

President explains Myanmar reforms in talks with Dutch dignitaries

THE HAGUE, 9 Sept— On Tuesday, Myanmar President U Thein Sein held a talk with King Willem-Alexander of the Netherlands at the Noordeinde Palace in The Hague at 1.30 pm local time.

The President went on a guided tour of the Mauritshuis, an art museum in The Hague on Monday, and enjoyed Dutch Golden Age paintings and world-famous paintings on display there, sources said.

President U Thein Sein went to the Confederation of Netherlands Industry and Employers (VNO-NCW), where he held round-table talks with Ms Lilianne Ploumen, Minister for Foreign Trade and Development Cooperation, VNO-NCW President Mr Ben van Beurden, and chief executive officers of Dutch business circles.

President U Thein

Sein explained to them economic reforms in his country and their prospects and responded to queries raised by Dutch business people about energy, infrastructure, monetary policy, and food production.

The president and his delegation also visited the Maeslantkering, a storm surge barrier, and observed the facility. A massive flood in 1953 claimed over 18,000 lives, forcing the government to build more sluice gates and dykes to protect the delta area from flooding. The construction of the Maeslantkering sluice gate started in 1991 and completed in 1997.

The Rhine delta in the Netherlands is the same size as the Ayeyawady delta in Myanmar, which is why bilateral cooperation is underway to protect the Ayeyawady delta from flooding.

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President U Thein Sein greets Queen Maxima of the Netherlands, the United Nations Secretary General's Special Advocate for Inclusive Finance for Development at the palace in Wassenaar.—MNA

South Korea to fund \$20 million Myanmar Development Institute in Nay Pyi Taw

By Ye Myint

YANGON, 9 Sept— South Korea pledged US\$20 million in the establishment of a national institute for economic and social development in Myanmar through

a memorandum of understanding signed between the Ministry of National Planning and Economic Development of Myanmar and South Korea's Foreign Affairs Ministry on Tuesday in Nay Pyi Taw.

A total budget of \$20 million for the Myanmar Development Institute project is to establish a "whole of government" National Institute which will assist the evidence-based policy making process through comprehensive research and advice and conduct related capacity-building to facilitate economic development, said Korea International Cooperation Agency (KOICA) in a press re-

lease.

Following the MoU signing, a MDI project formulation mission from South Korea is due to conduct a needs assessment and detailed project design before signing of the records of discussion to officially launch the MDI project lasting until 2019, KOICA added.

"Once established, MDI will play the key role of locomotive which pulls the trains of Myanmar economic development", Ambassador to Myanmar Lee Baek-Soon said in his speech at the signing ceremony. According to the ambassador, the Records of Discussion on the project is scheduled to be signed on 22 September.

In her address, Deputy Minister for National Planning and Economic Development Daw Lei Lei Thein noted that Myanmar and South Korea have enhanced bilateral relations with shared values, close cooperation for common

interests and strong links between the two peoples since the establishment of diplomatic ties over 50 years.

She said that Myanmar is arranging for signing the Framework Arrangement on Grant Aid for the Year 2014 between the two countries on 22 September during the visit of KOICA President Kim Young-Mok to Myanmar.

According to the press release, the MDI project will be implemented under four key components— formulation of the master plan and action plan 2014-2019, implementation of capacity development programmes organizing scholarship programmes and short-term training courses in Korea and in-country training courses in Myanmar, implementation of Korea-Myanmar joint policy research on the selected key topics and issues needed for imminent social and economic development of Myanmar and construction of the MDI building in Nay Pyi Taw.— NLM



Lee Baek-Soon, South Korean Ambassador to Myanmar, and NPED Deputy Minister Daw Lei Lei Thein shake hands after signing MoU on establishment of Myanmar Development Institute (MDI) through financial and technical assistance with \$20 million from South Korea.—PHOTO: PROVIDED/ KOICA MYANMAR

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Mandalay Region observes International Literacy Day 2014

MANDALAY, 9 Sept — A ceremony to mark the 2014 International Literacy Day was observed at the hall of No 16 Basic Education High School in Chanayethazan Township of Mandalay on Monday.

On the occasion, Mandalay Region Chief Minister U Ye Myint said that Mandalay Region Government is implementing the basic literary plan and the continuing education

programme for the youths who missed the chances to pursue education in their childhood due to various reasons. With regard to the non-formal education system, a total of 21 training camps were opened in Thabeikkyin, Pyigyidagun and Mahaangmye townships to admit 607 students as of 2009-10 academic year.

Mandalay Region Education Director Dr Soe My-

int Tun read the message sent by the director-general of the UNESCO.

Students of No 30 BEHS sang the song depicting education for all.

The region chief minister and Region Minister Dr Win Hlaing presented prizes to winners in the essay and poster contests in commemoration of the International Literacy Day.

Thiha Ko Ko
(Mandalay)



Mobile vocational training course No 3 concludes

SALINGYI, 9 Sept — With the assistance of Sagaing Region government, the Mobile Vocational Training Course No 3 of No 2 Industrial Training School (Mandalay) concluded at the Dhammayon of Aungmyay Myintha monastery in Hsete-Zeedaw Village in Letpadaungtaung region in Salingyi Town-

ship of Sagaing Region on Monday.

Principal of the training school U Soe Tint Hsan presented certificates to 56 trainees from villages in Letpadaungtaung region. The two-week course started on 25 August. They have the opportunity to learn further studies at the three-month course jointly organized by the region

government and Ministry of Industry.

The ministry has conducted the course No 1 and 2 in Kanma Model Station and Myitchay Station in Pakokku District.

The Industrial Supervision and Inspection Department will open the third course of industrial training and the one-month basic electrician course

in Hsete-Zeedaw village this month.—*Tin Maung*
(Mandalay)



Citizenship scrutiny cards issued to eligible citizens

DAWEI, 9 Sept — Staff of Launglon Township Immigration and National

Registration Department led by Dawei District INRD Deputy Director U Yin

Htwe issued citizenship scrutiny cards to eligible citizens in Kanpani Village of Launglon Township in Taninthayi Region on 7 September through the one-stop service with the assistance of Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC).

Taninthayi Region Hluttaw representative U Kyaw Htay presented necessary assistance to the staff members. The township INRD officials gave cards to 141 local people.

Po Shwe Thun-Dawei



First-aid course given to university students in Sagaing

SAGAING, 9 Sept — The first first-aid course, organized by Cooperative University (Sagaing) Red Cross Society, concluded at its hall in Sagaing on 4 September.

Rector Dr Yi Yi Win presented prize to the best squad.

Staff Officer Grade-I U Tint Wai of Sagaing Region Red Cross Brigade and officials gave outstanding parade award and outstanding trainee awards to the respective squad and winners.

Altogether 55 students attended the training course from 23 to 31 August.

Htwe Myint Naing
(Sagaing)



Bahan Township Writers Association holds AGM

YANGON, 9 Sept—The annual general meeting of Bahan Township Writers Association and a ceremony to recount experiences in the first conference and first central leading body of Myanmar Writers Association were held at the hall of Township Administrator on Bo Sein Hman Road in Bahan Township of Yangon on 7 September.

The secretary of the township Writers Association and the treasurer submitted the annual report

THANDWE, 9 Sept — Patron of Rakhine State Maternal and Child Welfare Supervisory Committee Daw Khin Swe Win and party inspected the delivery room of the association in Thandwe Township in Rakhine State on 5 September.

They presented fer-

rous sulphate and nutritious foods to the pregnant women. The patron and party provided K200,000 to the basic tailoring course and clothes and foods to the aged and donated K300,000 to the fund of Myittawady Home for the Aged in Thandwe.

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and financial report to the meeting.

Patron of the association and officials donated

K840,000 to the fund of the association.

Tamarmyay
Hlaing Myint

NATIONAL

President explains Myanmar...

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President U Thein Sein visited a 1,000-mega-watt coal-fired power plant in Rotterdam.

On Monday late afternoon, President U Thein Sein met President of the Senate of the Netherlands Mrs Ankie Broekers-Knol at the States General of

the Netherlands, where U Thein Sein explained political reforms and the union system of his country.

On the occasion, a Dutch parliamentarian raised queries about Rakhine issues and the release of political prisoners.

On Tuesday morning, President U Thein Sein

called on Queen Maxima of the Netherlands, the United Nations Secretary General's Special Advocate for Inclusive Finance for Development, at her palace in Wassenaar.

In the late morning the same day, President U Thein Sein went to Tomto World at the greenhouse farming centre, where he observed systematic plan-

tations and raised queries.

On behalf of the Prime Minister of the Netherlands, the Minister for Foreign Trade and Development Cooperation hosted a luncheon to the President and party at the Catshuis of the Prime Minister.

The President and the Minister proposed toasts and posed for documentary photo.—MNA



President U Thein Sein greets King Willem-Alexander of the Netherlands at the Noordeinde Palace in The Hague.—MNA

Vice President Dr Sai Mauk Kham inspects socio-economic undertakings in Lashio

NAY PYI TAW, 9 Sept— Vice President Dr Sai Mauk Kham who was in Shan State (North) attended ceremonies to donate an ambulance to Funeral Service Association of Lashio and open a middle school and Education College and inspected upgrading of a ring road in Lashio on Tuesday.

In his speech at the opening ceremony of Lashio Institute of Education which is the first of its kind in Shan State (North), the Vice-President stressed the need of the quantity and quality of

teachers, pointing out the present student-teacher ratio of 40:1 in basic education sector of the country. He announced the government's commitment to provide necessary teaching aid to the sector.

Highlighting the importance of the English language around the world, he called on teachers to strive for ensuring more improvements in

English and also urged them to learn more than one language, suggesting them to study languages of neighbouring countries.

He expressed hope that the return of those who were sent to foreign countries for further studies to home will be of great benefit to the development of their own country.

During his presence at the ceremony, the

Vice-President held talks with Mr. Gregory Quinlivan from Britain who is teaching English to teachers at the college.

On his arrival at the ring road upgrading site, the Vice-President left necessary instructions and oversaw the road in a motorcade. He then visited a bridge construction site and gave necessary instructions. — MNA



Vice President Dr Sai Mauk Kham views construction of AT culvert on the detour to Lashio in northern Shan State.—MNA



More energy needed to fulfill basic needs of people

NAY PYI TAW, 9 Sept— No government will be able to fulfill the basic

needs of people unless there is an abundant and reliable source of energy,

Vice President U Nyan Tun said on Monday in an address to a meeting

organized by the National Energy Management Committee at the Presi-

dent's Office.

