia, India and Saudi Arabia," Ecoppia CEO Eran Meller told the Washington Post.

It takes less than 60 minutes for an E4 robot to make a complete pass over each row every night, and its battery is recharged by its own solar panel during

the day. In case of cloudy weather, the E4 battery stores enough energy to power the unit for up to three days. The E4 uses Ecoppia's proprietary regenerative braking system called Eco-Hybrid, which allows the unit to capture energy with every downward trip it makes. The microfiber cloth is also self-cleaning.

The company has already cleaned more than a million solar panels and says it has big plans for expansion. "We are on track to meet and exceed our expansion plans, such that Ecoppia robots will be cleaning 5 million panels a month by the end of the year, while adhering to the highest standards of operational excellence and customer satisfaction," Meller said.

NATIONAL

Union Ministers visit highest hydropower construction site in Switzerland



Vieux Emosson Dam, the most spectacular hydropower construction sites in Swiss Alps in Switzerland.

YANGON, 8 Sept—In the framework of the State visit of the Myanmar President Delegation to Switzerland, Union Ministers U Khin Maung Soe, U Ohn Myint and U Nyan Tun Aung had the opportunity to visit the most spectacular hydropower construction sites in the Swiss Alps, the Vieux Emosson Dam heightening project on 5 September. The delegation was accompanied by the directors of STUCKY, the highly re-

puted Swiss Hydropower Engineering company, entrusted with this project and also active on the Upper Yeywa, Putao and several other hydropower development projects in Myanmar.

Dr Muetzenberg, STUCKY's CEO, pointed out that "Our first dams were built over a hundred years ago and are still in operation. On this project, our task first focused on providing the most efficient and safest design to increase

the dam capacity, and now concentrates on construction management. Stucky is also involved in dam monitoring to guarantee top level security and reliability for power production." He also mentioned that his engineers were permanently present in site in order to advise the contractors and the owners of the scheme, and to make sure the project is on schedule and within the budget.

Myanmar Minister of

Electric Power emphasized that Myanmar has huge hydropower resources to develop and that it was essential to use the best technology to guarantee safety, reliability, efficiency, and a minimal social and environmental impact.

Dr Muetzenberg replied that Myanmar could use much more hydropower in a very sustainable way. In conclusion all Ministers explained their willingness to engage in quality projects in Myanmar in the near future and invited Swiss Engineering Companies to further reinforce their collaboration with Myanmar Ministries and promote knowledge transfer with Myanmar Engineers.—MNA

Victorious Myanmar national team uplifting championship trophy on way back home

YANGON, 8 Sept—Myanmar National Football Team that has clinched the title with a 3-2 win over host Philippines in the 2014 PFF Peace Cup held in Manila of the Philippines arrived back in Yangon on Monday morning.

The players of victorious team was welcomed back at the airport by Chairman of Myanmar National Sports Committee Chairman of Myanmar Olympic Committee Union Minister for Sports U Tint Hsan, President of Myanmar Football Federation U Zaw Zaw and officials, artists led by Myanmar Motion Picture Organization and people.

The people, members of social organizations and staff of companies cheered the Myanmar team along the



A local heartily welcomes back footballers of victorious Myanmar national football team at Yangon International Airport.—MNA

route from Yangon International Airport to Thuwunna Youth Training Centre. The victorious footballers handed over the championship

trophy to Union Minister U Tint Hsan and MFF President U Zaw Zaw. Wellwishers donated K124 million for the football team through

more investments from Japan," he said.

With its growing role in Myanmar, which is stepping up efforts to be an attractive destination for foreign investors, Japan intends to invest more in Myanmar where it ranks 11th in the country's investment sector, behind top investors China, Thailand, Hong Kong, Britain, South Korea, Malaysia, Vietnam, France and India.

Last month, Japanese telecom firm KDDI and trading house Sumitomo Corp inked a deal with Myanmar Posts and Tele-

communications to jointly operate telecommunication services in Myanmar. Since opening an office in Yangon in 1954, Bank of Tokyo-Mitsubishi UFJ, Ltd has acted as an agent bank for the Japanese government's ODA yen loans and grant aid to Myanmar.

As have two other top Japanese banks, Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corp. and Mizuho Bank, Bank of Tokyo-Mitsubishi UFJ applied to the Myanmar government to operate banking services in the country last month.—NLM

Public Announcement for Remonstrance

1. After applying for registration as a political party to the Union Election Commission, the Kachin Nationals Democracy Congress Party headquartered at No. 327 in Dukahtaung Ward of Myitkyina Township in Kachin State submitted an application to change its seal described hereunder to the UEC.
2. It is herewith announced in accord with Political Parties Registration Rules 14 (d) that if there is anyone who wants to remonstrate about the seal of the party, they may remonstrate with the Union Election Commission with strong evidence within seven days from the date of the announcement.

Union Election Commission

The seal of the Kachin Nationals Democracy Congress Party



MRTV, Radio Myanmar to broadcast live coverage of football matches

NAY PYI TAW, 8 Sept—The 2014 AFF U-19 Youth Championship is being held in Hanoi of Vietnam from 5 to 13 September.

Group (A) comprises Myanmar, Thailand and Indonesia, and the Group (B), Japan, Vietnam and Australia. On 7 September, Myanmar won over Thailand 2-1 while Japan beat Australia 4-3. Myanmar scored three points in one win in its group.

MRTV will broadcast live coverage of the match between Myanmar and Indonesia at 4 pm on 9 September and Myanmar Radio will start its

live football match programme at 3.45 pm.