U Nyan Tun stated Myanmar heavily depends on wood, charcoal, oil, gas, coal and hydro-powered stations to satisfy its energy needs, calling enormous use of traditional fuel a sign of poverty. According to the vice president, the individual use of electricity in the country is 180 kilowatts per hour, whereas wood and charcoal make up 76% of the total energy use.

He pointed out that local and foreign investments are on the increase directly due to political and economic reforms in the country, adding that efforts to keep pace with the upward trend require a higher demand for energy as existing infrastructure is not adequate in terms of quality and quantity.

Plans are under way

to bring cost-effective and environmentally-friendly quality energy services to the public. Regarding the energy sector of Myanmar, advisors to the Asian Development Bank briefed on a long-term energy strategy, the need to set up a framework for sustainable energy, and arrangements for the development of the energy sector.

Vice President U Nyan Tun received a delegation led by Mr Tran Bac Ha, Chairman of the Association of Vietnamese Investors in Myanmar (AVIM) at the Credentials Hall of the Presidential Palace in Nay Pyi Taw on Tuesday morning.

They cordially discussed investment plans in agriculture, hotels and tourism and banking services in Myanmar.

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Vice President U Nyan Tun emphasizes cost-effective and environmentally-friendly quality energy services.—MNA

Village library put into service in Waw Tsp



WAW, 9 Sept — In commemoration of the 2014 International Literacy Day, a ceremony to inaugurate the Pyinnya

Alin library was held at the Dhammayon of Chanmyathazi ward in Waw of Bago Region on Monday.

Head of Township In-

formation and Public Relations Department Daw Than Than Htay and officials formally opened the new library. The head of

the department urged the local people to maintain the library for its durability.

Wellwishers donated books, publications and furniture to the library.

The local people contributed to construction of the 27 feet long, 10 feet wide and nine feet high library in front of the Dhammayon.

Tin Soe (Bago)

Knowledge shared to eradicate poppy cultivation

NYAUNGSHWE, 9 Sept — A talk on eradication of poppy cultivation was held at Nantat Village of Nyaungshwe Township in Shan State on 4 September.

Commander of Township Police Force Police Major Kyee Myint gave lectures on narcotic drugs laws, Head of Township Forest Department U Htay Lwin establishment of community forests and environmental conservation, Deputy Head of Township Agriculture Department U Arnt Kyaw Oo development of agriculture sector and alternative development, an official of Settlement and Land Records Department farmlands law and Head of Township Information and Public Relations Department U Nay Myo Thurein process of drug elimination.

The talk was attended by over 200 local people.

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Sales of pesticides, fertilizers inspected in Myeik



MYEIK, 9 Sept — The Township Pesticide Registration Team comprising Head of Myeik Township Agriculture Department U Htay Win and staff inspected the pesticide, fertilizer and seeds shops in the township on Monday to check systematic storage

of pesticides, fertilizers and sales of legal pesticides.

As some of farmlands face danger of germs, officials urged the farmers to use pesticides in their farms in line with the prescriptions of the pesticides and correction ratio.

Myint Oo (Myeik)

YUE to organize Business Forum, get-together on 13 Sept

MANDALAY, 9 Sept — The Business Forum of faculty members from Yangon University of Economics will take place at the Hotel Mandalay at the corner of 78th and 38th streets in Mahaangmye Township in Mandalay at 1 pm on 13 September.

Member of Central Bank of Myanmar Board of Directors Dr Hla Maung, Applied Economics Department retired professor Dr Maung Maung Soe of Yangon University of Economics, Chief Editor U Zaw Than of Eco Echo Journal, CEO U Myint Thauang of Energent Service Co Ltd and Dr Myint Hsan of Tokyo University will give lectures at the forum.

The get-together of the old students of the university will be held at the same venue at 6 pm on 13 September. Those wishing to attend the get-together are to contact U Tun Tun, 09-91050296, U Khin Maung Htwe, 09-2022225 and U Win Myint, 09-2001324.

Thiha Ko Ko (Mandalay)



Up and down waterway changed under Sagaing Bridge (Inwa)

SAGAING, 9 Sept — The waterways for up and down vessels were designated between pier No 1 and 2 of Sagaing Bridge (Inwa).

According to the changing waterway in Ayeyawady River, the downstream waterway of the river has been designated between pier No 2 and 3 and the upstream from No 1 and 2 as of 2 September.

The water clearance is

350 feet wide and 36 feet high.

The green light for waterway is being given to vessels at night and the red light is lit for no entry way.

The Directorate of Water Resources and Improvement of River Systems reminded that vessels must not parallel each other in the designated waterway.

Thiha Ko Ko (Mandalay)



REGIONAL

China's President Xi to make first visit to India



China's President Xi Jinping

BEIJING, 9 Sept — Chinese President Xi Jinping will make his first visit to India as head of state on a regional visit starting this week which will also take in Sri Lanka, the Maldives and Tajikistan, the foreign ministry said on Tuesday.

Xi will begin his trip in Tajikistan where he will attend a meeting of

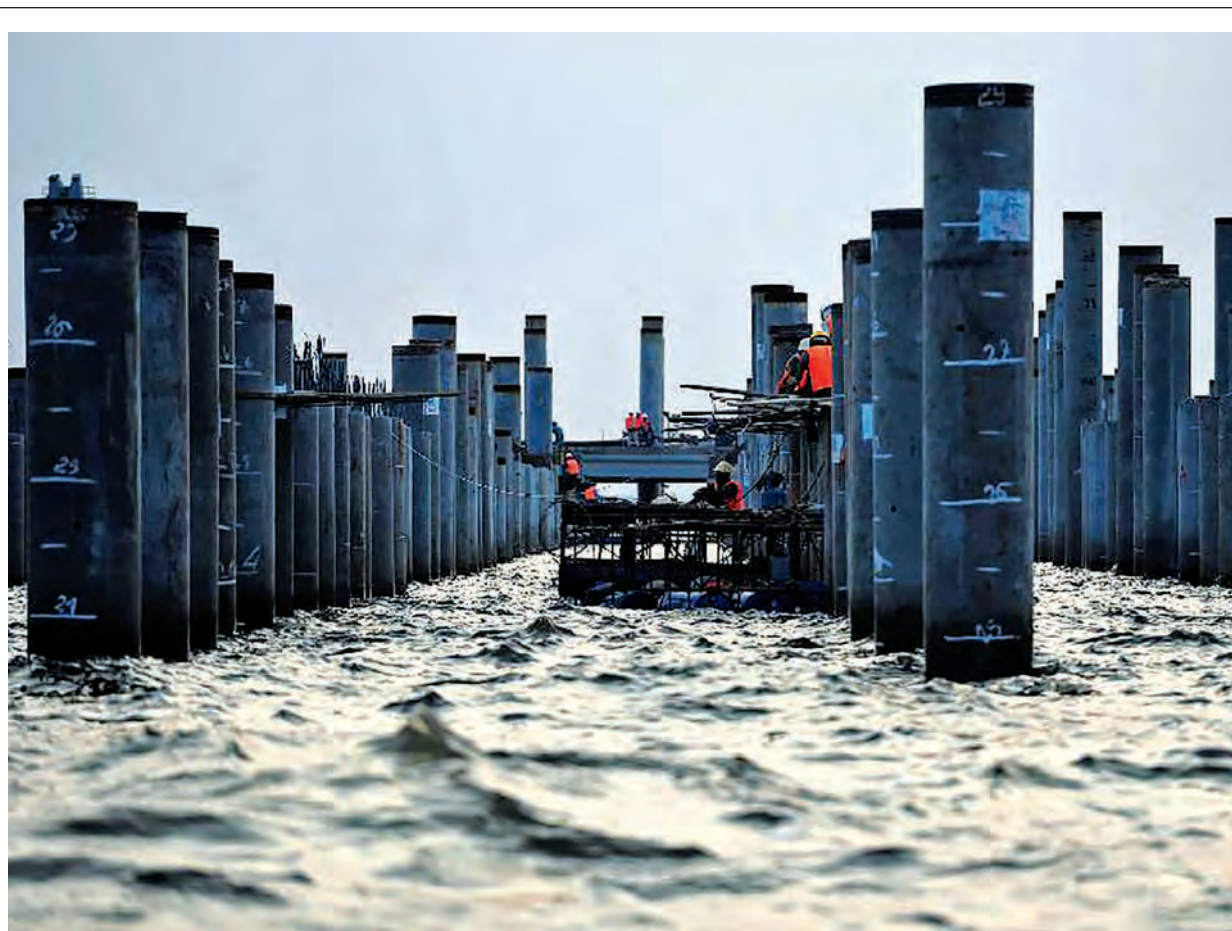
the Shanghai Cooperation Organization on Thursday and Friday, the ministry said.

China, Russia and four Central Asian nations — Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan — formed the group in 2001 as a regional security bloc to fight threats posed by radical Islam and drug trafficking from neighbouring Afghanistan.

After that Xi will travel to the Maldives, Sri Lanka and India, on a visit which ends on 19 September, the ministry said, without giving exact dates for when he will be in each country.

The ministry provided no further details, though over the weekend it said that Xi had postponed a trip to Pakistan which had originally been part of his tour due to ongoing unrest in the country.

Reuters



Indonesian labours work on a new port construction project in Jakarta, Indonesia, on 8 Sept, 2014. The project is designed to meet anticipated capacity and traffic growth in Tanjung Priok Port and to provide adequate facilities for containerized cargo.— XINHUA

Indonesia parliament mulls ending direct elections for local leaders

JAKARTA, 9 Sept — Indonesian lawmakers are expected to vote this week on legislation that ends direct elections for governors and mayors, a measure critics say would weaken the country's democratic advances and encourage patronage politics.

The world's third-largest democracy introduced direct elections of regional leaders in 2005, allowing for a new breed of politicians to emerge that were not linked to the political elite — such as president-elect Joko Widodo. But direct elections have also proved to be costly

for candidates, limiting the field to those who can afford to pay for their campaigns.

"High costs are required sometimes to carry our fair elections," said Robert Endi Jaweng, executive director of Regional Autonomy Watch, a local non-governmental organization.

"But the logic of democracy is not about the logic of efficiency, it's about the right of the people to choose their leaders."

The bill, which has strong support in parliament and is backed by several members in the coalition of

losing presidential candidate Prabowo Subianto, would give local legislatures the power to choose governors and other regional heads instead of their constituents.

"The selection of regional heads by local parliament is more effective and efficient than through direct elections," Prabowo's Gerindra Party tweeted on Tuesday.

"Those who say that elections through local parliament are contrary to the values of democracy are not right."

Outgoing President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono, whose party supports the bill, must approve the legislation before it becomes

law. Indonesia has embraced democratic reforms since the downfall of autocratic leader Suharto in 1998.

This year's presidential election, the closest ever in Indonesia's history, took place without any major violence or military intervention. That contrasts with neighbouring Thailand, Malaysia, Myanmar and Cambodia, which have seen recent setbacks to their democracies.

Advisers to president-elect Widodo, who is also known as Jokowi, said they believe the bill violates the constitution but would not have a significant effect on how they govern.

Reuters

Pakistani Taliban claims responsibility for attack on Naval Dockyard

ISLAMABAD, 9 Sept — Pakistan Taliban on Tuesday claimed responsibility for attacking on navy targets in the southern port city of Karachi, which killed a navy officer and two militants.

A Pakistani Navy spokesman said late Monday the security forces foiled the attack on the Karachi Naval Dockyard, killing two attackers and capturing four alive. Six navy officials were also injured in the attack on Saturday.

"Tehrik-e-Taliban Pakistan claims responsibility for the attack on the Karachi Dockyard," the Taliban spokesman, Shahdullah Shahid told media over phone from undisclosed location. He said the TTP will

release more details later.

The navy spokesman said the security personnel and weapons and explosives from the suspects were recovered. He said there was no damage to the navy assets.

He said the security forces also arrested some terrorists during raids in parts of the country on the information extracted from the arrested attackers.

The incident occurred on Saturday. However, details were not shared with the media. The Taliban claim also came very late.

Navy officials say the announcement of the incident was delayed to apprehend a few more accomplices in raids later.

Xinhua



Thai military junta chief and newly-appointed Prime Minister General Prayuth Chan-ocha (L) holds his first cabinet meeting at the Government House in Bangkok, Thailand, on 9 Sept, 2014.—XINHUA

S Korea willing to resume security consultations with Japan

SEOUL, 9 Sept — South Korea is pushing to resume long-suspended security consultations with Japan later this year to discuss regional security issues, *Yonhap News Agency* reported on Tuesday, citing a senior government official.

The security consultations, involving senior foreign affairs and defence officials, were held regularly under an agreement signed between the two countries in 1997, but

have not been held since 2009 due to tensions over historical and territorial issues.

The two sides tried to arrange such a meeting last year, but the plan fell through after Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe paid a visit to the controversial Yasukuni Shrine in Tokyo, drawing an angry response from South Korea.

Seoul was further angered by Tokyo's subsequent review of a 1993

Japanese government statement that apologized for Japan's sexual enslavement of Korean women during World War II.

"Our basic stance is that we will cooperate with Japan in areas that need cooperation. We will have to handle tasks that have been long delayed, including holding a security policy consultation within this year," the official told *Yonhap*, on condition of anonymity.

The two governments

will likely discuss stepping up cooperation to cope with regional security issues and Japan's move to enhance its defence capabilities, including by reinterpreting its Constitution to allow exercise of collective self-defence.

"It is not likely that the two nations will exchange detailed opinions in regard to collective self-defence as the issue has not been finalized in Japan," the official said.

Kyodo News

Package of measures should protect socially endangered

BELGRADE, 9 Sept—Serbian Prime Minister Aleksandar Vucic said during a meeting with International Monetary Fund (IMF) Resident Representative in Serbia Deheng Kim Monday that Serbia had to continue structural reforms and expressed the expectation of Serbia and the IMF signing an agreement.

He stressed IMF representatives had not made any specific recommendations concerning measures

required for fiscal savings, but representatives of the Serbian government had the IMF resident representative acquainted with measures aimed at ensuring budget savings and stabilizing the public debt, also with measures to revive the industry, the government's media relations office said in a release.

The Serbian government representatives emphasized that they would discuss the measures in the coming weeks.

The IMF opinion is that all measures to be adopted should be characterized a broad societal acceptability if their sustainability is to be ensured, and in this context it was advised that the package should protect the socially endangered population, it was said at the meeting.

The meeting was attended by Finance Minister Dusan Vujovic, Economy Minister Zeljko Sertic, Minister of Public Administration and



Local Self-Government Kori Udovicki, Minister of Labor and Social Policy Aleksandar Vulin and

Governor of the National Bank of Serbia Jorgovan-ka Tabakovic.

Tanjug

Vietnam expands more markets for coffee exports

HO CHI MINH CITY, 9 Sept — As of late August, Vietnamese coffee produced in its Central Highlands Dak Lak province has found its way into 80 countries and territories, 20 more markets than the number reported earlier this year, according to the Vietnamese Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development (MARD).

The province's export turnover has reached 440 million US dollars so far this year, a year-on-year increase of 23 percent, reported the ministry on its website on Tuesday.

The top ten importers of Dak Lak coffee were Germany, Japan, the United States, Italy, Switzerland, the Republic of Korea (RoK), India, Spain, Indonesia and Russia.

Dak Lak boasts over 200,000 ha of coffee plantations that produce up to 400,000 tons of beans annually, accounting for 30 percent of Vietnam's total coffee land.

Local farmers are encouraged to follow standardized coffee-growing models, such as the 4C Code of Conduct, Rainforest Alliance, Fair Trade and UTZ Certified, to meet the increasingly strict demands of importers.

Xinhua

Iran vows not to stand further US sanctions

TEHERAN, 9 Sept — Iran will no longer stand further sanctions by the United States against the interests of the country, Iran's senior nuclear negotiator Abbas Araqchi was quoted as saying by official IRNA news agency on Tuesday.

"In our (bilateral) talks with the US officials, we have announced it clearly that we will not stand these measures (by the United States) any longer," Araqchi said.

Last few months, the United States imposed new sanctions on a number of Iranian individuals and entities while pledging continued work toward a comprehensive solution to the Islamic republic's controversial nuclear programme.

The US Treasury Department targeted the networks for their alleged

support to Iran's missile and nuclear programs as well as terrorism and for helping Teheran evade the existing sanctions.

"These kinds of sanctions go contrary to the spirit of goodwill that should govern the (nuclear) talks," Araqchi said.

The Iranian official referred to the recent talks between Iran and the United States over the issues pertaining to the former's sensitive nuclear programme, saying that "there is a good interaction between the sides, but it does not mean that we have solved all our existing problems."

He expressed concerns about any failure to clinch a comprehensive nuclear deal, adding that the outcome will further complicate region's problems and it will be "very dangerous."

Xinhua



Fan Changlong (R), vice chairman of China's Central Military Commission, meets with US President National Security Advisor Susan Rice in Beijing, capital of China, on 9 Sept, 2014. —XINHUA

Rehabilitation of WW1 veterans rekindles old conflicts in Ireland

DUBLIN, 9 Sept — De-faced and deserted for decades, Dublin's World War One memorial garden now marks the rehabilitation of at least 200,000 Irishmen who fought for Britain a century ago — a transformation that angers some.

The dispute has come to a head as Ireland starts to celebrate some seminal centenaries, from the call by moderate nationalists to fight in the war in September 1914 to the anti-British uprising two years later.

Independent Ireland is on better terms with London than most could have foreseen in 1918.

A generation of shattered Irish men returned then to a mixture of indifference and hostility as their nation fought for in-

dependence, making tales of their sacrifice for Britain taboo for the rest of their lives.

But stories of their heroics, wretched suffering and an estimated 30,000 deaths flooded the Irish airwaves last month and memorial ceremonies featuring the president and prime minister have been enthusiastically covered by the media.

One former Irish prime minister went as far as to say that the wartime 1916 uprising against British rule — as revered as the Battle of Lexington in the United States — was "a mistake" and that Irish patriots should have supported Britain's war.

Some say the recognition of the hellish sacrifices



Britain's Queen Elizabeth and Ireland's President Mary McAleese (2nd L) observe a minute's silence after laying wreaths at the Irish War Memorial Gardens at Islandbridge in Dublin, in this file photograph dated on 18 May, 2011.

REUTERS

of a generation is long overdue in Ireland. Many signed up following a promise in September 1914 that support for the British war effort would be rewarded with self-rule for Ireland.

But in a country whose national anthem celebrates "serried ranks" lining up against "our Saxon foe", equating their sacrifice with that of Ireland's revolutionary heroes has proved controversial.

"It would be as ridiculous as the US honouring settlers who fought with the Red Coats," said Pat Walsh, an historian who has written several books on Ireland's war experience and complains the media coverage is too uncritical of British war accounts.

Reuters

WORLD

Bomb blast in Chile wounds 10; government blames 'terrorists'

SANTIAGO, 9 Sept — A bomb exploded next to an underground train station in the Chilean capital of Santiago on Monday afternoon, wounding at least 10 people, and the government said it bore the signs of "a terrorist" act.

The blast occurred at lunchtime in a fast-food restaurant in a small shopping and eating area next to the Escuela Militar metro station in the affluent residential and shopping neighbourhood of Las Condes.

"This is a cowardly act because it has as its objective to hurt people, create fear and even kill innocent people," President Michelle Bachelet said.

"We're going to use all the weight of the law, including the anti-terrorist law, because those responsible for these acts have to pay," she said.

Anti-terrorism laws give prosecutors more powers and allow for harsher sentencing.

Bachelet asked for residents to remain calm, saying, "This is horrible, tremendously reprehensible, but Chile is and remains a safe country."

No group has claimed responsibility, and the police said the attack was being investigated.

"This is an act that has all the hallmarks of a terrorist deed," Alvaro Elizalde, the government's chief spokesman, said in remarks to journalists outside La Moneda presidential palace. "There is no doubt. And it has been carried out with the intention of hurting innocent people."

Chile, which returned to democracy in 1990 after a 17-year dictatorship, is normally one of Latin America's most stable countries and has not suffered an attack of this magnitude in at least 20 years.

However, there have been a number of low-level attacks by anarchist groups in recent years, including in July, and Monday's blast will put pressure on Bachelet to respond at a time when her popularity is slipping and she has her plate full with a reform drive and worsening economy.

"At 1400 (1700 GMT) an explosive device was detonated in the center (mini-mall) by the metro station, and at the moment investigations are being carried out to determine the origin," Mario Rozas, head of police communications, said.

Interior Minister Mahmud Aleuy said se-



A police officer uses a dog to inspect an area where a bomb exploded in Santiago on 8 Sept, 2014. —REUTERS

curity cameras showed that two suspects planted the device in a metal container, possibly a trash can, outside the fast-food restaurant and escaped in a car.

None of the injuries were fatal. Local health officials said a Venezuelan man in his 30s suffered trauma to his leg and a woman had at least one of her fingers amputated. Others suffered hearing losses.

Government authorities increased the number of wounded to at least 10, from a previous estimate of seven.

"I was having lunch, I felt the noise and we went

out to see and we saw a lot of smoke, people running and shouting," said Joanna Magneti, who works in the shopping centre.

"A young man was badly wounded, a lady had her hand wounded," she said.