MRTV and Radio Myanmar will broadcast live the matches of Myanmar team in the semi-final, third-place match and final match.

Likewise, MRTV will broadcast the live coverage of the friendly match between Myanmar U-23 team and the combine team of Japan Football League (JFL) at Youth Training Centre in Thuwunna in Yangon as of 4 pm on 10 September and Radio Myanmar will start its programme on live football match at 3.45 pm.

MNA



Ritsuo Fukadai, BTMU's Yangon representative office chief, extends greetings to participants of two-day Japanese investment mission to Myanmar at Sule Shangri-La Hotel in Yangon on Monday, encouraging them to invest in the Southeast Asia's last untapped market.—PHOTO: YE MYINT

BTMU-organized Japanese

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mission itinerary, the two-day visit to Myanmar for Japanese firms from different sectors such as manufacturing, engineering, trading, transportation, property development and leasing also includes visits to Star City, Thilawa SEZ and port, Co-operative Bank Ltd and Myanmar Postarion Co., Ltd in Mingaladon industrial park and holding discussions on business matching opportunities with officials from the Republic of the Union

of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry (RUMFCCI).

Myanmar has a lot of potential to attract foreign businessmen not only from Japanese firms but also from multinational companies to invest here, Ritsuo Fukadai, chief representative of the Yangon Office of the Bank of Tokyo-Mitsubishi UFJ, Ltd told The New Light of Myanmar.

"Figures for investments from Japan will be bigger than before in the near future and we expect

Greece unearths two Caryatids at massive Alexander-era tomb

ATHENS, 8 Sept—Greek archaeologists have unearthed two beautiful Caryatids during the ongoing excavation at the massive Alexander the Great era tomb in the ancient city of Amphipolis in northern Greece, the culture ministry announced on Sunday.

The two statues of female figures which are similar to the Caryatids known worldwide from the Acropolis temples in Athens were found on Saturday.

They were made of marble from the nearby island of Thassos and support expectations of experts that the newly discovered burial site at Amphipolis, at a distance of about 550 km north of the Greek capital, was of a high ranking

official at the hierarchy of the Macedonian kingdom in the fourth century BC.

Over the past month, since Greek archaeologists first unveiled the entrance of the tomb, the largest ever discovered in Greece, they have managed to discover two spectacular three-metre-high sphinxes, a sculpted 5 metre high lion, a mosaic and other exquisite findings.

Greek experts continue their work to reveal the identity of the deceased buried in the monument which is surrounded by a 497 metres long marble wall.

They appear confident that the new findings at Amphipolis mark a significant discovery from the

early Hellenistic era, but stress that archaeological excavations have their own timetable and things should not be hurried. The latest round of excavations at the archaeological site of the ancient city began in 2012.

Most Greek archaeologists have ruled out the possibility that the tomb could be that of Alexander the Great himself as he is believed to have been buried in Egypt in 323 BC.

However, Alexander's Persian wife, Roxana, and his son, Alexander IV, were banished to Amphipolis and murdered there in around 310 BC and other important figures of the time could be buried at the site.

Xinhua

Dyson unveils new robotic vacuum cleaner in Japan



Dyson Ltd. founder James Dyson holds up a new autonomous robotic vacuum cleaner, dubbed "Dyson 360 Eye," in Tokyo on 4 Sept, 2014. The product, equipped with a 360-degree panoramic camera to monitor its surroundings, will go on sale in the spring of 2015.—KYODO NEWS



Soldiers take part in a military parade to commemorate the Independence's Day of Brazil, at the Anhembi Sambadrome, in Sao Paulo, Brazil, on 7 Sept, 2014. Brazil celebrated the 192th anniversary of its independence on Sunday.—XINHUA

Six Australians injured in railing collapse at Cambodian pagoda

PHNOM PENH, 8 Sept—Six Australian tourists were injured Monday morning at an ancient hilltop pagoda in eastern Cambodia when a concrete railing they leaned on collapsed, causing them to fall from a height about 4 metres, local police said.

The accident happened at Han Chey pagoda, located about 150 kilometres east of Phnom Penh, at around 9:30 am, Pak Cheat, police chief of Kompong Siem district in Kompong Cham Province, told *Kyodo News* by telephone.

He said the six — four women and two men — were rushed to a provincial hospital with head and arm injuries that are not considered life threatening.

Han Chey pagoda, which can be reached from the base of the hill either by road or by climbing up 295 steps, offers sweeping views of the adjacent Mekong River from its compound.

Kyodo News

Japanese man starts walk across Africa with 2-wheeled cart

ALEXANDRIA, (Egypt) 8 Sept—A 33-year-old Japanese man began walking across Africa on Sunday with a two-wheeled cart after completing a cart-pulling walk through three continents in 2013.

Masahito Yoshida, from the city of Tottori on the Sea of Japan coast, left Alexandria to embark on an 11,000-kilometre walk to the Cape of Good Hope in South Africa, pulling up to 100 kilograms of luggage including water, food,

cooking utensils and a tent in his cart. "I am excited about meeting people and animals in places that will be passed if you travel by train or bus," Yoshida said.

He aims to walk through the desert regions of Egypt and Sudan, the highlands of Ethiopia and the savanna of Tanzania.

Yoshida completed his four-and-a-half-year walk around the world in 2013 covering 40,000 km across Eurasia, North America and Australia.—*Kyodo News*

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HEALTH & BUSINESS

China Aug exports beat forecasts, imports in surprise fall

BEIJING, 8 Sept — China's exports rose more than forecast in August while imports unexpectedly fell, pushing the trade surplus to a record high for the second consecutive month and underlining the challenges facing policymakers as they struggle to revive tepid domestic demand.