A number of explosive devices have been planted close to banks and police stations in Chile in recent years.

In the past, one member of an anarchist group has been killed and another injured trying to set off explosive devices, but no bystanders have been hurt.

In July, incendiary devices exploded on an underground train and

outside a church without causing injuries. Leaflets were found at the church site seeking "rights" for two Chileans held in Spain and linked to an extremist anarchist group.

This week Chile commemorates the 41st anniversary of the 1973 military coup that removed socialist President Salvador Allende from power. The events of the coup still deeply divide Chilean society, and the anniversary is traditionally a time of protests that often turn violent.

The metro was operating normally on Monday evening, police said.

Reuters

Five accused of trying to build a bomb in UAE

DUBAI, 9 Sept — Four citizens of the United Arab Emirates (UAE) and one from the Comoros have gone on trial charged with trying to build a bomb in the Gulf Arab state, newspapers reported on Tuesday.

The five are among 15 accused of membership of al-Qaeda's Nusrah Front Syrian wing and another militant Syrian opposition group, Ahrar al-Sham, and of collecting funds for these groups, the newspapers reported.

The 15 on trial at the state security division of the federal supreme court are made up of nine Emiratis, four from the Comoros islands off east Africa and two Syrians, the newspapers reported.

Four Emiratis are being tried in their absence. All 11 who appeared in court denied the charges, the newspapers said.

A defence lawyer asked for four witnesses to be called to give evidence, *The National* newspaper reported.

The *National* reported without elaborating that the explosive device allegedly assembled by the five accused had leaked toxic chemical fumes that affected nearby residents.

The newspapers reported prosecutors as saying the accused had travelled to Syria to make contact with armed groups, and had collected money, devices and equipment for use in attacks on civilians in Syria.

Judge Mohammed Al Jarah Al Tenaiji agreed, and adjourned the trial to 23 September.—Reuters

Al-Shabaab claims responsibility for Somalia twin car bomb attacks

MOGADISHU, 9 Sept — Islamist group Al-Shabaab on Monday claimed responsibility for twin suicide car bomb attacks that killed at least 12 people in Somalia, police sources said.

The sources said that a local government official was injured in the second suicide car explosion.

Xinhua

Second suicide explosion hits Mogadishu



Investigators check the site of a suicide car bomb targeting a convoy of the African Union Mission in Somalia (AMISOM) on a road linking Mogadishu and Afgooye, a small town 20 km west of the capital, on 8 Sept, 2014. XINHUA

MOGADISHU, 9 Sept — A second suicide car bomb blast hit a military checkpoint on the outskirts of Mogadishu on Monday, injuring two people including a local government official,

police and witnesses said.

The attack comes minutes after a first suicide car bomb targeting a convoy of the African Union Mission in Somalia (AMISOM) on a road linking Mogadishu

and Afgooye, a small town 20 km west of the capital.

Twelve civilians in a minibus plying the road were killed and 27 were injured after the bus was caught in the blast, local

governor Mohamed Sidi said.

Police officer Ali Yare said the second suicide attack that targeted an official of local Mogadishu administration left the offi-

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A hard race to front business competitiveness

By Aung Khin

Competitiveness is defined as the set of institutions, policies and factors that determine the level of productivity of a country, which helps promote the level of prosperity that can be earned by an economy.

Globalization has sharpened competition. The main challenges facing economies include taking advantage of new resources and markets with intense and growing global competition. Business models, supportive policies and strategies play key roles in the course of competition.

Business firms seriously take account of trade

barriers, technology advances, less costs in communications transport, international migration and highly mobile investment.

It is sure that globalization is irreversible and has profound implications for business and its relationship with governments in developing countries. Special attention should be paid on the processes of building competitiveness in developing countries like Myanmar.

A coherent competitiveness strategy has a major influence on the creation of business competitiveness. The government should ensure a close and active partnership with private firms. Mitigating the risks of tight competition now requires a new kind of relationship between business and government. In this context, government must implement policy without dominating management on competitiveness strategy.

Government should set up industry-specific training centres, carry out productivity benchmarking exercises and quality awareness projects.

Singapore is a positive role model for other

ASEAN member countries as the state country retained its second position in the Global Competitiveness Index 2014-2015. With world-class infrastructure, with excellent roads, ports and air transport facilities, Singapore is running at the second place for the fourth year behind Switzerland with top-notch scientific research institutions, along with other factors, making it a top innovator.

Therefore, Myanmar should emulate the business sectors of these countries that can ensure on-the-job training opportunities, adapting the latest technologies and balance employee protection with business efficiency.

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Progress of long term energy master plan discussed



Deputy ministers, experts and responsible persons of NGOs participate in Myanmar Energy Master Plan Workshop.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 9 Sept—The Myanmar Energy Master Plan Workshop took place at Grand Amara Hotel in Nay Pyi Taw on Tuesday.

Experts from Intelligent Energy Systems Pty Ltd of Australia and Myanmar International Consultants Co Ltd who draw the long term energy master plan reported on progress of

work.

Joint Secretary of National Energy Management Committee Deputy Minister for Electric Power U Maw Tha Htwe, Deputy Minister for Energy U Aung Htoo, Deputy Minister for Industry U Myo Aung and representatives from Asia Development Bank, World Bank, JICA, ministries and NGO totalling about 80 partici-

pated in discussions of drawing the long term energy master plan.

National Energy Management Committee is drawing the master plan as of January 2014 under the TA-8356 Institutional Strengthening of National Energy Management Committee in Energy Policy and Planning of the ADB.

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Myanmar Companies Act

By U Win Sein

In our modern world, with so much complexities in politics, economies, social works, health, education, and many other phases of affairs, it's difficult for a Government to put all these important matters in line and to be able to run them in an appropriate manner. Therefore, there shall be a proper administrative mechanism to oversee them in all respective situations. Just as a nation should have a good constitution to manage all its affairs, likewise, a public company should have effective Memorandum and Articles of Association to guide and control its daily business activities.

As time goes by, with accumulation of past experience by many companies' executives who have wished to see an evolutionary change in some of the sections in the Myanmar Companies Act with much more easy to under-

stand legal sentences, thereby presently for the time being for the purpose of making additions, deletions and alterations to the Act.

We often hear businessmen grumbling about the hard to understand Myanmar Companies Act for which should take the place of a reference book to the 100 or more public companies and 1000 private companies operating in Myanmar to rely on it so as not to act beyond the limited bounds of tolerances allowed by the Myanmar Companies Act.

Let us take one example; a public company has held its Statutory Meeting in more than a year time, so this company was in default of Section 77 of Myanmar Companies Act. That Section has stipulated clearly that the company shall hold its Statutory Meeting within a period of not less than one month nor more than six months from the date at which the company is entitled to commence business. At this juncture, unless the company has put up a petition to the court, stating the reason for delay and the court has conducted a satisfactory investigation and has handed down a decision as either to wind up the company or indicated a date for the company to hold its Statutory Meeting. Before submitting a petition to the court, the resolution from the company on the purpose of failure to hold the Statutory Meeting within the six months

time must be filed with the Registrar of Myanmar Companies Registration office, A CRV [certificate of receipt voucher] is finally obtained from ROC, then the company can be considered as acting in accordance with the Section concerned of the Act.

The above example is given for difficulties dealing with business matters like Statutory Meeting only, Countless of other business problems may still be drawn from the following companies' activities namely; Annual General Meeting, Election of directors, Directors' duties and responsibilities, Company's accounts and auditing, Winding up companies, etc.

Let us hope for the good news of the rewritten Myanmar Companies Act coming out in the near future, so as to ease the uneasiness of the business community, and to replace the Myanmar Companies Act, derived from the India Companies Act-1914. Some of the rewritten Companies Acts now actively in force are the Britain Companies Act -2006, the Indian Companies Act-2013 and the Hong Kong Companies Ordinance-2012. Why not the rewritten Myanmar Companies Act coming out in time, it is going to be a tremendous task for the legal personnel to work on it?

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Myanmar Physiotherapy Association drafts physiotherapy council law

By Khaing Thanda Lwin

YANGON, 9 Sept—In order to increase the physiotherapists' role in the country, the Myanmar Physiotherapy Association (MPA) is drafting a physiotherapy council law, with the likelihood of cooperating with the Singapore Physiotherapy Association in a bid to accelerate physiotherapy services, the as-

sociation said on Sunday.

U Kyee Maung, Vice-Chairman of MPA, said a physiotherapist from New Zealand will come in mid-September to meet with the deputy health minister to discuss ways to improve the standards of physiotherapy education, adding that regular monthly training, workshops and discus-

sions were conducted by local and foreign experts to hone skills of local physiotherapists. There are more than 100 physiotherapy organizations and about 400,000 physiotherapists worldwide, when Myanmar has over 1,300 physiotherapists but about 300 physiotherapists were appointed in local hospitals, Chairman of the association U Tun Myint said.

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Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and Pyithu Hluttaw meets Secretary of Vietnam Communist Party

YANGON, 9 Sept — Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and Pyithu Hluttaw (Lower House) Thura U Shwe Mann and party arrived back in Yangon after paying a visit to Socialist Republic of Vietnam at the invitation of the Chairman of the National Assembly of Vietnam Mr Nguyen Sinh Hung.

The Speaker and party were welcomed back at Yangon International Airport by Chief Minister of Yangon Region U Myint Swe, Vietnamese Ambassador Mr Pham Thanh Dung and officials.

On Monday, the Speaker and Chairman of Vietnam-Myanmar friendship association Mr Nguyen Manh Tien and Myanmar Ambassador U Win Hlaing visited Ho Chi Minh City. They also visited the rubber entrepreneurs association in Ban Dong State where VRG Khai Vice President Mr Le Xuan Hoe explained rubber cultivation and production of rubber products, Sovico Holdings and Saigon Hi-Tech Park.