Exports rose 9.4 percent in August, the General Administration of Customs said on Monday, beating a forecast rise of 8 percent but slower than July's 14.5 percent growth rate.

But imports fell 2.4 percent in terms of value, missing a *Reuters* estimate for a 1.7 percent rise. That led to an all-time high trade surplus of \$49.8 billion, exceeding forecasts for a surplus of \$40 billion.

It was the second straight month that China's import growth has been unexpectedly weak, raising concerns that sluggish domestic demand exacerbated by a cooling housing market



Containers are transported at Nansha port in Guangzhou, Guangdong Province, on 26 June, 2014.—REUTERS

is increasingly dragging on growth in the world's second-biggest economy.

"The deepening contraction in the import data indicated weak domestic demand," said Li Huiyong, an economist at Shenyin Wan-guo in Shanghai.

"The trade data indicated downward pressure on China's economy. Policymakers may need to enhance their efforts to support the domestic economy if industrial output growth slows to 8.6 percent in coming months." China's economy

has had a bumpy ride this year. Growth slowed to an 18-month low of 7.4 percent in the first quarter and rebounded only slightly to 7.5 percent between April and June after a flurry of government stimulus measures.

Reuters

Carlyle raises \$3.9 billion for fourth Asia investment fund

HONG KONG, 8 Sept — Carlyle Group (CG.O), one of the world's largest private equity firms, said on Monday it has closed its fourth Asia fund at \$3.9 billion, the second-largest private equity fund ever raised for Asia investments.

Carlyle Asia Partners IV, which will invest in deals in Asia excluding Japan, is 53 percent larger than the firm's previous fund, which raised \$2.55 billion in 2010, and ex-

ceeded its target of \$3.5 billion. The new fund, second only to KKR & Co's (KKR.N) \$6 billion Asia fund raised last year, adds to a record amount of un-invested capital, or dry powder, that private equity firms have raised for Asia.

Carlyle, which set up its first office in Asia in 1998, has \$13.6 billion in assets under management in buyout, growth, yuan and real estate funds across Asia, including Japan.

Reuters

Roche's rheumatoid arthritis drug wins EU approval for extended use



The logo of Swiss pharmaceutical company Roche is seen outside their headquarters in Basel on 30 Jan, 2014.—REUTERS

ZURICH, 8 Sept — Swiss drugmaker Roche Holding AG said on Monday the European Union has approved the use of its drug RoActemra in patients with early-stage rheumatoid arthritis.

Roche said the European Commission has backed RoActemra as a treatment for patients with severe, active and progressive rheumatoid arthritis who have previously not been treated

with methotrexate.

About 40 million people worldwide are affected by rheumatoid arthritis, a disease that causes joints to become chronically inflamed and swollen.

RoActemra is already approved as a treatment for moderate-to-severe rheumatoid arthritis in patients who have failed to respond adequately or are intolerant to previous therapy.

Reuters

Electrolux to boost US presence with \$3.3 billion GE Appliances deal



The Electrolux logo is seen during the IFA Electronics show in Berlin on 4 Sept, 2014.—REUTERS

STOCKHOLM, 8 Sept — Sweden's Electrolux (ELUXB.ST) said on Monday it had agreed its biggest ever deal, buying General Electric Co's (GE.N) ap-

pliances business for \$3.3 billion (2 billion pounds) in cash to boost its presence in North America and take on rival Whirlpool Corp (WHR.N).

"GE's premium, high-quality appliances complement our own iconic brands and will enhance our presence in North America" said Keith McLoughlin, CEO of Electrolux, in a statement.

"The acquisition, which is our largest ever, strengthens our commitment to the appliance business and also provides Electrolux with the scale and opportunity to accelerate our investments in innovation and global growth."

Electrolux, which sells under brands such as Frigidaire, AEG and Zanussi as well as its own name,

is already the world's second-largest home appliance maker after Whirlpool, but has lagged its larger rival in the United States with Europe its strongest market.

Electrolux said deal would be financed by a bridge facility and that it would undertake a rights issue corresponding to approximately 25 percent of the consideration following completion of the acquisition.

The transaction is expected to generate annual cost synergies of around \$300 million and to be earnings accretive from the first year.—*Reuters*

Record German trade surplus points to strong third quarter

BERLIN, 8 Sept — Germany posted a record trade surplus of 22.2 billion euros (17.74 billion pounds) in July, suggesting Europe's largest economy could bounce back strongly in the third quarter after suffering a surprise contraction in the second.

Data from the Federal Statistics Office showed the trade surplus widened far more than expected —economists polled by

Reuters had been expecting a 16.8 billion euro reading — as seasonally adjusted exports surged by 4.7 percent, their biggest increase since May 2012. Exports had been expected to rise by a more modest 0.5 percent.

Coming on the heels of July data showing industrial output and orders jumping, the trade figures suggest the German economy will be able to skirt a technical recession in the third quar-

ter after shrinking by 0.2 percent in the April to June period.

Imports fell by 1.8 percent. The consensus forecast had been for them to fall by 0.1 percent.—*Reuters*

Shipping terminals and containers are pictured in the harbour of the northern German of Bremerhaven on the banks of the river Elbe, late on 8 Oct, 2012.—REUTERS





Little girls dressed up as living Goddess react during the procession of Kumari Puja organized on the occasion of Indrajatra festival at Hanumandhoka in Kathmandu, Nepal, on 7 Sept, 2014. More than 300 little girls participated in Kumari Puja. Nepalese celebrate the Indrajatra festival to worship "Indra", the King of Gods according to the Hindu myth.—XINHUA

British gov't promises more power to Scotland if it stays within union

LONDON, 8 Sept—British Chancellor of Exchequer George Osborne has promised to give Scotland more power if voters there reject independence in the forthcoming referendum.

Speaking during a BBC's interview, Osborne said: "You will see in the next few days a plan of action to give more powers to Scotland; more tax powers, more spending powers, more powers over the welfare state." "That will be put into effect the moment there is a 'No' vote in the referendum," said Osborne. And the concession from the cen-

tral government would give Scotland the "best of both worlds" by avoiding the so-called "risks of separation", but having more control over Scotland's own destiny.

While Alex Salmond, the Scottish First Minister, responded promptly that the new proposals at this stage would "take credibility", reported the BBC.

Salmond said: "Are we expected to believe, after hundreds of thousands have already voted, that there's a radical new deal?"

Meanwhile, the UK's Queen Elizabeth II has "a great deal of concern"

about the prospect of Scotland breaking away and has asked for daily updates on the progress of the campaign, reported the *Sunday Times*, citing a royal source.

The latest poll result fueled the fears and uncertainties on the future of the 307-year union.

According to YouGov Plc's survey for the *Sunday Times*, "Yes" voters have increased to 51 percent, while the "No" side has slid to 49 percent, when undecided respondents were excluded.

Scotland will hold the referendum on 18 September.—Xinhua

World falls behind in efforts to tackle climate change — PwC

LONDON, 8 Sept—The world's major economies are falling further behind every year in terms of meeting the rate of carbon emission reductions needed to stop global temperatures from rising more than 2 degrees this century, a report published on Monday showed.

The sixth annual Low Carbon Economy Index report from professional services firm PwC looked at the progress of major developed and emerging economies towards reducing their carbon intensity, or emissions per unit of gross domestic product.

"The gap between what we are achieving and what we need to do is growing wider every year," PwC's Jonathan Grant said. He said governments were increasingly detached from reality in addressing the 2 degree goal.

"Current pledges really put us on track for 3 degrees. This is a long way

from what governments are talking about."

Almost 200 countries agreed at United Nations climate talks to limit the rise in global temperatures to less than 2 degrees Celsius (3.6 Fahrenheit) above pre-industrial times to limit heat waves, floods, storms and rising seas from climate change. Temperatures have already risen by about 0.85 degrees Celsius.

Carbon intensity will have to be cut by 6.2 percent a year to achieve that goal, the study said. That compares with an annual rate of 1.2 percent from 2012 to 2013.

Grant said that to achieve the 6.2 percent annual cut would require changes of an even greater magnitude than those achieved by recent major shifts in energy production in some countries.

France's shift to nuclear power in the 1980s delivered a 4 percent cut, Britain's "dash for gas" in



Chimneys are seen through a window at a coal-fired power plant on a hazy day in Shimen county, central China's Hunan Province, on 2 June, 2014.

REUTERS

the 1990s resulted in a 3 percent cut and the United States shale gas boom in 2012 led to a 3.5 percent cut. PwC said one glimmer of hope was that for the first time in six years emerging economies such

as China, India and Mexico had cut their carbon intensity at a faster rate than industrialised countries such as the United States, Japan and the European Union.

As the manufactur-

ing hubs of the world, the seven biggest emerging nations have emissions 1.5-times larger than those of the seven biggest developed economies and the decoupling of economic growth from carbon emis-

sions in those nations is seen as vital.

Australia had the highest rate of decarbonisation for the second year in a row, cutting its carbon intensity by 7.2 percent over 2013.

Coal producer Australia has one of the world's highest rates of emissions per person but its efforts to rein in the heat-trapping discharges have shown signs of stalling since the government in July repealed a tax on emissions.

Britain, Italy and China each achieved a decarbonisation rate of 4-5 percent, while five countries increased their carbon intensity: France, the United States, India, Germany and Brazil.

United Nations Secretary General Ban Ki-moon hopes to gather more than 100 world leaders in New York on 23 September to reinvigorate efforts to forge a global climate deal.

Reuters

Tests with ships to begin on new Panama Canal locks in mid-2015

PANAMA CITY, 8 Sept—Tests with ships will begin in mid-2015 on a new set of locks that are a key component of an expansion of the Panama Canal, the waterway's chief said on Sunday.

The 100-year-old canal, which is major global trade artery, is in the midst of a massive expansion that will allow the world's largest tankers to pass through the isthmus.

The expansion, which involves building a third set of locks onto the 50-

mile (80-km) waterway, was originally scheduled to be completed this year, but has been delayed several times, in part due to a dispute earlier this year because of about \$1.6 billion in cost overruns.

The deadline for completion is now January 2016.

On Sunday, Panama Canal Administrator Jorge Quijano said the locks would likely be ready, holding water, by April or May of next year.