On Tuesday, the Speaker visited Phu My Hung new town housing project in Ho Chi Minh City and enjoyed the panoramic

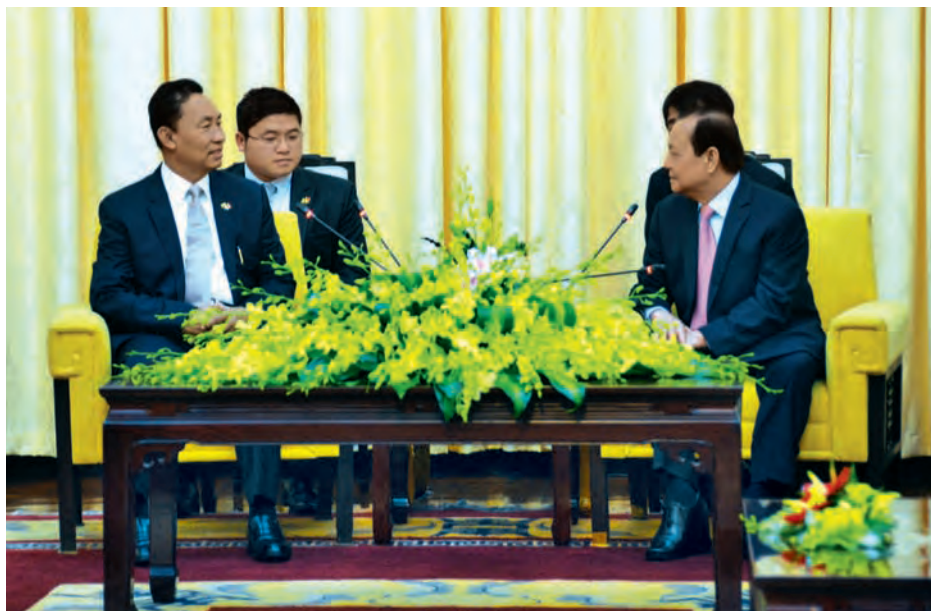
view of Ho Chi Minh City from Bitexco Financial Tower. The Speaker and party left Tan Son Nhat Airport of Ho Chi Minh City for Myanmar.

On Monday, the Speaker exchanged views on development of the two countries with Member of Politburo (Ho Chi Minh) Secretary of Vietnam Communist Party Mr Le Thanh Hai at Reunification Palace in Ho Chi Minh City.

The Secretary hosted a dinner in honour of the Speaker and party. They enjoyed cultural dances of Ho Chi Minh at Saigon Opera House. —MNA



President U Thein Sein views tomatoes displayed at greenhouse farming centre of Tomato World in the Netherlands on 9 September. (News on page 1)—MNA



ASEAN Connectivity Coordinating Committee meets

NAY PYI TAW, 9 Sept—The ACCC national coordinators and ASEAN Connectivity Coordinating Committee meeting held a coordination meeting at Hotel Max in Nay Pyi Taw

on Tuesday.

The meeting jointly chaired by Deputy Minister for National Planning and Economic Development Daw Lei Lei Thein and Myanmar Permanent Rep-

resentative Ambassador U Min Lwin to ASEAN Affairs focused on smooth transport and trade flow, implementation of projects and regional coordination matters.—MNA

Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann meets Member of Politburo (Ho Chi Minh) Secretary of Vietnam Communist Party Mr Le Thanh Hai.—MNA

GM of Myanmar-Wanbao Co calls on Union Minister

NAY PYI TAW, 9 Sept —Union Minister for Environmental Conservation and Forestry U Win Tun received General Manager Mr Geng Yi of Myanmar-Wanbao Mining Copper Limited at the ministry in Nay Pyi Taw on Tuesday, with discussions on sending a delegation to Australia to systematically respond to the important facts of Environmental and Social Impact Assessment-ESIA report.

They also held talks about approval for the ESIA report, compilation of EMP report as well as

CESMS report for implementation of the project, conservation of environment, plans of Myanmar-Wanbao Company to abide international norms and standards and hire experts, importance of Letpadaungtaung copper mining project, scrutiny of ESIA report without any mistakes and holding of a meeting among Knight Pie' sold Consulting, Myanmar-Wanbao Company, UMEHL and the report scrutiny committee before sending last reply.

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Union Minister U Win Tun holds talks with General Manager Mr Geng Yi of Myanmar-Wanbao Mining Copper Limited about environmental conservation.—MNA



Ripening tomatoes seen at greenhouse farming centre of Tomato World in the Netherlands. (News on page 1)—MNA

US, Iraq air raids help Kurds and Shi'ites at expense of Sunnis

SULEIMAN BEG, (IRAQ), 9 Sept—A small group of people pick through putrefying human remains laid out on plastic sheets by the side of a road in northern Iraq, searching for any trace of missing friends and relatives.

Some had brought spades to help dig up the mass grave near Suleiman Beg after the town was retaken from Sunni Islamic State militants who held the area until last week.

"They (Islamic State) slaughtered him simply because he was Shi'ite," said Jomaa Jabratollah, hauling the remnants of his friend, a truck driver, into a coffin, having identified him from the lighter in his breast pocket. "We must take revenge".

Helped by the United States and Iran, Kurdish forces and Shi'ite militia are finally beating back Islamic State militants who overran most Sunni Arab areas in northern and central Iraq nearly three months ago.

But the aftermath illustrates the unintended consequences of the US air campaign against Islamic State.

Kurdish and Shi'ite fighters have regained ground, but Sunni Muslims who fled the violence are being prevented from

returning home and some have had their houses pillaged and torched.

Rather than help keep the nation together, the air strikes risk being used by different factions for their own advantage in Iraq's sectarian and ethnic conflicts.

The fallout also risks worsening grievances that helped Islamic State find support amongst Iraq's Sunnis, and allows the militant group to portray the US strikes as targeting their minority sect. That may make it more difficult to bring Sunnis on side and convince them to fight the militants.

The unlikely coalition of Kurdish peshmerga fighters, Shi'ite militias and the US air force won a major victory when it broke a siege of the Shi'ite Turkman town of Amerli last week and drove Islamic State from 25 nearby Sunni towns and villages.

But the aftermath is far from what the Americans envisioned. Smoke now rises from those Sunni villages, where some houses have been torched by Shi'ite militia. Others are abandoned, the walls daubed with sectarian slogans.

"There is no way back for them: we will raze their homes to the ground," said



A Kurdish Peshmerga fighter carries a weapon as he takes up position in an area overlooking Baretle village, which is controlled by the Islamic State, in Khazir, on the edge of Mosul on 8 Sept, 2014.—REUTERS

Abu Abdullah, a commander of the Shi'ite Kataib Hizbollah militia in Amerli.

The area is now held by Kurdish peshmerga and Shi'ite militia, who have become the most powerful forces on the ground, rather than the Iraqi army, whose northern divisions collapsed this summer when Islamic State attacked.

By the time IS was expelled from around Amerli, many Sunni civilians had fled, fearing for their lives. They have few places to go and are too frightened to return.

"If a regular army were holding the area we

could return, but as long as the militias are there we cannot," said a 30-year-old displaced Sunni resident of one village near Amerli, who asked to remain unnamed. "They would slaughter us on the spot."

He admitted some villagers had supported IS, but said it was only one or two for every 70 to 80 households, and that the rest were innocent civilians who were too scared to stand against the militants or had nowhere else to go.

Sunni Turkman al-Muradli and his family left Suleiman Beg the day after it fell to Islamic State

in June and moved to a Kurdish-controlled town nearby. A month later, their 21-year-old son was abducted.

The next time they saw him was in a video on the internet captioned "arrest of an Islamic State member", which appears to show their son being beheaded by Shi'ite militia fighters.

His weeping mother insisted he was an innocent student and said her son's killers had phoned her demanding \$2,000 to return the corpse without a head, which the caller claimed to have taken to Baghdad as a

trophy.

"We cannot return. Even if the Shi'ite army and militia withdraw, Islamic State will come back and the same will happen all over again," said the mother.

The mayor of Tuz Khurmato confirmed the account and said at least four other Sunnis had been abducted in the area in recent weeks, presumably by Shi'ite militia. At least one other video has circulated online of Shi'ite militia-men brandishing the heads of alleged Islamic State fighters.

Pictures online, also allegedly from Amerli, show two militia fighters posing with a pair of charred corpses.

A 42-year-old Shi'ite volunteer said it would eventually be safe for Sunnis to return and that no more than ten houses of known Islamic State members had been deliberately destroyed.

"The Sunnis will come back to their villages but not now: after a few months," he said.

"Since there is no confidence between Sunni and Shi'ite any more, they need guarantees from a third party, maybe the Kurds, then we can live peacefully together again, as we were." —Reuters

UN Security Council plans to suppress foreign extremist fighters



Militant Islamist fighters on a tank take part in a military parade along the streets of northern Raqqa Province on 30 June, 2014.—REUTERS

UNITED NATIONS, 9 Sept—The UN Security Council plans to demand countries "prevent and suppress" the recruitment and travel of foreign fighters to join extremist militant groups like Islamic State by ensuring it is considered a serious criminal offence under domestic laws.

The United States cir-

culated a draft resolution late on Monday, obtained by Reuters, to the 15-member Security Council and hopes it can be unanimously adopted at a high-level meeting chaired by US President Barack Obama on 24 September.

UN diplomats, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the council

was likely to reach agreement on a resolution. A US official said there appeared to be consensus among council members on how to tackle foreign extremist fighters.

The draft resolution is under Chapter 7 of the UN Charter, which makes it legally binding for the 193 UN member states and

gives the Security Council authority to enforce decisions with economic sanctions or force. However, the draft text does not mandate military force to tackle the foreign fighter issue.

The draft "decides all States shall ensure their domestic laws and regulations establish serious criminal offences sufficient to provide the ability to prosecute and to penalise in a manner duly reflecting the seriousness of the offence".

It would compel countries to make it illegal for citizens to travel abroad, collect funds or facilitate the travel of other individuals abroad "for the purpose of the perpetration, planning, or preparation of, or participation in, terrorist acts, or the providing or receiving of terrorist training".

It decides countries "shall, consistent with international human rights law, international refugee law, and international humanitarian law, prevent and suppress the recruiting,

organizing, transporting or equipping" of foreign fighters.

The draft resolution generally targets foreign extremist fighters travelling to conflicts anywhere in world, but has been spurred by the rise of Islamic State — an al-Qaeda splinter group that has seized swaths of territory in Iraq and Syria and declared a caliphate — and al-Qaeda's Syrian wing, Nusra Front.

Some 12,000 fighters from 74 nations have travelled to Syria and Iraq to fight with extremist groups, said Peter Neumann, a professor at the International Centre for the Study of Radicalisation and Political Violence at King's College London.

"It is easily the most significantly foreign fighter mobilization since the Afghanistan war in the 1980s," he told reporters on Monday, noting the Afghan conflict led to the formation of the al-Qaeda network.—Reuters

PKK militants kidnap ten children in eastern Turkey

ANKARA, 9 Sept—The Kurdish Workers' Party (PKK) militants kidnapped 10 children in Turkey's eastern province of Mus late Sunday, private *Hurriyet* newspaper reported on Monday.

A group of 30 PKK militants kidnapped the 10 children between the age of 12 to 15, including one girl, at a mosque in Catakli village in Mus' Bulanik town on Sunday night, the report said. A large-scale rescue operation has been launched, according to the report.