"We hope to start a se-

ries of tests with the locks next year in the month of July or August," Quijano said after overseeing the arrival from Italy of a shipment of four new gates for the locks.—Reuters

Panama canal workers help to direct a cargo ship carrying four rolling gates for the Panama Canal's third set of locks, as it arrives to the port in Colon City on 7 Sept, 2014.—REUTERS



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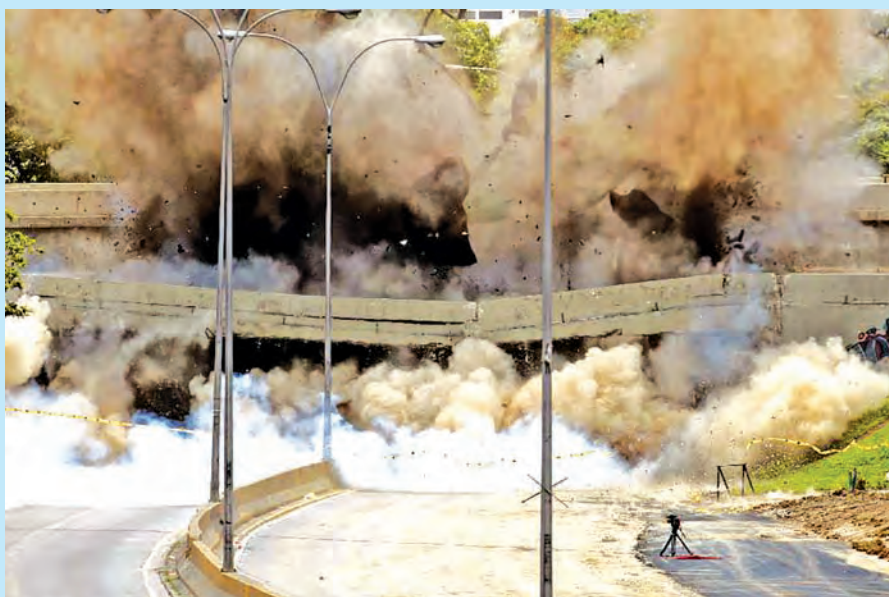
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The Santa Cecilia Bridge is demolished in a controlled explosion on the Francisco Fajardo Highway in Caracas, capital of Venezuela, on 7 Sept, 2014.—XINHUA

Obama urges Afghan presidential candidates to conclude deal on unity gov't

WASHINGTON, 8 Sept—US President Barack Obama urged two Afghan presidential candidates to conclude a deal on a national unity government “as soon as possible,” the White House said on Sunday.

Obama spoke by phone with Abdullah Abdullah and Ashraf Ghani on Saturday and told them the unity government is “in the interest of shoring up international support for Afghanistan and preserving Afghan stability,” the White House said in a statement.

Obama also reaffirmed US commitment to “support Afghanistan, its people, and the president and chief executive, should the agreement be formalized, in their efforts to form a new unity government,” said the statement.

The Afghan presidential election was held on 5 April and since none of the eight candidates had won more than 50 percent of the votes, two leading candidates Abdullah and Ghani went for a runoff on 14 June.

Preliminary results showed that Ghani went ahead. However, former Foreign Minister Abdullah refused to accept the outcome and accused the election commissions of committing fraud and demanded a vote recount.

US Secretary of State John Kerry brokered an agreement between the two candidates on 12 July, breaking the election deadlock and paving the way for the formation of a national unity government.

Xinhua

Nicaragua says meteorite probable cause of blast in capital

MANAGUA, 8 Sept—A mysterious late-night blast in the Nicaraguan capital of Managua that left a crater 12 metres (40 feet) wide was most likely caused by a meteorite, government scientists said on Sunday.

The loud explosion occurred around 11 pm on Saturday on the outskirts of Managua near the airport, said Wilfried Strauch from the Nicaraguan Institute of Earth Studies (Ineter) in an interview on a government TV channel. No one was injured.

Strauch said that Nicaragua is asking the United States for expert help to investigate the event, which was picked up by seismic sensors.

“All the evidence that we’ve confirmed on-site corresponds exactly with a meteorite and not with

periods after their release.

In February, King Abdullah decreed prison terms of three to 20 years for travelling abroad to fight and of five to 30 years for giving moral or material support to banned groups that the government has designated as extremist.

These include al-Qaeda, Islamic State, Nusra Front, the Muslim Brotherhood, Hezbollah and Yemen's Houthi movement.

Saudi Arabia has detained over 11,000 people since a wave of attacks from 2003-06 against government and foreign targets in the conservative

Islamic kingdom staged by al-Qaeda militants who had fought in Afghanistan and Iraq.

Officials say there are more than 2,500 Saudis now outside the country who are believed to be working with militant organizations.

A big proportion of them are thought to be in Syria, where Riyadh has sent arms and cash to some rebel groups fighting against President Bashar al-Assad, an ally of its main regional foe Iran, but says it has been careful not to back militants.

Reuters

Search for missing Pakistani sailor in Australia

SYDNEY, 8 Sept—A search continued on Monday for a Pakistani sailor who authorities believe went overboard while his ship was at anchor in Darwin Harbour, in northern Australia.

The search, involving boats and aircraft, is underway to locate the man who went missing from Pakistan Navy Ship PNS Nasr in the early hours of Sunday morning, a Defence spokesperson said in a statement.

The ship and crew were participating in Exercise Kakadu, Australia's largest maritime exercise, which involved 15 nations from the Asia Pacific this year.

“The Australian Defence Force is assisting with the search and rescue efforts,” the spokesperson said.—Xinhua

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Weather report

FORECAST VALID UNTIL EVENING OF THE 9th September, 2014: Rain or thunder-showers will be widespread in Taninthayi Region, Kayin and Mon States, fairly widespread in Bago, Yangon and Ay-

eyawady Regions, Kachin State, scattered in Upper Sagaing and Mandalay Regions, Shan, Chin and Rakhine States and isolated in the remaining Regions and States with likelihood of isolated heavy falls in Taninthayi Region and Mon State. Degree of certainty is (100%).

STATE OF THE SEA: Squalls with moderate to rough sea are likely at times Deltaic, Gulf of Mottama, off and along Mon - Taninthayi Coasts. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (30-35) m.p.h. Seas will be moderate elsewhere in Myanmar waters.

Morgan Freeman

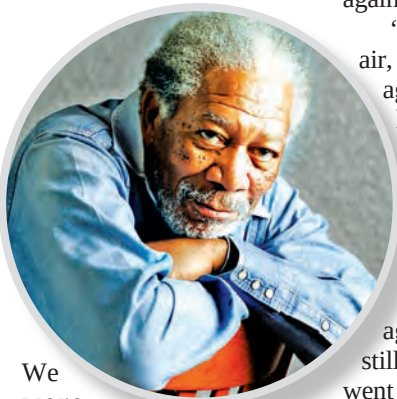
safely lands malfunctioning plane

LOS ANGELES, 8 Sept—Veteran actor Morgan Freeman has safely landed an aircraft he was flying after it malfunctioned on his way to the Toronto Film Festival.

The 77-year-old actor was piloting the jet from his home in Mississippi to attend the world premiere of his film 'Ruth & Alex', co-starring Diane Keaton.

Speaking at a pre-premiere party, which he arrived at 90 minutes later than scheduled, Freeman blamed the malfunction on the "slats" of his plane.

"The slats would not retract in the air. On the ground they were fine, but in the air they were a problem.



We were about 10 minutes in the air trying to get them to retract, but they didn't so we went back and landed." Once back on the ground Freeman checked the issue and believed it had been fixed before taking off

Lady Gaga

dedicates song to boyfriend?

NEW YORK, 8 Sept—Singer Lady Gaga reportedly dedicated a song to her actor boyfriend Taylor Kinney, while performing at a party.

Gaga, 28 sang classics to the tightly packed group, including Jason Wu, Brooke Shields, Donatella Versace and model Kate Upton, reported the *New York Post*.

The pop star then sang a Cole Porter tune to Kinney, 33, who walked the red carpet with her before her performance.—PTI

again. "Once we got in the air, they still didn't work again, so we landed," he said of trying to fly again two, three and four more times. "We cycled them again and took off, they still didn't work so we landed. Cycled again and took off, they still didn't work so we went back. Had to put the plane away and take out the other plane," he added. PTI



Rita Ora

suffers wardrobe malfunction

LOS ANGELES, 8 Sept—Singer Rita Ora suffered a wardrobe malfunction during the launch

of her Rita Ora for Adidas Originals Collection.

The 23-year-old British singer accidentally showed off her thong when her pants split as she bent down, reported *Ace Showbiz*.

She donned a printed skintight jumpsuit with bustier top complete with track jacket for the

event. The singer, who plays Mia Grey in upcoming erotic thriller 'Fifty Shades of Grey', posted on Twitter a collage of pictures from the launch party.

"Thank you to everyone who supported the collection and me last night it was truly amazing partying along side so much talent. Thank you," the songstress tweeted. PTI



Blake Lively

is obsessed with perfumes

LOS ANGELES, 8 Sept—Actress Blake Lively says she cannot live without putting her perfume even for a minute.

The 27-year-old 'Gossip Girl' star said putting perfumes is included in her daily habits, reported *People Magazine*.

"Fragrance is a big part of one's identity. It's one of the very few things I do every day, is put on fragrance. If I'm not wearing makeup, if my hair's not done, if I'm walking around in pyjamas, I still have fragrance on. You know, I brush my teeth, I put on my perfume," she said. PTI



Gwen Stefani

brings son Apollo to US Open

LOS ANGELES, 8 Sept—Singer Gwen Stefani took her youngest son Apollo to the 2014 US Open at USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Centre.

The No Doubt member, who sported a black leather jacket and full makeup, held her adorable six-month-old son who wore a colourful jacket, black pants and socks, reported *Ace Showbiz*.

During the game between Switzerland's Roger Federer and Gael Monfils of France, the 'Voice' coach was seen having FaceTime session with her other sons who were at home.—PTI

GENERAL

Ferrari lick wounds after bad day at home

MONZA, Italy, 8 Sept — Ferrari felt the pain on Sunday after emerging with just two points from a hard day in front of their home fans at the Italian Grand Prix.

Fernando Alonso had started the day as the only driver to score in every race this season but his involvement ended after 29 laps when he pulled over and parked up with a problem with the car's energy recovery system.

It was the first time in 86 races, since the 2010 Malaysian Grand Prix, that the Spaniard had been halted by a mechanical failure.

His last race retirement was in Malaysia in March last year when he collided with Mark Webber and ended up in the gravel.

Team mate Kimi Raikkonen had crossed the line 10th but moved up to ninth place after McLaren's Danish rookie Kevin Magnussen was penalised for forcing the Williams of Valtteri Bottas off the track.

The meagre haul, coupled with third and fourth places for Williams with former Ferrari driver Fe-



Ferrari Formula One driver Fernando Alonso (front 3rd L) of Spain looks at his car which stopped during the Italian F1 Grand Prix in Monza on 7 Sept, 2014. —REUTERS

lipe Massa back on the podium in third place, saw Ferrari slip to fourth in the constructors' standings behind Williams.

"In Formula One, as in sport in general, there are days to forget and this was certainly one of them," said team principal Marco Mattiacci.

"Unfortunately, we had no way of predicting the problem that affected Fernando's car, but I am sorry that it happened right

here in Monza at our home race."