The PKK, listed as a terrorist organization by Turkey, the United States and the European Union, took up arms in 1984 in a bid to create an ethnic homeland in southeastern Turkey. Since then, more than 40,000 people have been killed in conflicts involving the group.

Xinhua

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

Canadian retailers bet on technology in fight with US giants

TORONTO, 9 Sept — Canadian retailers, scrambling to keep pace with the likes of Wal-Mart Stores Inc (WMT.N) and Amazon.com Inc (AMZN.O) in an increasingly crowded market, are investing heavily in high-tech tools to lure shoppers.

Companies have ramped up their efforts to address consumers' evolving shopping habits and to compete with rivals such as Wal-Mart, which is pouring more than C\$30 million (\$27.4 million) into Canadian e-commerce projects this year.

Canadian Tire Corp (CTCa.TO), Hudson's Bay Co (HBC.TO) and Metro Inc (MRU.TO) are among those making technology investments.

The tools, which in-

clude data analytics, mobile apps and online stores, have long been used by US retailers in their home market. Now, Canadian companies are recognizing them as essential.

"There is now a real, 'Oh, my God, we have to play catch-up really fast,' because there's this threat of all these US retailers increasing their dominance in the Canadian market," said Forrester Research analyst Peter Sheldon.

He said Canadian retailers were in a "dire state," with little e-commerce presence until about a year ago, but the landscape has improved dramatically.

Canadian shoppers spend an average of C\$954 annually online, according to market researcher Ipsos.

Eight in 10 Internet users will make an online purchase this year, Ipsos said.

Online retail sales in Canada are expected to reach C\$34 billion by 2018, according to Forrester, representing about 10 percent of retail transactions, up from 7 percent in 2013.

"Retailers have understood that they will have revenue taken from them if they don't have a mobile strategy," said Douglas Lusted, co-founder of Waterloo, Ontario, startup Linkett.

Linkett's devices and software use "near-field-communication chips" to interact with consumers as they shop. Its software analyzes shopping behavior and helps retailers increase targeted sales.

Lusted said Linkett

was working with three big-box Canadian retailers but declined to name them.

Canadian Tire, which sells automotive, household and leisure products, has set up a team in Waterloo to work on tools and apps like one that maps aisles to help shoppers find items when they enter a physical store.

"One thing we do is ... give (customers) the ability to take the five things that they have on their list and do that as quickly and easily as possible — that is vital to the in-store experience," said Craig Haney, who runs the team.

Department store operator Hudson's Bay is spending about C\$40 million this year to boost digital growth. It said it is working to make its online



A man holds a smartphone in this photo illustration showing the Canadian Tire app in Toronto, Ontario, on 5 Sept, 2014.—REUTERS

and in-store experiences seamless, both for shoppers and behind the scenes.

Grocer Metro has added features to its iPhone app that let customers scan the product code on, say, a packet of pasta in their pantry and add it to their shop-

ping list for the next trip to the store.

Metro declined to provide details about how the changes have affected sales. A spokeswoman said the company is considering an Android version of the app. —Reuters

Alibaba talks corporate governance to potential IPO investors



An employee sits next to a logo of Alibaba during a media tour organized by government officials at the company's headquarters on the outskirts of Hangzhou, Zhejiang Province, on 20 June, 2012.

REUTERS

NEW YORK, 9 Sept — Alibaba Group Holding Ltd founder Jack Ma on Monday surprised potential investors at a standing-room only event in New York by addressing governance concerns over the Chinese e-commerce giant, including a controversial 2010 spin-off of its online payment service.

Ma made the remarks at a luncheon at the Waldorf Astoria hotel in New York in front of hundreds of hedge funds, mutual funds and other institutional investors, as the company kicked off a two-week, multi-city marketing blitz for its initial public offering.

Alibaba was expecting about 500 investors to attend the first stop on the roadshow, but some 800 showed up, forcing some

into overflow rooms.

Alibaba is seeking to raise more than \$21 billion in the largest-ever US technology IPO, valuing the company at up to \$163 billion. It expects to price the IPO at \$60 to \$66 per American Depositary Share, which are scheduled to start trading on the New York Stock Exchange later this month.

Industry analysts had expected Alibaba to try for a valuation in excess of \$200 billion, ranking it among the 20 largest publicly traded companies in the United States. The marketing effort, which will take Alibaba on a globe-trotting tour, will help determine whether the company will price above its initial range and come closer to that valuation.

Several investors who

spoke with Reuters before and after the event said they went into the presentation with a series of questions about Alibaba, ranging from concerns about its corporate governance and transparency, to plans for US acquisitions and growth. They said they did not learn anything new during the lunch — of boxed turkey sandwiches — but came away feeling the event was well-choreographed. Akram Yosri, a managing partner at 3iCapital Group, said he had hoped to find out more about how the company planned to grow globally, and particularly how it plans to compete with Amazon.com Inc and eBay Inc in the United States. "Did I learn anything? Absolutely not," he said. But Yosri and other investors said they found Ma to be impressive, with some describing the former English teacher who founded the company in his apartment as "charismatic". In his 10-minute remarks, Ma emphasized how the company serves small businesses in China and addressed issues of governance, investors said.

Alibaba accounts for about 80 percent of all online retail sales in China, where rising Internet usage and an expanding middle class helped the company generate gross merchandise volume of \$296 billion in the 12 months ended on 30

June. Revenue in the June quarter increased 46 percent to \$2.54 billion from a year earlier, faster than the 38.7 percent growth in the previous quarter.

But the company has seen its share of controversy, in particular over governance and the outsized influence of its founder and senior managers. Ma holds deep sway over executive and board appointments at the company, an influence that is set to strengthen further after it goes public.

In 2010, a decision to spin off Alipay to a company Ma controlled also led to objections from major investors, including Yahoo Inc and SoftBank Corp.

Ma surprised investors at the event by talking about the move unprompted. "Ma said it was a tough decision and time will prove it was a good one," one investor at the luncheon said, referring to the Alipay decision. Two other investors who had flown from Toronto to attend the roadshow said they understood Ma's comments to mean, "Trust me on this one."

An Alibaba spokesman declined comment.

Alibaba has been billed as one of the hottest IPOs of the year, eliciting the kind of anticipation among investors that was last seen in 2012 when Facebook Inc went public in a \$16 billion offering.

Reuters

First Earth-like plate tectonics found on Jupiter's Europa: NASA

WASHINGTON, 9 Sept — Jupiter's icy moon Europa may have an active system of plate tectonics, making it the first body in the Solar System other than Earth to have this type of surface-shifting geological activity, US space agency NASA said on Monday. The surface of Europa — one of Jupiter's four largest moons and slightly smaller than Earth's moon — is riddled with cracks and ridges.

Planetary geologists Simon Kattenhorn, of the University of Idaho in Moscow, and Louise Prockter, of the Johns Hopkins University in Maryland used images taken by NASA's Galileo orbiter in the early 2000s to reconstruct the geological history of a portion of Europa's icy surface. They found that nearly 20,000 square kilometres of the surface were missing in the moon's high northern latitudes. Further study suggested the missing terrain moved under a second surface plate — a scenario commonly seen on Earth at plate-tectonic boundaries. Kattenhorn and Prockter saw ice volcanoes, which erupt volatiles such as water, ammonia or methane, instead of molten rock, on the overriding plate, possibly formed through melting and absorption of the slab as it dove below the surface. They also found a lack of mountains at the so-called subduction zone, implying

material was pushed into the interior rather than crumpled up as the two plates mashed against each other. The researchers believed the subducted area was absorbed into Europa's ice shell, which may be up to 30 kilometres thick, rather than breaking through it into Europa's underlying ocean.

"Europa may be more Earth-like than we imagined, if it has a global plate tectonic system," Kattenhorn said in a NASA Press release. "Not only does this discovery make it one of the most geologically interesting bodies in the solar system, it also implies two-way communication between the exterior and interior — a way to move material from the surface into the ocean — a process which has significant implications for Europa's potential as a habitable world." The team's results appeared in the British journal *Nature Geoscience*. In July, NASA issued an Announcement of Opportunity for proposals for science instruments that could be carried aboard a future mission to Europa. "Europa continues to reveal itself as a dynamic world with compelling similarities to our own planet Earth," said Curt Niebur, NASA's outer planets programme scientist. "Studying Europa addresses fundamental questions about this potentially habitable icy moon and the search for life beyond Earth." —Xinhua

Hemingway grandsons push for marlin conservation in Cuba

COJIMAR, (Cuba) 9 Sept—Ernest Hemingway's grandsons sailed into the fishing village that inspired "The Old Man and the Sea" on Monday in a campaign to save game fish like the giant marlin that dragged the fictitious Santiago out to sea.

John and Patrick Hemingway arrived in Cojimar, on the eastern outskirts of Havana, to begin a week-long visit to try to enlist Cuban marine scientists to join an effort to conserve billfish in the Straits of Florida.

Billfish include species of marlin, sailfish and spearfish that Hemingway was instrumental in cataloging 80 years ago, when he first took his fishing boat Pilar from Key West to Cuba.

"This we feel very strongly about because it ties in with my grandfather and his love for fishing and his love for Cuba," said John Hemingway. "We think it's vitally important



John Hemingway (R) and Patrick Hemingway (L), grandsons of the US author Ernest Hemingway, walk before paying tribute to their grandfather in Cojimar village, Havana 8 Sept, 2014. —REUTERS

that both countries work on this together. Both of them use this water."

More than 100 townspeople, including cheering schoolchildren, greeted the Hemingways' yacht as it sailed into Cojimar from the Hemingway Marina on Havana's western edge.

They laid flowers at a bust of "Papa," who spent years in Cuba, including long stretches in Cojimar, the unnamed hometown of the protagonist in "The Old Man and the Sea." The work won Hemingway the Pulitzer Prize for fiction in 1953 and he was awarded

the Nobel Prize in Literature a year later.

The delegation is commemorating the 60th anniversary of Hemingway's Nobel and the 80th anniversary of the Pilar's journey to Cuba.

Billfish have yet to recover from the reckless

overfishing of the 1970s and remain under assault from the commercial fishing industry, said David Die, a scientist with the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas.

Cuba no longer employs a large deepwater fleet, but shallow water fishermen still hook billfish on their long lines, said Die, who is part of the delegation.

He and other fishery experts will meet Cuban counterparts from academia and government to encourage Cuba to join the international commission. Joining would provide Cuba better access to the latest science and conservation techniques.

The Hemingway name provides a valuable boost, Die said.

"You just have to see behind me how many people have shown up," Die said as the town still buzzed from the ceremony. "If I just arrived with my

biologist colleagues, nobody would be here."

The United States and Cuba have been rivals since Fidel Castro took power in a 1959 revolution and Washington imposed a comprehensive trade embargo on Cuba in 1961, the same year Hemingway died.

Although bilateral relations on immigration and drug interdiction have become more pragmatic, there are no formal government-to-government talks on the environment.

"We're hoping with this delegation we can begin to share more information between Cuban scientists and American scientists, just as we did before the embargo," said Robert Peck, a senior fellow for the Philadelphia Academy of Natural Sciences. "We need to get the two governments talking together. Conservation is an issue that knows no political bounds."

Reuters

Arshatu Stone Forest in Inner Mongolia



Covering 15 square kilometres, the towering and savage-looking Arshatu Stone Forest strikes a strong contrast with its surroundings of mild green vegetation in Chifeng city of north China's Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region. Arshatu, meaning the "stones of hazards" in the mongolian language, stands about 40 kilometers north to the highest peak of the Greater Khingan Mountain Range, and is often compared with China's major stones forests in Yunnan Province and Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region. According to studies by geologists, the texture of the stone has been shaped by thousands of years of melting glacier water and thus it is also called "glacier stone forest". It is said to be the world's one and only glacier stone forest landscape. In various gestures, the stones were given names such as "Sword", "Goddess" and "Heavenly Gate" by locals and tourists according to their features. The stone forest is a major tourist site of Chifeng city and has also been a favorable destination for photography fans.—XINHUA

China donates 600 sewing machines to improve Fijian women's livelihood

SUVA, 9 Sept—China on Tuesday donated 600 sewing machines to Fiji, helping the South Pacific island country create opportunities for income generating and improve livelihood for women.

On behalf of the Chinese government, Huang Yong, Chinese ambassador to Fiji signed the donation document with Dr Jiko Luveni, Fiji's minister for social welfare, women and poverty alleviation.

The sewing machines are expected to help hundreds of women achieve self worth through creative work, and benefit hundreds of families and thousands of people in Fiji, Huang said.

"This is very good cooperation in this field and we hope to strengthen our partnership in the future and the Chinese government is always willing to provide assistance within its capability for the welfare of Fijian people," the ambassador said, adding that "Women's work is vital for the country and this is related to stability and harmony of the society which is the symbol of civilization." Luveni expressed her gratitude and appreciation towards China on behalf of Fiji. "On behalf of the Fijian government, and the people of Fiji, I would like to once again acknowledge the People's Republic of China for this timely donation and I sincerely hope that Fiji- China bilateral ties and friendship will continue to flourish in the many more years to come," said Luveni.—Xinhua

Baby killer whale born to endangered population in Washington state

SEATTLE, 9 Sept—An infant killer whale was spotted over the weekend in Washington state's Puget Sound, the first orca born to the region's endangered population of marine mammals in two years, experts said on Monday.

It was not yet known whether the baby whale is a male or female, but the calf appeared to be about a week old when it was first seen by researchers on Sunday, said Ken Balcomb, the executive director of the Center for Whale Research.

"The baby's dorsal fin was upright, not folded over, indicating it was probably more than one day old, so we are estimating its birthday was in early September, 2014," he said.

The calf was swimming between two adult females, one presumed to be the mother, the other its

aunt, Balcomb said.

The appearance of the baby orca, spotted near the San Juan Islands, about 70 miles (113 km) northwest of Seattle, delighted researchers but also prompted concern about the calf's future.

The baby has a 50 percent chance of survival, down from an estimated survival rate of 60 percent about two decades ago, Balcomb said.

"If we took the historical average of having a calf every 5.2 years, we should have three to four babies every year. We haven't seen that in a while," he said. Strain on the resident population in the Pacific Northwest has been linked to commercial overfishing for salmon, a diet staple for orcas, as well as sewage disposal and pollution of their habitat, experts said.

Reuters

Jelly in shape of ancient burial mound



Photo taken 3 Sept, 2014, shows a jelly in the shape of an ancient Japanese burial mound, provided at the cafe of the Shimane Museum of Ancient Izumo, in Izumo, Shimane Prefecture. The green-tea-flavored dessert is being offered for 500 yen until 15 September in commemoration of a special exhibit at the museum.—KYODO NEWS

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Fire destroys 600 favela homes in Brazil's Sao Paulo

SAO PAULO, 9 Sept—An extensive fire in Brazil's largest city, Sao Paulo, destroyed some 600 homes at a slum, leaving nearly 2,500 residents homeless, the fire department said on Monday.

According to a press release from the department, a fire that broke out on Sunday night claimed no lives, but destroyed nearly 80 percent of the Buraco Quente favela, a 1,000-square-metre neighbourhood in the city's southern Campo Belo region.

The fire started around 9 pm local time (00:00 GMT Monday) and burned through the night until firefighters were able to bring it under control by day-break on Monday.

Residents of the poor district, which lacks proper public services, complained there wasn't enough water to fight the blaze, Brazil's G1 news website reported.

The nearly 100 firefighters battling the blaze saw their efforts "interrupted by a lack of water" some three hours after arriving at the scene, according to the G1 news reports.

The claim was denied by Col Sergio Moretti, head of the fire department, who accused drug traffickers living in the area of impeding the efforts of the firefighters and even setting fire on the fire trucks.

Those who lost their homes were taken to a nearby church, where Civil Defence workers registered their names on a list of people to receive social welfare benefits.—Xinhua



Residents look for belongings at the debris of a burned favela in the south of Sao Paulo, Brazil, on 8 Sept, 2014. A fire which began here on Sunday night left 600 families homeless. No casualties have been reported yet.—XINHUA

Being an actress is lonely:

Kristen Stewart



LONDON, 9 Sept — ‘Twilight’ star Kristen Stewart says acting moves a person into isolation. The 24-year-old actress says that people get intimidated by stars and don’t approach them, which leaves actors lonely, reported *Contactmusic*.

“Actors become super-isolated. Again, I’m not complaining about it, it’s just that you have a very unique perspective on things because people don’t talk to you, they feel like they are not allowed to come up to you and say ‘hi’.

“So suddenly you’re incredibly lonely and people hire friends to have and what happens is the lines get blurred between co-workers and friends,” she said.—PTI

Reese Witherspoon

takes walk on ‘Wild’ side at Toronto festival

TORONTO, 9 Sept — From the moment Reese Witherspoon tears off a bloodied big toe nail in the opening scene of her new film “Wild,” it is clear the Oscar-winning actress is headed in a new direction.

It may be the best move she has made in awhile, offering the normally pretty and perky Witherspoon the chance to play a raw and angry woman venturing into the wilderness on her own, for 1,000 miles with a monster-sized pack to do one thing: save herself. The story is a real one, based on the best-selling memoir by Cheryl Strayed.

“Wild” director Jean-Marc Vallée demanded the mirrors in the make-up trailer be covered so Witherspoon wouldn’t know just how bad she looked without make-up.

Reuters



Menswear a sleeping giant at

New York Fashion Week

NEW YORK, 9 Sept — Menswear plays a poor relation to women’s styles at New York Fashion Week, but it is enjoying faster-growing sales and consumer tastes that are becoming more daring, experts say.

Just a fraction of the hundreds of shows at New York Fashion Week are devoted to men’s lines, and they attract far smaller crowds and less coverage, yet the menswear scene is flourishing.

Driving sales are younger men shedding

traditional looks in favour of colour, casual styles and quirky twists on classics.

“The men’s market is steadily growing and for many retailers it has out-sold their womenswear,” said Matt Feniger, associate editor for menswear at WGSN, which predicts trends and style for the fashion and retail industries.

“Men are much more willing to experiment with fashion and try new things and this is reflected in sales,” he said.

Reuters



Justin Bieber

assault charge dropped in Canada

TORONTO, 9 Sept — An assault charge against pop star Justin Bieber was withdrawn in a Toronto court on Monday after the prosecutor said there was no reasonable prospect of conviction, clearing up one Canadian legal battle for the superstar just as another begins.

Bieber had been charged in January with the

assault of a limousine driver in Toronto in December. The driver told police that he had picked up six people, including Bieber, outside a nightclub and that the singer had struck him on the back of the head several times during an altercation on the way to a hotel.

“After completing a thorough

review and, in consultation with the police, the Crown determined that there was no reasonable prospect of conviction. Accordingly, the charge against Mr Bieber was withdrawn,”

Brendan Crawley, a spokesman for the Ontario Attorney General’s office, said in an email.

Reuters



Robert Downey Jr:

There are no plans for ‘Iron Man 4’

LOS ANGELES, 9 Sept — Superstar Robert Downey Jr has denied reports that ‘Iron Man 4’ is on works. The 49-year-old actor shot down speculation of a fourth outing for Marvel’s most bankable character, reported *Contactmusic*.

“There isn’t one in the pipe. No, there’s no plan for a fourth ‘Iron Man’,” he said on the sidelines of the Toronto Film Festival.

Downey Jr has been on the publicity trail for his new comedy-drama ‘The Judge’ and he seems to be becoming com-



fortable working outside of the superhero bubble.

Despite signing on for two ‘Avengers’ sequel, Downey Jr has been reluctant to commit to superhero film after that.

When asked if he would be prepared to pass on the baton to another actor, Downey laughed off the idea and said, “I like that the idea is that it would be up to me, like I’m casting director for Marvel.”—PTI

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Mayweather prepares for “dirty” Maidana re-match

LOS ANGELES, 9 Sept—Undeclared welterweight Floyd Mayweather Jr says he expects Argentina’s Marcos Maidana to be “once again extremely dirty and wild” in their heavily anticipated re-match in Las Vegas on Saturday.

Mayweather improved his perfect professional record to 46-0 with a majority decision victory when they first clashed in the ring on 4 May, a fight in which the American felt the Argentine did “a little bit of everything.”

While Maidana has urged his opponent “to stop crying and just fight” in their re-match, Mayweather plans to go about his business as usual when he defends his World Boxing Association belt and his World Boxing Council title.

“I just have to go out there and just be me and be first,” five-division world champion Mayweather, 37, told reporters while preparing for the scheduled 12-round bout at the MGM Grand Garden Arena.

“I can’t really say how the fight is going to play out, but I’m pretty sure he’s going to be once again extremely dirty and wild. My



WBC/WBA welterweight champion Floyd Mayweather Jr of the US works out during a media day at the Mayweather Boxing Club in Las Vegas, Nevada on 2 Sept, 2014. —REUTERS

job is to keep everything under control the best way that I can.”

Maidana made a fast start to their 4 May bout, launching a blizzard of punches and trapping his opponent against the ropes at every turn in the first few rounds.

Mayweather, widely regarded as the world’s top pound-for-pound boxer, went on to dominate the contest before one judge ruled the fight a 114-114 draw while the other two

scored the bout 117-111 and 116-112 in his favour.