Ferrari had always known Spa and Monza, two high-speed low-down-force tracks, would be difficult for the characteristics of their car with Alonso qualifying only seventh and Raikkonen starting 11th.

The fans still made their allegiances clear, with the main grandstand on the pit straight festooned with banners and messag-

es of support. As ever, a red wave of tifosi flooded the historic Monza straight overlooked by the podium after a grand prix Ferrari last won with Alonso in 2010.

"After a long run of trouble-free races, it's a real shame I had to retire just here in Monza, in front of all our fans," said Alonso. "I would have liked to have put on a very different race for them."

Reuters

Horschel seals victory at BMW Championship



Billy Horschel winner of the BMW Championship holds a trophy at Cherry Hills Country Club in Cherry Hills Village, Colorado on 7 Sept, 2014. —REUTERS

CHERRY HILLS VILLAGE, Colorado, 8 Sept — American Billy Horschel withstood an early challenge from Ryan Palmer and a late charge by Bubba Watson to win his second PGA Tour title by two shots at the BMW Championship on Sunday.

Putting superbly when the pressure was at its most intense, Horschel fired a one-under-par 69 at Cherry Hills Country Club to hold off his closest pursuers in the PGA Tour's penultimate FedExCup playoff

event. The 27-year-old American, who clinched his maiden victory on the US circuit at the 2013 Zurich Classic of New Orleans, sank clutch par putts from eight feet at the 15th and 16th on the way to a 14-under total of 266.

Masters champion Watson, five strokes off the pace heading into the final round, surged into contention for the title with four birdies on the back nine as he closed with a 66 to secure outright second place.

Reuters

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Germany's Reus injures ankle in Scotland win

DORTMUND, Germany, 8 Sept—Germany midfielder Marco Reus, who missed the World Cup win with an ankle injury, turned the same ankle in the 2-1 Euro 2016 qualifying game against Scotland on Sunday but coach Joachim Loew hopes it will not be as bad. The 25-year-old Borussia Dortmund attacking midfielder had only recently come back following his injury in Germany's final World Cup warm-up game against Armenia in June.

"Reus turned his ankle again and it is the same one as the one against Armenia," Loew told reporters.

"Initial diagnosis suggests it may not be as bad as before the World Cup. But we will have to wait for more checks." Reus, a transfer target for almost every top European club, went down in stoppage time of Germany's first competitive game since their World Cup victory, grimacing in pain, before being helped off the pitch. Last season's runners-up Borussia Dortmund kick off their Champions League group matches against Arsenal on 16 September. —Reuters



Germany's Marco Reus receives medical treatment during their Euro 2016 qualifying soccer match against Scotland in Dortmund on 7 Sept, 2014. —REUTERS

Williams beats Wozniacki for 18th grand slam title

NEW YORK, 8 Sept — World number one Serena Williams swept past good friend Caroline Wozniacki of Denmark 6-3, 6-3 in the US Open final on Sunday to move into the record books with her 18th grand slam title.

The third straight and sixth overall US Open crown for the 32-year-old American, her 18 career slams put her into a tie with Chris Evert and Martina Navratilova for fourth place on the all-time list.

Failing to get beyond the last 16 of the year's first three slams, Williams sailed through the US Open without dropping a set, finishing off Wozniacki in a snappy 75 minutes.

"It was a pleasure for me to win my first grand slam here and then this is number 18. I am really emotional," Williams told the packed Arthur Ashe Stadium, her voice crackling as she tried to maintain composure. "I couldn't ask to do it at a better place."

For the 10th seeded Wozniacki, back in a grand slam final for the first time in five years, it was another



Serena Williams (USA) and Caroline Wozniacki (DEN) at the trophy presentation after the women's singles final of the 2014 US Open tennis tournament at USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Centre in New York on 7 Sept, 2014.—REUTERS

frustrating end to a promising fortnight as she once again left Flushing Meadows empty handed, a major title still beyond her grasp.

The title came with a massive payday for Williams, who pocketed the \$3 million winner's purse along a \$1 million bonus for winning the US Series.

As Williams was receiving her cheques she was joined on court by Navratilova and Evert, who presented her with an 18 carat gold Tiffany bracelet

as the newest member of their grand slam club.

Margaret Court tops the list with 24 followed by Steffi Graf (22) and Helen Wills Moody (19).

The most difficult part of the match for Williams appeared to be beating a player she calls one of her best friends.

Williams and Wozniacki vacationed together this summer and the world number one said she texts the Dane daily.

But once the match be-

gan, Williams, who has often had to face off against her sister Venus, again proved there are no friendships on the court as she simply overpowered her 24-year-old opponent.

The showdown between the current and former world number ones was hardly a showcase of tennis excellence, particularly in a ragged opening set that featured five consecutive breaks.

Williams, dressed in the same leopard print tennis dress she wore to open the tournament, held her first serve before the two players struggled through the run of breaks with the American taking a 5-2 lead.

Not until the eight game did Wozniacki finally held serve but by then Williams had begun to settle into the match, clinching the opening set with a blistering backhand winner.

Williams would keep up the pressure with a break to open the second and by the end had an exhausted Wozniacki running from corner-to-corner.

Reuters

Serbia hold France to 1-1 draw in friendly

BELGRADE, 8 Sept —A scorching free kick from defender Aleksandar Kolarov earned Serbia a 1-1 draw in a friendly against France after an early Paul Pogba goal fired the Euro 2016 hosts ahead on Sunday.