“The fight was not close,” said Mayweather (46-0, 26 KOs). “He came out, he won the first round, I won the second round, he won the third and the fourth, and from the fifth on he lost every round.

“If you guys notice, I got tackled, the guy tried to knee me, I got a head butt, there were rabbit punches, there were low blows and the list goes on and on.

“He did a little bit of

everything. That night I had to do two jobs; I had to be the boxer and referee, so I had to do two jobs,” said the American, who is viewed as one of the best defensive fighters of all time. Asked how he would prepare for similar tactics by Maidana in their re-match, Mayweather replied: “My job is to prepare for everything all around the board, but I’m going to let the referee do his job and be fair to both parties.

Reuters

Harvest ‘supermoon’ to loom large in Monday night sky

BOSTON, 9 Sept—Sky watchers and others who spend time outdoors at night in the United States are in for a treat on Monday night in the form of an apparently larger-than-average, shinier full moon, the last of this summer’s three “supermoons.”

A “supermoon” occurs when the moon is full and at the point of its orbit that brings it closest to the Earth.

On Monday night, the moon will rise in the western sky shortly after sunset and officially be considered a “supermoon” at 9:38 pm ET,

scientists said.

“Because the moon is at perigee, or the closest point of its orbit, it’s going to be about 13 or 14 percent bigger, optically, and ... about 30 percent brighter,” said Philip Erikson, principal research scientist at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology’s Haystack Observatory outside Boston.

Monday’s full moon will also be a harvest moon, the term for the full moon closest to the autumn equinox, which falls on 23 September. The harvest moon comes at a time in the lunar



A full moon rises over the Bosphorus bridge in Istanbul on 8 Sept, 2014. —REUTERS

cycle when moonrise does not occur significantly later night after night - a change welcome in an agrarian era when farmers worked late into the night trying to har-

vest their crops before frost set in. Because of the moon’s low angle of rise during the harvest phase, it will appear redder than usual at moonrise, scientists said.—Reuters

FIFA puts January World Cup back on agenda for 2022

BERNE, 9 Sept—FIFA has revived the possibility of staging the 2022 World Cup in January and February after president Sepp Blatter previously ruled out the idea last year. Three possible time slots were discussed for the tournament as a FIFA task force, set up specifically to decide once and for all when the finals should take place, met for the first time at the headquarters of world football’s governing body on Monday. Qatar was awarded the World Cup on the

widely held understanding that it would be staged in the summer despite the searing heat in the country.

Although Qatar has insisted that a summer World Cup is viable thanks to cooling technologies it is developing for stadiums, training areas and fan zones, there is still widespread concern over the health of the players and visiting supporters.

“Discussions centred around the 2022 FIFA World Cup in Qatar, and participants were present-

ed with information on the implications of staging the event in winter as opposed to summer, as proposed by the FIFA executive committee,” FIFA said in a statement. “FIFA secretary general Jerome Valcke clarified that, based on the hosting agreement, the FIFA World Cup must be held in 2022.

“The options of January/February 2022 and November/December 2022 were put forward as alternatives to June/July 2022, and initial feedback re-

ceived.”

Last November, Blatter categorically ruled out a winter World Cup that could clash with the Winter Olympics.

“The FIFA World Cup can only be played in November/December 2022, no way it’s going to take place in January/February,” he told a news conference in Abu Dhabi at the time.

“We have to see how we can have the FIFA World Cup played in winter, but only Nov/Dec are possible.”—Reuters

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FIFA President Sepp Blatter announces Qatar as the host nation for the FIFA World Cup 2022, in Zurich on 2 Dec, 2010.—REUTERS

Disappointment for Nishikori, but Asia on the rise

NEW YORK, 9 Sept—Tokyo's morning rush-hour will probably have flowed a little smoother than usual on Tuesday as millions delayed their journeys to find a TV beaming a 24-year-old wielding a tennis racket on a patch of concrete in a suburb of New York.

A tennis player temporarily halting the daily frenzy of life in one of Asia's heaving cities would have seemed fanciful a decade ago before Li Na became an icon for millions of Chinese sports fans with her landmark win at the 2011 French Open.

Three years on and in the season Li added the Australian Open title to her collection, Kei Nishikori's run to the US Open final has shown that the acceleration of Asia as a tennis force is not restricted to the women, even if the men are still playing catch-up.

Nishikori's hopes of winning a maiden grand slam title were ruthlessly crushed by Croatia's Marin Cilic in the final on Monday, but his dream of becoming the first man from an Asian country to win one remains very much alive. The Japanese, at 24, is still a young pup in tennis terms.



Marin Cilic of Croatia kisses his trophy as member of the media document the moment after he defeated Kei Nishikori of Japan in their men's singles final match at the 2014 US Open tennis tournament in New York, 8 Sept, 2014.—REUTERS

Six years ago he won an ATP tournament in Florida—the first by a Japanese player for 16 years—announcing himself to a nation obsessed with soccer, baseball and golf.

Since then, the ebbs and flows of life as a tennis professional have caused some to question his progress despite ringing endorsements from the likes of Rafa Nadal, Roger Federer and Novak Djokovic. Until this year, that is.

With Michael Chang—an Asian hero for win-

ning the 1989 French Open despite being American—guiding him, victories over the likes of 17-times grand slam champion Federer have propelled Nishikori into the world's top 10.

At the US Open he truly came of age, becoming the first Japanese man, and the first from an Asian nation, to reach a grand slam singles final.

He did it the hard way, too. Consecutive five-set wins against Canadian giant Milos Raonic and Australian Open champion

Stanislas Wawrinka were followed by a dismantling of world number one Djokovic in the semi-finals.

If it was not already, Nishikori's career, and status as an Asian superstar, is soaring into the stratosphere.

Just as Li Na and the likes of this year's US Open semi-finalist Peng Shuai have done for an increasingly affluent Chinese middle class, Nishikori is now doing the same for a generation of Japanese not exactly short of distrac-

tions. In short, tennis has become a "cool" choice for youngsters dreaming of a career in professional sport. There is even a popular manga series in Japan featuring wannabe tennis champions. In Nishikori, the children have a new superhero.

"It's huge for Japan," Djokovic, who wears kit supplied by Japanese clothing label Uniqlo, further proof of the rise of tennis in Japan, said after his Flushin Meadows defeat.

"It's a big country. Over a hundred million people. This can definitely be a great encouragement for tennis in that country."

The development of Asian women's tennis, first with a plethora of Japanese players such as Kimiko Date-Krumm, still going strong at 43, and Ai Sugiyama, then the Chinese joining the party, has been more dramatic than the men's.

Until Nishikori, Shuzo Matsuoka had been Japan's most successful male player in the professional era—reaching the Wimbledon quarter-finals in 1995 and 46th in the world rankings—hence the "Project 45" tag given to Nishikori as he moved to the Nick Bollettieri academy in Florida as a teenager.—Reuters



Kei Nishikori of Japan holds his runner up trophy as he looks at the winner's trophy after being defeated in the men's singles final match by Marin Cilic of Croatia at the 2014 US Open tennis tournament in New York, on 8 Sept, 2014.—REUTERS

Welbeck's shin sets England on the way to Swiss win

BASEL, 9 Sept—Danny Welbeck scored twice, the first with his shin, as England began their Euro 2016 qualifying campaign with a lively 2-0 win away to Switzerland, their toughest rivals in the group, on Monday.

Raheem Sterling was involved in both goals as England gave a vastly-improved performance on their World Cup outings, where they went out in the group stage, and their lumbering 1-0 friendly win over Norway on Wednesday.

Switzerland, playing their first match under new coach Vladimir Petkovic, showed few flashes of the form which took them to the last 16 in Brazil, a campaign which ended with a heartbreaking last-gasp 1-0 defeat by Argentina.

The Swiss fielded eight members of the team who started that game in Sao Paulo as they suffered their first competitive home defeat for four years, when they lost 3-1 to the same opponents.

Welbeck broke the deadlock when he met

Sterling's low cross in his stride and the ball flew into the net off his shin after Gokhan Inler lost possession in midfield in the 58th minute.

Welbeck then made England's opening Group E game safe in stoppage time when he produced the finishing touch to a counter-attack, started by

Sterling and continued by Rickie Lambert, as the Swiss were pressing for an equaliser.

With the top two reaching the finals from a group which contains Slovenia, Estonia, San Marino and Lithuania, and the third-placed team either qualifying directly or going into a playoff, England al-

ready seem to be halfway to France and even the defeated Swiss still have little cause for concern.

"Switzerland don't lose at home and we had to work hard for it because we missed our chances earlier," Hodgson, who coached the Swiss at the 1994 World Cup, told reporters.

Reuters



England's Danny Welbeck (2R) celebrates with Raheem Sterling (3R) and other team mates after scoring a goal against Switzerland during their Euro 2016 qualifying soccer match at the Sankt Jakob-Park stadium in Basel on 8 Sept, 2014.

REUTERS

Five-goal Spain turn on style against Macedonia

VALENCIA, 9 Sept—Holders Spain kicked off their European Championship title defence in style after a cheeky Sergio Ramos penalty set up a 5-1 victory over Macedonia in their opening Group C qualifier on Monday.

Looking to bounce back from their 2014 World Cup debacle in Brazil, Spain were much too strong for the 76th-ranked Macedonians as Paco Alcacer, Sergio Busquets, David Silva and Pedro also scored in La Roja's biggest win since they beat Tahiti 10-0 at last year's Confederations Cup.

Ramos's dinked spot kick down the middle came in the 15th minute and Alcacer, making his competitive debut, volleyed home from close range two minutes later before Macedonia pulled a goal back with a 28th-minute penalty from Agim Ibraimi.

Busquets struck with a deflected effort in first-half added time, Silva made it 4-1 five minutes after the break and after numerous chances, including a Cesc

Fabregas effort that struck the frame of the goal, Pedro scored the fifth with a cute chip in stoppage time.

"This team has a lot of quality and excellent players and it was just a matter of time before we scored," Valencia player Alcacer told the television broadcaster TVE.

"I am very pleased with the match, above all for my competitive debut here at home in Valencia, and the goal and victory."

Spain were missing injured playmaker Andres Iniesta at Levante's Ciutat de Valencia stadium and coach Vicente del Bosque handed Fabregas his job instead. Alcacer started in a three-pronged attack with Pedro and Silva while Busquets and Koke completed a three-man midfield in the absence of Xavi and Xabi Alonso who both retired after the World Cup.

Fabregas went close with a curling effort from the edge of the area in the ninth minute before Daniel Mosjov felled Silva and Ramos stepped up to take the spot kick.—Reuters