Having beaten Spain 1-0 in Paris on Thursday, France dominated long spells of the match on a warm evening after their coach Didier Deschamps fielded seven fresh starters. Pogba scored an easy 13th-minute opener after Yohan Cabaye's low corner kick bobbled past a static Serbian defence and left the versatile midfielder with a simple tap-in at the far post. The home team's keeper Vladimir Stojkovic kept out a stinging Remy Cabella effort and Pogba's rasping shot after the break with France looking sharper up front. French goalkeeper Hugo Lloris parried a fierce Kolarov free kick midway through the second half but was powerless several minutes later when the Manchester City left back drilled in a low shot shot from 30 metres.

Dutchman Dick Advocaat will have drawn some positives from his debut as Serbia's coach although his preferred 4-2-3-1 formation at times looked unconvincing at the back and lacked spark in midfield.

The Serbs open their 2016 European championship qualifiers away to Armenia and at home to Albania in October.—Reuters



Albania's national soccer team players celebrate their victory against Portugal at the end of their Euro 2016 qualifying soccer match at the Aveiro city stadium in Aveiro on 7 Sept, 2014.—REUTERS

Mueller double helps Germany edge past Scotland 2-1



Germany's Kevin Grosskreutz and Mario Goetze (R) react after winning their Euro 2016 qualifying soccer match against Scotland in Dortmund on 7 Sept, 2014.

REUTERS

DORTMUND, Germany , 8 Sept—Germany's Thomas Mueller struck twice as the nervy world champions kicked off their Euro 2016 qualifying campaign with a 2-1 victory over Scotland on Sunday.

Mueller, who also struck the post in stoppage time when Scotland had Charlie Mulgrew sent off for a second booking, scored with a header in the 18th minute of a first half in which the hosts crafted

chances galore.

Speedy Ikechi Anya stunned the hosts with a superb finish in the 66th minute but Mueller restored Germany's fragile lead with a scruffy effort four minutes later following a corner.

The result puts Germany on three points in Group D along with Poland who thrashed newcomers Gibraltar and Ireland who snatched victory in Georgia.

"I am satisfied with the three points," coach Joachim Loew told reporters. "It was clear the Scots had nothing to lose. I knew it would be tough after the World Cup, and we were also missing a lot of players."

"My players tried to do things up front but we made mistakes at the back, especially in the second half. We lost a bit of control of the game. It was also a matter of fitness."

For Scotland, unbeaten in their previous six games, it was bitter to leave empty-handed after playing with plenty of endeavour, especially in the second half when they had Germany flustered at times.

"I thought we would get a point and I actually thought we would win it at one stage," said manager Gordon Strachan.

"I feel disappointed for the people who came to watch us, and the players as well. To have put in that kind of work, going out there against really physical players, they stood up to it."

Reuters

Not up to Ribery to retire from France squad — Platini

BERLIN, 8 Sept—France winger Franck Ribery's decision to retire from international football after missing the World Cup could lead to a suspension from club football, UEFA president Michel Platini said on Sunday.

The Bayern Munich

player, who missed the Brazil tournament in June and July despite intensive treatment for a lower back injury, announced last month he would not play for France any longer to focus on club football with the German champions.

"He cannot decide by

himself whether he will play for France or not," Platini, the head of European soccer, told Germany's Bild newspaper.

"If coach Didier Deschamps calls him up he must come to the national team. If he does not show up he will be suspended for three Bayern Munich games."

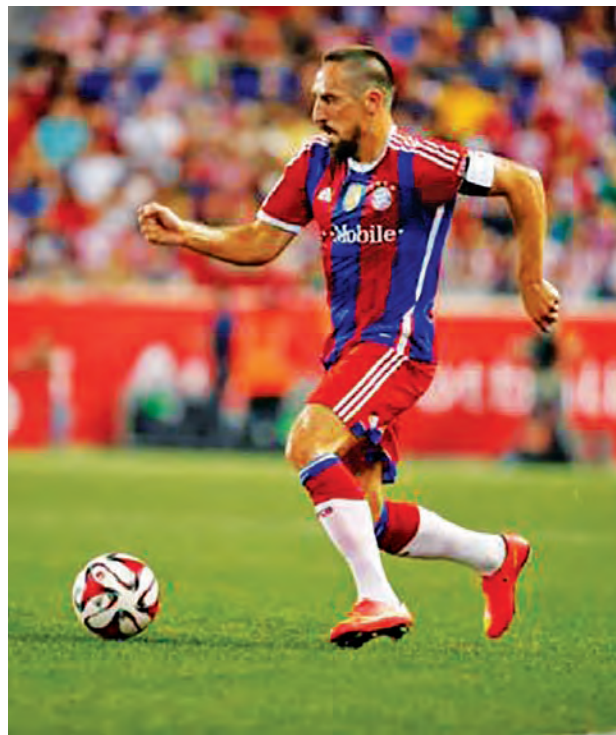
Platini is a former France captain who led them to the 1984 European Championship title.

Ribery, a 2006 World Cup finalist who was Europe's player of the year in 2013, said he wanted to make way for a younger generation of players.

The 31-year-old won 81 caps and scored 16 international goals since making his debut for France in 2006.

Ribery's France career was also marked by a players' revolt at the 2010 World Cup in South Africa with the winger at the forefront of the strike in support of forward Nicolas Anelka who had been kicked out of the squad for insulting then coach Raymond Domenech.

Reuters



Bayern Munich midfielder Franck Ribery (7) brings the ball up field during the first half against the Chivas Guadalajara at Red Bull Arena.—REUTERS